

Westburn Parish Church Greenock



Autumn
2015



“WORSHIP, FRIENDSHIP, ACTION – a kirk that cares. “

Welcome to the Autumn Magazine 2015

Hopefully we have all returned refreshed. If you have been away perhaps you enjoyed some nice sunshine. Unfortunately if you were more local it was not so good too much rain. Perhaps we should try to look on the bright side, as I have been speaking to a few groups who were abroad and the temperatures were so high day and night they found it very uncomfortable and unbearable and longed to get home to a pleasant climate.

The weather doesn't stop things happening in Westburn. Once again we had our Holiday Club for a week in August finishing with the Church outing to Rouken Glen park on the Sunday, a good way to finish up the school holidays.

Although it has been the summer break, there has been a lot of work and preparation going on to ensure everything is ready for our winter syllabus. Messy Church will be starting up again in September if you haven't tried it yet, why not give it a go. It is held on the second Saturday of the month. There is a lot going on in Westburn and as usual in this magazine there is a centrefold of 'What's on in Westburn'. Please check it out and see what suits you and join in the fellowship and fun, you will be made most welcome.

From the Manse

Dear Friends,

In June some members of our congregation attended the Annual Car Run. Despite the dull, at times, rainy, evening, everyone had a great time. Volunteer drivers took folk on a wee run to Largs or across to Loch Lomond or through the countryside and everyone returned to the church hall where the tables were laden with sandwiches, scones, cakes and more and a welcome cup of tea or coffee and always with the encouragement 'Please eat up, there's plenty'. Conversation flowed as people chatted with friends and caught up with news and music and song followed. It was a wonderful evening – thanks to all who were involved in any way in making it happen and to those who came along. It was a picture of the generous hospitality of God that we are all invited to enjoy and called to share.

God's hospitality is always generous. A mealtime with Jesus was abundant and extravagant, a generosity that never stops at what is strictly necessary. Think of a few examples: the wedding at Cana – water into wine: those six stone jars full of water, would have been equivalent to 900 bottles, transformed into the best red wine. Jesus has a picnic with over 5,000 people; there are twelve baskets left over. The resurrected Jesus cooks breakfast on the beach for his friends; just after a miraculous catch of fish that was so big that they were unable to haul in the net. And these are just a few examples. Over and over again, in word, action and story, Jesus shows us the generosity of God.

Hospitality needs to be generous, open-hearted, not for any reward but because we want to reflect the heart of God to all. We live in a society motivated by scarcity, the belief that there is not enough to go round. This engenders an attitude of anxiety and fear. Sometimes this is the attitude which is reflected in the life of the church. Living as kingdom people should create a mind-set of generosity.

What does generosity and hospitality look like in our lives and the life of our congregation and the life of our congregation in our community? How can each one of us help to make this happen? Let us be ready to offer hospitality and to live generously not just on special occasions but always.

Any one for cake?

Yours

Karen

Presbytery of Greenock & Paisley

Visiting Speakers – Mrs. Marion Dolan and Mrs. Helen Eckford from the Guild Presbytery Council spoke about the projects and activities Guilds had been involved in over the year. The Moderator thanked them for their dedication to the Guild and praised its importance and varied work.

Fiona Marshall and Andrew McPherson, Representatives from the National Youth Assembly spoke about the possibility of setting up a youth forum in Presbytery and this is to be remitted to the Business Committee. It was encouraging to hear young people eager to play a committed role in Presbytery and church affairs. It is to be hoped this becomes a reality.

Ministry – This Committee plans to begin a consultation with recently ordained and inducted ministers to seek relevant ways in which their Presbytery can support them more effectively. This is to be done in conjunction with the Chaplains.

Presbyteries are being invited to apply for one of the of the Pioneer Ministry posts, which are part of a remit from the general Assembly of 2014 and discussions are taking place to see if this is possible

Community Interests – Allocations of the Following Grants

Eventide Home Fund	£ 800 to Adams House
Miss Lang Bequest Fund	£ 500 to Counselling Service at the Wynd Centre
	£ 650 to Inverclyde Family Contact Centre
	£ 400 to STAR Project
	£ 300 to Talk It Over
	£ 350 to Starter Packs
	£ 500 to Paisley Child Contact Centre

Mission and Discipleship – Glenburn Parish Church and Lylesland Parish Church run outreach work to Gleniffer High School. Their aim is to share Christian values and appropriately share the Christian Gospel with the School community. The team runs at least 3 events for the whole school community – Prayer space, Walk through Easter, Remembrance, Christmas Unwrapped. The Head Teacher and staff are supportive of this work and it is hoped as time goes on more elders can be involved in this outreach too

Margaret Crawford
Representative Elder

Property Committee

Over the past few months and as previously advised the following work has either been completed or is at an advanced stage. Hopefully by the time you receive this magazine all of it will be finished.

Sanctuary: - External Window painting and mastic
 Lower Area painting
 Rear Window painting
 Link Corridor repairs
 Roof and Tower - water ingress.

The identified work relates to repair of two of the tower windows

Repairs have been carried out to the central heating boilers serving the Sanctuary and main hall. Hopefully this will give us a comfortable environment with no boiler failures as we go into the winter months.

At the request of the BB organisations, the badminton court lines have been reinstated in the main hall.

In addition, the manse lounge has been redecorated.

For security reasons and to enable the Link Corridor repairs to be carried out, a temporary structure was put in place. Removal of this structure will enable the corridor garden area to be improved. Watch this space - with a bit of sunshine, it should be possible to sit and relax in a tranquil atmosphere. Our Session Clerk has the ambition of being amongst the first to appreciate it.

A range of minor work is continually ongoing. Volunteer labour contributes to a substantial cost saving in church expenditure. If any member would like to assist in any way, please contact Jim Bell (Tel No 799381)

Jim Bell

Pastoral Care Committee

The Committee met on Monday, 10th August 2015.

District 22 – there are 20 Members who are in nursing or care homes. These Members are regularly visited by the Committee. In addition, our Minister is also visiting Members in hospital and at home.

Annual Car Run – was held on Wednesday, 24th June 2015. Around 60 Members were taken to various places on a very nice summer's night and then back to the Church Hall for supper. As in previous years, this was a very successful event. The fellowship was very much in evidence and enjoyed by Members and drivers, also folks had a chance to catch up with old friends. Many thanks to the drivers for looking after the Members and to the Ladies who provided an excellent supper.

Harvest Thanksgiving – will be held on Sunday, 27th September 2015. As in previous year's, the congregation is being asked to donate to the South African Projects, which are Venda, Cotlands Baby Sanctuary and the Sunshine Association for children with disabilities. Donations can be placed in an envelope marked South Africa and placed in the offering. Members will have an opportunity to donate from Sunday, 20th September up to and including the October Communion on Sunday, 4th October 2015.

October Communion Afternoon Service – Sunday, 4th October 2014 in the Lounge at 3.00pm. Members wishing transport are asked to contact Bill Dempster or any member of the Pastoral Care Committee.

Bill Dempster

Time for Prayer

China, the most populous country on earth, has had a very turbulent, unsettled recent past. During the 20th century there was much violence, chaos and bloodshed caused by clashes of ideologies and rivalries between powerful personalities.

In China today there is a small but growing community of Christians. Here is a prayer that comes from China, and might be relevant too to us here. It reminds us that each one of us has a part to play in setting the world to right, and bringing in God's kingdom.

Lord, awaken your church,
And begin with me.
Lord, build up your community,
And begin with me.
Lord, let peace and your gospel be spread all over earth,
And begin with me.
Lord, bring your love and truth to all people,
And begin with me. Amen.

Douglas Scott

Guild

Although the Guild finished at the end of March, about a dozen ladies have been meeting fortnightly ever since, to knit, to chat and to have the inevitable cup of tea. The new session starts on Tuesday 29th. September with what we like to call our "At Home" evening where we catch up on things that have been happening over the summer break.

The Guild theme for 2015-2018 is "Be Bold, Be Strong" and the particular theme for 2015-2016 is "Go in Peace". We have been putting together our programme for 2015-16 and hope that it will appeal to members old and perhaps some new. Come along and join us at all or any of our meetings whichever appeals. The first half of our syllabus is printed in the magazine, with one exception which is in hand.

The Presbyterial Council has its first meeting of the session on Monday 12th. October in St. Andrews Port Glasgow when the speaker will be the National Convener Mrs L Young. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated at this meeting.

The final totals for the Guild projects from Sept. 2012 until June 2015 were as follows:

Comfort Rwanda	£109,596.72
Crossreach	£155,917.03
Mary's Meals	£134,109.22
Ministries Council	£108,994.33
S. C. H. A	£130,808.15
World Mission Council	£135,651.45
Total	£775,076.90

S.C.H.A - Scottish Churches Housing Action

The New Projects for 2015 - 2018 are below and a detailed look is provided after the national guild section of the news letter

Care for the family Scotland
Ascension Trust - Street Pastors
Feed the Minds - Breaking the Cycle of F.G.M.
Christian Aid - Caring for Mother Earth in Bolivia
Prospects - All Friends Together
Mission International – Haiti Project.

Date for your diary is the Guild Coffee Morning on Saturday 14th. November 2015, 10am – Noon. We have been very appreciative of the support given at this annual event and hope it will continue.

Anna Seggie

Guild Syllabus for 2015

September

29th At Home

October

6th Clyde Coast Strathspey & Reel Society
12th (Mon) Presbyterian Council Autumn Rally St. Andrews Port Glasgow
20th Arctic Norway Mr. N. McCarey
27th Demo.

November

3rd Watch this Space
10th Guild Project
14th (Sat) Coffee Morning
17th In House
24th Disbursement of Funds and Bible Study Ann Knox

December

1st Presbyterian Council - "Christmas Celebrations"
St. Johns Gourock 2pm.
8th Westburn Christmas Celebration

National Guild News

I have attended several meetings since the last magazine; firstly I was assisting at the Guild stall at Heart & Soul, and then attended the General Assembly to hear the Guild Report where the Action Plan was accepted, this will now be implemented over the next 3 years.

After the General Assembly the Conference for Presbyterian Council Conveners' was held in "121" when likeminded people get a chance to share thoughts about the way ahead for the Guild in light of the Action Plan.

I have a few dates for my diary as the Guild nationally restarts for the new session, the National Youth Assembly on Saturday 15th August, the Annual Gathering in Dundee on Saturday 5th September and after the successful "Big Sing" last year there is another one arranged for Friday 20th November in Dunfermline Abbey.

The National Convener, Linda Young, General Secretary, Iain Whyte and Development Officer, Eilidh Marks have been in Malawi attending the equivalent of our National Guild get together and hopefully I'll be able to give you a report in the next magazine.

I will be attending several meetings in Edinburgh in connection with the Guild nationally as well as the Programme & Resources committee where the compilation of the Theme Guide for 2016-2017 will be undertaken.

Members of the National Executive have been asked to let members of congregations know about the work of the Guild nationally as well as within their own congregation. I feel one way is through the church magazine and I hope this article lets you know more about the Guild.

Patricia Robertson

Care for the family Scotland

Care for the family is a national charity which aims to promote strong family relationships and to help those who face family difficulties. The work is motivated by Christian compassion, with resources and support available to everyone, of any faith or none.

The cost of family breakdown is estimated at £42bn per year and mainly occurs during the early years of parenthood with over 50% of parents who separate doing so within three years of having a baby.

'Let's Stick Together' sessions, already successfully running in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man, are specifically aimed at new mums and dads. The sessions introduce simple principles to highlight the skills which help facilitate a happy, healthy and lasting relationship, including bad habits to avoid, good habits to build, and the involvement of dads.

The 40 minute presentation is delivered free by volunteers in a variety of settings, including church toddler groups and anti-natal classes, with participants receiving a goody bag with the 'Let's Stick Together' book and the additional resources, invites to local parenting classes, and details of couple counselling schemes. The support of local Church of Scotland Guilds will give Care for the Family volunteers an unprecedented opportunity to help thousands of families in communities across Scotland stay together for good.

Prospects - All Friends Together

Prospects in Scotland are delighted to be selected as one of the Guild projects. We are a small organisation and so really value working in partnership with the Guild. We believe that together, we can make a significant, positive change to the lives of people with learning disabilities in Scotland.

Our project All Friends Together is about helping churches to welcome people with learning disabilities and include them in all aspects of church life and to build friendships – with Jesus and with other church members. For some churches, they have started a group, within the church, aimed at adults with disabilities and there is potential for many more groups. People with learning disabilities often have few or no friends but we can change that – Guild members can give a clear lead to society in general about how to include and value people of all abilities – it is a very exciting opportunity.

People with learning disabilities have many gifts and talents to contribute to the church life. As we offer friendship, people will have the confidence to use their gifts. All our lives will be enriched as we get to know more about Jesus and each other.

Mission International – Haiti Project.

Mission International is a Christian missionary charity based in Dundee. It was started in 2006 by Hugh Henderson MBE in order to improve the material and spiritual lives of some of the poorest communities around the world. Our vision is to be ambassadors for the poor around the world and to encourage as many people as possible in this country to help meet their needs.

The Haiti Project began in 2010 working with a local Christian church in the north eastern town of Quanamthe. The aim of the project is to construct a multipurpose building to be used as a school, community centre and new church centre. The country of Haiti is amongst the poorest countries in the world and has one of the lowest literacy rates. Education for children and for adults is a priority to help Haitians reach their full potential and build a better future for them. The primary school, the community centre and the church will help achieve this.

With the prayer support of the Church of Scotland Guild together with the raising awareness of the plight of the Haitian people, we hope to make a real practical and spiritual difference to the people of Quanamthe.

Christian Aid - Caring for Mother Earth in Bolivia

“It is important to protect our forest in the Amazon. Otherwise, I do not know what will become of us. We live next to the Beni river, the forest is right there. We would love to protect our forests, because they are the lung, not only of Bolivia, but for other countries as well.”

Bolivia is one of the poorest and most unequal countries in South America, millions of people live in difficult conditions, struggling to survive. The Bolivian Amazon is one of the most bio-diverse regions in the world, yet it is increasingly under threat from deforestation. Deforestation coupled with climate change has left communities who rely on the forest for survival vulnerable, as crops flood and livelihoods are lost. Women very often have to spend hours every day collecting firewood for cooking. Not only does this prevent them from engaging in other activities, but when the forest is under water it becomes difficult to get wood for cooking and families are unable to even boil water. Through Christian aid partners, this project will work with over 700 families to educate them about climate change and support them to build and use solar power ovens enabling families to eat year round. Partnering with the Church of Scotland on Bolivia, Christian Aid Scotland will use this story to link Guilds to our current work on climate change and give practical ways to get involved

Feed the Minds - Breaking the Cycle of F.G.M.

Your support can help to empower women and girls in Kenya to fight the horrendous practice of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), so they can stay in school and reach their God-given potential. Your actions and prayers will be able to help girls like Bridget, “I want to stay in school, I do not want to be forced to marry or have children. I am going to become a great lawyer and work on laws to combat FGM.”

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO) over 25 million girls and women across 29 countries, including Scotland, alive today have been cut. FGM is the partial or total removal of the external genitalia for non-medical reasons. Seen as a rite of passage, it is carried out on girls of 12 years sometimes younger. It can lead to severe problems even death. Survivors tend to drop out of school, are married off and give birth, all before 16. In Kuria district of Kenya, where Feed the Minds works, complex cultural and social reasons make FGM hard to combat. Nevertheless we are committed to promoting a culture of change to ensure every girl can choose her own future and to stop the innocent becoming victims. We do this by engaging the whole community in activities that raise awareness, share knowledge and drive positive social action.

Feed the Minds is an ecumenical Christian charity founded in 1964 that works in partnership with grassroots partners to deliver education projects that empower communities to combat poverty and injustice across the Global South.

Ascension Trust - Street Pastors

Street Pastors is an initiative of The Ascension Trust. In the UK, there are around 12000 Street Pastors in about 350 areas. In Scotland, all Street Pastor areas are under the umbrella of The Ascension Trust (Scotland) Scottish Charity Number SC041912. In April 2007, there were no Street Pastors in Scotland. In April 2015 there were over 500 operating in 20 areas from Edinburgh to Tain. We will never tell an area they need Street Pastors. If local Christians identify issues in their streets, they are the ones best placed to decide whether Street Pastors could help to deal with the issues. Working within an ‘Urban Trinity’ of Churches, Local Authorities and Police, Street Pastors go out in all weathers typically from 10pm until 3am on one or more nights at the weekend. In order to increase the value of Street Pastors to the communities in Scotland, we now want to work with Guild members across the country to inform, dispel myths and raise awareness of Street Pastors. We will explore the best vehicle to deliver these messages to every part of the Guild family. The partnership with The Guild will allow us the option to deliver the extensive training programme in more innovative ways, including distance learning of a few of the modules.

CrossReach Information Sheet

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Convener tells Assembly of welcome extra funding

The Convener of the Social Care Council Dr. Sally Bonnar reported to the General Assembly that the lowest paid CrossReach staff are to receive a pay rise from 1st October 2015 which will mean a rate of £7 per hour. Care workers will receive £7.85 per hour which is the Scottish Living Wage. These increases have been made possible by increased funding from the Scottish Government, COSLA and the Council of Assembly. She told commissioners: "This is to be celebrated, and we are grateful to the church for their part in this achievement, but we are not complacent and recognise that there is still some way to go before all staff are paid the living wage. Our report outlines the continued steps we will take to urge funders to include the costs of the Scottish Living Wage in the funding of the services that we provide."



Social Care Forum is launched

A new web based resource has been launched by the Social Care Council – and we're looking for your help! From lunch clubs to playgroups to helping people confront addiction, churches across Scotland are involved in vital work supporting people in their communities, often doing it alone. The Social Care Forum is a place for everyone interested in social care to get together, share ideas and experiences, learn from each other, and get inspired. The next few months will be an information gathering exercise, so please log on to: www.socialcareforum.scot and add details and photos of your church's social care projects. It's easy to do and your information will be uploaded immediately. Please help us to inform, connect and inspire by contributing to this exciting new web resource for churches.



'Heart for Art' receives £230,000 boost from Life Changes Trust

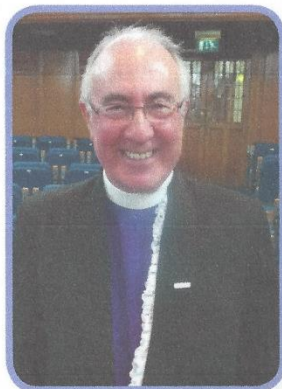
CrossReach's 'Heart for Art' project has received a £230,000 funding boost from The Big Lottery funded Life Changes Trust. Allan Logan, Director of Services to Older People said: "Our exciting initiative, 'Heart for Art', has promoted and enabled the medium of creative art to impact positively on the lives of many people with dementia across Scotland, and those closely connected. The funding will ensure the project remains sustainable over the next three years as well as provide the security for further developments in this transformational work." Anna Buchanan, Director of the Life Changes Trust dementia programme said: "Because of the stigma associated with dementia, many people living with dementia stop taking part in activities that may have given them great pleasure in the past, or which allowed them to mix with their peers. Others believe that, because of their dementia, they will be unable to learn a new skill. Initiatives like 'Heart for Art' challenge this stigma and bring people together in a dementia friendly community of interest where they have opportunities to be part of something that is meaningful to them. Through



the medium of the art, and through creative workshops, they can express themselves and connect with others. This funding will help CrossReach continue with the great work that they do for those with dementia and those who care for them across Scotland." Currently, there are seven Heart for Art groups around Scotland with plans to open more in the coming months. The latest figures suggest there are 90,000 people living with dementia in Scotland and that number is set to double by 2038.

CrossReach celebrates staff achievements

CrossReach staff from services across Scotland joined together for the annual Service of Celebration in Edinburgh and were presented with certificates to recognise qualifications gained in the past year.



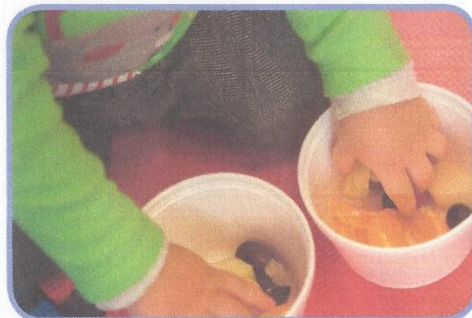
The Moderator of the General Assembly, Rt. Rev. Dr. Angus Morrison, gave an address on the parable of the Good Samaritan and related it to the caring work that CrossReach does for so many vulnerable and needy people. He said that CrossReach staff are 'an inspiration to us all' and that he was humbled and honoured to be associated with them. Earlier, the four main awards went to Ashley Reid, The Elms Care Home (Adult Learner of the Year); Carol Brackenridge, Charis House (Award for Excellence); Vera Lumsden, CrossReach Counselling Moray (Volunteer of the Year); Margaret Cassidy, South Beach House (Employee of the Year). Margaret (pictured right) was also presented with a leather bound bible to mark 40 years' service with CrossReach. A total of 133 staff gained new

qualifications (including SVQ levels 3 and 4, HNC, PDA and BSc Information Technology), while 28 staff had 20 years' service and five reached the 30 years milestone. Guest speaker Andy Lowndes from 'Playlist for Life' (one of our partner organisations in delivering innovative support for people that have dementia) congratulated CrossReach on being the first organisation to have Dementia Ambassadors in all its residential services for Older People.



'Thrive' project is thriving!

Perth Prison Visitors' Support and Advice Centre works in partnership with a number of agencies one of these being 'Thrive'. This project is led by Barnardo's Scotland in partnership with Perth & Kinross Council, Angus Council, CrossReach and Enable, and associate partners Perth Prison Service, Just Play and NHS Tayside. 'Thrive' works with children who have a parent in prison aims to improve outcomes for children under 5 and their families who are affected by parental imprisonment and promote their access to community supports. They work through a relationship-based and client-led approach. The work takes place both in prison and in the community, uniquely crossing both to integrate a family led service. Minister for Children & Young People, Fiona McLeod MSP, joined all of the partners in Perth Concert Hall recently to showcase 'Thrive'. Over the last 17 months the project has given support to 30 families in Perth & Kinross and Angus - the families include 40 children under the age of 5.



Free CrossReach 'widget' for your website

A new 'widget' featuring the weekly CrossReach Prayer Diary is now available for church websites. Following a successful pilot, the free resource is now being rolled out to all churches and will be developed to also include news from CrossReach job vacancies and the CrossReach shop.

CrossReach's Head of Service for Business Development Elizabeth Hay said: "We would be delighted if every Church of Scotland congregation added the widget to their website. Through prayer, our work together can reach and change the lives of those we serve in Christ's name."

If you would like to be sent the link for your church website, please e-mail: hugh.brown@crossreach.org.uk.



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Organisation	Time of meeting (Start – Finish)	Contact Name & Tel
Monday		
Indoor Bowling	7.15 p.m. – 9.15 p.m.	Mrs A. Seggie 721731
Greenock & District Westburn Explorers	8.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.	Mr C. Cairns 710706
Tuesday		
Prayer Shawl Group	10.00 am – 12.00 pm	Mrs D. Borland 706034
3 rd Greenock Brownies	5.30 p.m. – 6.45 p.m.	Mrs M. McCracken 716310
1 st Finnart Rainbow Unit	5.45 p.m. – 6.45 p.m.	Mrs M. McCracken 716310
Girls Brigade	6.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	Miss L Buchan 07857 509117
39 th Greenock Guides	7.30 p.m. – 9.15 p.m.	Mrs M. McWhirr 01505 612521
Church of Scotland Guild	7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.	Leader Mrs P. Robertson 725451 Secretary Mrs A. Seggie 721731
Wednesday		
Women's Bible Study	Every 2 nd Week 2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Mrs A. Seggie 721731
Badminton Club	7.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.	Mr W. Dempster 784317
Thursday		
5 th Greenock & District Scouts	7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.	Mr C. Cairns 710706
Stedfast Band	7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.	Mr D. Burnie 798110
Craft Group	2 nd week of the month 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.	Rev K. Harbison 721048
Bereaved Parent Support Group	1 st week of the month 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.	Mrs A. Knox 792479

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Organisation	Time of meeting (Start – Finish)	Contact Name & Tel
Friday		
Anchor Boys	6.00 p.m. – 7.15 p.m.	Mr J. Murray 796736
Junior Section	6.00 p.m. – 7.15 p.m.	Mr J. Murray 796736
5 th Greenock & Beaver Scouts	6.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	Mr R. Martin 790840
5 th Greenock & District Cub Scouts	6.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	Mr R. Martin 790840
Boys Brigade Senior Section	7.15 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.	Mr J. Murray 796736
Saturday		
Messy Church	2 nd Week of the month 4.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.	Mrs M. McCracken 716310
Sunday		
Choir	10.15 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	Mr N. McPhee 07903106628
Crèche Babies to 3 yrs Sunday School 4 – 12 yrs Bible Class 12+ yrs	11.00 a.m. until church ends	Miss J Lindsay 710287 Mrs L. Capon 648671 Mrs. E Ruddy 728546
Praise Group	Varies	
Greenock & District Leapmoor Scout Pipe Band	6.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Mr C. Cairns 710706

Westburn Outside Organisations 2015 - 2016

Organisation	Time of meeting (Start – Finish)
Monday	
Happy Tots	9.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.
Dramarama	5.45 p.m. – 7.45 p.m.
Yoga	6.45 p.m. – 8.15 p.m.
Pilates	7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.
Tuesday	
Yoga	2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.
Wednesday	
Happy Tots	9.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.
Weightwise	2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.
Thursday	
Weightwise	9.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.
Zumba	10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.
Inverclyde Bereaved Parent Support Group	7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.
Saturday	
Slimming World	9.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.
Sunday	
Absolute Kayos	1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.
Total Kayos	1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.

Cruise Ships

This year Westburn opened its doors to cruise ship visitors, over the summer months. Greenock had 53 ships visiting, in Westburn we opened for half of those.

Well over 200 passengers signed our visitors' book and there were many other visitors over and above.

The visitors enjoyed their visits some spent more time than others, soaking up the history of our building. This is helped greatly by a leaflet detailing the history of various parts of the church, this leaflet is also now available in German, French and Spanish which has been very helpful and appreciated.

Thank you to all those who helped with the volunteering, those who did seemed to enjoy it, we would hope to repeat this again next year and would appreciate more volunteers, in week days the church was opened from 10.00am to 12 noon. We also had visitors on Sundays, when the church is open anyway. It would seem this was a worthwhile exercise.

Cath Barbour

Children's Corner

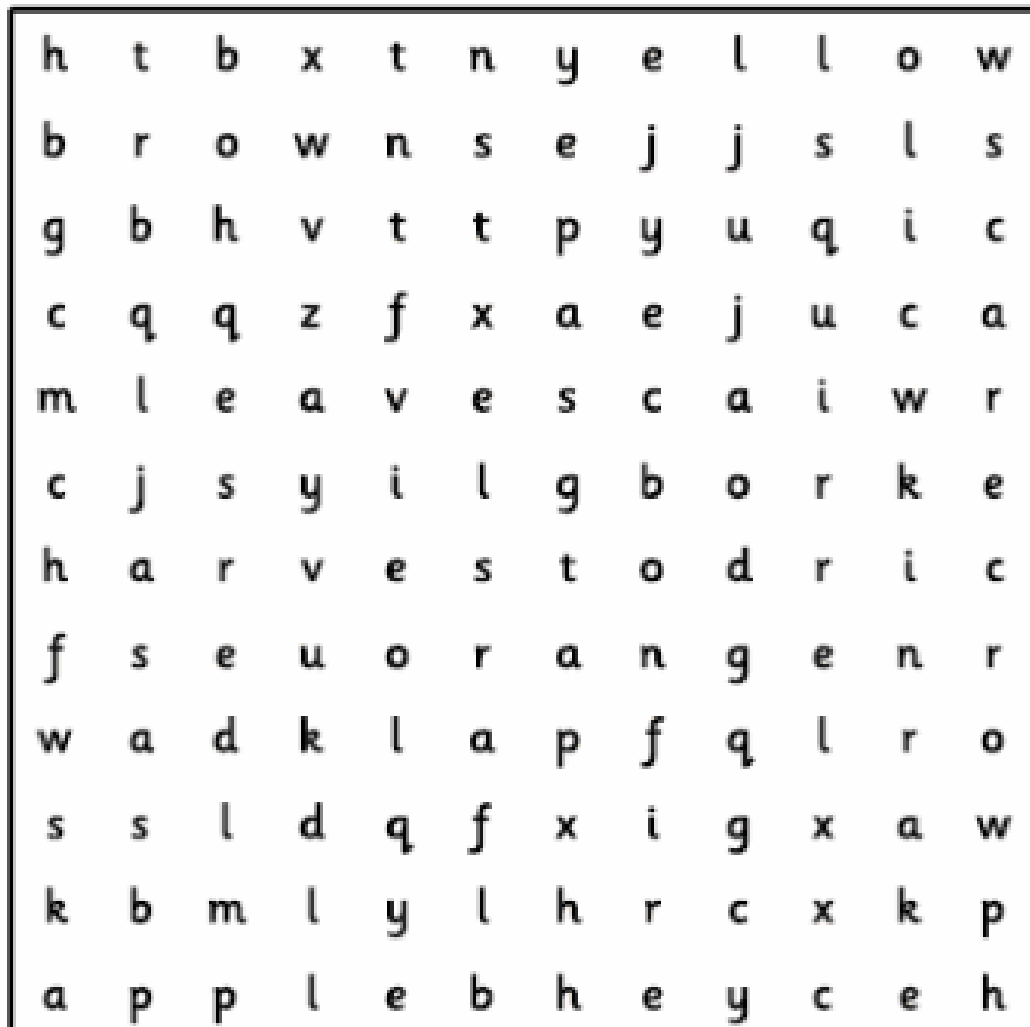




Autumn Word Search



Can you find the Autumn words in the puzzle below?



rake

scarecrow

brown

yellow

squirrel

leaves

apple

red

bonfire

harvest

fall

pear

orange

acorn



Parish Register

Useful Numbers

Office Bearers		
Minister	Rev. Karen Harbison MA.BD.	721048
Session Clerk	Mr Stuart Robertson	725451
Assistant Session Clerk	Mr Alan Gallacher	732634
Treasurer	Mr Alastair Munro	801057
Organist	Mr Neil McPhee	07903 106628
Roll Keepers	Mr Jim Barbour	723861
Church Officers	Mr Jason Goodwin	07772 312547
	Mr Danny Cairns	07505 826037
	Mrs Gillian McAlister	07968 942438
Presbytery Representative	Miss Margaret Crawford	633027
Church Secretary for magazine	Mr Jason Goodwin	07772 312547
Church Telephone		720257