

**WALLNEUK NORTH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

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Dear Friends and members of the Wallneuk North Church.

This year I have enjoyed visiting door-to-door in our parish, with our Christian Aid team.

I was also one of the commissioners to our General Assembly 2013.

We as a church represented Wallneuk North Church at Heart and Soul, which is a national church event, at the General Assembly, Edinburgh.

The vision of the Church of Scotland remains to be a church, which seeks to inspire the people of Scotland, and beyond, with the Good News of Jesus Christ, through enthusiastic worshipping, witnessing, nurturing and serving communities.

It is the same vision passed on in Acts 1, when Jesus promised the power of the Holy Spirit, to fulfil the task, and the mission. For three-and-a-half years, Jesus had trained His disciples, and transformed their lives!

He told them, to carry on His Father's business, Father's mission, and the great commission, to go into the entire world, with the gospel message, the message of Love, and care, for all the nations.

Dr Luke is placing this actual and awesome event of the glorious Ascension and dramatic Pentecost in its proper historical setting, in the book of Acts! For 40 days after the Resurrection of Jesus, Jesus had been appearing to His disciples, in the presence of many eyewitnesses.

The number (40) appears, to be a very significant number in the Bible. Every time the number (40) is given, God is getting ready to do something special, different, and *something New!* 40 days after Jesus' resurrection, the time came for His ascension, which we remembered last Sunday. 10 days after ascension the promise was fulfilled as they waited in the upper room. They received the power for the Task and a mission to be finished by His disciples in the 1st Century, and the same power is available for us in the 21st century.

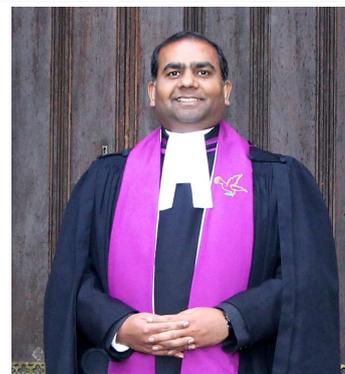
We are called as a church, to receive the power of the Holy Spirit and to actively participate in carrying out His Mission. The Gospels contain many parables of a master, who sets out on a long journey, and gives his servants charge of his estate, until his return. But the question is: *do we really believe in the Holy Spirit?*

Perhaps you know the old story of the minister who visited a primary school, where they were learning the Creed. The children lined up and one by one recited a section, however, suddenly there was an embarrassing silence; eventually, one child blurted out an explanation. "I'm sorry; the boy who believes in the Holy Spirit isn't here today.

Is there sometimes an embarrassing silence about the Holy Spirit in our churches?

That can be true in some traditional churches.

It has been said that Catholics believe in the Father, Son and Holy Mother; whereas we Presby-



terians believe in the Father, Son and Holy Bible.

The reasons for embarrassed silence aren't hard to find: often, they can be put down to one word — Fear. As a result, we either ignore or domesticate the Holy Spirit.

When the Gospel went forth from Jerusalem, one of the places it took deep root, was Europe. Europe became a centre of Christian civilisation, for more than a thousand years. But there are signs, that Europe's Christian era has come to an end. A big deal was made of the fact that the first draft of the new European Union Constitution, did not include a single mention of God.

Pentecost Sunday has reminded us once again about the power of the Holy Spirit.

In conclusion then, we have every reason to welcome the Holy Spirit rather than fear him.

The Holy Spirit is already at work, within us, and going ahead of us. Let us seek more of His power. Now it is the time to ask Jesus to fill us and fill our church, Wallneuk North, with the power.

Fill this land of Scotland with the Father's glory, blaze spirit blaze and set our hearts on fire.

This year I am starting prayers for holistic healing along for body, soul and spirit. If you have any prayer requests, please feel free to send them and I will pray for you along with our prayer team.

Yours in His Love, *Peter*

# *A Night to Remember . . .*

## *an Extravaganza of Music*



Friday, March 17 was a memorable evening of music, which was enjoyed by a large and enthusiastic audience.

The show was due to be hosted by a young handsome, debonair, witty, star of film and television—but, unfortunately he failed to appear.

Into the spotlight stepped our very own Trebor Renrut—he's a bit backward!

The place was buzzing, with conversation and anticipation, and they were not disappointed, as a magnificent night of musical entertainment unfolded..

With the help of our technical team, music was played as an overture to the main event.

Trebor, tried his best, with varying success to warm us up, with a vocal exercise

### **The warm-up—**

    "Toast and Marmalade"

When I have my breakfast, I like

    Toast and marmalade

    Toast and marmalade

    Toast and marmalade

When I have my breakfast, I like

    Just a cup of tea

    That's enough for me

    That's enough for me

    (with milk and sugar)

    Just a cup of tea

    That's enough for me

    That's enough for me

    Then a sausage will do instead!

The opening act was our own Wallneuk singers, with songs from 1913 — our early beginnings. Who knew that 'When Irish eyes were smiling' was top of the charts then?

Next came the always impressive ACE Chorus with songs from early musicals - well done, for

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the accompanying film clips shown on our big screen.

Next, a change of emphasis came with the Renfrewshire Junior Gaelic Chorus, who performed several songs for us. Due to their age (7 – 12) they decided not to stay for the second half of the programme — *but they still got their ice cream.*

The final act of the first half was OTYS — Oakshaw Trinity Youth Singers — who brought us up to the present era, with their musical interpretations, including a solo of 'Mack the Knife'.

Then it was time for the ICE CREAM! - and a wee blether with friends.

The second half was very much a repeat of the first, with a wide variety of songs from many eras. There were also several soloists and duets and congratulations go to them.

A wonderful evening was rounded off with some Sing – a - Longa - Trebor songs. The enthusiastic audience took up the baton and eagerly joined in, though some of the younger folk were asking: 'What?' or 'Eh?' at a few of them.

It was a great night's experience for everyone and they will remember this event fondly for a long time.

A lot of hard work went into staging this wonderful show, which received very favourable praise.

*A big vote of thanks to everyone for a memorable experience*

## Worship Programme

All services start at 11am  
unless otherwise stated

June 2	Morning worship
June 9	Holy Communion
June 16	Morning Worship — Fathers' Day
June 23	Morning Worship
June 30	Morning Worship — Visit of Rt Rev Lorna Hood, Moderator

## Flower Donations

June 2	Mid Week Service
June 9	M Cameron & J Stevenson
June 16	Agnes Lafferty
June 23	Heather Cuthbert
June 30	Rosemary Stevenson

## Centenary Events

### TRIP TO BALMAHA

The next event, in our Centenary Event calendar is our trip to Balmaha on Saturday, June 22.

A 50-seater bus has been booked for the trip and will leave Abercorn Street at 10am and will be back at 6pm approximately.

Names will be accepted on a first-come basis. Adults are charged £1 and under-16's go free. Because of health and safety rules, we must have all children's names included, as one-person one-seat is the rule. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

We plan to have a BBQ while we're there. Could you please indicate, when booking, if you wish a burger.

Anyone not able to come on the bus is welcome to come by car and meet us there.

### CHURCH OPEN DAYS

During July and August – Doors will be open for any members or visitors who would like time to look at the display and photo albums, etc. in a relaxed space.

July and August—Doors Open to visitors

Tuesdays and Thursdays 2pm – 4pm

Saturday, July 6 and Saturday, August 3  
10am – noon

*Volunteers welcomed.*

### STRAWBERRY TEA DANCE

This social event will be held on Friday, August 23, and the doors will be open from 1,30pm and the dance will run from 2pm through until 4pm.

Tickets and details will be announced in early August.

## MIDWEEK SERVICE

The Midweek service finished their season with a trip to Troon on Wednesday, May 1—and what a finale. The sun shone brightly all day and after morning coffee, there was a bit of relaxation, before heading to The Swan for a fine meal.



A vigorous workout followed (fantasy) then it was time for afternoon tea—what a life!

A further spot of invigorating sunbathing and then, eventually, it was back to Paisley, and the end of a perfect day.

## WALLNEUK SINGERS



## ACE CHORUS



Artistic Concert Enterprises, founded in 1999, is a singing group based in Scotland. The company, directed by Richard Johnston, and Rona McKenzie, stages annual live concerts in the Clyde Auditorium—The next one is to be staged later on this year—November 16.

## BROWNIES AND GUIDES

The girls are looking forward to their weekend trip to the Guides' Training Centre at Kilmacolm, where they will be involved in craft activities and working to add to their badges.

They set off on Friday, June 21 and return on Sunday, June 23. Their session finishes on Wednesday, June 19—*Have a great time girls!*

## BOWLING NIGHT

The annual bowling night takes place at Abercorn, on Sunday, June 16, meeting at 6pm, for a 6.30pm start — please bring your own bowling shoes.

## WHITHORN OUTING

Our friends at St Ninian's are going for a day trip to Whithorn on Friday, June 27. They leave at 9.30am and return at 10pm approx — Tickets are priced between £18 and £22.50, depending on numbers.

Contact Bill Wishart on 07846 55 5654 or [bill@stninians.co.uk](mailto:bill@stninians.co.uk) as soon as possible.

## PRESENTATION

Gleniffer Thistle Youth sports club are once again holding their annual presentation of prizes in Wallneuk North Church, on Friday, June 7.

This event has always been a big success, with our big screen and sound system enhancing the occasion—and all church members and their friends are most welcome to come along and soak up the atmosphere, generated by the youngsters, who range in age from 5-year-olds, right through the age groups, to the 18-year-olds.

Other sports groups and youth organisations are invited to come along—and who knows, they might want to take advantage of our facilities sometime in the future.

The event starts at 5pm and finishes at 8pm.

## HEART AND SOUL — May 19, 2013

The advance party — our Youth Alpha team — set out at 10am, heading for Princes Street gardens, in Edinburgh, to prepare the tent — and a great job they did, displaying photos, information sheets and giveaways all in place — ready for our visitors

Well it stayed dry and there was even a blink of sunshine — the new Moderator, Rt. Rev Lorna Hood popped in and said hello — Arthur Sherratt and Eleanor McMahon are her chaplain supports for the year, and we also met them.

We were very busy, meeting friends old and new — Marion Macintyre being one of the first (she's the Guild delegate for Shetland).

Many of those who looked in seemed to be connected to Paisley — either former Buddies or persons who knew someone who still live in Paisley.. Everyone admired our display, with a special mention for the intricate drawing, completed by Kathryn Wilson, of the front of the church—which we had reduced and photocopied for the event. Also on display were the words of welcome used by Roberta on our Centenary Sunday, along with a poem about a 'Dream Church' which also seemed appropriate for the occasion.

The day ended with an act of worship, which included a tribute to the fact that it is 1450 years since Columba came to Scotland and set up in Iona.

In between, there was time to visit the other churches and assembly committees, including Mission and Discipleship, Law department and Safeguarding. Some charity and Youth groups also had tents, to explain their role.

Lots of information and smiling faces and kind words summed up a great day out, showing the church in action.

*\*Kathryn's original drawing will be placed in the vestibule soon.*

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**Tuesdays — 6.30pm**

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