



**WALLNEUK NORTH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND  
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Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I pray for you all and especially for those who send their prayer requests via a member of the church or at our car boot sale on the first Saturday of every month. I know for some of us life is not easy we are struggling with different health issues. Our Lord Jesus is with us in every situation and there is nothing too hard for Him.

Our Christian life is like a race. At the end of his life Paul says, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all believers who have longed for his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:6-8). Paul lived out his teaching. He tells us that he "fought the good fight," he "finished the race," and he will receive the crown. In Hebrews 12:1-3 Paul says spiritual training should be a Christian lifestyle and "we should set aside everything that might hinder us" in living for Christ or running a Christian race.



The Church of Scotland is supporting the 2014 Commonwealth Games, a celebration of discipline and athletic achievement.

There will be 6,500 athletes and officials from 71 nations; 15,000 volunteers making the Games happen; and of course the tens of thousands of visitors from across the Commonwealth." We are keen to mobilize the Christian community to serve through generous hospitality, social care, outreach, and active prayer, demonstrating the relevance of the Church today and leaving a legacy of Christian love beyond the 2014 Games. It will give us an opportunity to provide genuine and generous Christian hospitality in many different ways.

Let's pray for our own personal Christian race and also ask God to lead us how we can use this Commonwealth Games event to reach out to the athletes, visitors, and spectators. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to share.

Your Minister,  
Reverend Peter Gill

## *In Memoriam*

**Hugh Morris**

**1926—2014**



Hugh Morris was born in Paisley and was one of eight children. Only three of his siblings survive him—his sisters Beth and Marion and his brother William.

Hugh served his country in the final stages of WWII (Kings own Scottish Borderers).

He was drafted to the Middle East and during his service in the Holy Land was driver to the Chaplain. Hugh felt privileged to have visited the seven Stations of the Cross and enjoyed recounting his time in the Middle East.

Hugh had a strong faith. He attended church regularly with his family; was a member of the Boys' Brigade; and a serving elder during the ministry of the Reverend William Muir. After the war, Hugh worked as a gum maker in McCain's of Paisley.

He met Christine when she was seventeen and they married in Linwood Parish Church when she was twenty one, some sixty years ago. They had a very happy relationship and were blessed with the birth of their only son, David. Following his education David moved to England and then emigrated to Australia to further his career.

During their long marriage Hugh and Christine enjoyed travel and in their younger days had memorable holidays in Europe. Latterly they enjoyed holidays nearer home and had wonderful times in a special hotel in Galloway where they became friends with the owners.

Hugh's main hobby in recent years was bowling, and he enjoyed his time as a member of the Charleston Bowling Club in Paisley where he won many trophies. He was also a keen supporter of St Mirren FC.

## *In Memoriam*

**Bill Orr**

**1917—2014**

Bill was born in Paisley, the second child to Mary and Thomas. He had an elder sister, Greta; younger sisters May and Sadie; and younger brother Tom. On leaving school, he learned the butchering trade, which helped to feed the seven hungry Orrs.

He was skilled in engineering and blind-making and later worked at the Pressed Steel factory in Linwood. He met and married Emma Fulton and they were blessed with three children: Elaine, Gordon, and John, who were all raised in Foxbar. Bill made sure the family had a holiday every year; his beloved car taking them to Aberdeen, Arbroath, and once to Dunbar, where—faced with a double booking—Bill used his resourcefulness to make sure his family would not be disappointed. They ended up on a pig farm and I am told it was one of their best holidays!

Apart from Emma and his children, Bill's great love was St Mirren FC. He must be one of the only buddies to see them lift a cup three times.

By the year 2000 he was walking with a stick, but his seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren helped to keep him young. Throughout his life Bill was a religious man. He was a Deacon in the St Georges East Church and, when it closed, he joined Wallneuk North. When his mobility faltered he missed going to church and singing the hymns. Their Elder, Lorraine, kept them informed of the church news and he enjoyed her frequent visits.

Over the last year Bill became more dependent on Emma's care with the help of carers. Last October, Bill was rushed into the RAH with a life threatening chest infection. He was given 24 hours to live and the family were summoned to his bedside.

Being the determined man he was, he pulled through, but never fully recovered. In mid-December he moved to the Westerfield Nursing home, where he sadly but peacefully passed away on the 23rd January 2014.

## **WORSHIP PROGRAMME**

- Mar 2** Morning Worship  
**Mar 9** Holy Communion  
**Mar 16** Morning Worship  
**Mar 23** Morning Worship  
**Mar 30** Mothering Sunday
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## **FLOWER DONATIONS**

- Mar 2** Catherine Moir & Anne Gillies  
**Mar 9** Catherine MacLeod  
**Mar 16** Catherine Dunn  
**Mar 23** David McIlroy  
**Mar 30** Jean Smith & Jean Woods
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## **TUESDAY TOGETHER**

- Mar 4** Christine Burns—Cookery Corner  
**Mar 11** Gordon & Margaret Smith—  
Australian Tales  
**Mar 18** Anne & Annette—Street Pastors  
**Mar 25** Daffodil Tea
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## **NETWORK LENT STUDY**

The Network Lent Study will begin on Wednesday 5th March.

The first two meetings will take place at St James' on Wednesday mornings between 11am and 12 noon.

The third and fourth meeting will take place at St Ninian's, and the final two at Wallneuk North.

Anyone interested in attending will be made most welcome.

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## **HEART AND SOUL**

The theme for this year's Heart and Soul event in Edinburgh is 'Hands across the World'. More details to follow in the next news update...

## **CENTENARY EVENTS**

Our final event to celebrate our Centenary year will be a service on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March. This coincides with Mother's day and the cradle roll service.

We hope as many people will attend this worship to round off our Centenary celebrations.

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## **EXPLORE CHRISTIANITY**

Christianity Explored is an informal course for anyone who would like to explore the Christian faith or brush up on the basics.

The course has been running at Wallneuk North (in place of Alpha) every Wednesday night since 29th January and will finish on 12th March.

Tea, coffee, and biscuits will be served from 6.30pm, ahead of a start time of 7pm. No meal will be served, so anyone coming straight from work is advised to bring a sandwich.

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## **WEBSITE**

The Communications team would like to offer heartfelt thanks to George Hamilton Jnr, who has put a lot of work into bringing the Wallneuk North website up-to-date.

Information on recent and upcoming events, as well as photos, prayers, sermons, and copies of the news update are all now available online:

**[www.wallneuknorthchurch.org.uk](http://www.wallneuknorthchurch.org.uk)**

**WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS: THE SMITH FAMILY**



Craig and Jillian Smith joined the church on February 2nd and their son, Calder, was baptised on February 9th. Everyone at Wallneuk North would like to welcome the Smiths to our congregation—the latest additions to our church family.

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