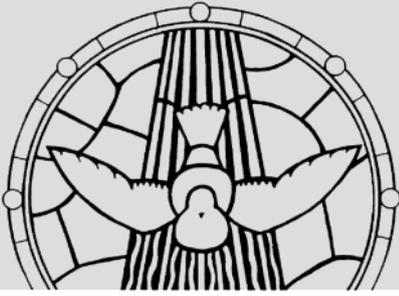


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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Living in a Post-Christendom



There was a time when a Christian preacher could count on the shared premises of the listening community, reflective of a large theological consensus. There was a time when the assumption of God completely dominated Western imagination, and the holy Catholic Church roughly uttered the shared consensus of all parties. That consensus was rough and perhaps not very healthy, but at least the preacher could work from it.

(Walter Brueggemann, *Deep Memory, Exuberant Hope: Contested Truth in a Post-Christian World* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2000), 1.)

Those comments by Walter Brueggemann present the contrast between the former days when there was certainty and confidence in the pastoral ministry, with Christian communicators being able to articulate the word of God more freely and confidently, and the situation these days when preachers of the word in western societies must be careful what they say in order not to offend people. Sometimes I wonder whether at some point, we will not be having debates about re-writing the bible in a way that would satisfy or answer all the many questions people are asking concerning the relationship between this 'old book' called the bible and our post-modern culture with its relativism.

The problem seems to be the absence of a Christian cultural consensus in the church which means that Christian people must continue to grapple with the best possible ways to define their Christian standards and to helpfully engage with the culture of the world in which they live from day to day. As a congregation of the Church of Scotland, conscious of the world around us and aware that the future of the church needs to be shaped by the ways in which we currently interpret scripture and other practices as citizens of heaven, we are seeking to engage studies that would strengthen our faith in a post-modern culture. Taking our inspiration from Lee Beach's book, *The Church in Exile: Living in Hope After Christendom*, we are aiming to have a series of sermons in the month of October that would bring hope to our congregants and suggest how we can live lives that are worthy of our calling in post-Christian west. Some of the themes to be handled are:

- ~ Living in a Post-Christendom: The sense of sorrow and dislocation of exile and what this means for the church today.
- ~ Not seeking to hold on to the past but contributing constructively to an alien culture in exile.
- ~ Exile and hope: reinventing the wheel
- ~ The shape of holiness and how we live in today's world. Hopeful practices for living in exile and sustaining our faith in the diaspora.

I will be taking these studies together with our new pastor in training - Alastair Stark - whom I have been asked by the Church of Scotland to supervise. Alastair was introduced to our congregation on Sunday 18th September 2022, and he will be spending the next six months with us at Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland.

Can I ask our church members and others in the community who would be interested in this crucial subject of 'Living in a Post-Christendom' to kindly come along to our church services, taking place at 11am every Sunday?

Every Blessing

Rev Dr Amos Chewachong

NEWPORT CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to be a church which inspires people with the Good News of Jesus Christ through our enthusiasm, worship, witness, nurture and service.

The Next Chapter

'You can't start the next chapter of your life if you keep re-reading the last one.'

It's an old, but true adage and one I have struggled with over the past year.

Since retiring in 2017 from my role as Academic Advisor at the Scottish Police College, I was privileged to be nominated to undertake the role of Session Clerk and work for the benefit of our church and congregation here in Newport-on-Tay. This I have with prayerful support and spiritual guidance done to the best of my ability, despite the onset of the Covid pandemic.

'Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.' (Colossians 3:23-24)

However, deep down inside I continued to seek another position within the Church, one more appropriate to my professional qualifications, skills, and experience within the academic realm.

'We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God: those who are called according to His purpose.' (Romans 8:28)

Then, my prayers were answered, and His purpose clearly identified. An opportunity arose to train and become a National Assessor within the Church of Scotland. This I was happy to embrace, and in November 2021 I successfully completed the initial training programme. Since then, as a probationer I have attended training events and observed online interviews and assessments within the Church's Local Review and National Assessment processes for candidates entering and progressing through their training into the ministry.

In fairness to all prospective candidates, each stage in the assessment process demands a thorough and considered review of all their evidential material and associated activities, and this takes time. Time which would be in direct conflict with the demands of my current duties, and so I have found it necessary to step-down from my position as Session Clerk.

Having declared my intentions to the Kirk Session six-months ago, I will be stepping down from this role on the 1st of October. I will nonetheless continue to work and support the church in my role as an Elder, member of the Worship Team and Choir.

I thank my fellow-Elders and members of our Church and congregation for their continued support throughout the past four years, particularly through the ensuing pandemic when we have had to revise our approach to worship by incorporating new protocols and technologies.

'Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.' (1 Peter 4:10)

Francis B. Robertson
Session Clerk

Next Edition

If you would like anything included in our October edition of the Church Journal please email newportcos@btinternet.com by Sunday 23rd October 2022.

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Thanks and Congratulations

The Kirk Session of Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland are pleased to announce that Graham Johnson has accepted the invitation to be our new Session Clerk and will take up his post following the October Session Meeting. We congratulate him on this appointment and wish him well in this challenging yet privileged and rewarding position.

We also wish to thank Fraser Ritchie who has agreed to record the minutes of our Kirk Session meetings until a volunteer can be found to fulfil the role of Depute Clerk.

Francis B. Robertson
(Retiring session Clerk)

Safeguarding Update

Safeguarding training is mandatory for all, at an appropriate level for your volunteering role, see below:

Volunteers - Introductory or Refresher
Elders and Board Members - Trustee Training
Co-ordinator/Panel members - Advanced Training
It should be updated ideally every 3 years, but a maximum of every 5 years.

Forthcoming dates are:

For Trustees, members of Kirk Sessions or Boards, online sessions on Thursday, 17th November at 7pm or Tuesday, 29th November at 7pm.

Volunteer Introductory Training is on Thursday 6th October and Wednesday 9th November - this is the full course for new volunteers and employees, and those whose last training was more than 5 years ago and will take place online.

Alternatively, you can attend in-person sessions (pre-booking essential):
Tuesday 15th November, Coach House, Leuchars St Athernase, 7.00pm
Saturday 26th November, Freuchie (venue to be confirmed), 10.00am

If you are unable to attend any of the prearranged sessions I can liaise with Sheila Boyd (Presbytery Safeguarding) about an in-person session at Newport early next year.

If any church volunteer has not volunteered since pre-covid (March 2020) they should complete a leavers form (SG22) and resign from the PVG Scheme.

Could all PVG members please notify Disclosure Scotland if you have any changes to your personal details, e.g. name, address, etc., or indeed stopped doing any regulated work? All this information can be found on their website (<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about-us/safeguarding-service>). I plan to contact everyone on the SG7 register regarding an update to your PVG. Thanks for your continued support.

The Church of Scotland Safeguarding Service: 'Safeguarding – protecting children and adults at risk from harm – is a permanent and necessary part of Church life. The needs of the child, adult at risk, or survivor come first. This is also called the paramouncy principle.'

Lesley Gray, Safeguarding Co-ordinator
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Parish Register

Death

3rd Sept Mrs Bella Urban
Newport-on-Tay District 34K

Funeral

26th Sept Mrs Linda Buist
Newport-on-Tay

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

> the adventure begins here



At last, we managed to get up and running after a few weeks of delays for a variety of reasons. We are delighted to welcome back almost all of our boys from last session, all of them continuing to show their high level of enthusiasm for being back together once again.

We have already had a couple of enquiries from potential new members, which is encouraging and augurs well for the time when we will be allowed back into the local schools to speak with potential new recruits there.

Our initial activities this term have inevitably centred around summer holidays and memories of our late Queen with all that she achieved in her lifetime. In forthcoming evenings, we will look at a variety of seasonal themes as we move into autumn.

Please also keep all our boys and leaders in your thoughts and prayers, and contact me (Tel. 543034) or any of our staff as soon as possible with your offers (or suggestions) of help and particularly if you can point some young boys in our direction.

Philip Owen
Company Captain

For more details you can contact Philip on (01382) 543034 or by emailing philip.owen@talktalk.net

manna matters



What a change from last month, praise God and thanks be to God for his blessing at this time. As I write we are about to start our new work placement John. Our new volunteers are settling in. Howard is back following his hip operation and we still have a few more new volunteers starting over the coming days and weeks. This means at present we are able to remain open for the 6 days a week. I really didn't think this was going to be possible. I'm so grateful and relieved all at the same time. I'm normal a positive person and trust in God, however I found myself struggling to see how this was all going to work out. It has been a great encouragement to me to see how God has worked out his purposes through manna at this time.

Thank you to everyone who has been praying for manna your prayers and mine have been answered abundantly. Some of the new volunteers are baker too!

New stock is arriving in our gift shop and we have plenty of items that might inspire your Christmas shopping. Shampoo bars, body wash, scented soaps, Jute bags, rainbow ceramics to name but a few and of course Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without socks.

Thank you all for your continued support

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Hello!

Hello friends!

I'm Alastair (or Ally... I don't really mind which!) I'm 31 years old and live "down the coast" in Cellardyke with my wife Jenny, our 4-year-old son, Ruairidh, and our almost-1-year-old daughter, Isla. Jenny is a primary school teacher in Anstruther, and I'm a Church of Scotland ministry candidate studying Divinity at St Andrews! I have attended many churches over the years, having been incredibly blessed by the people I've met and their impact on my life and faith. Moving to St Andrews around 2000, I attended Langlands Primary School and then Madras College, finishing 6th year in 2009. Immediately following school, I studied music for a bit then got my degree in Community Education over the Tay at Dundee Uni!



I then worked as a Ministries Development Worker (mostly youth work) for the Church of Scotland. My time was split between five congregations in Glenrothes and Leslie, and it was all a huge blessing for me. I worked locally and nationally in many contexts, including primary schools, high schools, care homes, and hospitals. I really enjoyed our youth groups and school events across town. I was also involved in church holiday clubs where I met Jenny, who was helping to lead one of them. I spent my Sundays rotating around the churches and enjoyed leading worship as I went.

Around a year into the job, I realised a call to full-time ministry and – the more I prayed, led worship, and spoke to friends – the more that call became affirmed. A journey ensued over several years, meandering through various situations and employers: I worked as a Guidance Adviser at Fife College and in a similar role at Dundee Uni. Jenny and I got married, started our family, and moved to the East Neuk. I always knew deep down that God was calling me to this exciting task, and I was delighted to go through my period of discernment and assessment for ministry in 2020. I was then blessed with a fantastic placement at Howe of Fife and a fascinating year at university.

I am so grateful to be sharing this journey with you all over the next few months. Studying full-time at St Andrews alongside this placement, family life, and the other elements of training for ministers, I'm naturally pretty busy, but I'm also enjoying the excitement of it all.

I've so loved my short time here already—I'm grateful for the early connections I've made with people and for the warm welcome you've all been kind enough to offer me. I can see just how exciting a place I've come to, with so much activity, joy, faith, and enthusiasm. I keenly look forward to our time together, seeing God's awesome work continue to unfold in this beautiful part of the world.

With every blessing to all of you,
Ally Stark

Thank You

Eleanor, Donald and all the family would like to thank everyone who has supported them over the past few weeks in particular, since the death of our Mum, Mrs Jean Maclean. To the many friends who visited her over the years, spent time with her and enjoyed her company, she appreciated you all. As was said in her Eulogy at her funeral service, "Mum was tiny in stature but a woman with a huge heart". Her life revolved round her family and her faith. A faith that she firmly believed in, a faith that she held strong and a faith she never doubted. The church was part of her whole life from her teenage years to her nineties. A long life, well lived, who will be missed by us all, but her memories will stay in our hearts forever.

God bless you all.
Eleanor Owen

Remember

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Vigil

Every Thursday at 7pm
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*Let us join together as a community to
stand with the people of Ukraine in
their hour of need*

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Harvest 2022

On these next 2 pages you will find a few articles relating to our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 25th September.

All Age Service

Our young people lead our Harvest Service this year and everyone involved did fantastic. I would like to extend a thank you to every single one of our Children and Young People involved in the service in particular and say it is a privilege to be your Youth Worker. I was filled with joy and was really encouraged by the kindness and welcoming that our children and young people showed everyone, and was awe-filled when we brought the amount of food that was donated by everyone for our harvest celebration. Thank you to everyone who took part and contributed to our service and to our donation for our local Foodbank.

Chris Cameron

Harvest Foodbank Collection

Many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to either the foodbank collection and/or the bake sale at the Harvest Service.

There were 27 bags of food and 3 large cardboard boxes of food that were donated for the Foodbank and this was dropped off to them after the service. A letter of thanks has been received and is below.

With regard to the bake sale, a total of £125 was raised and will go towards sponsorship of Rimberto.

So thanks very much and well done to all!



Dear Parishioners,

Thank for the enormous amount of food you collected for your Harvest Festival and generously then passed on to us. It has come at a good time as our stocks were beginning to drop mostly because the number of clients is increasing. It was very good that apples were included in the boxes and we will certainly be passing them on this week to all households.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Gina Angus
(Taybridgehead Foodbank)

Wormit Parish Church of Scotland
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Harvest Flowers

A big thank you to Carolyn Barr, Frances Durward, Margaret Heron, Jeanette Johnston, Muriel McCabe, Liz McCrickard, Jo McKendrick and Avril Waugh for all the help in decorating our Church for the Harvest Thanksgiving. It was very much appreciated and admired!

Margaret Wright



Harvest Thanksgiving Appeal

As Covid-19 restrictions have eased, so we have been able to return to experiencing activities and events with which we are familiar. Last year, we were able to reintroduce our annual appeals.

Once again, our young ones have led us in a collection of items for the Tay Bridgehead Foodbank in the weeks prior to the Harvest Thanksgiving Service on 25th September.

While we fully appreciate the current economic circumstances, together with the impending difficulties with inflation, energy costs, etc., the Kirk Session have decided to hold a financial appeal this year. We are all facing a testing time in the months ahead, but were aware that there are many, many, others who are (and will be) suffering much more than us. Hopefully, we can all find it in ourselves to be able to assist those in greater need, even if that is not to the same extent as we may have done on previous occasions.

This year we will have two worthy beneficiaries, one local and one distant :-

~ **Rio Community Centre** – to assist the work and support this organisation (often through co-operation with the Tay Bridgehead Foodbank) gives to our community. A portion of the work being carried out at this difficult time is illustrated in articles on previous pages of this "Journal" and our financial support will enable us to bring a much-needed benefit into our local community in tandem with the work of other organisations.



~ **Newport & Zolotarevo Twinning Association** – for their onward transmission to our twin town in Ukraine. While the town is located in the west of the country, they are still hosting refugees from the areas further east which are directly involved in the conflict. In addition, the authorities there are asking all schools to open and prepare a secure shelter (sandbagged) with food and water. In addition, they still require assistance for necessities.



For both these worthy causes, please give what you can to help. Harvest Appeal envelopes are in the pews each week from now until our Communion Service on 30th October. Please return your donations in these envelopes by simply putting them into the offering plate. Alternatively, you can give electronically direct to our bank account; if you do not have a note of our bank account, please contact me (see the back page of this Journal or on the Church's website – www.notchurch.co.uk) and I shall give you the relevant information.



The donations will be split equally between these two causes, but if you wish to contribute money to one specifically, please indicate this either with a note inside the envelope or on the outside of it.

Donations of all amounts are most welcome and remember that even small contributions can be significant.

Finally, please remember Matthew 25, verse 40, in which Jesus said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me".

Outdoor Nativity

It is hoped to stage an open-air Nativity in the church grounds on the afternoon of Saturday 3rd December.

This proposal was made by Jane Campbell who has written a script for the short presentation. The play would be performed by adults but characters would have minimal lines, if any, as the bulk of the story is told by a narrator.

However this new and unusual event can only happen with the help and support of a number of people. As well as "actors", helpers will be needed to devise costumes, make props (no live animals are to be used!), steward the afternoon, make tea Other local churches have been contacted to make this an ecumenical event and there has been some positive feedback.

This venture is a different and fun way for the Church to highlight its presence at a special time of year.

Please think about offering your help, either as cast or behind-the-scenes.

For more information or to offer help please contact :

Jane or Kevin Campbell (01382) 543150
Graham Johnston (01382) 541606



The Guild Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland

Winter Food and Fuel Crisis: Community Lunches

The Guild has been part of discussions on how we can support everyone in our local community this coming winter with the pressures of rising fuel and food costs.

Francis Robertson explains more about the church's response as a whole in his article '**Faith in Action**' on the next page of this Journal. Please do have a look at that and see if you can help.

The Guild is planning on contributing to this effort by organising some community lunches in our church hall. These will be an extension of lunches already held in the Rio Community Centre and Betty Martin has offered her full support and will help us plan and run them.

The initial plan is to host lunches just once a month in November, December, January and February. The exact day and date have yet to be finalised. However the lunches will run from 12.00 - 2pm in keeping with the times they are usually held in the Rio.

The food will be simple but nourishing and is likely to include a couple of choices of soup, fruit juice, sausage rolls, beans and a variety of desserts.

This is a community event and everyone is welcome to join us. There will be a donation box so people can contribute as much or as little as they feel able.

This is very much a pilot and if it is a success, then the frequency might well be increased and the series extended. This will be done after suitable discussion with the Rio.

If you would like to help in any way please get in touch with Neil Merrylees.

Other Activities:

Our existing projects are continuing

~ **Vigil:** Every Thursday evening at 7pm on the Church Green

We plan to continue these for as long as the conflict continues. It is important that we bear witness to the ongoing suffering of the people of Ukraine and stand with them in their hour of need. The Vigil is one small way of doing this.

Please do join us if you are around at that time. We usually have a Bible reading, time of prayer and short reflection starting at 7pm lasting 5-10 minutes. Then everyone adds more ribbons to the ribbon flag - you may have noticed that it is filling in nicely.

~ **Cards for Ukraine**

These have continued to sell well. So far we have raised £800 in donations (including both card sales and freewill donations). We still have plenty in stock. They are on sale in manna.

~ **Lunchtime Summer Concerts: 'Wednesdays@One'**

Planning has already started on the Wednesdays@One concert series for next summer.

Ways to support your Guild

Please tell your friends and family about the above projects.

If you have any suggestions about other projects we can start or get involved in please do let us know.

Why not think about joining us? (Contact Catherine Merrylees or any Guild member for more information.)



The Guild Team

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Faith in Action - Newport Community Chest

'If one of you tells him, "Go in peace; stay warm and well fed," but does not provide for his physical needs, what good is that?

So too, faith by itself, if it does not result in action, is dead.' (James 2:16-17)

It was heartening to see faith in action as the many bags and boxes of foodstuff were brought forward by the children into the chancel during our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. This much-needed contribution was destined for the Tay Bridgehead Foodbank, a local independent foodbank who strive to meet the needs of the poorest families and individuals within our community.

At a recent meeting of the Kirk Session, we explored ways in which we (the church) can become more involved and supportive of those in need, particularly in the gloomy light of the impending energy crisis, cost of living squeeze and the associated physical and mental hardships these experiences will inflict. But rather than strike out on our own and re-invent the wheel, Neil Merrylees and I met with Betty Martin from the Rio Community Centre (who also liaises with the foodbank) to ascertain how best we can help. It came as a real eye-opener to us to learn of all that the Rio Community Centre currently does to help the poor and impoverished within our corner of North Fife.

Two actions spawned out of our discussions – the first, was to support the existing Rio lunch programme by hosting and providing a lunch in our church hall. This task has been taken up by our Church Guild and is further explained in the Guild article on the previous page.

The second action was to support the Rio's foodstuff collection for inclusion in their lunch provision programme or for distribution in conjunction with the foodbank. This task was seen as a generic congregational challenge – effectively extending our Harvest Thanksgiving donations throughout the winter months. To be referred to as operation 'Community Chest', two large containers will be present in the church to receive foodstuff, toiletries, good quality clothing (particularly warm winter attire) and any surplus sleeping bags which are no longer required. These items will be delivered regularly to the Rio Community Centre for their use and distribution. Recommended items of foodstuff include tins of soup, beans, custard, fruit and meat. Our local Scotmid Co-operative store regularly supplies perishable items such as bread/rolls.



We have risen to the challenge for Harvest, let our generosity continue – next time you buy a tin of beans – buy two and bring one to church,or even better buy three!

'Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.' (Proverbs 19:17)

Francis Robertson (Retiring Session Clerk)

Pew Cushions

As you may have noticed the long, red pew cushions are back in place. During this operation a number of single, personal cushions were found. As we had no way of knowing where they should be placed they have been laid on the long pew at the rear of the church in the hope that owners can find and reclaim them.

Church Flowers

Thank you for the beautiful bouquet of flowers we recently received from the church.

They are much appreciated and enjoyed.



Anne and Brian Griffiths

The Pop-Up Post Office continues to run on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 - 11:30am in the Kirk House Complex.



Holy Communion

We will be holding our Service of Holy Communion on Sunday 30th October 2022.



You are all warmly welcome to join us at the Lord's Table, however we will not be delivering Communion Invitations again this time while we still have the lingering remains of Covid.

Sunday Club Update

What we have been doing so far ...

Since the start of term, we have been thinking about influences on our lives; for example, friends, family and school. We have been discussing how we should respond to these so we can become the people that Christ is calling us to be.

Harvest

The children and young people enthusiastically helped lead the all-age Harvest service on the 25th September. Thanks very much to Chris for organising and leading such a wonderful celebration of God's goodness to us and causing us to reflect on how we can share the blessings we receive with others in our community and beyond.

We had an amazing response to the collection for Tay Bridgehead foodbank. The children brought forward all the donated food so it could be dedicated during the service. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed items. Thanks also to Joan Mitchell who arranged to take it all to the foodbank store.

After the service the children helped with a **Bake Sale** in the hall to raise funds for Rimberto whom we sponsor through World Vision. There was a wonderful selection of cakes and tray-bakes. Thanks so much to everyone who baked, brought, bought and ate!

We raised a total of £125 from this which will go to World Vision as part of our regular contributions. For more information on our sponsorship see below.

Looking Forward to October

During October we will continue with the current theme of influences on our lives.

However, there will also be Funday Sunday activities during the October holidays (9th and 16th Oct). On those days the children come into church at the start of the service as usual, and then leave after the children's talk. The activities though will be general fun and games and not related to the ongoing teaching series.



There will also be **Godly Play** on 30th October which is Communion Sunday. At the heart of **Godly Play** is God's Word in the form of a special story during which a calm, reflective atmosphere is promoted. This is followed by a "feast" of fruit, biscuits and juice, which is served and shared. The children then choose for themselves ways to respond by participating in a variety of crafts.

Thanks very much to Jane Campbell for coordinating this. Parents, please note that children are asked to meet in the hall five to ten minutes **before the start of the service at 11am on Communion Sunday 30th October**. Godly Play activities will take place for the whole duration of the service and the children will re-join their parents in the hall afterwards for coffee, tea and juice.

Update on Sunday Club Sponsorship of Rimberto from Bolivia

As you will know, we have committed to sponsoring through World Vision, Rimberto, a young boy from Bolivia. The children keep up-to-date with Rimberto's progress through frequent reports received from World Vision. This allows them to better understand the lives of children growing up in very different circumstances and to pray for Rimberto and his family and community in a relevant and intercessional way.

Fundraising

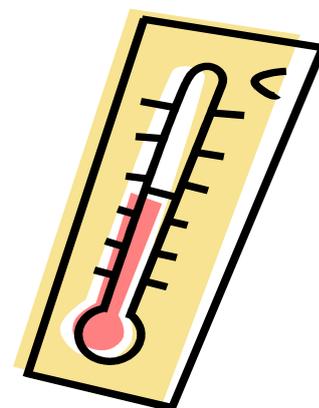
We continue to fundraise through the regular weekly offerings of the children and donations from members of the congregation and other friends, and of course through the bake sale on the 25th September which raised £125.

General Information

For further information about World Vision and its work, do have a look at their website: www.worldvision.org.uk

Neil Merrylees
Sunday Club Coordinator

For more details on Sunday Club you can contact Neil on 07986669430.



Youth Update

What a cracking month September has been for our Young People! We started off our year together with a trip to Wild Shore in Dundee. We had 15 young people and one brave leader go on to the obstacle course at Wild Shore. It was a fun-filled event that our young people enjoyed - see pictures below!

Both our Youth Groups have started up for this coming school year. At Youth Seekers we are learning about the I AM sayings that reveals more about the characteristics of Jesus and God. We have looked at I AM the Good Shepherd, I AM the Gate and I AM the Light of the World to name a few. At Youth Café we are starting a Youth for Christ series on Lumen where we look at the fundamentals of Christianity, why we need them and how we use them to help grow our faith. We discovered and surprised ourselves by how many books of the bible we actually knew! We will be continuing both series over the next few months.

In October we have a very special social event planned for our Young People. We are playing Among Us in Real Life at the Church. Among Us is a game where there are crewmates working together to help maintain the spaceship they are travelling on, by completing tasks, so that it can reach its destination. However, there are imposters on the ship that are stopping the crew from completing said tasks. It will be a fun-filled evening that everyone is looking forward to. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Messy Church

On 24th September we relaunched Messy Church. Moses was our theme and we discovered that God in the most impossible situations will make a path for us and guide us through them. We made Clay Bricks, Junk Pyramids, parted the Red Sea, made papyrus, origami frogs, and edible boils! Some pictures are below. For lunch we had some Potato & Leek Soup or Carrot & Coriander Soup with bread and some fantastic traybakes.



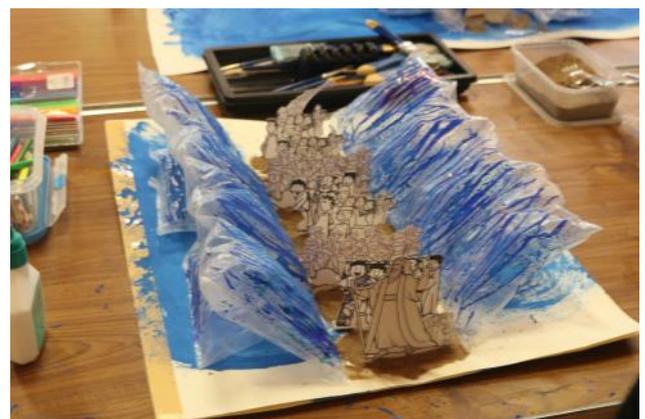
Our Next Messy Church is Saturday 29th October 10.30am - 12.30pm. Our theme is Joshua and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone once more. We are always looking for volunteers to come and help us whether its to help with our craft stations, in the kitchen preparing a meal for everyone, making traybakes for our families or helping our children worship God. If you are interested in helping out with Messy Church please contact Chris either on 07927253827 or youthworker.notcos@outlook.com

Chris Cameron

Wild Shore



Messy Church



Calendar of Worship

Sunday 2nd October 2022 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr Amos Chewachong
Call To Worship/Intercessory Prayer : A Stark
Beadle : M Imlay **Reader** : W Berry
Welcome : F Robertson
Flowers : M McNicol **Delivery** : F Durward
Coffee : P Broadbent, M Cuthbertson, K Farquhar + J Cuthbertson
Sunday Club : F Hutchinson, N Merrylees

Sunday 9th October 2022 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr Amos Chewachong
Call To Worship/Intercessory Prayer : F Robertson
Beadle : F Harris **Reader** : J Cuthbertson
Welcome : M Shiels
Flowers : E Owen **Delivery** : A Gray
Coffee : J Campbell, L Hundal, L Balfour + K Campbell
Sunday Club : Funday Sunday

Sunday 16th October 2022 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr Amos Chewachong
Call To Worship/Intercessory Prayer : P Owen
Beadle : C Johnston **Reader** : J Campbell
Welcome : D Miller
Flowers : L McCrickard **Delivery** : A Heywood
Coffee : M McCabe, I Navickas, M Imlay + D MacLeod
Sunday Club : Funday Sunday

Sunday 23rd October 2022 at 11am

Service led by Mr Alastair Stark
Call To Worship/Intercessory Prayer : N Pong
Beadle : W Imlay **Reader** : E Owen
Welcome : K Cruickshanks
Flowers : M Clark **Delivery** : M Imlay
Coffee : A Barona, F Durward, M Rowley + F Ritchie
Sunday Club : J Wylie, M McDonald

Sunday 30th October 2022 at 11am Holy Communion

Service led by Rev Dr Amos Chewachong
Beadle : J Johnston **Reader** : F Ritchie
Welcome : J Campbell
Flowers : M Imlay **Delivery** : J Johnston
Coffee : A Heywood, P Laurence, E Thomson + W Imlay
Sunday Club : Godly Play

Sunday 6th November 2022 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr Amos Chewachong
Call To Worship/Intercessory Prayer : C Merrylees
Beadle : G Johnston **Reader** : P Owen
Welcome : C Johnston
Flowers : J MacCallum **Delivery** : S Johnston
Coffee : A Gray, M Shiels, A Waugh + P Owen
Sunday Club : S McCowan

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