

Lindores Litanies 1st July 2022



Прощу*

Abdie's carpet of blossom and the Ukrainian colours outside Newburgh display the joys of nature and the welcome extended to strangers into our wider church and community. Many of us who migrated to Lindores Parish in previous years have ourselves known the blessing of being made welcome and, as displaced Ukrainian families begin to arrive in our wider community, it's good to be able welcome them too. Newburgh church hall will soon be used as a venue for English lessons and social gatherings for folk who have lost so much in the past few months.

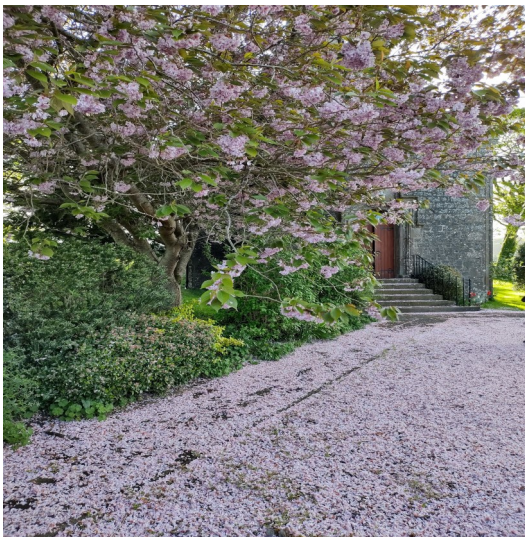
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We've also welcomed lots of children and their parents at our first Forest Family Fun days on Newburgh glebe this summer. It's wonderful to see our church grounds being enjoyed by so many of the local community who are now coming up with ideas about what else could be done on the land. As previous generations remember the old scout hut and family picnics on our glebe land, so we try to pass on an appreciation of nature and a delight in our Creator's continuing work.

Read on for further details about our recent and forthcoming events, hopes, prayers and aspirations...

* 'Welcome' in Ukrainian—pronounced 'Prosu'



General Assembly report

Margaret Stewart writes:

I attended the annual General Assembly on behalf of our church – my general comments are that work needs to continue on improving online accessibility; and even in ‘real life’, the venue is awkward to access for anyone with disabilities. Some of the debates were slow and clunky but on the whole I enjoyed it. Here are the highlights:

The GA called for a windfall tax on energy companies (two days before the UK Government’s announcement of same) and urged that no further licences for fossil fuel exploration or extraction be granted. Manses must be made more energy efficient, or be replaced.

Professor Jason Leitch (National Clinical Director) thanked the church for their efforts during the Pandemic, but reminded us the rest of the world is still to be vaccinated.

Final approval was given to legislation allowing Church of Scotland ministers and deacons to register as celebrants of same sex marriages if they wish. Views were put forward that same sex marriages are unscriptural; and legal issues were discussed regarding the position of those who chose not to carry out such marriages. At the close of the

debate however, the Act was passed by 274 votes to 136.

The Ecumenical Report, with the new St. Margaret Declaration of friendship with the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland, was poorly covered by the media despite being a major milestone in our Churches history. We should perhaps look at this further as a church given our own commitment to breaking down the barriers.

There was praise for the work of the many military chaplains and for the work done by CrossReach and the Guild.

There was debate about how to attract young people to the church; we need ‘influencers’.

Life and Work has published a FREE four page General Assembly Special Supplement for 2022 that can be [viewed here](https://www.lifeandwork.org/resources/general-) – full link <https://www.lifeandwork.org/resources/general->



Work in Progress

CLUSTER EVENT, FALKLAND ESTATE

Each church in our cluster attended a joint service on 22nd May and was allocated a topic to contribute to the worship. The theme was 'the fruits of the Spirit' (Paul's letter to the Galatians, Ch 5 Vs 22-23) '*... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*'

We were asked to provide something on joy and patience. Joy? Patience? For us to show other people? This is a tall order; however, since at Lindores we derive great joy from the drama group, we improvised. Most of the contributions from other churches were, it has



to be said, somewhat more traditional and very good they were too. But we like to think that ours will be the one they remember best!

WORSHIP WEAVING

What's it like, standing up week after week to address the congregation with words that you hope will bring solace, inspiration, challenge? What attributes are needed? Is it just like a performance? No, it certainly isn't; and for many years churches have been encouraging members to get involved in the joint worship experience. They don't refer to *leading* worship, but to *weaving* it – an interesting distinction given Newburgh's historic and ongoing involvement in the weaving industry. In weaving, every strand has a part to play, and the strands criss-cross each other to form a firm, strong fabric with endless variations of texture and design.

Recently, some of our members have been

working with Elspeth Smith, our weel-kent local church reader, and now look forward to sharing with the congregation some of the insights they have gained. Groups of three will be responsible for aspects of the worship in each church service – starting on 3rd July at the Auld Kirk. Please support them and give constructive feedback. Ask them what it's like to be contributing to church life in this way; and if you fancy it yourself, speak to Valerie.

Yes, we use our ears in worship – traditionally perhaps, listening to the sermon was all you were expected to do. But worship – or responding to God – can engage all your senses. If there's something in life that speaks to you of a higher and better way, then the chances are that others might feel it too.



Further FAMILY FOREST FUN DAYS

(see next page)

Newburgh Glebe, Monkswell Road, Newburgh
on 10th July and 11th September from 2-4pm

Activities include woodland games, making musical instruments, finding rainbows in the wood, identifying wildlife, building bonfires

Booking essential as numbers are limited.
Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact Valerie Walker at
lindoreschurch@gmail.com or 07720 327766 for
more information and to book a place.

Suggested donation £5 per family; sponsored by
Lindores Parish church

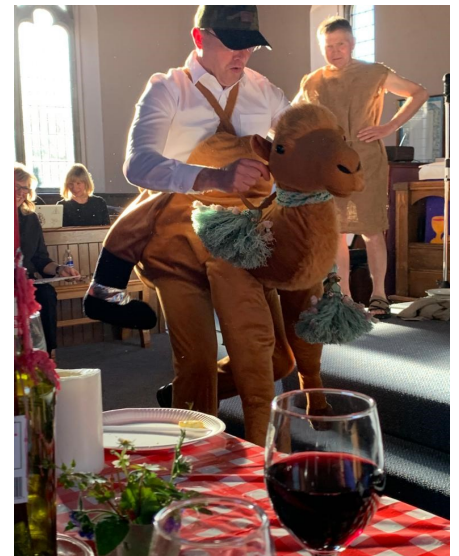
Forest Fun on Newburgh Glebe



On May 14th then June 12th, 29 children and their families had a great time building dens and shelters, making swords, bows and arrows and wood pendants. The church paid for outdoor educator Chris Childe (Childe in the Wilde) to lead the days with assistance from our enthusiastic volunteers: Elaine, Natalie, Jim, Kylie, Paul and Toni. Everyone got a turn on the bow saw and folk enjoyed it so much we've booked Chris again for July 10th and September 11th.



Lindores Parish Drama Group
Presents
Acts of God:
A light hearted biblical flight of fancy
(.. because God created laughter too)
in Newburgh Church
Friday 27th May at 7pm
Entry £5 (includes Cheese & Wine)



Clockwise from top left: A scene from the Vicar of Lindores; Father addresses uncomfortable facts with teenage son; Local farmer too busy camel racing to pick his own fruit; Scott playing Jesus; Lindores Chariot Wash; Fergio in Up Lindores; Mags' Bazaar; the devil creeps up on Rev I M Jolly

Meet the Georgians...

Our two oldest members had very special birthdays recently – **Barbara Berry** turned 90 and **Chris Melville** turned 100. Both ladies have lived through ‘interesting times’, as detailed below. Barbara had been a maid in service at Ballinbreich House, and was invited back there for tea on her 90th birthday by Robert Montgomery, the present owner. She later said that she had loved the visit and it was one of her best ever birthday treats.

Scotland in the 1920s and 30s was marked by huge technological and artistic achievements, advancements for women, and also great hardships. The first Hunger March set out from Glasgow to London in 1922, in the year of Chris’s birth, and these marches were still going on ten years later when Barbara was born.

Meantime in 1922 the BBC was formed, with John Reith as its first General Manager. There was a general election that year, with Winston Churchill failing to keep his Dundee seat, coming fourth in the polls. Three baby boys born the same year as Chris were destined for greatness – Fulton Mackay, Jock Stein and Cliff Hanley. The inventor Alexander Graham Bell died in Canada; and John Buchan’s novel ‘Huntingtower’ was published.

In 1926, John Logie Baird gave the first public live transmission of a picture of a human face.

In 1928, all women over 21 were given the right to vote (in 1918, the vote had been granted only to married women over 30). In the same year, Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin.

In 1930, Princess Margaret was born at Glamis Castle – the first royal princess to be born in Scotland in three centuries.

Barbara was born in 1932, a year full of international adventure. Bonnie Parker (of Bonnie and Clyde) was captured and jailed, but released a few months later when a grand jury failed to indict her, and Al Capone was jailed for income tax evasion. Amelia Earhardt became the first woman to fly solo and nonstop across the Atlantic; and the film ‘Grand Hotel’ starring Greta Garbo (‘I want to be alone...’) and John Barrymore premiered.



Barbara with her sister-in-law Netta

Just a few years later in 1936, with Barbara a small child and Chris perhaps setting out in life at the grand age of 14, Perth Museum and Art Gallery was opened by the Duke and Duchess of York – later George VI and Queen Elizabeth; George V died and was briefly succeeded by Edward VIII. The racing driver Jim Clark was born at Kilmany; and Oor Wullie was published for the first time in the Sunday Post.

Many happy returns to you both, ladies, you are an inspiration to us all.

Footnotes

FLEA MARKET (IN AID OF GLEBE FUNDS) – 4th and 5th June.

What a fabulous weekend flea market in Newburgh Church this weekend. Thanks to all the people who attended, we raised over £450 for the Glebe!

An enormous thank you to Jim, Kylie, Natalie, Bob, Sally and Sue and all our fabulous stall holders and friends who supported us and helped make this such an amazing success.

Newburgh's Wellbeing Choir started in September 2019 with an aim of bringing people together to sing - especially those who may be socially isolated, have disabilities, respiratory or other physical or mental health issues. Accompanied by local professional musicians Dave Watt and James Ford, the group has survived Lockdown and is singing together again, continuing to develop and enjoy friendships and a sense of group achievement.

Bernie Duncan, the group's Treasurer, wrote to Willie Rennie and Wendy Chamberlain, our elected members and invited them to attend a fundraising concert on 30th June – 'Music from the Shows' – and here they are joining in the fun. The TICC hall was full with lots of fancy dress and hilarity; everyone sang along with gusto; and a healthy sum (still counting) was raised for the cause.



Please visit our website and Facebook page and give them lots of Likes and Shares: [Lindores Parish Church | Facebook](#)

and: [Home | Lindores Parish | Church of Scotland](#)

ZOOM LINK for services is on the website.

SERVICES IN JULY AND AUGUST (all at 10.30am):

3rd July Abdie Auld Kirk: Weather permitting. Please bring chair, cushion, blanket, anything else that you need for outdoor comfort. **Same date**—Strawberry Teas at Newburgh Church, 2-4pm

10th July Newburgh

17th July Abdie

24th July URC, Newburgh

31st July Abdie, followed by family picnic in church grounds—bring rug and picnic

4th Aug Celtic Communion Abdie

7th Aug Newburgh

14th Aug Abdie

21st Aug Newburgh

Sat 27th Aug Cluster walk, details tbc

28th Aug Abdie

1st Sept Celtic Communion, Newburgh

Holiday Pastoral cover:

Our Interim Moderator Catherine Wilson has volunteered to do pastoral cover for Valerie's July holidays. Her phone no is 01333 310936, email catherine.wilson@btinternet.com