



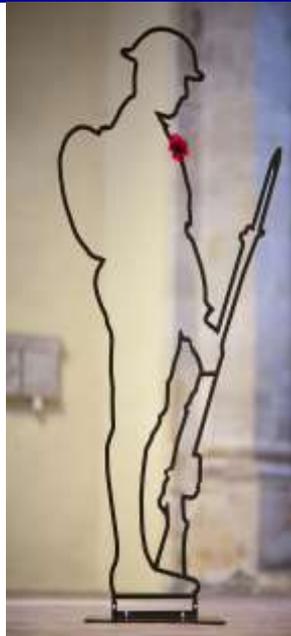
NEWS UPDATE

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Tommy Fundraiser

It is 100 years since the First World War ended, we would like to make this Armistice 2018 period extra special by having a Tommy figure installed in the Church grounds. He stands 6 ft. tall and is made out of aluminium and has a small hole to attach a Poppy. We have started fundraising to achieve this as the figure costs £750 to purchase, we are well on our way to reaching this target from the very generous donations from Church members and from Church groups. The Brownies and Guides are holding a quiz night in June and the proceeds raised from this will be donated to the figure. Watch out for his appearance in the Church grounds.



Summer Prayer
Under the warmth of the summer sun the world awakes and blossoms into every imaginable colour. You created a garden for us to enjoy, and within it planted the most magical of flower and trees. You needed no horticultural training to plan your colour scheme, no gardening expert to recommend variety or design. Your garden is perfect, its colours harmonious, its scale immense, spoilt only by the clumsiness of those who tend it. All for your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.

Brownies and Guides

The 8th Paisley Brownies and Guides have had a busy session and gained lots of badges. We are now looking forward to our end of session activities. We are having a quiz night to raise money for unit funds and the tommy silhouette on 13th June 6.30pm tickets £2 it would be great if you could join us. Then we are off to camp for the weekend.

We will start back the last Wednesday in August.

This year we will be celebrating 85 years of Guiding in Wallneuk North. More details to follow. If you have any photos or stories about guiding please contact Gillian Clements, galclements@hotmail.co.uk

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Peter's Message

Dear Friends & families of Wallneuk North,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I hope you are enjoying wonder of Spring season and looking forward to your summer & sunshine. Weather comes and goes but the word of the Lord Stay the same. The Ten Commandments are given to us for our lifetime. We know what is right & what is wrong. We need to change our man made unjust laws in the world, because they are causing huge gape between the rich and the poor. Jesus came on earth to change the system as a man, on the Mission to establish the Kingdom of God.

Sir Isaac Newton's "First Law of Motion" states "Everything continues in a state of rest, unless it is compelled to change by forces impressed upon it!" I think we all recognise within ourselves the need for change in our world. Yet we also recognised that the change we need is often hard to achieve. There are a very important stories about change recorded in the Gospel of John, Jesus changed water into wine, Nicodemus' life was changed dramatically overnight. In Jerusalem city, Jesus comes to the healing pool. He notices lying all around the pool are sick and paralysed people. Jesus wanted to change their life style. He took compassion on one particular man who had been ill for 38 years. Jesus encountered him and asked him a strange question. "Do you want to get well?" It might seem kind of crazy to ask someone who has been paralysed for 38 years if he wants to get well but, of course, Jesus never asks a question without good reason. There are still many people in this world who don't want to change their situation, they seems to be satisfied where they are.

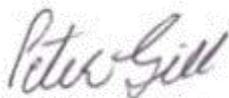
Today, hunger is the world's most, shocking problem and our toughest challenge, is to change the circumstances & make poverty a history. Because One in eight people on this planet are living with the pain of hunger & thirst. More than 2 million children die every year because they can't get enough to eat, or to drink clean water and millions more face a life of lost potential, and physical pain. And yet our planet provides enough food for everyone. Christ, entered the world of hunger & pain. This conviction is summed up in Jesus' repeated words 'I am the Bread of Life. Whoever believes in me will never be hungry, and whoever believes, in me will never, be thirsty.' It is an interesting observation the countries based on biblical laws, based on 10 commandments, they are more prosperous compare with the non Christian countries. We are in a position to help other people, through Christian Aid. Jesus will bless our efforts as he had blessed the offering of a small boy, of 5 loaves and 2 fish, that was distributed, in a miraculous way. Jesus never thought that the material needs of people were unimportant, and much of his ministry was occupied with responding to these needs for food, for livelihood, for healing, for inclusion of those who were marginalised by their community.

The Eucharist, or the HC is a good example to explain Christ's self-offering, in a dramatic way to offer His own body as bread and his own blood as drink of New Covenant. In some parts of the world, 'bread' might mean rice or maize or millet. But the hunger, would be the same. In many parts of the world, subsistence poor farmers endure a season of extreme hunger & poverty. May God give us, a vision of His Kingdom, a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry, a world where life is shared, and enjoyed by all, a world where all races, nations and cultures live in tolerance and respect, a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.

Thanks so much for your generosity and faithfulness to your church & to your God. If you need a pastoral visit please feel free to contact me directly or through your elder.

Your are in my thought and Prayer:

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Paisley Opera: Our first amazing year

It was with some trepidation that we waited at Wallneuk North Church on a typically cold and wet evening at the end of last February. At that point I was beginning to think the idea we'd had of starting Scotland's first community based professional opera company in Paisley was completely mad and that no one would answer our invitation to come along to our first ever meeting and rehearsal. I should have had more faith: that evening and ever since, I have been amazed and thrilled not just at the numbers of people willing to give opera a go (most for the first time), but for the commitment and enthusiasm everyone has shown. We now have a core of chorus volunteers along with a group of professional friends who have grown together into what is Paisley Opera.

We had a busy first year with our first ever performances being 'pop-ups' at UWS, the Piazza Centre, Bravehound Dog show and many other venues, one of my favourite being in the fruit and veg aisle of Morrisons to the confused delight of many customers ! Our season finished with our first big fully staged production which took place in Paisley Abbey and told the story of The Witches of Paisley using excerpts from operas and the poems of Robert Tannahill. This was successful beyond all expectations, completely selling out on both nights and proving to the volunteers especially that they really could do something amazing.

This year we are excited to be involved in Scottish Opera's Pagliacci which will take place in a huge tent in Seedhill Park at the end of July: An event not to be missed!

We are determined though not to lose the momentum we have built up as Paisley Opera. Later in the year we will be working with some of the schools in Paisley with our education team in an exciting new project which will lead into our first ever full-length opera to be produced in early 2019: La Boheme. This will be in a new English translation being commissioned specially for Paisley and bring this great opera by Puccini, one of the most popular and most romantic in the repertoire, to Paisley around St Valentine's day.

We have had so much help from many different quarters, but without the help and generosity of spirit from the parish at Wallneuk North, the whole thing would have been much more difficult to achieve. On behalf of all of us at Paisley Opera, I'd like to say a big 'thank you' and look forward to starting rehearsals at Wallneuk again at the end of August. by Simon Hannigan

Bright Sparks

We are a group of between 20/30 ladies who have retired from Marks & Spencer Paisley store. We call ourselves the BRIGHTSPARKS and meet on the second Wednesday each month except in the summer ones of June July and August.

We moved to Wallneuk Hall several years ago from our previous venue which was the YMCA hall, which closed. We find the small hall ideal and we also get the use of the kitchen for our cup of tea/biscuits after our meeting. The hall is always warm and welcoming with tables and chairs laid out for our arrival. W. Houstoun.

Singing Memories

Singing Memories is a Group which was started in 2010 with a 10 week pilot project for people with a diagnosis of dementia and their carers, with between 6 and 8 people coming along. Eight years on we have gone from strength to strength and on average have 40 people attending every Tuesday night!

This Group is run by Alzheimer Scotland and there is always at least one member of staff around, with a host of fantastic volunteers helping out! Our motto is "you don't have to be tuneful, but you do have to be joyful" The aims of this group are :

- To provide an opportunity for people with dementia and their families/carers to share the experience of taking part in stimulating, meaningful and enjoyable activity and thus create new, happy memories.
- To create a friendly, safe and accepting environment, which supports social interaction and sense of belonging and reduces feelings of loneliness and isolation.

- To improve breathing, posture, mood, confidence and communication.
- To focus on music-making abilities, which appear to survive after other forms of communication have become impaired by dementia.

Midweek Service Outing 02/05/18

It was a beautiful sunny morning as we started off from the church car park in three cars with eleven people. The drivers were Christine and John and myself. The plan was to drive to South Queensferry where we were to board a boat, The Maid of The Forth and from there to travel down the river to Inchcolm Island. The weather slowly closed in as we journey along the M8 towards Edinburgh and before we reached South Queensferry we were in the midst of low clouds and very heavy rain. When we arrived at the river to catch the boat we found we had time to spare so we took shelter in a nearby hotel where we had tea and coffee and hot chocolate.



At 12.15 we left the quayside by which time the rain had stopped and the weather was beginning to show signs of improvement. The trip took about 45 minutes and tea and coffee could be bought on board as well as soft drinks. The captain showed us many points of interest along the way and told us a little of the history of the island and the Abbey. When we disembarked the sun was shining and we ate our picnic lunches enjoying the view of the Abbey and the sandy beach below. After lunch we had time to explore the ruins where the monks lived and worshipped and spend some money in the shop. The boat trip back took us under all three bridges, which was a very impressive sight. We then went back to the hotel where we all enjoyed a very tasty dinner before the drive back home to Paisley. Another successful outing. Helen Stephen



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