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NEWS UPDATE

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News Update @ WNC

Welcome to the March 2016 edition, hope you are well and enjoy reading our news update. Please continue to send articles that you would like to see in the newsletter, just email them to wallneuknorthchurch@gmail.com.

Brownies and Guides

Brownies aged 7-10 years

Guides 10-14 years.

Both Wednesday 6.30 -8.00pm.

Lots of fun and games all girls welcome.

Glass Donation Box

The glass donation box at the front of the church has raised an amazing **£101** Thanks for the donations

Church gains £'s while you loss lbs

*Now that Christmas is past, lets make our resolutions last.
After too many mince pies, with inches on our waist and thighs.
But as summer will soon be here, so lets do without a extra beer.
Get weighted in every week, and soon you'll look a treat.
The church funds will gain, wither you loose or stay the same.
So from next week give it a try, soon your excess weight will fly by.*

It's not too late to sign up. Look forward to see you there.
Anne Wilson

*"For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten
Son, that whosoever believeth in
him should not perish, but have
everlasting life. "*

John 3:16



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

Church AGM

The AGM will be held on Sunday 13th of March at 12.15pm in the church a copy of the accounts will be available on Sunday 6th March.

2gether Celebrations and Sunrise Service

Easter Sunrise Service: Sunday 27th March 2016. 7am Robertson Car Park, Gleniffer Braes, Paisley.

2gether Interchurch Celebration: Pentecost Sunday 15th May 2016, 6:30pm, Central Baptist Church, Paisley.

All welcome Phil Arbon

Elizabeth Howat 1920 - 2016

Betty was born in Glasgow in September 1920 the only child of Agnes and Adam Burgess. They moved to Paisley and Betty was employed in a dry cleaners shop inspecting the clothes brought in for cleaning. She met her husband John at Wallneuk Church and they married in July 1944. They had a son Ian and 6 years later a daughter Christine.

The family lived at various homes in and around Paisley but latterly lived at Falside Rd. One of Betty's favourite pastimes was dancing and this she enjoyed greatly. After John died Betty eventually had to move into care and most recently was a resident in Kyle Court in Paisley. In the last few years her health deteriorated and she died peacefully.

George Fulton 1924 - 2016

George Mitchell Brownie Fulton was born at home at 100 Greenhill Road in Paisley on 22th September 1924, .During the second world war George, at the age of 16 from 1941 until 1945 worked part time as a messenger with the Fire Service. He then worked at Thomas Reid and sons. He was then a school attendance officer, trying to get the weans back into the classroom. His final job was at Spiersfield sheltered home where he was a handyman.

George never married, so he enjoyed the company of Emma's 3 children. He gave up much of his time and effort working with the community. In 1977 he was given the Scout Medal of Merit for his services to the scout movement and later was awarded the Junior Chamber of Commerce Community Trophy. George was a very generous man he donated to his church and to charities. He also supported Riding for the Disabled and Regularly donated to the "No Limits sports club" for disabled young people of which his grand niece Kirsty is a member. Georges' health deteriorated and he moved into Westerfield nursing home in September 2015. He passed away peacefully on 7th January 2016 in the RAH.

May Hedderwick 1931 - 2016

Mary-Ann Gilchrist Kennedy was born on 15 July 1931 in Paisley. May's 1st job was as a telephonist in the Paisley Mill. She met her late husband Bert Hedderwick at the badminton club in the church and they got engaged in Stonehaven and went on to marry in 1952. She was a loving mother to Jim, Gil and Zoe and mother in law to Lesley, Susan and Jim Park . Sundays were always at gran's house when all the family would sit round the table eating home-made soup a roast dinner and always finished off with a vienetta. Zoe, Susan and Lesley would do the dishes, with May supervising and pouring the wine. Many problems were discussed and solved during dish-washing time. In Wallneuk North church May was a member of the Young Wives and was President of the Women's Guild. She encouraged her family to be active in church groups. As we say goodbye to May, she would say, "Toodle oo the noo,"

My Love story

February is called the month of love, 14th Feb is celebrated as Valentine day all over the world. This was the day when Saboohi and I got engaged, 26 years ago.

We went to a student conference in Jehlum Shalom conference centre, where Saboohi and I had a romantic game of Ping Pong. I won the game and her heart at the same time. After this there was a boating and canoeing event and on our journey to the river we had to ride a Mini bus. However there were not enough seats for all of us only girls were allowed to sit and boys had to stand. I was standing next to Saboohi when I heard a gentle, soft and sweet voice offer me a little space to have a seat next to her, so I sat down with her. It seemed we were in love.

I came to study in England in 1988 and Saboohi came to join me, this gave us a chance to get to know each other better.

We got married on 3rd April 1991. This year is our Silver Wedding anniversary. I would be interested to hear your love story.

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Peter's Message

Dear Friends, church members of Wallneuk North,

Greetings in the name of Jesus, now according to our church calendar we are in the lent season and very soon we will be celebrating Good Friday and Easter.

Apostle John reminds us in 1 John 4:4, "He who is in you, is greater than he, who is in the world." We just need to learn, how to activate the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives through prayer and meditation to change ourselves and to change the world around us. Many people thought, that one day, advances in science, technology & education would bring in a much better future, yet we are confronted with the fact that science & education cannot save us, from our sinful nature of greed, and self-centeredness.

A true Christian faith in us, can help us resist the temptations, following the example of our Lord and we would never want to be separated from the love of Christ. We may lose the love of a spouse, a parent, or a child or a friend, but we will never be separated from the love of God the Father. As Children of God we can become a channel of God's peace, just as Jesus is the prince of peace. For the wholeness, reconciliation and restoration that Jesus offers is for all, each one of us, not just for some privileged race or for a special group of people. It's for all, even for those on the other side of the Jordan, where Christians are also persecuted and beheaded even in 21st century.

It seems people have different reactions towards the Muslims. Let me share with you what The Telegraph paper wrote, about Donald Trump, has sparked a furious backlash, after calling for all Muslims to be banned, from entering the USA. He has stood by his call for a "total and complete shutdown" on Muslims entering the country in face of mounting criticism, later he shocked a crowd by saying, "I, Don't Care." The question is, would that kind of attitude ever brings peace in the world? After his comments, a few articles drew comparisons with Hitler. We need to ask why evil is as triumphed, as it is, most of the time? We are also invited to reflect on our own attitude towards those who are suffering persecution, facing injustice, and to explore how transformation could happen, whether on a global, community or personal level and how we can become a channel of God's peace to the world and to raise our voice for the voiceless.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers, especially those who are not feeling well and have lost their beloved ones and still grieving their loss. May you all stay blessed and enjoy life in the presence of God.

Your Minister, Rev Peter Gill

William Dowson 1931 - 2016

Bill Dowson was born on 3rd March 1931 in Church Hill, Paisley to William and Margaret. The family moved to Clarkston and there he attended Netherlee primary school and then moved to Eastwood high school. He was an active member of the Boy's Brigade there. The Church was always part of his life even his first job was tuning church organs. He served his apprenticeship as a plumber and worked in his dad's business installing fire extinguishing equipment on ships. He also served as a pay clerk in the army, when he was called for National Service.

His sister Betty was a leader in 28th Life boys North Church, where his wife Janette was helping too. Janette became a good friend of Betty and Bill. Bill became an officer in the 28th BB company and fell in love with Janette, their romance developed further, and they got engaged in 1958 and married in 1960. Bill then became BB captain and started a brass band before moving to the south side of Glasgow in 1964. Bill and Janette were blessed with 4 lovely children, Margaret, Billy, Carolyn and Yvonne. Bill had various jobs including Houston's Gents Outfitters where Janette and Bill worked together as colleagues.

He started his own business, Souvenir Products, with a unit in the Paisley Centre selling Scottish souvenirs and tartan goods. Bill and Janette bought a caravan at Inveraray and enjoyed holidays with family and friends. Bill enjoyed holidays abroad including cruises. Music was a big part of Bill's life. He was a member of local keyboard clubs in Paisley, Houston and Erskine. He was always very keen to pass on his musical skills to others. The church and the many friends he had, meant a lot to him. Bill has left behind his beloved wife, 4 children, 7 grandchildren - Laura Ann, Jamie, Anita, Heather, Ewan, Max and Calum, and great grandson Louis.

Worship Programme

March 6th	Mothering Sunday, adult Baptism + Confirmations
March 13th	Sacrament of Holy Communion
March 20th	Palm Sunday + Sacrament of Baptism
March 27th	Easter Sunday + Sacrament of Baptism
April 3rd	Starfish Charity service
May 15th	Pentecost

Holy Week Services March 2016

Begin at 7p.m. each night.

Monday at St Ninian's the rest of the week will be at Wallneuk North.

Monday 21st St Ninian's Peter

Tuesday 22nd Adult Baptism Rest led by Anne & Roberta

Wednesday 23rd Jemma and Singing Group

Thursday 24th Maundy Thursday Sacrament of Holy Communion

Friday 25th Good Friday 7 Words from the Cross in prayer, meditations, images and song.

Good Friday Walk

On 25th March @11am
from Springbank Road,
Paisley, Renfrewshire,
PA3 2PA to Wallneuk
North' Church of Scotland,
calling at:

- Mossvale Community Church
- St James R.C Chapel
- BP Filling Station
- Fountain Gardens
- Holy Trinity St Barnabas
- Wallneuk North Church

Tea and coffee will be served at the church. Last year there was over 70 people lets get over 100 this year. See you there, all welcome to join us.