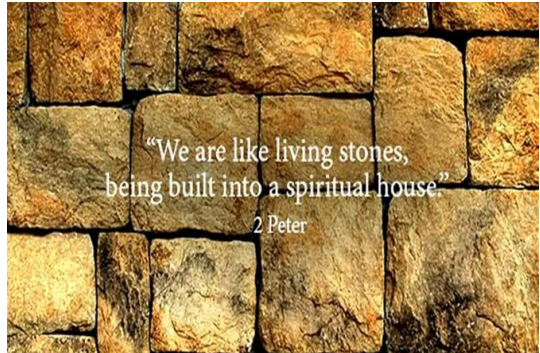




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Musings from the manse.



“Building up the family of God”

Recently, my son Andrew and I were putting up a shed in the manse garden. I am not so great at this, but I was impressed at Andrew’s skills. We had to clear the ground, getting rid of stones and rubbish, and then making the ground level, putting down some slabs, and the building the shed itself. There was a bit more to it than I thought!

I was thinking of this, when I have been praying and reflecting on our new church - Knightswood Anniesland Trinity church. After years of formation, talking, praying, consulting and then doing it all again, we have finally come into being. We are grateful for this, and it has been a blessing already to worship together, and to have opportunities to get to know one another.

For information - please like our new Facebook page Knightswood Anniesland Trinity church. We are still building our new website, but meantime for updates. please look www.knightswoodstmargarets.org.uk and www.tachurch.org.uk



In many ways, we are still laying the foundations, and we are all invited to be involved in this. We want to pray for one another, for the people in both churches to work together for God's glory, for the buildings issues to be decided wisely, for the parish grouping with St David's Knightswood church to go well. A reminder that regarding the decision for the three buildings, one or two of the buildings are to be kept. The agreed process for this is that the Presbytery Buildings officer visits and assesses the three church sanctuaries, halls and the two manses. A community audit will also be carried out, to look at the needs of the area, and where the church buildings are placed in terms of their strategic uses. Then this information is brought back to the parish grouping to make a decision. A decision is to be made before March 2023. It is difficult to wait, but we want the fabric of the buildings, their community usage and a strategic awareness of their positioning and possible redevelopment opportunities all to be taken into account, so we make the best decision for the Christian

community in this part of the city for the future. The process has started, and we pray for the best outcome whatever that might be.

We are seeking to physically build for the future, but we also want to spiritually build up the Christian community here. This means that we seek as a community to make worship a priority, whether it is in a building, online or in a park. When we worship God, we are moved by the splendour of who He is, we experience His love and truth, and we are strengthened and blessed to share His love with others. We want to learn more through prayer, and bible study, through retreats and book groups, through Alpha courses. We desire to get to know one another through fellowship and planning and meeting. We seek to share our faith with others through cafes and messy church, through personal invitations and community connections. The vision is to build, not to dwindle!

In his first letter to the scattered Christian community, Peter puts it like this:

“You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 2: 5

We all have a part to play. I know some people are disappointed, because we have a new church structure that we have had to adopt, where the congregational board no longer plays a part. There are still different ways to serve. Kirk Session and Parish Grouping meetings are open (unless there is private business to discuss, which doesn't happen often), so everyone is welcome to

come along so they are in touch with what is going on. For some people, you might feel the beginning of a call to the eldership - if so, just get in touch. For others, you might want to help with finance, with buildings, or communication. If you would like to help with the coffee teams, you can still do so! If you have ideas about Christian education, youth work, building links with the local or world wide community, then we are forming new teams to explore how to take this forward. We are all living stones - we all have a part to play, whether it is in the house praying, welcoming people at a café, leading worship, or having courage to engage with something new. There is no shortage of things to do.

One of the things that keeps coming back to me is our purpose. The purpose of what we are doing is at the heart of it. Our purpose is not just to do things well, but to be loving - to follow Christ's example. There are difficult decisions to be made, and changes that are challenging. Yet if we listen, are patient and are loving, then people will want to be part of this new venture. We are not to tear down, but to build up, to explore new possibilities. The agreed vision for the three churches outlined later in this magazine. St David's Knightswood has also agreed to this, so we know what we are seeking to do together. The discernment we need is how to build well, and we pray for the holy spirit to guide us.

I am so very grateful for all who are working so hard on all this. The finance team and communication team have been working together well, and the

property teams are also in the midst of a national audit process that is very challenging. The finance team are working on last year's accounts, and trying to get a new system in place. The communications team have put together this magazine, and are building a new website. We also have a new logo - I am



grateful to Louise and Fred for their work on this! It is built round the cross of Jesus Christ and His love, and the idea is communicated through the hands of the strength and grace of community, and everyone working together to support one another.

It is spring, and there is new life all around. As we go through the season of Lent and prepare for Easter, may we grow in our faith, and as the people of God. In the midst of recovery from the pandemic and reflection on our past histories, may God bring about something new and beautiful in our midst, a new community whose heart is to be a blessing to others.

At the moment, I have a lot of new people to get to know, and I am thankful for this. **If you hear of anyone who needs some encouragement or a pastoral phone call or visit, please don't hesitate to get in touch.** Getting to know one another will take time. For me, as for our community, there are bound to be times when we get it wrong, make mistakes or forget something. As we build, we ask God for a spirit of patience and forgiveness, so we can build lovingly and with grace.

Every blessing,

Fiona

Please remember one of our joint Session clerks - Gail Grieve particularly in your prayers after a family bereavement. Many of you will remember Stuart Laurie, who came through our Sunday school and Boys Brigade, who helped as one of our youth leaders, and came to speak to the Guild on behalf of the charity " Action for children." Stuart died in a tragic accident on Saturday the 5th of February, and our thoughts and prayers are very much with his fiancé Lisa, mum Janet, and brothers Jordan and James. We think of everyone who is grieving, and pray for them to be surrounded by love and care in these heart-breaking days.



A word in season - A prayer for a new beginning.

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”

1 Peter 1:3

Gracious God, Father, Son and Holy spirit,
We are so very thankful to You
For your mercy and love,
Shown to us in Jesus Christ,
And we are full of praise and thanksgiving.

You are always faithful to us,
In the midst of every season of life,
Times of loss and saying goodbyes,
And times of transition,
Seasons of exploration and new beginnings.

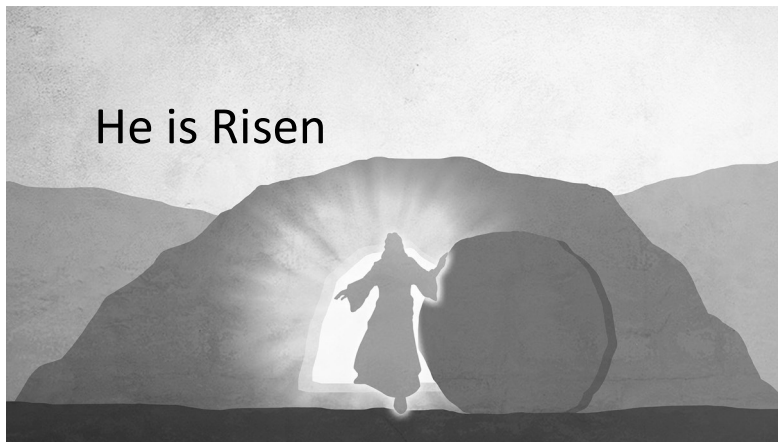
We are mourning the loss of our former congregations,
And life pre-covid.
Life is not going to be the same again,
And so we are a bit adrift just now,
Adapting to all that has changed all around us.

Lord Jesus, come to us,
And breathe new life into us by your holy spirit,
Help us to trust You, even when we do not see the path.
In this time of Lent leading up to Easter,
Help us let go of all that dishonours You,
Our old habits and judgements,
And be willing to keep walking forward.

You desire to give us new birth into a living hope,
But we know that birth can be painful and difficult,
But at the end, we hope for the possibility of new life.

In the midst of all the hard work and adapting,
Please bring about Your purpose for us,
Birth a compassionate, loving, prayerful Christian community,
Which asks for forgiveness for past mistakes,
And which still hopes for the future.
Enable us to build a new united congregation
That reaches out in love to the whole community in Jesus' name.
Grant us wisdom and forgiveness, stamina and love,
So that Your resurrection power can be seen in us,

Amen



Our Agreed Vision

1. To receive God's love and to share it with others,
2. Convictions about our orthodox faith in the incarnate and Risen Jesus Christ,
3. To look after everyone in the church family and community by getting to know one another by listening and showing patience and care,
4. A desire that our church family be a place of acceptance, belonging and healing,
5. To build trained teams to assist in future ministry and outreach,
6. A desire to be intergenerational, and for each age group to be cared for and to learn from each other,
7. To support our frailer members, and also our children and families,
8. A desire to be open to learn more about our Christian faith through prayer and bible study,
9. Where we have different opinions, to seek to be respectful of other viewpoints,
10. To be creative in our ways of connecting with God, and deepening our faith through, for example spiritual retreats, contemplative prayer, art etc.,
11. To share our faith with others in the community in relevant, loving and innovative ways.

Alpha course - a few people have enquired about this, so we are starting this course on Tuesday 22nd February on zoom at 7pm. This is just a small group, and if there is more interest, we hope to host another one in the autumn. It is a course looking at some of the beliefs of Christianity, and will consist of a video, and then a time of study and questions. No prior knowledge needed! Please get in touch, if you are interested, thanks, Fiona

The dates for Alpha are 22nd of Feb, 1st, 15th, 22nd and 29th March, 5th April

(Day away - provisional 30th April), then 3rd, 17th, 24th May, 7th, 14th and 28th June.

Thanks everyone!



Greetings from one of our joint session clerk

How amazing to have my circulation more than doubled by a simple Act of Union, and I do not refer to my internal biological circulation which is something I try not to think too much about, but my magazine article, which has to be dragged out of me by the editors as though it was a state secret.

These last few weeks have been a new experience. While Covid prevents the gatherings reaching their potential in terms of numbers, the larger congregational meetings have been a wee bit daunting to me, a Hamilton fan, not used to large crowds. I have to say, however, that the singing at the Service of Union was very inspirational.

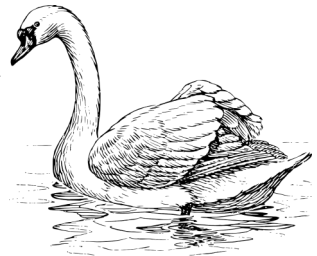
It's still early days in our coming together and one of the things that bothers me is my inability to hang on to names. I remember confessing to a friend that before visiting anyone I had to ask my wife to rhyme of the children's names. "Aye, and that's your ain weans, tae," he replied.

There are a few folk I'd like to mention who have been responsible for keeping the St Margret's congregation ticking over during the period of vacancy, which started 'way back in September, 2019. Doesn't time fly?

First off as Interim Moderators were Rev Alistair May in October 2019, quickly followed by Rev Iain MacLeod in November '19 until his move to Assynt in May, '19. Rev James Teasdale took over briefly before being replaced by Rev Audrey Jamieson who saw it through to the bitter end (it really wasn't bitter at all). We were also served very well by two locums, firstly Mr John Nicolson and latterly our own Mr Robert McFarlane. Grateful thanks are due to those mentioned and to the office-bearers who continued to do their bit to keep us together in Christ.

There is so much to do to become fully amalgamated. For instance, the Roll. Two rolls merging, working out districts, and the prospect of yet another group coming in when the folks at St David's join us. Sadly, when all that is going on, I'll be on holiday. I know we haven't fixed a date yet but trust me, I'll be on holiday, even if it's just a few days papping dods of breid at the swans at Knightswood pond. And for those of you who know about these things I am aware that bread is poison to the pond birds. It's just that when I throw seeds at the swans they hiss at me. Mind you, they hiss whenever they see me, no matter what.

As long as you don't hiss at me I'll be happy and I'm looking forward getting to know you. Just wear a badge with your name on it and it'll be fine.



David Adams,
Joint Session Clerk

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income...

1 Corinthians 16:2

Our Treasurer

In this first magazine at Knightswood Anniesland Trinity Church, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our members for continuing to make WFO payments throughout last year's lockdown and also since the union on 01/01/2022. This has been heartening and hopefully indicates a fruitful future for our church.

Since the beginning of the year, we have been working on getting last year's accounts in order for the accountant to examine them. This work will hopefully be finished soon. We are also working on merging the bank accounts for both churches and getting all direct debits for utilities etc set up to enable us to move forward at the same time as switching to a new computer system in the church office. This has meant a very busy start to the year, but we are hoping that things will slow down to allow us to proceed with the work for this year.

I am unsure if everyone has a note of our bank details and list these below should anybody wish to pay WFO via direct debit.

Sort code: 80-07-15 Account number: 00832285

Once again many thanks to all our members who continue to support our church in so many ways.

Nancy Quinn

Treasurer

Family and Youth Worker News

Family life is still up and down, it is for us all, as we learn to adapt to changing restrictions and a bit more freedom again for activities, particularly for our young people. I am delighted that so many of our families come along to Sunday club whenever they can. We have some weeks that are quiet and others livelier and we are beginning to develop a more normal rhythm. Our young people as always show great enthusiasm. They ask interesting thought-provoking questions as we explore together the bible and God's great love for us all. I am currently working with the team at the Knightswood building to ensure we have the same facilities available to allow social distancing and equipment that is individual to each family group, as under current covid guidelines we are unable to share things like pencils and bibles. This should make the transition for our Sunday club families as easy as possible regardless of which building, we are using at the time, or which building they are most use to.

Our young people have been helping me plan our next projects and **environmental issues** continue to feature prominently. We are hoping to do more work to help us be an eco-friendlier church and explore recycling and reuse in our church activities. We are also planning some activities to encourage new families to the church. Bring a friend to Sunday club and inviting former families along for activities like messy church, are among the suggestions I have had.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Genesis 2:15



We are planning our next Messy Church evenings and are not yet sure if a holiday club might be possible this year. As with all planning, what goes ahead is dependant on covid restrictions at the time. I am also hoping that as restrictions ease more we may be able to restart our family film nights. These were always lots of fun and often give us an opportunity to engage with families who do not usually come to church.

The more time I spend with our young people and families, the more I learn from them, they have such resilience and adapt to the constant change so well. I am grateful to all our teams for their support and help, we are always keen to welcome new members to our teams. I feel encouraged and blessed and look forward to sharing our journey through lent and Easter together, and the opportunity to worship in the park at the 8am service on Easter Sunday. Everyone is welcome and we will have the opportunity to roll our eggs after the service.

Louise Reid

Family and youth worker

Communications Update



Here we are a few months into our union, worshipping together as one congregation. Gradually we are getting to know each other and creating new friendships and ways of working. I am so grateful to all those who are helping this process. I am particularly grateful to Arleen Wylde who has helped put together and edit this magazine. She is also working closely with me as we create a new website for Knightswood Anniesland Trinity church. This is no small undertaking here are Arleen's thoughts on the subject;

With the Union of our two churches taking place, an up-to-date website is an important part of this, to promote and put out information regarding our new church to the congregation and wider community. Louise and I therefore have been working together over the last few weeks and months, getting to know each other and working towards the website for our new Knightswood Anniesland Trinity Church. It has involved some hours of work, deciding what to put in the new website, what to keep from the previous two websites and what headings and sections we should have. It has been an enjoyable process, working together, along with the guidance of Fiona, and things are now moving forward and hopefully the new website will be up and running soon. We do hope that you check the website out once it is completed, and that you enjoy what has been included.

With warm wishes,

Arleen Wylde

We are grateful to all those who help make the magazine possible whether submitting articles or in the actual production of it. We are always looking for new members for our communications team. If you have even a small amount of time to spare, we would be happy to share more information so please get in touch if you are interested.

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So watch this space for our exciting developments

Louise Reid

Communications team

Congregational Register

Deaths - “blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted”

Tom Munn - January

Disjunction – We wish every blessing to:

Christine and Murdoch McLeod

Baptism – we give thanks for the baptism of:

Scarlett Evelyn Isabel Kerr

Blessing – we give thanks for the blessing of:

Ellie Campbell

Wedding — We celebrate with

Sheena Kennedy and William Allison January 2022

St Margaret’s Congregational Roll

At the end of 2021, the St Margaret’s portion of the Roll stood at 123. During the year we lost fifteen members, seven of whom died, the last one being Mrs Jeanette Jardine, our Treasurer and long time choir member.

Since the start of 2022 a further three members have died; Mrs Pat Forsyth died in January 2022. We received information that Mr Peter Gray, had died earlier but we had not been notified, and Mr John Smith, died suddenly in February.

To all those who mourn the passing of their loved ones we send our condolences and deepest sympathy.

On 19th January the joint Kirk Session admitted to the Roll Mrs Kathleen Smith on a Certificate of Transference from Scotstoun Parish Church, and we welcome her most warmly to our church family.

David Adams Joint Roll Keeper

Friendship Cafe

Welcome everyone to the Friendship Café which takes place each Tuesday from 10-11.30am in the small hall at the Knightswood site, where we enjoy tea/coffee, toast , biscuits, cake and especially chat. Our next special events are Pancake Tuesday and St. Patrick's Day. We really look forward to welcoming you and getting to know you at the café. (As the covid restrictions ease we shall extend our activities.)

Christine Furnish.



Our daily bread

I have a few spare copies of Our daily Bread bible reading notes for March-June and a few introductory copies. If anyone would like a copy, please speak to me when we meet in the church. They are free and I send a donation twice a year.

Alison Gray.

NEW MAGAZINE NAME

We are looking for suggestions for a name for our Knightswood Anniesland Trinity Church Magazine, or KAT for short.

To meet our print deadline we decided to go with what you see here. If you have any comments or suggestions please either speak to Arleen, Louise or Fiona. Or you can emails us on

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Placement of Adaeze Goziem-Ibonye.

Friends, it seems like only the other day since Adaeze joined us as our student minister. Actually it was the 1st of September! We are so grateful for her life and ministry in our midst - her enthusiasm, her love of Jesus, her vibrant leading of worship and her dancing.

Adaeze's placement with us will come to an end soon, and we are going to miss her and her family enormously. I will say more in the next church magazine, but for now, I just wanted us to know that we are not able to keep her forever.



Church Choir

After talking with Stewart Henderson, the organist at Temple Anniesland Church, I am eager to form a choir for the newly formed Knightswood Anniesland Trinity Church so that we can contribute musically to the church services. I would like to hear from anyone interested in joining the choir. Anyone is welcome to join the choir with or without previous singing experience. We all learn from one another. If you would like further information, please contact me on cjfurnish@aol.com.

Stay safe,

Christine Furnish

Building Bridges, A Personal view.

Bridges are wonderful creations, they come in all shapes and sizes but regardless of the architectural merits, they have one thing in common, their purpose is to join together and allow free movement both ways

The Ecumenical movement is also a form of bridge I have been interested in the principle of ecumenism from the time I became aware of it I never knew why, it just instinctively felt right to me. I always had a problem explaining it to others. This problem has been solved quite unexpectedly by my chance reading about the motto of The Irish School of Ecumenics, it is these Latin words

“FLOREAT UT PEREAT”

(May it Flourish in Order to Perish)

“Meaning that the aim of the ecumenical institutions and ecumenical theology must be to work themselves out of business by overcoming the divisions that provisionally make them necessary”

Quote within foreword of book

Tables and Traditions by Alasdair Heron.

I cannot put it any better than this, after all our aim is to all become one in Christ. My first thought was that maybe I was being disloyal to the branch of the church I am a member of. Could we all be guilty of being overprotective and not forward looking enough? Although our faith has survived for a long time it has and will continue to change and evolve as we move closer to God’s purpose for us, that we all become one in Christ.

We could go one of two ways:-

1. we remain split into groups, each jealously guarding their own traditions and rejecting all others i.e., mutually exclusive.
2. we accept and understand that our tradition may NOT be the only way, after all each individual person on this earth is wholly unique and their own life experiences define who and what they essentially are. Therefore, this uniqueness also means that the paths we each may follow to come fulness and wholeness in Christ can and indeed will be

vastly different although the end point is the same. We all become one in Christ

This individuality and uniqueness is wholly positive if treated in the right manner, promoting discussion and bringing variety, colour and choice into our lives. This also would indicate faith in our God and also illustrate that our God is not a repressive God but one who also allows mankind to flourish and to make mistakes and never stops loving us,

An unconditional Love.

Will we learn to share our faith with one another on a deep and meaningful level? Coming from different backgrounds and sharing differing values is not necessarily an insurmountable problem. This may in the long run give us a broader and more meaningful understanding of what we are really all about. Are we able to come to a workable accommodation with other groups, without losing face as some may see it and still live under the one banner as people of God?

John Justin Brown





Congratulations to
Sheena Kennedy
and William Allison
Married January 2022



A thank you message
from the Kerr family

