



Newsletter
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Sunday Worship 11a.m.

Dear All

*In this time of change, we may have many unanswered questions:
What does the future hold for us as a church community?
Is this an end, or is it a new beginning?*

The merger is an opportunity for us to reflect again on the challenges that faces us as a Christian community, called to serve the people around us and bring the message of Christ in ways that are relevant.

As I prepare to move to Edinburgh at the end of August, beginning of September, I am reminded of the promise in Isaiah: "Behold the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them." Isaiah 42 v 9. But what is this new thing that God is doing?

May God enable us to listen to the whispers of His Spirit and to hear His leading in the coming days.

A change in ministerial staff will mean different things for us all, but the one thing that has not changed is that we are all being invited to bring what gifts we have to work together, to enable the work and the message of Christ to continue in this place.

This year is an invitation to new places of growth, new relationships and continued discipleship.

How can we make this happen? Often in small ways, as we join with others we can make a difference:

- *So if you can bring an empty shoe box. It's that time again to begin collecting.*

- *If you can help with the Afternoon Tea in August, then please offer and if you can invite a friend along, even better.*

But most importantly, please join in prayer over the coming days for the work to continue, that we can find ways to work together, that through faith and prayer lives will be changed, as we share the faith that has made a difference in our own lives.

And may the God of grace and peace be with us all in the coming days.

*Yours in Christ
Hilda*

Please remember Hilda in your prayers

Weekly Activities:

Wednesday Girl's Brigade:

Explorers (aged 4-Pr3)	6.15-7.30pm
Juniors (Pr4-7)	6.30-8pm
Brigaders (S1-6)	7.15-8.45pm

The Girl's Brigade will start back on Wednesday 23 August. This will be a music festival night and parents can complete the necessary paperwork during this time. For further details contact Allison Oliver or look up our company's Facebook page.

Thursday Worship Group: Meet every week from 7.30p.m. - 8.30p.m. Please contact Ann Caldwell for further information.

Dates for your Diary:

Alpha Course: Please let Hilda know if you would be interested in the Alpha Course. If there is enough interest it could be run once a month on a Saturday morning but Hilda would need a commitment from people that they would be willing to attend quite regularly. She will review interest and get back to people with dates.

Church Coffee Mornings: 21 June from 10 - 12 noon, also 05 July and 19 July. Come along for tea / coffee and a chat. Bring your friends!

Afternoon Tea will be held on 26 August in the Church. There will be two sittings 12.00 - 1.30p.m. and 2 - 3.30p.m. Tickets will be available soon priced £7 for adults and £3.50 for children up to age of Primary 7.

News:

David Archer had a slight stroke in April and spent Easter in hospital. He is progressing well, has recently taken his first service since the event and he and Judith are now on holiday in North Yorkshire. We pray that he will soon be back to more robust good health.

Shoe Box Appeal in October: We will be collecting and filling shoes boxes again in October for Blythswood. This year to help reduce a lot of expense at one time, we will have a weekly collection of goods:

18 June: biros - 25 June: notebooks - 2 July: facecloths - 9 July: rulers and rubbers - 16 July: clothing items - 23 July: clothing items (due to cost). Please give when you can. Thank you. Can you also please begin collecting shoe boxes.

Christian Aid raised £628.29. Many thanks to all who gave so generously.

Empty Biscuit Tins: Thank you to those who donated tins. Hilda is looking for more especially small tins.

Church Painting: The workers have completed painting the Church. Many thanks to the Bill Thompson who organised the painting and the volunteers who covered Monday and Tuesday evenings. We have spent £560 on paint and have received £209.50 in donations. There is still time to make a donation.

In Touch Newsletter: In future a 1 - 2 page newsletter will be sent out by e-mail by-monthly. If you would like to be added to the newsletter distribution list please send an e-mail to fiona@methodistchurch.plus.com If you are a member of Synod you will automatically be on the list and therefore do not need to e-mail Fiona.

As we go through a time of change in the Church it will be important to communicate with one another, therefore the Newsletter is a good way to spread information.

The deadline for the July newsletter is Friday 30 June. If you have any items for inclusion please give me all details as you wish them to be printed: bailliejean722@yahoo.co.uk.