

Life at St. Paul's Milngavie

June 2017



The Kirk Sessions of St Paul's and Baldernock have approved the Basis of Linking which is printed in this month's magazine. The next step is that congregational meetings will take place after worship in St Paul's and Baldernock on Sunday 11 June 2017. At these meetings the congregations will be asked to approve the Basis of Linking. The procedure will be as follows:

- The congregation will remain seated after worship.
- The meeting will be constituted.
- The Chair of the meeting will be Mr Hugh McColl, a member of the Presbytery of Dumbarton's Planning Committee.
- Mr McColl will explain the purpose of the meeting and will give opportunity for questions to be asked.
- A vote will then be taken by paper ballot. Each member will be issued with a voting paper on arrival at the church.
- The votes will be counted and the outcome announced.
- The meeting will be closed.

Presbytery will receive the result of both congregational meetings at its own meeting on 20 June 2017 and refer the matter to the Church of Scotland Presbytery Planning Task Group for final approval. A Service of Linking will then be agreed, sometime in late August or early September.

Needless to say, it is hoped that there will be a good attendance at worship on 11 June. At a time of change it is vital that we are together as a people and looking to the God who can take us forward through all the challenges we face. One immediate change will be times of worship for both St Paul's and Baldernock. Our own Kirk Session have agreed that from Sunday 20 August our morning worship will begin at 10 am with the Baldernock service at 11. 30 am. These times will be subject to review in the future.

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Church Visitors

The June copies of LIFE magazine will be available on Sunday June 4 and it would be much appreciated if Church Visitors could deliver them during that week well before the Congregational Meeting on Sunday June 11. Thank you.

Elizabeth Bragg (Convener)

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As I pointed out in my last letter, with resources as they stand in the Church at present, linking is the way forward if individual congregations are to continue to have a witness in their designated parish. We are now in the Season of Pentecost when we remember God's great gift of His Holy Spirit to the Church. The Holy Spirit who would take a small group of people, hard pressed in many ways, towards a stunning world-wide witness. That Spirit has never departed from His people and I am confident will be with us in all His power and peace as we go forward together with our Lord.



Summer Praise Service

The annual Summer Praise Service will take place in Milngavie United Free Church on Sunday June 18th at 7 pm. All members are encouraged to attend along with members of other Milngavie congregations. There will be no Evening Service at St Paul's.

News from BreakAway @ St. Paul's

BreakAway @ St Paul's has been meeting every Tuesday afternoon since January this year. Our committee and befrienders, together with our members, have enjoyed many happy sessions. The aim was to create a relaxed, dementia-friendly and sociable environment with opportunities for everyone to enjoy chat, share in activities and make new friends. With prayer, planning and ingenuity BreakAway is flourishing. We know that our members look forward to coming each week and enjoy the 'banter', with a good measure of fun and laughter provided by our befrienders!

We are grateful for all the support from our St Paul's family, practically and prayerfully in this outreach.

If you are interested in finding out more about BreakAway or if you want to volunteer please speak to one of our committee members :-

Peggy Barlow, Gabrielle Buchanan, Linda Muirhead, Jean Scott, Christine Forsyth, Sandra Speedie, Elizabeth Bragg

Our last session for this term will be on the 27th June and we will be restarting on the 1st August.

Gabrielle Buchanan

Youth/ Children's Work

I just wanted to update you on what's been going on over the year in Children and Youth work in St Paul's.

We have an array of groups that cover the very youngest of children to 18 years old and beyond.

We have Noah's Ark which is a playgroup for age 3 and under that has really good numbers, in fact we have our maximum number of children for our morning sessions but still have spaces for the afternoon. Noah's Ark is on every Thursday. We regularly post updates via the magazine, so watch out for exciting news about Noah's ark!

A spin off from Noah's Ark is Arkanimals. It's a monthly meet-up group for children aged between toddler and starting school age, and accompanying adults, to give them a chance to learn about Jesus, express their creativity and make new friends. Arkanimals meets one Tuesday per month, between 1.30pm and 2.45pm in the Jubilee Hall. However increasing numbers, which is wonderful, may mean a move to a larger hall in the near future.

Sunkids is still going strong after many years and has an increasing number of children on the register. Sunkids offers a fun afternoon to allow school children to socialise with others from different age groups. Sunkids cover P1 - P5 and Galaxy kids which is a bit more grown up is for P5-P7. We are always looking for more helpers to come along, if you are interested in volunteering please let us know.

The Sunday Club and Bible Class are going well, with the three age groups working well together. To encourage this and help each child's development in their faith we have a flexible approach to when the young people move between the groups.

Then we have The Ark which is for S1 - S6 which meets every third Saturday evening 7:30 - 10:00. It's a very chilled youth group with lots of chat and games.

We are looking for help with all of these groups and have a sign up sheet at the back of the church for gearing up after summer. We would welcome anyone and everyone although you will have to be PVG checked.

We will be more proactive in our updates for the 2017-18 session for all of these groups via the magazine and the church website.

Many thanks to all the people who have made all of these groups a success over the past year and I hope you are all looking forward to next year.

Janice Maclean (Youth/Children Coordinator)

**The Church of Scotland
PRESBYTERY OF DUMBARTON**

**Basis of Linking
Baldernock and Milngavie : St Paul's**

The Congregations of Baldernock, being vacant, and Milngavie : St Paul's shall be linked and be served by a Minister of Word and Sacrament on a date to be determined by the Presbytery of Dumbarton and under the following terms and conditions :

1 Name, Territorial Responsibility, Property and Funds, and Place of Worship

The name, parish boundaries, property and funds, and places of worship of Baldernock Parish Church (SC006355) and Milngavie : St Paul's Parish Church (SC002737) shall remain as at present.

2 Worship

Morning Worship shall be conducted in both existing church buildings every Sunday, at times to be determined by both Kirk Sessions or, if necessary, by Presbytery prior to the linking being effected. On occasion, morning worship shall be conducted at a different time in one or both church buildings by agreement of both Kirk Sessions.

3 Kirk Session

The Minister of the charge shall be the Moderator of the Kirk Sessions.

4 Congregational Management

The temporal affairs of the congregation of Baldernock shall be administered as at present by the Kirk Session, quoad omnia, and at Milngavie : St Paul's as at present by the Congregational Board under the Model Constitution.

The office-bearers of the linked congregations shall decide annually on the respective contributions of Baldernock and Milngavie : St Paul's to related expenses, listed expenses and maintenance of the manse of the linked charge. In the first instance the respective contributions to related, listed and manse expenses shall be set in relation to the financial position of each congregation at the point at which the linkage is effected. Any subsequent change to the relative proportions shall be subject to the approval of Presbytery.

5 Ministry

The Rev Fergus Buchanan, currently Minister at Milngavie: St Paul's, shall be the minister of the linked charge.

Ministerial Assistance shall be provided in accordance with the Presbytery Plan current at any time. This is without prejudice to the right of each or both Kirk Sessions to appoint locally funded ministerial assistance with the approval of Presbytery

6 Manse

The Manse of Milngavie : St Paul's at 8 Buchanan Street, Milngavie G62 8DD shall be the manse of the linked charge.

The Manse of Baldernock at Bardowie, Milngavie G62 6ES shall be sold, let or otherwise disposed of by decision of the Kirk Session of Baldernock subject to the titles upon which it is held and the approval of Presbytery, and if necessary of the General Trustees or of the General Assembly.

Thereafter the proceeds of any such sale shall

- a) if falling within the scope of Act VII, 1995 be credited to the benefit of the congregation of Baldernock in the Consolidated Fabric Fund, or
- b) if not falling within the scope of the said Act, be held and applied for fabric purposes in connection with the properties of the congregation of Baldernock.

The Manse of the linked charge will be subject to annual inspection by representatives of the two congregations and any budget for work to be undertaken approved in advance by the two financial courts.

7 Ministerial Support

The Stipend of the Minister shall be determined in accordance with the National Stipend Scheme.

8 Power to Readjust

While these articles and terms shall form the Basis of Linking the congregations shall be free like other congregations, to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery as need may arise.

Approved by the Congregational Board and Kirk Session on Wednesday 3rd May, 2017

SUNDAY CLUB & BIBLE CLASS, 2016 - 2017

This year, the leaders and our young people, have decided to send the money they have collected each week, to the following charities and groups:

£100 SU Scotland Holidays Sponsorship Appeal 2017

£100 Teen Ranch Scotland

£90 Daisy Chain Early Years Project, Govanhill

£90 Glasgow City Mission, Child & Family Centre in Govan

£40 St. Paul's Flower Fund

We also organised several other fundraising events during the session.

Last October the Bake Sale raised £231 which was sent to the Vine Trust for the support of Rhona Raeburn and Marilyn Ure while they were working on Jubilee Hope in Tanzania. More recently, the Cherry Blossom Fair, in March, raised £715 for the support of the Ferguson family in Japan.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone - parents, grandparents and all our other friends in the congregation for your support, both practically and in prayer, throughout the year.

Many thanks,

Janice Maclean (Youth/Children Coordinator)

Flower Donations ~ June/July

Mrs M. Reid	Mrs W. Douglas
Mrs M. Philips	Miss F. Ireland
Mrs E. Traill	Mrs M. Thoms
Mrs E. Easton	



Please forward donations with your name and address to:

Mrs Marjorie Thoms, 66, Braeside Ave, Milngavie, G62 6NN or place in the flower guild pigeon hole at the back of the church. Cheques should be made payable to St. Paul's flowers.

A volunteer is required for a flower arrangement for the flower festival at St Andrews Church on Thursday 8th June. If someone is available, please contact Marjorie Thoms on 956 5372.

Messy Church Milngavie

Messy Church Milngavie started on 26th February 2017. For those of you not familiar with Messy Church, it's a different way of worship which incorporates fun, crafts, fellowship and food, all brought together by the Gospel message. It runs in St Paul's hall on the third Sunday evening from 16:00 - 18:00.

accompany the singing. We made book marks and had baked potatoes with various fillings for dinner.



We want to invite you along to the next meeting on 18th June, please tell your friends, family and neighbours and invite them along too.

In February we had a Treasure theme, there was a treasure hunt in the church, treasure chest cakes to make. We had singing and wonderful meatballs and pasta for dinner. Mairi gave a great talk on how we are all treasures to the Lord.

If you would like more information please contact me or Mairi McCready. We can be reached on 07816471569 (Mairi) or 07711361936 (Janice) or by email to janice.maclean2@outlook.com

Janice Maclean

April saw a Star Wars theme with the Force being with us all and the young people acting out the story. There were Yoda ears, Princess Leia biscuits and a ridiculously hard quiz. More singing and fellowship.

In May we had the pleasure of welcoming one of our own, Gordon Maclean from Teen Ranch Scotland, who talked all about books and the Bible. Thanks to the new projectors that have been installed in the halls, we had no tech problems this time and had music to

Thank You

John and all the family thank everyone for their kindness, cards, flowers and phone calls and for attending the service for Cath's funeral.

John McDowell

World Mission - The Presbytery of Edinburgh Visit Johannesburg

The Presbytery of eGoli, of the United Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa, welcomed four members of the Presbytery of Edinburgh, for a five day programme of activities. The aim of the visit was to explore the possibility of twinning between the two Presbyteries.

The group from Edinburgh was able to gain an understanding of church and community life in Johannesburg, as they visited various groups and projects. The group was inspired by a congregation in Diepsloot, where rates of poverty are high. It is running imaginative projects within the community, and in doing so is changing lives. Such projects included education for small children, and training programmes for adults.

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Copy date for September issue is Sunday 20th August if using church pigeon hole or Wednesday 23rd if emailing.

Please send to st.paulslifemagazine@gmail.com

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the magazine over the last few months - any questions, comments or new articles are always welcome.

Carla MacAllister (Editor)

Date	Flower Deliveries	Crèche Rota	Vestibule Rota
4th June	Mrs M. Abbott Mrs K. Hagart	Chapman Wilson	Team 6 J. Clark
11th June	Mrs M. McLean Mrs A. McLeod	Tracey Wallis	Team 7 I. Russell
18th June	Mrs J. Ford Mrs C. Tanner	Sillars Goodlet	Team 2 J. Foggo (C)
25th June	Mrs C. McKinnon Mrs S. Stenhouse	MacKinnon MacAllister	Team 8 J. Pirie