

Life at St. Paul's Milngavie

July 2024



Dear Friends,

It was in 1969 that George Harrison wrote the song *Here comes the Sun* - one of his best-known compositions. "*Here comes the sun (doo-d-doo-doo), Here comes the sun, And I say, 'It's alright'*". Well, where has the sun gone? I do not think I can remember a wetter June. All my plans for planting have had to be revised and the plants that have flowered have all been dashed by wind and rain. What a beginning to summer! However, I have to keep reminding myself it could be much worse, especially when I read and hear about the storms in the Caribbean where the wind and rain threaten homes and lives. Our prayers are with all whose lives are being devastated.

When George Harrison wrote *Here comes the Sun*, he was facing challenging times in his life and indeed he was playing 'hookey' on the day he wrote it. St. Paul too faced many challenging times during his lifetime resulting in his letters to the new and expanding churches. Over the years I have come to understand a little better the challenges that Paul endured. One of my favourite letters of Paul is his first letter to the people of Corinth. Chapters 12 and 13 are chapters that I can read over and over again. Paul writes about the gifts of the spirit, one body with many parts and love, all of which are so pertinent in our lives today. On an afternoon when the sun isn't shining, can I invite you to open your Bible at Corinthians and read his words.

We continue to move forward towards the induction of Lynsey as our minister on 13th August 2024. Lynsey's call has now been sustained by the Vacancy Procedures Committee and has been passed to Presbytery to make the arrangements for induction. This is great news! We look forward to that evening when Lynsey will be installed as minister of Baldernock linked with Milngavie St. Paul's. The beginning of a new chapter in the history of two churches.

My hope is that during the months of July and August we will indeed see the sun that will result in our being able to spend more time out of doors or in the garden with family and friends.

With every blessing to you and yours,

Barbara

Future Services

	MORNING
07 July	Dr. Robin Easton
14 July	Rev. Marnie Johnston
21 July	Rev. Barbara O'Donnell
28 July	Rev. Barbara O'Donnell
04 August	Rev. Barbara O'Donnell
11 August	Rev. John Campbell
18 August	Rev. Lynsey Brennan

There will be no evening services in July and until further notice.

Rev. Lynsey Brennan

Lynsey preached as sole nominee for the linked charge at a joint service on Sunday 9th June, 2024. Immediately after the service, the congregation voted to appoint Rev. Lynsey Brennan as the new minister of Baldernock linked with St. Paul's.

A Call was prepared and subsequently signed by members of the Congregations. In addition, a Paper of Concurrence was signed by those connected with the congregation but not on the Electoral Register.

All the relevant papers were then forwarded to Clyde Presbytery who sustained the call.

Clyde Presbytery will conduct a Service of Induction in St. Paul's
at
7pm on Tuesday 13th August.

Graham Mill, Session Clerk

Rev. Barbara O'Donnell

When Rev. Lynsey Brennan has been formally inducted as minister, Barbara will cease to be the Interim Moderator. A monetary gift on behalf of the congregations of Baldernock and St. Paul's will be made to Barbara and, if you wish to contribute, donations can be left in the collection boxes at the back of the church in the next few weeks.

Cheques should be payable to **St. Paul's Parish Church** and if you wish to contribute electronically, please contact the Treasurer at treasurer@stpaulsmilngavie.org.uk

Graham Mill, Session Clerk

Work in Progress

The new audio visual equipment has been installed in the sanctuary which will allow live streaming of services. To fully use the new system, a rota of trained operators is required. If you would like to be involved or find out more about what is required, please contact Stephen Thoms or Graham Mill.

A new kitchen for the Large Hall will be installed in mid-July.

Graham Mill, Session Clerk



The Church of Scotland

General Assembly

Life and Work has once again published a FREE four page General Assembly Special Supplement for 2024 summarising some of the key decisions, debates and speeches from the week.

St. Paul's Holiday Fellowship



Bon voyage to the St. Paul's Holiday Fellowship group who leave for Strathpeffer on 22nd July, visiting Dornoch, Inverewe Gardens, Dunrobin Castle, sailing on the Caledonian Canal and Loch Ness, travelling on the Strathspey steam train and tasting a wee dram at Muir of Ord. Pitlochry and the House of Bruar are stops there and back.

Happy Holidays!

Holiday Club

There is now one volunteer to cover each week of the Holiday Club. The sign-up sheet is still available at the back of the Church for another volunteer each week to assist in this way. Thank you.

We also need someone to administer the Holiday Club going forward. Please see Janice Maclean if you would be willing to take on the task of administering the Holiday Club.

St. Paul's Church Society Cards



Due to your continued support, a cheque for £500 has been sent to CHAS. Thank you once again.

Cards will continue to be available, still at £1, over the summer months.

Please contact me if you require a card for a particular occasion.

The next charity will be Ronald McDonald House Glasgow — an independent charity providing a home away from home for families whose children are receiving treatment at the Royal Hospital for Children Glasgow.

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Elizabeth McEwan

Japan Jottings



Dear Friends

I was excited to see that Lynsey Brennan will now become the minister in St. Paul's. I am sure you are all looking forward to having a minister again. I am praying for Lynsey and her family, and all of you in this time of transition.

As I mentioned last time, I am also in a time of transition as I prepare to leave the house I have lived in for more than 8 years and the ministry I have served in for 12 years. This month I am doing a trip round the southern part of the Tohoku region (north of Tokyo) to visit various churches and ministries as I ask God to show me where he wants me to serve next. I will also visit some OMF and Japanese colleagues.

Ministries in Japan can be quite varied. On the first stop on my trip, I will join a German colleague for an English class she teaches at her church. The next day, I will join an outreach concert which a Japanese church is hosting, and then attend that service on the Sunday. Another church I will visit would love to reach out to the students at a local college, as well as to children in the area, and they are asking for missionaries to come and help them. In another city I will visit a Japanese family working with Christian students, and colleagues from the UK and the Philippines who are involved in student outreach. I hope to help them with a lunchtime event that they hold at a University nearby. Tohoku is one of the least reached areas of Japan. Only about 0.13% of the population are Christians and there are quite a few towns which don't have a church. Quite a few of the churches which are there don't have a minister, and a lot of them consist primarily of elderly people. There is a great need to reach the next generation with the good news of Jesus.

Thank you for praying for my trip. May God start to show me where He would like me to serve next and what kind of work that could be. Please continue to pray too that many Japanese people would come to know Jesus as their Saviour.

With love and prayers from Lorna and Alistair

All over the world....

**When Jesus spoke again to the people,
He said, "I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)**

**St. Paul's church activity
is followed on-line by folk all over the world.**

Can you identify where?

**There are clues to the colours of the flags above each one
(but this won't be needed by those reading the magazine
on-line as it's in colour!)**

Answers on page 9

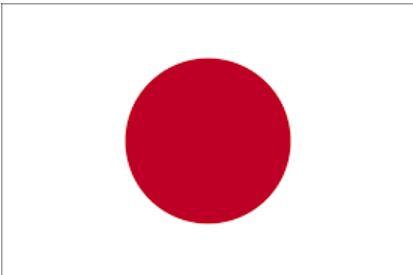
1. Red/Gold



2. Red/Yellow/Green/Black



3. Red/White)



4. Blue/White/Red



5. Red/White/Blue



6. Red/White/Blue



7. Green/White/Red



8. Red/White



9. Saffron/White/Green/Blue



10. Red/White/Blue



Lunch Club

We have many volunteers in St. Paul's but the Lunch Club is in need of help from both ladies and gents.

Would you be able to help out at the Lunch Club for a few hours once or twice a month?

Perhaps you would be willing to be on short-notice standby?

We will re-open on 04 September and all will be welcome.

Please get in touch with me (07803 934688) if you have any queries.

Ann MacLeod



Thank you

Please pass on my thanks to all who helped me when I fell down the Church steps.

Jan Deuchar

Safeguarding

A reminder to any member of the Congregation wishing to volunteer in any Church organisations or groups that the P.V.G process must be carried out before being able to do so.

Any volunteers no longer wishing to participate in any Church organisations or groups please contact me in order to process the removal from the Congregational Register.

Elizabeth McEwan
Safeguarding Co-ordinator

Phone: 0141 384 0274
Email: safeguarding@stpaulsmilngavie.org.uk

Book Club



Our latest book is called *Flight Behaviour* and it has opened our eyes to the dangers facing Golden Monarch butterflies. The author, Barbara Kingsolver, tells the story of a bored young woman who lives with her husband and two small children in a struggling sheep farm in the Appalachian Mountains. She has very little money, little education and no prospects. One day, she comes across thousands of golden butterflies in a forest of trees which her in-laws intend to cut down for the money that the trees will fetch. Working with a group of scientists, she discovers that these butterflies have migrated to the wrong part of the world. Why have they come here to the Appalachians when their usual migration route is to Mexico?

The true point of Kingsolver's novel is now revealed as being a warning about global warming and the very real danger which now threatens all of our wildlife. A well-written and provoking book.

Our book group does not meet again until 27 August but if you feel you would like to join us, please contact the Church Office for more details. You will be made very welcome.

Anne Goodlet

All over the world.....Answers

	Place	Followers
1.	Guernsey	1
2.	Ghana	1
3.	Japan	1
4.	France	1
5.	Australia	4
6.	United States	9
7.	Italy	2
8.	Canada	2
9.	India	3
10.	United Kingdom	392

Do you have a recipe you would like to donate?



Chef Marc Mazoyer is creating a cookbook to help raise funds for Alzheimer Scotland.

Cooking together has great therapeutic value, but it's also a great way to reminiscence by cooking recipes that have been passed on down through the generations.

Marc would like to celebrate family recipes and the people who pass them on by compiling a cookbook made up of family favourites.

Particularly, Marc is interested in recipes donated from people living with dementia and recipes that remind people of a loved one who has or had dementia.

If you have a recipe that you would like to donate please email it, along with a picture of you or the person that it reminds you of and a few lines about why it is important to you to:

Marc Mazoyer: mmaz00@hotmail.com

or

Iain Houston, ihouston@alzscot.org

All funds raised in the production of this book will be donated to Alzheimer Scotland

CrossReach has recently produced an update on its activities. Towards the end of the update, there is a section which lists the CrossReach services that currently exist.

Within the update there is information on:

- ◆ the Recovery Volunteer Graduation which celebrates the achievements of those who have completed recovery and rehabilitation over the last year.
- ◆ the Heart for Art programme where the talents of older people are encouraged and there is an on-line exhibition which can be viewed.
- ◆ the Erskine Waterfront Campus initiatives which have allowed young people to take part in career days.

To access the update, please follow this link:

<https://flipbooks.crossreach.org.uk/UpdateJune2024>

Flower Donations



Thank you for the Flower Donations given in Memory:
Maureen Donaldson, Myra Reid & Margaret White

Please address donations to: Treasurer, Mrs Barbara Lawson
& clearly mark "For The Flower Fund".

Donations can be left in the Flower Guild pigeon hole at the back of the Church, or in the offering plate marked for "The Flower Fund".

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The copy date for the August issue is
Wednesday, 31 July

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