

*Govan and Linthouse
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Dear Friends

Well we got there! Back into our “new” building, we are settling down, and beginning to find new ways of using the space. I have to confess that when I first saw the space that we had in the middle of the building, I was a little overawed. However, both minister and congregation have been quick to settle, and our service of Thanksgiving and Rededication will long remain within me. People gave of themselves in worship. We sang, we prayed, we celebrated with friends and family, and we dedicated our work to God. The future lies before us, and I am excited about how the congregation will develop the building. Well done everyone, and a big thankyou to all those who contributed in any way.

You may have heard that Andrew, our pastoral assistant is leaving us. Andrew has journeyed with Govan and Linthouse for some 10 years, and has been a very faithful pastoral visitor to the congregation. We wish Andrew well as he retires, though in ministry, that can simply mean a new phase of serving. We trust that he will have both health and wellbeing to enjoy his holidays and time with the grandchildren. Andrew will come back and join us for the day on Sunday 9th June, when we have Prizegiving Sunday, and it will allow the congregation to say their farewells in person.

We will also be saying farewell to Douglas Robertson. Douglas was placed with us by Ministries Council for a short period, and in that time he has made a great impact. He has worked with both our children and their leaders, and his friendly, outgoing manner has been appreciated by them. Douglas is moving to Shettleson New where he becomes their new Discipleship Facilitator, encouraging people as they take their first steps in faith.

We wish both Andrew and Douglas well as they embark on the next phase of their ministries, and trust that God will guide them in all they do.

By the time you read this, we will have advertised two of our vacant posts. The vacancies left by Jamie and Andrew will be filled, we hope, by new people. The remits of both jobs have been changed to reflect the changing needs of the church.

The first post is an Arts and Worship Development worker. We want to build on the work done last summer through our Untold Arts project, and more recently by the Narnia Experience. It will allow us to develop the building for both congregational and community use. Already we have a number of groups wishing to use our building, including the newly formed Govan Samba Band (Until recently the Govan Men’s Samba Band, but woman are now welcome!). We want to open our doors to others, and work with other groups within the Govan and Linthouse area. We also want to develop more church groups and activities, so that we might grow our congregation. As the hymn says, “We have a story to tell”, and the story of a loving God, who knows, welcomes, loves and forgives is a story worth telling.

The second post is a part-time Pastoral Support Development Worker. This post will build on the work that Andrew has done through pastoral visiting. We have to be open to do doing things in different ways, because we live our lives a little differently from our parents and grandparents. It’s important that care is still at the centre of what we do, and this post will help shape our caring response to suit the needs of the ever changing world around.

So look out for the new faces coming to Govan and Linthouse in the near future.

Meantime, things remain busy. The Wee Jaunt will start again in the summer months, and no doubt we will have a new project or two to keep everyone on their toes. I do hope though that there will be time for rest

and recuperation, and that no matter where the summer period takes you, that you will enjoy the brightness and warmth of the Son, who lives within us.

With all good wishes

Eleanor

Eleanor McMahon
Interim Minister

Hi and bye folks

It has my privilege to have served among you the last ten years, God has been good. Thank you for all your help and support. I wish you well and may God bless each and every one of you. All the best

Andrew

Friends, as many of you know my time with you is drawing to a close. As I prepare to move on to pastures new at Shettleston New Parish, I want to thank you for letting me be part of your story, and you joining me in my story. The idea of stories has resonated greatly with me after a recent training event that Gillian and I attended run by Priority Areas called "Getting to Grips with the Bible." It is a most excellent event, and well worth attending if it is run again. At the most recent event at the end of April, there was a quote from Rachel Held Evans in her blog "I love the Bible" that said; "We asked questions. God told stories. We demanded answers. God told stories. We argued theology. God told stories." In the past few months you folks at Govan and Linthouse Parish Church have played a massively significant part in my story. The unbelievably excellent service of Thanksgiving and Re-dedication (what a night that was - best church service I've ever been to!), Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade, Messy Monday (and it's certainly been messy at times!), God's Gang, Scripture Fun at Pirie Park, the Meeting Place and just general Sunday morning worship are all memories I'll happily take with me. I just hope that I have played my part in your story as Govan and Linthouse Parish. Thank you so much for the way you have enfolded me into your church and lives, and for all the support you have given me. It has been greatly appreciated, and as I move on to my new role as a Discipleship Facilitator at Shettleston New, I go with many fond memories of Govan and Linthouse Parish, and I will continually remember you in my prayers.

Douglas

Carol & George Mills.
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Monday 6th May 2019.

Dear Govan & Linthouse Church.

It was back in 1996 I took up the job as Church officer and over the last 22 years it has been a pleasure to work in the Church and with the congregation.

Now I am fully retired I would like to thank you all for the gifts and kind words I received on my retirement from the Church.

As I come along each Sunday it is lovely to see the Church all renovated and the congregation continuing to flourish.

If you ever need any help from us in the future please just ask!

Once again, Thank you.

Yours Sincerely.

Carol & George Mills.

This is just a note to say thank you to all who gave me birthday cards and gifts for my 70th also the flowers I got were a nice surprise.

Alison Tamplin

Hi All,

Just a note to say that I hope to bring rhubarb most weeks during May, June, July and August (weather dependant) I normally leave it on the stage in the upstairs hall if anyone would like some then please feel free to help yourselves.

Also to say if anyone else grows anything in their garden and has a surplus then please let us know...we may be able to do a wee swap of goods.

Catherine

The Guild – Companions on the Road

Tonight I was re reading what I said in the last magazine and realised that we hadn't begun this session and I was speculating on how it would be... well our opening night with Eleanor was amazing and we learned so much more about her and her faith journey, it was a special night. Our next meeting was a talk by Paul McAlinden named 'From Iraq to Govan' and it was a fascinating view into music which started in Iraq and is now here in Govan. We see Paul daily here in and around Govan and realise the impact he has had on the local community especially with his work with the Glasgow Barons and their music in Govan Old, and the performance of St Johns Passion on Good Friday at Govan Cross was very moving. On another night we again were able to enjoy Joyce's Voices and had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Our annual trip to Eastwood Theatre was great and enjoyed by all. We had a visit from one of our Projects, Crossreach on the subject of 'Joining the Dots' which is involved in loneliness, this was a meaningful evening. Stephanie Cathcart returned to share with us her recent adventure. Our bring and buy sale was as usual a great success. As a Guild we shared in the Monday evening of Holy Week and it was so good to see so many members in attendance. Its many a long year since anyone from the Lodging House Mission visited us but what a great evening we had when Gus Smeaton shared so much with us and also assuring us that the church has such a vital part to play in all that happens there. We only have two meetings left before the Summer break, one will be a visit from Theatre South and the last will be our AGM and cream tea. We will be going on our annual outing on Tuesday 28th May to St Andrews, stopping off in Tillicoultry on the way for some retail therapy.

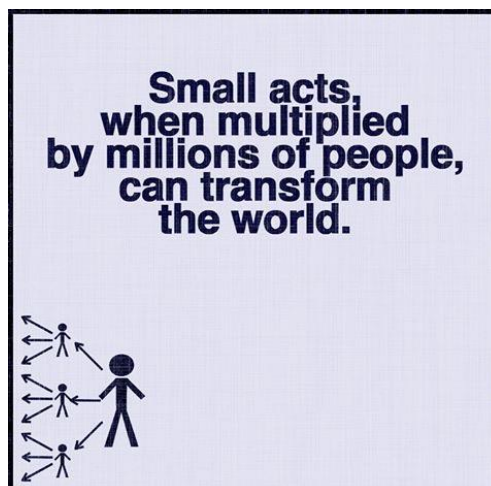
Some things are changing this year as Guild week is from 8th – 15th September, this is massive change as it is usually in November. I will keep you informed.

It really is a privilege to work with such a dedicated group as the Guild and since we moved back to Govan Cross I have needed more help from all. Don't get me wrong it's wonderful to have our meetings and our numbers have remained great but I have had to use a lot more help setting up the tables on a Sunday and then clearing them away on Mondays, help with teas and the rest. It's been great to see so many able bodies helping wherever possible. If it wasn't for this help lifting and laying and washing dishes, we could not exist so from the bottom of my heart I thank you all – you are the Guild and I am so proud of you all.

May I wish you all a happy summer and I look forward to our return in October.

May God Bless you all

Elsbeth



God's Gang

As the children look forward to the school holidays it seems like no time since we were preparing for our Nativity. This year is certainly flying by.

A few of our lessons have been Living a Fruitful Life, He shall be named ... and Walking in the Light – where the children received small torches. We also spoke about Easter – Temptation, Love and Forgiveness.

Easter Sunday started with breakfast then communion served by the children followed by our service. Watching all the bikers go by on their anniversary journey to deliver Easter eggs to the children's hospital was a memorable sight. After the service it was time to roll our eggs. Well done to all the children who decorated many eggs. It was a great Easter Sunday enjoyed by all.

Sunday June 9th will be our prize giving service and Sunday June 16th will be our outing. I asked the children where they would like to go this year for our outing. They all chose Wellsfield Farm Park again. Apart from Ivy - she would like to go to Blackpool. Maybe next year! 😊

We wish you all a relaxing summer filled with sunny days and ice creams.

A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do

and wherever you go.

May you talk to God this summer and every day

and in every situation.

May you talk with God every day.

Amen





34th Glasgow Girls' Brigade

We attended the Girls' Brigade Glasgow Gathering at Springfield Cambridge Church in Bishopbriggs on Sunday 10th March. This was a chance for the company to meet other members of GB Glasgow. The girls enjoyed taking part in the activities organised by GB including The Song and Dance factory workshop and the Science Centre experiments. There was also a puppet show and balloon man who created characters from the Bible.

The girls were happy to be asked to sing with the other youth organisation members at our Church Rededication service on Tuesday 26th March. It was a wonderful night.

By the time you read this our Annual Display and Prize giving will have passed on Friday 17th May. We are grateful to the Session for allowing us to use the sanctuary for our display and we hope that everything went well on the night.

To finish the session, we are having a party in the church hall on Wednesday 22nd May. I'm sure it'll be lots of fun.

Our annual activity weekend is on Friday 31st May to Sunday 2nd June when we are going to the Compass Christian Centre at Glenshee. The girls are looking forward to this weekend.

The new session will start on Wednesday 4th September at 6.30pm in the church hall. If you know any school age girls who would like to join us, please send them along in September.

The officers and girls would like to thank you for your continued support of our company.

Sandra MacDonald

119th Boys Brigade

We've had a successful end to the session.

At the Partick District Sports Night held at Scotstoun Stadium on Monday 25 March 2019, Kayden McIntyre won Bronze in the howler and Silver in the long jump, while Jack Chambers won Gold in the 60M and Howler, silver in the 200M and bronze in the long jump. He was also the overall winning Primary 4 member and also got a trophy. We had 5 members competing in total and the company finished in 2nd place overall for the Junior Section.

At our Parents Night on 31st March 2019 all of the members were awarded for their work over the past session and the William McGinn Trophies were awarded to Shaun Nesbit in the Anchor Section and Kayden McIntyre in the Junior Section.

We finished the session with a couple of craft and games nights and will restart on Friday 6th September 2019.

My thanks go to all the Parents and friends who have supported us over the past sessions, to Douglas Robertson for his help on a Friday night and for introducing us to the game of Shoes.

Regards

119th Company Staff



CONGRATULATIONS

119th Glasgow

FOR GROWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP DURING THE 2018 - 2019 SESSION

Well done for giving more children and young people the space to learn, grow and discover through membership of The Boys' Brigade.

Ronnie Campbell

Ronnie Campbell
Chair - Scotland Committee



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Saw this on Facebook and thought I'd share it...

The man doesn't know that there is a snake underneath.
The woman doesn't know that there is a stone crushing the man...

The woman thinks,
"I'm going to fall! and I can't climb because the snake is going to bite me! Why can't the man use a little more strength and pull me up!"

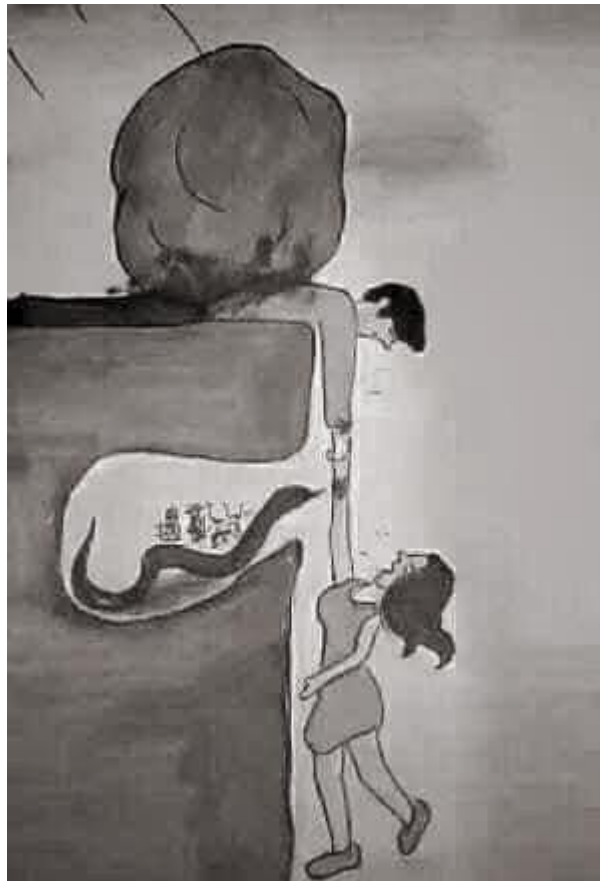
The man thinks,
"I am in so much pain! Yet I'm still pulling you as much as I can! why don't you try to climb a little harder?!"

The moral is: You can't see the pressure the other person is under, and the other person can't see pain that you're in.

This is life, no matter whether it's with work, family, feelings or friends we should try to understand each other.

Learn to think differently, perhaps more clearly and communicate better.

A little thought and patience goes a long way.



Role update

As many of you will remember both myself and Jamie have previously attended ABCD training, this stands for Asset Based Community Development and it's a wonderful way of working better within your community. It's all about working 'with' our communities and not 'for' our communities and helping to weave better relationships in and around our churches and community. It's about finding the wee gem's that are already at work and helping to connect people together. ABCD is amazing but it's a long slow process and it's a lot of work for one person. As some of you will know Govan and Linthouse are a 'Priority area' within the Church of Scotland...Priority Area's look after around 60 congregations within the poorest and most marginalised areas in Scotland and they offer all sorts of training programmes and support for us. Priority areas realise that ABCD is very important but that it's really hard to do on your own so they launched another training programme and asked the congregational workers to bring a team of people to be involved in a 2 year programme. We have a team of 5 now working on ABCD and the initial training was a 2 day event, the second part will be another 2 days in October and then we will have 4 days next year split into 2 day sections. This is great as it means there are more of us to work with and it gives us more opinions. With my job role changing into being more involved with the community the ABCD stuff fits in really well.

Messy Mondays has been running well and we have been very grateful to Douglas for leading this, he is very very very good at making Messy Mondays very Messy! We have had flour, paint, icing sugar, glitter, popcorn to name but a few. The families have great fun and then poor wee Cathy spends half an hour at the sink washing all the pots and tubs...our last session will be on Monday 27th May at 5-6.30pm.

Scripture Fun has been running well too and again we have to thank Douglas for taking a lead in this...he knows soooooo many games that the kids are loving it.

I've also been more involved in The Meeting Place which runs on a Thursday in the Linthouse small hall from 12-1.30pm. It's a very informal gathering where you bring your lunch with you and enjoy the company of others while we eat and chat, the kettle is always on and you would be made most welcome.

The 'Wee Jaunt' will be back up and running this summer and I am currently working on a programme of places to visit. This group meets on Mondays at around 12pm depending on where we are going. Keep your eyes peeled on our facebook for more updates of times and places.

Catch Up is another wee group we've just launched for church families. We are running it once a month after church and it's just a time to stop, take a breath and have a blether, us parents are always running around trying to fit everything in and sometimes we come on a Sunday but don't actually get a chance to catch up and it feels like the only time we do get a gab is while we are dusting the church 😊. This is our time to let the kids play for a while and we can have some lunch and chat. Anyone with kids with them are more than welcome to join in the fun. The next one will be Sunday 2nd June after church in the Session house.

The website is again out of date and we are looking at an alternative option, it is always very time consuming for me to get the updates done and when I do get the time it then takes ages to get the stuff on the site so we are looking at an easier option...watch this space.

I would like to thank everyone for their support of me in my role and of the ministry team. The past few months have been testing. It's been great getting back into our wonderful building but this has come with its challenges. We no longer have Carol or George to lean on and we have been muddling our way through and people have been helping with the opening up and closing down. This will continue for a while until we get someone permanent to fill the void but please bear in mind that if you switch something on, then, please remember to switch it off. If you unlock a door then please lock it again, if you put on heating then please put it off again. Heaters and lights left on cost us a small fortune as they stay on until someone notices it, this could be a few days depending on when it is discovered. Also please treat your church as you would treat your home and take your rubbish to the bin and if the bin is full then empty it...we are all responsible for the running of our building and many hands make light work.

Best wishes

Gillian

ACTION AID AND MARYS MEALS

Once again a big thanks for all your loyal support of both these charities. Especially as I have missed so many services lately, your perseverance at getting the money to me was really brilliant ha ha.

A special thanks for your all-out effort for Marys Meals, double money campaign we collected £600 in a few weeks which was really appreciated.

Once again I know I am repeating myself but if anyone would like to support any of these charities please come and see me and you can take home a wee box for your loose change or pay the £6 a year to Action Aid.... Thanks again everyone

Rose

Members Deaths

Grace Andrews - April 2019

Rosalind McLennon - April 2019

Evelyn Currie - May 2019

Get well soon

To all our members who are feeling under the weather, stuck in doors or in hospital, we wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you all soon. Please remember if you know someone who is in need of a visit then let us know. We no longer have Andrew to help with visits but we will do our best for those who need it most.

EVERY TIME I PASS A CHURCH
I PAY A LITTLE VISIT,

SO WHEN AT LAST
I'M CARRIED IN
THE LORD WON'T
SAY:
"Who Is It?"



Please spread the word about this event! It is totally free and all are welcome!



FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

THURSDAY 30TH OF MAY 6PM - 8PM

Come along to a showing of a family friendly Disney movie at Govan and Linthouse Parish Church



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Friends of Govan and Linthouse Parish Church, I just wanted to say a special thank you for always making me feel very welcome when I come into your church. I joined you for your Easter breakfast and Service, the breakfast was fabulous as always and the Service was wonderful; never before have I been in a service where it's stopped to go outside to wave to the bikers! It was wonderful that everyone got involved and

I loved rolling my egg at the end of the service. Your sanctuary space is just spectacular, you have all achieved so much and must be very proud. I look forward to my next visit and keep you all in my thoughts and prayers

Praise the Lord

Agnes Tough aka Gillian's Granny 😊



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19th March 2019

Dear Gillian

Thank you very much for your donation of £94.08 to our Child and Family Centre from the congregation at Govan & Linthouse Parish Church. The work of our Child and Family Centre continues to grow and develop thanks to such support.



We have outgrown our current building because we have started new services and are working with more families. We are looking for new premises, and meanwhile have been able to run some of our services in local church buildings.

For example, our weekly coffee morning for parents continues to grow and we now use a local church hall. This means more parents are able to attend the group, and there is more space for buggies and prams for the children who are not yet of nursery age. There were 34 parents at the coffee morning last week, which is our highest number to date and would not have been possible in the room we used to use in our own building for the coffee morning.

Your support is making a difference to parents who attend the coffee morning such as Stacey who says, "I can meet other parents. We share advice with each other and we're like one big family. It is so much better in the church as the kids have much more room to move about. There's not a lot in this area for parents and kids, so thank you to Glasgow City Mission Child and Family Centre."

Sandra says, "I love coming to the coffee morning to socialise and meet new parents. It's very welcoming and the children have a great time playing with friends."

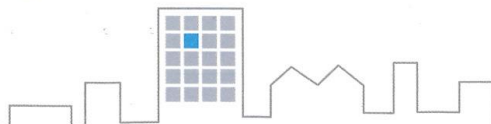
Lee-anne says, "It is a good opportunity for us parents to talk and have adult company, while my kids play with other children. It is local so I can get to it easily. The size of the room is great and all the children have lots of room to play."

Thank you again for your support.

Yours Sincerely



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