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## TRINITY CHAT AUTUMN 2022

### Musings from the manse

“ There is a time for everything,  
For every activity under heaven.”

Ecclesiastes 3: 1

As we go further into the season of autumn, it feels as if everything is changing. We have some lovely bright summer days, but now the leaves are turning, and it is getting a little darker each day.

This seems to be a time of enormous stress and pressure. There is turmoil in the political world at home and abroad. After all the restrictions of the time of pandemic, now we have entered into a time of rapidly increasing prices - prices in the shops and energy prices being particularly grim. Society is under enormous strain, and we are unsure how we are going to survive the winter, to have food on the table, and any kind of warmth. Vulnerable people are particularly at risk.

Throughout the bible, God’s people have faced difficult days,

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whether it was wilderness times, or times in exile in Babylon. People often didn't know what was going to happen, and they lived with the possibility of threat and uncertainty. In the days of the new testament church it was the same, with the Christians facing opposition from Jewish leaders and the Roman authorities. Everything was unsettled.

Yet in these days, Jesus continues to call us to trust in Him. Even when the sea seems rough and the storm is upon us, we know that we can trust that He has the power to still the raging seas, and bring calm. It is good to remember that sometimes the storm around us continues, but Jesus can bring us peace in our souls.

The beautiful verse from Isaiah 26 verse 3 comes to mind:

“ You will keep in perfect peace, those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in You.”



We pray for courage to trust God, even in times of change and worry.

We want to trust God, and also at the same time look after each other. We want to pray for each other, to love each other, to support one another. If people are suffering financial hardship, please get in touch, as we have a discretionary fund to help those who are struggling. If you want a listening ear, get in touch by phone or email. The church as a Christian community, should be a place where people are loved and accepted and supported.

We need to uphold each other, as we go through the days ahead. The company Designed to Succeed are helping us work out what might be

a constructive way ahead for our Christian witness in this place, and what configuration of building or buildings might support our mission plan. The proposals from 'Designed To succeed' should be with us from October. The decision is to be made by our elders in our parish grouping by March of next year. Please pray that the best decision might be made for this part of the city.

We pray meantime, for courage to trust God, to receive His peace, and to be guided by His holy spirit as to how to uphold one another, and to be there for people in our community and parish. Please invite people around you to the different events that are on, and to our cafes, and study groups and times of prayer. As a church, we want to be a caring community and a beacon of hope in this place.

Love and prayers,  
Fiona

**Compline Prayer**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ, give rest to the weary, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous, and all for your love's sake,  
Amen

**Resignations.**

We are sad that two of our long standing elders - Jim and Marion Stewart have resigned from their role as church elders after many years of active and loving service. Jim was ordained as an elder in June 1997 and Marion in 2007. Jim also served as Session clerk for many years, and was in post when I came to Temple Anniesland church. I am grateful to him for his welcome and wise counsel. We are grateful for the positive and caring contribution they have both made over the years, and wish them a well earned rest.



Hello everyone,

I hope you are all well. As I write this I am currently sitting on the pier in Blackpool in the sunshine, reminiscing on the many family holidays I have had here. I hope you too have had the chance to get away and enjoy the lovely weather we have had over the summer months.

Although our teams have had some holidays over the last few months the work of Knightswood Anniesland Trinity has continued. We have been working alongside presbytery representatives to try to see what the best way forward will be with regards to buildings. There are many difficult decision's to be made and I am sure, many more meetings to attend.

As most of you will know, I lost my nephew, Stuart, in February. His sudden and devastating loss has had a huge impact on our family and friends. Losing Stuart has been, the most difficult and tragic loss I have ever experienced. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your cards, flowers and prayers during this very difficult time. I would especially like to thank our minister, Fiona, for the support, guidance and care that she has shown to me and everyone in my family. Last but certainly not least, a huge thanks to David Adams, my fellow session Clerk, for covering for me over the last six months.

With love and prayers

Gail Grieve Joint Session Clerk

My, how the year has flown; fair skooshed in, in fact. To those of you who managed a holiday I can only ask, "What's your secret?" I shouldn't complain but that's never stopped me before. On the personal front it's been quite a year, the wedding of my granddaughter Rachael in March to a lovely chap called Craig Adamson, close enough to be a member of the Adams family (note single 'd') then in August, my son celebrating his 60th birthday down in Glasgow with all the family. I know, how can one so young have a 60 year old son? Don't answer that!

Meanwhile as far as our church is concerned it has been hectic. Meeting upon meeting for the Parish Grouping (members of the three Kirk Sessions) and the Nurture and Growth Group (the three Session Clerks plus other representatives of the Sessions and, of course Rev Fiona and Graham) during June and August.

We've been meeting with Gary McFarlane of 'Design to Succeed' a group attached to the Presbytery, there to offer advice and guidance as we try to reach the right decisions on the issues facing us. S'no' easy, so it's no'. Please pray for us, we need all the help we can get.

In the meantime, it's great to get together on a Sunday and to see all the new groups of friends that have formed between the two former congregations, now clearly working as one.

David Adams

Joint Session Clerk.



### Our Treasurer

Over summer HMRC has been contacted to claim back tax on Gift Aid donations. We claimed almost £3500 which was for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the year and so it is worthwhile for members to complete a form to allow us to claim back tax on their offerings if they do in fact pay enough tax to enable us to claim back 25% of their offerings. If any member of the congregation no longer pays sufficient tax to cover this figure, it is important that they inform myself as we do not want to be making a fraudulent claim!

The usual business of doing reconciliations, paying accounts etc still requires to be done over the summer months and I am grateful to Beatrice for her assistance with these matters.

In view of the anticipated increases in gas and electricity prices, I would ask everyone to be very careful when using church premises and to ensure that heating and lighting is only used when necessary.

Once again, many thanks to all our members who give regularly and generously as we would find it difficult to survive without this support.

Best wishes to everyone at the start of this new session.

Nancy Quinn  
Treasurer



## Stop press

### Student

We are delighted to welcome our student Callum Macfarlane-Grieve, to our congregation. Callum is a second year student, and will start his placement with us on 18<sup>th</sup> of September. We pray for Callum as he settles into the congregation, and remember him and his wife Amy in the midst of a busy time of studies and placement. He has written a wee article of introduction further on in the magazine.



### Organist

We are sad that our organist Stewart Henderson has now officially left his post, after playing the organ here at Temple Anniesland church, and elsewhere for over 50 years ( he must have started very young!). We have immensely valued Stewart's playing at cantatas, concerts and worship, and his enthusiasm, experience and humour. We are really going to miss Stewart, but he will continue to be part of our congregation, to play at many of our Thursday services, and to be a relief organist also. We wish Stewart every blessing, and will stay in touch.

Christine Furnish will now become our full time choir mistress and organist each Sunday, and we wish her well, as she takes up this new position. We look forward to more choral pieces in the future.

### **Family and Youth Worker**

I hope you have all had some time to rest and relax over the summer. I have managed some time away and been able to catch up on planning, organising and sorting our youth equipment. Although we are still living with covid and its effects on daily life activities are slowly getting back to pre-covid normal. Just before the schools returned, we had a Messy Church with its shared activities. We welcomed several families and were able to catch up with some we have not seen since before covid. Everyone was able to enjoy our sand pit and chill out space again. We learned a new song and shared some delicious food. You can find our future **Messy Church dates in the diary part of this magazine.**

**Sunday club** has been quieter over the summer months with many of our young people and their families away at different times. As we move into the Autumn session our young people are planning to help raise awareness of environmental issues and look at making recycling our waste easier for both our church buildings. So, watch this space to see what they come up with. A group of our young people have moved to high school this year. To allow them a more mature space to discuss their thoughts and issues with their peer group and to explore Gods word in a deeper way, we are offering a youth food and chat group once a month. This is open to anyone in high school. Contact myself for more details.

Changing circumstances and life commitments mean that our usual pool of Sunday club leaders can no longer commit to the same amount of time. We are therefore **looking for some new members to join our team** you would not need to commit to every week but could perhaps fill some gaps when needed. This would involve being disclosure checked for safeguarding. If you feel you could offer any time or would like more information, please get in touch.



**Our other youth groups** have either returned or are returning in the next few weeks. This includes our uniform groups and our buggy brigade. For more details of when these groups meet in both our buildings please **check out our website [www.katchurch.org.uk](http://www.katchurch.org.uk)**

Praying for God's guidance, as we plan ahead for the autumn and winter session , I feel optimistic that our intergenerational events involving our young people and all the church family will bring us closer as we work together., and create a positive future for our church and the community we serve.

Louise Reid  
Family and youth worker  
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For I know the  
*Plans*  
I have for you,  
declares the *Lord*  
Plans to *Prosper* you  
and not to harm you  
Plans to give you  
*Hope* and a *Future*  
-Jeremiah 29:11

## **Communications**

**This edition of the church Magazine** is the first we have been able to involve our collation team in helping get it ready to put out since covid. It was lovely to come together to share this again.

Thank you to all our magazine team and all those who contributed articles. If anyone feels they would like to get involved in helping, please contact me for more information.

**Our new website** is now up and running and the feedback about it has been positive. Please check it out if you have not already at

**[www.katchurch.org.uk](http://www.katchurch.org.uk)**

There is also our church **Facebook page**

find and like us at **Knightswood Anniesland Trinity church**

These give us a place to share all that our church is involved with and update anything new. Keeping it up to date is a little challenging at times due to other commitments so apologies if things are a little delayed. If anyone would like to offer any help with this even for a few hours a month (No website knowledge is need as full training is available) please get in touch.

Louise Reid Communications team

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**New events** - our **book group** is studying Tish Harrison

Warren's book "**Prayer in the Night**" on two Saturday mornings a month. If anyone is interested in finding out more, please contact Fiona. Even if you can't come to the book group, the book is a very worthwhile read, and I will put a copy in the church library in the Anniesland building.

Our **Alpha course** is starting back, two Tuesday evenings a month is the St David's building, starting on 27<sup>th</sup> of September. It is a great opportunity to learn more about our Christian faith, and what it means. Please let Fiona know if you are interested in coming along

Congregational Register

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

Katherina Mansbridge	Late 2021
Alan Grass	October 2021
Jean Manson	March 2022
Marion Lees,	March 2022
Margaret DeSmet,	April 2022
Johan Maciver,	April 2022
George Watson	April 2022
Catherine Atkinson	June 2022
Katherine McInnes,	June 2022
Laura Allan	July 2022
Eva Hugh	July 2022

**Disjunction – We wish every blessing to:**

Elisabeth Robertson

Arleen and Tam Wylde

**Baptism – we give thanks for the baptism of:**

Freddie Andrew Martin May 2022

## Our Church Café's

### Friendship Café

**Every Tuesday Morning 10-11.30 am in the small hall at the St. Margaret Building!**

All are welcome at the café for tea/coffee, toast, biscuits etc and chat. We really look forward to seeing you here as it is a great way to meet people, make new friends and catch up with 'older' ones.

Every so often we have 'special' events listed below:

**27<sup>th</sup> September Our 'harvest' café** when we invite our guests to bring harvest gifts which will be donated to the Blawarthill Food Bank.

**25<sup>th</sup> October Our 'Hallowe'en' café** with dooking for apples. Don't worry - dressing up is not compulsory, nor is the dooking!

**29<sup>th</sup> November Our St. Andrew's Day café** when we remember the Patron Saint of Scotland and the food has a Scottish theme.

On each of the above Tuesdays we hope to serve rolls and sausage in addition to other goodies.



### Annie's place café

**Every Friday afternoon 1-3pm in the old hall at the Anniesland building.**

We have tea/coffee cake and chat from 1-2pm followed by a different activity each week from 2-3pm. All are welcome to drop in either just for tea and chat or to stay and join in the activity or just watch.

We have Jane from the high school of Glasgow to lead our sing along once a month and have now also added line dancing to our regular programme.

Our next few weeks are listed below but please check out our church website for future programme dates.

**2nd September** 10 pin bowling for fun

**9th September** memory box sharing our stories

**16th September** Harvest crafts

**23rd September** Sing along music memories with Jane

In the meantime, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you at our cafés whenever you can manage along.

### **Glasgow Doors Open Day**

As in previous years St. Margaret's Church is taking part in this interesting event where different types of buildings in Glasgow are open free of charge to anyone who wishes to visit them and learn more of their history.

St. Margaret's building will be open on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 10am until 4pm and on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 1pm until 4pm. Guided tours of the St. Margaret Building will take place at regular intervals and organ music will be available if requested. Tea/coffee and home baking will be available for visitors and there will also be drawing and puzzle activities for children.

Do come along to this event, if you can manage.



### **Church Choir**

The Church Choir is now contributing introits and sometimes anthems at Church Services and the members are happy to be leading the praise in the Sanctuary. We have even managed a social gathering in the short time that we have been singing together!

At the moment, if the Choir is contributing to the praise in the Church, we meet for a rehearsal at 10:00 on Sundays before the service.

If you are interested in joining us (no previous singing experience is necessary as we all learn from one another) please speak to me after a service or contact me on **07799384852**. You can also email me at: **[cjfurnish@aol.com](mailto:cjfurnish@aol.com)**.

Thank you for reading this,  
Christine Furnish



## 247 Boys Brigade



The new session of boys brigade will start on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of September. We are very much looking forward to seeing the boys and catching up with all their adventures during the school holidays.

We have a very busy programme planned for the next few months and can't wait to start using the new materials provided by the battalion. We hope to be able to have a weekend away to Dalguise at the end of October .

Boys Brigade is open to any boy from age 5 or who has started Primary 1 in August this year. If you know of anyone who would like to come along to learn new skills and have lots of fun, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Gail Grieve  
Officer In Charge

### **201<sup>st</sup> City of Glasgow Brownie unit,**

Knighstwood Anniesland Trinity Church,  
(Anniesland Building),  
Crow Road, G13 1LE

The Tuesday Brownies have had a very interesting session.



### **STEM Event – Glasgow University school of life Science**

Our Brownies attended this event at the University, STEM means science, engineering and maths.

The theme was a CSI ( crime scene investigation) event where the Brownies moved round various stations to solve a crime. They looked at finger prints, DNA, Blood types and different bones to solve the

clues They were a credit to the Brownies and Parents and asked loads of interesting questions.

### **Charity Badge**

They Brownies held a charity night on 10<sup>th</sup> May where they had to find out about a charity and raise money for it. On the 10<sup>th</sup> May the Brownies parents and Guides came along to support us.

The Brownies had various stalls of a tuck shop, tombola, bake sale, lemonade stall as well as jewellery and fridge magnets to sell. Some also did their own fundraising bake sales and a sponsored bike ride.

The total raised was a fantastic £256.06. The girls then had to write a letter to the charity telling them what they did.

Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust £26.50

Refuweegeee £13.20

Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity £18.10

WWF Save the Turtles £25.75

Rookie Rockstars £27.00

Dogs Trust £43.51

Beatson Cancer Charity £22.00

Cash for kids £22.00

Make a wish Foundation UK £58.00

On our Tuesday evenings we have been doing various parts of the Programme to earn theme awards. The Brownies particularly enjoy baking and games .

After our Summer break we will have spaces available (ages are 7yrs to 10 yrs) so please register for a place on [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk), select 201<sup>st</sup> Glasgow Brownies.

Lesley Murray

Brown Owl

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## **Do You Have A Wish.**

Have you ever been asked, If You Had your life to live again what would you change? Well, after some thought, let me tell you about my wish.

Put simply, I would like to have lived in the same period as Jesus, and witnessed all the events in his life. I wonder how I would react to first hand exposure to the personality of Jesus. Would I support the rebellious type of person that the established religious authorities made Jesus out to be? Would I be prepared to stand up for Jesus when the time came. My earnest hope is that I would follow him then as I do now, but to be perfectly honest I do not know what I would do.

What did the Apostles see in Jesus the “man” that was so special? Was it the fellowship and bond developing between them, growing all the time discovering new perceptions of the world and their place in it. Jesus had an affinity with the common people. Was it the way Jesus taught them through parables, sermons and the preaching of the Good News? Was it the healing of the sick, the forgiving of sins and the raising of Lazarus. The Lord’s Prayer. I could go on...

Was it all these things or none, simply the gradual realisation of who he really was, The son of God the father, the creator of all things in heaven and earth. Life was altogether more meaningful and eventful. A new window on life opened up to them, they were reborn as “fishers of men”. The religious authorities did not ignore these events and the disciples eventually learned the true meaning of friendship, greater love hath no man...

In Jesus the disciples found a man with a mission who was so different from all the other (false) prophets of the time. He was and is The Son Of God.

John Justin Brown.





### **Blythswood shoeboxes**

Blythswood Care is a Christian organisation which seeks to help people in desperate need, mostly in Eastern Europe, through education, community, and the gospel. One of their projects is sending shoeboxes to people in need, filled with essential items such as hats, gloves and toiletries.

In the past 5 years over 500,000 shoeboxes have been sent to people in desperate need. This year I have filled 75 shoeboxes for elderly ladies, teenage boys and children. I would like to do more boxes for elderly ladies and children 0-3 years.



The things I need are soap, especially baby soap, toothpaste for young children, socks or tights and underwear for elderly ladies, and hats for 0-3 year olds. Sweets are also needed. The sell by date must be after March 2023. No chocolate, lollipops or loose sweets are allowed.

Money is always welcome as Blythswood ask for a donation of £3 a box, as it costs £6000 to send a truck to Eastern Europe. Any donations welcome. I would be happy to receive anything on Sundays 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

Thanks you  
Alison Gray  
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**Love songs for healing and hope** -  
some information about this new book!

This is a devotional resource book for those who have experienced loss or difficulty.

This book is the sequel to “Love song for a wounded warrior”. In this book, I explore the longer term effects of bereavement and trauma, and share life stories offered by ten colleagues and friends, who have also faced life changing situations. The book is offered as a selection of resources, blogs and reflections which might be supportive to people who are finding life difficult.

**All proceeds of this book go to charity**, split equally between ‘Quiet Waters’ in Camelon, Falkirk, and ‘Richmond’s Hope’, both charities that provide support to people who are finding life difficult.

If you would like to know more, please contact woundedwarriorfg@gmail.com

**Copies of the book can be obtained** for £15 plus postage from the author at the above email,

or from Handsel Press <https://handselpress.co.uk/product/love-songs-for-healing-and-hope/>

**more money will be raised for the two charities** if you approach the author directly at woundedwarriorfg@gmail.com



## **Our Student Callum Macfarlane-Grieve and his wife Amy**



As I come into my second year of training for ministry in the Church of Scotland, I am excited to spend time in your church community: meeting, learning from and growing with you all. So that I will be a less of a stranger, here is a short bio of who I am and what I'm about:

Some of the basics: I am almost 32, married to my wonderful wife Amy, and we stay just over the Clyde on the Southside with our two pesky but adorable cats, Oban and Brora. I am a big fan of cinema trips, hill walking, cycling, and adventures - especially those involving animals and board games.

I grew up down in Troon on the Ayrshire coast but have lived around Glasgow for over a decade now, where for as long as I can remember, ministry has been a crucial part of who I am. After coming to faith fairly dramatically in my mid-teens, I discovered a passion for following God wherever he calls.

One of the first adventures God called me on was also possibly one of the most unusual. At 16, I headed out to Trinidad Beni, Bolivia, instead of going into my 6th year at secondary school. There I had the privilege to work with a church/school/medical project called La Palmera as the secondary English teacher and one of the church youth pastors for a year or so. Despite being bewilderingly out of my depth, I loved every moment! I arrived with a youthful zeal/ignorance, hopeful to change the world, but I left changed by the

experience and the incredible, generous community who warmly welcomed this hapless teenager.

Returning to Scotland, I felt called to youth ministry and trained in Youth Work with Applied Theology at ICC. While I loved studying and learning, those years were possibly most shaped by loss and struggle. I am immensely grateful to a God who is with us both in the highs and lows of life.

My youth work training led me to Killermont Parish Church, where I would work as a youth pastor for nearly a decade investing in the local community in Bearsden. It was also a number of those folks who would be vital in encouraging me on the journey to becoming a minister. Alongside working in Killermont, I was also part of the re-founding of St George's Tron in the city centre, where I am an elder and was also previously Session Clerk. Watching and investing in the renewal God has worked in that place delights my heart, it is also where I met, and ultimately married, my beautiful wife, Amy, so I may be a little biased!

So that is a little of me and the journey that leads me to your door on placement. A passionate follower of Jesus whose most recent call has been to become a minister. Reflecting on my journey to this point, I know that one of the things I love the most is when God reveals something through His word, and I, with fervour and eagerness, get to share that truth with others.

So don't be a stranger if you see me pottering about, I am always happy for a chat. You now know a little about me; I look forward to hearing some of your stories!

Every blessing,  
Callum