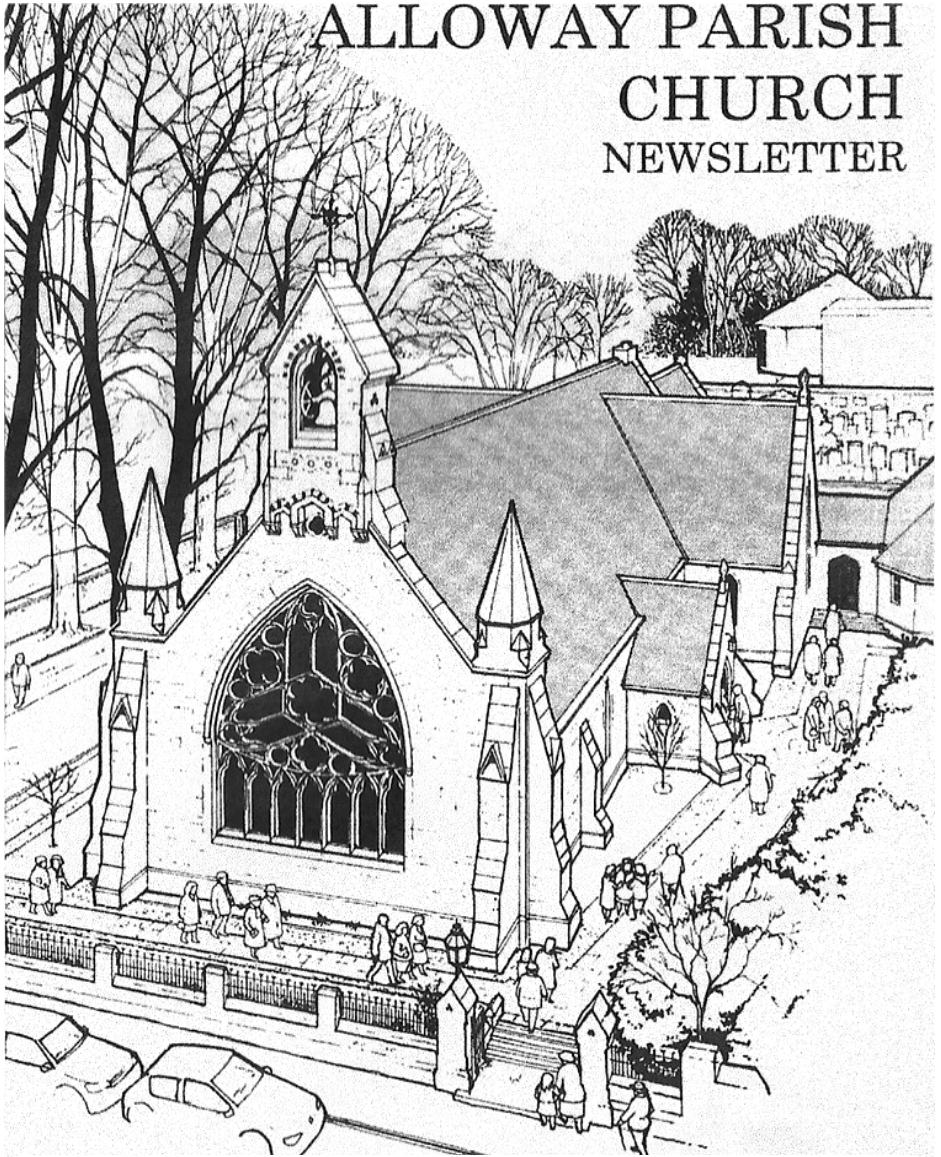


ALLOWAY PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER



September
2022



Dear Friends,

I trust you enjoyed a good summer! Let us hope an Indian summer may be underway!

On Sept 11th 10.30am I look forward to celebrating communion.

Following a decision of session, at the September Communion service, we will return to the provision of individual cups and bread with the plates being passed between members. However, we will continue to offer individual communion pods.

On Sept 11th after the service, we will hold a vote in the church which may see us adopt the unitary constitution. (See inside for further details).

Given a planned union with Fisherton Church, adopting this constitution now will ease later union arrangements.

For years we have generously supported the work of the little ship on the Peruvian Amazon.

To quote the Vine trust

"Without doubt, 2022 is the busiest period that the Amazon Hope Medical program has ever had - a fitting way to celebrate 20 years working in the region"

As we begin to contemplate the mellow season of fruitfulness and our Harvest Thanksgiving (2nd October) through your generosity we trust we will be able to

support the great work undertaken by the Trust.

Individual Appeal envelopes can be found at the church.
(Or inside this magazine).

May I thank you in anticipation for your continued and generous support of the work of the Church.

Yours in Him

Neil McNaught

Preaching Calendar



Sept

4th 10.30am

Rev David Harper (live)

11th 10.30am

Communion (vote)

6.30pm

Evening Communion Service

18th 10.30am

Rev David Hume

25th 10.30am

Alloway worship team

6.30pm

Dunure Harbour Joint Sundown Service

Oct

2nd 10.30am

Harvest (Vine Trust) (live)

Some notes from Rev. David...

Be Still

Following on from the success of Alpha@Alloway, we are pleased to announce that we will be running a **'Be Still'** Course in the Autumn.

The **'Be Still'** Course is designed to help Christian fellowships explore together how to grow and develop a regular 'Quiet Time' with God. The course is suitable for anyone who is interested in exploring what a personal 'Quiet Time' with God looks like and the course is suitable for those who are new, or interested in Christian faith, and for those who have been Christians for a while. As well as covering the basics of a 'Quiet Time', the **'Be Still'** Course goes deeper into themes like perseverance, imagination and how to step out into the world in mission. The course is part of the 24-7 Prayer Movement.

The course will comprise five main sessions, though we will include a sixth session to have a 'movie night' to watch the Christian film 'War Room'. Each session will include a short time of worship, a video presentation, small group discussions and the opportunity to enjoy hospitality.

The main sessions will run from 7.00-8.30pm on Tuesday 11th October through to Tuesday 8th November. The 'movie night' will be on Tuesday 25th November from 7.00-9.15pm.

It would be great to see you along - please consider joining us - and let others know!

What fun we had at our 'Bible Heroes Holiday Club' that ran from 15th-19th August. During the week, we had 19 children attending, and together we enjoyed games, video messages, stories, crafts and (of course) a snack!



The children were so enthusiastic and extremely well behaved as we learned about one Bible Hero each day - Daniel, David, Jonah, Joseph and Noah. The games brought out some competitive spirit between the four groups - though it was also so touching to see some of the older children helping those who were younger.

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A variety of craft activities were available each day that focused on the hero of the day - the children demonstrated great skill. Each day we also created an image of the Bible Hero on a large canvas - photos of the canvases are at the bottom of the page.

On the Sunday after the Holiday Club, many of the children came along to the church service and impressed the congregation with their knowledge of the 'Bible Heroes'. It was great that some parents also came along to find out what fun we had at the Holiday Club - they even took part in our action song - 'My God Is So Big'.

I would like to record my thanks to the large team of volunteers, without whom the Holiday Club would not have been possible - you are all stars!! I can't wait until next year!!

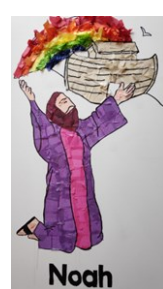
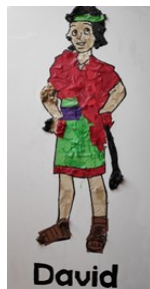


A new session of Messy Church will 'kick-off' on Saturday 17th September, 4.00-6.00pm where the theme will be Creation/Climate Change. It would be great to have a good turnout of parents/carers and children at Messy Church - please share the news about the start of the new session.

Future dates are:

8th October, 19th November, 14th January, 11th February, 11th March, 13th May and 10th June.

God's richest blessings, David.



The Unitary Constitution

Given that the congregation of Alloway will soon be entering a union with Fisherton Church, the congregation will be obliged in time by church law to change its constitution from the Model Constitution to the Unitary Constitution

What is the main difference?

Under our present set up the financial and temporal matters of the church are dealt with by a Congregational Board. If we adopt the unitary constitution the Board will be dissolved, and all these matters will be handled by the Kirk Session. The trustees of the congregation would be the members of the Kirk Session; those who previously were elected to the Board at the annual congregational meeting would no longer be trustees.

Who sits on the Kirk Session?

The Minister normally convenes, moderates or chairs the meeting of the Kirk Session which is comprised of minister(s) and elders. They can appoint a clerk and a treasurer who need not be elders and who would attend meetings but would not by virtue of this office become session members.

Could anyone else sit on the Session?

Session meetings are normally open meetings and so any member can be present - except in certain sensitive matters where it meets in private. Former Board members who do not wish to be elders could be co-opted and so still be part of the management process of the church - and their ideas and help may well be of great value to the session, but they would not be session members. It might be that in time this exposure to the wider affairs of the church would help them to feel motivated towards becoming elders.

What difference would the unitary constitution bring?

There would not be a separation between the spiritual and temporal matters of the church which in practice are not totally separate. For example, stewardship, giving, the use of buildings is not just about property and money. It would also mean that all the charity trustees would have a say over all the activities of the congregation and not

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just some of the activities: currently trustees who are only Board members only make decisions over some areas whereas being trustees they are in a sense responsible for the whole.

How will the decision be made?

Given Kirk Session approval, the congregation as a whole will shortly be invited to support the change of constitution after the service on Sept 11th, 2022.

If supportive, a request goes to the church's Edinburgh offices. They alone have the power to allow us to adopt the new constitution.

What is the Church of Scotland's preferred option?

In 2016 the General Assembly decided that congregations who still have Congregational Boards should be urged, or strongly encouraged to move to the unitary model. In future adjustments the Unitary Constitution will become the norm.

Wednesday Worship Schedule

Please note the adjusted calendar for Wednesday Worship and Wednesday Break. This will allow more 3 dimensional fellowship.

Wed14 September	Wednesday Worship in the Octagonal Hall
Wed 21 September	Wednesday Break via Zoom
Wed 28 September	Wednesday Worship in the Octagonal Hall
Wed 5 October	Coffee and Chat in the Fellowship Lounge
Wed 12 October	Wednesday Worship in the Octagonal Hall
Wed 19 October	Wednesday Break via Zoom
Wed 26 October	Wednesday Worship in the Octagonal Hall

Alloway Church Harvest Appeal



The Amazon Hope Medical Programme began in 2002, steadily growing each year so that by 2013 the program was working in six river basins (Amazon, Manítí, Ucayali, Puinahua, Tigre and Marañón).

In 2014 the Programme increased its collaboration activities with the Regional Government of Loreto through its teams of Comprehensive Health Care for Excluded and Remote Populations (AISPED).

As a result of this successful collaboration, in 2017, this work was expanded to coincide with the arrival of Vine Trust's latest medical ship, the MV Forth Hope which more than doubled the capacity to provide health services to the riverine communities.

By the end of 2020, the Amazon Hope Programme had provided over 1.7 million consultations since its services began.

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Our Harvest thanksgiving service will take place on Oct 2nd at 10.30am.



CHURCH OPENING - SUMMER 2022

This summer has seen our first Church Open Season since 2019, pre-pandemic.

We opened on the 23rd May and closed on the 24th August. Over that 13-week period, we have welcomed over 900 visitors to our Sanctuary. That welcome is only possible because of the 63 volunteers from the congregation - who Church - sat through the summer. Some volunteers went above and beyond, namely George Lennie with 14 sessions, just ahead of Sheena Kemp and Mary Hughes with 11 sessions each. To all our volunteers a big Thank You - well done! Not forgetting our team of 11 supervisors who opened and closed the Sanctuary each day during their duty week.

It is very satisfying and fun to welcome visitors and some great conversations were had. Our visitors this year came from all parts of the world - Scotland, England, Wales, Ireland, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, France, Germany, Greece, China, India, Malaysia, Egypt, Russia and Ukraine (who came in together - good to see that!). We encourage visitors to sign our book and they usually make comments, a selection is -

"Beautiful, stunning, splendid craftsmanship."

"Very welcoming, friendly, warm."

"Surprising, calming."

"Lovely Church and people."

Donations left by visitors amounted to some £900, which will be sent to this season's local charity, Whiteleys Retreat, which provides respite care for children and their families affected by cancer and other life limiting conditions.

It is a joy to chat with our visitors and leave them with a positive memory of Alloway. If you have not done a volunteer session, try it in 2023, you might just enjoy yourself.



FAIRTRADE AND YOU – ORDER IN SEPTEMBER

We are all going to the supermarket and seeing prices increasing by the day. If we are feeling the pinch, how much do farmers overseas suffer? Is the high price you are paying actually being passed on to the farmers overseas who grow the products? Fairtrade is more important now than ever. Make sure you buy products that have the Fairtrade logo. In Alloway Church we believe that God wants us to have a concern for the poor worldwide and therefore we do everything we can to meet their needs. Fairtrade is a simple way to make a difference to the lives of the people who grow the things we love. We do this by changing the way trade works through better prices, decent working conditions and a fair deal for farmers and workers in developing countries.

Our next Fairtrade order will be going in on Monday 12th September, please let us have your order no later than Sunday 11th September.

Check the catalogue on the Traidcraft website on www.traidcraftshop.co.uk then send your order to:

Olwen and Malcolm at olwenatayr@btinternet.com or phone on 01292 440423.



Harvest Supper

We have decided to begin our Leisurely Lunches for the new 2022/2023 season with a "Harvest Supper", on Sunday 9th October. (This is one week after our Harvest Thanksgiving morning service on 2nd October.)

It will begin at 6.00pm in the large hall and everyone should arrive at this time. A choice of two soups and two sweets will be on the menu and the cost will be £5.00. This will be followed by music provided by Karin and Stephen with some audience participation.

It would be helpful for catering purposes if you would add your name to a list which will be available at either of the church doors from 18th September, but this is not imperative.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Mission Committee.



Sunday Morning Fellowship

Fellowship will be available on a Sunday following the morning service in the Fellowship Lounge on the following dates. This is in addition to the Social Committee's twice monthly Tea and Coffee. Proceeds will go towards our chosen charity treesforlife.org.uk.

August - 14th & 28th

September - 11th & 25th

October - 9th, 23rd & 30th

November - 13th & 27th

December - 11th



Harvest Supper



Alloway Church Hall Sunday 9th October 2022

6.00 pm – followed by music from Karin and Stephen.

Soup

Carrot and sweet potato or Vegetable



Dessert

Apple Crumble or Rhubarb Crumble



with custard or ice cream

Cost £5.00 per person includes tea/coffee and tray bakes.



Alloway Toddler Group is Back!

By Popular request Alloway Toddler Group is once again going to be TWICE a week!

From the week beginning 22 Aug 22 we will be setting up the toys every Tuesday AND Friday.

That's every Tuesday AND Friday
(During Term Time)

Alloway Church Halls – 0945hrs-1115hrs

Come along and join us - even if you don't have a toddler just come along for a chat and a cup of tea!

See you there!





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FUN AT THE FARM PARK!

At the end of last term, 3rd Alloway Brownies and 1st Dalmilling Brownies joined lots of other local Brownies, Rainbows, Guides and Rangers from Girlguiding Ayrshire South for a day out at the Heads of Ayr Farm Park. Here's what some of the Brownies and Owls said they liked best;

First, we went to the gift shop to buy toys. We liked the gift shop. Amelia and Mila.

Next, we went to see the monkeys. Barn Owl Karen and Riona liked the monkeys.

After that we went to the indoor soft play and the drop slides. I liked the soft play and drop slides. It was the first time I have been down the biggest slide! Anna

We went to the Little Critters Animal Barn. We saw lots of small animals.

We saw mice in Mouse House and rats in Rat Shack.

I liked the Mice best because they were very cute. Mila.

I liked the Guinea pig as it was so cute. I now want one as a pet. Amelia

We liked the parrots. Amelia, Mirren and Mila

My favourite animals were the giant rabbits! Riona

We liked the snakes and lizards. Amelia, Anna, Mirren and Mila

Then we went on the jumping cushions and after that we went on a train ride. We went round a lake and there was a Loch Ness Monster in it! We went in a tunnel. We liked the train. Mila and Barn Owl Karen.

It was hot so we went for an ice cream. We all liked the ice cream!

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Then we went outside to the pirate ship playpark and the tyre slide.

I liked the pirate ship it's really fun walking the plank. Mirren

After that we had a walk around the fields to see the animals. We saw lots more animals.

We liked the Shetland ponies. Amelia, Mirren, Riona, Anna and Barn Owl Karen

Barn Owl Karen liked the pig the best as he was huge, absolutely massive!

We liked the wallabies. Anna, Riona, Mirren and Barn Owl Karen

We saw some sheep. Barn Owl Karen

The baby donkey was showing off running round the field.

I liked the baby donkey best because he was just so cute. Mirren

We liked the alpacas. Amelia and Barn Owl Karen

I liked the Billy goats best because they are soft, cute and friendly. Anna

We saw some meerkats. They were very funny. Amelia, Riona, Anna, Little Owl Lara and Barn Owl Karen

I liked the little muntjac deer family, they were so quiet and sweet. Brown Owl Lise.

We saw ducks, chickens and geese. Barn Owl Karen

We didn't have time to see the camel. It was time to go home!

"The farm park is a good fun place to go with your friends. Lots of things to do and animals to see, and good ice cream!" Amelia

"The farm park is really cool as there is lots to do and I always have fun every time I go. I think it's an awesome day out." Mirren

"The farm park is a great place to go to have fun with your family and friends." Riona

"The farm park is an amazing place for children to see animals close up and to touch some of them." Barn Owl Karen From Asda

"The farm park is a fun, animal-tastic day out for all the family." Anna

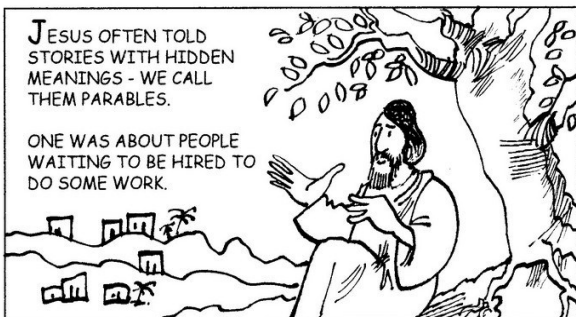
"Fun!!" Mila

The Hired Workers



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS - WE CALL THEM PARABLES.

ONE WAS ABOUT PEOPLE WAITING TO BE HIRED TO DO SOME WORK.



A HOUSEHOLDER HIRED A GROUP OF WORKERS FROM THE MARKET PLACE, FIRST THING IN THE MORNING. HE AGREED UPON A FAIR WAGE.



A BIT LATER ON THE HOUSEHOLDER RETURNED TO THE MARKET PLACE AND HIRED SOME MORE WORKERS.



HE RETURNED SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE DAY, EACH TIME HIRING MORE WORKERS. HE EVEN HIRED SOME PEOPLE JUST AS THE SUN WAS SETTING!



WHEN THE DAY WAS OVER THE HOUSEHOLDER BEGAN TO PAY THE WORKERS, STARTING WITH THOSE WHO HAD ONLY JUST ARRIVED. HE PAID EVERYONE THE SAME.

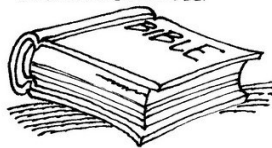


THIS UPSET THOSE WHO HAD WORKED ALL DAY. THEY THOUGHT THEY SHOULD GET MORE.



BUT THEY WERE BEING PAID WHAT THEY HAD AGREED AT THE START OF THE DAY.

JESUS CONCLUDED "SO THOSE WHO ARE LAST WILL BE FIRST, AND THOSE WHO ARE FIRST WILL BE LAST" - IT'S A HARD PARABLE!



see Matthew 20:1-16



Parish Record

Baptism - "Of such is the kingdom of heaven "

- 5.6.22 Olivia Bothwell daughter of Tamsyn and Ashley
31.7.22 Lucas Michael Lamont-Brett son of Graham and Chrissie
31.7.22 Henry Andrew Carmichael son of Sam and Jemma
14.8.22 Lucas McNeil son of Ioana and Stephen

Marriage - "to love and to cherish "

- 27th July Rachael Bamford to Duncan Townson
11th Aug Eva Ramsay to Andrew Kerr
12th Aug Sophie Hanlon to Christopher Mackie
25th Aug Rachael Mossman to Robert Wilson



"Blessed are those who mourn they shall be comforted "

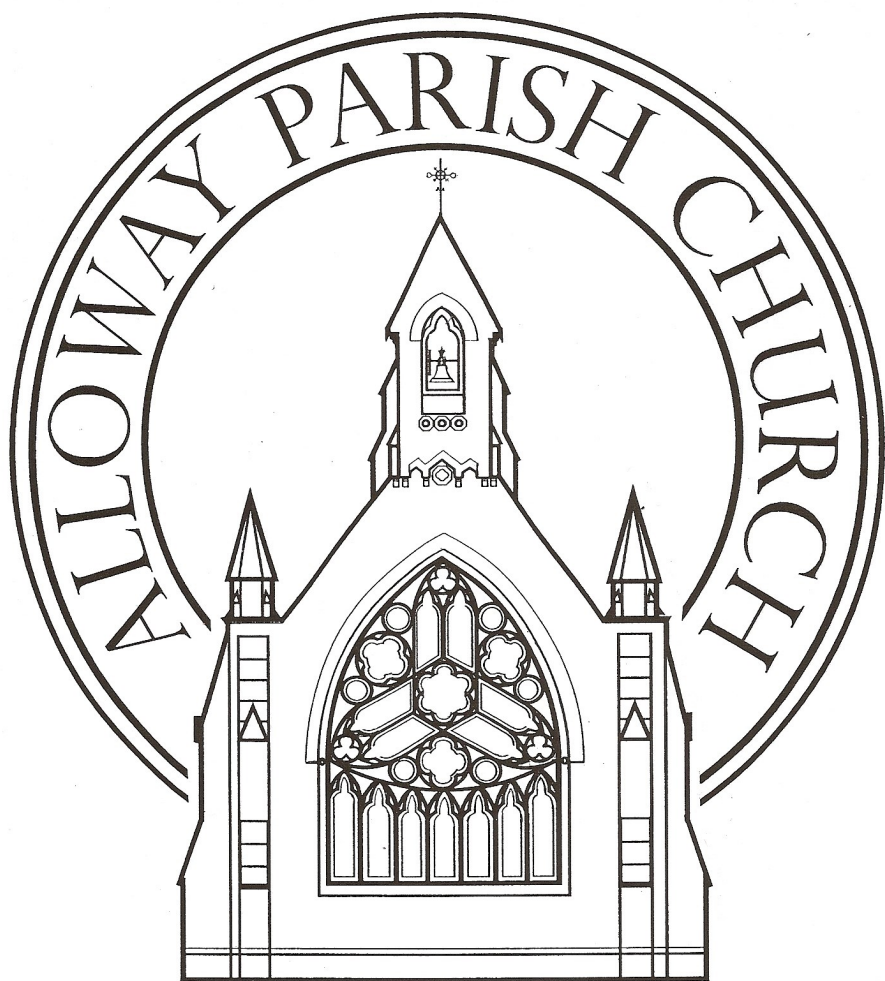
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| 19.5.22 | Mrs Kate Hogg | Seafield Cresc |
| 5.5.22 | Mrs Elsie McKie | Alloway Cottages |
| 13.6.22 | Mrs Sandra Tumilty | Taylor Street Ayr |
| 28.6.22 | Mrs Flora Adams | Greenfield Avenue |
| 22.7.22 | Mrs Nan Marshall | Monkwood Place |
| 9.8.22 | Mrs Mgt Britton | Castle View |
| 16.8.22 | Mr Alec Sey | Elms Crescent Maybole |

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