

# Luss Church Chat



## SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2022

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## LUSS PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVERS SERVICE

On Tuesday 28 June, the Church was delighted to play host to Luss Primary School for its Leavers Service. The service was attended by the staff, pupils, parents and friends as well as members of the congregation. It was evident from the outset that the staff and pupils under the leadership of Mrs Gemma Houston had put in an enormous effort with a decorated vestibule and cheerful music there to greet those who attended.

All were welcomed by our Session Clerk, Donald Hardie, who gave the children a brief history of the Church back to the year 510. Each pupil entertained us with an account of their memories of the school and of the two 'leavers' in particular. The singing was led by the pupils and an amazing presentation was given to celebrate the achievements of the two pupils who had reached the pinnacle of their Primary Schooling.

The graphics and singing made this a very memorable occasion. It was pleasing to see the Church so busy. The event was concluded with a few words of thanks to Mrs Houston, her staff and pupils and best wishes for the future from Donald Hardie. The boys then had the opportunity of ringing the Church bell to mark their leaving Luss Primary School and moving on to the next step in their education. A tradition which has not been possible in the last two years.



The two graduates, Aaron Hamilton and Aaron McIlree, were presented with a selection of books from the school and the Reverend Thomas E Jubb Legacy Award 2022, a specially inscribed bible from the Church, by one of our Elders, Rosie MacMillan. We wish the two Aarons every success at Hermitage Academy and hope that they will keep in touch with the Church.

## NAIRN YOUNG - AN APPRECIATION

It is with great sadness and regret that we had to say 'goodbye' to one of our locums on 19 June. Nairn Young has been coming to Luss Church to preach for over two years since the departure of Rev Louis Bezuidenhout. Many inspirational sermons have been enjoyed as a consequence of his knowledge and talents. We are sorry to be losing him but his own Church is calling him back to be their organist.

We will miss him and now wish him all the best for the future and thank him for his commitment and dedication to our Church in such uncertain times.

## SUMMER POEM

The following poem by Robert Louis Stevenson is a lovely reminder of our childhood and the sights and sounds of a Summer evening through a child's eyes.

### *BED IN SUMMER*

*In Winter I get up at night  
And dress by yellow candle-light.  
In Summer, quite the other way,  
I have to go to bed by day.*

*I have to go to bed and see  
The birds still hopping on the tree,  
Or hear the grown-up people's feet  
Still going past me in the street.*

*And does it not seem hard to you,  
When all the sky is clear and blue,  
And I should like so much to play,  
To have to go to bed by day?*





## GUILD NEWS

The Church of Scotland Guild is a movement within the Church of Scotland which invites and encourages women and men to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and enables them to express their faith in worship, prayer and action. With 1500 members The Guild is one of Scotland's largest organisations. The Moderator of the Church of Scotland is the Rt. Rev. Dr. Iain Greenshields. He is from Fife and has been Convener of his guild for four years. So, there may be some support for the guilds.

The Guild Annual Gathering will be held in the Assembly Hall in Edinburgh on Saturday 10th September. There are still tickets available.

Our local Dunbartonshire Guilds Together are delighted to welcome aboard two new members onto the committee. Treasurer, Sylvia from New Kilpatrick, Bearsden and Transport Organiser, Lydia from Lomond Church, Balloch.

The Autumn Gathering will be held in Faifley Parish Church on Monday 10th October at 2 pm. There will be transport and anyone wishing to attend please get in touch.

An invitation has been received from Inverclyde Guilds Together. Their Autumn Rally will be held in Westburn Parish Church, Greenock at 2pm on Thursday 6th October. All are welcome.

The Guild raised a creditable £48,404.19 for their Projects 2021-2022. The money was distributed as follows: *Beat* - £10,125.15; *Pioneers* - £5,897.13; *Star Child* - £9,973.99; *Vine Trust* - £7,718.04; *Home for Good* - £12,613.63 and *Unida* - £2,080.25.

## STRAWBERRY CRUMBLE BUNS.

**Ingredients:** 120g butter – 70g at room temp and 50g chilled and cubed, 370g plain flour, 2 eggs, 135g castor sugar, 7g dried fast action yeast, 100ml lukewarm milk, 250g strawberries, halved.

**Method:** Melt butter and let it cool. Sift 300g flour into a bowl, add eggs, 75g sugar and the yeast. Mix with a spoon. Slowly add the lukewarm milk and cooled butter. Mix until all ingredients are well combined into a very soft, sticky dough. Cover the bowl with a clean cloth and put in a warm place to rise for 40 – 60mins until doubled in size.

To make the crumble, combine the remaining flour with the remaining sugar and chilled butter. Rub the butter into the flour until you have a breadcrumb like texture. Chill.

When risen, divide the dough into 6 portions, squashing it down slightly and then shape into ball shapes on a floured surface. If the dough is still sticky, dust it with a little more flour. Flatten the balls gently with your hand until they look like buns and place on a baking tray lined with baking parchment.

Divide the strawberries between the buns, putting them in the centre of each and sprinkle with crumble. Bake at 180C/fan, 160C/gas 4 for 25minutes until puffed and cooked. Cool and dust with icing sugar if wished.



## NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BAPTISM

The baptism of Freya Mary Heather Ann Colquhoun took place on Saturday 16 July 2022.

### CONGRATULATIONS

The PWG would like to extend their warm congratulations to our fellow member of the congregation, Flora McLeod, who recently celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.





## CLYDE PRESBYTERY MISSION CONFERENCE

Clyde Presbytery will hold their first mission conference on 10 September 2022, at Killermont Parish Church. This will be a 'half day' gathering around the topic of 'Missional Confidence' as we consider strategies to reach those teenage to 30+ that are increasingly missing from our membership roles.

# Clyde Presbytery **MISSION** Conference

Saturday 10 September 2022

09:30 - 13:30



## Missional CONFIDENCE?

**Do you or your church  
have confidence  
hearing from God and  
taking the next steps  
forward, perhaps to  
build bridges with youth  
and young people not in  
church?**

Hosted by Andy Reid  
Clyde Mission Officer at  
Killermont Parish Church  
Bearsden, Glasgow

Speakers  
Michael Harvey &  
Paul Beautyman

Attendance is  
free, limited to 80  
delegates on a  
first come first  
served basis.

Tea & Coffee  
provided

BYO lunch, taken before close  
of conference at 13:00

**Michael Harvey** is married to Eike and they have three children Ben, Kirsty, and Lydia. In 2004, Back to Church Sunday was birthed and Michael started to work using his own time and money with churches throughout the UK and eventually throughout the English speaking world. He has spoken to thousands of church leaders in his Seminars and has to date seen 1 million Christians mobilised to invite, resulting in hundreds of thousands of accepted invitations. He is author of the book *Unlocking the Growth* and, as an itinerant speaker, has a ministry across 17 countries and 5 continents.

**Paul Beautyman** has been a Christian youth worker and trainer for 26 years. He has developed young people into leaders, trained interns, taught students, equipped volunteers and mentored Christian youth workers. Working across Scotland he has served churches, set up successful youth projects and worked in partnership with a range of Christian youth work agencies. His passion is to develop young people into leadership, equip volunteers and workers, and mentor more experienced workers.

Please contact Andy Reid to reserve a place: [andy.reid@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:andy.reid@churchofscotland.org.uk)



## A REFLECTION ON PENTECOST BY KENNETH D KENNEDY

On Sunday 5 June of this year we were in the midst of celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as we recognised her contribution to the life of our nation, one in which she was always aware of the centrality of her Christian faith to her devotion to her duty as our monarch.

That date, however, signified another significant celebration, as the Church entered the season of Pentecost, which occurs fifty days after the Christian celebration of Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus. In the early Church, Pentecost was the preferred time of admitting new Christians into the Church through Baptism and the baptismal theme of renewal reminds us that all who follow Christ are born again of water and the Spirit.

On the original Day of Pentecost, following on from the Ascension when the followers of Jesus no longer had the Risen Christ in their midst, the actual physical presence of God in human form, the disciples returned to Jerusalem and to the "upper room" along with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and many others for safety fearing for their lives. We learn from the Book of Acts of the room being filled with the sound of a mighty wind and what appeared to them as tongues of fire and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages about the marvels of God as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

As we celebrate Pentecost, which many regard as the birthday of the Church, we do not do so from the mere historical recognition of this significant event but in active remembrance of our connection to the event through our own Baptism and of the response which it demands of us both as individuals and as a Church. It reminds us to be open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and to what is being said to the Church of today and to the wider society in which we live. The world needs the message of the Risen Christ and the hope offered by the gift of faith. As the Holy Spirit gave the Apostles courage to continue the work of Jesus, so today we can see so many signs in the way individuals and communities are responding to those who are sick or in need.

What is God asking of each one of us today and what can we do to spread the Gospel message not only in our words but in our deeds? We saw the emerging of a community spirit during the advent of Covid, showing in concern for our neighbours and a sharing of our goods and possessions for the common good. This spirit of compassion must continue, as we emerge from the dark days of lockdown and as near to normality as we can, despite the continuing effect of the virus.

As we look beyond self and our own individual concerns, as followers of Christ we must become, by our lives and actions, messengers of the Holy Spirit, giving hope and comfort to those less fortunate than ourselves. Let us renew our Christian commitment and call upon the Spirit to fill our hearts and kindle in us the fire of that Divine Love as we journey towards the future as a worshipping community.

## KEEP IN TOUCH

As ever please keep in touch with us at Luss Church by contacting us at [lusschurchpwg@gmail.com](mailto:lusschurchpwg@gmail.com) . We welcome any contributions of articles for the newsletter.

If you would like a pastoral visit or call from your elder please contact the PWG and we will ask your elder to make contact.

