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Church mouse

From the mouse of Editor's PC



As we speed into September you could be forgiven for thinking summer is almost over. 'What summer?' I hear you cry. Well still warm and sunny as I write this at the end of August.

Lots of fun at the Holiday Club in the run up to the new Sunday School and Messy Church seasons for the children.

Your support for the Christian Aid Malawi Appeal and the Food Facts and Friendship drop in centre shows that St. Mungo's members care about others less fortunate than themselves. As we expect more refugees into our community, our help will be needed even more. Remember these people have been driven from their homes, and are looking for safety and help. We can do this, as we would like them to do for us, were the positions reversed.

In addition to the loss of our friend the Rev Jim Ritchie, we said goodbye to members George MacAlister, of the Cameron Highlanders, Bert Petrie, and Adam Hodge.

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Macmillan Coffee Morning - 1 October



We will once again be holding a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care on Saturday 1 October from 10am to 12noon.

We hope as many people as possible will come along to support Macmillan who do so much for cancer patients and their families.

"Guardians of Ancora" Holiday Club - 1 to 5 August

Report Margaret Webster

The Guardians of Ancora was a popular theme for the 2016 holiday club from Monday 1 to Friday 5 August. Children and leaders worked together on their quests to find the 'lost' stories of Ancora.

The fictitious world of Ancora is in trouble, its light fading because its stories about Jesus have been lost. Only the Guardians (the children) can put this right by going back 2,000 years, capturing the stories and re-lighting Ancora's Spire with them.

The DVD shown in church recently showed how much fun the children and the leaders had as the quests were fulfilled each day. As always there were snacks, games, craft and group-learning times where the children were encouraged to ask questions.

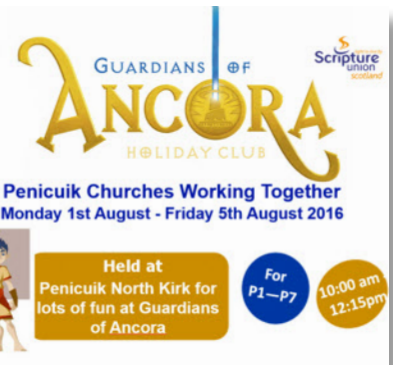


Holiday Club team

"Guardians of Ancora" please encourage them to do this – it's such a fun way to learn about the stories of the Bible and respond to what they see and hear.

"Guardians of Ancora" was created by Scripture Union to help reach out to children in a way that is meaningful in this age of interactive Smartphone/tablet-based games. It's available as a free app and many children from the holiday club will continue their quests long after the week of the club.

Please pray that they will be blessed and come to know Jesus' love for them.



All the families involved were given information about the various Sunday Clubs, Scripture Union groups and Messy Church available locally and it was really encouraging to hear that some of the children wanted to start Sunday school after the holidays.

Please continue praying for everyone who attended the holiday club and if you know of any children who might like to download such a fun way to learn about the



Busy working things out



Guardians hard at work



Ian Cathcart, Jackie Ringan, and Lynsay Downs



Sheila Anderson leads problem solving

Pastoral Care

If you would like to help with visits, or request a visit, please contact Margaret 672347.

St. Mungo's members help Drop in Centre



We have reported on the good work that Mark Well's and his team have been doing in our community through the Food Facts and Friendship (FFF) drop in centre.

On Monday 22nd August Beryl Thompson and Christine Jackson joined Mark and Grace Wells to assist the visitors to the centre looking for help. This included donations to help two refugee families set up home as they arrived in Midlothian and Penicuik later in the week. All

sorts of everyday items for use in the home to support a family.

More help is needed as the number of people and families in our community needing support continues to grow.

A meeting on Friday 2nd September at 7.30pm in the church hall is open to anyone who would like to hear more about the good work of FFF. Mark will tell us how we as Christians can 'serve', just like Jesus did to the less fortunate in the community.



Messy Church at Midfest 4 September



Join the fun at Dalkeith Park and visit the Messy Church tent on the afternoon of Sunday 4th.

Entertainment and fun for all the family to enjoy. The 'Messy' team have lots of crafts lined up for your children to enjoy. Please drop in and see us to hear more about Messy Church.



On the Road

Kirk leaders are going 'On the Road' this autumn to offer congregations across Scotland an opportunity to voice their opinions about the future direction of the Church of Scotland.

These events will give us the opportunity to listen and respond to the thinking, experience and questions of participants from local congregations all over Scotland.



Nearest to Penicuik is Edinburgh, at St Andrew's and St Georges, on Thursday 24 November. Dates and venues of all meetings on the church website www.stmungos.freeuk.com

Church Register

Removed by Certificate

Mr & Mrs Brown 3 Craigiefield Crescent

Removed by Death

Mr George MacAlister	157 Rullion Road	5 August 2016
Mr Bert Petrie	Gilmerton Care Home	10 August 2016
Mr Adam Hodge	44 Cranston Street	22 August 2016

Mungo's Diary

2 Sep, 7.30pm	FFF volunteer awareness meeting - church hall
4 Sep, 10.00am	Midfest - Messy Church, to 4.00pm. Dalkeith Park
6 Sep, 7.00pm	Joint Congregational Board / Kirk Session - Church
7 Sep, 10.45am	Friendship Circle - venue TBA For help with transport phone Margaret, 672347
14 Sep, 7.30pm	Wednesday Housegroup. 21 Mauricewood Bank.
25 Sep, 4.00pm	Messy Church, to 6.00pm - in the church hall
28 Sep, 7.30pm	Wednesday Housegroup. 21 Mauricewood Bank.
1 Oct, 10.00am	Macmillan Coffee Morning, to 12 noon. Church Hall

Sunday School Restart - 28 August

The new season for Sunday School restarts after the Summer break. With a wide program of Christian teaching through stories and activities about the life of Jesus, your children will learn about God in a fun way.



Your children will be very welcome to join us every Sunday morning.

We meet in the church hall at 10.50am and join the first part of the morning service to hear the Children's address, before leaving to continue in the church hall.

Our Sunday School teachers are ready and waiting to greet your children to the new season.

Housegroup new season

Bill Webster

Wednesday Housegroup - will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month and it would be great to have some new folks join us. We look at various themes from the Bible, usually with the help of a booklet or a DVD.

These often spark off practical discussions which are helpful for us as

ordinary folks who are trying to follow the way Jesus wants us to live our lives. It's really helpful and encouraging to do this with other people.



If you're interested please come along and join us on 31 August when the topic is 'Why pray, when you can worry?' (7.30pm at 21 Mauricewood Bank). It's ok to come along and just listen - you won't be 'put on the spot' in any way.

Malawi appeal - Thank you

Janis Hogg, our Christian Aid coordinator would like to thank everyone who donated to the Christian Aid Malawi Appeal.

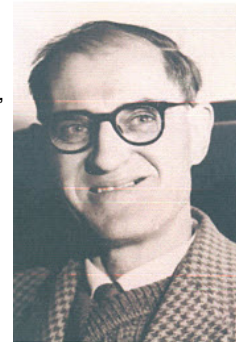
Because of the wonderful generosity of the St Mungo's congregation £234 was sent to Christian Aid to help fight Malawi's widespread, chronic food



Farewell to Rev James Ritchie

Many will remember the times when Rev James Ritchie preached as locum at St. Mungo's. It was with sad heart that we heard he had passed away on 5th August, at the age of 99.

Jim was a well travelled minister having worked in the middle east in Aden, where he met his wife to be Mette Kristensen, working as a Danish nurse. His fluent Arabic and knowledge of the theology, culture and traditions of the Muslim faith, helped his Christian evangelism. Time in Kenya, and Muslim west coast of Africa saw him train Christian workers in Islam.



He returned to Scotland and preached in several churches before called to Yemen where he worked with Roman Catholic monks.

He secured his Master in Theology in his 88th year, going on to learn Scots Gaelic in his 90's, and could recite the whole of Tam O' Shanter at 97.

Read the story of James's very full life on the church website.