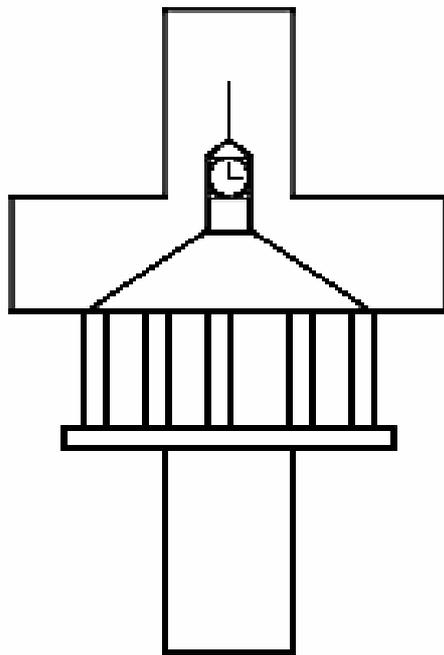


CHALLENGE

Bridgeton St Francis-in-the-East Church of Scotland Parish Magazine



Let us rise up and build

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SUMMER 2019

WE HAVE A DREAM...

We have a dream of a church that is full of people of all ages including the young, from the district and beyond, enthusiastic, willing to play their part, keen to know the Lord, praising and thanking God from the very bottom of their hearts, willing to share their love, caring for others, both inside the church and outside it.

We have a dream of a church that is hungry to be led by God, to serve the Lord, study the Bible, grow in faith, communicate clearly, worship, spread the gospel in the community, pray, and live in fellowship with each other.

We have a dream of a church made up of tolerant people between whom there are no barriers of class, colour or creed, age, hatred, bitterness, jealousy, criticism, wealth or poverty, appearance, health, sex, status or position.

We have a dream of a church that is inclusive and open to everyone, no matter who they are or what they might have done, whether they are like us or not, and that is open to ways of working in the community.

We have a dream of a church that has a heart for the community, our neighbours, pleasing God, other people's needs, friendship, mission here at home and abroad, and has the courage to take the flack for being Christians.

We have a dream of a church in which God's Spirit is present, is really believed in, and is working in us to fulfil our commitment to Christ, leading us, always near, felt, transforming us more and more into the people God wants us to be.

We have a dream of a church that is excited and passionate about Jesus, the gospel, praising and worshipping God, prayer, evangelism, reading the Bible, full of hope for the present and the future.

This is our dream for Bridgeton, St. Francis-in-the-East Church. Will you share it with us? Will you help us make it a reality?

- Your Kirk Session

Message from the Manse

Dear Friends,

How true the saying is – “Words - how much good they can do, how much harm they can cause.” How many of us have been encouraged or reassured by something someone has said to us. But also how many of us have been hurt and how many relationships have been broken through something that has been said. Oh how easy it is to react and say something we wish we never had, but once we’ve said it, the damage has been done. No wonder time and time again God through the Bible tells us to be careful about what we say, and to think before we speak, and to use our words for good, not harm.

Burt, if we’re honest, we have to admit that none of us are perfect and that we have all at times said things we wish we hadn’t. Yet how many of us when someone says something hurtful to us react against it, but when we say something hurtful to someone else we justify it? But Jesus tells us, “You can’t have it both ways. Do for others what you would want them to do for you.” And that includes, “Say to others what (and how) you would want them to say to you.” So when we say something that we shouldn’t have, rather than justifying it, we should admit that we’ve done wrong and say sorry, both to the person we’ve hurt and to God, sincerely seeking their forgiveness from the very bottom of our heart. And what a difference saying that little word “sorry” and really meaning it can make. Yet how many find this so hard to do, and so hurt festers and relationships stay broken.

No wonder then that we all need Jesus who, while the soldiers were hammering the nails through his hands and feet onto the cross, kept praying “Father, forgive them for they don’t know what they’re doing.” For not only do so many find it so hard to say sorry, but also so many, when people do say sorry to them, find it so hard to forgive. Yet the sad truth is that none of us are perfect. We all at times say things that hurt and are hurt at times by what others say to us. So we all need to say sorry from the very bottom of our heart to those whom we hurt, either deliberately or unintentionally, and we all need to forgive those who say sorry to us. And when we live like that,

what a difference it makes. Hurts can be healed. Relationships can be restored. People can live at peace with each other. And people can see the difference Jesus makes to us. Because, let's admit it, so many find living this way so difficult. Our pride gets in the way. That's why we need to turn and trust ourselves to the now risen and living Jesus for all we need to say sorry from the very bottom of our heart to those whom we hurt and to forgive those who say sorry to us.

Yours in His love,
Howard.

MINISTER'S MENTIONS



- I will be on holiday from 1st-21st July when our services will be taken by Stewart Smith, Katie Morrison and John Campbell. If you need the help of a minister during that time, please phone Rev. Peter Davidge at 07765 096599.
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RETIRING OFFERING

There will be a retiring offering after our communion services on Sunday 16th June for the work of the Scottish Bible Society. Please give generously.

Summer Tips for Worship

- Keep coming every Sunday and why not bring someone else with you?
 - If you are on holiday, why not find out where and when a local church service is on and join with your fellow Christians in worship on the Lord's day.
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MARK THIS

Come and join us as we find out more about Jesus and what he means for us as we go on a journey with Jesus through the gospel of Mark on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Upper Hall. Everyone very welcome!

CRÈCHE ROTA

Jun 2 nd	May Livingstone	Nancy Humphries
Jun 9 th	Betty Glassford	Margaret Miller
Jun 16 th	May Livingstone	Nancy Humphries
Jun 23 rd	Betty Glassford	Margaret Miller
Jun 30 th	May Livingstone	Nancy Humphries



Jul 7 th	Betty Glassford	Margaret Miller
Jul 14 th	May Livingstone	Nancy Humphries
Jul 21 st	Betty Glassford	Margaret Miller
Jul 28 th	May Livingstone	Nancy Humphries



Aug 4 th	Betty Glassford	Margaret Miller
Aug 11 th	May Livingstone	Nancy Humphries
Aug 18 th	Betty Glassford	Margaret Miller
Aug 25 th	May Livingstone	Nancy Humphries



Sep 1 st	Betty Glassford	Margaret Miller
Sep 8 th	May Livingstone	Nancy Humphries

More help needed for the crèche. If you can help please speak to Betty Glassford. Thank you.

QUIET TIME

A small group gather on the first Sunday of each month to pray, reflect and have a period of quiet before the morning service. You would be made most welcome if you decided to come and join us either on a regular basis or occasionally. It is very relaxed and informal.

- Helen Knight

"If we are rich and see others in need, yet close our hearts against them, how can we claim that we love God?"

1 John 3:17

FLOWERS

Many thanks to all who have contributed in any way to the church's Flower Fund. Your donations are always appreciated. If there is anyone else who would like to put flowers in the church, perhaps in memory of someone or an anniversary, etc, please speak to either Rita McKenna or Sharon Miller. Donations are as follows:

MARCH

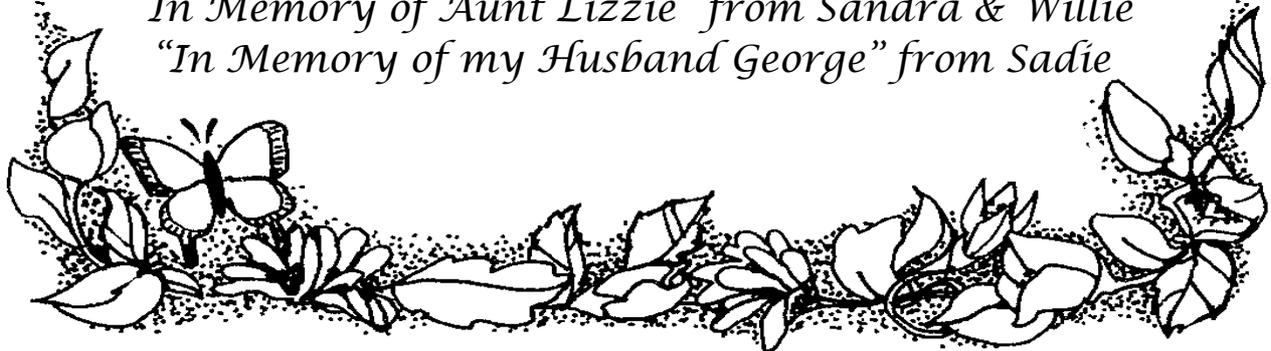
"In Memory of Mary" from Jim & Family
"In Memory of my Nephew Alan" from Isabel

APRIL

"In Memory of Family" from Rita
"In Memory of Mum" from Sandra
Margaret Walker Memorial Fund

MAY

"In Memory of Aunt Lizzie" from Sandra & Willie
"In Memory of my Husband George" from Sadie



FUNERALS

23/03/19

Mrs Mary Petrie

30/03/19

Mr Frank Cranston



BRIDGETON FUN DAY

The Bridgeton Fun Day will be on Thursday 8th August from 11am till 3pm in the Bridgeton Community Learning Centre in Dale Street. As in previous years, our church will have a stall and we will need people to help at the stall. For more details, please see the sheet on the table opposite the front doors of the church.

THY KINGDOM COME

Words we pray every time we pray the Lord's Prayer. Words asking that more people would come to know Jesus and let Him rule them as their king.

Now the theme of a worldwide movement of prayer in which, between Ascension Day and Pentecost (May 30th - June 9th), Christians everywhere are encouraged to pray for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit so that we can be effective in our witness and for people to come to faith in Jesus Christ. So far, Christians from 65 different denominations including the Church of Scotland and 114 countries have joined in praying, each in their own way, for the spread of the Gospel.

So join this global wave of prayer, praying daily that God would work by His Spirit and through His people to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ and build His kingdom here on earth. And come to our "Thy Kingdom Come" prayer meeting for our church, our community and our world on Saturday 8th June at 11am in our church hall. Everyone welcome.

But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children."

Matthew 19:14



Why are you missing out on something that everyone who comes thoroughly enjoys? What's that? Messy Churchy in Church House! Our next ones will be on Sundays 8th September and 3rd November, 3-5pm, in Church House, and you're very welcome to come. So please put these dates on your calendar now.

Messy Church is a different kind of church that meets at a time that suits those who normally would not be able to, or not want to, come to a regular church service. All ages are welcome (children must be accompanied by an adult) and together we enjoy crafts, fun activities, a time of celebration and a meal. It is completely free. Come exactly as you are - no cost and no expectations for who you are supposed to be. And if you would like to help at Messy Church, whether with the food, the crafts, the games, the celebration or just setting up or clearing the hall please have a word with Howard. And one way we can all help is by praying for God to lead, guide, bless and work through Messy Church for His glory and the good of all who come.

If you want to find out more about our Messy Church, please look at our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/MessyChurchBSF

FOODBANK

Every Thursday 11.00am to 1.00pm

The number of people coming to the foodbank has increased due to changes in universal credit and we expect this to continue. We thank you for your kind donations of toiletries for men and woman they really appreciate them they are items they really cannot afford (food or soap!). We have a new member Ian Sharp who we welcome to our team

- Betty Arbuckle

YOUNG FRANKIES

Numbers have continued to fluctuate over the past months, which has made organising what we do a bit challenging but the young folk adapt to whatever we present.

Recently when we only had three of the older group with us, it opened up an opportunity to have a time of discussion. This proved to be both instructive and amusing. We hope we can share more mornings in the same way.

Having a few volunteers to step in from time to time would be very helpful. Please give it some thought.

All of us in young Frankies want to pass on our congratulations to Adam Collins who was recently presented with his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. Well done Adam. 😊

- Helen Knight

GUILD



Wishing all Guild members a relaxing holiday. A reminder that we are starting back early this year on **Tuesday 10th September** and it will be our concert night. I will see you about and ask for help if it's needed. Thank you very much for all your help and support and looking forward to seeing you all later in the year.

- Edith Watt



ROLL KEEPERS REPORT

We had 2 new members join our church recently, Lucky and Philomena Pullan. We welcome you both and your family to our congregation. There are now 74 members on the church roll.

- Betty Glassford
(Roll Keeper)

WALKING TOGETHER – REFLECTIVE WALKS FOR ALL AGES

Walking Together was the theme of the 2018-19 Moderator, the Very Rev Susan Brown, and General Assembly has been encouraging churches to get involved in different types of pilgrimage.

What opportunities might there be to walk with a group from your church? Can you create a time to walk, talk and pray? Reflective walks can be a meaningful way for people to connect with God, creation and each other. They can be done alone or in a group, with church regulars or those with no church connection, in a rural or urban setting.

Walking Together cards have been produced to encourage conversation and reflection with people of different generations. These have proved very popular and have already been used by Boys and Girls Brigade groups, Guild groups and church groups of different ages. The cards focus on a theme such as a view, a stone, food or water, and provide walkers with prompts for something to think about, something to do and something to talk about.

Free sets of cards and a Leaders' Guide can be downloaded or ordered from the Resourcing Mission shop:

www.resourcingmission.org.uk/shop

"In Your paths, Lord Jesus, we walk, our hands in Yours. As You lead us forward in step together, open to You and Your world. For Your sake."

- *Very Rev Susan Brown*

There are countless definitions and interpretations of pilgrimage. A new page on the Resourcing Mission website signposts just a few of these different approaches.

www.resourcingmission.org.uk/mission/pilgrimage

NOTICEBOARD

Please remember to let the minister know about any of our members who are seriously ill or in hospital. He will never know about it unless someone tells him.

Remember to keep looking at our church notice boards near the lane door, above the hall piano, and in the corridor between the kitchen and session house.

Please remember to look at our table of **FREE LITERATURE** near the front door of the church and take from it anything you want.

If you have an email address, please let Howard know at [**hhudson@churchofscotland.org.uk**](mailto:hhudson@churchofscotland.org.uk)

Please remember to **CLOSE ALL DOORS** behind you when you come into church to keep in the heat.

A very **BIG THANK YOU** to all who donate tea, coffee, etc. It is greatly appreciated.

Thinking about joining the Church? Or wanting to know more about living for Jesus? Then please see the minister as soon as possible so that he can arrange a new series of the **Enquirer's Group** at a time that suits you. The Enquirer's Group meetings are very informal and open to anyone, whether a member of the Church or not, whether wanting to join the Church or not. No pressure is put on anyone to join the Church.

If you want to see the minister on a Sunday, please see him after the service.

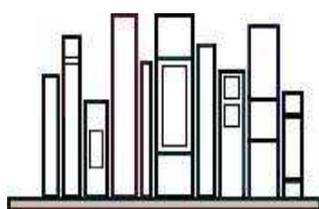
There is a **SUGGESTION BOX** on the table at the front door of the church. If you have any helpful suggestions to do with our church, please put them in the box. All suggestions will be carefully considered.

If you are housebound and would like to receive a tape of our Sunday service each week, please let your elder know. We can supply a tape recorder if you don't have one.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 4th June	Church House AGM – come and find out what’s been happening in the last year in Church House. Church House at 6pm.
Tuesday 20th August	The People’s Communion – our annual service of rededication for everyone in our church and Church House near the start of a new session. Church House at 7.30pm.
Sunday 1st September	Souper Sunday – our annual 11am service taken by our elders followed by a soup lunch to raise money for the Church of Scotland HIV/AIDS Project.
Tuesday 10th September	“Harmony” in concert – in our church at 7.30 pm. Tickets from members of the Guild
Sunday 13th October	Harvest Thanksgiving Service – in our church at 11am.

CHURCH LIBRARY



The Church Library is open each Sunday, just next to the piano in the main hall, for everyone to use. A wide range of Christian books are available for borrowing, including books on Christian history, biographies, practical books to help you pray, or read your Bible, as well as theology books for anyone wanting to study that bit deeper. Don’t forget we also have some videos and tapes available, and that there’s something there for everyone including children. Just make a note in the book of anything you take, and enjoy your book. Remember the library is there for *you*.

CONGREGATIONAL BOARD 2019-2020

Betty Arbuckle
Willie Arbuckle
Sadie Barr
Maida Donaghy
Margaret Elliot

Jane Gartland
Jimmy Gibson
Betty Glassford
Jackie Hughes
Nancy Humphries
Helen Knight

Charlotte Levy
May Livingstone
Willie McGowan
Rita McKenna
Edith Watt
Moira Williamson

The next Board meeting is on Thursday 19th September at 7pm. If you are on the board please put this in your diary and come along.

Elders and Board members are reminded that if they are on duty they should be at the front doors of our church by 10.30 am **and** stay behind after the service to help count the collection. If they are unable to do this, then they must arrange for someone else to take their place. Failure to do this puts unfair strain on those who are left to carry out the duties for that Sunday, especially in counting the collection. Please play your part in this and support your fellow Elders and Board members.

FABRIC COMMITTEE 2019-2020

Willie Arbuckle, Maida Donaghy, Jimmy Gibson, Howard Hudson, Robert Humphries and Willie McGowan

BRIDGETON ST FRANCIS & NEWLANDS SOUTH

On **Saturday 24th August** our annual bus trip this year will be to Loch Lomond for a sail on the loch and an opportunity to shop at Loch Lomond Shores. For more details on both, please see our What's On Sheet.

CROSSREACH AT 150

This year marks 150 years of the Church of Scotland providing social care in Scotland. Celebrations will be launched this month at Heart and Soul 2019 where the 150th anniversary exhibition will be debuted and on display at St Cuthbert's Church of Scotland.

As we celebrate 150 years – help us knit 150 Wellbeing Octopuses! 150 years ago, the Church of Scotland started sowing the seeds of 'care in Christ's name.' To join in the celebrations CrossReach invites you to take part in knitting 1 or some of 150 knitted CALAMARI SHANARRI octopuses for children throughout Scotland to enjoy. Wellbeing is at the heart of the work of CrossReach with children, young people and their families. To learn more and download your pattern visit: http://bit.ly/CR_meet_CAL

Send your knitted CALAMARI to: CrossReach Children & Family Services Development Team, Charis House, 47 Milton Road East, Edinburgh, EH15 2SR.

CrossReach has events taking place throughout 2019, where you can have fun whilst supporting its work with children and families across Scotland.

Zipwire - 4th May and 7th September. Zip through the trees over a stunning gorge in Aviemore. Take the CrossReach Zip Wire Challenge

Freefall Skydive Auchterarder - 22nd June 2019 or 13th July
Jump from 10,000ft and freefall 5,000ft at up to 120mph!
This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity cannot be missed!

Hold a Craftathon in your church and help build friendships and community. The improved Craftathon pack returns! Bursting with yummy recipes and exciting craft ideas from knitting to henna, Craftathon is a brilliant way to bring people together.

WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY SUNDAY

Service	11.00am
Crèche	11.00am
Young Frankies	11.00am

EVERY TUESDAY

Brownies	6.30pm
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EVERY WEDNESDAY

See the Minister	1.00pm
Unlock the Gospel of Mark	7.30pm

EVERY THURSDAY

Food Bank	11.00am-1.00pm
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DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

4	Church House AGM (in Church House)	6.00pm
8	Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Meeting	11.00am
9	Pentecoste Service	11.00am
9	Parish Grouping Pentecost Service (Calton Parkhead)	7.30pm
16	Communion Services	11.00am & 6.30pm
20	Kirk Session	1.30pm

AUGUST

8	Bridgeton Fun Day (BCLC)	11am-3pm
20	People's Communion (in Church House)	7.30pm
24	Day Trip to Loch Lomond	TBA

SEPTEMBER

1	Souper Sunday Service	11.00am
8	Messy Church (in Church House)	3.00pm
10	'Harmony' in Concert	7.30pm

BCLC = Bridgeton Community Learning Centre, Dale Street

Anyone wishing to submit material for the magazine should either hand it to Barbara Jennings or email to:

barbara.jennings1@ntlworld.com

The deadline for the Autumn 2019 magazine will be

Sunday 11th August 2019