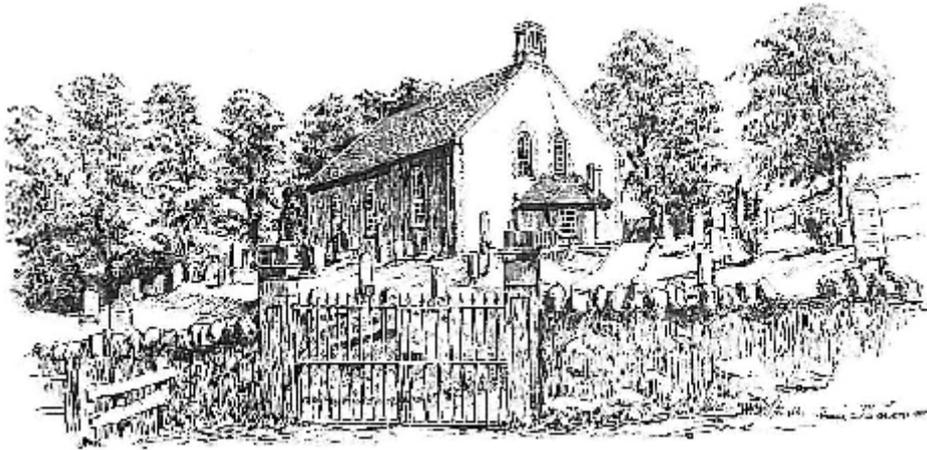


Tomnacross Tidings



Kiltarlity Church of Scotland

Regular Worship 11.15am - everyone welcome

May 2015 Diary

3rd, 10th, 17th - Rev Jonathan Humphrey

16th Village Gala

17th Third Sunday Praise - Wardlaw Church 6.00

24th Pentecost

26th Rev Jonathan Humphrey

28th Thursday - Joint Kirk Session meeting at Kirkhill ,7.30 to discuss service times.

Flower Rota for May 2015

3rd Mrs Margo MacLennan

24th Mrs Ruth MacKenzie

10th Mrs Linda MacKenzie

31st Mrs Ruth MacKenzie

17th Mrs Linda MacKenzie

FROM OUR MINISTER.....

I love church. I love it because Jesus invented it and I love it because Jesus chose to involve us in building his church despite all our shortcomings and imperfections. He said to Peter, one of his closest disciples (along with James and John) – “And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it” (Matthew 16:18).

Over the past couple of weeks on Sunday mornings have been learning from John’s gospel (Chapter 10) about Jesus the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep and calls them by name. He knows each one of us, loves and cherishes our company, but also “the other sheep too, that are not in the sheepfold yet” (John 10: 16). It’s an exciting prospect to know that in our community and beyond, Jesus has his “sheep” that are not yet part of his fold – his church.

So... if Jesus says he will build his church and he has sheep that are not yet added to it, then we should expect church to grow numerically. Hell (or Hades), won’t get in the way, because Jesus has defeated evil on the cross, so there shouldn't be anything that stops God “adding to our fellowship those who are being saved” (Acts 2: 47). Of course it’s not just numerical growth we expect to see, but also growth in faith, maturity, renewal and Kingdom impact since building is not just about adding bricks!

Truth is though that while we might believe that church growth is possible, we also need to position ourselves to be used effectively in the same way that Jesus used Peter and the rest of the apostles in his building programme. In these days, I believe God is about the business of “healing us for the harvest”; showing us how to

overcome the impact of negative thought patterns, fear, anger, unforgiveness etc. on our ability to share our faith, welcome and love others into His Kingdom. If we are not full of peace and joy, and regularly settle our differences with others, then it's difficult to convince anyone that getting to know Jesus is a good idea!

If this all seems a bit daunting then I would recommend starting with one of the simplest things we can do, which is to wake up every day and invite the Lord to fill us with his Holy Spirit. This was what happened to Peter and his friends at Pentecost, when the power of God transformed cowering, fearful, ordinary people, into brave, empowered, ordinary people, but effective communicators of the gospel. Kate and I want to join with you in praying this prayer, and I look forward to hearing your stories!

Jonathan

Calum MacRitchie



I am a very new elder here, but for a short time, I was privileged to have Calum MacRitchie on my 'list'. He was a perfect gentleman, and the first time I went along, he was in the kitchen, apron on, getting his tea ready..... I have written this little piece on my impressions of his funeral.

First of all, the flowers were beautiful - lilies, of course, and a good turn out of Kiltarlity folk to see them. It was very touching that the collection was for our church.

Ian Morrison gave the address and spoke of Calum's long, happy and productive life. He was a man who grew things - family and friends and colleagues as well as plants, our lives enriched by knowing him. Ian said that Calum was a Highlander through and through, youngest of eight and a gardener all his life, eventually working at the Edinburgh Botanic and Windsor Great Park. He married Nancy after a blind date, and with their three children, were happy to return to the north and establish Highland Lilies which has celebrated over forty years of successful trading. Calum became an elder and was also Session Clerk for some time, and at home was always busy, mastering housekeeping and cooking after Nancy died, and famous for his love of bonfires. All who knew him treasure his life.

The service continued with praise and readings - from Calum's daughter Isla, 'I to the hills.....', son Neil, the parable of the Sower, and granddaughter Laura, Paul's words on Love from Corinthians. Jonathan spoke of his one meeting with him in hospital when they chatted happily about Calum's life and shared knowledge of Windsor Great Park. Jonathan also had words of solace - 'may you know His love and comfort and presence at this hour'.

The interment took place in sunshine to the sound of birdsong and the oyster-catchers with all Calum's children and grandchildren holding the cords - a lovely service for a lovely man.

Sheila Moir.

KILTARLITY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

OUR CHURCH

The name Kiltarlity comes from the Gaelic “Cill Targhlain” which translates as “church of Talorcan / Talorgan, the name of a number of Pictish Kings.



Our Church does not date back to these far gone times, but does have an interesting history. There IS a slight trace of a Columban church in the Eastern districts of the northern Picts, this recorded in Irish annals, and there has been a suggestion of Pictish relics having been found in the vicinity of the parish. The Irish “trace” as mentioned was made in 616 AD, the “article” recording the death of Talorgain, or Talarican who gave his name to the great district of Cill Talargyn, (Skene’s Celtic Scotland 1877). The church of Kyntarlargyn is mentioned in 1227 (A.C. MacLean 1915).

The ruined Old Parish Church , a listed building and burial ground, was probably built in the 17th century, a stone adjacent to the door of the present church dated 1626 having been relocated there

when the contemporary church was constructed in 1829. The Old Kiltarlity Church was dedicated to Tharlagus, or according to another record to Tarrail whose grave is said to be marked Clach Tarrail and is situated some ½ mile SW of the ruin. (W.R. MacDonald 1902) Our Church is the Parish Church, and in itself replaced a church on the same site, this former place of worship dating back to 1763.

There are records of 22 ministers having served the parish of Kiltarlity throughout its long history, the Kiltarlity Parish formed out of Convinth in 1226!) A further linkage took place in 1982 when the Churches of Kiltarlity and Kirkhill were linked, this coinciding with the induction of Rev Campbell Mackinnon. Campbell was succeeded by Rev Fraser Turner, and then (through the vacancy) by Rev Willis Jones. Willis was followed by Rev Kobus Smit.

The Kirk Session and congregation have now warmly welcomed our 23rd minister, Rev Dr Jonathan Humphrey who was ordained and inducted at a service planned and led by Inverness Presbytery on Friday 27th March 2015. The service was attended by a congregation of some 200, from both Kirkhill and Kiltarlity Churches, the Free Church of Scotland and many family members and friends of Jonathan and Kate who had travelled many miles to be present and support our new minister, his wife and family.

Ellenor Thomas

Last Sunday Teas and Coffees

We are starting 'after service' teas and coffees with a chance for a chat on the last Sunday of each month. Watch out for a rota!

HIGHLAND PIANO GROUP - a letter from Tonya

Dear All,

I am glad to announce that The Highland Piano Group is now live and looking for members. Created just over a week ago I am already getting a lot of interest and have three members already.

Please spread the word!

Just a few points about the Group:

- It is for over 18yo piano enthusiasts of all abilities and levels - beginners, intermediate, advanced , professional, etc
- We will meet every 4-8 weeks, during week days, in the evenings at the following venues - The Music Station, Inverness, or Loch Ness Pianos, Dochgarron, by Inverness. The venue owners were kind enough to let us use their premises free of charge.
- There is no membership fee! It is free!
- We share our piano music for each other and socialize! Any style / genre of music welcome. At the moment performances are limited to 10 min duration per person and a maximum of 2 pieces.
- The very first meeting will take place at the Music Station in Inverness in May - the date TBC.

I have created a facebook page for the Group - please "Like!" and "Share" if you are on social media. This is the link - <https://www.facebook.com/thehighlandpianogroup>

Please let me know if you would like to find out more!

Thank you very much,

Regards,

Tonya Clement

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