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Editorial

Our Seasons of Stewardship programme is dealing with Time as you will read elsewhere in this magazine. Time passes so fast we should not waste it for we cannot get it back! Look up all the passages in the Bible referring to time and see what you can find. *(It's quite fascinating and time consuming!)*

In the meantime I must fly as I have all the other articles to put into this magazine to get it out on time!



Church Diary 2013

March 2013	
	2 p. m. Wednesday Service at Bankview Nursing Home (13 th & 27 th)
1 st	World Day of Prayer 7p.m. in Haggs Parish Church
3 rd	Sacrament of Holy Communion 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
10 th	Mothering Sunday
17 th	Annual Stated Meeting the church hall following the Church Service
24 th	Palm Sunday/Praise Band/Souper Lunch
25 th – 29 th	Holy Week Services as follows:- Monday 25 th – Bonnybridge 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 26 th – Haggs 7.30 p.m. Wednesday 27 th – 2p.m. Bankview – Denny Old 7.30 p.m. Thursday 28 th – Maundy Thursday Bonnybridge 7.30 p.m. Friday 29 th – Haggs Parish Church 7.30 p.m.
31 st	Easter Sunday – 9 a.m. Breakfast and Service / Informal Communion at Archibald Russel Centre. 11 a.m. Service at Haggs Parish Church
April 2013	
	2 p.m. Wednesday Service at Bankview Nursing Home
	9.30 a.m. Head of Muir Service
20 th	Sponsored Forth Road Bridge walk for Christian Aid
25 th	Christian Aid Forth Bridge Crossing Walk
May 2013	
	2 p.m. Wednesday Service at Bankview Nursing Home
12 th – 18 th	Christian Aid Week
12 th	9.30 a.m. Service at Head of Muir 11 a.m Soup/Sandwich Lunch at Haggs after the service
19 th	Pentecost Heart & Soul in Edinburgh Princess Street Gardens
June 2013	
	2 p.m. Wednesday Service at Bankview Nursing Home
	Sunday Club Prize Giving Service (tba)

Christian Aid 2013

We aim to raise more money for the work of Christian Aid in 2013 than we did last year.

To do this we need more help from you:

- Could you join in the Forth Bridge Cross Sponsored Walk on Saturday 20th April 2013 or sponsor other people who are walking?
- Could you help with the 'Super Soup' Lunch on Sunday 12th May by providing soup or by attending the lunch and giving generously?
- Could you do house-to house collecting in your area during Christian Aid Week from 12th-18th May?

If you can help in any way with the work for Christian Aid then please contact Sue Storrar (01324-840757) or speak to her at church.

Fitness Classes

On Mondays 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. Zumba fitness – it's fun, easy and effective.

Mondays 7.15 p.m. Pilates (class full)

Tuesdays 8.15 p.m. Pilates (limited spaces available)

Fridays 11-12 noon – Zumba Gold for unconditioned or older adults.

For more information contact Liz Heeps on 07813857486

Praise Band

The Big Sing on 23rd December went well was enjoyed by all present. It was nice to hear the old favourites interspersed with new additions at Christmas time.

Rehearsals are now under way for Palm Sunday on 24th March.

If you would like to come and sing, please join us you will be made welcome and Arthur makes the coffee!

Elma Findlay

Carpet Bowls

Everyone attending enjoys the Wednesday afternoon session of carpet bowls although there are not many playing that doesn't diminish the enthusiasm and skill.

If you would like a fun filled couple of hours we meet in the Church Hall on a Wednesday.

Elma Findlay



TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

Time is precious to us all.
How do you spend your time?

During the month of May 2013 Haggs Parish Church will be undertaking a Seasons of Stewardship Programme on the theme of 'time'.

We are planning a variety of events to encourage you to join together to spend:

TIME for Leisure - Family service, the Praise Band, a Super Soup lunch and a birthday celebration party for the Church at Pentecost.

TIME for Church - Service for groups, uniformed organisations and the congregation to come together in church to share praise. A special 'Time Giving Day' will encourage members to offer their time to help with jobs needing to be done in and around the church.



TIME for Others - 12th-18th May is Christian Aid Week. Extra collectors are needed to join in the door-to-door collection so more streets in the parish can be covered. Our donation to Christian Aid helps to support the most vulnerable people in the World.

TIME for God - Prayer, reflection, Bible study and Informal Communion Service.

Please give your support to this Stewardship Season - time spent together can make a difference to the life and work of Haggs Parish Church.



The Guild

This being The Guild's 125th Anniversary on 3rd December we had an afternoon of Christmas carols followed by tea with a cake donated by Jessie and Anne Ferguson. The cake was cut by Isobel Shearer and we then toasted the Guild with Maisie's Ginger Wine. There was also a sale of Christmas Decorations – money will go to our projects.

We had our Christmas lunch at the Railway Inn and so far this session we have had 3 speakers – Ian Scott talking to us about “Old Falkirk”, Jack Dunn gave an entertaining talk entitled “Around the World in 40 minutes” and Sharanne Findlay spoke to us about her work in the prison service.

The Scots night when we invited the 37 Club members was well attended and the entertainment was provided by The Zetland Singers.

The Beetle Drive in aid of Driving Force produced plenty of noise and laughter. Jack Dunn as the winner (again, how does he do it?)

The World Day of Prayer was this year held in Haggs Church and attended by St Helens and St Joseph's Bonnybridge and St Luke's from Haggs. The service was written by the “Women of France”. Thanks to all who attended.

As you can see we have a varied and interesting programme so if you wish to join us you will be made most welcome. Thank you to everyone who supports us- we are very grateful for that support.

Elma Findlay

Marriage

‘Whom God has joined together’

Dec. 23rd 2012 Nicola Taylor to David Millar

Deaths

‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord’

Nov.	Mrs Ann Schofield	Bonnybridge
Jan.	Mr George Stuart	Banknock
	Mr Thomas Mortimer	Dennyloanhead
	Mr David Barsanti	Banknock
	Mrs Helen Sloan	Dennyloanhead
	Mrs Linda Dickie	Allandale
	Mr James Smith	Camelon

The Manse
Spring 2013

Hi Folks,

Spring is in the air and the weather has been reasonable over the last few days encouraging the flowers to show forth.

I am writing this on the afternoon of Communion Sunday, giving thanks for our service this morning where we shared in the Lord's Supper and witnessed the profession of faith of Daniel and Sarah Laird. A very enjoyable service but also a service that reminded us of our own commitment to Christ. As his followers we are called to service to give of ourselves to the work of Christ caring for one another and for the world.

Elsewhere in the magazine you will find information about our Stewardship Season in May this year where you are asked to consider the gift of your time.

But first of all we come to the most important celebration of the Christian year. EASTER SUNDAY. . The day that we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ giving hope of new life to each of us. This year we are inviting you to join us for breakfast at the Archibald Russell Centre followed by an informal Communion and then we move to Hags Church at 11 a.m. where there is the Easter egg hunt for the youngsters and the rolling of their decorated eggs whilst the adults hear the Easter message.

Please come and support your church with your presence and please continue to support us in your prayers.

God bless you all.

Helen F Christie

WHAT DOES TIME MEAN TO YOU

In 2012 Higgs Parish Church started on a three year stewardship programme covering Time, Talents and Money. Because we had not had a review of giving for some time we commenced the programme in June by concentrating on money matters. We do know that times are hard and money can be tight but thanks to the generosity of about 20% of our member's households the sum of £1010.50 was raised. Thank you again to all who contributed.

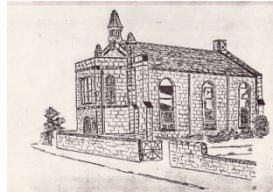
This year our theme is Giving of Time and our stewardship season will be the month of May. We can all give of our time without financial cost and it is sincerely hoped that many more of our membership will feel able to contribute this year. Elsewhere in the magazine you will find a Program of Events for May concentrating on a different aspect of giving of time each week. On Saturday 11th May you are invited to come to church and offer some of your time to help your church. If you can offer time to do some jobs during May that would be good. If you can offer to do some work on a regular on going basis that would be excellent.

As we look ahead over the next 2 years to the time when our minister will retire and the number of ministries in the area will be reduced from five to four we recognise that we will require to be more self sufficient in many ways. One way in which we can all help is by giving freely of our time to help in the up keep of our church to limit operating and maintenance costs or perhaps assist in worship or visiting to ease the future ministerial work load.

Let us all reflect on how much of our time we can give to our church and to God. Everyone on becoming a communicant member of the Church of Scotland by Profession of Faith has vowed to give a fitting proportion of their time talents & money to their Church. Now is the time to fulfil those vows and this year give some of your time.

Murray McCheyne, Session Clerk (Pro Tem)

HAGGS PARISH CHURCH



May 2013 - Giving of Time Programme

- Sunday 5th May - 11.00 am worship to mark the start our **Giving of Time** month with informal Communion at the close of the service.
- Saturday 11th May – Bring your gift of your time to Church between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm. Let us know what time you can give to carrying out work for your church. During this time there will be a “Fun Day” in the church hall with games for all ages.
- Sunday 12th May - Christian Aid Sunday and the beginning of Christian Aid week with a Soup & Sandwich lunch following the morning service. Could YOU give a few hours of your time this week to help with door to door collections.?
- Sunday 19th May - Pentecost. Join us as we celebrate the birth of the Christian church at our family service with music by the Praise Band. As at all birthday parties there will be a celebration cake to share.
After the service why not visit the Heart & Soul event in Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh and learn about the many other ways in which we could give of time to the wider work of the church.
- Sunday 26th May - Trinity Sunday. We will serve a Sausage and Bacon breakfast in the church hall from 09.45 to 10.30 am before morning service at Haggs. Do come along for breakfast and fellowship before church when we celebrate our “Giving of Time” stewardship season.

Haggs Parish Church

Here are just some of the ways in which YOU
Could help YOUR church by giving some of YOUR time



Gardening at the church grounds
Church property maintenance
Church Spring Clean
Baking
Visiting housebound members
Hospital visiting
Visiting nursing homes
Painting & decorating
Organising and serving teas & coffees after church services and at special events.
Assist leaders of youth organisations
Help with Sunday Club
Join a fund raising group
Take part in worship
Print documents using the church photo copier
Banner making
Sewing
Launder communion linen



This is not an exhaustive list. I am sure you can think of many ways of helping. Please don't be shy. Come forward with your own ideas. Offer some of your time. You will be most welcome as there is always something to be done.