

FALKIRK TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

AUGUST 2017

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 6th August at 11.00am

Guest preacher: Rev Cliff Acklam

Sunday 13th August at 11.00am

Theme: Well-known quotes:
An eye for an eye/go the extra mile

Sunday 20th August at 11.00am

Theme: Well-known quotes:
Do for others/straight and narrow

Sunday 27th August at 11.00am

Service led by Rev Kay Brown



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Church News for September 2017

Please send to the Church Office via e-mail (thefawkirk@outlook.com) or hand into the office by Tuesday 22nd August. Thanks!



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Important Information

Prayer Tree

We have a prayer tree in the Vestibule. Please leave a message on this if you want prayers said for yourself or others.



Pastoral Visitors

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Pastoral Visitor, please contact Irene Scott.

Parking in Church Grounds

On Sundays, we try to keep as many spaces within the grounds for those bringing folk to Church who are unable to walk far or cope with the hills/steps around the Church. If you are able to cope with these, then please make use of the various parking places around the town centre. Please drive very slowly and with great care as you enter and leave the Church grounds as many people are on foot.

Worship

Please note that we now stream Sunday Services on line. Although there may occasionally be times when the congregation is seen, the main focus will usually be towards the front of the Church. If anyone wishes to discuss this, or has any concerns, please speak to the Minister.

Office

A little reminder that if you have messages for Gillian or for our Caretaker, Alastair Jeffrey, then please do not approach them on Sunday mornings but leave written notes in the box in the office, or you can contact them through the week at the office – thank you!

Minister on Leave

Our Minister is on annual leave from Monday 21st August to Tuesday 12th September, both dates inclusive. Urgent pastoral care will be provided by Kay Brown and John Jenkinson.

Did you know.....?

This monthly news sheet and the Faw Kirk Magazine are available to read online at www.falkirktrinity.org.uk. We also use Twitter and Facebook to keep in touch!



Church Life - what's happening here?

Church Diary

- Family Life Centre Team meets on Thursday 3rd August at 10.30am in the History Room.
- Buildings Management Team meets on Tuesday 8th August at 7pm in the History Room.

Summer Sunday Time

We are still looking for volunteers to cover Sunday August 13th for our young children (up to P6). There will be a supply of basic craft materials available but if your talent is storytelling, games, etc, that's great too. If you can help please contact Morag Mackay moragmackay@hotmail.com



Strathcarron Hospice Phials



Phials for donations to Strathcarron Hospice are available on the table in the Vestibule. Please feel free to take one to fill with any coin value. Once full, the phials should be returned to Boston Glegg. The amount passed on to date is £300.30. Thank you

Wanderers

Our next outings are on Thursday 3rd and Monday 21st of August. If you are interested in coming along please contact Ellen or Margaret via the Office as soon as possible.



Book Group

The next book group will be held on the 10th of August in the Wheelhouse to discuss 'Three Thousand Miles for a Wish' written by Safiya Hussain. For more information, please speak to Shona Penman.



Credit Union Collection

Please note this has now stopped due to lack of interest.

Family Life Centre

Family Life Centre: It's growing, here's what we are up to...

1. Seasons for Growth: adult bereavement support groups now being held. Possible groups for children/young people in future.
2. Play Therapy: preparations pre-summer with start date envisaged in August. Pilot project one morning per week.
3. Falkirk Street Pastors: use premises free of charge when working in the town centre.
4. Alcoholic Anonymous and Gamblers Anonymous: groups meet within Trinity at a reduced rate.
5. Youth Worker: in conjunction with Scripture Union, Falkirk Baptist Church and Falkirk St. Andrew's West Church, to operate initially at Graeme High School. Presently seeking Trust members and avenues of funding.
6. Listen Well Scotland: introductory morning session in May with a view to Trinity becoming a "Listening Church" with trained volunteers.
7. Falkirk Foodbank: Trinity is a partner Church.
8. Café in the Kirk: operating weekdays from noon to 2pm.
9. Tots and Toddlers Group: in conjunction with St Francis Xavier's Church, we are seeking volunteers to operate a new group one morning per week at Trinity.
10. Children's Shop: looking at possibility of starting this in town centre to fund future initiatives, possibly including Traidcraft.
11. Signposting: information centre at Trinity to point to other help agencies.
12. Funding: preparations being made for funding applications.
13. Business and Development Manager: Gillian is our main connection with various agencies and groups in the town centre and throughout Falkirk.
14. Logo: use and development of new FLC logo...



Produce Table

The Produce table will be open in the hall vestibule on Sundays 6th August and 3rd September immediately after the service. Any donations of jam, marmalade etc, surplus fruit, vegetables, plants would be very gratefully received. If you are unable to bring the goods to church yourself, please contact the office and arrangements will be made to pick them up.

The proceeds from the produce table will be donated to the East Africa Crisis Appeal, set up to support South Sudan, Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia who are suffering from a catastrophic famine caused by a number of factors. In the last few months the situations in South Sudan and Somalia has become increasingly worrying as not only famine but cholera has been the cause of many deaths among children. The situation is so difficult at the moment that no one charity can support the families presently living in the refugee camps. The charities involved are banding together to provide the appropriate support as quickly and as safely as they can.

Kelpies Canter

The second annual Christian Aid Walk will take place on Saturday 30th September at the Helix. The official start time is 10.30am but those taking part can start any time from 10.30 - noon. The 9km walk will start at the Great Lawn, go around the Lagoon and Stadium before coming back into the Helix. From there the walk goes up to the Kelpies, along the Carron until it reaches Love & Kisses. From there it circles back to the Kelpies and the Great Lawn. This walk will take approximately 90 minutes. The 5k route is suitable for all ages and remains within the Helix park and the Kelpies. It should take less than an hour to complete. Those taking part can be sponsored or, if preferred, can give a donation to Christian Aid to take part.

Donation Station Project – August and September Shoebox Appeal



This year, we will once more be collecting filled shoeboxes for Blythswood Care to distribute at Christmas time. The 121,474 shoeboxes received last year were distributed in Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Pakistan, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.

We will be gathering shoeboxes through August and September. Please only donate filled boxes; this year we are not collecting individual items for the boxes. Completed boxes can be left at the Donation Station and should be handed in by Sunday 1st October. You can pick up a leaflet with full instructions and a checklist. You should cover your shoebox with bright wrapping paper (covering the lid separately so it can be easily opened and checked). Then decide who your box is for – a man, woman, elderly woman, teenage girl/boy or boy/girl. Blythswood ask that you try to include in your box the following - toothbrush and toothpaste; hat scarf and gloves; soap; a small toy for a boy or girl and sweets (no chocolate and the “best before” date should be after March 2018). Tick the items included on the checklist and tape the checklist to the top of the box. Hold the box closed with elastic bands. If you have any spare shoeboxes, then please bring them to church and leave them at the Donation Station so we can cover these and leave them for people to take away and fill. Let’s give hope to someone in need this Christmas! Thanks.

Bereavement Support

If you would like to find out more about the Bereavement Support groups which are held at the Church – or if you know of someone who would like more information – please come along to a Drop In session. These will be held on Tuesday 26th September from 2.00pm to 4.00pm and on Thursday 5th October from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. You don’t need to stay for the whole time – just come along at any time which suits you during the session. The Drop Ins give you the opportunity to ask questions, to find out more and to meet those involved. The programme uses “Seasons for Growth” material and suits people needing a little help along the way – it is not a counselling programme.

If these dates and times don’t suit or you would like to find out more about the groups before September, then please contact the Church Office on 611017 and leave your details.

Volunteers

We are in need of more volunteers to help with the Café in the Kirk, Sunday mornings with Youth Station, Sunday Club during summer Sundays, helpers with Wanderers, cover for our Caretaker during holidays, special events held at the Church, Sunday morning Church officer, to name but a few! Could you help, even on an occasional basis? Then please don’t let it drift, let Gillian in the office know as soon as possible. Thank you!

The Wanderers

For the last 20 years, the Wanderers has operated in Falkirk to support elderly people who are housebound or have difficulty getting around independently. Most are in their 80s and 90s. Twice a month from March to November, a group of 12 are picked up at their homes and taken out for afternoon tea before being returned home. The outing usually lasts around 3 hours. While the Wanderers enjoy the drive and their afternoon tea, the main thing for all of them is meeting other people and having a chat. For each trip, we need 2 escorts on the bus. Since the beginning of the year, a number of escorts have retired. As a result, we recently had to cancel one of the trips because no escorts could be found. We are frequently struggling to staff the bus, which is jeopardising the trips. If we cannot increase the number of escorts, then it is very likely that the number of trips will have to be reduced, which will be a real loss to many of the Wanderers. The duties of an escort are not onerous – helping people on and off the bus, checking that they are seated safely and making sure that everyone is enjoying their afternoon tea. If you could spare a day once every 3-4 months please let Ellen Hamilton know.

Summer Read

The Christian Growth team invite you to read ‘Journey to the Well’ by Diana Wallis Taylor as part of your 'holiday' reading this summer. We have purchased several copies of the book which can be borrowed from church on a Sunday morning and then returned for others to enjoy. There will be an opportunity for anyone who would like to join a discussion about the book to come along on Thursday 14th September at 7.00pm for tea/coffee then a 7.30pm start. All are welcome to come along and share thoughts on the book.

Falkirk Trinity Church Choir Practices - 2017

The choir meets once per month on a Thursday evening with some additional evenings in the period before Easter and Advent/Christmas. The practices are held either in the Main Hall or the Archway Room from 7.30pm – 9.30pm on the following Thursday evenings:

- 31st August
- 28th September
- 26th October
- 23rd November
- 30th November
- 7th December



The choir also practices before each Sunday Service at 10.15am prompt in the Archway Room. New members are always made welcome. Anyone interested in joining the choir should speak to Bob Tait or contact him via the Office.

Walking Group

The Walking Group meet for the month of August at the Union Inn car park, as always at 7.00pm.



Forthcoming Saturday Walk on August 19th

All are welcome to join us for exercise and fresh air at Rumbling Bridge and River Devon! This is a pleasing countryside walk on good paths and tracks (circular route – 3 hours walking plus picnic lunch). This outing will end with afternoon refreshments at a local cafe. Meet at Pool o' Muckhart for 10:30 am. Contact Susan Laing for further information (01324 630890 or 07914 745015)

Spanish Lessons in the Faw Kirk

Do you want to learn Spanish? Classes are now available here from the 20th of September at 7.00pm and are suitable for beginners and holidaymakers. Contact Lila at lila@HelloToSpanish.com for more information.

The Faw Kirk Magazine

Articles for the next edition of the magazine should be with the editors by Sunday 6th of August. Please send these by email to Carolynn (carolynn.64@hotmail.co.uk) or Morag (moragmackay@hotmail.com)

National Chaplaincy Volunteers Training Days

Some congregations have been asking about dates for prison training for volunteers to allow groups to come and assist Chaplains in the delivery of faith based activities in Scottish Prisons. There are two dates currently organised, both running from 10.00am to 1.30pm with a light lunch provided.

- Saturday 26th August at HMP Castle Huntly
- Saturday 28th October at HMP Low Moss.

If you are interested, contact Donald Scott at donald.scott@sps.pnn.gov.uk or phone 01324 722241.



Music and Events in the Faw Kirk

Sixty Minutes of Song with Choirs from the National Youth Choirs of Scotland Saturday 19th August at 4.00pm



NYCoS is a most exciting and vibrant youth music organisation in Scotland and has built an enviable reputation for tremendous musical, exciting and thrilling choral singing. Join the NYCoS Boys Junior Corps and the NYCoS Girls Training Choir here for an afternoon of wonderful music.

Tickets are £6.00, £5.00 concession and £3.00 for under 26 and are available from www.nycos.org.uk/events or from the Office.

Falkirk Storytelling Festival 2017

Look out for the launch of the Falkirk Storytelling Festival – an exciting new festival coming to Falkirk in September!



Duke Special

Saturday 25th November at 7.30pm



Duke Special is a fabulous songwriter and performer based in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He's a piano-based songwriter with a romantic style and a warm, distinctly accented voice. His live performances have a theatrical style inspired by Vaudeville and music hall, and often incorporate 78s played on an old-fashioned gramophone, or sound effects from a transistor radio. On this very special tour, Duke Special will be performing songs and music based on the poetry of influential and renowned Belfast writer, Michael Longley. Longley's poems are full of gentleness, honesty, mischief and love and are peppered with a cast of artists, animals, flowers, friends and long forgotten soldiers. As ever, Duke Special is mining a new seam of inspiration, hunting for treasures and what it means to be a human being.

Tickets are £ 15.00 and available from the Office or www.seetickets.com



What's on elsewhere?

Give Blood

You can give blood in Falkirk Town Hall on Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd August from 4.00pm – 7.30pm



El'egant Ladies Retreat

Saturday 26th August

The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh will be the venue for this year's El'egant Ladies event. This is an opportunity to meet other Christian Women who desire to live in their purpose and to develop a closer relationship with the Lord. It will be a great time of friendship, fellowship and fabulous freedom in the Lord! Places are limited and will be on a first come first served basis. Tickets are £30.00 from www.eventbrite.co.uk



Dates for your diary

- September worship theme: Angels and Midges!
- Communion services on Sunday 3rd September at 11.00am and 2.00pm, led by Kay Brown.
- Kirk Session meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th September
- Book discussion: 7.00pm for tea/coffee with 7.30pm start on Thursday 14th September, a chance to discuss "Journey to the Well"
- Falkirk Storytelling Festival: 21st to 24th September – watch this space!