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NEWS UPDATE

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News Update @ WNC

Welcome readers to the March edition. Thanks again for your contributions to this edition of the News Update. Please continue to send articles that you would like to see in the newsletter, just email them to wallneuknorthchurch@gmail.com.

Tuesday Together

On 4th March Emma Wyse is taking us on one of her travels with her lovely photographs. On 10th March we are all going to the Garden Centre at Erskine to see the plants, enjoy a little retail therapy and of course a cup of something and maybe a cake? (Please note we will be leaving the church at 1.30pm that day.) On 17th March I will be telling tales of my very first visit to Ireland. Our session ends on 24th March when we invite all our speakers to join us for a nice afternoon tea and time to enjoy each other's company. Remember, 2pm in Hall 2, ladies, if you are free to join us. You will be made most welcome.

Brownie News

On Wednesday 4th Feb 5 of the older brownies passed their water safety badge along with 20 other brownies from Paisley division. They are now working on their chocolate challenge. The younger girls are working on their road safety and healthy heart badges. We still have spaces for girls on a Wednesday evening.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Matthew 4:1-4

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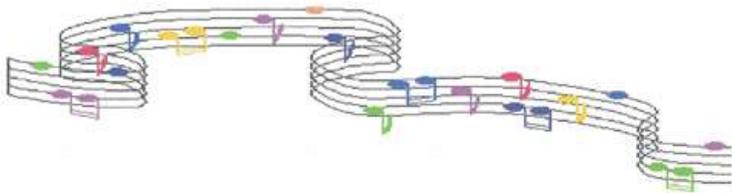
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Book your kids party at Wallneuk North Church
Contact Derek Bisset on 07472076444

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Fiddlers



Fri. 6th Feb.

Bearsden Fiddlers

On Friday 6th. February Wallneuk North hosted a concert by The Bearsden Fiddlers. One of our own congregation, Jean Montgomery is a member of the Fiddlers. The Fiddlers played a great selection of music. Scottish dance tunes, Songs from Robert Burns and more modern pieces had us all tapping our toes and clapping along in time to the music. The conductor, Irene introduced each item with enthusiasm and humour and gave us little bits of history about the group and the soloists.

The soloists also gave us a very varied selection of music played on guitar, keyboard, violin and even a mandolin as well as singing and in one case even delighting us with his own composition. I am sure I speak for everyone when I say it was greatly enjoyed by all and we hope to have a repeat performance soon. Tanks to Anne Gillies and Agnes Lafferty who organised the tea and coffee.

Helen Stephen

Young Church

The members of Young Church have had a very busy and enjoyable year. The younger children enjoy listening to stories, playing games and learning to share. At Christmas time they all had a good time at their party. Each Sunday the older members enjoy lively discussions about topical events and how they relate to the bible and Christianity. Throughout the year young church members have participated in many of the church activities.

We have taken part in the Music Quiz which incidentally, with a little help from our friends, we won. In the talent show we performed our own rendition of 'Agadoo!' We went to Heart and Soul, and then returned to Edinburgh a few months later to visit the Edinburgh Dungeons - we all came home safely - and no one was kept in!!

Later on in the year, we started working on the Nativity Play. Planning and organising the play is always good fun and we look forward to it every year. A big thanks to everyone who took part and also to our musicians. We also had a really good time at the Pantomime where we discovered that you are never too old to want to catch the sweets! (Oh Yes You Are!)

We now have some new ideas for another enjoyable year !!!

To all children / teenagers we would like to hear your ideas so why not come along and share in the fun you will be very welcome.

Chamber Music Recitals

The next concert is on Sunday 15th March, Nina Koppared, soprano. Nina trained at the RSAMD and Birmingham Conservatoire and is based in Ayrshire. Concert is at 2pm Soup lunch served at 1pm Tea and coffee after the concert. £8 full £6 concessions.

Peter's Page

A few years ago I had an opportunity to visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the Old City of Jerusalem the site of the most important event in human history: The place where Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Inside the church, there are 30-plus chapels and worship spaces. These are encrusted with the devotional ornamentation of several Christian rites. Yet it remains a living place of worship. Its ancient stones are steeped in prayer, hymns and liturgies.

This is the pre-eminent shrine for Christians and it attracts pilgrims by the thousand during the lent and Holy week, all drawn to pay homage to their Savior, Jesus Christ. I recommend every one able to visit should go as it makes the Bible alive once again.

Please do come and join us at one of our services, you will be made very welcome. Should you wish to contact me please do so:

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We hope to see you soon.

Rev Peter Gill

Peter's March Message

Dear Members and friends of Wallneuk North Church,

Greetings in the name of the Father of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. According to the church calendar this is a lent season when we remember the wilderness as a symbolic place of testing, encounter, and renewal. This desert landscape was full of dangers for anyone who dared to venture in it for 40 days and 40 nights, Danger from heat, by day and extreme cold by night, danger from wild animals and scorpions. I wonder if it was a test in the sense of proving and purifying someone to see if they are ready for the task at hand.

We test and interview ministers and all other professionals including airline pilots, to make sure that they are fit for the job, to fly under all conditions, including times of adverse turbulence and poor visibility. Likewise God tests his servants to see if they are fit and ready to be used under all circumstances. Jesus is a good example to find the strength to survive the desert's harsh conditions, and the tempter's seduction? Jesus fed on God's word and meditated on it day and night to find strength in doing his Father's will. If Jesus needed God's word to confront the devil how much do we need to understand God's word.

On ash Wednesday we started our Network Lenten Bible Study at St James Church, we will have Lenten Bible Study every Wednesday first two sessions at St James next two at St Ninian's church and last two sessions at our church. As you know, the Lenten season comes forty six days before Easter, not counting Sundays, so Lent actually lasts about 46 days. Lent is a time for reflection and fasting for most Christians.

At the beginning of Jesus' ministry the scripture tells us: "Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to spend 40 days and nights of solitude, prayer, meditation and fasting." Meditation would have been no stranger to Jesus. Meditation is mentioned several times in the Old Testament. In His teaching on Prayer Jesus taught... "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites. But when you pray, go into your room and close the door and pray to your Father who is unseen."

I believe Jesus was spending time listening to God, being with His Father in prayer and meditation. Therefore He was able to say Father not my will but your will be done. Let's have a few moments of silent meditation and reflection.

Take care, Your Minister,

Peter

Network Paisley Lenten Bible Study

Session 1 Darkness at Noon 18th Feb – St. James's

Session 2 Into Great Silence 25th Feb – St. James's

Session 3 Child on the Cross 4th Mar – St. Ninian's

Session 4 Outside a City Wall 11th Mar – St. Ninian's

Session 5 Touching the Rock 18th Mar – Wallneuk North

Wednesday 25 March – Communion Service – Wallneuk North

Session start at 11am everyone will be made most welcome so please do come along if you are able.

Services for Holy Week

Monday 30th March Network Service in St James

Tuesday 31st March Service in Wallneuk North

Wednesday 1st April Service in Wallneuk North

Thursday 2nd April Network Service in Wallneuk North (Communion)

Friday 3rd April Service in Wallneuk North Good Friday

Services will take place each evening at 7p.m.

March Worship Programme

1st Morning Worship- Worship Leader

8th Morning Worship – Holy Communion

15th Morning Worship – Mothering Sunday

22nd Morning Worship

29th Palm Sunday

5th Apr Easter Sunday – Baptism

Flowers for March

1st Catherine M & Anne G

8th Catherine MacLeod

15th Cathie Dunn

22nd Davie McIlroy

29th Jean Smith & Jean Woods

Breaking News

Chamber Music Recital

On Sunday the 15th February there was a performance as part of the "Sunday Afternoons at Wallneuk North" by Alexa Beattie on the Viola & Feargus Hetherington on the Violin this was an amazing performance enjoyed by all who attended.

Thursday Evening Family Services

We are thinking of making these a regular event. As everyone enjoyed the Christmas one so much our next one will be on Mar. 26th at 6.30p.m. If interest continues there will be one every Thursday in the month. All families will be welcome at this short interactive service lasting 30 minutes followed by tea, coffee or juice. Hope you can come along.

Property

The refurbishment of the crèche is nearing completion.

The ladies can now enjoy hot water, when they wash their hands in the ladies toilet.