

# Kilsyth Anderson Parish Church News

## August/September 2024



Dear Friends

We were saddened by the passing of three of our faithful members in the space of just a couple of weeks over the summer.

Jim Lauder and Margaret Waddell had both been elders of the Church for many years, both served as clerk to the board of managers, and both held other positions within the Church. Margaret, of course, was known for her musical skills and as a former editor of this magazine.

Both Jim and Margaret had been unwell and in hospital prior to their passing. It was great to see so many attending both these funerals. We send our sympathy to the Lauder and Waddell families.

It came as a shock to everyone when we heard of the sudden death of John Brown – champion pancake maker – while on holiday in France. John, although not holding an actual ‘position’ within the Church was always there to help with anything that needed done. He was also very active in Rotary and Probus. Again, there was a great turn out for John’s funeral. I think we are all still in shock over John’s passing, but we send our condolences to Margaret and the rest of the family.

We must express our thanks for having such a compassionate Locum in Kenneth who, despite being on ‘holiday’ took time to conduct these funeral services.

We also thank Rev. Allan and Mrs. Lynne Vint for their card saying that they are holding us, as a congregation, in their prayers at this difficult time.

Christine Johnston,  
Session Clerk

Holidays

Once again our holiday took us to the wonderful Island of Arran, an Island off the west coast of Scotland and an Island that is often referred to as ‘Scotland in miniature’.

We were staying in Whiting Bay, in a lovely cottage we hire and have done so for a few years now. We were back at St. Bride’s Church in Brodick, a church we have visited for many years (picture of stained glass in the vestibule) and we heard from some in the congregation of the changes since so many of the Churches on the Island had closed or merged in the past year.



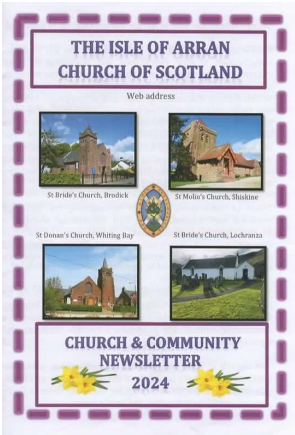
The Church of Scotland on Arran is well ahead of Kilsyth as far as closures and mergers are concerned, but on the whole, most were positive and getting on with the new set-up and work on hand. But moving from the Church, we had an annual visit to the Arran Museum and were pleasantly surprised with a new display at the Museum. This display tracked the life of ‘Christianity’ and ‘Arran Churches Together’ on the Island and was most informative and interesting. (attach picture of the display).

Once again Arran did not disappoint and we plan a visit in 2025.

Catriona Clark



We also received a copy of the united churches’ magazine which is comprised of St Bride’s Brodick, St Molio’s Shiskine, St Donan’s Whiting Bay and St Bride’s Lochranza. Although the congregation was in vacancy at the time of publishing, it is a lively edition with news about the Guild, Messy Church, the ladies’ club, Mary’s Meals, the work of the vacancy committee, the “warm room” which has been providing a cosy space for people to meet



twice a week, various members of the Arran congregation moving on and the ongoing work of joining four congregations together.

## Fond Farewell



I think most folks will be aware that I retired at the end of last session from BB work. I have had many wonderful years working with so many fabulous Boys watching them grow from mischievous 5 year olds to caring, responsible adults who have gone on to have successful careers. It's great to hear of their success.

We have had many adventures – Junior Section holidays to Rhu, Moffat, Dunbar, going to Outdoor centres, playing football matches against Donaldson's school for the deaf – how do deaf children 'hear' the ref's whistle?? and enjoying supper with the deaf children - parasailing on Strathclyde loch, Adventure Planet and Innoflate, International camps in New Zealand and Singapore, National competitions – representing Scotland at badminton and chess, and, of course, our link with Katete school in Malawi, to name but a few highlights.

Most of that could not have been achieved without YOUR support. Everything costs money! This congregation has given us over a hundred thousand pounds, possibly closer to two hundred thousand - paying us to deliver your Christmas cards (maybe that should have been a highlight too!), attending coffee mornings, quiz nights, fashion shows, table top sales etc, giving us clothes and gifts to take to Malawi, supporting our recycling of cans, cable, 'rubbish' – all money making ventures which were always well supported. All I can say is 'THANK YOU' – it seems inadequate for all that you have allowed me to do over the years. I will miss the youngsters, but the time is right for me to quit!

Final remark from two Anchor Boys – 'Does that mean that we will NEVER see you again?' My answer – NO! you don't get rid of me that easily – I'll still be around.

(Boys always has a capital because that is how Sir William Smith referred to them – the most important people in the organisation. It's all about the BOYS!) You will never know how much your support has meant to me.

Thank You

**Christine**

## Thanks

Many thanks for the beautiful flowers I received from the church kindly delivered by Margaret & Jean. There visit was very welcome. A special mention to Margaret who helped me when I took unwell in the Burngreen a few weeks ago her kindness was much appreciated.

### Berta Kennedy.

Thank You to the Church Family at The Anderson for all the 'Get Well Cards' received after my stay in hospital.

Thanks also for the lovely Flowers received for my 'Birthday', very kind and very much appreciated. Thanks to All...

### Catriona Clark

Thank you for the flowers I received due to my Dad's death in June. Thanks to all who sent us cards, their thoughts and support in such a sad time. The collection at the Church raised almost £800 for Strathcarron Hospice

### Anne Lauder

What a lovely surprise I got today when Alison appeared at my door with a beautiful arrangement of flowers which had been in the Church today. I'd like to say a big thank you to the Anderson Church members for remembering me. I miss coming to

Church but I am not very mobile. It's good to know that I am in your thoughts and prayers. The colours and arrangement were just beautiful. Thank you very much.

### Margaret Kennedy.

Thank you for sending me the Church flowers today. They are beautiful.

I love them especially as the arrangement had my favourite colour of flower - yellow - in it. I'm never out much as I can't walk far and so these beautiful flowers will cheer me up and remind me that I am in your thoughts and prayers. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

### Christine Thornton

Thanks to those who offered their services following the appeal in last month's issue for additional cleaners. **Actually no new people came forward—some of our "old faithfuls" joined a second team!**

Each team cleans the church once every 5 weeks either on a Thursday or a Saturday. If anyone feels that this is a job that they might be able to do, please get in touch with Rona – many hands make light work and all help is greatly appreciated.

### Rona McFadyen

The following message was read out in church but we print it here for anyone who missed the service.

To the Kilsyth congregation and community,

We are writing to express our deepest sympathy in light of the recent deaths of a number of the church family. We know this will be causing much pain and upset to friends and family of the bereaved. Please know that we (along with so many others) are holding you all in our thoughts and prayers.

For those going through trying times through illness, we pray for grace and peace.

With love, with sorrow and praying for God's abundant compassion over you all,

**Allan and Lynne Vint.**

### **Thoughts For Sharing**

This is the title of a small volume of inspirational and encouraging poems, thoughts and stories compiled by Margaret Waddell some years ago. We picked the only contribution with Margaret's own name against it (although we suspect that she was the author of several unattributed items) as it's so typical of Margaret's attitude and practice.

### **Encouragement**

How often do you say to a friend, "And how are you today?"

Take time to listen to the answer. It may well be "fine."

What is the meaning of "fine?" Could it be, "I'm feeling in need of a bit of encouragement?"

We all need encouragement from time to time to spur us on when we are facing a major challenge. We also need words of appreciation and commendation as we carry out the responsibilities entrusted to us—whether they be at home or work.

Many folk crave some sign of approval—a caring smile—a warm handshake—an honest appreciation of the good we see in them or their work.

Remember a word of encouragement can make all the difference between giving up and going on!

## Kilsyth Churches' Holiday Club

All primary aged children are invited to join us in "Going for Gold" – an Olympic themed holiday club event.

This will take place from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August from 11am until 12:30pm.

Our outdoor venue is Livingstone Park Play Area, but if it is wet, we will be in Anderson Church Hall.

No need to pre-register, just turn up on the day.

## 2nd Kilsyth Girls' Brigade

We are planning a start date for the 2nd Kilsyth Girls' Brigade Company on **Tuesday 27th August**.

Primary 1-3 at 6 -7.15 pm

Primary 4-7 at 7 -8.30pm

All secondary age at 7.30-9pm.

We always welcome new members to join us in Anderson Church Hall , left hand side entrance. The first night will be registration and a games night.

Any questions please get in touch with Jean Ewen 07816 872026

**Jean Ewen**



### Funerals

*I am the resurrection and the life*

**Jim Lauder**

**Margaret Waddell**

**John Brown**



August 5 - 9  
11am to 12:30  
For Primary  
age children



## Going For Gold

Come along and bring friends

# Kids Summer Fun

At Livingstone Park Children  
Play Area. If wet, in the  
Anderson Church hall.



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Holiday  
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## Tasty activity ideas for the summer holidays

There are still a couple of weeks of the holidays to go and parents may be reaching the end of their inspiration for things to do before the young people go back to school. If you're not already going to the Kilsyth Holiday Club, then why not check out the **BBC's Good Food** website for suggestions of quick, and easy budget recipes to get them involved in a bit of culinary inventiveness! <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/> or there's an app you can download to your phone.

Some of the suggestions include speedy lentil coconut curry, one pan pasta, sausages with lemon and rosemary roasted potatoes, frozen banana lollies, sesame and spring onion stir-fried udon with crispy tofu and a whole host of other delicious goodies.

### Red pepper and potato omelette - eaten hot or cold

#### Ingredients

3 tbsp olive or rapeseed oil  
2 small red peppers, deseeded, halved and chopped small  
2 medium potatoes, finely sliced  
8 eggs

Heat 2 tbsp oil in a non-stick frying pan over a medium-low heat. Chop up the peppers and potatoes and cook for 10 mins or until softened – if the pan has a lid, cover it to speed things up. Meanwhile, beat the eggs in a large bowl with some seasoning. When the potatoes and peppers are cooked, tip them into the eggs and stir to combine – the heat from the veg will start to cook the eggs.



Heat the rest of the oil in the pan over a medium heat, tip in the egg and veg mixture, and cook, stirring occasionally with a spatula and drawing the edges into the middle, until nearly set, about 5-6 mins. Slide the pan under the grill for a few minutes to set the top, then you can try to flip the omelette - but be careful it doesn't go on to the floor!

Tip: slide the omelette onto a plate to flip it back into the pan and finish cooking.

You can serve it hot with a side salad, or turn it out onto a board and leave to cool. Then it can be taken as part of a picnic, or as a tasty snack - or slice and stuff into a baguette or crusty roll.



## The Guild

The Guild will be starting on Monday 7th October when we hope to have Rev MacLeod speak to us. The Guild theme for the next three years will be 'Let Us Build A House' with the topic for 2024/25 being Sure Foundations.



We had a committee meeting last month when we planned the syllabus and more information will be published in the October magazine when dates and speakers have been confirmed.

We look forward to seeing existing members returning and possibly welcoming a few new people in the autumn.

**Kathleen Ross**

## Writing Competition for Young People



Tha farpais Ficsean 50 Facal an Lùnastail le Urras Leabhraichean na h-Alba a-nis fosgailte. Air a' mhìos seo thathar a' sireadh sgeulachdan Gàidhlig, ann an suas ri 50 facal, far a bheil bonn a' nochdadh. Gheibh ùghdar na sgeulachd Ghàidhlig as fheàrr duais bho Chomhairle nan Leabhraichean agus thèid an sgeulachd aca fhoillseachadh air an duilleig seo.

Ceann-latha: 27 Lùnastal 2024

The **Scottish Books Trust** runs a regular competition to write a story of not more than 50 words to win a prize. This month's competition has an Olympic theme, to write a 50-word story featuring a medal. There's a separate category for Gaelic entries, with a prize from the Gaelic Books Council!

The deadline is 27th August and you can enter online at <https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/50-word-fiction>

**Deiseil? Deònach? Sgrìobh!**

## Dates for your Diary

August 4 <sup>th</sup> -	Ordination and admission of new Elders followed by a Congregational lunch
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Joint service in Anderson
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Joint service in Burns and Old
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Communion
September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Over 70's dinner with Burns and Old in Anderson

## Progress towards union

Recently the working group composed of six members from Anderson, six members from Burns and Old and two facilitators from Presbytery completed a list of criteria which we would be looking for in the building which will be chosen for the ongoing ministry in Kilsyth.

Copies of these criteria were issued to members of the congregation on Sundays 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July with an invitation to comment on them to be made by Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August.

The working group will meet again on 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 7pm in Burns and Old and later that evening will move to Anderson. At the meeting the group will have a walk around each of the premises to see how each building fits into the criteria identified. It is expected that neither Church will meet all of these criteria, but we hope that we can then discuss which building would need fewer adaptations to promote the mission work in Kilsyth.



John Brown in typical pose making pancakes at the church fayre

## Manse

The tenants in the Manse are very happy and are looking after the property well. They asked a couple of months ago if it might be possible to get stone chips to replace the ones which had been there and had almost disappeared over time.



The Session members were happy to arrange this. Twenty tons were delivered and the tenants set about moving the stones onto the areas that were to be covered. The front and side of the Manse look really good. The tenants then began to move the remaining stones onto the two areas at the front of the Church beside the steps. What a power of work they did!

The last lot of stones were moved onto one side of the car park area but unfortunately there were not enough to complete the job. We are not sure if we will be allowed to spend the money to complete this project, but be assured that we will try.

Huge thanks to Theresa from the Manse, Andy a good friend of hers, Jonathon her nephew and Andrew Muirhead who brought his tractor down to make the moving of the last of the stones so much easier. Why did we not think of enlisting Andrew earlier!!!



A recent picture of Margaret and Charlie Waddell and their daughters marking the occasion of Margaret's 30th anniversary as an elder.

**Last deadline for the autumn edition will be 29th September for publishing on 6th October. Please note the editor will be on holiday for the 2 weeks prior to this date so reminders may not be given.**

Please send emails to [andersonchurchmagazine@outlook.com](mailto:andersonchurchmagazine@outlook.com) or give your articles to Rona McFadyen on Sunday 29th.

## Rotas

Week ending	Door Duty	Reading	Cleaning	Flower donations
4 Aug	A & T Anderson	Jean Ewen	Team 1 (Sat)	William Shaw
11 Aug	H Provan, C & B Clark	George Ewen	Team 2 (Thur)	Barbara Smith
18 Aug	I & R McFadyen	Jean Chalmers	Team 3 (Thur)	Aileen Mitchell
25 Aug	B & B Smith	Margaret Brown	Team 4 (Sat)	Olivia Brittian
1 Sept	J Ewen & W Shaw	Ann Sneddon	Team 5 (Thur)	Cathie McIlwain
8 Sept	N/A—joint at Burns & Old	John Gordon	Team 1 (Sat)	N/A—joint at Burns & Old
15 Sept	C McIlwain & B Reynolds	Kathleen Ross	Team 2 (Thur)	Barbara Reynolds
22 Sept	J Gilmour & E Grant	Rona McFadyen	Team 3 (Thur)	Angela Wardrope
29 Sept	A Mitchell & A Sneddon	Jim Millar	Team 4 (Sat)	Allison Russell