



**Chalmers Memorial Church Newsletter
Summer 2014**

‘But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.’ (Galatians 5: 22-23)

Dear All,

This verse from Paul’s letter to the Galatians is the bible verse for the month of June. I think it is ever so beautiful and rather encouraging for the work which lies ahead of us before the summer. Patience, kindness, peace, goodness and peacefulness – what wonderful promises and reminders how we have to conduct our lives as Christians!

On Saturday 21st June we will have our last Kids Kirk of this session and will finish the day with a grill party (barbeque). Everybody in our church family is invited and we hope that many of the Chalmers’ faithful members will join us and mix with the Kids Kirk families. It will be a good opportunity to get to know people better and to share what we as God’s congregation in this place are all about.

Sunday 22nd June will be a special Cradle Roll Service with Sunday School Prize giving. What will make this service particularly special is that we will baptise Luke Davidson and his sister Summer in this service. Luke is eight years old and has been attending our children’s club at Chalmers, and he came forward on his own account and asked to be baptised.

There will be more baptisms in the weeks ahead and a couple have been in touch and asked to join the church on profession of faith (a date has not been fixed yet). I am going to lead a new communicants’ class in preparation for this. If you know of other people who might be interested in joining the church or perhaps want to become a member yourself, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

There is still some preparation to be done for things that will start in autumn (e.g. YKirk and the Bereavement Support Group) and then I think we can look back to a year full of blessings and enjoy the summer before we will set out to do new things.

Let us praise the Lord for all the work He is doing in our community and ask Him to teach us to live according to His commandment: to show love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, and not to lose faith in Him but to take heart and work for His Kingdom.

God bless,
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EDITOR’S NOTE

Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue of the Church Newsletter. The next issue will be available on **Sunday 31st August 2014**. Articles for this edition should be with me by **Sunday 17th August 2014**. If you would like to E-Mail news you can contact me on:

chalmerschurch@btopenworld.com or by phone on 819471
Sheila Bulloch

The School End of Term Service will take place in the Church on Friday 4th July, 9am. All welcome.



The next Candle Coffee Club meeting is on **Thursday 19th June**

Meeting at 10a.m in ‘Longniddry Inn’.

The Speaker will be Rev Mark Wilson
All welcome

Funerals

- On 24th April 2014
Janet Tonner, Florabank Nursing home
(formerly Port Seton), 100 years old
- On 1st May 2014
Helen (Ella) Combe, Cockenzie, 88 years old
- On 13th June 2014
David Thomson, Port Seton, 84 years old

Upcoming Baptisms

- On 22nd June –
Luke & Summer Davidson
- On 6th July - Thomas Halcrow
- On 31st August - Lily Stewart

White Tablecloths

Do you have any white tablecloths that you no longer use? We are looking for extras to cover the tables in the hall for funerals. Please speak to Joyce Buchanan if you can help.



As I write this we are in the midst of preparation for the final weekend of **Kids Kirk** for this session! And what a session we have had!! Each month God has blessed the team of leaders with enthusiasm and energy to share the love of God with increasing numbers of primary school children. The children have enjoyed taking part in games, crafts, singing, listening to the stories about Jesus and his friends, and eating together at the feast time (which is very popular!!) All wrapped up in 2 hours of fun and sharing, bringing the Good News of Jesus to some of the young people of our community!

We are planning our final session which will include a **Family Fun Day, 12.30 – 2.30pm**, where we will recap all the children have learned and experience some crafts that they have done throughout the session: and you are all invited to join us!! Come and see what's been happening on a Saturday morning, come and meet the children and young families and welcome them into our fellowship through the sharing of food, outside if the weather permits! **Tickets £3** from the team, if you don't have one just come along and pay at the door! See you on the 21st!! *Amanda Johnston*

Kids Kirk contact details are - KidsKirk@chalmerschurch.co.uk or text on 07980 059 974

Our **Easter Superbook Holiday Club** in April was a fun filled day. We had **25 children, 8 leaders and 3 youth helpers**. The children enjoyed various activities throughout the day and learnt the story of Jesus death and resurrection. The countdown is also on for the **Summer Holiday Club, 'Fit for a King' – Monday 14th – Friday 18th July 10am – 12.30pm**. This has been especially written to coincide with the **Commonwealth Games**. In the coming weeks you will all be asked to make a face, so we can decorate the Church Hall as a stadium, look out for Sheila or Amanda with a pile of paper plates and felt pens! The club is open to all primary school children. There is a small fee of £3 per session, or £12 for all 5 mornings! Please contact Sheila if you would like to register a child/children at the Kids Kirk contact details above.

Chalmers Memorial Church Youth and Children's Committee

YKirk: Some of the P7 children at Kids Kirk are disappointed to think that as from this summer they will no longer be part of Kids Kirk and Holiday Club, both of which are for Primary School age children. The Youth and Children's Work Committee decided in February that we must build on the good relationships which we have with the children and develop programmes for post Primary School young people. Some members of the Youth and Children's Work Committee agreed to consider the way ahead and in March a small action group was set up, agreeing to be responsible for taking any necessary steps to develop this work. This small group of three people is led by our minister Kristina with the support of youth worker Nicola Bruce and drawing on the experience and ideas of Gillian Halcrow. The plan is to move towards the setting up of what is to be called "YKirk" for children and young people from P7, S1 & S2. The action group in March set as their target to

- have the first YKirk meeting on **Friday 5th September from 4.00pm - 6.00 pm**
- have a monthly meeting thereafter.

More details will follow regarding YKirk over the summer through the intimations and advertising, so watch this space!

Sunday morning: The 10.15 am all age service continues to be a most significant half-hour of worship for many of us, and it is encouraging to see how relaxed and at home are the children who attend as we share in hymns, prayers, action, visuals and reflection. The numbers of children attending throughout Sunday morning continue to vary greatly, but "busy bags" are now available when required for children at the 11.00 am service. The Sunday Club continues with a varied pattern from week to week.

Kids Kirk and Holiday Club:

An article about Kids Kirk and the Easter Holiday Club are included above. It is important, however, to stress that without the team of volunteers neither of these could happen. If you think you might be able to help please contact either Sheila Bulloch or Amanda Johnston.

John Knox

Our Church – an explanation of the Interior Decoration and Symbolism

We return to looking at our Church and its symbolism.

True unity in the Church will only be seen when the people of Christ can meet together around the Table of the Lord.

The Rood Screen at the back of the Communion Table bears symbolic striped cords of the whip with which Jesus was flogged.



The fishing boat high above the Communion Table bears no religious significance, but is a reminder of the old days of sail from which our community here takes its general character. It was the men, and their wives, who fished under sail who built this church with much personal sacrifice.

The distinctive feature of the Communion Table is that it is seven feet long and has seven legs symbolising the Seven Churches of The Book of Revelation – Chapters 2 & 3. (Photo –Harvest 2013)



The archway above the Table has more stencil work and moulding. You will see the Roman flogging post, and the 'lictum', the whip with which Christ would be flogged. Also the head of an animal representing sacrifices offered before Christ gave the one sacrifice to end all sacrifices.

Thanks

Nanna Naples would like to thank the Church for the flowers she received while in hospital. Also for the cards and all the phone calls. It was much appreciated. She is now at home making good progress.

John Marshall would like to thank all the Guild Ladies who kindly gave him a donation towards his trip to Belarus. The money will be used in a project once he arrives, and he'll let everyone know what that was on his return!

Tonia Stewart would like to thank the church for the flowers and good wishes received at Easter.

Nessie Craig would like to thank the minister, friends and family for the hospital & home visits. Also for the flowers, cards, and food parcels following her recent accident. The prayers and kindness are much appreciated.

Christian Aid – Forth Bridge Cross Sponsored Walk – Duncan & Helen Morgan, Jessie Hobbs, Pat Berry and Eleanor Willins would like to thank everyone who sponsored us. We raised **£721 for Christian Aid**. Thanks for your continuing support.

Thanks are expressed to all who donated to our Day of Commitment. We raised over **£5,000**. Well Done.

Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures for ever. Psalm 118.

Prayer of approach:

Welcoming God, Your glory fills the world that you have made; your loving imagination is ever present.

We offer you our praise and adoration.

Merciful God, Your loving heals our broken world; your strength upholds the fragile.

We offer you our praise and adoration.

Faithful God, You call us; you welcome us; you renew us in your love.

We offer you our praise and adoration.

Prayers of intercession:

We pray for our minister Kristina and all who have positions of responsibility in our church

We pray for the children who come to Kids Kirk and for the leaders who give of their time and talents

We pray for those who are finding life difficult and feel unloved. May we be there for them to help and encourage.

We pray for all those who are suffering because of war and we remember the people of Syria and the school girls kidnapped in Nigeria.

We pray for ourselves, that we might respond to Jesus as the Loving One and be ready to show this way of love to others in his name.

Amen

Bereavement support

Our plans for a bereavement support programme for the local community are well under way. A group of Chalmers folk will be going through a training programme in the summer, and we hope to offer our first support programme in November/December. We'll get the relevant publicity out as soon as possible. We'll keep you posted, but if anyone needs more information at this stage, please be in touch.

Tom Gordon

Services and Meetings

Sunday

- 10:15 a.m. All-age Family Worship (in Hall)
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship (with Crèche)
6:15 p.m. Evening Worship (as advertised)

Monday

- 7:15 p.m. The Guild (Oct - March)

Tuesday

- 10.00 a.m. Chalmers Ramblers Walking Group
7.15 p.m. Prayer Time
7.45 p.m. Imagining the Bible (as advertised)

Welcome Wednesday

- 10 - 11a.m. Prayer Time (2nd of month)
1.30 - 3pm Get Together (2nd of month)
12-2p.m. Lunches (3rd of month)
10a.m - 12noon Coffee Time (last of month)

Wednesday – Evening Activities

- 5 – 6 p.m. 1st Port Seton Rainbows (Sept. - June)
6:30 p.m. Boys Brigade –
- 7:45p.m. {Anchor boys and Junior Section
{Company Section (Sept. - June)
8.00p.m. Badminton Group

Thursday

- 5:15 – 6:15p.m. 1st Cockenzie Rainbows }
6:30 – 8 p.m. 2nd Port Seton Brownies }
(Sept. - June)

Friday

- 1 – 3.30pm Childcare Intermediate 1 Group
(Aug – April)

Saturday

- 8.00 – 9.15a.m Prayer Breakfast (last of month)
10am-12noon Kids Kirk (3rd Sat of month)
(Sept – June)

OUR WORSHIP



Rev Kristina Herbold Ross will conduct worship unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 22nd June (Please note NO 10.15am SERVICE)

- 11.00 a.m. Family Service with Sacrament of Baptism
and Sunday School Prize giving

Sunday 29th June

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Joyce BUCHANAN
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 6th July

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Rev Tom GORDON
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 13th July

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Ian BULLOCH
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 20th July

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Amanda JOHNSTON
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 27th July

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship
– Rev Kristina HERBOLD ROSS
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 3rd August

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Rev Tom GORDON
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship – Duncan MORGAN

Sunday 10th August

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Rev John KNOX
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship – Rev Tom GORDON

Sunday 17th August

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – **TBC**
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship – Rev Matthew ROSS

Sunday 24th August

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Ian BULLOCH
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 31st August

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Amanda JOHNSTON
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 7th September

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Rev John KNOX
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

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