

HELENSBURGH PARISH CHURCH



CONNECTIONS

JUNE 2016

From the Manse...

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15: 5

When I was interviewed by the Nominating Committee in August 2015 I asked several questions. One of them concerned the obvious disparity between the number of members on the Church Roll - approximately 1200 - and those actually attending worship on a Sunday, listed in the profile as 70 at what was Easy Worship and 200 at Morning Worship. The answer I was given was perfectly satisfactory and gave an explanation which suited the context then. Things have changed and, while I am pleased to see a busy Church on a Sunday morning, I struggle with the notion that almost three quarters of our membership seem to be disengaged from the life and work of our Church. I am of course aware that if you add in our housebound members, and those who for legitimate reasons cannot be at Church on a Sunday, the statistics will change slightly but the overall picture seems to me rather bleak! Why is that? What possible reason could there be to completely disregard the vows taken before God and fellow members when you joined the Church?

I've been here now for 6 months and the time feels right to ask these questions and to remind people of the Vows of Membership in the Church of Scotland. Each and every single member of ours said 'I do' to the following questions put to them on the occasion of them joining the Kirk:

Believing in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and confessing Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, **do you promise to join regularly** with your fellow Christians in **worship** on the Lord's day?

Do you promise to be faithful in reading the **Bible**, and in **prayer**?

Do you promise to give a fitting proportion of your **time, talents and money** for the Church's work in the world?

Do you promise, depending on the grace of God, to profess publicly your loyalty to Jesus Christ, to serve him in your daily work, and to **walk in his ways** all the days of your life?

What has happened? Why have you felt unable to come to Church? What has caused the disconnect? These are not rhetorical questions. I'm appealing to those of you who have, for whatever reason, lapsed your membership yet not removed your lines from the Church to engage with me and help me make sense of these statistics.

Scripture tells us that we will bear much fruit if we remain in Him; we are His branches and each of us with our unique gifts, skills and experience add to the diversity and awesomeness of Helensburgh Parish Church. I urge those of you who haven't been taking your Vows of Membership seriously to have another think - surely that love for Christ, that passion and drive to serve Him and His Church and which ultimately encouraged you to join the Church of Scotland, is still there? I'm more than happy to meet with any or all of you in the hope that I could encourage you to come back to God and to His Church! This is an exciting time in the story of the Church of Scotland in Helensburgh and there is plenty of scope for you to reconnect and join in.

With every blessing to you and yours,

David T. Young

Worship June—September 2016

Sunday 5th	9:30a.m.	Contemporary Worship (in the large hall)	Rev. Tina Kemp
	11:00a.m.	Morning Worship	Rev. Tina Kemp (Communion)
Sunday 12th	9:30a.m.	Contemporary Worship (in the large hall)	Rev. Tina Kemp
	11:00a.m.	Morning Worship	Rev. Malcolm Wright
Sunday 19th	11:00a.m.	Morning Worship	Young Church Promotion Service
Sunday 26th	11:00a.m.	Morning Worship	Rev. Malcom Wright

July

Sunday 3rd	11:00a.m.	Morning Worship	Joint Service at Helensburgh Parish Church
Sunday 10th	11:00a.m.	Morning Worship	Joint Service at Helensburgh Parish Church
Sunday 17th	11:00a.m.	Morning Worship	Joint Service at Helensburgh Parish Church
Sunday 24th	11:00a.m.	Morning Worship	Joint Service at Rhu & Shandon Church
Sunday 31st	11:00a.m.	Morning Worship	Joint Service at Rhu & Shandon Church

August

Sunday 7th	11:00a.m.	Morning Worship	Joint Service at Rhu & Shandon Church
Sunday 14th	9:30a.m.	Contemporary Worship (in the large hall)	Rev. David T. Young
	11:00a.m.	Morning Worship	Rev. David T. Young
Sunday 21st	9:30a.m.	Contemporary Worship (in the large hall)	Rev. David T. Young
	11:00a.m.	Morning Worship	Rev. Tina Kemp
Sunday 28th	9:30a.m.	Contemporary Worship (in the large hall)	
	11:00a.m.	Morning Worship	Rev. David T. Young

September

Sunday 4th	9:30a.m.	Contemporary Worship (in the large hall)	Associate Minister
	11:00a.m.	Morning Worship	Rev. David T. Young

Wednesday Worship

Every Wednesday there is a short act of worship in the Gathering Space at 12 :30pm to which all are invited. This short service is followed by a lunch of soup and bread. Why not come along and join us for this service and the fellowship thereafter.



A note from the Session Clerk

I think many of you will agree with me it has been a quick 6 months since David took up his role as our Minister here at Helensburgh Parish Church. It became obvious at the recent Session meeting on Thursday 2 June that David had been observing and assessing a lot of things over these months and he shared some of his ideas and plans with the elders. One of the main things that will take immediate effect is that David will establish a Core Team to discuss certain matters arising between main Kirk Session meetings and Congregational Board meetings. This will also allow help to improve the flow of information between the Session and Board. The team will consist of Rev. David T. Young, Session Clerk, Chair of the Board, Clerk to the Board, Finance Convenor, Deputy Session Clerk and Church Treasurer. The team will report back to the either Session or Congregational Board depending on the issue.

The 3 Kirk Session teams meet regularly and have lots of different areas of responsibility. Here are some, but by no means all, of their highlights from this session:

Christian Action have been continuing their work in supporting outreach projects both locally, nationally and internationally. **Congregational Life** have been working hard after their successful Hall Open Day in February in establishing the summer coffee mornings and continuing their work on the church magazine. Meanwhile, **Worship & Discipleship** were delighted to report that the Worship on Wednesday was proving successful and folks were enjoying the soup & bread after the short service and noted that work on the new audio system for the sanctuary will commence during the joint summer services when we will be worshipping with our friends in Rhu. The Session were also issued with the draft worship schedule for July 2016 – January 2017 which also noted that the pattern of Holy Communion will be; Easter, June, October and Advent.

Session were disappointed to hear that, as yet there had been no applications received for the Associate Minister's post that had been advertised. Work on recruiting continues as does discussions with Church of Scotland's Ministries Council. Session noted that this continues to have a direct impact on David's work load. We are blessed to have Rev. Tina Kemp as our Locum Associate, however we should be ever mindful that the hours are restricted to 2 days and a Sunday.

Finally, the elders are looking forward to a Joint Kirk Session conference meeting exploring "Pastoral Care and the role of an elder" sometime in the autumn.

Karen Lyall
Session Clerk

Crèche Rota - June-September



June

5th Louise Hughes & Audrey Walker
12th Morag Kesson & Mary Burn
19th Lindsay McKechnie & June O'Neil
26th Louise Hughes & Barbie Paterson

July

3rd Audrey Walker & Mary Burn
10th Barbie Paterson & Morag Kesson
17th Lindsay McKechnie & Barbie Paterson

August

14th Louise Hughes & June O'Neil
21st Mary Burn & Audrey Walker
28th Morag Kesson & Barbie Paterson

September

4th June O'Neil & Lindsay McKechnie

Congregational Life Team

We've had a really busy year.

The website had a spring clean and now has a new look, this was a huge undertaking and special thanks go to Jeremy Bailey. We hope you enjoy visiting the website if you haven't yet, the link is www.helensburghcos.org. Our Facebook page grows daily and is a great place to stay in touch and find out what's happening, to join in visit Facebook and type in Helensburgh Parish Church. The magazine "Connections" has gone through unsettled times during our period of change. After much deliberation we have decided to produce the magazine quarterly.

The Church Halls opening celebration was a huge success with many people engaging with our Church Groups. Many of our groups have witnessed increased numbers and donations because of this event.

The summer coffee mornings start up on the 28th May and run every Saturday until Saturday 27th August inclusive, 10 am till 12. If you would like to donate baking please bring it along on the morning. If you would like to help serve at the coffee mornings please contact Karen. We look forward to seeing you there.

We are now looking at ideas for congregational events for the forthcoming year. If you have any suggestions please email Karen.

I would like to thank The Congregational Life Team and friends for all we have achieved. May God Bless you.

Karen Mullen office@jfmarine.co.uk
Team Leader Congregational Life.

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Worship and Discipleship Team

The Worship and Discipleship Team of the Kirk Session is responsible for:

- Supporting the Ministers in the development of appropriate forms of worship
- Working with the Director of Music to promote music in the life of the church.
- nurturing into faith people of all ages
- providing special church services

We also provide any practical support which the Minister requires. We are responsible for all the organisations which have a direct connection to worship in its broadest sense. These are, the Choir, Young Church, Boys Brigade, Girls Brigade, Contraflow, Church Flowers (arranging), Cradle Roll, Crèche, House Groups, Sunday at Seven, Sunday Club, Messy Church, Healing Rooms and the Recording and Distribution of the Sunday services.

This involves regular visits to each of the organisations to assure them of the support of the Kirk Session and a report is made to the whole Team on an annual basis. This gives the leaders involved a chance to raise any difficulties, make appropriate suggestions or seek financial support for particular events or necessary purchases.

A recent example is that during a visit to Young Church, the Superintendent, Catriona Lopez, asked if we could find any volunteers to help the Young Church Leaders. If you are reading this and could help even on an irregular basis please contact Mike Loudon.

Mike Loudon, Convenor



LINK GROUP

After another successful Link Group year, many thanks are due to Jean Burns and her Committee, for their enthusiasm and commitment to delivering a vibrant and interesting programme. We look forward now to planning for the 2016-17 events. Before that, however, we have organised a Summer outing to Dobbies, Stirling, where we shall have time for shopping followed by afternoon tea. The date is Thursday 14th July, leaving at 1:00 p.m. returning around 5:30 p.m. The cost will be £16-00 for coach and tea. If you wish to book a place, please contact Elizabeth McIntyre e-mail elizabethmcintyre33@yahoo.co.uk telephone number 675977, before 24th June.

On **Saturday 16th July**, the Link Group is hosting the Coffee Morning in the Church Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. There will be a baking stall, so donations will be welcome please. Do come along for a coffee and a chance to chat, with friends old and new.

The first meeting of the new session will be on **3rd October** when we shall have a social evening so do put the date in your diary and invite some friends along too. Thereafter, we shall meet on the second Monday of each month.

Eileen Drummond

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The Guild



The Guild AGM was held on 8th March and we will be restarting meetings on **14th October**.

We have a membership of 45 and weekly attendance is around 35. We have had some excellent speakers during the session, and enjoyed afternoon tea at Antartex, a Christmas Lunch at Ardencaple and our summer outing to Ingleston Equestrian Centre, all much appreciated by the members. The Guild Project we supported this session was Street Pastors and the Guild Movement raised over £38,000 for this worthy cause.

Please come along at the start of our new session, you will be made most welcome.

1ST HELENSBURGH GIRLS' BRIGADE

This session saw us end our time in Park Church Halls and start a new era in Helensburgh Parish Church Halls. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who helped us move all our equipment and resources into our new cupboard. Hope the spiders in our old cupboard are not missing us too much. The girls and leaders settled in quite quickly and are especially enjoying the new kitchen. We do a lot of cooking and baking in Girls' Brigade and we are beginning to feel like a pizza wheel and muffin factory, these seem to be the girls favourites. All girls have achieved their badges this session and hopefully are now enjoying spending vouchers which they received along with their badges.

Enrolment for our new session will be held on **Friday 9th September** when we will also be holding a barbecue and games night hopefully outside, weather permitting.

Over the summer break we will be looking at new and exciting activities for the girls. To allow us to do more activities out with a Friday night we of course need the leaders so if you feel that you can offer your skills and your time to the work of the Girls' Brigade please contact me by e-mail at elizabethfinnie@talktalk.net or telephone 673929.

Date for your diary our Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 2nd December from 10 to 12 noon.

Please continue to uphold the girls and leaders in your prayers and thank you for your support.

Elizabeth Finnie (Captain)

Young Church

This has been a busy year for YC. We have continued with our 4 groups.

We have been using the Scripture Union "Light" programme, which has been enjoyed by the children and is user-friendly for the teachers with plenty of scope to adapt material according to the groups.

The young people have learned about a range of Bible characters, including the apostle Peter, the prophet Jeremiah, Paul, Ruth and currently Daniel, as well as about the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Last year our older children (pre and young teens) took part in the Scarecrow festival at Ardarden. They recently had a pizza and film night (they watched a film about the life of St Paul).

We would like to try to organise more regular evening events for this age group to keep them involved. The Contraflow project is doing a lot to keep these young people engaged with the Christian faith.

The Christmas cards, designed by the children, raised a great sum for the Toilet Twinning project in Sierra Leone.

All of our children, regulars and occasional attendees, were involved in the Nativity service and we had over 30 children at the YC Christmas party.

A group of children from Young Church sang 2 songs at the annual "Come and Sing" event.

We have started sending out birthday cards from HPC Young Church to each child who is on our register, rather than give them out if they are there on a Sunday morning, trying to maintain contact, although they may no longer attend.

We sent out personal invitations from YC to all of the children we have had contact with, at the start of the year, and we plan to do this again.

Elizabeth Lambert organised a YC trip to see "Joseph" at the Kings' Theatre in May.

We are beginning to plan for our promotion service in mid June, where YC will be responsible for taking the whole service.

In terms of leaders, we really need more volunteers to help out when someone is away, ill or simply wants to be in church for a change!

The materials are there, so there is no need to spend hours preparing. More volunteers would be welcome!

Summer Holiday Club : Guardians of Ancora

When : Monday 4th to Friday 8th July

Where : Helensburgh Parish Church

Time : Mornings 10:00am to 12:00pm

Who : For children joining P2 - S2



All children are invited to come along for a fun filled week. With games, quizzes, music, craft, Bible stories and drama Games, challenges, and other crazy fun stuff. Registration forms available on the day, all leaders are disclosure checked. Children are welcome to attend individual sessions, the club is funded by the churches, there is no charge to attend.
Contact Elizabeth 679565

1ST/2ND HELENSBURGH COY., THE BOYS' BRIGADE
CAPTAIN'S REPORT 2015/16

Overview

After an extremely difficult and disrupted year last session we have managed to move forward this year thanks to dedicated efforts by staff. We now have settled accommodation and a new chaplain who has already been engaging with us. October 2016 will see 100 years of continuous Boys' Brigade in Helensburgh.

Enrolment

The next session will commence on Wednesday, 17th August 2016 at Helensburgh Parish Church Halls from 19.00h. Annual fee for next session has been retained again at £22.00 per family. We are aiming to have a barbecue early in the new session.

Camp

Eight Boys and five staff attended our Company weekend camp 14th-16th August 2015 at Dalguise, Dunkeld. We are repeating in a 2016 Summer camp 12th-14th August jointly with 3rd Bearsden Company.

Awards

For the first time I am aware of, we have had four working on the Queen's Badge, the highest BB Award. Cdr Sergt Ryan Mochar and Sergt Lewis McKechnie have already received it. Now Sergt Callum Clark and Cpl Calum Mochar have begun the Queen's Badge. We now have five working on the President's Badge.

Fundraising

With the halls situation resolved we resumed cholestroling up the town with our Big Breakfast on 27th February which raised £400 (special thanks to Lorraine Clark and Sheila Symon). Juniors/Anchors sponsored walk on 27th April which raised £239 (and counting). Company Section are doing a sponsored event on 17th September. Please support.

We received again a generous donation including from Royal Arch Chapter. Subsidizing subscription fees and uniform costs, it is important to have your support in fundraising.

Towards the end of last year we provided an Aquabox (through Rotary's scheme which can send emergency supplies and provide clean water in a disaster area. This year we have contributed to the Refurbishment Appeal for Scottish BB HQ and to Lomond Mountain Rescue's appeal for CHAS in memory of our former officer Frank Leitch.

Parades

Our Dedication Service was on Sunday, 2nd September followed by a barbecue (special thanks to Antonio Lopez). We paraded on Remembrance Sunday. We attended the Battalion Carol Service on 13th December and the Battalion Parade on 13th March. Easy Worship was attended on 24th January. These were poorly attended by Anchor and Junior Section Boys.

Events and Outings

We had a visit on 16th December to Coats Observatory in Paisley which was so fascinating we must repeat it; Anchors and Juniors were delighted to visit the Fire Station and shoot a hose on 3rd February; we took part in the Battalion drill competition and won the Overtoun Shield (special thanks to Chris Fagan and Graham Smith), just in time to show it off at the Halls Open Day; Bible Knowledge (knocked into a close second place by a mere half point! – special thanks to Chaplain David T. Young for his tuition); football. We decorated a tree for the United Reformed Church Christmas Treefest; we attended Dumbarton People's Theatre pantomime, *Aladdin* at the Denny Civic Theatre on Wednesday, 9th December.

Iain Talman,

Captain (Tel 679909)

Messy Church

Messy Church is about families having time together, to have fun, hear a bible story, have a go at 6-8 craft activities which feed into the theme and have a meal. Messy Church welcomes everyone, aims to involve everyone, and values everyone. It is called Messy Church because you get Messy! People arrive and have time of games and refreshments. Following an hour of crafts and other activities there is the celebration. Then there is food! There is a light lunch provided for everyone to enjoy time together before leaving



Messy Church is especially designed to reach out to families including those for whom Sunday morning worship is difficult due to family circumstances.

- It is an all-age church where everyone is valued equally.
- It provides an informal environment for all-ages to explore and experience faith and worship through crafts, food and celebration.
- It describes each and every one of us as no one is perfect and each of us lead messy lives for many reasons.

It invites us to come together, making things together, eating together and celebrating God together.

The Messy Church in Helensburgh is held in United Reformed Church and in St Margaret's in Churchill on alternate months. It is usually held on the last Saturday of the month 10:30am -12:30pm; no need to book, free admission, all children must be accompanied by an adult. It is organized by the URC, St Michael's and Helensburgh Parish Church. Come along and try it for yourself; you will be welcome!

We are in need of more general helpers, you don't need to be good at craft, you don't need to be good at children's work, you don't need to have a PVG, you don't even need to be available every month. Whoever you are, whatever skills you do or don't have we need you.

For more information contact Elizabeth on 01436 679565

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Knitting Group

The Knitting Group meets the first Thursday of every month from 1:30pm -3:30pm in Room 2. Our numbers have doubled since the Open Day and we have been very busy. Three large bin bags full of jumpers, hats, gloves, scarves and socks were given to a charity which distributes them overseas to Romania, Syria, Israel etc. We have also knitted Twiddle Muffs for Alzheimer & Dementia sufferers to use up the odds and ends of yarn. At present we are knitting 'easy access' vests for the neonatal unit at QEUH.

If you would like to come and join this happy bunch we would love to welcome you. Contact Liz Glover 671068 for more information



Would you like a lift to church?

Some of you may not be aware that we can offer anyone from the congregation who is otherwise unable to get to church a lift to and from the 11.00am Sunday service. We currently operate with three rotas of volunteer drivers covering different parts of the town and if you would like to be included please contact John or Margaret Christie on 675545.



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The final event in the current 'Sunday at Seven' series is to take place on **Sunday 26th June**, and promises to be a rousing conclusion to the series. We are calling it the 'Helensburgh Hymnfest' and it will be a 'Songs of Praise'-type celebration of the rich traditions of hymns and worship-songs of the past three centuries. It will feature an augmented Church Choir, with Praise band and organ, and, to make it a truly ecumenical occasion, invitations have been extended to all the churches in our area not only to attend the event but also to suggest hymns which might be included. This invitation, of course, is extended to all the members of our own congregation, and we hope that as many people as are free will come and join in this event. Please let Derek know of any suggestions for the praise list, and keep the date free to join us - a 'good sing' is guaranteed! As with the other 'Sunday at Seven' events, admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection, which will be donated to Christian Aid.

Inspirational Moments/Pause for Thought

This is but one small element of the impressive Helensburgh Parish Church website. It offers the opportunity for contributors to share an anecdote, reflection, prayer or any other material that gives us cause to stop and think for a few moments in an otherwise hectic schedule. The idea is to follow the example of *Thought for the Day* as has been broadcast on the wireless for many decades. Although a number of people already make submissions, the number is decreasing and demand for editing continues to rise. With a sufficient number of contributors, the requirement would probably be no more than one item in any calendar year. Our website enjoys a truly international audience and it is incumbent on all who enjoy its features to keep it updated, fresh and interesting. Please, feel free to send any material to mmmatheson@gmail.com. Equally, there is no problem in transcribing from hard copy and there is no limit to the number of submissions as they can be used to compile a database.

Connections

The next issue of Connections will be produced and ready for delivery by **Thursday 1st September**. We will be trialling a new format of A5 size booklet and this will be produced four times a year. All items for the next edition to be in the hands of the editor by **Monday 22nd August**, e-mail address magazine@helensburghcos.org Alternatively items can be handed in to the office and marked Editor.

Prayer Group



"Then Jesus told His disciples a parable to show them that they should ALWAYS pray and not give up." Lk 18:1

Prayer is important: Jesus prayed often (esp John 17) and wants us to pray always.

Our Sunday morning Prayer Groups have "two or three" but we need many more. We meet 9am - prior to Contemporary Worship & 10.30am - prior to Morning Worship.

The 9am group is about open prayer (nothing prearranged) while the 10.30 group work through a prepared list of requests and suggested prayers. To pray or not to pray is not the question! Sometimes silence is golden.

Those whom we have prayed for have voiced appreciation and those who prayed have felt uplifted and encouraged.

We agree prayer is important so lets be more like Jesus and pray together often (at least on a Sunday morning).

Remember 9am - Before Contemporary Worship **10.30am** - Before Morning Worship

Please consider joining us - we don't bite - we will be delighted to see you (the young and not so young).

Healing Rooms

Dear friends, where does the time go? - it doesn't seem like 5 months since Helensburgh Healing Rooms closed the doors of Park Church for the last time and we opened here in Helensburgh Parish Church Halls for the first time.

'What is Healing Rooms?' I hear you ask... Simply a place where people can come and receive prayer for any condition whether it be physical, emotional or spiritual. We are open to everyone whether they have a church connection or not. Prayer is offered free of charge by small teams of trained volunteers who come from various churches in the area. Healing Rooms is an Ecumenical Organisation.

We have experienced many amazing things since we opened here in Helensburgh in 2009. We have been truly blessed by the Lord and he has answered many prayers in this time and we are sure he will answer many more in the future. On a "normal" night average 4 people coming in for prayer but we have had as many as 10 on an evening (making it a very late night).

The Healing Rooms team of volunteers are a great bunch and we are truly blessed with them. But the comments from those that have been prayed for and the support received from our sister churches in the area, with their prayers and blessing, are what lifts us all on high. Thank you, for without your prayers and help none of this would be possible. We go forward in faith, praying that God will continue to work his wonders through the team here.

Should anyone be interested in joining us as a volunteer please contact us through our website www.healingrooms-scotland.com

God bless

Helen & Neil Turnbull
Local Directors

Church Flowers

There are a number of Sundays in the remaining months of the year where no-one has offered to donate the flowers. If you are willing to do so please put your name and telephone number on the list in the vestibule at the Sunday of your choice. I can arrange for someone to do the flowers if you do not feel able to do the arranging. Any questions about the flowers I will answer if you contact me. My telephone number is on the flower calendar which is at the church door.

Dorothy Reid

Starter Packs

This is one of the many activities undertaken by the Session Christian Action Team. Packs comprising mainly bedding and kitchen equipment are supplied on request to the Council Homeless Section to be given to people who have become homeless through no fault of their own and who have been allocated a council flat; in most cases these are young people who become homeless often due to family disruption and who have been taken into care and trained to look after themselves. Each pack costs between £75 and £110. The activity is funded by donations from members of the congregation, fundraising by the Team, and income from a legacy. To date 330 packs at a cost of £20.5k have been issued. Donation to the fund would be most welcome; see Colin Shannon, Session Treasurer.

Congratulations

Warm congratulations are due to Keith Macintosh who has been appointed as Royal and Ancient Golf Club Captain for 2016/17. Keith is a member of Cardross Golf Club and won the Scottish Amateur title in 1979 and represented Scotland on several occasions. This will be a busy year for Keith and Diana and we wish them both every success.



Wellbeing Packs

There are about 36,000 households who find themselves homeless in any one year in Scotland: around 70,000 individuals. One third of them are under 16, so it's not just a problem of older guys with a drink problem. And people aren't permanently homeless – they are in and out of the wider housing system.

Being homeless impacts on all aspects of life:

- Relationships
- Education and training
- Work opportunities
- Criminal justice system
- Poverty & benefits
- Health

Helensburgh Parish Church response includes practical action to help those going through homelessness. This includes Starter packs, Wellbeing packs, supporting the Helensburgh and Lomond Foodbank, supporting Glasgow City Mission and lots more.

Since our Harvest appeal last September which everyone responded to so generously we have been able to distribute 70 ladies bags and 20 men's bags.

Why do we do it? Because Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan in response to the question 'who is my neighbour?' Christians must approach everyone, including everyone who is homeless, in a spirit which recognises our common humanity, shows mutual respect, and, as in the story, helps out in times of need.

If you would like to get involved pick up a wellbeing pack leaflet (with details of items to donate) in the vestibule or contact Elizabeth Lambert 679565 if you would be able to help with packing bags.

Pastoral Register

Baptisms/Blessings

Let the little children come to me



13 th March	Jaime Elizabeth Ross
13 th March	Cameron Max Jamie Dickinson, Jack James Dickinson, Mya Elizabeth Dickinson
20 th March	Iona Marsaili Castrinovannakis
3 rd April	Matthew George Keane, Anna Elizabeth Keane
3 rd April	Lucie Aitkenhead
1 st May	Sarah Margaret Gould

New Members

Morag Hopkins
Elizabeth H. Bailey
Mr & Mrs N Black
Mr & Mrs Reaney



Disjunctions

Mr & Mrs J Duncan to Rhu & Shandon Parish Church

Deaths

I go to prepare a place for you



21 st January	Fredrick James Prime, East Lennox Drive, Helensburgh
1 st February	Anna Stenhouse, West King Street, Helensburgh
28 th March	Hazel Findlay Mackintosh, Charlotte Street, Helensburgh
28 th March	Morag Plenderleith, Upper Adelaide Street, Helensburgh
4 th April	Jessie Black, Loch Drive, Helensburgh
13 th April	Rachel Nichols, Dennistoun Crescent, Helensburgh
14 th April	Maureen Edwards, ex Marmion Avenue, Helensburgh
29 th April	Susan Patricia Byrne, Glen Drive, Helensburgh
7 th May	William Hamill, William Street, Helensburgh
12 th May	George Douglas, Lamlash Place, Helensburgh
15 th May	Edward Hart, ex Chapelacre Grove, Helensburgh

We extend our deepest sympathy to those who know the pain of loss



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