

Hi Folks

Shaping our Church
for the future

As you have probably heard we are in consultation with the other churches in the Denny area about the future of the Church of Scotland in this area. As part of this consultation we were asked to make a time line from the beginning of Haggs Church.

The church was opened on 19 July 1840 to bring a place of worship closer to the community. The founding vision of Haggs Parish Church was mission and for the first 35 years the minister was called an ordained missionary. In 1875 Haggs became an independent parish but our vision remained the same, to take the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ to the people of this parish.

In our time line we showed the times of celebration and times of trial for our church and our community and we were asked to give our vision for the future. We felt that we continued to need a presence in this parish taking the good news of Jesus by word and action to the people of the parish.

We are the church, the body of Christ, in this parish and each of us has gifts that can be used to further his kingdom. Please come and support your church in worship and in prayer over the coming months. There are a number of special services between now and Christmas e.g. Communion, Guild Dedication, Boys' and Girls' Brigade Dedication, Remembrance Sunday please come and support them.

Welcome back to all our organisations I hope that you had a good holiday and are ready to go forward into the new session with renewed enthusiasm. God bless you all

Helen F Christie

Editorial

I have just returned from a prolonged and most enjoyable holiday in France where the weather was great and the food was exceptional. The markets and shops in France are just bursting with produce - mostly grown in France and sold straight from the back yards or farms to the customers in the market places. Markets are held weekly where people can buy their fresh vegetables and fruit directly from the growers - we do not see so much of this now here at home - we tend to go to the supermarket and buy what is available there. I wonder how much thought we give to the work that is involved getting our food on to the table? The growers, the harvesters, the fishermen, the distributors and all the transport involved. We must remember to thank God for all that is good. At this time of Harvest Thanksgiving let us remember those who are less fortunate and have precious little food, please give generously to the Harvest appeal for the Vine Trust which helps children in South America with their lives and not just by giving them food to eat.

We need food for the table and Jesus gives us food for the soul. Praise the Lord, Thanks be to God.

Crossreach

The Crossreach Catalogue is now available in the vestibule. Orders are being taken

for Calendars, cards and gifts. For orders please see Maisie Mortimer. Thank you. There is a competition to design a Crossreach Christmas card - closing date 27th February 2012.

Maisie Mortimer

1st Haggs Junior Section.

The session is up and running with approx 16 boys attending each week. We have started a varied programme which will consist of arts and crafts, chess, simple first aid, figure marching, short religious talks and singing and much more. Later on we will enter all the Battalion competitions including sports, swimming and football. We plan a Halloween party, a Christmas night out and a summer week-end camp.

All our dedicated officers have returned this year and we look forward to a fun filled session for the boys.

If you know any boy who is in primaries 4, 5 or 6, please encourage them to come along on a Tuesday night.

If you need any further information please phone me on 812160

**Morag Wales
Officer-in-charge.**

Fitness Classes

A variety of classes have started once again in the Church Hall on Mondays - Zumba between 6-7 p.m., Pilates from 7.15 - 8.15 p.m. and Gym Ball on Tuesdays from 8 - 9 p.m. The charges for these classes are very modest and the classes are a most enjoyable way of keeping fit, getting fit or easing aches and pains. Go along and give it a try. If you would like more information contact Liz Heeps 07813857486 - your personal fitness instructor.

Reflections on a holiday

Over the summer holidays we were fortunate to visit the city of Bath where we saw the Roman Baths and took in the sights of the marvelous architecture of the city while enjoying a guided tour round the area. We visited the Abbey in the centre of the city where the height of the roof seemed to be endless and viewed the 56 scenes of the life of Jesus Christ depicted on the stained glass windows. We were invited to take communion and later we enjoyed a rehearsal by the Bath Orchestra who were performing in the Abbey that evening. The difference between the quiet reflective times when communion was being taken then the sound of the orchestra contrasted sharply but still blended with the purpose of this beautiful place of worship. This man, Jesus, who was born in a small village over 2000 years ago, spent his first 30 years sharing his daily life in an ordinary family. The next 3 years he went out telling people about God and called 12 ordinary people as helpers or disciples. He had no

money, wrote no books, commanded no army or had any political power yet today over 2 billion people throughout the world worship Him as the Son of God. Jesus taught us to trust in Him and to pray to Him for all our needs. For guidance in all that we do, strength to overcome doubts, humility in acceptance and courage to stand up for what we believe to be right.

The visit to Bath and the Abbey were one of the highlights of our summer break.

Moira Martin

Carpet Bowling

The Carpet Bowls have now commenced in the Church Hall at 12.30 p.m. every Wednesday. We will welcome any new members, come along and join us for some fun, chat and a cup of tea.

Elma Findlay

The Guild

On Saturday 27th August four of our members went to Dundee to the Annual Meeting of the Guild in the Caird Hall. It was a most enjoyable day and the speakers all gave us plenty to think about. The speakers were -

the Moderator Rt. Rev. David Arnott, Rev. Joel Edwards and Sandy Scrimgeour.

They all spoke about their particular areas. Mezzo Soprano Fiona Milne also entertained us during the day. The Guild members will see the video of this event later in the year.

The Guild will start again on 10th October at 2 p.m. in the Church Hall. The Guild Dedication Service will be held in Church on 9th October.

We would welcome any new members at our meetings held in the Church Hall every 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., so please come and join us.

Elma Findlay

Peoples Problems

Everyone has problems in this restless world of care
Everyone grows weary with the crosses they must bear
Everyone is troubled and their skies are overcast
As they try to face the future while still dwelling in the past.
But people with their problems only listen with one ear
For people only listen to the things they want to hear
And they only hear the things they are able to believe
And the answers God gives they're not ready to receive
So while the peoples problems keep growing every day
And humans try to solve them in their own willful way
God seeks to help and watches, waiting always patiently
To help them solve their problems whatever they may be
So people of all nations may at last become aware
That God will solve their problems
Through faith, hope and prayer.

Helen Steiner Rice, submitted by N. Ure.

Marriage

'Whom God has joined together'

June 26	Sharon Campbell to Craig Russell
July 16	Sharon Lunn to John Fenney
Aug 26	Nicola Benton to Graham Hosey
Sept 3	Ainsley Shearer to Graeme Bisset
Sept 18	Heather Mitchell to Graham Fullarton

Deaths

‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord’

July	Mr William Strang	Dennyloanhead
	Mr James Bruce	"
Aug.	Mr Thomas Reid	Head of Muir
	Mr Duncan Fleming	Coneypark
Sept.	Mrs Agnes Saville	Bonnybridge