

WELCOMING, WORSHIPPING AND WORKING

# NEWS UPDATE

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## Brownies and Guides

We have had a busy session since starting back after the Christmas holidays. We are working on our Rise to the challenge badge which is a Girl guiding Scotland challenge and this ends with a day at Glamis Castle in August. We have been on a visit to pets at home where we got to hold some of the animals, feed the fish and a bearded dragon. This was for part of the friend to animals badge for brownies.



*"No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you"*

*Joshua 1:5*

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

*Joshua 1:9*



Four brownies attended a sleepover at the Sea Life Centre at Balloch where they enjoyed a tour and information session on all the sea life creatures. Before falling a sleep in the shark tunnel they got to watch the movie "Finding Dory." They all enjoyed the event and

are now looking forward to the next sleepover at the Science Centre in November. We have lots of fun activities planned for the coming months and still have room for more brownies and guides to join us.

Brownies aged 7-10 years

Guides 10-14 years.

Both Wednesday 6.30 - 8.00pm



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# Peter's Message

My Dear Friends & members of Wallneuk North Church.

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus. The month of February is considered the month of love and I am sure it reminds us all of our romantic love. Our young church had a quiz on valentine's Day and every one got love hearts. Now let me share with you that there are a few love story in the Bible.

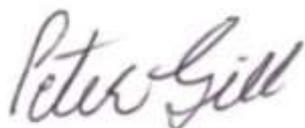
I will share with you the love story of Jacob & Rachel I hope you would remember that they were cousins. Jacob starts helping out on the farm. After a month, Laban comes to him and says, "Even if you are my nephew, I can't let you go on, working for me without pay. Tell me what I should pay you." Well, since the first day he arrived, Jacob has only, one thing on his mind: his beloved Rachel. He has been thinking about her day and night. Just imagine if they had smart phones, they would send love hearts, and kisses to each other all the time. Rachel is the personification of all his hopes and dreams. So he says, to Laban, "I will work for you for seven years. Just give me your daughter Rachel." Jacob was so in love, that those seven years, seemed like only 7 days to him. And finally, the day of his dreams arrived. So he says to Laban, "My time of service for Rachel is completed. I want to get married now." So they had Middle Eastern Style, big fat wedding celebration. And like the Bedouin culture, late in the night, the bride, in her big thick veil, is brought to the husband, and they spend their wedding night together. But, in the morning, when Jacob wakes up, in the daylight, he realises, that Jacob might have shouted at Laban in his anger, "What have you done?!" I have worked these seven years, for Rachel, the love of my heart, and you have deceived me! You have broken my heart. How could you do this? Laban said to him, in our culture, we marry off, the oldest daughter first, now if you are willing to work for me, another seven years, and I will give you Rachel also. So Jacob was forced to work for another seven years, because, he loved his sweetheart Rachel so passionately, that he couldn't live without her.

I tell you this is a real love story. How many men would give fourteen years of their life just to marry the woman of their dreams? Finally, after all these years, Jacob and Rachel lived together at last, Happily, ever after. Real life seldom turns out like that. I really feel sorry for both, Rachel and Leah. They were never happy, and they were so jealous of each other. Leah was jealous of Rachel, because Jacob loved her so much. Rachel was jealous of Leah, because she had 10 Sons but Rachel had none, for a long time. Let's imagine, for a while, Rachel is the symbol of our dreams. Leah is the symbol of harsh reality. Imagine waking up, and realising you're next to Leah, feeling great disappointment. Most of us may have similar experience at some point. If you are that person today, still dissatisfied, disappointed and discouraged, in life, do not despair. God still has a plan to bless you, in ways us haven't imagined yet.

Well, we may be angry and upset, just seek the, comfort of the king of Love and he will fulfil your heart's desire, Jesus is the lover of your soul, who gave his life for you, on the cross as we will be celebrating Good Friday on 14th of April.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Kind Regards,



Peter

## Marriage of Kathryn & Lewis

On the 17th September 2016 @ Wallneuk North Church in a ceremony conducted by the Rev Peter Gill, Kathryn Wilson and Lewis Hogg were married. Peter conducted a wonderful service with some amusing tales helping to make this a relaxed setting for the young couple. The use of the projection screen with the colours and design of the wedding invites added to the romantic setting and allowed guest to follow the service and join in with the hymns. After the service the happy couple marched up the aisle hand in hand looking so much in love. It was then out to the beautiful setting of the church grounds for the photographer to capture the happy couple and their bridal party in their stunning outfits. The Sun was out and you couldn't have asked for a more romantic setting.



The Wedding Party then moved on to The Piping Centre in Glasgow where a superb meal was had by all. Great speeches and some comical stories from Rev Peter Gill.

Then onto the evenings entertainment from a live Ceilidh band, up for their first waltz, the now married Mr & Mrs Hogg. What a magnificent day and night it was.

All at Wallneuk North Church would like to wish Kathryn & Lewis a wonderful, long happy life together.



*Looking for a Wedding venue?* We think that Wallneuk North Church offers you everything you need to have the perfect setting for your wedding. Please visit the Wedding page on our website at [www.wallneuknorthchurch.org.uk/weddings.php](http://www.wallneuknorthchurch.org.uk/weddings.php) and complete enquiry.

## Concert Series

The next Wallneuk North Concert Series is on the 19th March by Rachel Hynes– Soprano and Matthew Hynes– Organ. Soup lunch is at 12.30pm and the concert kicks off at 1.30pm, priced at £8/6. Any questions please speak to Jemma Brown, the organist, after the service or via mail@jemmabrown.com

## Christmas Dinner

On Sunday 11th. December after the morning service a group of about 40 people made their way round to Gabriel's on Gauze St. where we all enjoyed a great lunch. There were choices to be made for every course and the food was served by very friendly and efficient staff. After lunch we all entered into the fun stuff and were soon scratching our heads for the answers to a Christmas quiz. A team led by Jemma, our organist won and were rewarded by prizes of sweets. We also enjoyed Stand Up Bingo and Pass the Parcel. All the games and prizes were organised as usual by our excellent Young Church staff. At the end of the afternoon we all made our way home having enjoyed a time of fun and fellowship together. We are already looking forward to the next one.

## Lawn Mower Fund Raiser

Unfortunately our old lawn mower has given up the ghost and we are Fundraising to purchase another. Target £800, we have reached £165 with the sale of some delicious soup and tablet and some very grateful donations. If anyone has any fund raising ideas please let us know. Our gardens are looked after in all seasons by our excellent A team so a big Vote of thanks for all for their hard work.

## Baptism

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February we welcomed the McNish family to the church for the baptism of Murdo Rory McNish. With Murdo were his mum, Kirsty and dad, John and big brother, Angus. This was a happy family occasion which the whole congregation joined in celebrating.

## Good Friday Walk

We have a new route this year and hope to increase our numbers from 90 last year, so we would love to see you there. We set out at 11am on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April from: 1- Wallneuk North Church, 2- St Mirren Cathedral, 3- Methodist Church, 4- Paisley Abbey, 5- Town Hall, 6- The Cenotaph, 7- Life Church 35 Moss Street. You can park at the church or there is Free Parking in Hunter Street at the end of the walk.

## Bert Adam 1911 - 2017

Born on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1911 to Elizabeth and Frank, Bertie and his three sisters were brought up at number 6 Howard Street in Paisley. When he was 5 he went to Williamsburgh School and at the same time joined the Life Boys at Sherwood Church, where he remained till he was 18. At the ripe old age of 13, Bertie left school and took a full-time job as a messenger boy at Co-op which he loved.

In 1930 Bertie met Ruby and after a long courtship they tied the knot on the 30<sup>th</sup> December 1939. In November 1940 twins John and Frank arrived, however Bertie was called up, leaving Ruby to bring up the boys until school age. Bertie served with the medical, catering and transport corps in the army on his tours round Europe and Middle East. In 1946 he was demobbed and able to re-join his family and got a job in the Co-op as a butcher and stayed with the Co-op for 52 years and finally retired in 1976.

Bertie loved to bowl and was a keen member of Lochfield and Caledonia Bowling club and he insisted this kept him young at heart. Three times a week Bertie would jump on the bus and make his way to Taste Buds for his read of the paper and his roll and egg. And finally, a little message from Bertie:

*'Thanks for the adventure - now go have a new one.'* This is just a little of "Bertie's" incredible life:

## Netta Forsyth 1931 – 2016

Netta McGill Forsyth was born on 26<sup>th</sup> November 1931 in Barshaw Hospital. She was the youngest of four. The family lived in Laigh Park and walked to Wallneuk every Sunday. She attended the North School just across the river until she was 14. She became a shop assistant in the Buttercup deli / grocers. On her marriage, she moved to live in New Stevenson, she had 5 children however in 1958 returned to stay with her mother, eventually moving to Gallowhill. Netta remained here while the family grew and this became the fun place for grandchildren and great grandchildren when they arrived.

In the 1970's Netta met and became friends with Johnny who soon became another member of the family circle. He and Netta travelled on holiday together to many parts of Britain. They also visited Canada and Australia.

In 2002 Netta suffered a stroke, latterly she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, she was able to remain in her own home until 2014 when she moved into Kyle Court Care Home. She loved her family so much.

Our thoughts and prayers also go to the family and friends of other members who have died this session:: David McIlroy, James McCambridge, Elizabeth Trimble, Senga Laing, and William Ferguson