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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Finally!

Friends, at long last St George's has leave to call a minister. It has been a long time coming. It is over six years since the former Glenburn Parish Church became vacant and over four years since the former Stow Brae Kirk became vacant. What a lot has happened in this time. The two congregations united two and a half years ago in the midst of Covid. You have learned how to live-stream services allowing some of your housebound members to worship week by week; you have started the Connect Hub, the Cafe-style church in the Outreach Centre; a Bible Study group has begun and very recently a prayer group and then there are all the ongoing organisations. A huge amount of work has been done to look after the property and finances of this large and busy church. All of this is because of your commitment to serving Christ within this large parish.

I hope that by the time most of you will read this that St George's will have formed its Nominating Committee and work will be underway to prayerfully seek the person whom God wants as minister for St George's. This is a demanding and responsible task for the individuals who will make up the committee. As the committee works I want to ask you to do one thing - it is simply this - to keep the committee in your prayers at all times. I also want to ask you to avoid doing something: please, please, do not ask the nominating committee who they are going to see, or how they are getting on as the work of the committee is confidential.

I will keep you informed as to what is happening.

These are exciting times.

I leave you with a prayer

Lord God, we thank you that, at last, St George's has leave to call a new minister.

We thank you for all who are prepared to serve on its nominating committee and ask that you would bless them with wisdom to discern your way, grace to listen to one another, patience to realise that all will happen in your time and strength to persevere.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, and in the strength and power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen



May we all know God's love surrounding us and his strength supporting us, today, tomorrow and always, Mhairi

Young Church Sunday Club



The Young Church has started back after the summer holidays and from September onwards has a new name. The Sunday School is something we all remember from our childhood however Paisley St George's will now be called the Young Church Sunday Club. This will give us a modern edge and our work will include Bible stories, games and crafts. All ages will be catered for. The club will encourage inclusion, belonging, ownership and input, while still retaining its Christian led content. Children of all ages, as always are welcome to join in.

St George's Manse Update from our Session Clerk

The manse is located at 10 Hawick Avenue in the Stanely area of Paisley.

It is a 1970's built detached house with gardens to the front and rear, and comprises on the ground floor, an L-shaped lounge with dining room, kitchen, WC and small area to hang coats, etc. just inside the front door.

On the upper floor there are 4 bedrooms, or 3 bedrooms and a study, and a family bathroom. It is centrally heated by a gas boiler.

Our property team, and a few other volunteers, have been hard at work over recent months undertaking painting work to both inside and outside of the property, as well as repairing several items which needed attention.

We have employed a specialist contractor to replace the soffits, fascias, gutters and downpipes.

The garden is mainly grass, but a couple of flower beds in the front area have been dug out and covered with weed suppression material and gravel (hopefully to stop weeds growing).

Before a minister can be shown the manse, we have to have it inspected and approved by Presbytery as to decoration state etc. This means that we cannot at this stage allow a minister to choose colour schemes and for us to decorate accordingly before entry, so it will be a neutral colour scheme.



The flowers in the church are always a beautiful addition to the sanctuary on a Sunday morning and are appreciated by members of the congregation who receive a bouquet to acknowledge important life events; births, birthdays, anniversaries, illness, bereavement, etc.

If you would like to donate flowers, in order that the committee can ensure this continues to happen, please speak to a member of the team after church on a Sunday or add your name to the list on the notice board. There are a number of dates still available in October and November this year.



The Guild



The Guild is currently still on summer break, however, we are in the process of planning the activities for when we resume. Our Opening Night is Monday 9th October at 7.30pm in the large hall. Our guest that evening will be our Interim Moderator, Rev. Mhairi Breignan, and we always look forward to hearing her topic. The rest of the syllabus for the year covers a varied programme of interesting subjects and musical evenings so please come to join us.

Our Autumn Leaves tea takes place on Saturday the 21st October from 2pm - 4pm. This promises to be an enjoyable afternoon of tea, coffee and chat and, as always, we know we will have the support of the congregation and friends.

During the course of the Guild year we will be supporting our projects, and hosting the Paisley Guilds Together Christmas Carol Service to which everyone is welcome.

We are looking forward to starting back and having Sadie as our new convener. We will be delighted to welcome back our faithful, loyal members and many more new members to make our organisation successful for our Church and God.

"Whose we are and whom we serve"

Pat Colgan.

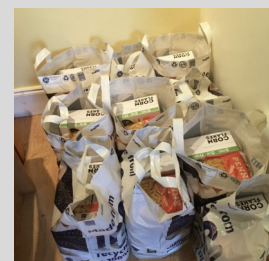
COMMUNITY SUPPORT TEAM



The new academic year is starting shortly and following a request from the University of the West of Scotland, ten emergency food bags containing long life foods (and a bar of chocolate!) have been delivered to the Student Support Team for distribution to students in need.



Each bag cost £7 and will help students overcome rough patches and enables them to keep studying through times of financial hardship.



The Friendly Hour meets every Tuesday from 2pm—3.30pm in the large hall.

Upcoming events and activities.

19th Sept	Keep Fit	31st Oct	Quiz
26th Sept	Beetle Drive	7th Nov	A.G.M. Music Group 1.30 start
3rd Oct	Aires and Graces	14th Nov	Beetle Drive
10th Oct	Compass	21st Nov	Margaret Linney
17th Oct	Wynd Centre – John Stewart	28th Nov	Bell Ringers
24th Oct	Rowanberries	4th Dec	Christmas Lunch

15th Paisley Boy's Brigade Update

Hello,

We're now almost a month into another BB session, a very special year for the Boys' Brigade for it was founded by Sir William Alexander Smith on 4 October 1883, so this October we celebrate our 140th birthday.



With such a special year come a number of celebrations at Company, Battalion and National level and we're hoping to participate in as many of these as possible. These start for us on 30 September when a number of our Company, Seniors and staff will compete in the Monopoly challenge in Glasgow which is the birthplace of our organisation. Next day, we're joining other companies across the Battalion at Renfrew North for the Big Birthday praise service. This will be led by boys and staff of the Battalion under the leadership of Steven Henderson our new Battalion Chaplain whose ordination as an OLM in the Church of Scotland takes place only a few days before. The next weekend it's the turn of the Juniors whose challenge is to take part in a sleepover. We're very much hoping to take part in that and also that boys sleep enough to allow them to attend morning worship the next day. We're hoping that our Company and Seniors will join the sleepover and Anchors will come along to church on Sunday morning. Anchors also have a challenge and we'll share that with you as they work on it. There will be more celebrations throughout the session and we will keep you up to date with them.

As a Company we're setting ourselves 140 Challenges for the session and these will cover a wide range of activities to allow us all to contribute to the Company effort. One challenge which we will all hopefully embrace is to contribute as fully as we can to the Night Before Christmas appeal which provides less fortunate children and adults across the West of Scotland with gifts at Christmas. We very much hope that once more you, our Congregation, will help us with this very deserving cause.

By the time you read this Makenzie McNally will have attended Renfrewshire Council's civic reception to mark the achievement of boys who received their Queen's badge in the last session. We've just heard that this badge is to be renamed the King's badge but as yet we're unclear just when that's to happen.



Just before our session began Matthew MacDonald and Alan McNally volunteered to help out at the Paisley 3 & 10k runs. They worked hard blowing up balloons to hand out and then had the lovely duty of presenting completers with their medals. Even more special was to hand over a medal to one of our boys, Kyle MacKay, who ran his first 10k and finished in a really good time.



Our boys regularly set out the tables and chairs for the tea bar when they finish their games on Fridays and they will be fully involved in the preparations for the MacMillan coffee morning. We're hoping too that despite the busyness on 30 Sept with the Monopoly challenge some boys will be able to join staff to help out on the day.

Our Battalion recruitment campaign has brought us a few new Anchors which is great but we've plenty of space for more at every level.

If you'd like to find out about more of our activities please visit our Facebook page – 15th Paisley Boys' Brigade.

Thank you as always for your on-going support which really is very much appreciated.

Jan Phillips, Captain

The editor would like to thank all who have contributed to this edition of the church magazine. All items for inclusion in the next magazine should be with Irene Gemmell by Sunday 17th December.

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