

FALKIRK TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

MAY 2017

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 7th May at 11.00am

Theme: Church Without Walls – The Original Church

Sunday 14th May at 11.00am

Theme: Church Without Walls – The Church is wherever God's people are helping
Christian Aid Week 14th - 20th May

Sunday 21st May at 11.00am

Theme: Church Without Walls – The new mission field

Sunday 28th May at 11.00am

Theme: Church Without Walls – Where are we going?
(Stated Annual Meeting will follow the morning service)



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Church News for June 2017

Please send to the Church Office via e-mail (thefawkirk@outlook.com) or hand into the office by Tuesday 16th May.

Thanks!



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Church Life – what's happening?

Church Diary

- Christian Aid Team meet on Thursday 4th May at 7.00pm
- Conversations with Kay! Monday 8th May from 7.00pm
- Christian Aid Booksale 22nd – 27th May
- Listen Well training Saturday 27th May at 10.30am

Prayer Tree

We have a prayer tree in the Vestibule. Please leave a message on this if you want prayers said for yourself or others.



Strathcarron Hospice Phials

Phials for donations to Strathcarron Hospice are available on the table in the Vestibule. Please feel free to take one to fill with any coin value. Once full, the phials should be returned to Boston Glegg. The amount passed on this year, to date, is £152.80. Thank you



Flowers

The flowers which decorate the Sanctuary and vestibule are provided by donations from the congregation throughout the year. A special date can be requested, for example, to mark an anniversary or commemorate a loved one. You can arrange the flowers personally or this can be done for you. Please speak to Marianne Pattison for more information.

Summer Magazine

Any items for the Faw Kirk magazine should be submitted to Carolynn (carolynn.64@hotmail.co.uk) or Morag (moragmackay@hotmail.com) by Sunday 7th May.

Parking in Church Grounds

On Sundays, we try to keep as many spaces within the grounds for those bringing folk to Church who are unable to walk far or cope with the hills/steps around the Church. If you are able to cope with these, then please make use of the various parking places around the town centre. Please drive very slowly and with great care as you enter and leave the Church grounds as many people are on foot.

Credit Union

We are now a collection point for Falkirk District Credit Union! You can join here on Tuesdays between 10.00am and noon.

Wanderers

Our next outings are on the 11th and 29th May. If you are interested in coming along please contact Ellen or Margaret via the Office as soon as possible.



Pastoral Visitors

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Pastoral Visitor, please contact Irene Scott.

Did you know.....?

The monthly news sheet and the Faw Kirk Magazine are available to read online at www.falkirktrinity.org.uk.

Worship

Please note that we now stream Sunday Services on line. Although there may occasionally be times when the congregation is seen, the main focus will usually be towards the front of the Church. If anyone wishes to discuss this, or has any concerns, please speak to the Minister.

Summer Sunday Time

We are looking for volunteers to cover Sundays from 2nd July to 20th August inclusive for our young children (up to P6). There will be a supply of basic craft materials available but if your talent is storytelling, games, etc, that's great too. If you can help please contact Morag Mackay moragmackay@hotmail.com



Mary's Meals Backpack Collection

Many, many thanks to those who donated backpacks for Mary's Meals. We were able to send 48 backpacks, 3 bags of extras and £191.45!



Book Group

The next meeting is on Thursday 18th May in the Wheelhouse to discuss 'The Light Between Oceans' written by M.L. Stedman.



Trinity Guild

Trinity Guild meetings have now finished for this session and will resume again in October. You can get information about the Guild from Norah Summers, Christine Tait and Fiona Scott.



Family Life Centre

Family Life Centre: As part of our Church focus of “Trinity Transforming Lives” we have been working on a new project called the “Family Life Centre” which, in time, seeks to provide support and initiatives to help meet various needs within our community. One aspect of this is the building of a new Play Therapy room in the upper hall and we hope to engage the services of a Play Therapist to work with children who require such a service. We hope to start this service by August, but this is only one strand which we hope to develop – watch this space!



Refugee Support

Knitted Squares

Please return all knitted squares by Sunday 4th June. We will be meeting in June to make up the packs and if anyone is willing to help for a couple of hours, please let Jean MacSween know. We still need some items for the packs - darning needles, measuring tapes, sewing needles, thread, buttons, ribbons and other embellishments. Please hand these in with the squares by the 4th.

Thank you to everyone who has been knitting - we have gathered a lot of squares which we will make up into packs which will then be delivered to the refugee camps to be made into blankets for use in the camps. There is still some wool left if you have run out!

Sew Sisters Lebanon Project (Salam Lebanon)

When is a sewing machine not just a sewing machine?

Do you have a sewing machine in good working order that you no longer use? If so, Re-Act Refugee Action Scotland would love it to send to Lebanon, and this is why...



A sewing machine helps lift a woman out of poverty and creates new jobs in her community. The Sew Sisters Lebanon Project will involve setting up a micro-enterprise initiative for a women's group in Lebanon's impoverished Bekaa Valley, for the production and sale of sanitary towels and reusable nappies to their immediate communities and surroundings villages. Right now, young girls and women cannot afford imported sanitary towels and are aid dependent for these and for nappies and incontinence wear. The goal of the project is to make available sanitary towels at low-cost prices to school-aged girls and women in the region and also to make goods which can be sold internationally online as an environmentally friendly alternative to disposal towels and nappies.

Walking Group

The Walking Group will meet on most Mondays during May in Falkirk Stadium car park at 7.00pm for a walk in Helix Park. On the 29th of May, please note that we meet at The Beancross for a walk to Westquarter Glen. For further information, please contact Elizabeth on 624273 or any member of the walking group.

Saturday walk

The Church Walking Group's next venture is to Loch Leven, Kinross on Sat 20th May. There is a long walk and a short walk available. We intend to start in the morning and have lunch at Loch Leven's Larder and then walk back or walk around the loch back to Kinross, depending upon the completion of the path upgrading. It is all flat, with good terrain and lovely scenery. Contact Elizabeth Donald on 637791 if you wish to go. More details re timing and maps will be emailed nearer the time.



A Heart to Listen?

Saturday 27th May from 10.30am to 12.30pm

listenWellScotland

You are warmly invited to this two hour interactive session – A Heart to Listen? Come and discover why listening is important for health and wellbeing, in our every day relationships, in our faith journey and in pastoral care or community outreach initiatives. Come and find out how well you really listen and what Listen Well Scotland has to offer. Come and reflect on what the next step might be on the journey to become a “Listening Church.”

A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule or you can email the Office to book your place. Each place is £3.00. Tea and coffee will be available from 10.00am.



The Big Brunch

'The Big Brunch' will kick off Christian Aid week on Saturday 13th May in the Main Hall from 11.00am - 1.00pm. Soup, hot filled rolls, scones and traybakes will be on sale, so please come along and join us for brunch. Volunteers to help serve would be helpful so if you can spare an hour between 10.45am and 1.00pm, please contact Ellen Hamilton on 630716.

House to House Collections

House to house collections will take place as usual during Christian Aid week. If your street is not covered by the street to street collection, please use one of the two envelopes which will be inside the pew leaflets during Christian Aid week to make a contribution towards the work of Christian Aid. You can return your envelope to church and place it in the Christian Aid bucket in the vestibule. If you are able, please pass the second envelope on to a member of your family or a neighbour.

Quiz

The Christian Aid Quiz for 2017 is 'Singers/Bands' and is now on sale at a cost of £1.00. Completed quizzes should be returned to the Christian Aid table by Sunday 21st May. The winner of the quiz will be announced on 28th May.

Christian Aid Booksale

The Book Sale will take place this year from Monday 22nd to Saturday 27th May. It will be open Monday to Friday from 11.00am – 9.00pm and 10.00am – 3.00pm on the Saturday. Books, DVDs, magazines and CDs are wanted and can be delivered to church on Sundays from the beginning of the May. Volunteers are needed! If you would like to volunteer, please speak to Phil, Leanne or Lynn directly or email trinitybooksale@yahoo.com

Produce Table

The Produce table will be open for business again from the beginning of June. It will be situated in the vestibule outside the Main Hall on the first Sunday in the month from Sunday 4th of June until Sunday 1st of October. Bring along any excess plants, fruit and vegetables from your garden and jams and chutneys and we will sell them in aid of the East Africa appeal.

Falkirk Trinity Church Choir Practices - 2017

The choir meets once per month on a Thursday evening with some additional evenings in the period before Easter and Advent/Christmas. The practices are held either in the Main Hall or the Archway Room from 7.30pm – 9.30pm on the following Thursday evenings:

- 25th May
- 29th June
- 31st August
- 28th September
- 26th October
- 23rd November
- 30th November
- 7th December



The choir also practices before each Sunday Service at 10.15am prompt in the Archway Room. New members are always made welcome. Anyone interested in joining the choir should speak to Bob Tait or contact him via the Office.

Conversations with Kay! Monday 8th May from 7.00pm

This is another opportunity to share in a conversation with Kay Brown, focused around a familiar Bible passage. Tea and coffee from 7pm and discussion begins at 7.30pm. You will be made most welcome.

Bereavement Support Group

Have you, or has someone you know, lost someone close to you and do you feel you would like a little help? It may be a recent bereavement or one that happened some time ago, but perhaps you feel that you are not coping as well as you could. Small groups meet at Falkirk Trinity for Bereavement Support following the Seasons for Growth programme. If you, or anyone you know might be interested in coming along please get in touch with Moira, Jean or the church office.

Schüren Social Events

We are hosting a Scottish themed social event with our visiting friends from Schüren on Friday the 2nd of June and all are most welcome to join us. There will be a shared meal with our Schüren friends at 5.30pm which you are most welcome to join if you give your name to Joyce (622932) by Sunday 28th May, and a social event at 7.30pm.

Iona trip - signal permitting, you can follow the Falkirk-Schüren trip to Iona over Pentecost weekend on the Falkirk Trinity Facebook page!

What's on here?

Do you know that we have various groups who meet here regularly for dance, music and keep fit classes and rehearsals, or for informative evenings or for support sessions? This Church is a lively place during the week and so we'll be sharing some articles over the year about the groups who meet here so that you can perhaps join in too! If you want any more information about our groups, contact the Office.

Our Diary

Monday	The Choir Factory	6.30pm-7.30pm (Junior Choir); 7.45pm-9.00pm (Adult Choir)
	Project Theatre	7.00pm-8.30pm
Tuesday	Mini Music Makers classes	9.30am-noon
	Credit Union collection	10.00am-noon
	Age Concern - dancing	1.30pm-3.30pm
	AM Wellbeing	6.30pm-7.30pm (monthly)
	Scottish Wildlife Trust	7.00pm-9.00pm (monthly)
	Gamblers Anonymous	7.30pm-9.30pm
	Falkirk Bohemians	7.30pm-10.00pm (May-October)
Wednesday	Falkirk Trinity Guild	2.00pm-3.30pm (weekly-February, March, October, November)
	Girls Brigade	6.30pm-8.00pm
	Sing in the City	7.00pm-9.00pm
	Local History Society	7.30pm-9.30pm (monthly)
Thursday	Tai Kwon Do	7.00pm-9.00pm
	Falkirk Bohemians	7.30pm-10.00pm (May-October)
	Church Choir rehearsals	7.30pm-9.30pm (see separate note)
Friday	AA	10.30am
	Fairtrade stall	noon-2.00pm
	Open Door	noon-3.00pm
	Age Concern – keep fit	1.30pm-3.30pm
	AA	6.00pm
Saturday	Wee Tree Youth Theatre	11.00am-1.00pm
	AA	6.00pm
	Falkirk Street Pastors base	9.30pm
Sunday	Falkirk Festival Chorus	3.00pm-5.00pm
	AA	3.00pm

All rooms within the Church can be hired for one off or regular lets at very competitive rates. For more information, contact the Office.



Music and Events in the Faw Kirk

Glenbervie Duo

Friday 5th May at noon

Neil Clark and Kathryn Grainger will delight us on Friday 5th May at noon by playing traditional and folk music on small pipes, Highland bagpipes, clarinet, whistles, guitar and vocals! Entry is free.

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Handel's Messiah
Sunday 14th May at 7.00pm
The Sanctuary

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As part of the Falkirk Tryst Festival, Falkirk Festival Chorus will perform Handel's Messiah with Alison McNeill (Soprano), Laura Margaret Smith (Mezzo-soprano), Kenneth Reid (Tenor) and Phil Gault (Bass, baritone). Continuo will be played by Robin Bell, Organ, and Alasdair Tait, Cello, with Benjamin Baker and Savitri Grier, Violins, Charlotte Benneton, Viola and Mark O'Keefe, Trumpet. The conductor will be Robert Tait.

Tickets (£15; conc. £12) are now available from Chorus members and the Church Office

Falkirk Folk Club presents Carron Cast in Concert: Bairns, Boots & Bru
Saturday 20th May at 7.30pm
The Sanctuary

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Carron Cast will play here as part of the Falkirk Tryst Festival on the 20th of May. This is a celebration in music, song and story with works that represent and reflect Falkirk's journey to the present day. Tickets are available from Falkirk Folk Club – email falkirkfolkclub@outlook.com or phone 07535 097296.

The Five Side Effects of Kindness - David R. Hamilton PhD
Wednesday 14th June at 7.30pm
The Sanctuary

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Did you know that performing acts of kindness lowers your blood pressure? Or that kindness has the power to relieve depression, boost self-esteem and reduce social anxiety by physically changing the brain? Kindness also slows the ageing process by reducing wrinkles and promoting muscle regeneration. As if that wasn't enough, kindness can increase the chances of our relationships lasting, cure stress and make our lives happier overall.

Join David as he discusses his latest book, The Five Side Effects of Kindness, and shares the scientifically proven health benefits of kindness and how they can transform your life. Tickets are £12.00 and available from the Office, Stadium Box Office (01324 506850) or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/348709

Duke Special
Saturday 25th November at 7.30pm
The Sanctuary

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Duke Special is a fabulous songwriter and performer based in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He's a piano-based songwriter with a romantic style and a warm, distinctly accented voice. His live performances have a theatrical style inspired by Vaudeville and music hall, and often incorporate 78s played on an old-fashioned gramophone, or sound effects from a transistor radio.

On this very special tour, Duke Special will be performing songs and music based on the poetry of influential and renowned Belfast writer, Michael Longley. Longley's poems are full of gentleness, honesty, mischief and love and are peppered with a cast of artists, animals, flowers, friends and long forgotten soldiers. As ever, Duke Special is mining a new seam of inspiration, hunting for treasures and what it means to be a human being.

Tickets are £ 15.00 and available from the Office or www.seetickets.com


What's on elsewhere?

Strathcarron Singers Annual Concert
Friday 19th May
Albert Halls, Stirling



Tickets for this event are available from Jane Allan (tel 625124)

Falkirk Tryst Orchestra presents St Petersburg to Paris, with soloist Paulius Rudokas

Sunday 21st May at 7.00pm

Falkirk Town Hall



Falkirk Tryst Orchestra will play a programme of Rachmaninov's 2nd Piano Concerto, Gershwin's 'American in Paris', Brahms' 'Academic Festival Overture', 'Journey Through Space' by Edinburgh composer, Tom Cunningham, and the world premier of 'Postcards from Russia' by Iain McDonald. This work was specially commissioned from Iain for this year's Spring Concert. Iain is a member of the orchestra and lives in Clackmannanshire. The work is based on Russian folk songs. The Leader is Alistair Watson and the Conductor is Robert Tait.

Tickets are £ 9.00 (£ 7.00 conc./ £ 3.00 child) and available from Falkirk Town Hall on 01324 506850 or www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org.

Radio Royal Hospital Radio



Radio Royal is the hospital radio service for the Forth Valley. It is a registered charity and run entirely by volunteers broadcasting to patients, staff and visitors at the Forth Valley Royal Hospital. You'll hear Radio Royal in the restaurant, clinic waiting and refuge areas and by every bedside at the Forth Valley Royal. If you've enjoyed listening to the wide range of programmes from Radio Royal whilst at the Forth Valley Royal, you can continue to listen when you get home on your mobile or desktop / laptop computer.

If you have a friend or loved one at the Forth Valley Royal Hospital you can submit a request via the Radio Royal website. Requests are played during Patients' Choice on Tuesdays at 8.00pm and Thursdays at 6.00pm. Visit www.radiroyal.org for more information.

Symphonic Praise 2017

Glasgow Cathedral on Saturday 3rd June/St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh on Sunday 4th June

A fully symphonic concert of praise and worship in the stunning surroundings of St Mary's Episcopal cathedral in Edinburgh and Glasgow Cathedral. The event will be led by Origin's Exile Choir and Chamber Orchestra.

There is no charge for the tickets, but there will be a collection on the night. Suggested donation is at least £10 per ticket. Free tickets will be available nearer the time.

Shoebox 4 Syria 2017

Thanks to everyone who donated a shoebox to the Rainbow Muslim Women's Group appeal for the Shoebox 4 Syria campaign. They were able to send off over 230 shoeboxes and these will be delivered in time for Eid this year.



Dates for your Diary

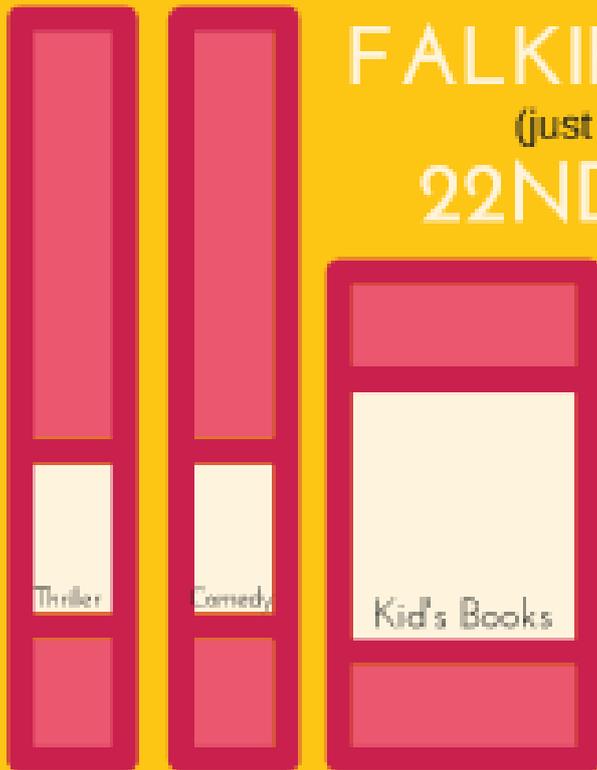
Church Diary and Events

- Sunday 4th June: Communion Services at 11.00am and 2.00pm; Pentecost
- Tuesday 6th June: Kirk Session meeting
- Monday 19th to Tuesday 27th June: minister on annual leave

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(just opposite M&S on the High Street)

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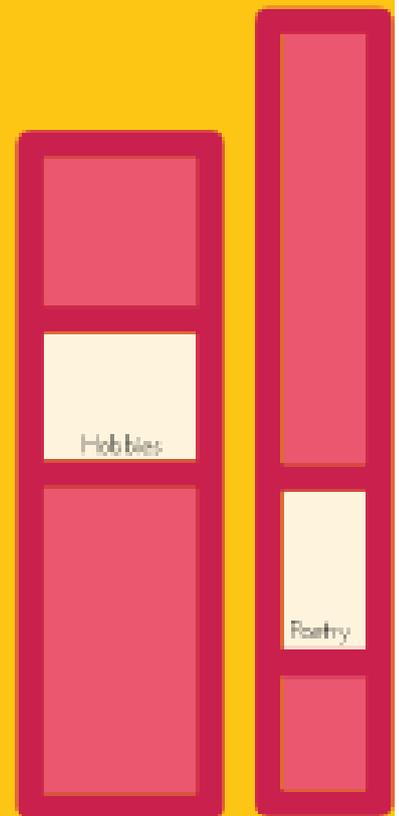
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