



Pathhead Parish Church Summer Newsletter 2023

A Letter From The Manse

The Joys of Summer

Dear Friends

Another busy term has come and gone. A successful Summer Fair brought many into our church halls to share in a most happy day, the 200 Group are beavering away with plans to celebrate our bi-centenary, the work and witness of the Kirk continues through these challenging days and our services continue to be live-steamed and posted onto YouTube as a resource for anyone who cannot be physically present in church on a Sunday morning, or for anyone who wishes to catch-up on services they may have missed.

For these past number of weeks we have been blest to have Gayle Lennon with us. Gayle has been undertaking the enquiry process which helps individuals to discern their particular call into ministry. My role is to be her mentor for a period of three to six months and it has already been a delight and a pleasure to see Gayle on Sundays along with her family and to show her some of the aspects of ministry within the life of our own congregation. Gayle and her family are heavily involved in church life at Cupar and Gayle's daughter Rebekah is musically gifted, using this talent in Christian witness and outreach. She submitted an article to the March edition of Life & Work and it was so well received that it was commented upon later in the June edition. Personally, I find this most encouraging and a reminder that, even today, individuals hear the call of Christ and gladly respond. Further encouragement comes from the Kingdom Park initiative, reaching out in Christ's Name to the new homes in that area of the town. An advert has now been submitted for a Pioneer Worker to take up the challenge of mission in close co-operation with all the denominations and churches within the area. Interviews are scheduled before the end of June.

My work as Interim Moderator at St Bryce Kirk continues but I am pleased to report that Probationer Minister, Trudy Newton is due to be ordained in August and prior to that, she will take up post, being responsible for Sunday services and pastoral duties. This will greatly assist me in ministering to that congregation while it shares the significant task of the union of the four town centre churches into one charge. The Reverend Stewart McPherson has been introduced as Interim Minister to those congregations and this too will significantly assist the process of union which involves many strands of congregational life being woven together.

So, a busy summer ahead and all the reason to find time for reflection, refreshment, relaxation and revitalization! May you have a most excellent summer.

Your fellow worker in the service of Christ,

Andrew Donald



From Gayle Lennon

I'd like to extend my thanks to everyone at Pathhead for making me feel so welcome, and supported, while I spend time with you as I discern a call to ministry within the Church of Scotland.

I am thoroughly enjoying worshiping with you and engaging with some of the things you do. I've so far managed to join the Zoom Bible evenings, get along to Messy Church and the Summer Fair, and have enjoyed my visits to the cafe, not just for the food, but the conversations and fellowship.

And I have to mention the treat that was joining the ladies of Guild for their Fish and Chips night, thank you so much for making me feel so included in your evening.

God bless you all

Gayle



Family Register

Jesus said, 'Because I live, you will live also'

Deaths

Mrs Christina Hunter, 24 The Kyles, Kirkcaldy – 15th April 2023

Mrs Christina Storrar, 26 Harriet Street, Kirkcaldy – 8th May 2023

Mrs Myra Wilson, Ashley House Care Home – 12th June 2023

Mrs Catherine Sharp, 84 Mid Street, Kirkcaldy – 13th June 2023

Donations for flowers

April

2/04 Mr & Mrs J Winter

9/04 Mrs H Galloway

31/04 Mrs S White



May

7/05 Mrs M Baillie, Mrs M Anderson

14/05 Mrs K Walker, Mrs I Povey

21/05 Mrs J Mitchell, Mr & Mrs A Hugh and family

28/05 Mrs D Steedman, Mrs E Macdonald, Flower box

June

04/06 Mrs M Taylor, Mrs H Eason

11/06 Mrs M Horn, Mrs F Wyse

18/06 Mrs E Duncan, Miss A Deas

25/06 Mr R Oliphant, Flower box

The Flower Team wish to thank all who have donated for flowers over the last three months and to those who delivered them to the sick, housebound or as a gesture of appreciation.

Sheila White

Introducing the new Treasurer

Hello Everyone,

This is just a short note to introduce myself as Pathhead Church's new Treasurer. It's an honour to take on the role and I will endeavour to carry out the duties asked of me to the best of my abilities. I have undertaken similar posts in the past, but I think the setup at Pathhead will keep me on my toes!



I'd like to thank John Horn, the outgoing Treasurer, for his sterling work over the past years and for the time and help given to me in this period of handover. I hope I can keep up the standard set by him.

Thank you to all who contributed and donated to the Summer Fair total which now stands at £1680, an excellent sum especially in these tough times. However, we must all continue to work together and find ways of keeping the finances healthy to support the important work of our Church.



Moyra Kelly (Treasurer)

Thanks to all who contributed to the retiring offering for Christian Aid. The raised was £238.20



total

Used Stamps

For many years Nan Dick has been responsible for collecting used stamps from our Church members and getting them to 121 George Street (the Church of Scotland head office). The stamps are then sold and the proceeds are used to support mission projects. Nan has decided that it is now time for her to step down from co-ordinating this and we want to thank her for making sure that stamps have been delivered safely for so many years.



The Church of Scotland Stamp Appeal for 2023 – 2024, is titled Firmly Planted and aims to support the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, improve agricultural productivity, create youth employment and mitigate the impact of the climate crisis. The project aims to establish tree nurseries which will become self sustaining and will protect the environment.

At a recent Session meeting, it was decided that a box be placed in the vestibule of the Church for used stamps. Stamps can also be handed in at the Church office.



Summer Fair

Our annual Summer Fair was held on Saturday 10th June. With so many other things happening in Kirkcaldy that day, it was a worry whether many people would come and support us, but we should not have worried. As mentioned earlier in the Newsletter the fabulous total of £1680 was realised.



Some of our stall holders ready and waiting for the fair to be opened.



Niamh Wishart (our newest Rainbow) at Pathhead, who opened the fair with a bang.

The children who came along on the day enjoyed getting a turn of going inside the fire engine.....until it had to leave to attend an emergency call!



Congratulations to Lisa Crawford who won a full of picnic goodies in our Prize Draw entry.

box

Our fairs do not happen without the support of many people. Those who donate, bake, serve, set up the hall and tidy away afterwards, those who come along on the day to spend their money and those who although unable to come along on the day, generously donate to the total.

Thank you to everyone.

Linda Hugh

Saturday Coffee Mornings

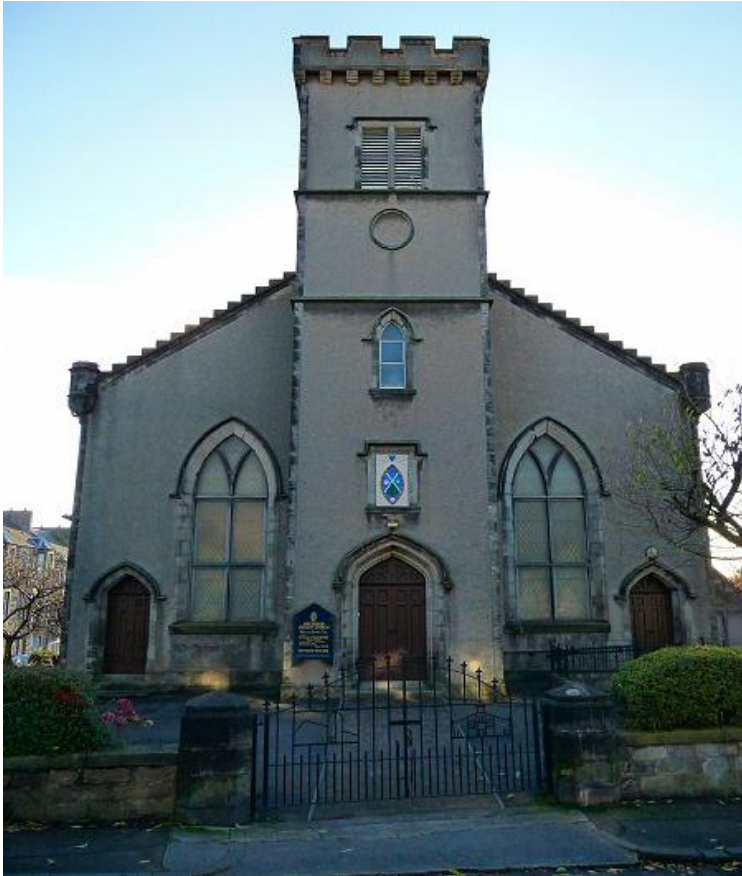


We are happy to let you all know that our Saturday Coffee Mornings will re-start in September. The coffee mornings will be held on the first Saturday of each month from 10 am

to 12 noon. Pre-Covid these were well supported and we hope that you will support them again. It is a great opportunity for folks to get together and have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee and some tasty homemade cakes. Elizabeth Duncan has been busy making up teams of volunteers to bake and serve so all they need is your support. Please come along and bring your friends.

If you would like more information please speak to Elizabeth Duncan.

Pathhead 200 Anniversary



Pathhead Parish Church 1823 – 2023

In the Spring Newsletter, you would have read that a small group had been formed to look at planning events to celebrate our 200 years.

Events planned and confirmed so far are:

September Sat 9th/Sun 10th Doors Open Day 2 – 4.30 pm

September Sat 23rd Ceilidh - time to be confirmed

November Sun 5th Anniversary Lunch – after morning worship

December Sun 10th Kingdom Brass Concert – 3 pm

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March Thurs 21st Alastair McDonald Concert – 7 pm

Ticket prices for events have still to be confirmed.

Other events are still at the discussion stage so more details will follow. You can also check the Church website for information.

If you have any photographs or memorabilia which you would be willing to let us use for displays then please get in touch with the church office Tel: 204635. Volunteers will also be needed to help with various tasks so if this is something you feel you might be able to do, please let us know. We really want this to be a celebration of the history of the church, not only the building, but importantly of the whole church family.

We hope that many of you will come along and join in our celebrations which is why we are aiming to offer a selection of different events throughout our 200th year.

Website

Did you know Pathhead Parish Church has its own website? If not, then check out pathheadparishchurch.co.uk Keep up-to-date with what's happening on the 'News' page, see the latest photos on the 'Gallery' page, find links to the Sunday Service recorded to YouTube via Zoom along with the weekly orders of service under 'Publications' - 'Weekly Windows' and, if you're not already reading this on the website, this newsletter is on there too!

The information on other pages will be brought up-to-date over the coming months and if you have any items you want included on the News page or have any suggestions, please let us know by speaking to Moyra Kelly or emailing pathheadchurch@btconnect.com.

Congratulations



At a

recent Guide event, Elaine Brown, Anne Deas and Kirsty Frawley received a Guiding Gem Award for their dedicated work within the Girl Guide movement.

Congratulations also go to Peter Martin who received an Abbeyfield Royal Patron's Award for work within Abbeyfield. The award, which is given annually, recognises staff and volunteers who have made an outstanding contribution to life at one or more Abbeyfield houses and homes.

Please let us know if there is someone you know within the church family who deserves our congratulations.

KART UPDATE



Kirkcaldy Area Reachout Trust have had another busy year. Our Youth Worker, Chris Beattie, has been working very hard to spread the Gospel to school age children in the Kirkcaldy Area. A programme called Walk Through the Bible has opened doors and work in the schools has grown this school year. Walk Through the Bible classes have taken place in seven Fife Schools. In total KART have been in five local primary schools and one in Glenrothes. A total of 660 pupils have had the opportunity to go through the programme. Three new instructors have been trained since January, bringing the total number to 7.

Chris also hosted “Table Time” Sessions in Viewforth High in each term with about 100 pupils joining in and chatting each time. Hopefully something similar can get started in Balwearie High in the new school session.

KART assisted with the Easter Mission at Templehall & Torbain United Parish Church. The Adventure Cruise ‘holiday club’ took place in April with over 20 children attending over the three days. KART have also organised two Activity days (during School In-Service days) this year - 34 children registered at Newcraigs in November, with 33 registered for Torbain in February. Both explored stories from the Bible using crafts, games and other activities. Chris will also be helping with the Holiday Clubs being run by Newcraigs and Kinghorn & Burntisland Churches in the school summer holidays.

A group for 11-16 year olds has also been set up (called CONNECT) and has continued to meet. Activities have included a Chippy Crawl and a murder mystery night and there are plans for a visit to Laser Quest.

However, finance continues to be an issue. Fundraising events such as the Coffee Morning held at Pathhead in January have been really well supported and we raised £670 from that. The recent Sponsored Coastal Walk also raised another £1,483. But the Annual Report shows a potential deficit for the coming year of £7,020. Clearly this is not sustainable and the fantastic work KART is doing can only continue if funding is provided. Please consider if there is any way that you think you can support KART. The aim is to increase regular givers as this provides a sustained reliable source of income and if you feel you can afford to make a regular contribution that could make a real difference.

Finally, we have some vacancies to fill on the Management Committee. We are currently without a Chairperson or Secretary. Please pray that these important posts can be filled by the right people to enable KART to continue and grow.

Please speak to Jacqueline Mitchell or Elaine Brown (KART treasurer) if you would like any further information and if you would like to read the full report, it can be found online by searching Kirkcaldy Area Reachout Trust.

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