



# *Tidings*



*Summer*  
*June 2016*

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Dear friends,

Spring has sprung and the summer awaits!

Untended corners of gardens have sprouted and even taken over, perhaps with vegetation that we never planted. That has certainly been my experience with the manse garden. The snowdrops, the daffodils, and now the roses, have each taken their turn. However, the lawn is now festooned with dandelions, and one corner that remained out of sight and out of mind has erupted with life from the efforts of the previous manse family. Our own meagre efforts have yet to see significant results, but it is early days, and perhaps the over-watering of the winter and spring might turn to a summer of hosepipe bans. We live in hope.

Perhaps this is a good metaphor for the new ministry, barely six months old. The work of previous ministries, including the able support of Rev Norman McKee during the vacancy, continues to bear fruit. The congregation continues to reap the fine heritage of generations of hard work. Yet, it is not difficult for wee corners to suffer a little neglect as we attempt to tend to “the field under cultivation” that the Lord has granted us. The summer months often afford some time to relax, but there is still work to be done to maintain what exists and prepare for the future.

Only this morning, I attended a chaplaincy team meeting for the University of the West of Scotland, and earlier this week engaged in some planning for a children’s Holiday Club, for the start of August. Later this week I will hopefully consider a frame for the worship over the coming months, lest we tire of a repetition of the same sermons and hymns. I have also set myself to the task of widening the net of those I might visit over the summer.

The past, the present, and the future. Each is inextricably linked to each other. The past is a foundation for what we do now, and the future a steer for the road ahead. Also, we have a God who is omnipresent. The God of yesterday, today, and forever, is ever present with the communion of the saints in every generation. As I recently commented in a sermon, we have a wonderful heritage, and much to be thankful for in the present, but what will be our legacy?

You will undoubtedly be aware that I have been encouraging all of us, and me too, to be diligent about our personal devotional lives. By reading God’s word and responding in prayer, we draw ever closer to our heavenly Father. As we receive God’s grace and love, it needs an outlet, and providentially we are afforded opportunities to burst forth with life. We have opportunities to share our lives and witness in practical ways, as well as with a word in season. Of course, we cannot share what we do not have. So, it is important to feed regularly on what God provides, to drink deeply of the waters of truth that flow from the Rock that is Christ. Then, whether it be great or small, simple or erudite, we have something to share in word and action. It is comforting to know that we are not expected to share what we do not have, nor are we expected to bear fruit from seeds that are not within our possession. But, God is generous and “those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy”.

Perhaps we have already laid down a good stock of spiritual vines, yet they require constant attention, lest we forget. Further, for the generation yet blooming, and those yet to be born, there is much we can do by way of preparation. The children are our future, and at a recent baptism we were reminded that Jesus declared “let the children to come to me; do not try to stop them; and teach them to observe all that I have commanded you”. In a sense we are all children, in that we trust we are children of God and come to Him in childlike humility. However, in a very literal sense, the present and the future combine in the legacy we leave our children, so for a moment I would like to speak of them.

God willing, I hope that we might run a Holiday Club at the start of August, a couple of weeks before the children return to school. I have sourced some appropriate materials from Scripture Union, as a guide. The emphasis is on unstinting prayer, as given to us in the example of Daniel. Please do not fear, I have no intention of creating a lion's den, nor of taking them on a one-way trip to Edinburgh zoo. The format is an exciting trip around the universe provided to us by our Creator, and an opportunity to boldly go where no one has gone before, at a "Space Academy". I trust that it will launch their own appetites for getting closer to our Maker, and to that end I covet your prayers.

Children are our future. They have a wonderful heritage, the like of which we have experienced ourselves. I trust we will assist in providing them a wonderful legacy, as we in turn enjoy a lasting legacy before God and all. By God's grace, I hope and trust that we might see some of that come to fruition together.

*Your Minister and Friend,*  
*Ross*



### What's On

#### May

Sunday	29	10.45am	Morning Worship - Bible Society
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#### June

Sunday	05	10.45am	Morning Worship & Ordination of New Elders
Tuesday	07		Golf Outing
Sunday	12	10.45am	Sacrament of Holy Communion & Confirmation of New Members
		6.30pm	Sacrament of Holy Communion (Old Parish)
			<b>Fathers' Day</b>
Sunday	19	10.45am	Sunday Live Prize Giving
Thursday	23	Noon	End of Year Midday Service at St John's
Sunday	26	10.45am	Family Service
			Summer Outing
		6.30pm	Songs of Praise at St John's

#### July

Sunday	03	10.45am	Family Service
Sunday	10	10.45am	Family Service - Rev Blair Robertson
Sunday	17	10.45am	Family Service - Rev Blair Robertson
Sunday	24	10.45am	Family Service - Rev Norman McKee
Sunday	31	10.45am	Family Service - Pre Holiday Club

#### \*\*\*Holiday Club\*\*\*

**Tuesday 2 August - Friday 5 August**  
**10.00am - 12 noon**

#### August

Sunday	07	10.45am	Family Service - Post Holiday Club
Sunday	14	10.45am	Family Service - Back to School
Sunday	21	10.45am	Morning Worship
Sunday	28	10.45am	Morning Worship



**Guild**  
**Be Bold Be Strong**  
**Year 2:- Go in Joy**

The Guild enjoyed a successful year, and next year's syllabus is ready - more about that in autumn Tidings. At the AGM in March, we played catch up, after receiving two anonymous donations. Our quiz raised £124 - winner was a lady from Oxford. Due to this windfall we disbursed funds to Guild projects, Wellhall, Bible Society and Casa Semear.

Thank you to our friends for support during the year.

In summer break be bold be strong and return refreshed to go in joy next session.

*Avril Boothroyd*  
**Coordinator**



**Brownies**

The Brownies have now completed their Fire safety Badge which they really enjoyed doing especially the visit to Hamilton Fire station. They have now chosen to do the Friend to Animal badge, We are having a visit from Pascal a guide dog in training along with a member from the guide dog association this Tuesday coming, and the following week we have arranged a visit to pets at home which the girls are looking forward to. The girls have also to complete a section on either their own pet or animal and find out about the chosen animal and do an article on this. Each week we have a full programme planned which includes a selection of games, craft and fun.

We are finishing up at the end of May and start back the 1st Tuesday in September at 6.15pm -7.30pm.

If you know of any girls aged 7-10 years wishing to come along, they will be made most welcome.

*Helen, Linda, Lynn*

**Monday Club**

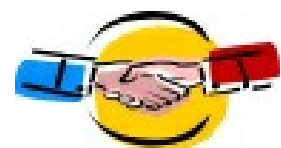
The Monday Club held their annual trip to Scone Palace on Monday 25th April. A total of 44 members and friends, had a good day out, with the exception of a shower of sleet snow, which welcomed us, as we hurriedly made our way up the drive [on foot] to Scone Palace. For most folk it was right to the coffee bar for a quick cuppa!!

This Palace was the crowning place of Scottish Kings of yesterday and had even been visited by Queen Victoria. It took them a good 2 years to upgrade it, for her overnight stay! They certainly done a very good job and all the various rooms, look really splendid. There are various walks you can do around the large grounds, which are all very well tended.

On the return trip home, we stopped at the Royal George hotel in Perth for an excellent high tea, which everyone enjoyed.

The club will now take a break for the summer.

*Charlie Duguid*



**Saffronhall Singers**

Our group has finished for this session as we look forward to summer activities. We were delighted with the response to our concert at Gilmour / Whitehill in February and very appreciative of the lovely supper provided afterwards. During our final few practices we were focussing on some new pieces to add to our repertoire. The choir resumes on Monday 19th September and we will have to work hard as we are booked to give a concert at Auchlochan in October. Preparation for the Carols by Candlelight will then take priority.

Meanwhile best wishes to all during the summer months.

*Campbell Barr*



## Crèche

A crèche is held in the Church Halls every Sunday from 10.30am until the end of the Church Service. If you would like to have a baby or a young child looked after during this time please come and see us in the room next to the Office.

*Catherine Southgate*



## Anchor Boys and Bluebells

Another busy session has come to an end. Ten boys and girls have attended on a regular basis.

The following awards were gained by our boys,

1 year service and green badge, Stuart Davidson.

2 years service and red badge, Paul Dwyer, Charlie Finlayson and Liam Murtagh.

3 years service, blue badge and promotion certificate, Josh Ferguson and Nathan Leisegang.

We wish Josh and Nathan best wishes as they move up to the Junior section.

The Bluebells received their books and certificates for taking part in all our activities. The girls are Emilia Black, Alix Burns, Gill O'Brien and Libby Stevenson. Emilia has already joined the Brownies and is having a great time.

Members of the congregation have once again supported us with their donations of all kinds and we thank them most sincerely.

The new session begins on Wednesday 7th September and all boys and girls who are in p1 to p3 are invited to come along and join in the fun.

*Nanette McLean*

*Leader in charge*



## Boys' Brigade Junior Section

The Junior Section has now finished for the session, and the annual awards have been presented.

The Walker Cup for the best Squad was won by Greg McIntosh, Calum Mackay, Euan Parkes, Lewis Chisholm & Michael Lawson.

The Jr Bible Exam trophy was won by Michael Lawson. The Sr Bible Exam was won by Calum Mackay with a score of 26/30. This is an excellent result, especially as Calum only joined us two weeks prior to the exam and only had limited time to learn the passage. The competition is scored by taking an average of the top three results from each company. I'm delighted to say we came second in the battalion, so well done to Calum, Greg McIntosh and Euan Parkes who were the top three from our company.

The May Walker memorial trophy for best attendance was won again by Colin Davidson who recorded a perfect attendance record.

The John Walker memorial trophy for best overall boy was also won by Colin Davidson.

This year we had Sam Walker from the Company Section assist us. Sam quickly settled in, and in particular worked with Calum Mackay, Ryan Crompton and Pasha MacDonald, guiding them through their badge work. Many thanks Sam.

Thanks also to Graham Horne & Frank Gardiner for their work and support throughout the year.

Finally, I hope you all have a great summer, and we look forward to welcoming the boys back in September.

*Alan Brown*

*Leader in charge*



## Boys' Brigade Company Section



### **Battalion Senior 5-a-sides**

The Battalion 5-a-sides were held again this year at Hamilton College. Despite having only four players, Cameron Marks, Lewis McParlane, David Anderson and Jack Anderson played exceptionally well. They won every match in a round robin tournament and were very well deserved winners of the Battalion Trophy.

### **Battalion Table Tennis**

Straun Wilson, David Chisholm and Euan Davidson made up the team for the Battalion Table Tennis Competition. They all played very well and after a spirited performance were beaten narrowly in a play-off for first place. Their medals for coming second were added to by Straun Wilson who won the Individual Senior event.

### **Battalion Swimming Gala**

Straun Wilson was the sole representative at the Battalion Swimming Gala. As usual he put in a great performance in all four races – breast stroke, back stroke, butterfly and freestyle. He came second overall which was a tremendous feat given he was up against lads who were regular and competitive swimmers. His silver medal rounded off a great year for him having achieved medals in every Battalion event he entered.

### **Youth Leader Training**

Fraser Ewart has completed his Youth Leader Training and should soon be registered as a Lieutenant with the Company. He has been a huge asset already in the Company Section, running very successful badgework classes on politics and human rights. He is a naturally gifted young leader and we are delighted to have him on the Company staff.

### **Badgework**

All of the boys have played a huge part in making it a very busy and successful year for the Company Section. They have all merited their Discover programme badges which were presented prior to the Church Service along with their Company Service awards.

### **Church Service and Presentation of Awards**

The Company took the Church Service on 1 May 2016 which included the Presentation of Awards to the Anchors and Bluebells, and the Junior and Company Sections boys. Rev Ross Blackman was the Chief Guest and presented all of the awards. The readings and prayers were done by Michael Lawson and Colin Davidson of the Junior Section, and Euan Baird and Euan McIntosh of the Company Section. They all read extremely well and were a huge credit to themselves and the Company. Greg McIntosh was promoted to the Company Section and we look forward to having Greg with us next session.

For the Company Section the awards were:

Mrs J M Mackechnie Recruit Challenge Medal	Euan Davidson
James Alston Dykes Indian Challenge Medal for General Efficiency	David Chisholm
John Allan Trophy for Most Improved Boy	Euan Baird
Junior Bible Exam Challenge Trophy	Euan Davidson
Misses Jamieson Senior Bible Exam Challenge Trophy	Jack Anderson
Mr & Mrs A Harley Squad Challenge Trophy	Jack Anderson
Euan McIntosh	Euan Davidson

Jack Anderson received his President's Badge, the second highest award in The Boys' Brigade. He had to gain all of his Discover Badges at Level 4, complete a Young Leaders' Training Course and be recommended for the award. Gaining the award requires character, determination and commitment – all qualities displayed by Jack throughout his B.B. service.

He thoroughly deserves his President's Badge and now begins work on his Queen's Badge.

The Queen's Badge is the highest award in The Boys' Brigade and we were delighted to present Queen's Badges to Russell Anderson and Cameron Marks. After attending a Candidates' Conference followed by a residential Brigade Leadership Training weekend, they had to provide a minimum of at least thirty hours voluntary service, develop new or existing skills over several months, take part in an expedition to Silver DoE standard and provide leadership in the Company for at least one full session. Russell did charity work promoting and raising funds for Silverton Short Breaks, and Cameron did tennis coaching and then charity work to promote and raise funds for Samh. Russell trained with the SFA becoming a qualified referee and Cameron began learning to drive. They completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition in June 2015 in atrocious weather conditions with high winds and driving rain. Both of them displayed great determination and perseverance in the face of extremely testing conditions.

In the Company along with other activities they prepared and ran badgework classes. Russell utilised his refereeing knowledge and ran a class on the laws of football, and Cameron led sessions on road safety and alcohol awareness. Their leadership was excellent and the classes were very successful. The Queen's Badge is a difficult award to achieve. It is deliberately designed to be that way to maintain the status and integrity of the award, and to ensure that boys who achieve the award fully merit it. Achieving their awards is testament to the hard work put in by Russell and Cameron and to the quality of their character. The presentation of their Queen's Badges now brings to a close their service as boys in the Company. The time may have come for them to take a break but even if they leave The Boys' Brigade we trust that what they have experienced in the Company will never leave them. They are both tremendous laddies and we wish them well with whatever lies ahead.

### **World Mission Project – Kit for Kenya**

At the Service we launched this year's Boys' Brigade and Church of Scotland World Mission Appeal. Battling gamely with some technical hitches Graham Horne gave a presentation on the new project. The Presbyterian Church of East Africa supports the Brigade in Kenya. There are over 20,000 lads in The Boys' Brigade in Kenya in 795 Companies. Many in Kenya live in very poor families and buying a uniform is very difficult for them. Many have to share uniforms. The project will provide funds to pay for material and sewing machines, and to employ workers to make the uniforms. The lads in Kenya will need to do 10 hours community work to qualify for a uniform - **"Kit for Kenya!"** – benefitting both the boys and the communities in which they live.

The Boys' Brigade in Kenya is a vital organisation. Many children are so poor they cannot afford to attend school. They love to learn and recognise the importance of education in trying to secure future employment. The Brigade provides safe places for children to meet, and a wide range of programmes for them to enjoy fun and fellowship, while learning life skills that may prove crucial to them finding work to support their families in the future. The boys in Kenya are incredibly proud of their membership of the Brigade, and the project will help not only to provide uniforms for them but also to further all of the work done with them. They are very much part of our wider Boys Brigade and Church family and we are keen to support them.

Picking upon the 10x10 theme the Company Section boys on 18th June will take part in a Company triathlon – swimming, running and cycling for 10km. The swimming will be done at Hamilton College with the running and cycling in Strathclyde Park. We did consider open water swimming in the Park but felt the boys would be too much of a hazard to whatever bugs, beasts and other nasties that inhabit the water there!

As the session draws to a close I'd like to thank everyone who has helped and supported the Company throughout the session, especially the officers who give so freely of their time and talents, and of course, and most importantly, the boys in all of the sections who make what we do so worthwhile.

*Alistair Buttery*  
Captain





## Choir

The current session of choir mid week meetings ended on Wednesday 4th May, when we returned all the repertoire used from December to May. My thanks to Sandra Nicholson and Helen Lyon for organising the filing of all the material we have used over these past months. It is a great help to me to have willing helpers who keep all our material in good order ensuring all copies are returned and personal copies are easily accessed for their next use. The end of session is never complete without our traditional "coffee and buns", and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

The choir now revert to introits only through the summer months, and everyone will be planning their holiday destinations in the months ahead.

For me the planning for the new session in September has already started, when, linking with the Church Year, it is a time to revisit material we have enjoyed and also begin to source new material. It is worth mentioning that sheet music is not inexpensive, and the cost of the copies required for a new anthem is around £50.

I wish everyone an enjoyable summer and safe travels wherever you go. The new session of choir will begin on Wednesday 7th September at 7 p.m. and folders can be collected on Sunday 4th September (to let you start your homework!!).

*Helen C. Simpson*

*Organist*

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## Safeguarding Report

Recently, a new version of the Congregational Safeguarding Register was issued, which necessitated transferring all the data across. That has now been done. This register has to be submitted annually to presbytery for checking.

At the same time, an audit checklist is submitted on behalf of session, which seeks to help us identify what still needs to be done. Our main point of concern was training and so it is good to be able to report that 19 elders recently attended an interesting and enjoyable training course delivered by one of our newer members, Penny Simpson. Most elders have now attended a course. Training for volunteers remains very much a priority and details of courses being offered will be advertised in the intimation sheet on a Sunday. It is hoped Penny will deliver a volunteer course in the church sometime in October. Organisation leaders now have a record of who still need to attend and have been asked to encourage everyone to comply. The General Assembly has decreed training is mandatory for volunteers.

There has been a flurry of activity over the past few weeks as we are recruiting volunteers for the children's holiday club. The majority need to complete an application form, give two references and join the PVG scheme. Hopefully we will be able to complete all the necessary admin. in good time.

Please do not hesitate to speak to David or me if there is something you would like explained. Our contact details are on the Safeguarding poster on the notice board.

*Nesella Barr / David Young*  
*Safeguarding Coordinators*



## Old Kirk Dancers

We have had a very good season this year and gained a few new members. We ended the season in celebrating the Queen's Special 90th Birthday with a dance in Stonehouse Lifestyle Centre, when 90 dancers enjoyed the music supplied by the Lothian Band, the dances being called by teacher Alison Robertson. A good night was enjoyed by all.

The Queen is patron of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.

*Irene Mathieson*

### Property Committee

The Kirk Session has agreed to install cameras in the Church to allow Services to be recorded. The recordings can be put on a DVD and those wishing, can view the recorded Services in the comfort of their home. This will be beneficial to the housebound, who are unable to attend Church.

The work to the main roof of the Hall and ventilator is nearing completion and will be completed by mid May.

The external doors have received further finishing coats.

We have been asked to receive St Andrews Parish Church War Memorials and they will be sited adjacent to our own memorials.

*John Downie*  
*Property Convener*



### Stewardship & Finance

Following on from my last article, the Stewardship and Finance committee had a meeting with a Church of Scotland Stewardship Consultant. As it became clear that holding a Gift Day and running a stewardship campaign at the same time was not going to be feasible, the committee decided to drop the idea of a Gift Day and work on the 'Giving for Growth' Stewardship campaign. Among other things, this will involve the congregation being invited to view displays of organisations, internal and external, using the Old Parish halls to see the great work being carried out within our walls and hopefully will stimulate an interest in their organisations. The leaders of the organisations have already been contacted to allow them to start work on the displays. Because of what's involved and the fact we are approaching the main holiday season, this 'Gatherings' will take place on 6th October.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the organisations who make donations to the church throughout the year. These donations help to cover the cost of heating and lighting and are greatly appreciated by the Kirk Session.

Please don't forget our easyfundraising cause if you are buying anything online. At the moment we have 22 members of the congregation (including some of their families) registered and have raised just over £69 so far. Think what we could earn if more people joined. The website is [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

*Marilyn Henderson*  
*Finance Convener*



### Christian Aid

There was a meeting of the Hamilton Christian Aid Committee on 21 April. The focus is on Christian Aid week which is from 15-21 May.

Volunteers are required to help with door-to-door collections, a supermarket and town centre collection or bakers/servers to help with the Christian Aid Tearoom in St John's Church. As always, all are welcome to visit the tearoom to help raise funds for Christian Aid. The funds raised are used for various Christian Aid activities around the world.

Your support is much appreciated.

*Amanda Strachan*

### Link Committee

Owing to these times of austerity the Link Committee have decided not to have a bus run this year, instead we have booked Dave Marshall to entertain us with his show which is "Yesterday Once More" followed by tea and coffee and cakes. The date of the show is Wednesday 27 July.

*Jim Naismith*  
*Convener*

### Fellowship Committee

Since the last issue of Tidings, we have been looking at arranging the golf day, which is now fixed for Troon on 7 June. We are, as always, hoping for a nice (but particularly) dry day.

We have arranged a trip to the Kelpies, taking in a guided tour, then wending our way to Linlithgow for a wee walk about and then up to West Lothian Golf Club for a meal. We went to the golf club last year following the canal boat trips and by all reports the meal was a great success, so if it ain't broke, don't fix it. If numbers on the reserve list justify it, we will try to repeat the day out later in the year.

The annual charity lunch has been fixed for Sunday 2 October, following the morning service, and as of now, no decision has been made regarding which charity will benefit from the proceeds. More details later.

The Church Christmas lunch has been arranged for Sunday 4 December, again following the morning service. More details to come in the future.

Carols by Candlelight is arranged for Friday 9 December in the Church and thereafter in the Halls for Christmas pies, cake and shortbread with tea and coffee. Once more, more details to follow.

We hope everyone has the nicest summer break possible.

*Iain McLean*  
Convener

### The Scottish Bible Society

As the Hamilton Branch has now been disbanded (due to age, illness and lack of new Church representatives) and consequently no Flag Day is being held in the town centre, the representatives left decided to still meet annually and to have a collection in our Churches as I know the Bible Society and spreading the Word of God is dear to many of our members.

The wonderful work of the Bible Society continues around the world providing Bibles to those who can least afford them and changing lives.

Bible World made a return visit to Hermitage Academy in Helensburgh where first year pupils were really enthusiastic as they came on board. All this work is only possible through your continued generous support, so on behalf of everyone - a huge thank you!

*Muriel Eadie*



### Prayer Focus (World Mission)

Give us a vision of your world as love would make it.  
A world where the weak are protected and none go hungry.  
A world whose benefits are shared so that everyone can enjoy them.  
A world whose different people and cultures live  
with tolerance and mutual respect.  
A world where peace is built with justice  
and justice is fired with love,  
and give us courage to build it.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

Almighty God,  
even when we struggle to find the words,  
it is a delight to come to you in prayer.

When we turn our minds to you,  
you bend your ear to us.

When we utter childlike words,  
you smile,

and that smile is full of benevolence.

No wonder the words of blessing are:

"The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace."

Your thoughts towards your children  
are full of grace and peace.

You have plans that we might prosper,  
and not suffer harm.

Grant to each of us  
the knowledge of  
your peace,  
your love,

your abundant prosperity;

that all our words  
and all our silences  
might be filled with the joy  
that comes from knowing you  
as you draw close to us.

Father, hear  
for your children are here.

Father, speak,  
for your children are listening.

Amen.



### Used Stamps for World Mission

The appeal for 2016/17 for used stamps is for the Othara Eco-Spirituality Centre. The money raised will support some of their ecological innovations including the harvesting and re-use of rain water. The use of a biogas plant to power the kitchens and the development of a small dairy and chicken farm for native breeds.

So help us to support our partner Church of South India by collecting your used stamps which will be sold to make money. The appeal for 2014/15 raised a total of £3511 to support the CofS HIV programme.

If we can make our used stamps help by recycling them all the better after the cost of them in the first place. Collect at home then take them to the Church Office then I'll take them into the Presbytery Office in Glasgow.

*Nessie Garrett*  
*World Mission*

**Did you know?** *The Church of South India was established in September 1947.*

*The Union of Protestant Churches included Presbyterians, Anglicans and Methodists. With 3,500,000 which is 2.3% of people in India are Christians.*

### Flower List 2016

June	05	Mrs Irvine
	12	Mrs Gordon
	19	Mrs Taylor
	26	Mrs Mair
July	03	Mrs Elder
	10	Mrs Buttery
	17	Mrs Brown
	24	Mrs Stenton
August	31	Mrs Queen
	07	Mrs McKinnon
	14	Mrs Morrow
	21	Mrs Moffat
September	28	Mrs Nelson
	04	Mrs McLean
	11	Mrs Downie



Donations to the fund are always welcome since they assist with the special occasions such as Harvest.

Thank you for your generosity and co-operation.

*E Gardiner*

01698 427852

### Flower Delivery

June	05	Mrs A Cunningham
	12	Mrs E Irvine
	19	Mrs H Simpson
	26	Mrs L Clayton
July	03	Mrs K Hunter
	10	Mrs M Gilroy
	17	Mrs H McGreevy
	24	Mrs N McLean
August	31	Mrs E Buttery
	07	Mrs M Latimer
	14	Mrs H Lyon
	21	Mrs C McCrudden
September	28	Mrs B Stoddart
	04	Mrs M Baird
	11	Mrs M Eadie



Flowers are usually delivered after the Morning Service. If the date is unsuitable, please try to re-arrange or contact:

*Kate Morrow*

01698 420748

### Flower Circle

Thank you to all who donate flowers for the Church each Sunday. There are several dates available for the Rose Bowl if anyone wishes to gift.

*Elizabeth Gardiner*



### Rose Bowl List 2016

June	12	E Harley
July	03	J Orr
	17	L Craig
	31	I Samson
August	14	G Robertson
	21	N Meek
	28	M McGlynn
September	04	P Scott
	11	G Keir



### Thanks

Campbell and I would like to thank everyone in our church family for the love and support shown to us following the sudden and unexpected death of our son, Cameron. We appreciated the many messages of sympathy, flowers and visits during what was a very difficult time. Also, we would like to thank our minister Ross for all his care and support and for guiding us through a very traumatic time.

*Nesella Barr*

### Gift Aid News

Good news is always worth sharing and I am pleased to report we have three new declarations in place – two contributing by standing order and one by free will offering envelopes. Sadly, over the same period we have lost donations through death.

It is also pleasing to note there has been some response to the appeals relating to our financial deficit with respect to the day to day running costs of the church, as some members have increased their giving.

My main focus over the next few months will be keeping records up to date. Each month, I transfer the amounts for each standing order into a spreadsheet, so that at the end of the year, I can get the computer to work out the total donation for each person. This is the information I have to then submit to HM Revenue and Customs. Thankfully, we have a hard working and dedicated counting team who record the envelopes and open plate week by week and this information is collated at the end of the year by the Free Will Offering Convener, Bill Nelson, who then passes the relevant figures to me for inclusion in the Gift Aid Claim.

Always trying to maximise our income remains a priority and with that in mind, our Finance Convener, Marilyn Henderson, has obtained Gift Aid Envelopes so that any one-off donations can be gift aided. These envelopes should be available shortly.

### Important

- **HMRC can inspect our records at any time. In this technological age, it is relatively straightforward to check data. Please remember, if you have a Gift Aid Declaration in place, you must pay enough in tax to cover all your Gift Aided donations. Please let me know if at any point, your tax position changes. This is particularly important when there is an increase in the personal allowance, which means you no longer pay tax or pay less tax.**
- **The gift aid schedule which I have to complete, contains your postcode. Please remember to let me know if you move house.**

I would be happy to explain things in person to anyone who would like more information or who would like anything clarified. Please do not hesitate to get in touch.

*Nesella Barr*

*Gift Aid Convener*

# MEIKLE FAMILY!!

April 2016

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## COOKING CLASSES AND BALLET!

Our Wednesdays are now being dedicated to ballet classes and cooking lessons. We still have our ballet teacher who is really happy to have more time to spend with the girls, and to dedicate this time to discipleship and dancing lessons. We ask you to pray for her, as she comes from a wee bit away, she is a volunteer and doesn't earn anything from her time invested in the girls' lives. She comes from far, and that costs money. We need people to specifically sponsor our teacher. We want to bless her life and don't want to see her feeling down because of her costs.

We managed to begin our cooking classes!! We started off the year by teaching the mums and teenaged girls how to make truffles, then chocolate filled cones, then on to Easter eggs with little decorated boxes filled with chocolates to give to their mums or to sell on for a little more income. We have noticed that the new cooking classes have brought on extra costs and we also need people to help out with donations towards these costs. Thank you!!



One of the girls imitating the painting on the ballet wall!!



## SERVICES, BIRTHDAYS AND CAMPS!!!

The services are happening every two weeks on Saturday nights. We only have a few adults coming to the services, generally being two or three mothers. This isn't a problem though, as our services are aimed at the children and teenagers. We usually have around 30 people on a Saturday night, and they have been great fun. We have a worship time, prayer time, sermon, a good old Bible game and a snack to finish off the night.



We are open to having people round to share testimonies. It is always good to hear real life transformations from real people and to see what God is doing amidst us.

We are preparing for our camps this year. Last year we had two camps, and even with financial difficulties this year, we believe that we can have them both again.

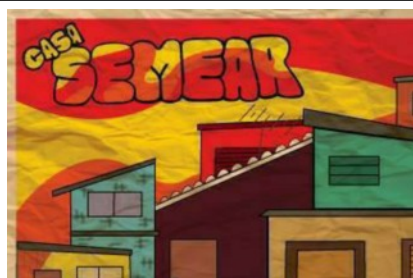
Just like with everything else we do with the children, we need your help. The camp is one of the biggest events in the children's' lives during the year, and they are very important times of teaching. They are theme based camps and everything that happens at the camp, has something to do with the Bible story.

The biggest costs during camp time are:  
Transport, renting the venue and food.



We want to thank you for your help until now. Your help is a very important part of our ministry, and without your help, we would do a lot less.

I know we have asked for a lot in this letter, but it is because we need your help.  
God bless you, and once again, thank you! If you can help, call us or send us a WhatsApp or an email.  
Robert e Silvana!!



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***Entered into Eternal Life.***

*"I am the Resurrection and the Life"*

*God of grace and peace, in your Son Jesus Christ  
You have given us new birth into a living hope.  
Strengthen us now to live in the power of the resurrection  
and keep us united with our loved one  
from whom in death we are not divided;  
for You live and reign forever and ever. Amen*

*6 February 2016*

*Isabel Craig*

*7 February 2016*

*Ian Jack*

*20 February 2016*

*David Johnston*

*21 February 2016*

*Helen Le Blond*

*22 February 2016*

*Lettie Ferguson*

*28 February 2016*

*Stewart Allan*

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*Margaret Paton*

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*Sadie Shaw*

*22 March 2016*

*May Graham*

*1 April 2016*

*Elizabeth Weir*

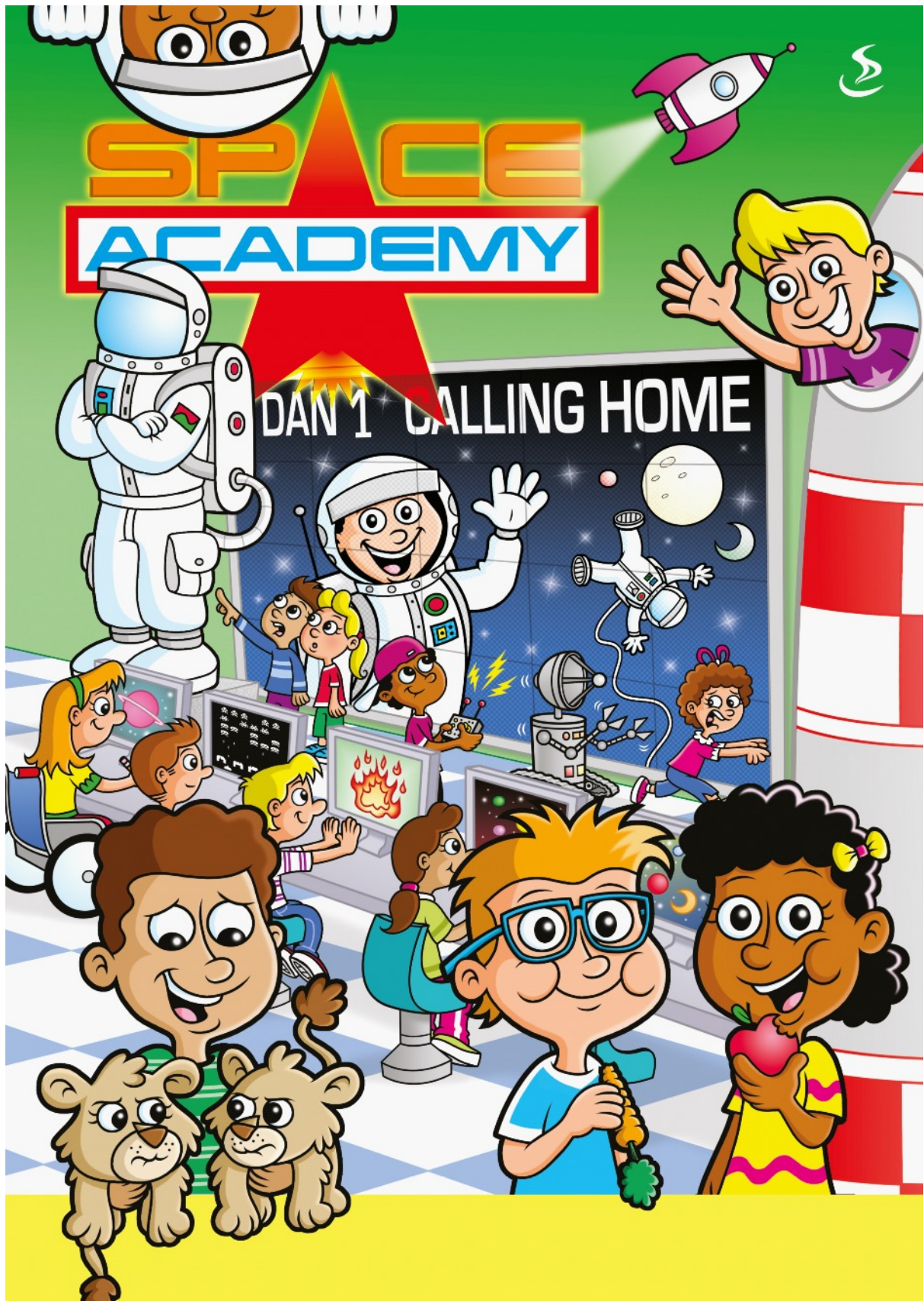
## *Baptisms*

***"Let the children come to me"***

*8 May 2016*

*Sophie Isabella Young*





Children's Holiday Club  
 Entries to P1, up to P7  
 Tuesday 2 August - Friday 5 August  
 10.00am - 12 noon  
 Astronaut snack provided  
 Watch this "space" for more details

