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TRINITY CHAT AUTUMN 2023

Musings from the manse

“ where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom

2 Corinthians 3: 17

It is hard to believe that the summer is over, and that we face another full winter session ahead. After an unusually warm June, the summer weather has been more mixed. It has been lovely to have had a break, to hopefully to have had some down time, and a change from the normal routine. For many they had a chance to relax over the summer, or to get away, and that can be so refreshing.

One of our highlights over the summer was our “Holiday club” The Restoration Station, where we were celebrating that God offers to restore our lives, to bring healing and hope, and a restoration of relationships. Our primary one to seven children and volunteers had a great time, as our photos on the back page show!

We have also had more information about our building situation, as the leaflet inside shares. As after much prayer, conversation and consultation,

Knightswood Anniesland Trinity Church

the churches and congregations were unable to reach a clear resolution on which configuration of buildings might best serve our missional purpose, and so representatives of Glasgow Presbytery visited the parish grouping council to suggest a new way forward, an arbitration type process called a “scheme of delegation”. There is a congregational vote about this on the 10th of September. This would mean that an independent group would consider all the different factors involved, and made a decision based on this. We pray for them to make the best choice for our way forward. This decision goes to the May meeting of Glasgow presbytery for their consideration. We watch and pray.

Meantime our focus remains how to build the people of God. As we have said before, we can have the best building/buildings in the world, but if we have no one in them, then this doesn’t mean much. So we want to learn more about our Christian faith, to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ, and to learn to share our faith enthusiastically with others around us. Our faith is so very precious, it grounds us in difficult days, it inspires us to keep trying, it gives us hope for the future. And so we want everyone to share in this life giving gift.

And we remember that famous verse from 2 Corinthians chapter 3 “where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom”. Sometimes we get bound up in stuff from the past, which limits our capacity to see, and which makes us afraid.



Times of uncertainty can leave us worried and upset. But God reminds us that His holy spirit is still at work, opening up new possibilities, different paths, a new way forward. It is good to ask His Spirit to be at work, to help us see with fresh eyes, to look to the needs of others. We are not seeking to build up the church, so we ourselves will be ok. We want to see the church be a welcoming, friendly, loving family, which will bless our local community, and everyone in it, not just today, but in the future. God’s love

is extravagant and generous, and wants to flow out to all people, and we are called to enable this to happen - such a high calling.

As congregations coming into union, we agreed on a vision of who we want to be, and I just want to share this. This is our vision of who we want to be, and is core to our identity.

“The Congregations commit themselves to work collaboratively in ministry, and in pursuit of this the congregations affirm the following as essential aspects of their shared 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.,**

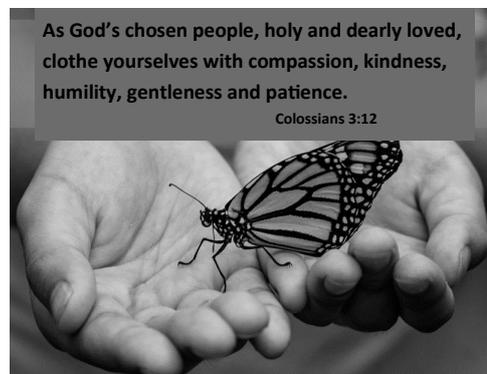
11. To share our faith with others in the community in relevant, loving and innovative ways. The congregations determine to support such collaborative ministry through local funding and the engagement of a part time family and youth worker.

These words are key for us to pray with and mull over, and work towards in the session ahead. We are to work with our sister church St David's, as we continue to get to know one another, and to learn to work more closely together. Whatever happens with our buildings, we are to focus on building up God's people, through prayer, kindness, grace and forgiveness.

May we find the strength to continue to work towards this vision, guided by God's holy spirit, which brings new life and renewal,

With every blessing for the session ahead,

Fiona

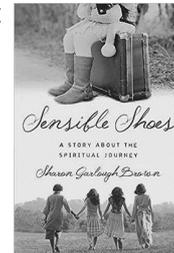


Fiona is having to take some time out just now - due to family illness, but should be back with us soon. She is thankful to her session clerks David and Gail for the additional work they are doing, and to Louise and all office bearers who are assisting. We are grateful too for all who are doing pulpit supply over this period. Thank you.

A new season of our Book group -
Sensible Shoes by Sharon Garlough Brown.

We are excited for our book group to be studying the pastoral story of four women, who go to a retreat together, and learn more about connecting with God, about prayer and navigating the traumas and losses of life. It is a gentle book, which shares many insights about God and about the Christian journey. If you are looking for a safe place to connect with God, and grow in your faith, this could be for you.

The group meets twice a month, on a Saturday morning, and the first session is from 10.30am till 12noonish, on the 7th October. If you are interested in finding out more, please speak to Fiona or Louise.



Post Alpha -
A course to help us think through what is next -
A Life Worth Living.

This is a ten week course, based on the letter to the Philippians. It is based on a book by Nicky Gumbel - helping us to explore what it means to live a life of purpose, passion and joy. This is a video series, which enable us to think through core issues of what makes a life worth living. If you are interested in coming along, please contact Fiona.

It is on for two Wednesday evenings a month - starting on Wednesday 8th November from 7pm till 8.45pm. More details to follow.

My Face

The Father says:

I am going to tell you about
the ultimate joy that awaits you in Heaven

It is not the splendorous views
It is not the chorus of a billion Angels
It is not being reunited with loved ones

It is when you stand before Me
and become completely, utterly, enraptured as you Behold My Face

You see, My Face is what you have
Always wanted to see
Even though you may not know it

All I AM
Radiates as the brightest light
Beyond what you can imagine
From My Face



All My Love for you
Which I have treasured
Before I created the worlds
All My Hopes and Joys regarding you
All My Dreams for you
All My Infinite thoughts of love about you
All My deepest affection for you
You will finally see and know these things
My dear, dear, child
As you behold My Face
You have absolutely no idea
How much I treasure you
But as you see My Face
You will finally begin to understand
Just how much you truly mean to Me

Before this moment
You had a vague idea
But as you behold My Face
Your heart will be flooded with such joy
No ocean could contain it.

Your sorrows and cares
From your time on earth
Will dissipate in an instant
You will no longer remember them
As you are overwhelmed knowing
That I TRULY, TRULY love you
As one as never loved another

You will completely understand just why
I HAD to give My Son for you
Because the thought of losing you
Is something I could not bear

Peace, like a mighty wind,
Will flow through you
So that any worry
Any fear of Me not accepting you
Ceases forever

The Joy I feel
At knowing we will be together forever
Will become OUR joy
In that moment
You first behold My Face
You will know
Without any doubt
You are My dear child
You will know My tenderness
Regarding you
And it will make you weep with joy
As you behold My Face



You will stand
With such boldness
That no army will ever intimidate you
As My total acceptance of you
Fills your heart with new, unlimited strength
As you behold My Face.

For no other thing in Heaven
No matter how wondrous
The streets of gold
The gates of pearl
Buildings beautiful beyond compare
None of these things
Will so totally carry you away
In joy beyond description
As that moment you first stand before Me,
And behold My Face.

Author unknown



Hello everyone,

I hope this finds you well and that you have enjoyed the few sunny days that we have had recently.

We are at the start of a new session and all the groups in both buildings are starting up again. During the summer months the elders have been meeting as part of the Parish Grouping Council with members from Presbytery to discuss the way forward for our church with regards to the choice of buildings. After a great deal of discussion and prayer, a recommendation was brought to the members of the Parish Grouping Council. That recommendation was that an independent, external group would be appointed by Presbytery to make a determination for us about which building would be best for the future growth of Knightswood Anniesland Trinity Church. This is a new process that has met with the approval of Glasgow Presbytery and is called the Scheme of Delegation. An outline of what this involves is in the enclosed leaflet.

The congregations of Knightswood Anniesland Trinity Church and of St David's Knightswood are being asked to consider this proposal and a vote will be carried out on Sunday 10th September after worship. Only those present will be able to vote. Presbytery have promised that the vote will be a more robust process than before.

There are many difficult days and months ahead until the decision of which building or buildings will be retained and developed is reached. Please can you keep the members of both Kirk Sessions in your prayers as they continue to plan the future for our church.

With love and blessing

Gail Grieve

Joint Session Clerk

Recently, I was in a supermarket in my former stomping ground of Lanark and I bumped into one of the elders of my church there. When I left Lanark in 2004 she was Session Clerk, and she still is. Well, in truth the lady is now the minute secretary, while a former, retired Clerk has returned to take on the title role. It made me shiver a wee bit.

Naturally I asked how matters were going in the Lanark churches in the new Church of Scotland in which we find ourselves. "Don't ask," she said. But I had, so she told me - over the next twenty minutes. As I listened, it brought home to me, as if I didn't already know, that we are not alone, what's happening to us is being repeated all over Scotland with the same anxiety, foreboding and in some cases, excitement about a new future that promises misery, same-old, same-old or a new beginning with new opportunities and new friends to share it with.

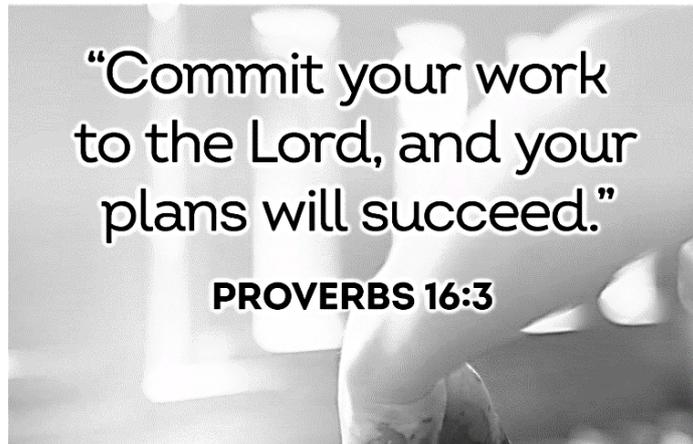
The leaflet enclosed in this magazine outlines our next steps in the process. It's important to stress that this next vote is not about what we want in the way of buildings, but as Gail has said, it's about approving a scheme that allows others to make the decision for us and it's important the message comes out that we are in favour of this scheme and, more importantly, we'll accept that decision even if it's not one we personally would have wanted.

Yesterday, (Sunday, 27th August) we had our Souper Sunday Service. So much was done by so many people before-hand to prepare and organise to make that service happen and to provide the lunch that followed. Being a creature of habit, however, I came home afterwards and thought, "What'll I have for lunch?" then thought, "No, Davie, you've had your lunch."

The over-riding feeling I had, however, was how well everyone got stuck in and made it work. The singing in the church and the chatter from a very full church hall was encouraging, to say the least. A grand day out; even my bus ran to schedule.

David Adams

Joint Session Clerk.



Finance Report

Over the summer we have continued the work of the finance team. Our 2022 accounts have been lodged with OSCR which is necessary for us to retain our charity status and also to enable us to claim exemption for the water charges for both buildings.

As we are still using both buildings, our expenses continue to remain high and so it is necessary for everyone to continue to be careful and to ensure that the heating (when it becomes cold enough for this to be in use), lighting and cookers are switched off when not required. I know that this is mentioned on a regular basis, but as we spend more than our income most months, I feel it is necessary to remind everyone of this.

Many thanks to all who assist with finance as without all the input it would be impossible to keep things running smoothly.

Nancy Quinn

Treasurer

Youth and family worker

I hope the summer break has allowed some time to get away, rest and recharge, for our families and volunteers.

One of the highlights of the summer for me was us being able to host our holiday club. It was the first since the pandemic, the first as KAT church, and the first time this team of volunteers has come together.

It was **the restoration station at the wonderful world-famous walk-in workshop**. With the theme of Jesus wanting to meet us where we are, forgive us for the stuff that needs sorting out and restore us to wholeness and new life in him!

It was a great opportunity to work with children we already know but also some new families. We were able to connect through games and fun and share our faith and Jesus great love through bible stories, drama, songs, crafts, prayers, and discussion. Each day we focused on a character from the bible and their experience of meeting Jesus. The children enjoyed coming along and there was lots of fun and laughter. Our team displayed such creativity and did a wonderful job. Our young leaders helped prepare the set and planned games in advance. They worked so well as part of the team helping and encouraging the children.

The children are not the only ones who learn. Often, they have deep insights and questions and we all learn together. I am always inspired whenever I have the opportunity to work with young people.

As things settle into our usual routine, we have new dates for Messy church and a community concert.

At Sunday club, we are exploring the theme of prayer over the next few months. Looking at different ways of praying and coming closer to Jesus. Keeping in touch with our uniform and preschool groups and encouraging them and their families to join us in church events and worship is ongoing.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who make our activities possible whether Sunday club, Messy Church or holiday club.

I am excited about the new session and looking forward to welcoming our families and young people back to our regular activities and maybe to try new ones.

Louise Reid (Family and youth worker)

Jesus said, "I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of."

John 10:10

Communications

Our communications team continue to try to keep our church family and community informed of what is going on. Through posters, Sunday and Thursday intimations, email, Facebook and the website.

In this edition of the magazine's pull out and keep pages you will find the list of upcoming services and events. This is to help everyone forward planning. Please check regularly for any updates or changes. These will be shared with the weekly intimations. The what's on and latest news pages on the website are also updated frequently so a good place to check.

I am grateful to our team of volunteers for their help and hope you find the different ways we share information helpful.

If anyone would like to join the team, please get in touch.

Email louise.reid@katchurch.org.uk

Louise Reid (communications team)



The Church Choir

Where has summer and the sun gone? I hope you managed some relaxation over the 'summer' months.

It is difficult to believe that we are now preparing for session 2023-2024. Throughout July and August the Choir sang introits at each service but starting in September we hope also to contribute anthems. If anyone has favourites they would like to hear please let myself or members of the Choir know and, if possible, we shall oblige.

Choir Practices are scheduled to restart on Thursday 7th September at 7pm in the St. Margaret building and so anyone interested in joining us then will be made very welcome. It is such a privilege to lead the praise in Church. I should like to thank Christine Hay and Fiona Hay for the many hours they have spent in indexing and bringing the music of several churches together. A mammoth task which they have undertaken with great organisational ability and humour.

Christine Furnish

READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

Have you noticed that Knightswood Anniesland Trinity has a wide variety of books available to borrow or take away? The library in the Anniesland building is in the Old Hall. Books are available to borrow (please note loans in the Lending Book) or, if there is more than one copy of a title and it would be helpful, to take. In the St Margaret's building, the books are in the Small Hall and available to borrow or buy (5 for £1, or for a small donation).



Whether you prefer Yancey, Stott, Peterson or Plass, or you enjoy Rankin, Osman, Nesbo or Cole, there is something to suit almost every taste. Why not check it out next time you are having a cuppa after the service (Anniesland) or at the Tuesday Friendship Café (St Margaret's building).

Happy reading!

Glasgow Doors Open Day

**DOORS
OPEN
DAYS 2023**

This year the St. Margaret Church Building is again taking part in the Glasgow Doors Open Day Event, and everyone is very welcome to come along and have a tour for the building and partake of tea/coffee and cakes etc. (You can just enjoy the tea/coffee, cakes if you prefer!)

The building will be open on Saturday 16th September between 10am and 4pm and on Sunday 17th September from 1pm until 4pm. There will also be activities for children. Do come along if you can.

Also, if you are able to assist with guiding or catering, please contact Christine Furnish

Friendship Café

The Friendship Café continues to meet each Tuesday from 10am until 11.30am. in the St. Margaret Building, where our guests enjoy toast, tea/ coffee, cake, biscuits etc. and lots of chat and puzzles. Over the next couple of months, we hope to have several themed Tuesdays.

On Tuesday 3rd October we shall have a 'Harvest' morning when guests at the café are invited to bring tins and packets of food which we then donate to the Blawarthill Food Bank.

On Tuesday 31st October we shall have a Hallowe'en morning which allows our visitors to relive memories of their childhoods.

Our library is being well used and we will add jigsaws to it in the near future. We look forward to welcoming you to the Café when you can manage along

Christine Furnish



Can you help

Our tea and coffee teams are looking for some help on Thursday and Sunday Mornings after worship. This would be to set up, serve, and tidy afterwards. The teams work on a rota basis, planned in advance and does not require commitment to every week. If you feel you can help or want to know more please contact Evelyn or Beatrice for the Thursday rota, Janet for the Sunday rota at the St Margaret's building, and Cathy for the Sunday rota at the Anniesland building. We look forward to welcoming you to our teams.

Annie's place café

Annie's café has started back after its summer break. It was good to welcome everyone again and catch up with how their summer has been. We are working on the new programme, and you will find details on posters and fliers in the church buildings and also on the church website.

The café is open every Friday from 1-3pm. We chat over a cuppa and biscuits, and between 2pm -3pm we have a different activity each week. Many of them are led by those who come along to the café. Please drop in one Friday for tea and chat, to join in the activity or just watch. You will be made very welcome.

Louise and the Annie's Café team

**A date for your diary!
All welcome**



**“The Four Seasons”
– a performance celebrating life
through music, words and images**

**Saturday 28th October at 7pm
In the Anniesland Building**

With participation from members of “Crossrock”
and Knightswood Anniesland Trinity Church

Followed by refreshments

Free Admission –
with the opportunity to donate to a nominated charity

*In Memory of Jean Findlater
who played a big part
in all of our lives and
in the life of our church and community*

We warmly invite anyone who is interested in joining a short life singing group for this concert, to join us on Sunday 10th September at 3.30pm in the old hall in the Anniesland building.



247 Boys Brigade



We have enjoyed a lovely break over the summer months and are now looking forward to starting our new session on 6th of September.

Boys Brigade is celebrating its 140th anniversary on the 4th of October this year. The Brigade have planned lots of activities to celebrate this milestone and we are looking forward to taking on many of the challenges that are being set. We will be looking at how the Boys Brigade has changed in the last 140 years.

Boys Brigade is open to all boys in Primary 1 and above. If you know of anyone who would like to join then please get in touch.

Gail Grieve
Officer in Charge



Holiday club 2023

