

Connections

Helensburgh
Parish
Church



Cut Out and Keep
Bookmark

Lord

Help me to live this
day

Quietly, easily,

To lean on thy great
strength

Trustfully, restfully,

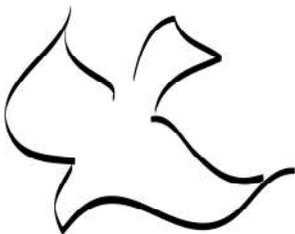
To await the unfolding
of Thy will

Patiently, joyously,

To face tomorrow

Confidently,
courageously.

St Francis of Assisi



Pastoral Letter

Dear All

I thought I'd take advantage of 'Connections' to say a word or two as I get under way as the Locum for Helensburgh Parish Church linked with Rhu & Shandon Church. Those of you who have been attending worship will know that it is my intention to use St Matthew's Gospel as our companion from now until the end of the Vacancy. For the first time in 25 years I am departing from my custom of using the lectionary. There are two reasons for this; the first is that during the next few months we will be preparing for the arrival of your new minister and St Matthew has much to say on the whole business of 'preparing'; secondly I thought that if the congregation was preparing for a new ministry then I would do something new too.

My choice of Matthew was inspired by my late friend and colleague the Rev Leith Fisher whose commentary on St Matthew's Gospel was published after his untimely passing in 2009. Leith gave his commentary the title 'But I say to you'. You will have already identified the source of the comment. Jesus uses the words time and again in St Matthew's Gospel.

The other Saturday I visited a friend in hospital. One of my colleagues in ministry was also visiting. We left the ward together and chatted about our mutual duties. I told him of my intention. He said, 'I can tell you a story.'

The Chief Rabbi and the Bishop of Liverpool were having a discussion about Jesus as a 'Rabbi'. The Chief Rabbi concluded the discussion by saying Jesus wasn't a rabbi in the tradition that role is understood. A Rabbi would always refer to the religious tradition of the law and the prophets. Jesus never did. Time and again Jesus would say, 'You have heard it said...' and he would continue 'But I say to you.'

Jesus grew up in the tradition of his forefathers he knew the scriptures inside out but he brought a new way of thinking and understanding which would, quite frankly, change the world.

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Worship Schedule

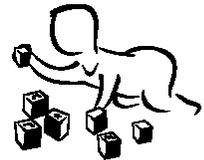
All services are in the church unless otherwise stated.



2nd Aug	11:00	Joint Summer Service (Helensburgh)	
9th Aug	11:00	Joint Summer Service (Helensburgh)	
16th Aug	10:00	Morning Worship	John Christie
23rd Aug	10:00	Morning Worship	John Christie
30th Aug	10:00	Morning Worship	John Christie
6th Sept	10:00	Morning Worship	Charles Stewart
13th Sept	10:00	Morning Worship	Sarah Rettie
20th Sept	10:00	Morning Worship	Charles Stewart
27th Sept	10:00	Morning Worship	John Christie
4th Oct	10:00	Communion	Charles Stewart

Crèche Rota

2nd Aug	June O'Neil and Margaret Campbell
9th Aug	Mary Burn and Lindsay McKechnie
16th Aug	Barbie Paterson and Morag Kesson
23rd Aug	Audrey Walker and Joyce McLean
30th Aug	June O'Neil and Margaret Campbell
6th Sept	Barbie Paterson and Morag Kesson
13th Sept	Mary Burn and Lindsay McKechnie
20th Sept	Audrey Walker and Joyce McLean
27th Sept	June O'Neil and Margaret Campbell
4th Oct	Barbie Paterson and Morag Kesson



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It is my hope and prayer that, with Matthew as our teacher, we will discover what Jesus is saying to us so that the person Called to be minister here comes to congregations ready to travel in the confidence of the Gospel and ready to fulfil the Great Commission 'to go into all the world and make disciples'.

Blessings with you

Very Rev John C Christie

10:00 am Service

At the Kirk Session Meeting on the 17th June the Elders discussed the proposal to suspend the 11 am service and the 9.30 am service for an interim period and establish a 10 am service so that the congregation can worship together for a period of time during our vacancy.

Extract of minute:

“that one service take place each Sunday at 10.00 with effect from 16th August, with a firm review of its effects to take place at the end of October. Considerable care will have to be taken to ensure that a balance is struck between both styles of worship so that no particular group of individuals feels left out.”

After much consideration and serious thought to all points of view, logistics, impact, etc. the Session took a vote and approved that from the 16 August we will gather for worship together for one service at 10 am each Sunday till the end of the year.

It should be noted that this is for a short period of time in the grand scheme of things and that our vision and mission for the future remains.

The Very Rev John Christie will become our Locum from 19 July 2015.

I would encourage you all to support the Session in what was a challenging decision and remain open minded and supportive.

Karen Lyall, Session Clerk

Prayer for the Nominating Committee

Sunday by Sunday I hope that the Congregations will repeat this prayer together. If you are unable to be at worship I hope you will remember the Nominating Committee too, either using this prayer or in words of your own.

God of the past, present and future we offer our prayers for those elected to nominate the person who you are calling to be minister of our congregations. May your wisdom be with them in their listening and in their speaking; may your integrity underpin their discussions and their decision-making and, in every circumstance, may each one be surrounded by the love of God the Father, the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the companionship of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Very Rev John C Christie



Dates for Your Diary

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| 1st Aug | Prayer Group, 10:30—10:45, Bungalow |
| 6th Aug | Biscuit and Blether, 10am—12 noon, Charlotte St Halls |
| 9th Aug | Prayer Group, 10:30—10:45, Bungalow |
| 14th Aug | Biscuit and Blether, 10am—12 noon, Charlotte St Halls |
| 16th Aug | Prayer Group, 10:30—10:45, Bungalow |
| 21st Aug | Biscuit and Blether, 10am—12 noon, Charlotte St Halls |
| 23rd Aug | Prayer Group, 10:30—10:45, Bungalow |
| 28th Aug | Biscuit and Blether, 10am—12 noon, Charlotte St Halls |
| 30th Aug | Prayer Group, 10:30—10:45, Bungalow |
| 31st Aug | Prayer Group, 5—6pm, Kirk Cottage
Healing Rooms, 8—9pm, Charlotte St Halls |
| 1st Sept | Meeting Place, 10am—11:30am Kirk Cottage |
| 2nd Sept | Boys' Brigade, 7—9 pm, Hermitage Primary |

- 3rd Sept Meeting Place,
10am—11:30am
Kirk Cottage

Knitting Group
1:30pm-3:30pm Kirk
Cottage
- 4th Sept Biscuit and Blether,
10am—12 noon,
Charlotte St Halls

Girls' Brigade, 7—
8:30pm, Charlotte St
Halls
- 6th Sept Prayer Group,
10:30—10:45,
Bungalow
- 7th Sept Prayer Group, 5—
6pm, Kirk Cottage

Healing Rooms, 8—
9pm, Charlotte St
Halls
- 8th Sept Meeting Place,
10am—11:30am
Kirk Cottage
- 9th Sept Boys' Brigade, 7—9
pm, Hermitage
Primary
- 10th Sept Meeting Place,
10am—11:30am
Kirk Cottage

Knitting Group
1:30pm-3:30pm Kirk
Cottage
- 11th Sept Biscuit and Blether,
10am—12 noon,
Charlotte St Halls

Girls' Brigade, 7—
8:30pm, Charlotte St
Halls

A New Challenge

The Congregational Life Team is issuing this challenge to all members of the congregation and to each organisation in the congregation. The idea is simply to make our very own bunting to use for events in the new halls complex. Boring? Beyond you? Not a bit. The bunting will be in the seven colours of the rainbow — the sign of God's covenant — and you will be free to add your signature or a badge to the individual triangles. We need material in shades of violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange and red. It doesn't matter if it is lightly patterned so long as the overall effect is of one colour. Instructions for making are available and templates will be provided to make sure the triangles are all the same size. We want them all to be double sided. A volunteer workforce will then stitch them on to tape. We look forward to bunting stretching all the way up our Colquhoun Street frontage! There is a sign up sheet in the porch — lets make this a real congregational effort!

Old Father Bunting



Church Flowers

There are a number of “vacant” Sundays on the flower calendar for the rest of this year. I would be pleased to have any offers to donate the flowers on any of them.

The vacant dates are:-

August 9th, 16th and 23rd

October 11th and 25th

November 1st and 15th

Please contact me if you wish to give the flowers or you need to ask any questions about doing so.

Dorothy Reid, Flower Convener



Give Him a Call!

The phone was a great invention. How easy it is to press a few numbers on our small devices and speak to someone the other side of the world. There was a time when a phone in a home was a luxury item. Now, it seems, we take it for granted that we have a gadget in our pocket enabling us to contact anyone, at any time, in any place.

However, how many times have you wanted to speak to someone, only to be given a recorded message giving a variety of options? Then you have to wait in a queue for ages before your call is answered. Sometimes a voice informs you ‘your call is important to us’ ... but meanwhile you are left waiting, listening to endless music.

Yes, a phone may be useful in all kinds of circumstances, but they can also be very frustrating! So, it’s good to know that God can be contacted immediately we need Him. There is no celestial call centre where our messages are delayed or referred. With prayer we can call on God directly. This service is free with no charges. He hears our every call and we can be confident that our Creator will answer us in ways which are only for our good.

‘When you pray, I will answer you. When you call to me, I will respond.’ (Isaiah 58:9)



- 13th Sept Prayer Group, 10:30—10:45, Bungalow
- 14th Sept Prayer Group, 5—6pm, Kirk Cottage
Healing Rooms, 8—9pm, Charlotte St Halls
- 15th Sept Meeting Place, 10am—11:30am Kirk Cottage
- 16th Sept Boys’ Brigade, 7—9 pm, Hermitage Primary
- 17th Sept Meeting Place, 10am—11:30am Kirk Cottage
Knitting Group 1:30pm-3:30pm Kirk Cottage
- 18th Sept Biscuit and Blether, 10am—12 noon, Charlotte St Halls
Girls’ Brigade, 7—8:30pm, Charlotte St Halls
- 20th Sept Prayer Group, 10:30—10:45, Bungalow
- 21st Sept Prayer Group, 5—6pm, Kirk Cottage
Healing Rooms, 8—9pm, Charlotte St Halls
- 22nd Sept Meeting Place, 10am—11:30am Kirk Cottage
- 23rd Sept Boys’ Brigade, 7—9 pm, Hermitage Primary

- 24th Sept Meeting Place,
10am—11:30am
Kirk Cottage

Knitting Group
1:30pm-3:30pm Kirk
Cottage
- 25th Sept Biscuit and Blether,
10am—12 noon,
Charlotte St Halls

Girls' Brigade, 7—
8:30pm, Charlotte St
Halls
- 27th Sept Prayer Group,
10:30—10:45,
Bungalow
- 28th Sept Prayer Group, 5—
6pm, Kirk Cottage

Healing Rooms, 8—
9pm, Charlotte St
Halls
- 29th Sept Meeting Place,
10am—11:30am
Kirk Cottage
- 30th Sept Boys' Brigade, 7—9
pm, Hermitage
Primary
- 1st Oct Meeting Place,
10am—11:30am
Kirk Cottage

Knitting Group
1:30pm-3:30pm Kirk
Cottage
- 2nd Oct Biscuit and Blether,
10am—12 noon,
Charlotte St Halls
- 4th Oct Prayer Group,
10:30—10:45,
Bungalow

The Beacon Trust

I was recalling a few days ago my first memories of Helensburgh. I arrived in early 1973 after a posting from HMS Dolphin, Portsmouth to join the Tenth Submarine Squadron based at Faslane. I can remember my first impressions that this was going to be a great "sailors" town. Just opposite the station entrance was the Station Bar, Cavalier on the next corner, Clachan next and round the corner to the Royal. Not to mention the chippies to stoke up in. My how my views on life and how much the town has changed physically from then! Most of the "houses of refreshment" I was asked to leave have disappeared and my spiritual home in Park Church has ceased to function. Over thirty years ago I joined its congregation after receiving a "wakeup call" which became life changing. I can remember even then questions being asked why people no longer came to church and how can we reach out to them. My solution was The Beacon Trust: raise the churches' profile in the community by showing Gods love in a practical way; recycle essentials and supply these to those in need. I contacted all the church denominations in Helensburgh to approach this as a joint venture but the main stay was always Park Church. We have kept going for over 25 years now, survived an eviction from our last base in Kirckmichael and somehow have managed to scrape together £600 each month to cover our rent in our present premises.

I am well aware why Park Church closed its doors for worship: an aging congregation getting smaller each year and the reluctance of youth to take over the reins. The Parish Church has benefited by absorbing The Old Parish Church, St Andrew's, St Brides, St Columba and Park Church and maybe this is the time for another "Wake up Call." There is nothing left to absorb.

I am still hopeful for a "Wake Up" in Helensburgh to the Beacon Trust. From all the local churches there are only two members active in the Trust: Jean Butler and Paul Allan, both ex Park Church. I live in Yoker now and attend church in Clydebank, (yes, I am actively involved).

We are managing to keep going due to the unceasing loyalty of our three non-church going staff. Without them we cease to function. Unlike most congregations, the Beacon Trust has never had the experience of slimming down: we have reached a point where we need to absorb soon or we perish. We are desperate for a van driver and help in the shop. If you are able to help please come along.

You don't even have to go out of town anymore, just walk along past the station, you can't miss us.

Trevor McGrath MBE

News From Nepal

since the April 2015
earthquakes



The world was shocked by the devastating earthquakes in Nepal, which began on 25th April, killing more than 8,000 people and destroying thousands of homes and ancient buildings. As in the Christchurch, New Zealand earthquakes of four and a half years ago, the greatest number of damaged buildings had been constructed of brick. Generous giving through charities and many prayers have been offered and still continue. The anxious wait for news of loved ones and friends must have been unbelievably distressing.

In October 2001, fourteen years ago, it was my privilege to trek and camp, up to 14,000 feet, in the north east of Nepal up to the border with Tibet (the worst area affected recently, apart from the avalanches near Mount Everest). Our party of ten, in a total of thirty members of a trekking company, was led by and looked after by an ex-Queen's Lieutenant Gurkha. I shall never forget the kindness, attention to our safety and comfort - a holiday of a lifetime.

Fortunately I unearthed my diary and notes and was able to make contact with the British operations manager of Ussher Tours Ltd on June 5th. What a relief to learn that all the members of the trekking company are alive! The injured are recovering in Kathmandu or in their tiny mountain villages. A great many porters, guides and cooks have lost their homes. However sheet aluminium has been sent to them so that temporary roofs can be constructed before the imminent monsoons arrive. How we moaned about our recent storms! Hopefully our damage if any is minimal in comparison!

Aid is slowly getting through but it will be years before Kathmandu returns to "normal". The aftershocks appear to have abated. The Nepalese are brave and kind people. They will need our prayers for a long time to come.

Our God does hear us.

Jan Chisolm



Where is God?

Sometimes unbelievers ask that, with contempt. Other times, believers ask it, when feeling overwhelmed by tragedy, trial or sorrow. What does the Bible tell us?

God is above His people: 'I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust....He will cover you with his feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge.'" Psalm 91:2,4

God is beneath His people: 'The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.' Deuteronomy 33:27

Before His people: 'By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way...' Exodus 13:21

Behind His people: 'Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it.'" Isaiah 30:21

With His people: 'So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous hand.' Isaiah 41:10

Within His people: 'Jesus said, "If anyone comes to Me, he will obey My teaching. My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.'" John 14:23

So – God is all around you, and Jesus promised that He would never leave us or forsake us.

Spend time with your teens

Make an effort to spend time with your teenagers this summer. It seems that just six hours a week of 'family time' can help prevent them going off the rails. A study at the University of Toronto found that six hours a week of positive time with their parents made a significant difference to a teenager's well-being and achievement. It led to lower rates of delinquent behaviour, less drug and alcohol abuse, and higher academic achievement. At just less than an hour a day, it seems an excellent investment.



A minister was planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and was aghast when he found it would cost him £50 an hour to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee. He protested to the travel agent that the cost was ridiculous. "That might be true," replied the travel agent, "but you have to take into account that the Sea of Galilee is water on which our Lord himself walked."

"Well, at £50 an hour for a boat, I am not surprised!"



Messy Church

Messy Church is a worldwide organisation and it focuses on mission to families through hospitality, creativity and celebration.



It began life in Helensburgh in October 2010 and runs on the last Saturday of each month throughout the year other than December and August. Messy Church in Helensburgh is quite unique in that it is run by an ecumenical group across Helensburgh Parish Church, St Michael's and the United Reformed Church. It meets alternately in the URC and St Margaret's in Churchill.

Children attend with an adult who stays with them for the session. Christ-centred teaching is planned around a theme which is developed through a Bible story, games and crafts each month and each session ends with a simple meal to enjoy together.

Around 20 children attend each month with their families, mostly in the under 9 age group. Many of these children are from service families who don't attend church. This is a very special and vital aspect of our outreach work, reaching not only children but their families too.

It is run entirely by volunteers who offer their time in service and mission. It's a chance to reach youngsters and families on a regular basis and offer love and support whilst sowing seeds for future growth and maturity in the faith. More helpers are needed though, even just to chat to parents whilst the children are involved in the crafts. Please consider this and speak to Elizabeth Lambert if you feel moved to offer assistance in any way, or indeed to find out more.

29th Aug	URC	The Good Neighbour
26th Sept	St. Margaret's	The Lost Son
31st Oct	URC	Wise and Foolish Men



Seaside Special

Seaside Special for Primary P2-P6 Had sixty-seven children each day, only twenty of whom attend a church.

The Beach Hut for P7-S2 had twenty children each day, fourteen of whom a church.

The Net for S3 to S6 had six children.

The theme was the Adventure Cruise: we were sailing the 5 C's (seas) finding out about people who had Courage, made a Choice, Changed, faced a Challenge or were very Committed. The children were kept busy learning songs, playing games and making crafts, such as wooden sailing boats, picture frames, money boxes and perfume. Each day the Bible story was acted out and then the children went into groups to find out more.

The Beach Hut followed the same programme but the children were set challenges to complete in their groups. Some of the challenges were quite messy, such as rescuing jelly babies from angel delight with their teeth.

The Net held a celebrity bake off, Team Challenges and a movie night.

The children had a great time and are already asking to have a club again next year. The family night on Thursday evening was very popular, where parents were able to see the children perform their songs and memory verses. Several parents said it had been brilliant and expressed how much their children had enjoyed the club.

These clubs are a vital part of our mission to reach out to the local community, to preach the gospel to bring children and their families to faith. For children who already know Jesus it will help them grow in their faith and for others it may be the only opportunity to hear about God's love for them. There are also benefits for volunteers in being able to work as part of a team with other churches and spending a week immersed in praise and God's word. Several of the volunteers this year expressed thanks, in particular for the excellent teaching in the leaders Bible time, the prayer sessions and the praise band: they said what a blessing it had been for them.

Elizabeth Lambert



A.S.A.P.

Have you ever considered the abbreviation A.S.A.P.? Generally, it brings even more hurry and stress into our lives (As Soon As Possible). Yet there is another way to think of A.S.A.P, a way which might help us deal with those difficult times in our daily lives.

When there's work to do, and homework due in, here's what you can do to help: A.S.A.P. – *Always Say a Prayer.* When friends have fallen out with you or bullies taunt you: A.S.A.P. – *Always Say a Prayer.* When your worries mount up and you don't know how you are ever going to cope with what is coming at you: A.S.A.P. – *Always Say a Prayer.*

God knows how stressful our lives can be, and He wants to ease our cares. In the Bible He promises to respond to our calls for help. So – call Him! A.S.A.P.!



I never go forth to meet a new day

Without asking God as I kneel down to pray

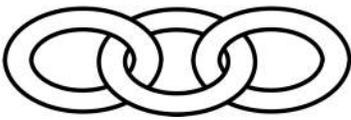
To give me the strength and courage to be

As patient with others as He is with me!

Anonymous

A student was writing to the head of the mission in the UK who had founded his local school in Africa. He wanted to end with a blessing, 'May heaven preserve you.'

Not being quite confident of his English, he looked up the word 'preserve'. When the letter reached the head of the mission, it ended with the words: "And may Heaven pickle you."



The Link Group

The first meeting of the Link Group will be held on Monday 5th October 2015 at 7.30 p.m., hopefully in the new hall, otherwise in the Church. The speaker to be arranged. There will be a light supper afterwards. We have arranged a visit to the Kings Theatre to see "Snow White" on the 11th December for the 1 p.m. performance. The coach will leave West King Street (opposite the cottage) at 11.15 a.m. prompt. Coach and theatre ticket £22.

Jean Burns, President

If we fail to feed the needy, we do not have God's love, no matter what we say. Regardless of what we do or say at 11am on a Sunday morn, affluent people who neglect the poor are not people of God.
Ronald Sider

Inspirational Moments

"Now a man must be lacking something if he misses it, mustn't he?" Boethius

I saw this quote in a magazine, enticing you to go and, in exchange for an arm and a leg, buy the latest supercar (totally unpractical for our mundane roads, by the way). It seemed absurd...and made me think about serious desiring.

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God". Psalm 42:1 NIV

This one, in contrast, is more than an argument ... it is also a meditation, an illumination and an experience. However, while more than an argument, it is not less; a logical explanation is:

Every innate desire points to a corresponding object of satisfaction

We have innate desires that only God can satisfy

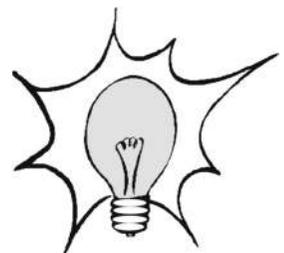
Therefore, God exists

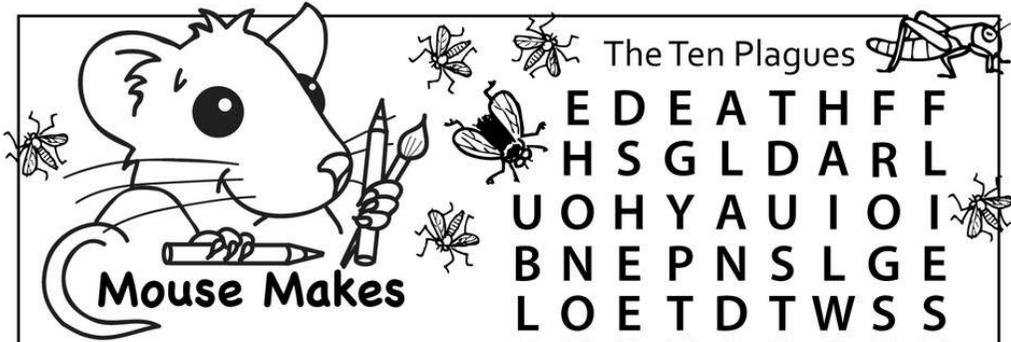
Would you argue about this: "Nature does nothing in vain and the universe is not absurd"? That is, an absurd universe is one which fails to make sense because there is a divorce between the innate needs of living human beings and what the universe has to offer by way of satisfaction of those needs. Our physical thirst does not prove that man will get water: we may die of thirst. But surely a man's thirst does prove that he comes of a race that needs water for living and inhabits a world where drinkable substances exist. In the same way, my desire for God proves that while I am not sure that I shall enjoy Paradise (I wish I was!), it is a clear indication that God is real, such a thing exists and that some men will enjoy it. If I have a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. That none of my earthly pleasures can truly satisfy does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy but only to arouse and suggest the real thing.

If nature makes nothing in vain, God exists. If the universe is not absurd, God is real. One can argue that the universe is, on the contrary, absurd ... but where's the sense in doing that?!

At the end of the day, we are in this world but we are not of this world, are we?

Antonio Lopez





Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said "The Lord, the God of Israel says, 'Let my people go into the desert so they can have a festival to honour me.'"

But Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord? Why should I obey him? Why should I let Israel go? I not know who the Lord is so I refuse to let Israel go."

Pharaoh punished the Israelites but Moses prayed to the Lord and the Lord said, "I will use my great power against Pharaoh, and he will let my people go."

So the Lord turned the river Nile into blood, then he covered the land with frogs, sent a plague of gnats, then a swarm of flies, then disease on all the animals, then a skin disease, then a great storm of hail, then a plague of locusts, then darkness that covered the land...

Each time Pharaoh would not let the people go until Lord killed every first born man and animal in Egypt and Pharaoh's own son died. Then Pharaoh made the people leave Egypt with all their sheep and cattle. "Go", he said "And say a blessing for me too."

The Ten Plagues

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 H S G L D A R L
 U O H Y A U I O I
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 D I S E A S E E O
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 R R V A L E R
 D N E Y E L G G K
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 F L O C U S T S E
 F E S T I V A L S
 S T O R M O S E S
 A A R O N P R A Y
 G N A T S W A R M

Can you find these words from the story in the grid above?

- LORD • GOD • MOSES • AARON
- ISRAEL • PRAY • HONOUR
- FESTIVAL • PHARAOH • EGYPT
- RIVER NILE • WATER • BLOOD • FROGS
- DUST • GNATS • SWARM • FLIES • GO
- DISEASE • CATTLE • SHEEP • SORES
- STORM • HAIL • LOCUSTS • LAND
- DARKNESS • THREE DAYS • DEATH
- FIRST BORN • PASSOVER

READ the full story in **Exodus** chapters 5 to 12

I am a man of hope, not for human reasons, nor from any natural optimism, but because I believe the Holy Spirit is at work in the Church and in the world even when His name remains unheard. *Cardinal Suenens*



When you go to church you should actively seek something. You must not go like an empty basket, waiting passively to be filled. *Roger William Riis*

Praise the Lord in merry song,
Praise him, praise him all day long.
But what of me? I cannot sing,
I have no melody to bring.
But in the Bible, joy of joys,
The Lord says: "Make a joyful noise!"

Anonymous



Items for the next issue of Connections must be with the editor by 22nd September. These can be sent to the editor or handed in at the church office.

Connections will be available for delivery on the 1st October.

Pastoral Register

Deaths

28/5 Margaret Jordan

22/6 Marion Watson

I am the resurrection and the life



From George Vidits

Dear friends

I just wanted to let the congregation in Helensburgh know that I was elected as minister at St Stephen's Comely Bank Church, Edinburgh (Church of Scotland), and the induction will be at 7pm on Wednesday the 26th of August. It would be great to see folks from Helensburgh at it if you can make it. We are very much looking forward to the ministry here. It is a much smaller congregation, but very lively and active.

My kind regards and thanks for the amazing support to all of you.

With every blessing,

George

If you are interested in going please let Sandy Kerr know through the office and please indicate if you can provide transport or if you require transport.



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