

*Govan and Linthouse  
Parish Church  
Magazine*

**HALLELUJAH**  
THE WAY, TRUTH AND THE LIFE  
**LAMB OF GOD**  
**JESUS**  
bright and morning star  
**CHRIST THE RISEN LORD**  
**RESURRECTION**  
BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED

*June 2018*

Dear Friends

It has been a strange spring! The sun has been sparing, and the flowers a little slow in coming, but the early morning and later evening light, add much to our enjoyment of the day.

Life is in the midst of change at Govan and Linthouse. We are in the process of decanting from the ancillary building at Govan Cross. Most of our groups and organisations have moved to Linthouse, with only the office remaining. It moves to the ground floor and we will be using the Session Room meantime. We will try hard to keep "business as normal", but please do understand if we are not able to do everything that we normally do.

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Talking of doing things differently..... in May and June we participate in the Scottish Mental Health Arts Festival, culminating to our own exhibition of work in August to coincide with the European Championships that are coming to Glasgow.

We are delighted to announce that we have engaged Veronica Jane Lynch as a community artist to work with our groups during June to develop our painted windows in the Govan Cross building. Jamie, our Research and Development Facilitator, has been working to put this project together, and it will begin with a community arts day in our Linthouse building on 19<sup>th</sup> May. Please come along.... Don't be shy..... be bold and come along to find out more. There are more details within this magazine, and we have been updating the congregation over the last few weeks. We are grateful to everyone who participated in the public vote so that this project was one of few selected city wide to receive funding from European 2018 Fund.

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Many of you will be heading off for holidays. Do enjoy them wherever you go, and if you are out visiting a church, then please do take our greetings and sign the visitors book. Holidays are an important part of life, a time of refreshment and replenishment. Do enjoy yours, and find the time of relaxation, nourishing for the body and soul.

With every blessing

*Eleanor McMahon*  
Interim Minister

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I thought I would put a few words down to let you all know that the office has now been moved to the session house downstairs at Govan Cross, as much as we are in and settled can I please stress to you that there will be limited access to the office once the works begin in the ancillary buildings. The phone line is working so if you need me please phone in the first instance. The clubs and groups have now all been moved to Linthouse with the exception of GB who's last night will be

done by the time you read this and the Saturday tearoom who are running week on week until the works begin.

It's much quieter down in the session, the view is not as good but the room doesn't vibrate when the busses stop at the traffic lights which is a bonus 😊

We had a fabulous family service for Ascension Sunday where we let balloons go in the sanctuary, (much better for the environment to keep them indoors) all the photos taken on the day are on our Facebook page but I've attached my favourite.

I also want to say a big thank you to everyone who keeps the church running doing all the jobs they do whether it be paid or unpaid, noticed or not, your help is appreciated.

Gillian



I write this letter re The Meeting Place, our newest venture...it has been a real pleasure to be associated with 'MP' as I like to call it. It all began on January 11<sup>th</sup> this year with a few souls attending, since then it has grown steadily week on week but it's not about the numbers and it's not about age either (although most of our MP's are mature), and it's not about Church membership either (although most in our MP are members), it's a time of celebration over our sandwiches and tea and coffee – no hidden agenda. It's Fellowship with a capital F, a pleasant hour and a bit of sharing stories and chat. So why not join us every Thursday at 12 in the small hall at Linthouse? Best of all...it's free! Bring your smile and your sannies and lighten your load!

We remember who all need our prayers this day and always, God Bless, Andrew

## The Guild

Writing this up to date article about the Guild is actually happening with the sun shining...how long it lasts is very uncertain but hopefully it will continue for at least the May Monday.

We have no meeting tomorrow, it being the bank holiday but it gives us a chance to enjoy the break.

This is a time of looking back and also looking forward...we have now discovered that we are unable to have our outing as we had hoped on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June because we can't find a suitable place to have a meal, therefore we have changed the visit to Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June where we hope to visit Aberfoyle and then Callender, fortunately most of our gang will be able to attend.

As I mentioned in the last magazine we started again on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February with a return visit from Tom Pollock from Sherbrook where he shared another wonderful evening with us, he keeps reminding us that he 'Doesn't Do Guilds'! Just ours so we may just invite him again.

We had an evening with Aquila Singh who has recently been ordained as the first Asian female minister and has been awarded 'Woman of the year'. She is settling in nicely to her first charge at Fernhill Church.

We all enjoyed our Holy Week service, our night hearing about love letters sent during WW2, we've had Joyce's Voices which is always a very entertaining night, we have had a night of information from a charity called 'Let's stick together' where we heard about the care offered to families and children. We had our 'bring and buy sale' plus a speaker who helped us raise around £230. One of our highlights has to be the night to Eastwood Theatre to watch Nine to Five...it was a great success and they will be returning to visit us on 14<sup>th</sup> May. We will end our session with the AGM and cream tea on 21<sup>st</sup> May.

A thanks to all who attend, take part in and enjoy the Guild each week and a special thanks to Betty, May and Marion and to all the drivers who collect and drop off all our faithful attendees.

With prayers and blessings to all

Elsbeth

## Communion

We celebrate communion on the last Sunday of each month at Govan Old at 9.45am and on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at Linthouse at 11am.



# WHAT IS COMMUNITY?

**WORK FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITIES WHERE I HAVE MADE YOU GO... PRAY TO ME ON THEIR BEHALF, BECAUSE IF THEY ARE PROSPEROUS, YOU WILL BE PROSPEROUS TOO.**

Jeremiah 29:7

## HALF A MILE CLUB

Coming Soon

Want to learn more about what's going on in Govan, whilst upping those steps on your fitness tracker?

Join us over the summer as we map out our community and visit other local groups as a Walking and Touring Group. We'll have a different walk each week and feedback our findings to the rest of the Church. Speak to Jamie for more information.



We have been hearing the word community a lot in recent times: An Untold Story, the community re-telling the story of Govan & Linthouse; using our facilities for the benefit of the community and even asking 'what does the community want?' in our Thriving Places survey. However, what do we mean when we use the word community?

Generally, a community can be a social group of any size whose members reside in a specific locality, share government, and often have a common cultural and historical heritage. It can also be a social, religious, occupational group sharing common characteristics or interests that are distinct

from larger society.

I like to think of community as people we have something 'in common' with. Whether that be where we live, our love for the same music, or interest in the same hobby. Whatever it is that we share, that is what makes us a community.

At Govan & Linthouse Parish we have lots of things 'in common' with those we see outside the Church. We may live in Govan, we meet in Govan and we will share very similar memories of Govan from over the years. It is important to realise that we are not separate from the community that we so often speak of and that we have more in common than you may think.

Jamie Goodwin

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# AN UNTOLD STORY

In partnership with The Scottish Mental Health Arts Festival, Govan & Linthouse Parish will provide free community arts workshops encouraging participation of cultural activities as a means to promote health, well-being and conversation around mental health. The workshops will run through the month of May 2018, with the exhibition planned alongside the community for a later date. This initial project will act as a pilot for potential larger projects conducted by Govan & Linthouse Parish.

We are seeking to commission an artist with a background in community arts who can engage the community of Govan & Linthouse Parish and facilitate arts

workshops with different groups.

The artist will be able to work with local groups to develop artwork and draw on their own practice to create a series of publications, which are both visually engaging and informative, whilst highlighting positive coping strategies for mental health. The chosen artist will be able to present the work as a digital collage which incorporates photography and original artwork with text based information. The chosen artist will also publicly complete a historical series of painted glass reflecting the story of Govan & Linthouse, engaging the public to help them complete the series with context, influences, ideas and new work.

## THE ARTIST

**Veronica Jane Lynch:** A Glasgow girl, I always wanted to be an artist and never wanted to do anything else. Against my parents wishes, I pursued my ambition and studied at Glasgow School of Art, gaining an Honours Degree in Silversmithing and Jewellery. Subsequently I was offered a position of Stained Glass Artist and Designer with one of Scotland's largest stained and decorative glass firms. Over the years, I learned a broad range of stained and decorative glass techniques, creating designs for homes, churches and businesses across the UK. More than a few years later, I embarked on a new career as a teacher of Art and Design which I loved, yet the the draw of being a working artist beckoned. When the opportunity arose to finally pursue my ambition of working as a full time artist and designer, I was delighted to secure a fabulous gallery space in Dunblane. I am excited at the prospect on working on An Untold Story and am looking forward to uncovering the experiences of people with Govan & Linthouse Parish. I am also delighted to have the opportunity to design a bespoke piece for the Govan Cross Building.





## PROJECT TIMELINE

THE PROPOSAL OF WORKSHOPS MADE BY OUR ARTIST,  
VERONICA JANE LYNCH

WORKSHOP	DATES
<b>LAUNCH</b> PRINT YOUR OWN T-SHIRT OR TOTE BAG. MIX AND MATCH TO CREATE YOUR OWN DESIGN	19TH MAY
<b>PRIMARY SCHOOLS</b> VISIT FAIRFIELD HERITAGE OR HAVE GLASGOW MUSEUMS PROVIDE HERITAGE RESOURCES FOR DRAWING AND CREATE ENLARGED SECTIONS OF HISTORICAL IMAGERY	4TH-12TH JUNE
<b>MESSY MONDAY &amp; GCM COFFEE MORNING</b> STORY TELLING EVENT USING SIMPLE PUPPET CHARACTERS; THE MINER, THE WEAVER, THE SHIPBUILDER. CREATION OF CLAY TILES TO BUILD A MOSAIC	4TH JUNE & TBC

## WORKSHOP

## DATES

### **GIRLS' BRIGADE**

RESEARCH POSITIVE INPUT AND ROLES OF WOMEN, LOOKING AT PERIOD DETAILS AND CREATE ARTWORKS BASED ON THESE.

TBC JUNE

### **THE MEETING PLACE**

WATER COLOUR PAINTING BASED ON INDIVIDUAL STORIES AND VERBAL NARRATIONS

TBC JULY

### **SHARON BREENE SCHOOL OF DANCE**

IMPROVISED PERFORMANCE FOR THE EXHIBITION, FOCUSING ON MAKE-UP AND COSTUME DESIGN

TBC

### **GOVAN HIGH SCHOOL**

GLASS PAINTING WORKSHOP AND COMPLETION OF MODERN DESIGN WINDOWS BY DANNY O'NEIL HOUSED IN GOVAN CROSS BUILDING

TBC JUNE

### **PUBLIC DROP IN**

A SERIES OF OPEN DAYS AT THE LINHOUSE BUILDING WHERE YOU CAN TRY GLASS PAINTING

TBC



## THE WORK

A series of painted glass panels that incorporate the themes covered during the workshops and drop in sessions will be created, these will be framed for the exhibition and subsequently displayed within the Govan Cross Building

A publication will be created sharing the project, the wider history of Govan and the history of Govan & Linthouse Parish Church. This will be available for visitors even after the project.

## God's Gang

Hopefully, by the time you read this, summer will have arrived. This is always a lovely time of year as we look forward to school holidays, ice creams and sunny days.

The children are certainly looking forward to our prize giving service and the trip to Wellsfield Farm Park which is on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June. We have been so lucky with the weather in previous years so fingers crossed for this trip! Always a fun day for children and adults alike.

Have you seen our new piece of art in the Church? It is a cross surrounded by our finger prints. This picture represents the various lessons we have covered recently. Starting with Palm Sunday and our short play. We then learned about Paying taxes to Caesar –

Jesus told them, **“Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”** Next we looked at gaining possessions – **“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”** These lessons have been well remembered by the children. If you ask, they should be able to tell you about our artwork – hopefully!

We wish you all a sunny and relaxing summer.

## A Child's Prayer

No more homework, no more tests.  
No more getting up for school.  
No more book reports or studying.  
My summer holiday begins today!  
I'm so happy and I'm so free.  
I want to read and get up late.  
I want to ride my bike and swim.  
I want to play more with my friends.  
Please bless my summer days, dear God.  
Keep me safe and happy.



### 34<sup>th</sup> Glasgow Girls' Brigade

We have been very busy over the past few months.

On 10<sup>th</sup> March we attended the GB Glasgow fun day at Auchengillan Scout Camp to celebrate 125 years of Girls' Brigade. As it had been snowing the previous week there was still snow lying on the

ground and it was very cold. The girls made the most of the outdoors and enjoyed sledging, abseiling, para drop and team games.

We held a Spring Sale on 24<sup>th</sup> March and raised funds to help pay for the bus hire for the days out. We would like to thank everyone who supported this fundraiser.

Our Annual Display and Prize-giving was held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April and all the children enjoyed singing and dancing. To mark the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Girls' Brigade, all the leaders and girls were presented with a special 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coin. It is something to treasure.

We would like to give a very big 'Thank You' to Cathy MacLeod for presenting the prizes and to Eleanor McMahon for being our chairperson. We would also thank all the congregation who came out to support us. It was very much appreciated.

At the Display, Linda McAlpine was awarded her 10-year officer badge. Well done Linda!

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April, we attended the GB Scotland Mad Hatter's Tea Party at Kelburn Country Park, in Largs. We all had a great day and the sun shone all day. The girls enjoyed meeting the different characters from Alice in Wonderland. There were over 900 girls from all over Scotland at the park. We left Govan at 9am but some girls from the Borders and East Coast had left home at 6am to be there!

Some of the Juniors and leaders are going to Argeonaig Outdoor Centre near Loch Tay on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May for an activity weekend. We have not been to this centre for a long time and are looking forward to enjoying some different activities.

Our new session will begin in September. If you know any school age girls who would like to join us, please send them along then.

We hope that you all enjoy the holidays.

Sandra MacDonald



## 119<sup>th</sup> Boys Brigade

A successful session of Anchor and Junior Sections has just been completed with a trip to the 10 pin bowling on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

The Anchor Section have taken part in the Glasgow Battalion St Andrews Colouring In competition with Gold, Silver and Bronze Certificates won for our efforts and had a great time at the Panto at the start of December. Since then we have entered the Glasgow Battalion Easter Colouring In competition with Oscar Martin being the overall Primary 3 winner, and certificates for the others.

Three members of the Junior Section took part in the Glasgow Battalion Sports Night at the Emirates Arena on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and just missed out in the placings for the 60M, 200M, Long Jump and Shot-put events. We managed to borrow Alan from the 85<sup>th</sup> company and took part in the 60M relay race and to their surprise won the Silver medal so big congratulations to Jamie Grant, Rielly McIntyre and Aiden Ross.

The members who won the William McGinn Trophies this year were Oscar Martin for the Anchor Section and Aiden Ross for the Junior Section.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support and are looking forward to welcoming new members when we restart on first Friday in September 2018.

Regards

Marion MacKinnon & Staff  
119<sup>th</sup> Boys Brigade



## Baptisms

We celebrated the baptism of Harris James George Kitson on 15<sup>th</sup> April

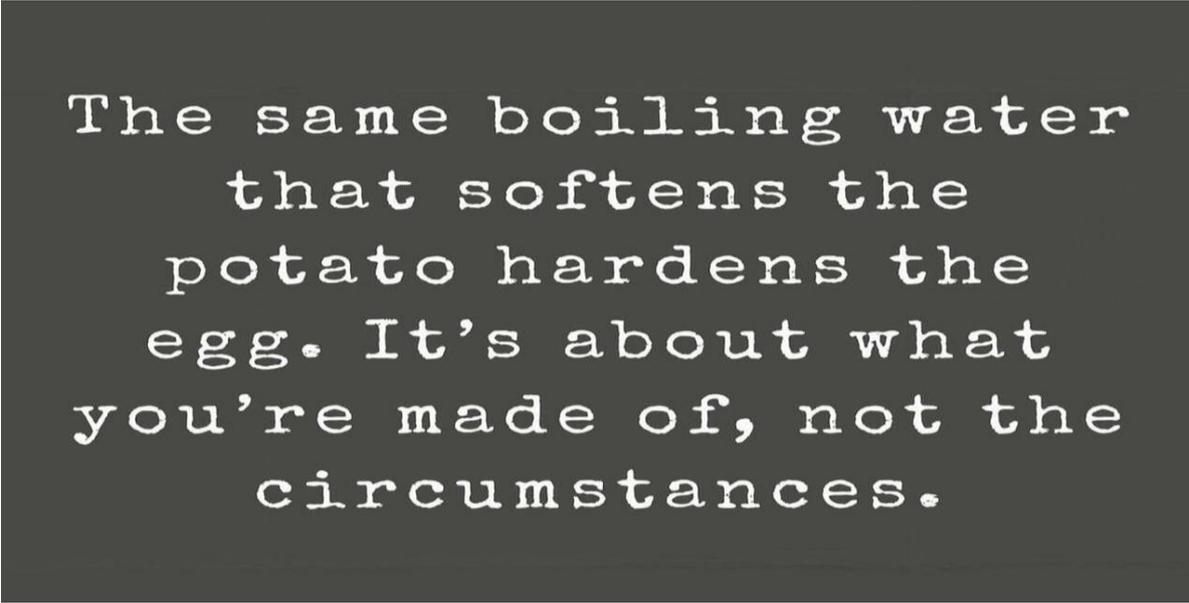
### Marys meals and Action Aid

Just a small thanks for all your continued support in both of these charities. I am still astonished as week by week I am handed another wee box full of your donations. Believe me it's never taken for granted even though you sometimes have to find me, (I am sometimes in the counting room) please don't ever carry your change away again, please give it to someone if you can't find me. A big thanks must go to poor Elspeth, who has the misfortune to live below me. She is very good at delivering your boxes to me. I sent off a £100 donation, last month to Mary's meals and I will put their receipt up in the hall, this brings their total to over £6600.00. Well done everyone.

Action Aid is also doing well. They have been involved lately with the refugee crisis, with so many camps set up, outside Syria full of people who could not afford to pay for passage to Europe. And with the cases of Girls who are being married off so young, trying to change this policy is so slow but they are seeing a difference. If anyone is willing to help with this charity it costs £6 per year, but any donations are gratefully received.

Thanking you all again for all your help and support

Rose



The same boiling water  
that softens the  
potato hardens the  
egg. It's about what  
you're made of, not the  
circumstances.

### Members Deaths

Ann Wilson – April

Agnes (Nancy) Duff – May

## Kings Park Brass Band

Come along and join us for a night of entertainment from the Kings Park Brass Band on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in our Linthouse Building. Tickets are on sale at £5 each including tea and coffee.

## Saturday Tearoom

The last tearoom will be Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May, after this the work will commence in the ancillary buildings and there will be no access to Govan Cross until further notice. I would personally like to thank all the ladies who have helped run this wonderful tearoom for as long as they have. I'm sure all the regular tearoom attendees will miss the delightful home baking you have all provided and will look forward to the return of the tearoom.

# ***Glasgow the Welcoming City*** ***Glasgow City Chambers***

**3 pm Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018**



**Join us to celebrate the  
Cultural Diversity of  
our Great City!**

***\*The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Glasgow Garden Festival, the end of WW 1 and Much More***

***\*Reflections of these important events from Faith and Civic Leaders, Music and Song from Glasgow's Schoolchildren***

Refreshments follow in the Satinwood Suite  
**All Welcome.**

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