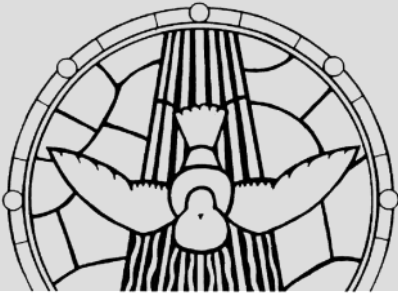


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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

*Embracing our Gifts: Building the Church in Unity and Love
(1 Corinthians 12:12-27)*



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Accept very warm fraternal greetings from the Minister's desk, here at Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland.

On Sunday 28th May 2023 we celebrated the feast of Pentecost in grand style. It was a multi-ethnic worship service, made up of Newport-on-Tay church members and members of the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon who live in Coventry. Our brothers and sisters from Coventry were visiting my family and wanted to enjoy

fellowship with our church community. We thank God for the rich fellowship that we shared together and the memories that will live into the future. The singing of Cameroonian choruses, accompanied by traditional drums, spiced the occasion. One of the songs that the Cameroonians sang included the following words. 'I have my talent, you have your talent, you better use your talent to praise the Lord'. These words symbolise the fact that we have different gifts and encourage each one of us to use our gifts as best as we can to serve God. They also signify that Christians are interconnected for the good of all. As the Dalai Lama once commented elsewhere, 'we are not isolated individuals, but members of one human family. Love and compassion are the ultimate source of human happiness, and the need for them lies at the very core of our being'.

As we enter the vibrant season of summer, filled with warmth and joy, let us take a moment to reflect on the gifts and talents that God has bestowed on each one of us. In 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, the apostle Paul reminds us of the importance of unity and the diverse gifts that contribute to the building of the church. In the bustling community of Newport-on-Tay, our church is blessed with a rich tapestry of diverse talents, skills, and passions. Each one of us has been given a unique gift by God, which we can utilise for the service of his kingdom and the betterment of humanity. Let us take time to reflect on our individual gifts and how we can contribute to the growth and ministry of the church. Just as a body has many parts that work together harmoniously, so too does our church community. We are all interconnected and reliant on one another.

Our church thrives when we bring our diverse gifts to the table and work together in love and harmony. Each one of us has a vital role to play, whether through acts of service, sharing God's Word, extending hospitality, or providing compassionate care. Let us not underestimate the power of our unique gifts and the impact they can have on the lives of others. I pray that many of our congregation would step forward and join any of the ministries within the church so that we can continue to work together for the furtherance of the kingdom. You can join others to pray on Sunday morning before the service, take part in reading lessons, join the choir, join the Worship Team, or the 6pm contemporary service, Messy Church, the youth ministry, and other involvements that play integral roles in shaping our church's mission.

As we embrace our gifts, it is essential to recognise the guidance and empowerment of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit works in and through us, shaping our church ministries and leading us to reach out to our community. By surrendering to the Spirit's promptings, some can discern and pursue the path of pastoral ministry, should it be the will of God for them. The Holy Spirit equips us with the necessary wisdom, discernment, and boldness to serve others in love.

As we embark on the summer holidays, I wish you all a season filled with joy, rest, and meaningful connections.

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.

Garden Tidy

The gardens of the church and 12 Kerr Street, Newport, are both in need of a tidy, so we really need your help.

The proposal is to meet at 12 Kerr Street on Saturday 10th June at 10.30am then the following Saturday 17th June at the church also at 10.30am. Please bring your own secateurs, gardening gloves and rubbish bags.

It would be great if you could spare some time to lighten the load even if you can only manage to join us for one of the dates or only for a short while. Come along for some fellowship, a wee bit of light tidying and hopefully a cup of tea/coffee!

Weather permitting of course!

Thank you so much!

Sheila Johnston



Church Ceiling Damage

Following the fall of plaster from the ceiling of the church nave after a storm in mid-February, our property team have been working hard to engage the appropriate contractors to repair the damage caused. This requires a scaffolding tower to be built in three locations within the church and, once the external roofing work has progressed sufficiently, the damaged plasterwork will be repaired and repainted. Following completion of this work, the scaffolding will be dismantled and the church thoroughly cleaned to allow us to return to worship there.

If all goes according to plan, this work should be completed by late-June and, all being well, we could be back in the church for the Young People Closing Service on 25th June – but no promises are being made!

As reported last month, our insurers have declined liability and so we will need to finance the whole cost from our reserves (which will reduce the income we receive from these investments in future years).

Meantime, while our services (both morning and evening) have had a different feel to them while we have worshipped in the hall, we are looking forward to being back in the familiar surroundings of the church.



Parish Register

Deaths

May Mr Thomas (Tom) Rodger Dist 5
Newport-on-Tay

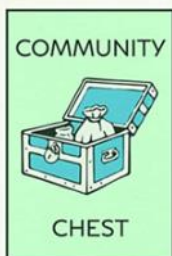
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

Community Chest

The Community Chest Appeal supports the Rio's foodstuff collection for inclusion in their lunch provision programme or for distribution in conjunction with the local foodbank.

There continues to be a great response to this appeal so far and as the cost of living is still high, the need of some people may well be greater so please consider supporting this if you can. Any donations, no matter how small, are gratefully received.

A large container is available each Sunday to receive foodstuff, toiletries, etc. and 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
- meat

Many thanks.

Holiday Club

Our Holiday Club this year is entitled
The Great Glen Green Welly Garden Show
and will run from
Monday 7th – Friday 11th August 2023.

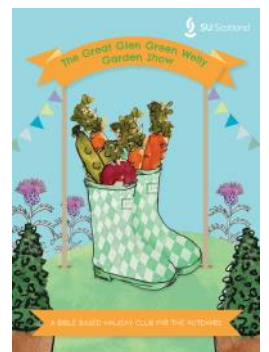
It will run each morning from
10am – 12:15pm (registration from 9:45am)
and is open to all those just
finishing P1 – P7.

The Great Glen Green Welly Garden Show gives children the overarching storyline of Scripture. They will discover the perfect world God created and how their relationship with him and the world became irreversibly damaged. Despite attempts to rectify this, they discover that Jesus is the only One who brings hope and can restore it.

There will be the usual crafts, games, drama, prayer and worship which will allow both children and leaders to build meaningful relationships with each other and with God.

If you would like to know more, would like to help, or would like to register for the club please speak to either

Chris Cameron or Claire Owen or email
newportcos@btinternet.com



The Boys' Brigade Update



In the past few weeks, we have undertaken the logistics of compiling our entry for the Juniors International Team Games with its set of six games requiring minimal equipment and preparation, while each was undertaken by six boys; this rule involved mixing the boys around to ensure each took part in an equal number of the games. Our results have been submitted to BB Headquarters for comparison with other entrants from around the globe and we await the results with interest.

Following this, we spent a couple of evenings with a Coronation theme – with activities ranging from designing a crown, to quizzes, games, and crafts, all with a topical theme. Subsequent weeks' activities included making (and sinking) origami boats and creating Pentecost Copters which we flew from the landing in Kirk House!

Our year is speedily drawing to its close, and we will likely conclude in late-June with an Open Evening for parents, relatives and friends of the boys.

Thereafter, we will all then head off in our own directions to enjoy the benefits of a summer break before resuming again in late-August/early-September.

Philip Owen, Company Captain

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



manna matters



I have just returned from a lovely holiday to Tenerife. We enjoyed every blessing while away and are very grateful for God's goodness to us. Morag looked after all things at manna while I was away and again manna was very blessed over that time. It's not an easy task to take care of the day to day running while one of us is on holiday.

Due to holidays of both staff and volunteers, meantime we will not be open on Mondays. This will resume again as soon as staffing allows. We hope to have another work placement before the end of the summer and this would be another blessing to us.

We ask that you continue to support manna in whatever way you can. You may be a customer, a volunteer, soup maker, baker or you can donate to our baking supplies. Praying for us is also vital. The team that keep manna alive is very varied with so many different roles to keep it all running smoothly.

We would like to have our manna party return at some point this year. It's our way of saying thank you to everyone involved. Perhaps once our church services are back in the church this would allow the hall to be free for our party one Sunday afternoon.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer whether you are at home or further afield.
God bless.

Diane Miller

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Sunday Club Update

Teaching this year

Since the Easter holidays, we have been continuing with the series of sessions called 'Encounters with Jesus' in the Energize materials and plan to do so until we break for the summer.

On Communion Sunday (30th April) we had planned to have Godly Play. Unfortunately, due to illness this couldn't go ahead as planned, so we combined with the Youth Seekers to run three of the Messy Church activities relating to Passover and a lot of fun was had by all. Thanks very much to Chris for suggesting and leading this at short notice.



Things to look forward to:

1) Closing Service

The Service on 25th June 2023 will be an end of year celebration for Youth Seekers, Sunday Club and Creche. It will mark the end of another school year allowing us to recognise and value all the young people in the church.

This will be an all age service and once again we want to involve the children in all aspects of leading the worship. Arrangements as to what everyone will be doing will be agreed with children and parents in advance.

As usual all the Sunday Club will sit together at the front of the church.

Please note that the Sunday Club children should all meet at 10.45am in the church hall unless agreed and notified in advance.

2) Congregational Picnic

After the closing service on 25th June, the congregational picnic will then take place at Tayfield, weather permitting, or in the church hall if it's raining. This is not just for the children of the Sunday Club and the Youth Seekers and their families, but for everyone in the congregation - so do come along if you can, bring a picnic, enjoy the games and an ice-cream.

We would aim to start about 1pm so feel free to go straight from Church after coffee or go home to change first.

3) Funday Sundays

Children's activities will then continue with fun and games over the Summer Holidays in the Funday Sunday activities. Many thanks to everyone who is leading a session. There are already lots of exciting things lined up. These will continue until the Holiday Club week (7th - 11th August).

Please note:

Sunday Club will recommence on Sunday 20th August 2023 with a service of dedication followed by some fun activities.



Change in Sunday Club Leadership

I will be standing down as the Sunday Club co-ordinator after the end of June. Chris Cameron our Youth Worker will be taking over this leadership role in addition to his other responsibilities. I am sure he will bring a fresh vision and great enthusiasm to it. I am grateful to Chris for his support, and his willingness to take on this new role.

Many specific tasks have been taken on by the SC teachers. I am grateful to the SC team for this and for all the support they have given me over the years.

Please do continue to pray for the children's ministry, for the SC team and for Chris as their roles change and new responsibilities are taken on.

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 for Rimberto through the regular weekly offerings of the children and donations from members of the congregation and other friends.

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 07986 669 430.

Youth Update

Messy Church

In May we had our final Messy Church of this School Year. We had a look at Pentecost and the Holy Spirit. Throughout the various activities we showed that we can see God in creation, we can speak to him like friends do through prayer, and everyone on earth regardless of language can speak to God!

I want to give a big thanks for everyone who has been involved in running Messy Church this past school year. Without you this monthly event wouldn't happen. We are looking forward to seeing our Messy Church families back on the last Saturday in September 2023.



Youth Groups

As things are changing over the next couple of months in terms of my role here in the church (more will be said later), we decided to reflect on our youth groups. We are looking over the next couple of weeks at our culture we have created as a group, and how we can improve that culture, gain confidence in our faith and gifts and be more accountable to each other. This is an important thing to do every so often and our young people are very enthusiastic about this task. More will follow in due course.

My role here in Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland

Over the last few months, we have discussed about what my role here in Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland would look like. I am pleased to announce that I am currently working on a trial basis as the Youth and Children's Coordinator for Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland with the view of taking this on permanently from 1st July 2023.

Not much will change except I will now be the main point of contact and coordinate all the Youth and Children's Ministries we run here in Newport-on-Tay.

Blessings

**Chris Cameron,
Youth Worker**

Reset - A new evening service



Our evening service has been incredible. The Reset Service is our new evening service from 6pm where we sing modern worship music, share encouragements from God, discuss and pray together. I highly recommend everyone coming along and experience this new service. One of the most encouraging things that has come about is seeing our young people getting involved with all facets of the service, whether that is being involved in our worship band, helping with the AV, serving teas or coffees and welcoming.

We have enjoyed worshipping together and hearing from different speakers each week. During June our speakers will be:

4th June	Jill Walker	11th June	Rev Dr Amos Chewachong
18th June	Philip Owen	25th June	Graham Johnston

Over the summer we are taking a break to enjoy the summer holidays and we will be back in August.

Chris Cameron

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The Guild Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland

Wednesday Afternoon Club

As announced in the last Journal, the **Wednesday Afternoon Club** started on 3rd May in conjunction with the Rio.

It has been running from **1.30pm to 3pm each Wednesday in the Agnes Duncan Room.**

Numbers attending have been low so far but as it is a new venture we will keep it under review.

There are refreshments (tea/coffee and biscuits/baking), company (with plenty of opportunity to chat), and perhaps some activity (eg table top games, if that is what people want). There is no charge, however if anyone wishes to make a donation then there is a collection plate.

We have got enough volunteers to start but more are always welcome to lighten the load and fill any gaps.

If you can help with this, please do get in touch with Margaret Wright: Tel (01382) 543007.

Ukraine Project

~ Fundraising for Ukraine

As mentioned previously, Morag Muir, a well-known local artist, very kindly donated four prints of the 'Royal Knight' to be sold to raise funds for the Ukraine Appeal. We have now sold three of these prints and will be arranging to sell the remaining one over the next few months. In addition, the sunflower cards (both greeting and postcards) remain on sale through manna.

All the money we raise is transferred to the Newport and Zolotarevo Twinning Association (NAZTA) to support our friends there.

Thanks so much to everyone who has contributed in any way.

~ 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. 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.



Return of Summer Concerts: Wednesdays@One 23 – Save the date

Following an initial series of very enjoyable concerts in 2022 another series of four concerts is planned for later this year. For more information on dates and artists please see poster on right.

Ways to support your Guild

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

Save the date
The Guild of Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland presents
Summer Concerts 2023
Wednesdays@One
Wednesday at 1pm for 30-40 mins
9th August | Robin Bell | organ
16th August | Rosie McDonald | soprano
6th Sept | Joanna Stark & Max McWhirter | cello
13th Sept | Sean Smith, David Smith, Ron Oliver and Hannah Gibson | organ
Newport Church, Blyth Street, Newport-on-Tay Fife
Scottish Charity Number – SC006758

Newport Festival

This will be held on Saturday 24th June 2023. There will be lots happening in village. Please support this event and enjoy a day of all things local!

Save the date:
Saturday 24 June
The return of the Newport-on-Tay Summer Community Festival
Music
Storytelling
Food & Drink
Fun events for kids
Arts and Crafts

Newport Festival
CRAFT FAYRE
Saturday 24th June
10am-4pm
Newport Church Hall
Blyth Street
Handmade Children's Clothes
Peg Dolls
Jewellery
Books
Wreaths
Funky Gifts
Cosmetics
Candles
Crochet
Entry Free
Refreshments available to purchase

NEWPORT ON-TAY
WORMIT IN BLOOM
NEWPORT FESTIVAL
SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2023
Newport & Wormit In Bloom
Plants for Sale
Outside Tatha Gallery
High Street, Newport on Tay
10 – 4 pm

Calendar of Worship

Sunday 9th July 2023 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Beadle : C Owen **Reader** : W Berry

Welcome : F Harris

Flowers : L Gray **Delivery** : E Thomson

Coffee : M Heron, J Johnston, Y Simpson + G Johnston

Funday Sunday : L Gray, Y Simpson

Youth Elder : C Johnston

Sunday 16th July 2023 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Beadle : P Owen **Reader** : J Campbell

Welcome : M Imlay

Flowers : M Wright **Delivery** : A Waugh

Coffee : P Broadbent, M Cuthbertson, K Farquhar + J Cuthbertson

Funday Sunday : M Shiels, S Johnston

Youth Elder : J Johnston

Sunday 23rd July 2023 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Beadle : F Ritchie **Reader** : P Owen

Welcome : J Johnston

Flowers : I Navickas **Delivery** : E Wood

Coffee : J Campbell, L Hundal, L Balfour, F Hutchinson + K Campbell

Funday Sunday : E Thomson, tbc

Youth Elder : D Miller

Sunday 30th July 2023 at 11am

Service led by Mr P Owen

Beadle : F Robertson **Reader** : F Ritchie

Welcome : L Robertson

Flowers : F Durward **Delivery** : A Barona

Coffee : M McCabe, I Navickas, M Imlay, A Wilman + D Macleod

Funday Sunday : J Johnston, C Johnston

Youth Elder : M Shiels

General Assembly 2023

Life and Work has once again published a FREE four page General Assembly Special Supplement for 2023 that can be viewed [here](#) – full link <https://www.lifeandwork.org/resources/general-assembly-2023-special-supplement> .

A General Assembly report will feature in the July issue of Life and Work magazine. Anyone that is not a subscriber and interested in this particular issue can purchase a single print or digital copy [here](#) - full link <https://www.lifeandwork.org/subscribe/subscribe>

Sunday 6th August 2023 at 11am

Service led by Mr W Imlay

Beadle : L Robertson **Reader** : C Merrylees

Welcome : M Shiels

Flowers : L Hundal **Delivery** : C Barr

Coffee : F Durward, A Heywood, M Rowley + F Ritchie

Funday Sunday : C Cameron and C Owen

Youth Elder : L Gray

Sunday 13th August 2023 at 11am Holiday Club Service

Service led by Holiday Club

Beadle : M Shiels **Reader** : Young People

Welcome : C Johnston

Flowers : M McCabe **Delivery** : F Durward

Coffee : A Barona, P Laurence, E Thomson, C Wilman + W Imlay

Sunday 20th August 2023 at 11am

Service led by Mr F Robertson

Beadle : M Wright **Reader** : J Cuthbertson

Welcome : A Barona

Flowers : S McCowan **Delivery** : A Gray

Coffee : A Gray, L Robertson, A Waugh + P Owen

Sunday Club : tbc

Youth Elder : C Owen

Sunday 27th August 2023 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Beadle : E Thomson **Reader** : L Robertson

Welcome : K Cruickshanks

Flowers : A Jack **Delivery** : A Heywood

Coffee : F Harris, M Shiels, M Wright + C McCowan

Sunday Club : tbc

Youth Elder : A Barona

Sunday 3rd September 2023 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Beadle : A Barona **Reader** : A Wilman

Welcome : K Cameron

Flowers : C Merrylees **Delivery** : M Imlay

Coffee : M Heron, J Johnston, Y Simpson + G Johnston

Sunday Club : tbc

Youth Elder : M Wright

Calendar of Worship

Sunday 4th June 2023 at 11am

Service led by Miss C Owen and Mr P Owen

Beadle : C McCowan **Reader** : G Johnston

Welcome : L Robertson

Flowers : L Balfour **Delivery** : S Johnston

Coffee : M McCabe, I Navickas, M Imlay, A Wilman + D Macleod

Sunday Club : A Gray, S McCowan

Youth Elder : J Campbell

Sunday 11th June 2023 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Beadle : E Owen **Reader** : L Robertson

Welcome : A Barona

Flowers : E Owen **Delivery** : P Laurence

Coffee : F Durward, A Heywood, M Rowley + F Ritchie

Sunday Club : F Hutchinson, N Merrylees

Youth Elder : E Thomson

Sunday 18th June 2023 at 11am

Service led by Mr W Imlay

Beadle : D Miller **Reader** : E Owen

Welcome : K Cruickshanks

Flowers : E Wood **Delivery** : E Owen

Coffee : A Barona, P Laurence, E Thomson + W Imlay

Sunday Club : M MacDonald, J Wylie

Youth Elder : M Imlay

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Sunday 25th June 2023 at 11am Young People Closing Service

All Age Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong and our Young People

Beadle : N Merrylees **Reader** : Young People

Welcome : K Cameron

Flowers : M Rowley **Delivery** : M Rowley

Coffee : A Gray, L Robertson, A Waugh, C Wilman + P Owen

Sunday 2nd July 2023 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Beadle : D Macleod **Reader** : C Owen

Welcome : D Miller

Flowers : G Smith **Delivery** : M Shiels

Coffee : F Harris, M Shiels, M Wright + C McCowan

Funday Sunday : M Imlay, W Imlay

Youth Elder : S Johnston

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