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NEWS UPDATE

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News Update @ WNC

Welcome readers to the December edition. Thanks again for your contributions to this edition of the News Update. Your input is so important so please continue to send me articles that you would like to see in the newsletter, just email them to wallneuknorth-church@gmail.com. Wishing you all a very merry Christmas.

Charles Stirling

July 1924 – Oct 2014

Charles Stirling was born on 9th July 1924 in Paisley, the first of 9. The family lived mostly in and around the north end of Paisley in Caledonia St. (cont'd p4)

Memorial to Malcolm

On 1st November there was a special memorial service after the car boot to dedicate a bench (cont'd p2)



8th Paisley Brownies

Brownies are holding a Christmas Coffee evening and sale of Christmas crafts on WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER @ 6:30PM. £1.50 ALL WELCOME We still have places available for girls aged 7 to 10 years on Wednesday evenings.

"When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger."

Luke 2:15-16

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Contact Derek Bisset on 07472076444



Interfaith group joining together hand in hand across faiths

Gathering of the Faiths at Interfaith Service

Representatives from various faith and traditions in Renfrewshire attended the annual Renfrewshire Interfaith Group service held Sunday 16th November 2014 in Wallneuk North Church. The theme of the service, which opens Scottish Interfaith Week, was "Journeys of Faith" and emphasised the importance of people working together in communities to achieve good outcomes.

The service was led by chair of Renfrewshire Interfaith Group, Rev. Peter Gill, with readings and prayers delivered by representatives from the Catholic, Sikh and Mormon traditions. Cllr. John Caldwell, Deputy Provost, also attended in his capacity as a local councillor.

Afterwards, those attended met in the church hall for refreshments and lunch provided by the Sikh representatives and this gave the opportunity to express the journey of faith which individuals had undertaken.



Ravinder Singh and Rev Peter Gill at Interfaith service

Memorial to Malcolm

Let us pray and dedicate this bench in the loving memory of our beloved Malcolm Martin.

Although he was a regular attendee Malcolm only formally joined the church a few years ago. He was involved with the A team for many years and could often be seen around the grounds tidying up especially if something special was happening. He also could be found painting the railings round the church and blethering to all who stopped to chat. He took on the job as Car boot sale coordinator. His enthusiasm and friendly banter have made this a great success.

Malcolm was a man full of ideas to make things better – to improve or develop the church. One of his dreams was to have a few benches in the church garden so people can come, sit and relax there.

As part of a close family Malcolm will be missed greatly. As his friends members of car boot sale group we will keep them in our hearts and prayers. We think of Margaret, Elaine, Denise, Graeme, Nicola and Gordon and Avril, his grandchildren – Andrew and Karyn, Rebecca, Stefan, Amber and Sasha and also of his sister and brothers and their families.

Now I dedicate this bench in the Name of the Father of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Peter's Page

Pakistan came in to existence in 1947 in the name of Islam but there are 3% Christian live side by side Muslim community. In 1999 I had a vision for a peace train to bring peace, unity and harmony to the country from North to South. We had 500 people on the peace train with 8 carriages. We had a puppet show on each railway station showing the Prodigal son and Good Samaritan stories. We tried to promote interfaith activities so that Muslim and Christians could work on charity projects side by side. Unfortunately, 124 people were killed in a suicidal terrorist attack in All Saint's Church in Pakistan. A Christian couple burnt alive on November 4, 2014. Christian woman named Shama was pregnant when she and her husband Shahzad were burnt alive in Brick Kiln by a mob on allegations of blasphemy at 7am. Please pray for peace, harmony and good relationships.

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We hope to see you soon. Rev Peter Gill



Rev Peter Gill Wallneuk North Minister with members of the Interfaith Group

Peter's December Message

Dear Friends,

On behalf of my family let me take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a blessed new year 2015 in advance.

Let me share with you 1st Christmas story in a different style. I wonder if you remember that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were Asylum Seekers in Egypt. According to the Gospel of Matthew, When Jesus was born, three wise men came to worship him. The men came from the East, and before they met Jesus, they went to King Herod and asked him, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews?" When Herod heard their question, he was "troubled," as he viewed himself as the Jews' king.

Herod wanted to find Jesus so he could kill him and eliminate the threat to his throne. The wise men (being wise) understood Herod's plan and failed to return with Jesus's whereabouts. Herod was not pleased that the wise men betrayed him, so he decided to kill all the babies born in the Bethlehem area, an event that became known as the Massacre of the Innocents.

Luckily Jesus and his family, fled to Egypt, where they received asylum. There is nothing in Matthew about the family's time in Egypt, but we can imagine what it was like. So let's remember all homeless, stateless and Asylum seekers as we celebrate this Christmas. Let's be generous and compassionate over this festive time and share our blessings with others. Let's recommit and rededicate our lives to our Lord Jesus Christ and bring Him to the centre of our celebrations as Christmas is the Birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you all, have a wonderful and a magical festive season in the presence of the Lord our saviour.

With lots of love and best wishes,

Peter, Saboohi, Sharoon, Shahrukh and Miriam

Your Minister, Rev Peter Gill

In 1942 Charlie was called up by the army. He enlisted in the Lov-at Scouts. This was a special unit and for Charles at such a young age to be involved in this was a very special honour and a matter of great pride to him. After initial training he was sent to Jasper in Alberta Canada for specialised skiing and mountaineering. He was then posted to Italy and later to Greece until his demobilisation.

Returning to Paisley he decided to emigrate to Canada. In the 1950's he returned home. As a fan of the Paisley ice hockey team he was often found at Paisley ice rink. Helen Wilson worked there where she was in the skate hire section. They married and in the 1960's had a son, also named Charles.

As a family holidays were often spent at Butlin's holiday camps or in Blackpool. Young Charles married Tricia and they also had a son, Blair Andrew who was a much loved grandson for Charlie and Helen. Charlie was involved in the licensed trade. He worked in the Stanley Firs and also managed Kennedy's pub in Paisley. He was well respected by his colleagues in the trade and by his customers.

In the last few years Charlie's health had begun to deteriorate. He had various spells in hospital. His eyesight was failing due to macular degeneration. He had recently agreed to go into care in Erskine something he had resisted earlier. His main interests were the television and football.

December Worship Programme

7th	Holy Communion	2nd in Advent
14th	Gift Service	3rd in Advent
21st	Nativity Play	4th in Advent
24th	Christmas Eve	11:15pm (Tea/coffee and carols) 10:30pm
25th	Christmas Day	11:00am at St Ninian's (network service)
28th	Last Sunday of Year	Anne

Flowers for December

7th	Margaret Cameron & Jim Stevenson
14th	Betty Trimble
21st	Vacant
28th	Church arrangement

Breaking News

Student show-case

On Sunday the 23rd November this special event took place (after a bowl of soup) Featuring talented piano, voice and trombone students from age 6 to 18 playing a mixture of Jazz, Classical and Popular music.

Special Evening Service

On Thursday 11th Dec we have a short service aimed mainly at our young members. It will have a couple of songs, a story and a tree decorating activity. This service is open to all who are not always able to come to our Sunday worship. It will begin at 6.30p.m. till 7p.m. There will be tea/coffee etc afterwards.

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