

Tomnacross Tidings



Kiltarlity Church of Scotland

Regular Worship 11.30am - all welcome

September 2015

6th Rev Bart Buell

13th Communion Sunday

20th Rev Jonathan Humphrey

27th **11.00am** Joint Harvest Thanksgiving at Kirkhill

Flower Rota

6th Mrs Ethna Ferguson

13th Mrs Ethna Ferguson

20th Mrs Sheila Moir

27th Mrs Margo MacLennan

From our Minister.....



You might have noticed that organisations and clubs use colourful adverts in newspapers and posters, and are increasingly using Twitter and Facebook to big up their impact in the community and to get the word out about what they are doing. It's also good for us as Jesus's followers to talk about what he is doing in our lives and in our communities. Regularly speaking these things out gives Him the glory, but also strengthens each one of us and strengthens His body the church. Over these past months in Kirkhill and Kiltarlity, I have heard so many amazing stories, so many testimonies of what God has done, and is still doing in folks' lives. Some of these stories are literally miraculous and a reminder that God is alive and powerful amongst us today by His Holy Spirit. When we tell others about what God has done, it can also lead others who don't know Jesus yet to ask questions and move towards faith in Him.

So... on our Third Sunday praise night (20th September) we are going to have an "open mic" evening - a chance for us to share our testimonies and our God-stories. Come along to share or just listen and to enjoy an evening of worship together.

Hope to see you on the 20th.

Jonathan

CHURCHES OUT !!!

On the morning of Sunday 18th August (2015), NO service was held in the regular venue, the Church of Scotland.



INSTEAD, the village hall had been opened at the early hour of 9.30am, at that appointed time a “team” of able bodies were in attendance to prepare the hall, with tables, chairs, cutlery, napkins, food, food and more food all to cater for what was envisaged to be a company of approximately 60-70 souls. Each table had upon it a beautiful centre arrangement of flowers along with a plate, a pair of oversize gloves, a bar of chocolate and a knife !!! On each table were also placed a number of blank “post- its” and some pencils. The hall was “decorated” with posters prepared by and for the children’s Fun Days, based on a) the theme “Pyramid Rock” and b) “David and Goliath”, each of the 2 Fun Days attended by circa 36 children. On each table too were “menus”, each one depicting the “order of service” and on the reverse inviting comments.

CAFE CHURCH had begun, and persons began arriving timeously for the scheduled start 11.30am. Except that persons came and came and came and CAME more and more tables were hastily erected and furnished with cups, saucers etc more and more

plates were filled and more and more cafetieres of coffee made available.

Well over 120 persons came to experience the first CAFE CHURCH in the village, from Church of Scotland, from Free Church, from Kirkhill, from the village and beyond.



The service was the brainchild of Rev Jonathan Humphrey, Church of Scotland, in conjunction with Rev Joe Barnard from Free Church. Jonathan led the service, supported by Joe who read the lesson and presented the address, the whole on the subject of the Bible theme “David and Goliath”, overcoming ones’ fears through Faith and trust in God.

Participants (one from each table) enthusiastically, when requested, donned the gloves, picked up the knife and attacked the chocolate, cutting it with varying degrees of success. Following this experience it was explained that without the correct tools for a task it may be very difficult, even if sometimes impossible to succeed. All present, of all ages recognised this!

Later, and following the address, congregation (by now the feeling was that it had been a VERY meaningful “church” service, was invited to put pen (pencil) to post –it, and write individual “fears”, “concerns”, “Goliath’s” in life. Everyone did, and after consigning

the whole to a rubbish bag, this demolished before everyone's eyes it was explained that, just like David's fears / apprehension when faced with the Goliath in his life, through Faith these were removed from us by God.

ALL ages had indeed attended, making this a true family service, from babes in arms to elderly. Songs and hymns appropriate to the theme were led in turn by Anna Barnard, and Kate Humphrey, music provided on the guitar and words projected for all to see clearly. EVERYONE joined in enthusiastically in the actions and, where no actions were required or encouraged, reverently.

Before departing congregation was invited to complete the evaluation on the reverse of the "menu", these suggesting overwhelming success for the CAFE CHURCH and a desire for it to be repeated.



CHURCH therefore does not need to be within the prescribed "building on the hill", but instead can and will be where people are gathered together in God's name.



Harvest 2015

Highland Foodbank would be grateful this harvest for donations of

Tinned Mince/Stew

Packets of Cream Crackers

Jars of Coffee

Tinned Tomatoes

Bars of soap

Lorna Dempster, Project Co-ordinator for Inverness & Nairn, writes- Harvest is a time of year when we remember God's goodness to us - and also reflect on our responsibility to express his love to those in our community and in our world who are in need. So it's not surprising that Harvest Thanksgiving continues to be the most significant time of year for giving to Foodbank from Highland Churches. Between April 1st and March 31st 2014/15, we helped almost 3000 people in Inverness and Nairn alone. To ensure that we receive the items we need the most, I'm assigning five products to each participating Church, including an item of much needed toiletries. Donations of 'bags for life' would also be very welcome.

Many thanks for your support!

The Stuff Dreams are Made Of

Anyone who lives in or around Kiltarlity will know the impact shinty has on the village. Shinty was also a focal point in all the old former schools Culburnie, Eskadale, Foxhole, Glen Convinth and of course Tomnacross. In 1953 Lovat Shinty Club swept the board winning all the shinty cups around and finished up by lifting the prestigious Camanachd Cup.

Well believe it or not, 62 years later, the present day Lovat team has won through to the final of the Camanachd Cup again this year and on September 19th will compete for the cup at Mossfield Park, Oban. This young team have already won the MacTavish Cup in 2013 and 2014 and will be aiming high to hopefully lift shinty's top trophy.

At the semi final against Inveraray it was a massive boost to the team to see among the supporters, Willie MacLean, one of the three surviving players from the victorious 1953 team, shedding a tear at their achievement.

I am sure you will wish the club all the very best for the final.

ALL AGE QUIZ

The following are the second lines of famous hymns from CH4. Can you give the first lines?

1. Every knee shall bow,
2. Forgive our foolish ways;
3. The Lamb upon his throne;
4. For the Bible tells me so;
5. When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
6. Fill me with life anew;
7. And his righteousness;
8. That glorious song of old,
9. Let me hide myself in thee;
10. Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
11. The good seed on the land,
12. Did the guiding star behold,
13. The darkness falls at your behest;
14. O gratefully sing his power and his love;
15. Of him who died upon the cross;
16. Over land and sea;
17. Thy people still are fed,
18. Sleeps the world; hid from sight,

Answers on the notice board in a week or two!