

TRINITY CHAT AUTUMN 2025



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From the Interim Minister



Well, summer is over – as I write that certainly seems to be the case in terms of the weather, but who knows it may yet give us some warm and sunny days! A different season is on its way and whether we embrace it or not, it will surely come to pass. At the start of a new church season, we are finding our way as a Kirk Session to work in a new team structure and this will take some time to get it up and running and adjustment for all involved.

It is never easy to rethink and rework the way we are used to doing things, and adjusting to working with other people than we previously might have done, but that is what we need to do. Although challenging at times, it is also creative and gives opportunities to try something else and make things better or at least better adjusted to new circumstances.

TEAMS

The **Stewardship and Finance Team** in particular can do with some more folk who have expertise or insight to offer regarding our congregational finances; we need to find considerable savings and ways to increase giving and income in order to avoid running unsustainable deficits in the future. If you would like to help on this team, please speak to Audrey (Spence) or let me or one of the Session Clerks know.

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We would also like to add to **the AV team** who help with sound and projection on Sunday; this falls under the Worship Team remit but you can let me or Audrey know if you would like to be trained on this.

SCREENS AND HYMNBOOKS

We are aware that the screens can be hard to read, especially on bright days. The light bulbs in the projectors are not strong enough anymore and the whole setup could do with replacing but we feel this is better done when we tackle the entire refurbishment otherwise we would be putting a new thing in only to potentially have to move it all again a few months down the line.

In the meantime, we want to encourage the congregation to pick up a hymnbook for reference during the service if they can't see the screen. That will work for most hymns.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up".



Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

BUILDING PLANS

I know you have been impatient for work to start on the Anniesland building and it is clearly needed in many areas. However, it was necessary to begin to 'get our house in order' as a Kirk Session in terms of governance and clarifying who is responsible for what, before getting the ball rolling on such a big undertaking. And, equally important, to first get a sense of what finance might be available for refurbishment. So far, we have a pot of money held for us by the General Trustees for fabric

purposes which largely consists of the proceeds of the former St Margaret's manse sale. To that soon will be added the proceeds of the former Anniesland manse sale and in time also the St Margaret's church building. The latter is being prepared for sale by the General Trustees, but it is hard to know how quickly a sale might be realised. All of these monies together will form the bulk of what we will have for building works, and we also need to explore if further funding can be found from elsewhere.

It will be a substantial amount, however, we will also need to keep some funds in reserve for future property maintenance and repairs, as well as likely alterations needed to the remaining manse.

There will be things that need doing to the Anniesland building that won't be particularly exciting (such as replacing the roof(s) but are necessary to future proof the building, and will take up a large chunk of the available budget.

Having said that we want to consult with you about what you would like to see happen to the buildings and what is most important in relation to our church vision and mission. Who do we want to be as a church, set in our local community, and how does that translate into how our building looks and works?

CONSULTATIONS

The next few months we will be consulting in various ways with the congregation, Kirk Session teams and various church and other groups that use our buildings to try and draw up a design brief with which we can approach architects.

You might wonder what happened to the designs that were done a few years ago and if we can't just go ahead with those. These drawings were

done in order to help the congregations decide which building to keep and were more about what might be possible, rather than a fully worked out design. We could go back to the architect who drew these up and further tweak their initial design, but we can also consult with other architects for their ideas.

I will start a sermon series on the 14th of September, based on the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, that will hopefully help us to think about buildings and building from a spiritual perspective. On the 21st of September we intend to organise a congregational consultation about the future of the Anniesland building as part of morning worship, so I hope you will be able to join us for that.

It is hard to believe I have been with you for 6 months already and I for my part have to say that I am enjoying being with you and am feeling positive about the direction of travel; but obviously you will be a better judge of that! I want to thank you all for the welcome you have given me and the trust to help you to move forward together. As we embark on this next phase I hope that we will continue to be patient with each other and with the process, acknowledging it is not simple or quick but we will get there, by the grace of God.

As psalm 127:1 says:

Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain

In dependence on Him, and for His glory,

Hanneke

Hello everyone,

How can we be in September already! It doesn't seem that long since we were looking forward to long summer days and some time off and now all the organizations have started back, and the Session have had their first meeting!

There have been some changes to our Kirk Session over the Summer months. Five of our elders have decided that it was time for them to retire and are now considered to be Elder Emeritus. They are Margaret Lang, Marion Morrison, Hector McAllister, Evelyn MacDonald, and Tom Griffiths with one other pending. I would like to thank each of them on behalf of the congregation and Kirk Session for the years of service and witness they have individually given to our congregation and hope they all enjoy their well-earned rest.

Another huge change is that David Adams intimated to the Session last week that he would stand down as one of the Joint Session Clerks. David will now be our Roll Keeper. We are incredibly grateful to David for the wisdom, guidance, and humour that he has shared with us initially as Session Clerk for Knightswood St Margarets and then for KAT Church. David takes everything in his stride, and nothing is ever a problem. The roll could certainly not be in better hands. Don't worry I am sure we will be kept up to date with how his beloved Hamilton Accies are getting on over coffee on a Sunday!

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Gail Grieve
Joint Session Clerk



Congregational Roll

Greetings, all. Over the last few months, Kirk Session has been sorting out who would be doing what as we shed duplications and, in some cases triplications of little jobs across the three former congregations now into one. As I mentioned in the last issue I was planning to resign from my role as Joint Session Clerk, and this was confirmed at our last Session meeting on September the third.

They gave me a round of applause. Was it in appreciation of my efforts or was it thank goodness he's gone? I'll never know. Now I look forward to carrying on the good work of my predecessors, Roll Keeper at Temple Anniesland Clare Sinclair and Session Clerks Gail Grieve and Jan Wildy who worked assiduously to bring the rolls together in order to make it easier for me when I took over.

Their efforts were in vain. Don't ask me how but I have managed to shuffle the postcodes to the point where my house has been moved to Maryhill and many others scattered across Glasgow and beyond. I'll get there but it will take time. At least it keeps me out of the garden.

In the meantime we welcome two new members who join us by certificate of transfer from Kelvin West Church, say 'Goodbye with best wishes' to one who leaves us by certificate to go to Broomhill Hyndland, and mourn the loss of four members who have died. Details are elsewhere in the magazine.

With these latest changes the roll stands at 377.

**David Adams
Roll Keeper.**

Family and Youth Worker

It has been a busy summer. I hope you have all managed some time to rest and recharge your batteries.

Our Summer Play Café ran every Thursday morning for the 6 weeks of the school summer holidays. The old hall in the Anniesland building was transformed into a fun family space catering for all ages with toys, games, and crafts. We are grateful to Morrisons and Lidl for their generous donations of refreshments, biscuits, and fruit.

Creation was the theme for the Café with a different aspect each week reflected in the bible story, and crafts. These included Adam and Eve looking after the garden, and Noah and the rainbow. It was encouraging to watch some of the children retell the story to each other. It was a lively, friendly, intergenerational space with lots of opportunity to chat and engage with those who came along. Over the weeks there were many new families we had not met before, there were families who already come to Messy Church or Buggy Brigade, and some who have connections to church members. The numbers varied due to holidays and on our busiest week we had 37 children and adults come along. The response from everyone was positive, and most people stayed for the 2 hours and came back.

We had many volunteers helping set up, tidy up, prepare drinks and snacks, join in the games and crafts, or chat and make everyone feel welcome. A real team effort showing loving care and support to everyone who came along. There was a great sense of our Christian community working together and reaching out beyond our church family.

Some of the new faces have been coming to Buggy Brigade or Messy Church allowing us to continue to build relationships with them. We

also have new additions to our church family mailing list so can share future activities and events.

At Sunday Club It has been good to welcome more of our children back after the holiday period. We are currently exploring favourite bible characters and stories. We hope to incorporate them into artwork pieces for the youth room. Our young leaders are helping with the project.

We have had our first Messy Church of the new session. We focused on new beginnings and how we sometimes make mistakes that Jesus can wipe clean. Making messy playdough was very popular shaping and reshaping it to make something new. We also had a backpack to colour and fill with bible verses to remind us of God's word and care for us. Our future Messy Church dates are the 3rd of October, 14th of November and the 19th of December. There is always lots of fun, songs, crafts and food to share. If you haven't been before I encourage you to come and join us one evening and find out for yourself.

I am grateful to everyone who helps and supports all the activities we offer for children, young people and families our teams working together make it all possible.

If you can offer any time no matter how small and would like to be part of our youth team, please get in touch to find out more.

Louise Reid Family and Youth Worker

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Communications

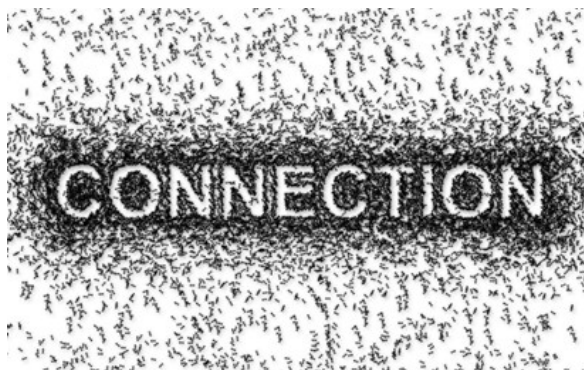
As we settle into the new session after the summer break, the Communications Team continue working to keep as many people as possible informed of what is going on at the church. The magazine is just one source of information. There are the weekly intimations at the Sunday service and posters and fliers in all the church buildings and local areas. The church website has lots of information about who we are and strive to be as a church along with the services, events and activities of the church family. The Facebook page is another way we share information particularly beyond the immediate church.

If you have information you would like to share, the relevant people to contact can be found on the centre pull out pages of the magazine.

We are always looking for people to join the Communications Team.

There are many possibilities and some only require a small-time commitment. If you are interested in helping or finding out more, please contact me.

Louise Reid Communication team convener
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When you give an offering to God via the Knightswood Anniesland Trinity Church envelopes or through the bank, that amount goes into the church bank account to be used for the Lord's work. **But imagine if you give £80 per month and yet the church receives £100!** Impossible? Not with Gift Aid.

If you pay tax then the church can recover the tax you have already paid on the money you give in your offering, increasing its value by 25% at no extra cost to you. Some people who were not in the Gift Aid scheme previously have now joined, and it makes a big difference to the church finances. We really appreciate this!

If you have not given by Gift Aid before but pay sufficient tax to cover your offerings amount, please see me and I will happily give you a form to fill in and sign. **You do not need to provide your bank account details.** All that is needed is your first name and surname, address, postcode, signature and date, and a tick in the box saying you are a UK taxpayer and understand that if the amount of Gift Aid claimed is more than you pay in tax (highly unlikely – virtually impossible!) you are responsible for paying any difference.

For those who wish to pay by Standing Order the church bank details are
Bank of Scotland, Anniesland Branch
Sort Code: 80-07-15 Account number: 00832285

Please take a note of them and then set up the S/O with the name KNIGHTSWOOD ANNIESLAND TRINITY CHURCH. (Though it won't take all that, the account details will make sure it goes to the right place.). Paying by Standing Order is far more convenient than using envelopes, as there is no need for you to look out money each Sunday, it means the church pays less money when ordering envelopes, it saves the Count Team time in counting the money after the service and also ensures that if you are away on a Sunday for any reason the money is still paid in, either weekly or (preferably) monthly.

If, however, your circumstances change you can cancel your Gift Aid at any time by notifying me in writing. Please think carefully and prayerfully about this, and see me to fill in a form if you can!

Fiona Hay
[Gift Aid Convener]

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver".

2 Corinthians 9:7

Church Choir

It seems that autumn has arrived with the falling of the leaves and the darker evenings but at least this year we did see some sunshine and enjoyed some heat which hopefully will allow us to cope better with the chill of winter.

The Choir have managed to perform items throughout the summer season and now we are planning for the Church Year ahead. Choir practices are restarting on Thursdays at 7pm in the St. Margaret's building Choir Room. The first practice of the season is more of a social and includes tea and cake to make the vocal chords more supple!

All who enjoy singing are warmly invited along and will be made most welcome. All interested should speak to any choir members, David Inglis, or myself, Christine Furnish, for further information.

David also holds a choir practice on Saturday mornings at 11am in the St. David's Building, to prepare for the service on Sunday mornings and you will be made very welcome here too.

We really would like you to join us in our vocal contributions to the Church Services.

Thank you for reading this,

David Inglis and Christine Furnish.



Thursday mid-week services

The short Thursday mid-week services have now re-started in the sanctuary of the Anniesland Building at 11 a.m., followed by tea or coffee and biscuits in the hall around 11.30. The last one before the Christmas break will be 11th December.

These services give us another opportunity to meet with God and with each other in a more informal setting, and can provide a much-needed time of calm in a busy week! If you haven't been, why not try it? And if you have - welcome back!

Christine Hay

Congregational Register

Baptism – we give thanks for the baptism of:

Oliver William Lee Docherty July 2025

Joining by certificate of transfer

Mrs Alice Gray

Miss Louise Gray

Leaving by certificate of transfer

Mrs Sheina Roberts

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

Mr Graham Pollock April, 2025

Mr Hugh Aitken May, 2025

Mrs Elisabeth (Elza) Sloan August, 2025

Mrs Catherine Aitken Date unknown

The Friendship Café

The Friendship Café met every Tuesday throughout the summer months because loneliness and mental health issues do not disappear in June, July and August.

In June we had an afternoon tea (in the morning!) with sandwiches and cakes which seemed to go down well. In July we had a digital day at the beach with rolls and sausage and ice cream cones etc., while August saw the café celebrating its 9th birthday with a delicious birthday cake.

Looking now to the future, we shall celebrate harvest thanksgiving on the last day of September by making donations to the foodbank, while on 28th October, which is the nearest Tuesday, before Hallowe'en, we shall remember our childhood by dooking for apples (it is not compulsory and is only for those who wish to!).

The Friendship Café meets every Tuesday between 10 and 11.30am and all are welcome to join us for tea/coffee, toast, biscuits, cake (sometimes!) and lots of chat. Do come and join us at this time when you will be made most welcome and where hopefully you can make new friends.

Hope to see you and welcome you next Tuesday,
Go carefully,

Christine (Furnish)



Annie's Place Café

Annie's Place Café has started back after the summer break. This allowed a much-needed rest for our volunteers. We are open Friday afternoons from 1-3pm in the Anniesland building. We offer tea, coffee, biscuits, and chat. There is an optional activity each week including quizzes, gardening demo's, line dancing, crafts, and music from the Partick Pluckers Ukulele group. The current programme can be found on the church website or pick up a flier the next time you are in the church. We look forward to welcoming you to this friendly informal space so drop in sometime and say hello.

Louise and the Annie's Place Team.



I would like to thank everyone in the congregation for their good wishes on my ninetieth birthday. It was very unexpected and a great surprise. Thank you also for the lovely card and bouquet of flowers. It was very much appreciated.

Sincerely

Helen Provan



Blythwood Shoeboxes

Shoebox time again! For me it lasts the whole year as I pick up tremendous bargains.

Since 1993 Blythwood have sent over 2,800,000 shoeboxes to Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine in time for Christmas. The boxes contain clothes, toiletries, etc for people living in real poverty - most with no running water or electricity.

So far this year I've had 102 boxes collected and I have 32 waiting to be finished. I need children's scarves if anyone could knit one.

I can supply covered boxes if anyone would like to fill one, or donations of toothpaste (50p in our local supermarket) soap, socks, etc are welcome.

If anyone is able to pay £3 to transport a shoebox, I would really appreciate that.

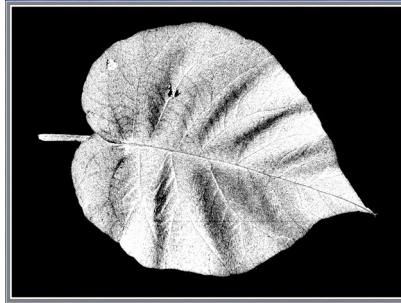
For more information please see me at church.

Thank you

Alison Gray

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35



The 207th have had a great summer, visiting lots of different places, countries, and a wide range of activities. Although the girls haven't been meeting, they have continued to self-programme, and record all their activities, for their Summer badge...and, it's been amazing!

Our first evening back, will finish the Summer badge, with a seaside theme. Then, we will move on to Autumn, with leaf printing, bulb planting, Autumn buns, and preparing for Winter.

We hope to welcome two new members, to the unit, and a new, Young Leader from Partick Rangers.

Northern Division welcomes Tracy Wilson as our new, Commissioner, and already she has been a support to the unit.

All girls with needs, of any sort, are welcome to apply to join the unit...access is through the Girlguiding GO website.

At present, we would prefer that all new applicants are 15 yrs. or less.

Thank you everyone for your continued support.

Janice Landels

201st Glasgow Guides

The Guides are looking forward to the new term where we will be focussing on the "Be Well" theme which is all about mental health, self-care and first aid. We will have a visit from a Peer Educator, a yoga class and work on our first aid skills builder badge. We are also having a sleepover at Glasgow Science Centre in November. Some of the Guides attended PGL with the Brownies and had a brilliant time. We are all excited to celebrate the unit's 100th birthday in April 2026 and will be fundraising throughout the year for our planned birthday camp and international trip.



Kelvinside Rangers

The Rangers unit has grown in size and several of our Rangers are volunteering as Young Leaders at local Rainbow and Brownie units. We celebrated our 1st Birthday on our first night back after the summer. This term the Rangers will be working on the "Be Well" theme which is all about mental health, self-care and first aid. We are having an indoor weekend camp in October. You may have seen some of us bag packing in Morrisons for our Guide/Rangers birthday camp and international trip.

Emma, Laura, Karen (leadership team)



201st City of Glasgow Brownie Unit,

Knightswood Anniesland Trinity Church

The Brownies and Guides have just returned from a fabulous weekend at PGL in Dalguise.

They competed in a balloon splash on the Friday night to win points to make a holder for a balloon that when dropped from a height it didn't break. 2 out of 4 groups were successful.

On the Saturday and Sunday, the Guides and Brownies were in separate groups and completed various fun activities such as problem solving, giant swing, zip wire, canoeing, abseiling, vertical challenge, challenge course, aeroball, fencing and Archery.

The Guides and Brownies would like to say a big thank you for the Youth Development Team's support in helping towards paying for our bus to help keep the cost reasonable.

We are now back and have full units and looking forward to another year of exploring the programme.

Lesley Murray

Tuesday Brownie Leader



247 Boys Brigade



We have just returned from our weekend away to Dalguise in Perthshire. The boys had a great time despite the rain on Saturday night. They particularly enjoyed giant swing, aeroball, canoeing and survivor, where they learned how to start a fire using a flint and steel. My favourite activity was archery, especially as Elise and I scored higher than Alan and Leo ... we even managed a bullseye! This year we travelled by coach with the 201st Brownies and Guides. This was a great success and we also crossed paths a few times during the various activities. On the canoeing lake, Alan was delighted that we were canoeing at the same time as our guides and tried VERY hard to splash Brown Owl (Lesley). Lesley managed to avoid being splashed but could not escape Alan's "group hug" when he came out the water!

The boys are now looking forward to working towards their next badges and learning lots of new skills throughout the session. They are keen to do some science experiments, crafts and learn more about the Bible as well as playing games and having fun.

We have spaces just now for any child in P1 and above. If you know of anyone who would like to come along please ask them to contact me.

Gail Grieve Officer In Charge

