

Hi Folks,

“Summer suns are glowing over land and see
happy light is flowing beautiful and free”

The first lines of this hymn are a reminder of what we wish the weather will be like as we take off on holiday in Britain or abroad or simply enjoy time in the garden.

As I write I am looking forward to taking part in the final School Assemblies before the Summer holidays. As part of the services I always take along something to show and tell.

This year it is a book of walks in Glasgow & South West Scotland. A guide for days out, explaining the route, level of difficulty, things of interest on the way, even suggestions on where to eat. I will then talk of how the Primary 7s are moving on to High School, how they have visited to find their way about and how a map can make this easier, but also how it will be easier having their friends as companions on the way. When we set out on a walk how much better it is to have company to share the experiences on the way.

In our Christian life that company may be found in taking an active part in the services and activities in the Church here in Haggs. Or it may be a visit from a friend from the Church when you are housebound or in hospital.

But one companion is always with you on the way as your comforter and guide, our Lord Jesus Christ, as noted in this last verse of the hymn.

“Light of light, shine o’er us on our pilgrim way
still go on before us to the endless day”

Happy holidays, God Bless

Helen F Christie

Editorial

Life is unpredictable, as is our weather!

Life would be so dull and uninteresting if we went about our daily chores doing the same thing day after day, and for some it may be just that. But if you live your life every day in the way our good Lord intended, doing good, looking out for others, not wasting time and enjoying the moments when the sun shines, you will find great pleasure.

Planning a day out, a holiday, or time with friends is always something to look forward to and everyone needs a little something to aim for in life. So it is with thankful hearts we should consider how much pleasure our contribution to the work of Christian Aid brings to some places in the world where there may be constant sunshine but dreadful poverty and all that that entails.

Recently some of us attended Roll Away the Stone in Princess Street Gardens in Edinburgh and had a good time, mingling with like minded folks, singing happy hymns and songs and listening to children’s music with a Christian message for our youngsters. It was good to walk among fellow Christians and be part of that happy day when all you seem to hear on the TV and radio is the despair and lack of understanding between religions and nations.

There is hope for this world, when we follow Jesus.

What the Lord requires of us is this:

to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God.

From the Old Testament.

Have a relaxing and happy summer.

Jean McCheyne

Praise Band

The Praise Band were in Church on Palm Sunday leading the singing at this service. We will begin rehearsals again later in the year for our forthcoming performances. If you are in the least way musical and would like to join us you will be made most welcome.

Elma Findlay

The Guild

On 21st March we had a Concert with the Praise Band as entertainers. The hall was decorated with flags, bunting and pictures from WWII. The songs from the 1940's were enjoyed by the audience, who participated in singing.

There followed the usual tea and goodies. Thanks to Murray McCheyne who was stage manager and kept things ticking over!

The Daffodil tea on 4th April was a pleasant afternoon and enjoyed by all who attended. On 11th April we held our A.G.M. and funds were disbursed as follows - £200 to the Church and £200 to each of our two projects - On the Other Side Scotland - Outreach and A New Hunger - Various Countries, H.I.V. and Aids Project. On behalf of the Guild I would like to thank all the people who have supported us throughout the year, it is most appreciated.

This year when we closed instead of a drive we had a lunch at the Railway Inn at Dennyloanhead.

We would also like to see some new members so if you wish to join us we meet in the Church Hall at 2 p.m. every 2nd Monday afternoon, we resume again after the summer break in October.

Elma Findlay

Girls Brigade Scotland - President's Lunch

On 22nd May we were honoured and delighted to be nominated by Central Division to attend the above event.

The concept of the lunch is to recognise officers and helpers who have given outstanding service to a company over a sustained period. We were welcomed by the National President, Anne Hosie, MBE, and enjoyed a lovely lunch in beautiful surroundings. We met lots of ladies who have given of their time and talents to support the Girls Brigade and we appreciated the fellowship and friendship we shared.

Jean Proffit and Liz Heeps.

Teas - Coffees

I would like to thank everyone who took a turn at serving Teas and Coffees this last session. It provided a place of friendship and fellowship after the service and was much appreciated by all who attended.

This continues our theme of "Together we make a difference".

Elizabeth Dunn.

CAN YOU HELP?

This summer we are raising funds by RECYCLING CLOTHING.

WANTED

ALL CLEAN & DRY CLOTHING, BAGS, BELTS, TIES, SHOES (including sandals, boots, slippers, and trainers), WALLETS, PURSES & WATCHES.

NO THANK YOU:-

No household items such as bric-a-brac, bed linen or curtains please.

Between July 18th and Aug 20th donations can be brought to church on Sundays

OR to arrange an uplift call:-

Carol Richmond 840761

Elizabeth Dunn 840763

Marion Campbell 840002

My Prayer - Helen Steiner Rice

Bless me heavenly Father -
Forgive my erring ways.
Grant me strength to serve Thee,
Put purpose in my days.
Give me understanding,
Enough to make me kind,
So I may judge all people
With my heart and not my mind.
Teach me to be patient
In everything I do.
Content to trust Your wisdom
And to follow after you.
Help me when I falter
And hear me when I pray,
And receive me in Thy kingdom
To dwell with Thee someday.

O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.
Psalm 84 verse 12.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.
Psalm 118 verse 26

Submitted by Nan Ure

Blessed Little Memories - Helen Steiner Rice

Tender little memories
Of little things we've done
Make the very darkest day
A bright and happy one.
Tender little memories
Of some word or deed
Give us strength and courage
When we are in need,
Blessed little memories
Help us bear the cross
And soften all the bitterness
Of failure and of loss.
Priceless little memories
Are treasures you can't buy.
And oh, how poor the world is
Compared to you and I.

Submitted by Nan Ure

July	6 th 2 p.m.	Service at Bankview Nursing Home.
	10th	Sea Sunday Service

If anyone has any dates for the Church diary to keep it up to date, please give the information to Sue Storrar. Tel. 01324 840757

1st Hags Junior Section Camp - Fri 3rd - Sun 5th June
Girvan north Church, Girvan

We all set off in the Company mini-bus after tea on Friday, and arrived in Girvan shortly after 8.30pm. After sorting out the luggage and setting up the halls, some of the officers took the boys for the customary walk around the town, showing them the lifeboat station and discovering that the swimming baths had been knocked down. New ones are to be built there soon in a different position so that visitors can see Ailsa Craig, the view of which was obscured by the last baths.

We had supper, with the “must have” hot dogs, and the delicious home baking donated to us, and joined by Helen and Drew, who were staying at a local hotel. We played games until midnight, and tried to get everyone to sleep, This didn't take as long as usual, but two of the boys were very homesick and didn't sleep until much later, so some of the officers had only a couple of hours sleep, before they were up again making breakfast.

Saturday morning was rather overcast but still warm, and as the lady officers went for the shopping, the male officers took the boys to the newly refurbished play area on the front. We made a packed lunch for everyone, and had a really great picnic there, as the sun had come out by this time. The boys all made a bee line for the beach and although the water was freezing cold, they made the customary charge straight into the water, screaming as they went! The cold water did not deter them, and we stayed there for a few hours, with the officers sitting on the wall and enjoying the sun. It was great seeing them all enjoy themselves! Next stop was the local arcade, while some of the officers went to start the tea. After tea they played games, which were organised by Chris and David, the younger members of the staff, who really bonded with the boys, and gave them a great time. After tea we went to the arcades for a short while, and then on to Victory park where the boys had fun throwing missile shaped toys, which we bought at the local ASDA. They went quite far when you threw them, and it took a lot of running and energy to retrieve them. Another ploy to hopefully make them sleep well at night! Then back for supper, quizzes, and more fun and games before bed. They were all asleep by 11pm and the officers managed to have some time together to relax.

Sunday, the boys got up, dressed and had breakfast, before attending the Church service. Lunch was next, and then off to Victory park to attend the West Lowland Gathering, with highland dancing, football, pipe bands, stalls etc. but best of all, the boys' favourites, the rides!!! They met us later with an assortment of prizes but had been told NO GOLDFISH, after a previous year's experience, when we had to sit with a variety of plastic boxes filled with water, on our knees all the way home. Next we went back to the arcades for a final half an hour before we left Girvan to go home, money spent, in need of a bath, very tired, but having had a brilliant time!!!

Our session is now over, but we will return on the first Tuesday after the schools go back.

Thanks to everyone who supported us throughout the year, especially Maisie who made us some delicious cakes and biscuits for our camp.

Have a great summer.

Best wishes from all at the Junior Section.

Morag Wales.

Christian Aid

Thanks you to all involved in the collecting and giving of money for Christian Aid. To date this year we have raised £1728.37 from the Door to Door Collection (including C.A. Lunch and Coffee morning at Maddiston Primary School) and £489.50 for the Forth Bridge Crossing walk. Well done to all who participated in any way. You will make a difference to the communities in Nicaragua where Christian Aid is working with the local people helping them improve their quality of life.

Jean McCheyne for C.A. Group

Thought for today

I often wonder what the youngsters of today would do if they had no 24 hour TV, on demand films, mobile phones and internet.

I am glad I am not a child today with the peer pressure enforced on the young people through the media to have designer clothes, state of the art phones, I pods and all the trappings required for the various gadgets.

Moira Martin

Carpet Bowling

We had two ladies joining us this year and we all are enjoying the bowling and fellowship.

Our annual outing was to Pitlochry, a lovely part of the country, where we visited the shops and had a lovely meal before returning home.

We will resume again later in the year on a Wednesday afternoon at 12.30 p.m. in the Church Hall and we would welcome any new members. Date to be announced.

Elma Findlay

Baptism

'Suffer little children to come unto me'

April 24 Robyn Helen Hutchison

May 8 Ben Robert Scoular

29 Ruby Louise Martin

Marriage

'Whom God has joined together'

March 19 Laura Thomson to Simon Duke

May 7 Kirstine Sloan to Sandy Black

20 Debra Robinson to George Galbraith

June 12 Sara Crossan to Scott McLean

Deaths

'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord'

March Mr Andrew Baxter Bonnybridge

April Ms Jeannie Hall Banknock

Mrs Margaret Cooper “

Mrs Joanna Young Bonnybridge

Mr Ian McGrechan Banknock

Mrs Elizabeth Reid Bonnybridge

Mr Hance McGhee Coneypark

May Mr J. H. Muirhead Falkirk

Mrs Mary Robertson Bonnybridge

Mr Sandy Gerrard Longcroft

June Mr George Sneddon Hags