

What's on at Relief Church

SUNDAY	Morning Worship (Crèche available)		11.00am
	Sunday School and Bible Class		11.00am
	New Irvine Community Choir	0797 1228 342	3.00-5.00pm
	Contact: Sam Prescott MD	nicchoir@yahoo.co.uk	
MONDAY	Emma Jackson School of Dance	0790 3040 251	4.30-6.30pm
	Contact: Emma Jackson		
	New Youth Group (12-15yrs)	475900	7.00-9.00pm
	Contact: Elaine Baxter		
TUESDAY	Guild	538143	1.30-4.00pm
	Contact: Mrs B Gibson		
	Emma Jackson School of Dance	0790 3040 251	6.30-7.30pm
	Contact: Emma Jackson		
	Men's Fellowship	216939	7.30-9.30pm
	Contact: Rev. A Black		
	Guides (10-14yrs)	07810 046 381	7.00-9.00pm
	Contact: Irene McIlwain D/Commissioner		
WEDNESDAY	Bourtreehill Girls Group (S3+)	475900	7.00-9.00pm
	Contact: Elaine Baxter		
	Rainbow Guides (5-7yrs)	07810 046 381	6.00-7.30pm
	Contact: Irene McIlwain D/Commissioner		
	Brownies (7-10yrs)	07810 046 381	6.30-8.00pm
	Contact: Irene McIlwain D/Commissioner		
THURSDAY	Vestry Hour		6.30-7.30pm
	Beavers (6-8yrs)	238113	5.45-7.00pm
	Cubs (8-10yrs)	"	6.30-8.00pm
	Scouts (10-14yrs)	"	7.30-9.30pm
	Contact: Mr. E Duncan	eatduncan@hotmail.com	
FRIDAY	Boys' Brigade:		
	Anchor Boys Pr 1-3 (small hall)	215050	6.00-7.30pm
	Officer in Charge Mrs Susan Rose		
	Junior Section Pr 4-7 (large hall)	231745	6.00-7.30pm
Officer in Charge Stephen Cairns			
Company Section S1 up (small hall)	650422	7.45-9.30pm	
Officer in Charge Alan MacAulay			

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Dear Friends,

Once again our summer has slipped away from us. Again the Scottish weather has been unpredictable. Someone once said that Scotland is the only country where you can get frostbite in the morning and sunburn in the afternoon. Regardless of the weather I hope you had an enjoyable time through the holiday period.

Since Isabel retired at the beginning of the school holidays there has begun the task of clearing out those things that are no longer needed, no, I am still in the manse. Part of the clearing up involved coming across old photos which, has amused and at times bewildered our granddaughter Grace, like seeing her Grandad with a curly perm. However, some of these photos were a cause for reminiscence, especially those taken when we were on Summer Mission as teenagers. As a young Christian, recently come to faith, I was encouraged to go and share my faith with others, little did I realise where this would lead to. But I am grateful for these days because it gave me the confidence to go and tell others what Jesus meant to me.

Today, there is a greater need for Christian people to share their faith. To tell others what Jesus means to us. After all, this is the commission that Jesus gave to us, he tells us "to go and make disciples." As Christian people, as part of the Church we need to be involved in the work of spreading the Gospel to those who have not yet heard or understood what it means.

If the Church is to survive and grow and God's Kingdom established we need to rediscover and develop this concept of mission.

So as we face a new session in the Church's life, with all the opportunities and challenges that lie before us may we take seriously our responsibility to share Jesus with those in our community in word and action.

With every blessing.

Andrew R Black



Kirk Session News

Communion Services

Our Communion Services will be held at 11am on Sunday 10 September 2017 at 11am and on Wednesday 13 September 2017 at 7pm. All welcome.

Communion Duty Team D (James Wallace, Joan McDermott, Janet Gibson and Mary Brown) is on duty and is asked to meet at the Church on the Saturday morning at 10.30am to help prepare the elements.

Elders are asked to be at the Church on Communion Sunday for 10.30am

The retiring collection in September is for the charity, McMillan Nurses who support patients with cancer.

Many Thanks

Many thanks to everyone who supported our 'Giving Day' in June. A total of £1,658.48 was raised. This was a fantastic achievement considering the small number of people who appeared on the day. However, we appreciate that not everyone could attend on the actual day and so we thank those who still donated. This money will go a long way to help with the running and maintenance of our building

Thanks also to Sam Prescott and the NICC who entertained us on the morning. Their singing was enjoyed by all who were there and they certainly livened up the morning.

24/7 Prayer

The Church held a 24/7 prayer day on Saturday 19 August. This was a time for everyone to take time out of their busy lives to pray and contemplate and seek guidance for the future and the challenging times ahead. A lot of work and preparation went into this event and we thank Janet Gibson and Jean Carr and their "willing" volunteers for helping with this event. If you attended this special prayer day then we trust you found it spiritually uplifting.

Elders' Outing

On Sunday 20th of May, around 15 elders visited the Museum of Rural Life in East Kilbride. The Museum gives an insight on how 300 years of farming and rural home life have shaped and altered Scotland's countryside since the introduction of combine harvesters, tractors, and threshers showing how machines have increasingly replaced people in farming. All in the way of progress! The elders also stepped back into time as they saw around a 1950s farm house.

The visit was rounded off with a meal at the Fenwick Hotel. Thanks to David Lindsay for his help in organizing the day out.

40th Anniversary Lunch

To mark 40 years since our Church was officially opened in Bourtreehill in 1977, a special celebration service followed by a light lunch (supplied by 'Small Talk') took place on Sunday 27 August. No celebration is complete without a special cake as well!

It has been a quick 40 years since we moved from worshipping in Towerlands Primary School to our current Church building. I can still remember the day of the official opening service with people making sure the carpets were hoovered, everything polished and flowers arranged. The Flower Convenor at the time was Mrs Shelia McQuilton.

During the 40 years, our worship has been led by the Rev. Robert Leslie; Rev. Alastair Shaw; Rev. Frank Campbell; Rev. William Gray; Rev. Robbie Hamilton; and now by the Rev. Andrew Black.

Who remembers the days when large numbers of people attended church and we had to have the partitions open? At one point, there were around 75 children attending the Primary section of the Sunday School alone! There were many noisy SS Christmas parties back then! We could have three double decker buses going on the Sunday School trips to Girvan, Cumnock and to the David Livingstone Centre in Blantyre to name just a few places. Pies were ordered from the local bakers.

Who also remembers the Pantomime productions put on by the Young Mothers' Group? The "Wicked Witch" (aka Marjorie Munro) is still a regular attender!

Over the years there have been church concerts with all the different organisations taking part, Valentine dances, Flower Festivals, Burns Suppers, a Mock wedding, Quiz nights etc.

What are your memories? Why don't you share them with us in the next edition of the Messenger?



Messy Church

'Messy Church' starts again On Sunday 2 September at 10am. It will be held on the first Saturday of the month up to Christmas. Please encourage family and friends to attend. Last year we were encouraged by the number of regular attenders especially as many have no real church connection. At 'Messy Church', we try and introduce them to Bible stories through the means of arts and craft work. Each session is rounded off with fellowship over a light lunch

Presbytery Plan Update

Please see the following letters regarding the decisions of Presbytery and the Presbytery Plan. Please also note that that no formal discussions will take place between our Church and the Mure Church until our present minister retires next June. However, in the meantime I would ask that you keep this situation in your prayers and pray for everyone involved for guidance and strength.

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PRESBYTERY OF IRVINE AND KILMARNOCK

The Presbytery of Irvine and Kilmarnock is a component element of The Church of Scotland, Scottish Charity No. SC011353

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At KILMARNOCK on Tuesday, 27th June, 2017 which day the Presbytery of IRVINE and KILMARNOCK met and was duly constituted.

Inter Alia

As an Order of the Day, Presbytery took up consideration of the Ministries and Resources Committee's Report regarding the Presbytery Plan.

Parties were called and there appeared for the congregation of DREGHORN AND SPRINGSIDE, Mrs Margaret Carey and twelve commissioners; for the congregation of IRVINE: Fullarton, Dr Sheena Kinmond and four commissioners; for the congregation of IRVINE: Girdle Toll, Mr Eric Greig; for the congregation of IRVINE: Mure, Mr David Henning and seventeen commissioners; for the congregation of IRVINE: Old, Mr Andrew Howat and seven commissioners; for the congregation of IRVINE: Relief Bourtreehill, Mrs Morag Cooper and nine commissioners; and for the congregation of IRVINE: St Andrew's, Miss Claire McDougall and four commissioners.

The Clerk laid on the table the Citations of the Congregations duly served.

The Appraisal Report of the Ministries and Resources Committee was presented by the Convener, the Revd David Cameron, who moved the Deliverance:

1. Presbytery agrees to retain the existing Plan so far as it relates to all charges other than those in the Irvine area.
2. Presbytery approves the Presbytery Plan in so far as it relates to the charges in the Irvine area as follows:

(a)

Congregation Name and Roll	IRVINE: Fullarton (Priority Area) Roll 356	IRVINE: St Andrew's Roll 246	IRVINE: Mure Roll 291	IRVINE: Old Roll 369
Parish population	2,934	6,325	5078	4,920
Net parish population	2,502	5,377	4,241	4,105
Status at date of Plan	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Vacant	Vacant
Plan for the Congregation at the end of the ten- year Plan	Link with IRVINE: Old	Link with IRVINE: Girdle Toll	Link with IRVINE: Relief Bourtrees Hill	Link with IRVINE: Fullarton
Implementation or interim steps required	Link at first vacancy or deferred linkage or guardianship	Link at first vacancy or deferred linkage or guardianship	Link at first vacancy or deferred linkage or guardianship	Link at first vacancy or deferred linkage or guardianship
Structure of Staffing required	One Parish Minister for Linked Charge	One Parish Minister for Linked Charge	One Parish Minister for Linked Charge	One Parish Minister for Linked Charge
Building Designation	Church (A) Halls (A) Fullarton Centre (A)	Church and Hall complex (A)	Church (A) (B Listed) Halls (A)	Church (A) (A Listed) Halls (A) (B Listed)
Ministry Total	1	1	1	-

Congregation: Name and Roll	IRVINE: Girdle Toll	IRVINE: Relief Bourtrees Hill	DREGHORN AND SPRINGSIDE
	Roll 154	Roll 216	Roll 460
Parish population	8,102	6,827	5,204
Net parish population	6,670	5,595	4,567
Status at date of Plan	Vacant	Unrestricted	Vacant
Plan for the Congregation at the end of the ten- year Plan	Link with IRVINE: St Andrew's	Link with IRVINE: Mure	No Change
Implementation or interim steps required	Link at first vacancy or deferred linkage or guardianship	Link at first vacancy or deferred linkage or guardianship	
Structure of Staffing required	One Parish Minister for Linked Charge	One Parish Minister for Linked Charge	One Parish Minister
Building Designation	Church and Hall complex (A)	Church and Hall complex (A)	Church (A) (B Listed) Halls (A)
Ministry Total	-	-	1

In addition to the four ministries specified above Presbytery, in consultation with the Kirk Sessions of the congregations of the charges in the Irvine Area, will appoint two pioneering ministries to serve across the parishes of these congregations.

3. Presbytery instructs the Clerk to transmit the plan in so far as it relates to charges in the Irvine area to the Ministries Council for its concurrence.

4. Presbytery instructs the Ministries and Resources Committee to review the parish boundaries of the congregations in the Irvine area in consultation with these congregations and to bring proposals for parish adjustment to a future meeting of Presbytery.

5. Presbytery thanks the Convener, Parish Appraisal, and the members of the Ministries and Resources Committee for the time, effort and thought expended in the preparation of the plan.

Presbytery approved Section 1 of the Deliverance.

Presbytery considered Section 2 of the Deliverance. On a vote being taken there voted for Section 2 fifty-five and against none. The Moderator declared Section 2 carried.

Presbytery approved Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Deliverance.
The Deliverance as a whole was approved

Extracted by me this 26th day of July 2017
Steuart Dey
Clerk

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Inter Alia

The Clerk moved the Deliverance:

Presbytery

- (a) receives an email from the Secretary of the Presbytery Planning Task Group, and
- (b) notes that under powers granted by the Presbytery Planning Task Group, the Convener and Secretary have concurred with the adjustments to the Presbytery Plan determined by Presbytery at its meeting on 27th June 2017.

The Deliverance was seconded and approved by Presbytery.

The Clerk informed the meeting that in terms of Section 6 of the Appraisal and Adjustment Act 2003 Kirk Sessions had a right of appeal and members of Presbytery a right of dissent and complaint against the adjustment to the Presbytery Plan within fourteen days.

Extracted by me this 9th day of August 2017
I Steuart Dey
Clerk



Anyone can find
the dirt in someone.
Be the one who
finds the GOLD.
Prov. 11:21

The Guild

The new session of the Guild begins on Tuesday 3rd October with enrolment day and 'bring & buy'. New members will be very welcome.

If you are not sure, come along on the 3rd for a cup of tea and a look at the syllabus?



The 'What's On Dot' Committee

The 'What's On' Dot Committee will meet again in September to think of new ways to keep you entertained and raise money for our church.

If anyone has any new ideas for an event please speak to a member of the 'What's On' committee We will do our best to make it happen.

Dreghorn Music Society



25th Anniversary Concert
Wednesday 20th September 2017

in

Grand Hall, Kilmarnock

at

7.30pm

Tickets £7

Tickets are available from Janette Greig & Mary Brown



1st Irvine Boys' Brigade

AWARDS MAY 2017

ANCHOR BOYS

Best Boy – Brian Cullen
Runner up – Aaron Cromie
Endeavour – Arron Gillies

8 Anchor Boys were promoted to Junior Section



JUNIOR SECTION

Best Recruit – Robbie Cromie
Runner up – Tyler Lang
Best Boy – Lewis Dove
Runner up – Kaiden Leckie
Endeavour – Ronnie Ingram
Runner up – Kenzie Clegg

8 Juniors were promoted to Company Section

COMPANY SECTION

Best Recruit – Kieran McFadyen
Best Boy – Cameron Russell
Best Drilled Boy – Michael Gladwell
Promotion to Sergeant – Ben Simpson
Promotion to Corporal – Cameron Russell



At the end of the session all sections enjoyed their various outings.

The Anchor Boys had a very lively evening at Creepy Crawlies soft play centre in Irvine followed by a meal of sausages, sandwiches, fries, ice cream and lashings of fruit juice. It had been one of the hottest days but that didn't stop them - there were lots of sweaty boys by home time. Where do they get their energy?

Junior Section headed off to PGL Dalguise once again for a fun-filled adventure weekend. Some of the activities on offer, for the boys as well as some of the more daring officers, were raft building, sensory trail, giant swing, abseiling, archery and many more. It certainly was a non-stop weekend but the officers appreciated having quieter buses on the way home than on the way to Dalguise on the Friday!

Company Section enjoyed a week camping with our friends from 1st Dundonald at the BB Centre in Kirkham, Lancashire. There was plenty to keep everyone occupied including bubble football, raft-building, gorge walking, trampolining, swimming and also a day out at Blackpool Pleasure Beach. One of the favourite activities was the water slide provided by Mr MacAulay. It's amazing how much fun can be had with a sheet of polythene, hose pipes and lashings of Fairy Liquid!

Check out the photos on our Facebook Page – 1st Irvine Boys' Brigade

Our Enrolment Evening for the 2017 – 2018 session will be on Friday 1st September from 6 – 7.00p.m. We look forward to seeing all the usual faces but will also welcome new boys for all sections.

Our first Parade Night will be on Friday 8th September at the usual times.

Anchor Boys – Primaries 1 – 3 : 6.00 – 7.30p.m.

Junior Section – Primaries 4 – 6 : 6.00 – 7.30p.m.

Company Section – Primary 7+ : 7.45 – 9.30p.m.

Seniors - age 15 – 18 : 7.45 – 9.30p.m.

For further information on all sections please contact the Company Captain, Susan Rose, on 01294 215050 or email susanfroese@sky.com



Ask Me A Question'



I asked 3 parishioners - Joan McDermott, Janet Gibson and Jean Carr, the same set of questions after church one Sunday. Here is what they said.

How long have you been coming to church?

Joan: A very long time - since I was 4 years old!

Janet: I've been coming to church for 40 years.

Jean: About 33 years.

The temptation you wish you could resist?

Joan: Sweet things - I've been on a diet for as long as I can remember!

Janet: I wish I could resist temptation and become a better person.

Jean: My vice is cigarettes - I wish I could stop smoking.

Who is the person who has influenced you the most?

Joan: My grandparents were a big influence on me during my formative years. They taught me right from wrong and encouraged me in all that I did. In my Christian life, Rev. Bob Leslie showed me how to deepen my faith and he gave me a better understanding of how a true Christian conducts their lives. I've tried to abide by these values all my life.

Janet: Andrew Davey who was my boss when I worked in Campbell's distillery. I was a shop steward during my time there and I admired the way that he always had time to listen to me and gave me good advice.

Jean: My mother. She did not have a bad word to say about anyone and taught me 'if you can't say anything nice about someone, then don't say anything at all'. I learned a lot from my mother just by watching how she acted and reacted with other people.

The happiest moment that you will cherish forever?

Joan: One of the happiest was at our grandson Jack's baptism on Christmas Day 2005. My late husband Billy carried Jack into church for the ceremony and it was a very proud and happy occasion for the family. Sadly Billy passed away 7 months later.

Janet: Visiting and living like a refugee in a camp in the Sahara Desert. I have the honour of being one of the first British women to have done so.

Jean: The birth of my children and visiting my daughter during her stay in Australia.

What is your favourite hobby/past time?

Joan: I love knitting and I have always had a desire to travel to different places. I go a lot of holidays!

Janet: I get a lot of pleasure out of getting out in the fresh and walking.

Jean: I enjoy making things - anything in the way of arts and crafts.

Do you have a treasured item that you lost and wish you could have again?

Joan: My husband Billy bought me a gold bracelet. I had it on one day to go shopping but when I returned home it was missing from my wrist. I never saw it again.

Janet: I was presented with a gold watch from my work for 25 years service and it was stolen during a visit to Israel.

Jean: Yes - my memory. What was the question again!

What annoys you the most?

Joan: When I'm hurrying for the bus and the driver sees me and pulls away from the bus stop. That makes me mad.

Janet: When I have a plan and other people, for no reason, like to put obstacles in my path which slows down or in some cases stops progress.

Jean: I hate the feel of cotton wool.

Do you have a prized possession you value above all others?

Joan: I wouldn't be without my photograph albums.

Janet: A memory of my daughter's "Passing Out" parade on becoming a policewoman and a cross with the Lord's Prayer written on it.

Jean: I have a very unusual but beautiful ornament which my daughter made as one of her projects at university.

Shirley Bothwell

Roving reporter.

An evening of music with

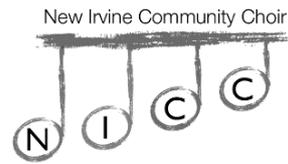


"IN *Happy*
MOMENTS,
PRAISE GOD.
IN DIFFICULT
MOMENTS,
SEEK *God.*
IN QUIET
MOMENTS,
trust GOD.
IN EVERY MOMENT,
THANK *God.*"

'Hope Choir'
on
Saturday 2nd September
at
7.30pm
Erskine Church
Garden Square Lane
Kilwinning
(Behind RBS Bank)

Guest speaker Bob Akroyd
Tea, Coffee & Finger Food
afterwards. Admission FREE

New Irvine Community Choir



Well, here we are again! The choir have had their break for summer and rehearsals resumed on the 13th August. No such break for me as Musical Director as planning for the next session starts almost as soon as we break for summer. This is true not just for me but for the committee and also a team dedicated helpers within the choir, without whom, we would never be prepared in time to start back after summer and my thanks go to them.

One of the highlights for me while the choir aren't rehearsing is having the chance to search for some new music. Luckily, our treasurer is rather generous when it comes to budgeting for this annual task, the only problem is that there is simply too much choice!!

We already have dates coming through for performances this session. Firstly, we have a fundraiser booked on **October 28th**. This will probably be an informal afternoon concert or possibly a coffee morning in the church hall, details are still to be finalised.

The choir have also been invited to perform, for the second time in two years, at the *Ayrshire Hospice - Winter Fair* on **Saturday 18th November**. The choir enjoyed performing for the hospice last year and it is a privilege to be asked back again, we obviously made the right impression (why, of course, why wouldn't we?). We'd love to see you there, plus, it's a great opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done too.

Plans for a Christmas Concert this year are being drafted and hopefully a suitable date will be found very soon, and I shall keep you posted. We will hopefully have further dates where the choir will be out and about carolling in Irvine and possibly further afield in the run up to Christmas.

The committee meeting was rather productive and there are some exciting things planned for the next 12 to 18 months, however, information regarding these will be released once the details have been finalised.

Lastly, thanks go to the congregation for their continued support and we hope to see you very soon at a future NICC event.

Sam Prescott (Musical Director)

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