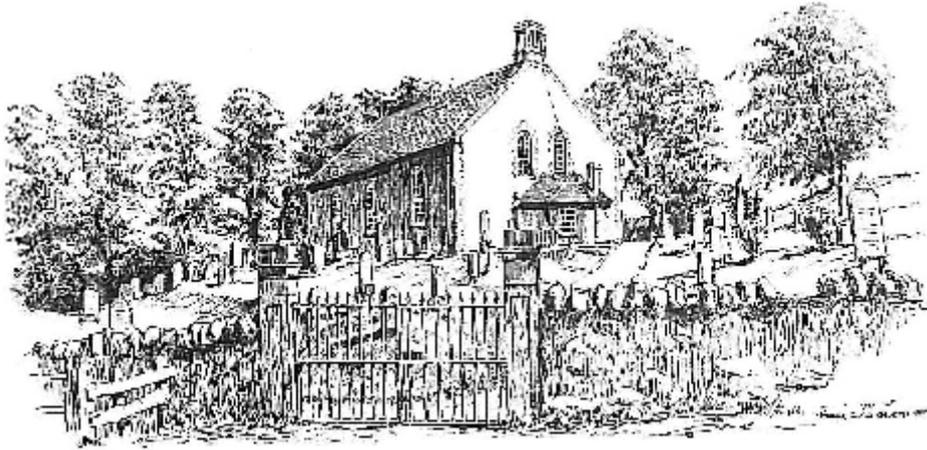


Tomnacross Tidings



Kiltarlity Church of Scotland

Regular Worship 11.15am, 11.30am from 19th July - all welcome

July 2015 Diary

5th Joyce Mitchell

12th Alasdair & Eileen Morrison

19th Rev Jonathan Humphrey

28th Rev Jonathan Humphrey, tea/coffee after the service

August 2015

12th Childrens' Fun Day - 11am - 4pm (Registration from 10.30am)

16th Café Church in village hall

Flower Rota for July 2015

5th Mrs Linda MacKenzie

12th Mrs Linda MacKenzie

19th Mrs Ethna Ferguson

26th Mrs Ellenor Thomas

From our minister.....

Over the past few weeks I have been taking assemblies at Kirkhill and Tomnacross Primary Schools and talking a bit about transitions – times of change where we move on from the familiar to something new. Sometimes this can be challenging.

In the Bible there are so many stories on the theme of transition – Abraham was called by God to leave his homeland to take up residence in a new country (Genesis 12) or the people of Israel freed from slavery in Egypt and spending 40 years in the desert until they were ready to go into the promised land of Canaan – or even the 3 days that Jesus spent in death before God brought him back to life.

Transitions are really about those awkward and uncertain times in our lives when we have left the old but not fully stepped into the new – whether that be dealing with moving on from school to training or university, a new job or grappling with a new baby. For P7s transition means preparing for moving on to High School and leaving behind the primary school years – a process that takes place over a number of months starting with visits to the high school, leaving ceremonies/proms, and social occasions mixing with others going to the new school.

After nearly 3 years of vacancy you may have been feeling that the people of K&K churches are at an end of a long period of transition... however, just as you think one transition is over though, another phase can begin! Remember how long it took the Israelites! The main thing to remember during transition is the need to keep Jesus central to everything we do and to trust in Him, praying and remembering God's promises –

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen” (Jeremiah 29: 11-12).

We also need to face the reality that just like most Church of Scotland congregations, our church family will only grow in the way God intends if we are accessible and welcoming to all generations. God loves family, and as I mentioned a few Sundays back His will is for the “hearts of the Fathers to be turned to the children and the hearts of the children to be turned towards the Fathers” (Malachi 4: 5). There is work to be done in all aspects of church life to make this a reality – and it will take time. In our Sunday services, I believe that the development of multi-age worship using a variety of instruments and styles is both biblical and necessary for us to fulfill our calling to make disciples of all (Matthew 28). However, we also need to think about the provision of Sunday Club/school, youth work and how we reach young (and the not so young!) families in our communities who have yet to experience the reality of Jesus’ love in their lives and are not part of church.

God has begun to lead us in these things and I’m excited that we will have the opportunity for a joint Kirkhill & Kiltarlity Kirk Session Vision day on Sunday 27th September. This will be a chance for the elders to take further time to listen to God and each other and to begin to develop a shared vision for the work of the Kingdom in our parishes. I would encourage us all to be praying for this Vision day and joining in with the next phase that God has for us here.

Jonathan

Church Fun Day & Cafe Church



This will take place in Kiltarlity Village hall on Wednesday 12th August from 11am till 4pm - registration from 10.30am. This will be a day of sports, crafts, music and drama all with a David and Goliath theme. A buffet lunch is included. Cost is £2 per child, £1 for siblings. Pass the word around - this fun day is open to any primary children.

The following Sunday, 16th August, will be a Café Church with the Free Church in the Village Hall - not in either church! Don't worry, more information on the event will be forthcoming.

Parish News

- Annie Mackenzie has been appointed Deputy Head Girl at Charleston Academy.
- A team from Tomnacross Primary came 3rd in the District Final of the Rotary Club Primary Schools Quiz (having won their previous 2 heats and area final). This covered over 500 schools from north and east of Scotland (including Fife, Stirling and everything north of that).
- The Tomnacross Primary school athletics team (with 2 members from Sunday School – Erin and Catriona) did very well in the South Highland Primary Schools Athletics Competition. The team won gold medals in 9 out of the 15 events they entered and one individual broke the section course record for the 600m.
- Kiltarlity Free Church Holiday Club for primary age children – 13th to 17th July inclusive.

AN INVITATION !

RED SQUIRRELS AT BARBARA'S



Mrs Barbara Wilton invites anyone interested in RED SQUIRRELS in their natural habitat to visit her garden , Rowan Cottage, Kiltarlity by arrangement. She will be delighted to see lots of you, but requests that you telephone in advance ! Tel : 01463 741352

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

This will continue in Kirkhill at 7.00pm during July, and will return to Kiltarlity in August. It will then alternate between the churches on a monthly basis.

Minister's Holidays

Our minister will be on holiday on 5th and 12th July and away around the first two weeks of the month. If you have need of a minister and there is no reply at the manse during this time, please contact the Session Clerk, David Garvie, or any elder.

A Poem of 'Our Mountain'.....

At this time of year, the familiar backdrop of our church, the receding snow-fields of Ben a'Bhaich Ard are very picturesque - a scene which was incorporated into the poem below.

It was written by my late father who had been born and bred in the shadow of this mountain in the early part of the 20th century. Having lived so long, so close to it, he had always wanted to get to its top - but that did not happen until one sunny afternoon in 1980, when we decided to climb it together. The poem has also a reference to the loss of his beloved sister who died of cancer at 42.

'Ma chu thu mi an diugh, cha chreid thu an sgeul seo'

Helen Macleod.

To Ben a'Bhaich Ard

We know you're not the Matterhorn
Or Nevis, Suilven or Schiehallion,
But you belong to us;
Presiding over all we call the Aird
Whose farms and crofts and woods and waters
All look up to you;
Windows reflecting sunshine in the Summer
Lights twinkling back to you in Winter's dark.

In days of old they said , when God came down,
That Sinai was 'altogether on a smoke'.
You put on your mantle of white mist
But Winter finds you shrouded in dark storms
To show again all decked in snow white
Far as the long straight road from Nairn

Trod east and west by Charlie's tragic heroes;
Far as the fertile fields of the Black Isle.
When trains come rattling down to Inverness
You wave to tired travellers 'Welcome home'
To the warm, friendly North and West.
All the lower hills look up to you,
Were mighty Wyvis some great King or Prince
Your graceful lines would mark you for his Princess.
Yours is the crowning cairn that sheltered Chrissie
Would that she found such shelter in the World!
But, souls of righteous in the hand of God,
Ther shall no tormanat touch them
They are in peace!
Bearing another name has come Another,
By bracken, birch and heather, tracks of deer
She coaxed me up yur ever rising slopes
Out on to the bare Mountain;
Till perched upon your broad eastern shoulder
She beckoned me to join her;
Then bounded like a roe along your Ridge
Straight for the Peak.



Monthly After Service Tea/Coffee

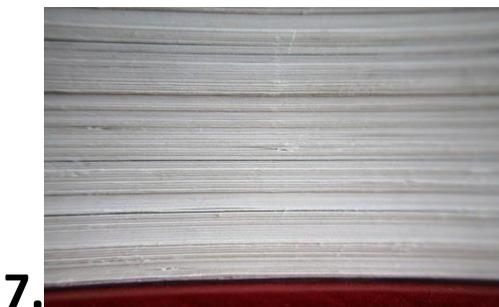
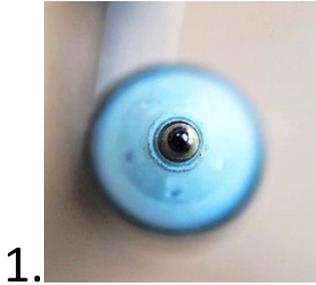
This is working well and gives everyone time for a chat. Please keep an eye on the timetable and fill in gaps!

Newsletter

Do remember, this is your newsletter. Any contributions relevant to our Church and parish most welcome.

Puzzle Corner

Can you tell what these things are?



Answers on notice board from next week!