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NEWS UPDATE

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News Update @ WNC

Welcome readers to the May 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.

Flora McDonald 1916 – 2015

Flo, was born in 1916 at Inchinnan Rd to Flora and William. She had 3 brothers and 2 sisters. Alec is the only one still living (aged 92) in Canada. One of her great joys in life was spending hours on the phone to Alec exchanging news and sharing memories of the past.

Aged 14 she went to work in Anchor Mill and met Jimmy McDonald and they married in 1936. They brought up the family of Flora and Jim. Flo and Jim moved back to Springbank Rd where lived together until Jim's death. She continued to live there before moving into the complex .

As Jimmy's health had never been strong Flo worked in many varied part time jobs to help out. She and Jimmy spent many holidays in Rothesay and Pittenweem.

Flo was a great people person and her own family was a source of pride to her and she had 5 grandchildren, Cont'd on back page

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

John 14:27

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

John 20:19

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Contact Derek Bisset on 07472076444



Good Friday Walk

It was wet but this didn't dampen the spirits of the 60+ people old and young who walked from Springbank Sheltered Home. We started with a prayer from Rev Peter Gill followed by some singing.

Our walk continued to Mossvale Community Church where Pastor Hugh Chalk read the Gospel of Luke 23:43



Next stop was St James R.C Chapel
Jean Urquhart reading Gospel of John 19:26-27

Marching on to the BP Filling Station with Rev
Alistair Cook read Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34

Heading to the Fountain Gardens the cross was used to stop the traffic. Rev Eileen Ross read John 19:28 with the fountain behind.



With the rain still pouring down we headed on to the Life Church where Pastor Chris read John 19:30



Our final walk was to Wallneuk North Church where Rev Peter Gill read Luke 23:46 and the closing Prayer—The Lords Prayer. We then all had a well earned and much needed cup of tea to heat us up.

Christian Aid

It is getting on for that time of year again and the Service Team have some dates for your diaries.

On Saturday 2nd of May we will be running the tea room at the Car Boot Sale, proceeds to go to Christian Aid.

The Paisley Committee of Christian Aid will be holding their Market in our halls on Saturday 9th May. Again, we will be on tea room duty!

Our congregation's Bread and Cheese Lunch will be on Sunday 10th of May, immediately after the church service.

Door to Door collections are on the week beginning 11th May. More volunteers are needed and we would be grateful for any extra help.

Chamber Music Recitals

"A Musical Offering" by J. S. Bach performed on period instruments by the Silbermann Ensemble. Sunday 17th May 2pm

Aisling Agnew - flute

Elaine Sexton - violin

Laura Sergeant - 'cello

Tom Wilkinson - harpsichord

Tickets £8/£6 price includes a soup lunch served from 1pm available on the door or from mail@jemmabrown.com

Peter's Page

I had wonderful Easter Assembly service on 2nd April with Mossvale Primary School. It was extremely inspiring presentation of Easter Message by the School children. It was so interesting conversation with some students who knew more about Hindu festival called holi as they had week celebration in the school. Holi is a spring festival, also known as the festival of colours or the festival of love. It is an ancient Hindu religious festival now popular in the West. But I was surprised that they knew very little about our Christian Holy Week before Easter. When I showed a video of the events of the Holy Week they understood what I was talking about. It is important to share our Christian faith with our new generation in a creative way.

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 May Message

Dear Friends and members of Wallneuk North Church,

We have had wonderful Holy Week and Easter Services 2015. Palm Sunday walk was affected by pouring rain, it was raining throughout our Good Friday walk as well. I am getting used to dreich days syndromes in Scotland. However we had wonderful sun shine on our Sunrise service at the Gleniffer Braes Robertson car park, where we had Interdenominational Holy Communion which was an excellent start to Easter day.

In our 21st century many people struggle to understand the message of 1st Century resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. He comforted his disciples by explaining again and again that many parts of the Bible said, Jesus would suffer death and be raised on 3rd day. Jesus opened their understanding for 40 Days and 40 nights, after the Resurrection. There are several appearances before his ascentation to heaven such as the story of Mary at the tomb in the garden. Then the story of the disciples locked in the upper room, when Jesus appears Thomas was not with them Jesus appeared from no-where. He appeared again Thomas was present, he said, that he will not believe unless he can see and touch the nail-prints for himself, therefore he is called doubting Thomas. The disciples who went back to their fishing, and Jesus appears on the shore. Peter was so excited he leaps out of the boat and splashes ashore to meet him. Later, Jesus forgives Peter for his denials, and commissions him, by saying "Peter Feed my sheep."

Finally I would like to talk about the Easter encounter that, inspires me most is the story of that walk along Emmaus Road in Luke's gospel. Two of Jesus' followers are walking along the road from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus. And there they were walking along this road, utterly disappointed, their lives turned upside-down, their hopes for the future Messiah were dead, and buried with this man Jesus. Suddenly a stranger appears beside them, but they did not recognise him until he broke bread with them. Then they became Ambassadors for the Kingdom of God. Are we willing to be His ambassadors in 21st Century, just as Isabel and William Gordon have become his ambassadors by confirmation on 12th April 2015. We all need for work for the Kingdom of God. Let's invite Him in our hearts, recommit our lives for His service and sharing His Good News.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Your Minister,

Peter

then followed 10 great grandchildren. In the last few years along came the 4 great, great grandchildren.

As a young woman she was a regular member of Mossvale church though in later years she attended less. She had a fall and spent 3 months in hospital. Returning home, she did not regain her mobility,. She was organised and prepared for her death and left Flo and Jim a letter thanking them for their life together.

James Stevenson 1937 - 2015

James Stevenson was born in 1937 to Willie and Peggy and later brother Ian In 1954, aged 17, he signed for St Mirren. He was called up for National Service and spent time in Catterick and Germany. On return to civilian life he continued in his painting trade although his main passion was football. He got a place with Raith Rovers and spent 5 years in Kirkcaldy.

It was here he met and married Margaret in 1964. They returned to Paisley and set up home. Jim and Margaret joined the congregation of Glenburn Parish. He was ordained as an elder and took his responsibility seriously. It was here they became friendly with Margaret Cameron when she was appointed as Deaconess. In the 1990's they moved to Wallneuk North where Margaret took an active role in the Guild and Jim continued his work as an elder and helped where needed. Jim was known for his dry sense of humour and his stubbornness. He was also a very kind and generous person.

May Worship Programme

- 3rd Morning Worship
- 10th Baptism – Holly Gordon
- 17th Joint Network in Wallneuk North
- 24th Pentecost - dedication of Centenary plaque
- 31st Young Church – theme 'Happiness'

Flowers for May

- 3rd Mrs M Campbell
- 10th Helen Stephen
- 17th Margaret McLure
- 24th Ina Millar
- 31st Mid Week Service

Breaking News

Baptism

Angus Hugh McNish was baptised on Easter Sunday Mum Kirsty Dad John.

Adult baptism and Confirmation on 10th April Isabel Gordon was baptised and then she and William her husband made their vows of confirmation.



Isabel Gordon "selfie" with Peter at her baptism.

Inter-Church Celebration

2gether Renfrewshire

Hosted by: Linwood Parish Church of Scotland Blackwood Avenue, Linwood, Renfrewshire PA3 3JX

Sunday 10th May.2015
6:30pm. Worship led by St Ninian's Church, Ferguslie
Speaker: Ken Trench (Spirit of Life Church, Barhead)

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