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# *The* Grapevine



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# LETTER FROM THE INTERIM MODERATOR

**D**ear people of Blantyre St. Andrews,  
I was glad as your Interim Moderator to meet with many of you at the September communion and to share time around the Bible and the remembrance of Jesus, in the way he is given to us in the will of God for our salvation. The theme of our treasure arises at such a time. The New Testament lesson spoke to us of comfort and compassion as things Christians give and receive from one another when life is challenging. When a fellow Christian brings us this treasure, it is another instance of Jesus among us, and light comes on for us. It does not have to be by a great action, that comfort and compassion is shown. Remember the way Hannah in her sadness was comforted, when Eli the old priest said to her words from his faith he had often used before, 'Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.' But it said to her she was no longer outside the circle of God's care, but inside.

In Stewartfield we recently began a series of meetings where the church hosts Messy Church for families, and last time an activity was making cards to send to people who could use a little encouragement. About 20 cards were sent with personal messages, which one of our grans in the church thoughtfully composed, according to the circumstances of the person to receive the card. In the following few days we received a stream of phone calls, emails, and words of appreciation in return. One person who had a persistent problem with harassment in her neighbourhood was emboldened by receiving the card to seek help, and get support with something that had troubled her for years. This, from one card, saying you're remembered, at the church, and in our prayers.

The message is, comfort and compassion communicate the truth, God is with us. But who is to do this? Certainly it is a part of the duty and work of Christian life and service; you could call it ministry. So the tendency is to require someone of knowledge and experience in the church to do such work. And the danger is in a vacancy in a congregation, people expect less that this can be done – without a minister.

# Letter contd.

This year in common with Christians across the world, I have been fascinated again by the Christian connections of the man whose name has become synonymous with Blantyre, David Livingstone. A long communion table we use on a quarterly rotation in Stewartfield Church, which is housed at the National Museum of Rural Life, came from the parish on the North of Mull where Livingstone's grandfather came from before the move South. In Blantyre, David Livingstone spoke of a churchman, a local man David Hogg, who impressed on him the need 'to make religion the every-day business of your life, and not a thing of fits and starts'. As you read his life story, what he took that to mean becomes apparent. Whatever he was doing, the treasure he held, the person he was as a follower of Christ, affected his way of life and work. So that it carried light and hope.

It was wonderful to hear the 3 pupils from the High School give their tribute to Livingstone's life as history and personal inspiration at Picnic Praise. It has been inspiring to hear of the work you are doing with other churches and local agencies to establish another food bank – something we have supported also in East Kilbride. (Does the Bible book of Ruth have any lessons for this, and what can come of it ?) The online resource called "Spill the Beans" which allows churches to share around news of what is being done and how to do it better is something to lift our hearts.

I look forward to working with the Kirk Session to continue to plan and keep things going ahead in the congregation of Blantyre St Andrews in the interim. I have appreciated the time Andrew Williamson, the Session Clerk, has given me to help me get a good understanding of what matters to people here. The ministry week by week by Rev. Norman McKee continues to provide vital stimulus to everyone for their Christian life and service. Perhaps it was a tad understated when I chose the text last Sunday, The Lamp of God had not yet gone out.

Yours, a canny Scot finding I can, with Jesus,

*Douglas Wallace.*

# CHURCH NEWS

## *Stop Press! New Minister for Blantyre Old.*

Although official confirmation has still to be received, we understand that Blantyre Old have been successful in their search for a new minister.

Rev Sarah Ross, currently Minister at Forth: St Paul's preached as Sole Nominee on Sunday 22nd September and was subsequently accepted by the congregation of Blantyre Old.

This decision will now go to Hamilton Presbytery for ratification, and a date will be set for Rev Ross' induction service into Blantyre Old.

We would like to welcome Rev Ross and her family, and wish her a happy and successful ministry in Blantyre. We look forward to working with her in the various joint-church initiatives that already exist, and will hopefully extend under her ministry.

## *Bubblegum'n'fluff*

It's nearly that time again! St Andrew's has been asked to host Bubblegum'n'fluff for Auchenraith Primary on Wednesday, 11 December.

**Bubblegum  
'n' Fluff**

Volunteers are required to help at this event. It will only take up the morning on that day and the Chaplaincy team need your help to be able to run the event successfully. Please contact the office.(327958)

## *Hall Lets*

The excellent resources of the Nazarene Hall are now available for more future hall lets, so if you hear of any group or organisation that is looking for premises to let in the area, do please ask them to get in touch with the church office (01698 327958).

# CHURCH NEWS

## *Tea Room*

The Tea-Room re-opened on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2013.

The WILLING WORKERS returned refreshed as did our faithful customers; ready again to enjoy our excellent service and delicious home-baking – a BARGAIN at just £1 (includes tea or coffee).

In June, the Tea-Room donated £555 to Marie Curie Cancer Care and a very grateful letter was received from them.

A warm welcome awaits any new customers and any offer of home-baking would be greatly appreciated.



*Isabelle Menzies*

## *Thanks from Lindsey Cooper*

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting the junk for me. In total your junk has raised nearly £ 50 to help the children of Kiberia which is fantastic! Thank you!

For the moment I have stopped collecting the junk for a few months as due to having a lot of travel commitments over the next few months, like spending a month in Kiberia, Kenya in October/ November time and then volunteering for 3 months in Switzerland at Our Chalet Girl guide centre from December to February, I don't think that I will be able to fit in many visits to Scotland to collect the Junk. I am still working hard to raise funds to help the children of Kiberia and will fill you in on the developments when I return.

Many thanks again to everyone for all the help and support you have given me.

*Lindsey Cooper*

# CHURCH NEWS

## *A New Fundraiser For St Andrews*

Many thanks to all who have donated Clothes Household, Toys, Books for recycling. Sandra and Sally have decided to take a break just now but may well come back to it again at a later date so hang on to your stuff!

*Sandra Goodall & Sally Jamieson*



## *Autumn Fayre*

This year's Autumn Fayre will be held on Saturday, 26 October. There will be the usual fancy goods, baking, face painting stalls and the tea room offering fine home baking!

The doors will open at 10 a.m. and the cost of tickets is Adult: £2.00 and Child: £1.00 including refreshments. These will be available from the end of September as will bags for you to fill with items for the stalls.

## *Blythwood Shoebox Appeal*

This is the 20th anniversary of Blythwood running the appeal and over 1.6 Million boxes have been donated and distributed through the years.

You can help us this year by filling a box yourself or as part of your church, school or other organisations you belong to. It's very easy to put some basic items together. See leaflet for details as to what to include in your box and bring it to the church for collection before 20 October.

## *Cecilian Orchestra Concert*

The Cecilian Orchestra are holding their annual concert in St Andrew's on Thursday, 5 December. Tickets will be available in due course. See weekly bulletin for more details nearer the time.

# CHURCH NEWS

## *Emmaus*

The Emmaus course is an excellent resource that is run in St Andrew's under the leadership of the Maturity Action Group.

With many different modules usually of four or five week length, covering various different aspects of faith, it provides a good introduction for people seeking to find out more about God, those new to their faith, and also those looking to grow in their faith.



### **What can I expect to find in each session?**

Each session includes time for Bible study, input and discussion, group exercises, meditations, ways to put faith into practice, and prayers. The groups are facilitated by other church members as we explore together on the way of faith. For the Spring Session 2013 the group will be studying the series '*Called Into Life*'

## **Autumn 2013**

**Wednesday 2 October**

**Wednesday 9 October**

**Wednesday 16 October**

**Wednesday 23 April**

**Wednesday 30 April**

# CHURCH NEWS

## *Sanctus Praise Service*

These joint services of worship, prayer and praise are held on the second Sunday of each month in each of the churches represented.

The theme of this year's services is food as it is portrayed in the Bible.

Please make a note of the dates and venues below.



sanctus  
praise service

### 2013

**13 October** (High Blantyre Baptist)

**10 November** (Blantyre: Old)

**8 December** (Hamilton Hillhouse)

### 2014

**12 January** (Blantyre St Andrew's)

**9 February** (Hamilton Trinity)

**9 March** (Blantyre Livingstone Memorial)

**13 April** (High Blantyre Baptist)

**11 May** (Blantyre: Old)

**8 June** (Hamilton Hillhouse)

All services will be preceded by refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and followed by Worship at 7:00 p.m.

# CHURCH NEWS

## *Sound System*

A small group of volunteers try their best to help the service run smoothly by operating the projector and the sound system. If you look up at the back wall between the hall and church you will see the new projector which directs its beam onto a new screen. This is sighted above the pulpit and not in it as before. Now the Minister can use the pulpit as desired.



We used to use Peter's laptop computer to operate the projector though now we use our own laptops. We hope soon to transfer the recorded services to the website. In the past we used to rely on Peter's technical knowhow for this. The volunteers are trying to set this up and are making progress.

Recently a new microphone and aerial have been purchased for the minister. The old ones were threadbare and part of the cause of the feedback problem. There has been experimentation to try and reduce hiss and feedback since then too. Be reassured that whoever sits at the sound system is unlikely to be the cause of the feedback/ hiss and trying his best to resolve it!

If any other volunteers would like to help with the audiovisual system that would be greatly appreciated.

*David Simpson*

## *Prayers*

Jesus' light helps us to see into the dark corners  
where evil lurks.  
in praying to you, God,  
we ask for help when we find ourselves in these  
dark places. we grasp your hand and come into the sunshine

# CHURCH NEWS

## *Ladies Group*

Our Ladies' Group meets on the last wednesday of the month in the Nazarene hall at 8 p.m.

All ladies are invited to come along and bring friends to enjoy the evenings of fellowship fun and entertainment.

Our next meetings are planned for :

Wednesady, 30 October

Wednesday 27 November

Interesting programmes have been arranged for these evenings and we would encourage all our ladies to come and join us.

## *Prayers Contd.*

What a joy it is for us caring Father,  
to be the one who listens.  
we pray that we can be ever vigilant  
to the needs of others and in your name,  
come to the aid of others where possible.

We pray that we will never become jaded  
or take your wonders for granted.  
we hope we will always see the freshness  
and beuty of the sunrise and sunset.

Clouds and blue sky, sun rain and the dark velvet night.  
we come Lord, to you, with grateful hearts.



# CHURCH NEWS

## *The Minister has left – What is happening now?*

As we all know, Peter and his family have now moved to Aberdeen and he is safely installed as the new minister of Ferryhill Parish Church.

Over 20 folks made the trip north for Peter's induction service on Thursday 8th August; this was a well-attended Presbytery service, followed by an excellent "social" with loads of food and a series of welcome speeches from his new congregation. I spoke on behalf of St Andrew's and pointed out the many benefits which Peter's 12 years of ministry brought to us; I also gave them fair warning though that they should expect loads of new hymns and other changes in the not-too-distant future!

David Burt also spoke on behalf of the Calderside Chaplaincy team and of how much Peter would be missed by that now-depleted team. Somehow in typical David Burt fashion, he included a story about Killie pies and even left samples for them to try!

Since Peter's departure, we have enjoyed pulpit supply by Alistair Jessamine and Norman McKee and I'm pleased to confirm that Norman will continue to lead our worship most Sundays for the foreseeable future and into 2014.

Hamilton Presbytery has appointed Rev Douglas Wallace, the minister of Stewartfield Church in East Kilbride as our Interim Moderator during this vacancy period and Douglas will chair our Kirk Session meetings and attend other meetings as required. Many of you will have met Douglas when he led our worship at the recent Family Communion service, and we look forward to his assistance in the weeks and months that lie ahead.

We have been advised by Hamilton Presbytery that, in accordance with the Presbytery Plan for Blantyre, there should now be discussions with Livingstone Memorial over the terms of our union with them. This will involve a series of meetings with representatives of both Kirk Sessions and members of Presbytery's Implementation Committee to discuss and agree the various aspects involved. Some of these discussions will be relatively straightforward and easy but others may be more protracted as we debate sensitive issues such as buildings to be retained and used, which manse should be adopted, etc. We will also need to agree a new name for the united congregation – all ideas gratefully received! These initial

## *What is happening now? contd*

meetings will involve only some members of the respective Kirk Sessions, but ultimately the proposals will require to be endorsed by all of the Elders and in turn by each congregation. We will of course keep you fully informed of these discussions, particularly when some progress has been made.

Neither Livingstone Memorial or ourselves will be allowed to call a new minister until this process has been completed, so the sooner this can be achieved the better, and we can look forward to a new ministry.

In the meantime, we need your continued support Sunday by Sunday and at all other events and activities with which we are associated. Our Autumn Fayre is our major fund-raising event of the year, and as always your support for this would be greatly-appreciated.

You will also note the article elsewhere in the magazine advising of the anticipated shortfall in our offerings for this year. It is particularly important that we address this issue, and while we appreciate that the vast majority of our members are on pensions or other fixed incomes, any help you can provide would be appreciated.

It is important too that we can project a lively attitude during the vacancy period and your continued support will be vital. We are also anxious to continue to support the Tradecraft initiative formerly organised by Carolyn; this needs a new leader -- can YOU help in any way???

We must also ensure our continued support for the other community and church-based activities such as the Calderside Academy Chaplaincy and the joint Sanctus worship services held monthly on a rota basis with the other local churches.

We will also be continuing our support for the Parish Grouping with Hillhouse, Trinity and the other Blantyre Churches to share our resources. We expect to hear more about this shortly and will let you know the details when they become available.

In conclusion, this is a potentially difficult period, but I am sure that with YOUR continued support and involvement WE will come through it successfully.

Many Thanks as always,  
*Andrew Williamson*

# ACTION GROUPS

## *Money Action Group*

The Money Action group is the group which has the responsibility of maintaining and controlling St. Andrew's church finance. This includes managing the income, expenditure and budget under the remit of the Kirk session.

With Peter now away to Ferry-hill in Aberdeen, things have now changed.

But one thing that never changes is that we all have a responsibility to pay our upkeep of St Andrews and associated buildings.

The finance group have been grateful over the last years for all the Christian giving that the church has received from all our members, adherents and visitors.

Now as we wait to see the future developments and what is in store for St Andrews, we must ALL stay focused on how we can keep St Andrews a loving caring exciting active church and part of our community.

The Finance figures show that our offerings are down by £2500 on budget which is attributable solely to offerings. This means that members who previously contributed have left the congregation and the responsibility to reduce the deficit is now up to those who remain.

**SO WHAT CAN WE DO COLLECTIVELY TO CHANGE THAT?**

One thing we admire about St Andrews is how we all respond positively to challenges that are presented to us, and we are sure that will not change with this challenge.

We are acutely aware of the financial economic climate but would ask that members consider if they are able to increase their weekly offering

### **OTHER PRACTICAL WAYS TO PLAY YOUR PART**

a. If you have freewill offering envelopes please make sure that you present them every week and catch up with absent weeks on your return to church.

b. Do you pay tax? Could you sign a gift aid declaration? This is a good income generation at no cost to you.

c. CHURCH FAYRE 26th October 2013 – could you help? We

St Andrew's  
*Action  
Groups*  
*Money*

# ACTION GROUPS

need volunteers to support the church fete- no matter in what capacity there is a job for you to do. Please speak to a group leader or elder.

d. Do you have a fund raising idea for the church which we could help you realise?

The finance group would like to thank you in anticipation for your cooperation and contributions.

Everyone has a part to play..... ARE YOU DOING YOUR PART?

## *Membership Action Group Christmas Events*

The Membership Action Group are organising an outing to the Salvation Army Christmas Concert in the evening of Wednesday, 4th December at Rutherglen Town Hall.

This is open to all who wish to take advantage at a cost of £6.00 per person which includes transport to and from the venue.

If you would like to go to this excellent Carol Concert, please let Jean Murray (824423) know as soon as possible so that tickets can be purchased.



St Andrew's  
**Action  
Groups**  
Membership

## *Pensioners' Christmas Lunch*

A lunch has been reserved in the Parkville, Blantyre, for Monday, 2nd December.

This is available to all who are happy to admit they have reached 60 years of age. A list will appear in the vestibule of the Church soon and you only have to place a tick at your name if you are able to attend. If your name does not appear there, please let Marion Brownlie know.

Further notices will be included in the Order of Services closer to the time.

*Marion Brownlie*

# SPAIN

## *Land of Sun, Sea and Sangria ... or is it?*

Spain...Land of sun, sea and sangria. That is what most people think of our favourite holiday destination but that country has a history as diverse and exciting as our own with pirates, civil war, heroes and villains and an empire that stretched over the new world.

While Britain was last invaded by the Normans (really quite indistinguishable from the indigenous population apart from language) Spain had an assault from the Moors whose whole culture and look was alien. They were also Muslim as opposed to the Christian Spanish. Looking back , although they were finally ejected and we ended up with Spain as we know it, they left a wonderful legacy of art and architecture. The Spanish have more festivals than you can shake a stick at but one cultural event that has been created from those days is a festival called Moors and Christians. It is held in several towns with many local events which culminate in a huge parade which can last for hours and I mean HOURS. First the Christians



parade along the main streets in wonderful medieval type costumes which have to be seen to be believed. Soldiers, knights, horses, floats with a modern theme all accompanied by bands and music which creates an air of great excitement. They are followed by the Moors who are dressed in exotic , Arab/African costumes, again of an exceptional quality. The parade I visited in Ontinyent even had camels and riders who duly intimidated the crowds, as much by the fact that there was very little apparent crowd protection, as by the fact that these are very large



and bolshie animals.

The spectacle was completed with mock battles etc. and it made me think (in a simplistic way) that wouldn't it be great if we could move on and develop some of our nastier and divisive history into something that could celebrate our differences and bring communities together. Just think of the potential of joint parades with music, funfares and all the other bits and pieces that could go into a festival. How much more edifying than the street battles and bitterness that we see now. It would also be a world beater in the terms of pure commercialism bringing people from near and far to enjoy.. Competition to be the best on show based on pride rather than hate. Excitement rather than fear.



Maybe I am just dreaming.....wouldn't it be great if I wasn't.

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## *Guides, Brownies & Rainbows*

Rainbows (5-7), brownies(7-10), guides(10-14) and senior section(14+) are all back after the summer break and we have over 60 girls attending in total, with 11 leaders/young leaders. The guides had a fantastic week in Alloway, camping in the South Ayrshire campsite Netherauchendrane. We visited the Farm Park, Burns Cottage, and the town centre of Ayr.

This year, we have lots of different things planned for each group, with varied programmes to develop the girls physically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. There are lots of opportunities to learn new skills, make new friends and have lots of fun. We are hoping to take some of the girls to the Commonwealth Games in the summer of 2014.

If any girls aged 5-16 want to join us, please contact Maureen Cochrane on 07739579164.

*Maureen Cochrane*



*Cooking at Guide Camp*

# LETTER

*from the Johnstons*

54 Polmuir Road  
Aberdeen  
AB11 7RT

Dear friends,

Foo are ye deein?

It has been good to hear the news that has been winging its way from Blantyre to Aberdeen. Though I have been getting a lot of grief for taking Andrew to a Dons game at Pittodrie!

We are still settling into new routines, which is taking some getting used to (and particularly doing so without the support we had in Blantyre to help with the family – you know who you are!) and I am still finding my feet at the church with the first cycle of meetings now underway. It does take a while, I had forgotten that, but everyone is being very understanding as I ask lots of daft laddie questions about why something happens this way or that way.

Katherine is thankfully now out of her plaster cast following her trampoline accident and starting to get strength back in her leg, though not back to doing gymnastics just yet.

It has been lovely over the last couple of months to see folks who have been visiting Aberdeen pop past, do let us know if you are going to be in town.

I do wish you every blessing as 2013 starts to draw to a close.

From your friends,  
Peter (and Carolyn, Sophia, Katherine, Andrew, Emma and Keely)

01224 949192

*peter.johnston@ferryhillparishchurch.org*

# HERBAL LIFE

*Nazarene Hall*



As from October 1st there will be a new tenant in the Nazarene Hall HERBALIFE

Now most of you will never of heard of HERBALIFE as I didn't a year a go.

That's when I met Sandra Martin at a business networking event. I had just returned from a 3 week holiday in Asia and had put on a few pounds as you do and she invited me for a FREE WELLNESS EVALUATION in her new HERBALIFE centre in Hamilton . I knew my GOALS but didn't know how to go about it

What had I to loose? So I accepted the invitation and went along.nothing like lifting your head out the sand and a few home truths

Sandra evaluated my eating habits and fluid intake tested my BODY MASS INDEX, BODY FAT and WEIGHT My daily ENERGY LEVELS were not at their best and we discussed that as well.

After we got all my data Sandra put together a personalised nutritional program over a 12 week period. I was determined to give it my best shot The program was supported with an education program and a one to one coaching

At the end of the 12 weeks I was amazed that I had lost 11/2 stone reduced my Body fat from 33% to 27% and had more daily energy I thanked Sandra for all her help , she offered me the opportunity to be a distributor .

My friends were noticing the difference in me and I was really excited about the way I looked and felt and the difference in my

## *Herbalife Contd...*

energy levels

I have been a distributor now for about a year and have helped lots of people meet their goals I thoroughly enjoy helping people reach their



goals and feel good with them selves and getting more energy.

I am now one of the stake holders in the HERBALIFE WELLNESS CENTRE. I continually go to training and get great support from HERBALIFE

So I would like to invite you all to pop in and visit the WELLNESS CENTRE Find out a bit more about HERBALIFE Have a FREE EVALUATION get yourselves a personal nutrition program feel great with yourself again

I'm always in and about the community you can ask me about HERBALIFE and I look forward in giving you help and advice. I can arrange a EVALUATION FOR YOU

We are looking forward to working with the people in Blantyre please help us by letting your friends and family know that there is a new HERBALIFE WELLNESS CENTRE on their door step

If you prefer you can chat to me in the church anytime and I will arrange an evaluation

Regards

*Bobby McKean*

# REMEMBRANCE

## *'Beyond the sea'*

It is that time of year again when World War 1 comes back into our thoughts especially now that we approach the 100th anniversary. It is a wonder that after nearly a hundred years we still hold this particular war in some kind of reverence. A brutal and debilitating four years....you would think that it would be put to the back of peoples minds; expunge the horrific memory of mud injury and thousands dead. We don't. We put it away and bring it out every year. We have had wars since time began (including some recent ones with terrible outcomes) so why does this one resonate so much. Is it because of the numbers who died or the fact that they tended to be "groups of pals" who went to war together and often died together at a ridiculously young age? The blind obedience which led men to go over the top into a hail of machinegun fire? Or maybe that men returned from the front often scarred and damaged by what they saw there and rarely talked of it even to their closest relatives Whatever the reason, this was supposed to be the war that ended all wars and make us free.....or so they told us!!!!!!!

Our memories often come, apart from the grainy films, from the "war poets" like Rupert Brooke and Wilfrid Owen but the Scots also had poems and literature about the Great War. Of the horrors, personal tragedies and heroism in that conflict but often in the vernacular, the language of the people, and in Gaelic, and often strongly anti war. It is all the more poignant for that. Works by the likes of Hugh MacDiarmid, Lewis Grassie Gibbon and Harry Lauder who lost a son during the war.

From *'Beyond the sea'* by John McDougall Hay  
(a church of Scotland minister).

They were comrades, they were brothers.  
Together they learned, ate, worked, suffered and fought,  
Walking life abreast,  
And out of the fire coming hand in hand.  
They knew the need they had of one another.  
They were friends-not as the world knows friendship,

## *'Beyond the sea'*

by chance or caste or common interests  
In a day they were friends, purified in suffering,  
Sanctified in trial together.  
Those who were younger in danger got very near  
To those who had come to close quarters with  
The terrifying things  
And had passed through the waters.  
Whose presence was consolation,  
Whose word was guidance,  
Whose face relit the fire of courage in the darkest hours.  
They who had suffered gave to the others the gift of enduring.  
They who had fought communicated steadfastness and quietness of soul.  
They were the Big Friends, the big Brothers.



# VOLUNTARY ACTION



**Voluntary Action**  
**South Lanarkshire**  
Putting the Voluntary Sector **FIRST**

## *Good Morning*

**W**ould you like to receive a morning call to check you're doing okay? A new morning call service was launched by VASL on 26, August 2013.

This service runs from Monday - Friday and you will receive a call each morning at a time that suits you.

If you feel you would benefit from the reassurance that someone will be on hand to raise the alarm in the event of any problems, then please contact VASLan's Stay Connected Team on **01698 300 390**.

## *Volunteer Drivers Required*

**V**ASL require volunteer drivers who will use their own cars to provide transport for older people.

The door-to-door service will help older people stay connected to their communities, attending lunch clubs, church groups, visit friends, go shopping attend GP and hospital appointments and much more.

Volunteers must have their own transport, a current driving licence and a caring nature. you must also be available a minimum of 2 hours a week. you will receive relevant training and be subject to a disclosure check (PVG).

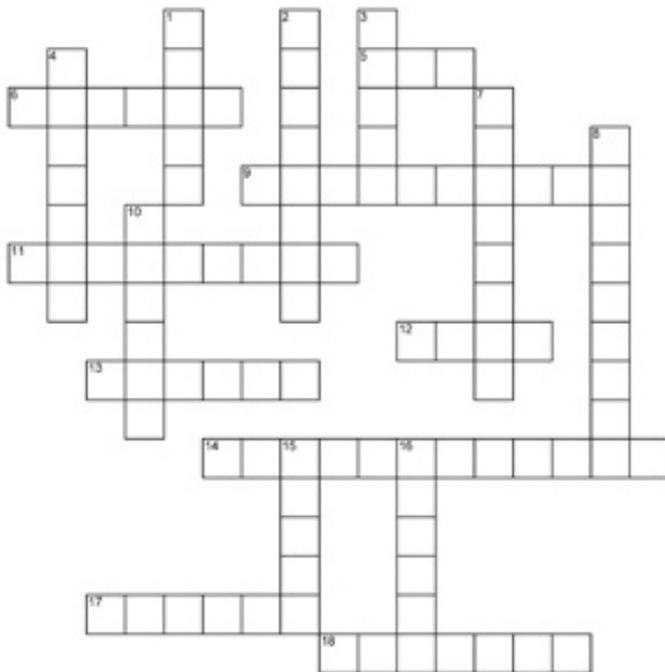
Volunteers will be paid 40p per mile expenses.

If you can help out, please call

**01698 300 390** or email [stayconnected@vaslan.org.uk](mailto:stayconnected@vaslan.org.uk).

# PUZZLE PAGE

## *Crossword Puzzle : Autumn*



### ACROSS

- 5 First color of a rainbow
- 6 Thanksgiving gobbler
- 9 Horn of plenty
- 11 Sleep for the winter
- 12 Color changing season
- 13 Buttery color
- 14 Holiday with a feast
- 17 Pumpkin color
- 18 Reap and gather

### DOWN

- 1 Tallest plants
- 2 What shivering birds do
- 3 Dirty color
- 4 Halloween gourd
- 7 Super Bowl sport
- 8 Scary holiday
- 10 Goes
- 15 Fruit you bob for
- 16 World Cup sport

# CHURCH NOTICES

## *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

*Do this in remembrance of me.*

### **December 2013**

- 1<sup>st</sup> 11 a.m. Communion Service  
2<sup>nd</sup> 3 p.m. Afternoon Communion Service  
(Conducted by Rev Norman McKee)

### **March 2014**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 11 a.m. Communion Service  
2<sup>nd</sup> 3 p.m. Afternoon Communion Service



## *Baptisms*

*Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them  
in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

### **September 2013**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Fallyn Linda McNeill parents: Darren McNeill and Lauren Hume

## *Funerals*

*I am the resurrection and the life.  
Whoever has faith in me shall live, even though he dies.*

### **August 2013**

- 13<sup>th</sup> Roderick MacLean, 14 Stonefield Crescent, Blantyre

### **September 2013**

- 13<sup>th</sup> James Morrison, 59 Springwell Crescent, Blantyre

# USEFUL INFORMATION

## *Blantyre St Andrew's Parish Church of Scotland*

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Blantyre St Andrew's Parish Church of Scotland is a registered Scottish Charity: SC005955

### **CHURCH OFFICE**

Open Wed, & Fri  
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### **Church Administrator**

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### **OTHER CONTACTS**

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#### **Guides (6<sup>th</sup> Blantyre)**

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#### **Brownies (3<sup>rd</sup> Blantyre)**

Phylis Crossan, 713128

#### **Rainbows (3<sup>rd</sup> Blantyre)**

Louise Gibson, 827947

#### **Cosy Café**

James Taylor, 0795149 2234

#### **Ladies Group**

Vacant

#### **Sunday Funday Club**

Catherine Williamson, 825829

#### **Traidcraft Stall**

Vacant

#### **Tuesday Tea Room**

Isabelle Menzies, 827930

# AND FINALLY...

## *Judge not*

I was shocked, confused, bewildered  
As I entered Heaven's door,  
Not by the beauty of it all,  
Nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven  
Who made me sputter and gasp—

The thieves, the liars, the sinners,  
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh  
grade  
Who swiped my lunch money! Twice.  
Next to him was my old neighbor  
Who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought  
Was rotting away in hell,  
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,  
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?  
Would love to hear Your take.  
How'd all these sinners get up here?  
God must've made a mistake.

'And why's everyone so quiet,  
So somber – give me a clue.'  
'Hush, child,' He said, 'they're all in shock.  
No one thought they'd be seeing you.'

JUDGE NOT.

Remember...Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian  
Any more than...Standing in your garage makes you a car.

