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Greetings, friends, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I wish you all the best.

In response to Jesus' commission in Luke 10:9 to "heal the sick" I would like to invite you to engage with the holistic healing ministry now active in Wallneuk North Church. Please share your prayer requests before the 1st Saturday of every month.

On 7th of Sept we had our car boot sale and at the same time we started our "Holistic Healing Ministry" from 11am to 12pm. We call it "a prayer space". People can bring written prayer requests on behalf of relatives or friends. I have a team of three fully trained church members to help me—Anne McAleer, Janette Gervaise, and Akhtar Mohammad.

We pray for people who need peace of mind, self-esteem, positive thinking, and a touch of the Holy Spirit to cope in different stressful situations. It will help people to relax in the presence of God and grow in their faith.

On 22nd of September we celebrated Harvest. One of the hardest things about celebrating harvest is the hunger we see in the world. Why doesn't God turn all weeping into joy? We may not be able to answer this question, but God challenges us to respond to the suffering and injustice in the world. Sometimes people blame God. However, if we are honest, we humans can admit what a mess we have made of God's beautiful world! Pollution, decimated rainforests, species of animals vanished because of human actions, a dangerously thin ozone layer, and hundreds of years of tribal warfare, which still continues today.

In Scotland sometimes we complain about the dreich, rainy, and damp weather. But rain is a blessing, which we take for granted. The majority of the world's population live in places where it hardly ever rains, and without enough water farmers have very little or no harvest and people live with constant hunger and starvation.

How can we help by sharing our resources with others? One way of helping is giving our full



and complete support to Fair Trade products. They may be expensive, but cheap goods mean exploitation of producers and workers in other lands. We who have plenty simply have the stewardship of it.

Hungry and starving are not only abroad but here in Paisley too. We have food banks in our church, at the town's Christian Growth Centre, and at the Salvation Army Church. We are called not only to care about people's physical needs, hunger and starvation but also their spiritual starvation. Let me remind you of our scripture reading, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

You are in my thoughts and prayers. Take care.

Your minister, Peter.

Worship Programme

All services start at 11am
unless otherwise stated

Oct 6	Morning Worship Guest Rev Iain Whyte
Oct 13	Morning Worship
Oct 20	Morning Worship
Oct 27	Morning Worship

Flower Donations

Oct 6	Elsie Sutherland
Oct 13	Margaret McLure

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The church family Christmas lunch will be held on Sunday, December 15 in Gabriels, Gauze Street. Price for 3 courses (with choices) will be about £15. Please speak to Jeanette McLeod to book your place.

MID-WEEK SERVICE

Our mid-week services have now begun for this session. We meet at 12.30pm until 1pm for worship followed by a soup and sandwich lunch. This session we have invited a few guest speakers.

All are welcome to come along and join us.

THE BIG BAKE-OFF

The popular bake-off will re-start on Sunday, October 13, so bakers get your aprons and bowls ready. The first challenge is Tarts. Any filling is allowed, but no soggy bottoms, please! Judging will take place after the service in the tea hall.

CENTENARY NEWS

As the Mod is using our premises during its week in Paisley we have no specific events in October for our centenary.

The next event will be a ceilidh in Abercorn Bowling Club. This will take place on Saturday, November 23 and tickets will be £5—which will include supper.

NEW HALL-LETTING CONVENOR

Rosemary Stevenson has held the post of Hall Letting Convenor for many years. She dealt diligently with all the phone calls, form filling, and other duties—too numerous to mention. Despite all this, anyone who enquired was greeted warmly and in a very friendly and helpful way. Owing to changes in her own life she felt now was the time for a change.

As a token of our thanks for all her hard work we presented Rosemary with a small gift on Communion Sunday.

Her replacement is Mr. Derek Bissett and all enquiries about Hall Letting should be directed to him on: 0747 20 76444.

CAR BOOT SALE

Appeal — Can YOU Help?

The monthly Car Boot Sale continues to be a success and a valuable source of additional revenue.

However, to continue this success, we need to keep replenishing the stock for the church stall.

If you have any goods or unwanted gifts such as toiletries, small fancy goods, bric-a-brac, DVDs, books, jewellery... in fact, *anything in good condition*.

We are also looking for volunteers to help at our church stall. If you would like to volunteer, but cannot manage every month, you might like to help out occasionally.

ALL money earned goes to church funds



In Memoriam

Elizabeth Richardson Mackenzie
(1927 – 2013)

Betty was born in Dunoon, the first child of Hugh and Barbara Mackenzie. Four years later, her sister Iris completed the family.

She enjoyed school and did very well there. She had various secretarial jobs before finally becoming the PA to the Managing Director of Brown & Polson (CPC), where she worked for over 25 years, before retiring.

She loved music of all kinds and was a member of a ladies choir for many years. Even at the end of her life music still provided her with comfort and enjoyment.

She was a dedicated member of the Sunday School staff for over 40 years, a respected elder, and also helped out with the Lifeboys.

Betty travelled widely on holiday, both in Europe and America, with various friends. Her greatest joy came from her niece Barbara and nephew Martin. They both loved being with her and there was mutual love, care, and affection.

TUESDAY TOGETHER

Our new session began on the 24th of September and we caught up on each other's news and sorted out arrangements for the rest of the year. In October we look forward to these events:

- 1st Peter Gill — Our Minister
- 8th Douglas Keith — Glasgow Villages
- 15th Arthur Sherratt — Moderator's Chaplain
- 22nd Valerie Reilly — Autumn Traditions
- 29th Anne McAleer — Sma' Shot Cottages

We meet at 2pm in Hall 2 and all ladies who are free to come at that time will be made most welcome.

In Memoriam

Elizabeth Shanks
(1919 – 2013)



Elizabeth Ritchie was born on October 2, 1919, to William and Agnes Ritchie in Mossvale Lane. She was the third of four children, with an older sister Jean, older brother Jimmy, and younger brother William.

She was known by the family as Bessie.

In her twenties she married Hugh and they had a son William. Sadly she was widowed in 1942 at the age of 23. She remarried and she had a happy life with Tom Shanks until he died.

She worked in Richmond's meat factory and became a supervisor there. She also worked at St Mirren Football club before retiring.

She enjoyed going to the theatre and dancing with Tom. She also went to the Bingo with Jean. She had lots of time for the younger members of the family and was happy for them to play pretend games and dress up in her high heels.

As with everyone else, Bessie suffered bereavements in her life. The most telling of these was the death of her son, William. This affected her very deeply and it was as if a bit of light went out of her life.

Her health began to suffer in the last 18 months, when she had spells in hospital. Elizabeth lived in the North End most of her life and shared good times with friends and family.

“God’s children have a limitless supply of the fruits of the spirit.”

Dr Henry Brandt

LITTLE TREASURES TODDLERS

Little Treasures meet in the church hall every Monday at 12.45pm until 2.30pm. There are still a few spaces left for the session.

For more information, please contact Annette Turner on 01505 61 5546.

8th PAISLEY BROWNIES AND GUIDES

The new sessions will begin on Wednesday, August 28, and will meet from 6.30pm until 8pm.

All girls aged between 7 and 10 years will be made very welcome into the Brownies.

This is a special year for Brownies as it is 100 years since they began. We will be having lots of fun for our Big Brownie Birthday Celebrations.

– Gillian Clements

All girls aged from 10 to 14 years will be made very welcome into the Guides.

There are lots of fun activities—badges, go for its and lots more – Gillian Clements

BOKWA

Angie Duffy holds BOKWA dance sessions on Thursday evenings in Hall 1, from 6.30 until 7.

This is dance with a difference — and plenty of fun — for more info contact Angie on 07976 25 0357

or just come along and join in the fun

FOOD DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has very generously donated food to be distributed to our neighbours in Loretto housing.

Your generosity does go along way to helping very vulnerable people to feel that someone cares and the staff at Loretto are very grateful as it makes part of their job easier.

It would be wonderful if we could keep up this support and I appreciate that these are difficult times for us all but any donations that can be made would be very much appreciated. — Anne Gillies

DOORS OPEN DAY

Once again we opened our doors to visitors during Renfrewshire's open weekend (Saturday 14th September). We had around 60 people of all ages take the opportunity to visit the church.

There were one or two who'd had connections to us in the past and others who just dropped in. All were delighted with the chance to see our church. We were even left some donations.

Tea and coffee were offered to those who had time to wait. With a strong team to welcome them, all in all it was a very successful day.

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at Wallneuk North
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6.30pm until 7.30pm

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Bring A Friend*

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