



The Link

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Hi folks,

This summer I took a trip down memory lane as I went down the water on the Waverley, the last ocean-going paddle steamer which has been lovingly restored. It is a mixture of old and new to make it fit for its' purpose in the current century.

It reminded me of the position that we are in at Haggs Parish Church where we have a historical building which holds many memories for you as a congregation. It needs your continued commitment to keep it in good repair so it can continue to be used as a place of worship and also a meeting place for the congregation and the people of the Parish.

But the trip on the Waverley also reminded me that I was putting my safety in the hands of the crew and the person who was piloting the boat around the hidden rocks and shallows in the Clyde estuary.

It reminded me of the sailors' version of the 23rd Psalm...

The Lord is my Pilot, I shall not drift
He lighteth me across the dark waters
He steereth me in deep channels.
He keepeth my log.
He guideth me by the star of holiness for His name's sake.
Yea though I sail mid the tempests and thunders of life
I will dread no danger for Thou art with me.
Thy love and Thy care shall shelter me.
Thou preparest a harbour before me in the homeland of eternity.
Thou anointest the waters with oil.
My ship rideth calmly.
Surely sunlight and starlight shall favour me on the voyage I take
And I will rest in the haven of my God forever.

As you as individuals and as a congregation face the challenges ahead take comfort that God hears our prayers and guides us in our voyage through life.

God Bless you all,
Helen F Christie

Baptisms

“Suffer little children to come unto me”

June 2 Alicia Jane Thomson
Amelia Rose Thomson
July 7 Abigail Elizabeth Delury
Maisie Jane Delury

Marriages

“Whom God has joined together”

May 25 Jennifer Ramsay to Stuart Goldie
June 1 Claire Westbrook to Andrew Henderson
June 29 Rona Wilson to Andrew Dickson
July 2 Claire Penman to Andrew MacBeath

Deaths

'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord'

May Mr Frank Storrar Carronshore
June Mrs Betty Anderson Banknock
Mrs Ann Eaglesham Banknock
July Mrs Catherine Bayliss Banknock
Mr James Smellie Longcroft
Aug. Mrs Jean Marshall Dunipace
Mr. John McKenzie Banknock

The Guild

The Guild will commence with the dedication of the Guild in Church on 13th October and the first meeting will be on Monday 14th October.

Three members of the Guild will attend the Guild Rally in Dundee on 7th September.

Come along and join us every second Monday in the Church Hall at 2 p.m. Tea and chat included.

Elma Findlay

Carpet Bowls

The new session started on 28th August in the Church Hall. On 4th September we held a birthday party for Isobel Shearer as it was her 90th birthday. Isobel has been a stalwart member for many years. Many Happy Returns Isobel.

Elma Findlay

1st Hags Boys Brigade

The B.B. has started again and any boy is welcome to join in the sessions as listed: Anchor Boys 6 .00 p.m. (P2/P3), Junior Section (P4/P6) 7.15 p.m. on a Tuesday night in Bankier Primary and on Friday nights the Company Section meet in Bankier Primary at 7.45 p.m.m.) (P7/S6)

Captain - Ernest Firth

Editorial:

Don't the years seem to go by faster and faster? It seems like no time since I was remarking last year on the start of the new sessions in all of our Church activities and here we are again!! Nonetheless I hope you give a thought to all those who take responsibility for the training of our young people in the community and remember them in your prayers.

'Yoga for All'

'If you practice yoga, your everyday activities will improve and become more efficient. You have less time for useless occupations to constantly get in the way, preventing your contact with more essential things. Yoga is like a sieve through which the superficial falls away, leaving only what is important.' – Vanda Scaravelli

Join in the Yoga sessions on Thursday evenings in the Church Hall from 7.00pm until 8.15pm and see whether this type of exercise can help to clear your mind, strengthen your body and help you find the spiritual essence of your being. You need to have inner strength and love yourself before you can give support and love to others.

Contact Sue Storrar (01324-840757) for more details or come along to try out a class.

Falkirk Foodbank

Emergency Food for People in Crisis

Today there are children, young and old people who will not have anything to eat. Their cupboards are bare. They may have been empty for a few days and there is no knowing when or if they will be filled again. This is not a war zone or an area affected by a natural disaster.

This is here and now in Falkirk, Today!

The Falkirk Foodbank exists to provide emergency food to individuals and families who, quite simply, have nothing. They rely on the support of the general public, Churches, groups and businesses in our community to donate foodstuffs. With these donations, boxes or packs are made up designed to feed people for about three days.

The Foodbank was formed by a group of Churches as a Christian response to what was seen as a growing need in the community, it has brought together a range of Churches, but also groups and individuals of faith or no faith who can see the need for the project and are willing to work together to help others in a very clear and practical way.

We would like to encourage the congregation at Haggs Church to join in with this valuable work. A basket will be placed in the church and you are invited to donate items of food when and if you can. The donations will then be taken to the Foodbank for distribution to local people in need.

Please help local people by buying items from the list following and giving them to Falkirk Foodbank

- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Sugar (500g)
- Fruit juice (carton or diluting)
- Pasta sauces
- Vegetables (tinned)
- Meat (tinned)
- Fish (tinned)
- Tinned fruit
- Jam
- Chocolate – small bar

*‘For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...
whatever you did for one of the least of these children*

of mine, you did for me. ‘

(Matthew 25:35f)

Thank you for your help.

Praise Band

Rehearsals are now underway for the Harvest Festival on 22nd September. Later in the year a concert is planned in aid of the fund for the Boys Brigade Mini Bus. The date has yet to be confirmed but you should listen out for an announcement soon.

Elma Findlay.

1st Haggs Girl’s Brigade

We meet on Tuesday nights in Church Hall – Explorers 5.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m., Juniors & Brigaders 6.30 – 8.00 p.m. All girls welcome.

Shirley-Anne Hobbs

Sept. 2013:

8th – Falkirk Foodbank Talk

15th – Fire Drill

22nd Harvest Festival/Praise Band

27th – GB “Get Together”

Oct. 2013:

6th – Formal Communion 9th – Bankview Harvest Service

13th Guild Dedication Service

26th – Explorers’ ‘Fun Day’ – Church Hall

27th – Autumn ‘Soup & Sandwich’ Lunch and uplift of Blythswood Trust Shoe Boxes.

Nov. 2013:

8th – Bankview Remembrance Service

10th Remembrance Sunday

17th – Beginning of Guild Week

23rd – St. Andrew’s Ceilidh @ Arch. Russell Centre

24th – Informal Communion

30th – Church decorated for Christmas

Dec. 2013:

1st – Advent Christmas Sale/Teas & 3pm Memorial Service

8th – GB Carol Service

15th – Gift Service & ‘Soup & Sandwich’ Lunch

18th – Bankview Service @ 2pm & Carol Singing @ 6pm

24th – 7pm Family Service @ Head of Muir School/ 11.30pm –

Watch Night Service @ Haggs

25th – Christmas Day Service 29th Lessons & Carols