



# St. Columba's Parish Church of Scotland Glenrothes

Autumn 2014

## Message from the minister.....

Dear members of the St Columba's church family,

Many people have told me how much they enjoyed the four shared services in July, worshipping with old friends and new friends from the other churches involved. Personally, I found the buzz in the church on the first Sunday with almost 300 people worshipping together at St Columba's was electric. It was also wonderful to see so many people from St Columba's attending the other three services.

It was also great to see the three new Mission Development Staff in place. John Hutchison is working with Leslie Trinity, St Ninian's and ourselves. Ally Stark is the Youth and Children's worker for all five Glenrothes and Leslie Church of Scotland congregations. Ellie Morrocco is working with Christ's Kirk and St Margaret's. I am delighted to say that all three seem to be settling in well and working very well together. In addition to these posts, the new GROW worker, Beatrice "Bee" Bradbrook is now working with our local schools. Sadly, we have said goodbye to Alexandra Rosener, the minister at Christ's Kirk who is returning to Germany with her family. However, we are hoping that there may soon be the induction of a new minister in St Margaret's.

The 'Fit for a King' Summer Mission was great and Messy Church has been going well each month. In September there were 21 people in addition to the teams of helpers. Most of these people are new to the St Columba's church family. One mother commented to me "the kids had a great time at messy church and I had forgotten the calm feeling I get when I'm in church." Thank you to all those who have helped with Messy Church and Fit for a King.

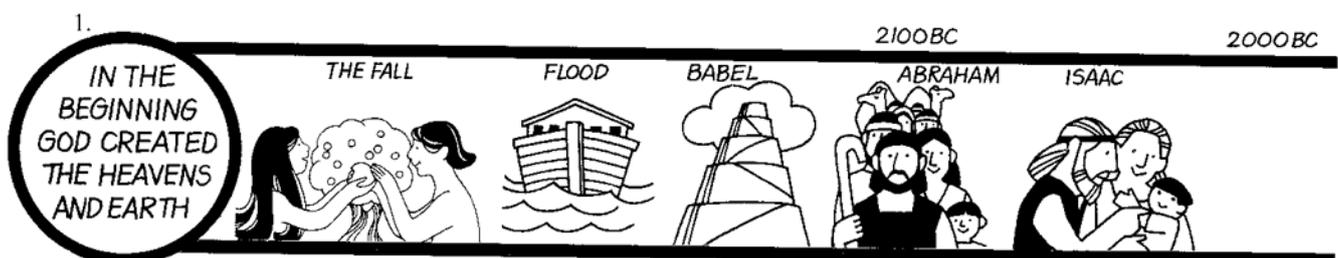
In our worship and Junior Church over the coming months, we will be following some of the main stories of the Bible in order. We have started in Genesis and will work into the New Testament. As we work out what it means to share God's love in our community, we will hopefully be inspired by the great people of faith in the Bible.

Finally, the new Kirk Session working groups are going well. These are 'Pastoral Care', 'Communications and Other Churches', 'Nurturing Faith' and 'Community and Wider World'. The groups are keen to involve people who are not elders. If you are interested in one of these areas, please contact one of the elders or me.  
Best wishes,

Alan (01592) 742233



### THE OLD TESTAMENT



Hi everyone. To those of you who I've not yet had the chance to introduce myself to, I'm Ally and I'm the new Youth and Children's Worker for St. Columba's, St. Margaret's, St. Ninian's, Christ's Kirk and Leslie Trinity Churches.

I'm delighted and very blessed to have been given the fantastic opportunity to work with young people across the five parishes and help to nurture their faith and interest in Jesus. I can't believe that this is already the third month in the job! Time flies when you're having fun and keeping busy! Last month, we were so fortunate to have had fun and busy Summer Missions running throughout Glenrothes, as well as various Youth Fellowship nights across town. It's so nice to see the churches being well used by children and young people. This provided the perfect opportunity to meet the young (and otherwise) people involved in some of the Churches and I've been doing my best to remember as many names as possible since then. I've been into some of the schools around the area and have very much enjoyed being part of their classroom activities and assemblies, and have been proud to represent the Church of Scotland in this context.

To tell you a bit about myself, I really enjoy playing and listening to music, and enjoy watching (and sometimes participating in sports) although I'd better not mention which football team I support! At the moment, I stay with my family in Leuchars and quite enjoy the peaceful commute through- a nice opportunity to prepare my thoughts and reflect on each day's practice. Having graduated from The University of Dundee in June, I feel excited to bring forward my experiences in studying Community Learning and Development (with a particular focus on Youth Work) to a career which I am passionate about.

As there are five churches encompassed within the job remit, I'm enjoying working my way round them each Sunday, as well as attending my home kirk, Hope Park and Martyr's on a semi-regular basis. I'm also really enjoying working my way between the different Messy Churches! It has been great to visit the various Christian organisations in the area and finding out different ways in which we can work together to reach out and engage with more young people.

To everyone I've met so far, I'd like to thank you so much for all of your early support and encouragement, you've made things really fun and I look forward to seeing more of you all as well as meeting the rest of the congregation! If anyone would like to contact me for any reason, please do not hesitate to call me on 01592 366009. Alternatively, you can send an email to [alastair\\_stark@live.co.uk](mailto:alastair_stark@live.co.uk).



God Bless,

Ally



## Grapevine Cafe

The Grapevine Cafe has now started back after the summer.

Wednesdays 2pm - 4 pm

Coffee, tea and home baking!

## Kirk Session Report

**WELCOME** The Kirk Session was pleased to welcome to Glenrothes Alasdair Stark, the Youth and Children's Worker and Ellie Morrocco, Parish assistant for St Margaret's/Christ Kirk. A Service of Welcome and Introduction to the new Mission Development Staff will be held in St Columba's at 3 pm on Sunday, 5 October.

**PENNY GOSPELS** Copies were delivered to all the homes in our Parish Over £150 was donated to the Scottish Bible Society to help with their publication.

**STEWARDSHIP** This is the time of year when we look at Stewardship. Last year we did 'Talents'. This year we plan to consider 'Time'.

**SUMMER SERVICES** There has been a positive response to the way we organised Sunday Services during July. The Kirk Session unanimously agreed that they would support this idea if it were to be repeated.

**YOUTH ASSEMBLY** Three of our young people, together with Alasdair Stark, attended the Youth Assembly. To help cover the cost, it is planned to organise a Quiz Night at which reports of the event will also be given.

**SPECIAL SERVICES** Plans were made for the following services:

**28 September Harvest Thanksgiving** and **All Age Communion Service**, at which donations will be collected for DEC Iraq Appeal, and the Local Foodbank.

**9 November Service of Remembrance** Alan will conduct the Service at the War Memorial and John will lead worship at a short service beginning at 10.50 in the Church.

**7 December Gift Day Service** Donations to the Rotary 'Shoebox' Appeal and toys for the local Salvation Army Appeal will be collected.

**21 December Nativity Play**

**24 December Early Evening Christingle Service. Parish Grouping Watchnight Service**  
The offering uplifted at this Service will be donated to the local branch of the Samaritans.

**25 December Short Family Service**

Cathie Gilchrist, Session Clerk

## Fundraising Committee News



### Dates for your diary

Autumn Fayre Saturday 25 October 2.00 - 4.00  
Haggis Drive Saturday 29 November 2.00

## CAN YOU HELP?

The tea and coffee served after morning worship is an important part of our fellowship.

Due to 'retirement' there are a few vacant spaces on the rota. This only requires about 40 minutes of your time – every six weeks. Please consider helping and if you can, see me in church.

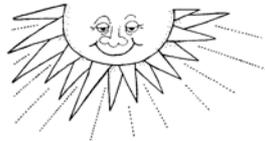
Many thanks  
Jean Christie

## Sunshine Tours

As you know Christmas will soon be upon us and with this in mind we have booked our Christmas lunch for Tuesday 9 December 12.30 for 1.00. The cost is £13.00 and if you are interested please give your name to Beth or June.

We will soon be organising our trips for next year so if you have any suggestions please let us know.

Beth and June  
The Sunshine Girls



## PASTORAL CARE

### Afternoon Communion

Are you finding it difficult, for any reason, coming to church on a Sunday morning? Perhaps you would like to join us for afternoon communion. It is followed by afternoon tea and a chat. Transport can be arranged.

Please contact Margaret or Cathy if you are interested.



## Visits

As you know we no longer have district elders. However, we have a Pastoral Care Team who visit members. If you would like to have a visitor please let us know and we will arrange for someone to call you.

Margaret Dougall Tel. 742560  
or Cathy Gilchrist Tel. 779090

## What we are involved in at St Columba's

As one of the new Session groups, the Community and Wider World Group has been looking at the ways in which both individuals and groups from the church family are involved with organisations and groups in the local community and further afield. We decided that before reaching further out into new areas we wanted to highlight all the ways that St Columba's is already involved.

The insert in the magazine highlights many of these areas. Please have a browse through them. If you would like to know more about one particular project please contact Chris Hay on 01592 741 245 or e-mail [chris.hay@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:chris.hay@blueyonder.co.uk).

We would also be keen to hear from anyone who thinks we have missed something out – we would like to keep a database of areas that we are involved in to help us link things together and spread our witness as much as we can.

