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NEWS UPDATE



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Interfaith Service & Lunch

Scottish Interfaith Week provides an opportunity for individuals, local interfaith groups and faith communities across the country to celebrate Scotland's religious diversity and to plan events that bring local people together to promote dialogue, understanding and co-operation between these religious communities. The theme for 2017 week is Creativity & the Arts in different faiths.

Our annual interfaith service is on Sunday 19th November. This is an open public family event, people of all faiths, all ages and even those without a faith are welcome to join us. If possible please bring a piece of art work with you to describe your personal faith or belief system. There will be free refreshments after the service, with time to chat with people of other faiths.

We will then be moving on to La Rambla Restaurant for lunch, only £8 per head. If you wish to join us for lunch please book by calling/texting Mrs Saboohi Gill on 07715128780 or by email Saboohigill@gmail.com



You do know what would have happened if it had been three wise WOMEN instead of men, don't you? They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and brought disposable nappies as gifts!

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Peter's Message

Dear Member & friends of the Wallneuk North Church.

Greetings from the Gills. I hope this letter finds you in a good health. I very much appreciate your love and care shown to me and my family. My older son is in Perth practicing dentistry, younger one is studying Psychology at the University of Glasgow and my baby Miriam has just joined the University of Dundee. Saboohi my wife is studying Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and by the grace of God, I have completed my nine years of my ministry at the Wallneuk North Church.

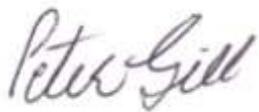
Let me start this letter with a few jokes. I am sure most of you know that most reformers ring door bells, but John, Knocks. Which Reformer had a sweet tooth? John Calvin, he has a Swiss Role in the Reformation.

Who is the most academic Reformer? Martin Luther, he submitted more than One Thesis actually he wrote 95. It was his reformation that enabled us to understand that man will be saved by faith alone. This year we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. It was on the 31st Oct 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the cathedral door in Wittenberg; and it was that act that set ablaze the fire, we know today as the Reformation. Other reformers had come before Luther, but none of them had been so successful most of them were killed; and Martin Luther has been named the father of the Reformation.

Along with being a monk and a professor, he was a Priest a deeply concerned pastor; and as a pastor, he saw how the church had failed the people, leaving them ignorant of God's word and teachings. The people hadn't even been taught the basics. They only knew what the priests chose to tell them; and what they chose to tell the people was part of the rituals to buy their Salvation, Luther wanted so desperately to reform the church. It wasn't easy for him. Bibles were written in Latin; and even if the common people could read Latin, they couldn't afford a copy of the Bible. And worship wasn't anything like what we have today. Sermons weren't based on scripture. For the most part, sermons were filled with stories about the saints. So Martin Luther got to work hard, to teaching his people the basic Gospel message. In the small catechism, Luther explained the six basic pillars of the Christian faith: the Ten Commandments, the Apostles Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confession completed with the Sacrament of the Altar. We need to pray for the church of Scotland and renewal of its members including ourselves. Christmas is a good time to evaluate our whole year and invite baby Jesus to born in our hearts.

I hope you will be able to attend our Interfaith Service on Sunday 19th Nov and join us for lunch at La Rambla Restaurant, only £8 per head, followed by singing and poetry.

You are always in my thoughts & prayers I hope you are enjoying the lovely Autumn 2017. If any body needs a visit please contact me through your elder or directly. I will be more than happy to visit you.



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What's on at Wallneuk North Church This Christmas

3rd Dec 11am - Holy Communion

10th Dec 11am - Gift Service

17th Dec 11am - 9 Lessons & Carols

24th Dec 11am - Nativity Play

24th Dec 11pm - Christmas Eve Service

25th Dec 11am - Christmas Day Service



Christmas the Interfaith Story

The Christmas story is all about Interfaith, the Son of God was born in a Jewish family. In the Nativity the Shepherds were Jews and wise men were worshipers of the stars & fire. Jesus adopted Jewish culture. The Bible tells us that he fulfilled all Jewish customs and rituals with His parents Mary and Joseph. The genealogy of Jesus includes non Jewish people like Ruth who was Gentile a Moabites who was married to the grandfather of King David. Jesus started dialogue with a Samaritan woman who was a woman of different race and different faith. Jesus asked her for a drink to break down the social, religious and racial barriers.

St Paul was called the apostle of the Gentile, in the Acts of Apostle chapter 17. St Paul went to Athens and studied their religious books, Philosophy and Poetry. He found out about a concept of unknown God. That was a main point for Him to share His Christian message in a non Christian environment. He started dialogue with them on their known God and then introduced Jesus as an unknown God to them. Our Church is open to invite people of other faiths to attend our Interfaith Service every year.

Christine Hamilton 1931-2017

Christine was born in Berwick-Upon-Tweed on the 30th of September 1931 her granny Callin looked after her allowing her mum Janet and dad Hugh to find work in England. The family finally settled in Paisley. Christine went to the West School and she was always happy to tell people "The West is best." She left school in 1945 to work in the Anchor Mill. In 1948 her wee brother Hugh was born. Unfortunately, her father suffered from poor health and passed away in 1950 leaving her as the main income provider for the family. In December 1954 she met George at the Embassy Dance Hall. For both it was love at first sight. They were married in Wallneuk Church on 8th September 1956 by Rev William Muir, celebrating their Diamond Anniversary last year. This was the start of her long connection and love for the church and many lifelong friendships.

They stayed with her mum and brother until 1961 when they moved to a Prefab in Gallowhill by this time they had started a family with Maureen and Anne and soon to follow Christine and George. They then moved to St Ninian's Rd which became the family home for almost 50 years. Anyone who ever came to the house would know they were always offered a wee cup of tea or coffee and usually some home

baking or if you were lucky a French Fancy. Christine went back to work in the late 70's for a publishing company and remained there until she retired in 1991.

Christine was very talented and able to turn her hand to anything. She done lots of knitting and sewing making outfits for the girls, although young Christine must have cursed the good quality of her work as she got both Anne and Maureen's hand me downs. Christine loved Halloween, she would make or help the kids make outfits and making her legendary toffee apples every year, kids would be queuing all night to get one.

The Church was a big part of Christine's life. She was active in the Women's Guild and always provided lots of baking for all the fetes and concerts. On bus trips with the Guild she would be found up the back of the bus with Helen Grant, Betty Jamieson, Margaret MacDonald and many others, always full of fun and laughter. Helping produce the monthly magazine "The Visitor".

Christine was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2006 and both her and George enjoyed the support of Alzheimer Scotland at Memory Lane. Her health became poorer and very reluctantly she had to go into Hunterhill care home almost 3 years ago. Following a bad fall breaking her hip, the hospital staff said she would be unlikely to ever walk again and had to be moved to the Westerfield care home. However, Christine defied all the odds and with the kind care and love the staff showed to her she not only began to walk again but would eventually do so unaided. The family are very grateful to the staff at Westerfield for the care and kindness they showed towards Christine.

Christine was a loving and caring person all her life and this is how she will be remembered.

Mission and Outreach "Seaside Mission"

On the 20th., 21st and 22nd of June the Mission and Outreach Group ventured into new territory. It was Elsie Sutherland's idea to have a "Seaside Mission" kind of event but without the sea and sand. Instead we went to the Fountain Gardens in Love Street, outside the Beechwood Community Centre in Gockston and a grass area off Mosslands Road. Fortunately we were lucky with the weather as it was



mostly dry. George Hamilton junior borrowed a gazebo and provided a buffet with a selection of chicken drumsticks, sandwiches and cakes, which were all consumed by the participants. Some church members came along and the local children were drawn to the music and the face painting, provided by Samantha, a friend of Helen McLaren with Saboohi becoming an expert face painter by the end of the 3 services.

The Theme was "Love Thy Neighbour" all faiths joined us plus musicians and the kids enjoyed acting out the Good Samaritan story. There were readings and prayers and some very enthusiastic singing. All three nights were better attended than we expected plus some great feedback from parents. We are already planning another "Seaside Mission" for next summer. Thanks to Elsie, Rosemary and George for all the organisation and planning of this event and of course to Peter, our Minister who led it all.

Harvest Service 1st October 2017

Here are pictures from the Harvest service.



Mr and Mrs Musoke

Ainslie and William on their Wedding day 23rd of September 2017 at Wallneuk North Church



Brownies and Guides



The Brownies and Guides have been busy this session we have completed our brownie science investigator badge and guide go for it experimented. We had lots of fun doing experiments. We took part in the Paisley Halloween parade and will be attending the Remembrance Sunday Services and lay our handmade wreath. Seven girls and two leaders are now looking forward to going to The Glasgow Science Centre for a sleepover on the 24th November.

We are holding our annual coffee evening on Wednesday 29th November from 6.30pm. £2 for adults, all welcome to join us. Lots of fun things to try.

New members welcome: Brownies aged 7-10, Guides 10-14. Both Wednesday 6:30pm - 8:00pm.

Email Gillian (Guide Leader) wallneukbrowniesandguides@hotmail.com for more information



Repairs and Replacements

The Church Hall roof has undergone major repairs and is now almost complete. The roof is now watertight so no more need for buckets collecting the drips of water. Good news about the Church projection system, we hope to have a replacement projector in place in time for the Remembrance Service on the 12th November.

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. 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.



The A-Team Need You!

I am sure you will all agree, in these Autumn colours the church grounds and building look magnificent, this is not by chance but thanks to a dedicated team of helpers known as the A-Team. The upkeep of the grounds and building is a lot of work but can also be great fun and very rewarding.



So why join a gym when you can get fit helping to keep the grounds and building looking glorious, and it is free. The A-Team are down most Tuesday's at 10am for about an hour. If this time doesn't suit you would be welcome to help at a time that is better for you. If you want to know more please contact Gilbert Adams - gilbert.adams@ntlworld.com or call on 0141 886 7604. Lets help keep our church grounds and building stunning for the congregation and public to enjoy.



Faith makes all things possible,

Hope makes all things work,

Love makes all things beautiful,

May you have all the three for this Christmas.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

