

Campsie Parish Church

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



October – November 2017



Upcoming Services

1st October: Exodus 17: 1-7 Matthew 21: 23 -32

Theme: *“An honest ‘no’ is better than a reluctant ‘yes’!”*

Jardine and Margaret Smith will collect the rag bags for sale.

8th October: (Communion Sunday) Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Matthew 21: 33-46

Theme: *“Thou shalt not...”*

15th October: *The Minister will swap pulpits with David Denniston. Jane will be taking services in Fowlis Wester and Gask in Perthshire and David will take the service in Campsie Parish Church.*

22nd October: Exodus 33: 12-33 Matthew 22: 15-22

Theme: *“In whose image?”*

29th October: Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 Matthew 22: 54-46

Theme: *We can all be heroes!*

Youth Dedication Sunday at which the youth organisations will be present.

5th November: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Matthew 4: 12-20

Theme: *Who are the Saints?*

The readings this Sunday are the readings for All Saints Day

12th November: (Remembrance Sunday) Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25 Matthew 25: 1-13

Theme: *“Choose this day whom you will serve”*

19th November: (Guild dedication service) 1 Corinthians 13 John 13: 31-38

Theme: *Go in love ...*

26th November: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24, Matthew 25: 31-46

Theme: *The sheep and the goats*

Letter from the Manse....

Dear Friends

Welcome to the very first edition of our bimonthly newsletter which I'm delighted to say Muriel Connell has agreed to organise.

While the website has all this information and a lot of news I know that not all of you have access to a computer or want to find your information online. In this newsletter, you should find everything you need to know about what is going on in Campsie Parish Church. This is one of the places where you will find out what is planned for the coming months, including services, Acts of Random Kindness, events and other happenings in the life of the church. It is also the place where I have an opportunity to have a conversation with you in a way that is not possible on a Sunday morning.

I hope that you will respond to what you see in this newsletter either to me in person, or by email, Jane.Denniston@churchofscotland.org.uk, or by phone (01360) 310 846. If you would like to submit something to be included in the newsletter then please speak to Muriel Connell or email her at murieljconnell@gmail.com. If there are things that you would like to see covered in the newsletter, then please speak to myself or Muriel. You will see in this newsletter that the readings and themes for forthcoming services are listed. If you look at the themes ahead of time, and read the passages, and have any any questions, please let me know and I will try as far as possible to bear them in mind as I am preparing for the Sunday service. I hope that this will be a regular feature of the newsletter and that sermons can become more directly related to the concerns that the congregation communicate to me.

This is YOUR newsletter, and I hope that communication will flow in both directions, from me to you, and from you to me. In a busy church, it is very easy for communication to break down, and for people to feel left out. It would make me very sad if anyone in Campsie Parish Church felt that they did not matter or were not cared for. EVERYONE matters, everyone is welcome, everyone has a part to play, everyone is needed and everyone is important. Jesus said, "In my Father's house there are many rooms... I am going there to prepare a place for you." Jesus was of course referring to heaven, but it is equally true of God's house on earth, there is room for everyone, and everyone is welcome.

Your friend

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Bite-sized opportunities for service

“Do what you can, not what you can’t!”

People are increasingly busy and it’s difficult to find the time to be committed to anything in the long term. For this reason, we are looking to offer you the opportunity to be involved in the life of the church in small ways and for short periods of time.

There are a variety of tasks to be done around the church and in promoting and putting on the various events we have throughout the year.

These can range from making, or serving tea and coffee to helping clear up afterwards, as well as all the different tasks that go into organising an event. If you have gifts which you feel could be useful in any way please speak to your elder. The more of us who are involved, even in small ways, the less the burden falls on a few people.

***Watch this space for opportunities to
be involved!***

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 2nd December

Come to the Christmas Fayre for a delicious lunch and do your Christmas shopping.

Try your luck at the tombola or buy from our stalls of crafts, gourmet gifts, Fair Trade, homemade jams and chutneys and baking. There will also be activities for the children and a Christmas quiz will be available from October with the winner being announced on the day.

The Fayre will be open from noon till 2pm and if you are able to help in any way I should be delighted to hear from you.

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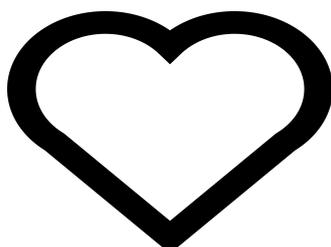


Dates for your Diary

7th October - 8.30am	Prayer Breakfast, Campsie Parish Church
7th October - 12.00 - 2.00pm	Rainbow Café
8th October - 6.30pm	Evening Service, Prayer and Praise
4th November - 8.30am	Prayer Breakfast, Free Church (tbc)
18th November - 10.30am-12	Prayer Workshop
25th November- 9.00 – 10.30am	Prayer Breakfast with speaker (tbc)
30th November	ARK - Distributing shortbread and tablet in the centre of the village, more details to follow

(A.R.K)

Acts of Random Kindness



You may remember that we have been engaging in acts of random kindness – small activities around the village through which we hope to raise the profile of Campsie Parish Church. We gave out tea lights at Christmas with a card, wishing people a Merry Christmas and outlining the times of the services.

On Valentine's Day we give out chocolate hearts and a card saying Jesus loves you. For this new session, we plan to give out short bread and tablet on St Andrew's Day, a tea light at Christmas



Prayer: Our congregation is known for its commitment to prayer. Our prayer secretary, Joan Thomson, keeps the prayer circle informed of all situations that come to our attention that need prayer. You will notice on the back of the order of service sheet every week that Joan lists items for prayer. We have prayer breakfasts on a monthly basis and are shortly to have a prayer workshop and a special prayer breakfast with a guest speaker. In the future, we are going to involve members of the congregation in reading the prayers on a Sunday morning. If you would like to be involved in this please let Jane know. If you, or anyone you know, would value the prayers of the prayer circle please contact:

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We hope you have enjoyed the first edition of this Campsie Parish Church Newsletter taken over by Muriel Connell, from the very capable hands of Joan and Marion. A very hard act to follow.....

Please keep Muriel updated with your news

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