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Dear Friends,

We hope that you all have had a relaxing and restful time during the summer.

We had our holiday in Paris this year and on July 14 it was a special celebration, with a beautiful display of fireworks around the Eiffel Tower. We reached the Tower just before sunset; an evening, with perfectly clear skies.

The Eiffel Tower is one of the most recognisable landmarks on the planet—it was built at the grand entrance to the world trade fair in 1889, and many thousands visit every year and is a favourite spot for romantic engagements.

However, there was ferocious opposition when it was built; a group of leading artists and writers, including the author of "The Three Musketeers": Alexander Dumas, filed a petition that read: We, the writers, painters, sculptors, architects and lovers of the beauty of Paris, do protest with all our strength, power and with all our anger, in the name of French taste, and endangered French art and history, against this useless monstrosity..

Today, it is one of the architectural wonders of the modern world. Just as the Eiffel tower seems more stable, even though it stands 984 ft high.

In fact at night with the lights shining on it, it's called "the Lady of lace." People come from all around the world just to see it.

Solid Foundation

The money that it generates for Paris is enough to quiet those who dislike it. If you go up to the top you can feel it moves only a little, and it moves back and then it moves the other way, but it always returns to its upright position, and never moves far from it—because of its foundation.

Christians should have that kind of foundation of our faith

We might move slightly, when the winds of strife come. We might be attracted to the vanity of this world. We may sin. It's not a good thing, but it does happen to us from time to time.

The Bible tells us we all have sinned and fallen short, from the glory of God. That's neither good nor appropriate, but that is the way we are.

If our foundation is secure on the rock of Jesus Christ, when we stray off course, it's not far and we come right back to our foundation.

We can get forgiveness, just like the prodigal son; we can head back toward our heavenly father. We should be like a tower, standing prominent for the Lord—no matter what people think of us.

We should be there for Jesus to appreciate His



Peter and Saboohi in Paris—the city of romance

loyalty to another structure—the church—which he entrusted to an unlikely band of disciples, whom he defended, prayed for, and prepared to spread the gospel. To outsiders they must seem like incapable blunderers, but Jesus, the architect of the church, knows this structure is destined for greatness.

Still, Christianity is the largest religion of the world: more than 2000 years ago, Jesus said, "I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.

We need to strengthen each others' resolve, by encouraging and supporting one another, as we are the Church, as people of God.

We are starting our prayer ministry for healing — physical, emotional and spiritual healing — if anybody needs a prayer personally, on behalf of someone else, you can come physically, or send a prayer request at any time.

As a team, we will be praying on every first Saturday in the Church, from 11am to 12noon.

You are always in our thoughts and prayers,

Your Minister, *Peter*

Worship Programme

All services start at 11am
unless otherwise stated

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| Sep 1 | Morning worship Baptism |
| Sep 8 | Morning worship |
| Sep 15 | Holy Communion |
| Sep 22 | Harvest Thanksgiving |
| Sep 29 | Morning Worship |

Flower Donations

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| Sep 1 | Maida Young |
| Sep 8 | Marion Crawford |
| Sep 15 | Margaret Allison |
| Sep 22 | Banner Group |
| Sep 29 | Marion Munro and Margaret Hardie |

HOLISTIC HEALING

During June 2013, a group from Wallneuk North went to sessions about Healing Training.

The training explained that Jesus first sent out his twelve disciples with authority over every sickness, disease and evil spirit (Mathew 10:1).

Then Jesus sent out the seventy two with the same authority (Luke 10:9).

Then Jesus commissioned all believers (Mathew 28:18-20).

The Healing model is a simple but beautiful way to reach out to the lost and hurting people in our community and powerfully expressing God's love to them. This gentle ministry aims to work within a loving and compassionate environment, full of the power of the Holy Spirit.

It is often in our troubled times that we will be offered healing, even though we do not know the way in which God will do this.

We are invited to open our hearts to Jesus and let His love into the most painful places in our lives whether in body, mind and spirit. We then may begin to see our fragility and brokenness in a new light, not aspects of ourselves of which we should be ashamed but in fact as ways through which Christ will come closer to us. There is nothing that God considers too trivial or too shameful to help us with.

Our healing may not involve a cure, nor may our burdens be taken away, but Christ will give us a new strength to bear it.

We believe that the ministry of healing complements rather than replaces the work of medicine, which is also a gift of God.

We also recognise that healing is not confined to this or any other service.

Relationships, ideas, nature, work and creativity are other aspects of our lives through which God offers us healing.

Centenary Events: Past and in the Future

Over the summer we have opened the doors to various visitors – some have been known to us, but others have been strangers. Some have been locals, but a few have come from the Americas.

All have been delighted with the church and all that is going on here. We are lucky to have such a beautiful building, but the most important part of any church is its members and we are extremely fortunate in having people who look after Wallneuk North.

Day Out to Balmaha—Not Quite

In the end this became a day trip to Ayr as the weather forecast was not too promising. There was a mixture of ages from toddlers to over 80's setting off. After a BBQ lunch everyone headed off to do their own thing. This meant for most folk a tea and cake somewhere, as well as a trip round the shops. A few hardy folk even ventured on to the beach. We had some rain and some sun but everyone enjoyed the day out, and also the quizzes and bingo on the bus. Maybe next year we will reach Balmaha.

Just this last week we held a Strawberry Tea Dance which proved extremely popular with people coming from far and wide to attend.

The music was supplied by John Finlay and he brought many of his followers to this event. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and everyone had a great time. The strawberry tarts went down a treat.

For The Future

Our next major event takes place on Saturday, November 23. This is a ceilidh, which will be held in Abercorn Bowling Club and will feature Scottish music and items of food. Full details will be available soon.

On Sunday, December 15th we intend to have a church family Christmas lunch party in a nearby restaurant. Details and prices will be available in the near future, but we hope to keep prices to around £15.

In February next year we hope to host a Talent Night. So we are asking all Singers, Dancers Jugglers etc to start polishing up their act and let us know if they intend to take part.

Speak to either Catherine Macleod or Roberta McFarnon as soon as possible.

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Mid-week services begin again on Wednesday, September 4, at 12.30p.m. All are welcome to join us for a short act of worship, followed by lunch.

St Ninian's and their friends at Network Paisley say A Fond Farewell to Bill and Erica Wishart



Our minister, Rev Peter Gill, is pictured here bringing to a close the Gathering with Prayers for Bill and Erica Wishart. Each church in Network Paisley had someone representing them to lay hands on them as they prayed for them in their new venture.

.On Sunday, April 30, Network Paisley and friends from other groups and churches gathered to say their final goodbyes to our Deacon, Bill Wishart. There was plenty to eat and drink at the BBQ, which was hosted by St Ninian's—and the music was provided by Wallace Burt and his disco unit. The church was full and we

all enjoyed cabaret and pieces from the Magic Circle. Messages were read from Eleanor McMahon and Tom Macintyre.

It was an emotional farewell to Bill and Erica. We wish them well—Erica in her ministry in Joppa and Bill as he embarks on a new course at university.

TUESDAY TOGETHER

The ladies of Tuesday Together will resume meetings from September 24, at 2pm, in hall 2. All ladies who are free to come at this time, will be most welcome.

At present the syllabus is shaping up well, with "Just Us" for our first meeting, and we end 2013 with our "Christmas Celebration".

In between we will enjoy speakers on a variety of topics, with some musical interludes and an outing too!

We begin each meeting with a short act of worship and end with tea or coffee, biscuits and chat.

It only costs £1 per meeting — unchanged since we began five years ago — you'll never get a better bargain! *See you there—Sandra McInnes*

PROPERTY REPORT

The long-running problem with the rain penetration into the office and crèche would at last appear to be fixed.

A lot of damage was found in the wood around this area, which has necessitated extensive stripping of damaged materials and a new wall being erected.

Some of this work will be beneficial to the refurbishment of the crèche area.

The Heating and Refurbishment project is ongoing at present—asbestos is being removed from the boiler room—in preparation for the installation of the new boilers.

It is expected that this project will be completed by mid September.

—Robert Turner, Property convenor

LITTLE TREASURES and TODDLERS

There are still a few places available for the new session of the Little Treasures and Toddler group, which starts up on Monday, September 2, at 12.45pm. and continues on every Monday afterwards..

Contact Annette Turner on 01505 61 5546 for further information.

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 and 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

IONA TRIP—SUMMER 2014

Gillian Clements is arranging a trip to Iona in 2014, and anyone interested in going, please speak to her as soon as possible, so that she has an idea of the numbers.

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 at: 07976 25 0357

or just come along and join in the fun

Christmas Vacancies



We are looking for enthusiastic people to join our team of “young people” for our 2013 Nativity with a difference.

No age restrictions.

No experience required.

Contact any member of young church, with an expression of interest.

Closing date end of September.

YOUNG CHURCH IS ALWAYS ACTIVE

The Young Church have been very busy in the last few months:

The older group were very active at the Heart and Soul event in Edinburgh; this was followed by our trip to Ayr, as part of Youth Alpha. We haven't finished this programme and we will start again in September.

The middle group worked hard, making bird feeders for the church gardens. They also had great fun doing treasure hunts. The younger group had lots of fun with a Teddy Bears' picnic.

We were all delighted to be present when three of the Young Church leaders received service awards.

Well done, and a big thank you to Anne Mannion, Helen McLaren and Gillian Clements.

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