



ST. BRIDES PARISH CHURCH, NEWTONMORE NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2013

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From the Minister's desk...

Recently Laggan and St. Bride's churches had their Local Church Review, which is when every five years or so, the Presbytery sends people to find out about what we are doing and what our future plans are. As we talked about this at the meetings it became clear that this is a busy year for us, with a lot planned, never mind the things that will just happen!

Already in April we had our two week for Try Praying. You must have seen the banner on the church railings if you went past in the week after Easter, and you may well have been one of those who were given a booklet. I am hearing various stories about how these booklets have been used by church members and then how we have managed to "lose" them by handing them on to others. If anyone wants any more of them, please tell me, as I have a few spare, and it would be good if they too can find a useful home.

Praying is important, and so is giving. And praying about our giving is the best combination. In the past two years we have used the month of June to think about stewardship, first of time and then of talents. This year we are thinking about the stewardship of our money, but we are not going to do it in June, but in August.

Already a small group of people are beginning to plan an event which will not be about raising funds - that is different - but about helping church members understand more about how the use of our money fits into the way we understand our lives lived with God.



Our Stewardship programme is to be called **Forward in Faith** and this is the logo for it, prepared for us by Jean Noble. You will see this on all the information about the programme which comes your way, and which will culminate with a gathering to eat and explore our part in the church's life on **Thursday 28th August**. We are also planning that the exhibition which we will have about the life of the church for that evening will be left in place and then offered to the parish in an open day on Saturday 30th. So there is plenty for us to be doing!

Meanwhile we have the Highland Games to look forward to and the Global Community Games - about which more in this newsletter. And during the Commonwealth Games we will be giving a copy of Luke's Gospel to every home in the parish. Lots to do, lots of ways to reach out to others with God's love and in so doing, to grow deeper into that love ourselves.

Have a good summer.
Your minister,
Catherine Buchan.

COMMUNION

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at our morning service, 11.15 a.m., on Sunday 1st June. All followers of Christ are welcome to join us around the Lord's Table. At the service a retiring offering for Christian Aid will be taken.



LOOKING AHEAD

June 1st Communion

June 4th Ordination of Mary Ellen Thomson Kingussie 7 p.m.

June 8th Badenoch Chorale concert Kingussie Church 7.30 p.m.

June 21-27 Minister on holiday

June 29th Messy Church

July 3rd 11.15 a.m. End of term service for Newtonmore school

July 11-20 Minister on holiday

July 27th Laggan church picnic at Ardverikie, all welcome

August 2nd Newtonmore Highland Games

August 4-10 Global Community Games

August 28th 6.30 p.m. Forward in Faith event, St. Bride's church

August 31st New session of Messy Church



GLOBAL COMMUNITY GAMES

With Scotland hosting the Commonwealth games, sport is quite a national theme this year. Because of this the local churches and the local Scripture Union staff have teamed up to offer a Global Community Games to the Badenoch and Strathspey area, taking place just after the Commonwealth Games have finished.

During the week of **Monday 4th-Sunday 10th August** various places will be running a holiday Club for primary-aged children in the mornings, entitled "Fit for a King", and then offering coaching with professional sports coaches who are also Christians for teenagers in the afternoons. There may be an evening activity or two and on the Sunday all the local clubs will come together for a barbeque at the Abernethy Outdoor Centre to share our experiences and have fun.

TWINNING

During the second week of May it was great to have the Rev. Miroslav Pfann (Mirek) with us, from the churches of Libis and Kostelec not far from Prague. As we develop our twinning we hope to know more of Mirek and the people of his churches. Already he talks about "When you come..." (Mirek said "All your farmers have written a book!")

If you ever have to miss worship and want to catch up with the sermon, you can find it on the St. Bride's website, at www.stbrides-newtonmore.org.uk. It gets posted there a couple of days after the relevant Sunday! You will also find the weekly notices and other information there. Check it out!

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