

# FALKIRK TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

JULY 2017

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 11.00am**

Theme: Touched by song

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am**

Theme: Touched by song

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am**

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**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 11.00am**

Theme: Touched by song

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am**

Theme: Touched by song



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### Church News for August 2017

Please send to the Church Office via e-mail ([thefawkirk@outlook.com](mailto:thefawkirk@outlook.com)) or hand into the office by Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July.  
Thanks!

## Important Information

### 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.



### Pastoral Visitors

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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Office

A little reminder that if you have messages for Gillian or for our Caretaker, Alastair Jeffrey, then please do not approach them on Sunday mornings but leave written notes in the box in the office, or you can contact them through the week at the office – thank you! The Office may not always be staffed during the day from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July, but please phone or email your request in and this will be dealt with.

### Did you know.....?

This monthly news sheet and the Faw Kirk Magazine are available to read online at [www.falkirktrinity.org.uk](http://www.falkirktrinity.org.uk). We also use Twitter and Facebook to keep in touch!



### Café in the Kirk Summer Holiday

The café will be closed from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July, reopening on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July.



## Church Life - what's happening here?

### Church Diary

- Comely Park Primary School summer service at 11.00am on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June at Church.

### 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. Thank you



### Summer Sunday Time

We are still looking for volunteers to cover Sundays July 30<sup>th</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:moragmackay@hotmail.com)



### Wanderers

Our next outing is on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of July. If you are interested in coming along please contact Ellen or Margaret via the Office as soon as possible.



### 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: It's growing, here's what we are up to...

1. Seasons for Growth: adult bereavement support groups now being held. Possible groups for children/young people in future.
2. Play Therapy: preparations pre-summer with start date envisaged in August. Pilot project one morning per week.
3. Falkirk District Credit Union: members trained and operating a collection station one morning per week at Trinity.
4. Falkirk Street Pastors: use premises free of charge when working in the town centre.
5. Alcoholic Anonymous and Gamblers Anonymous: groups meet within Trinity at a reduced rate.
6. Youth Worker: in conjunction with Scripture Union, Falkirk Baptist Church and Falkirk St. Andrew's West Church, to operate initially at Graeme High School. Presently seeking Trust members and avenues of funding.
7. Listen Well Scotland: introductory morning session in May with a view to Trinity becoming a "Listening Church" with trained volunteers.
8. Falkirk Foodbank: Trinity is a partner Church.
9. Café in the Kirk: operating weekdays from noon to 2pm.
10. Tots and Toddlers Group: in conjunction with St Francis Xavier's Church, we are seeking volunteers to operate a new group one morning per week at Trinity.
11. Children's Shop: looking at possibility of starting this in town centre to fund future initiatives, possibly including Traidcraft.
12. Signposting: information centre at Trinity to point to other help agencies.
13. Funding: preparations being made for funding applications.
14. Business and Development Manager: Gillian is our main connection with various agencies and groups in the town centre and throughout Falkirk.
15. Logo: use and development of new FLC logo...



## Walking Group

The Walking Group meet for the month of July at the Stables car park in Callendar Park, as always at 7.00pm.



### Produce Table

The Produce table will be open in the hall vestibule on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July immediately after the service. Any donations of jam, marmalade etc, surplus fruit, vegetables, plants would be very gratefully received. If you are unable to bring the goods to church yourself, please contact the office and arrangements will be made to pick them up.

### Kelpies Canter

The second annual Christian Aid Walk will take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at the Helix. The official start is at 10.30am but you can start at any time between then and noon. The 5k route is suitable for all ages. You can walk, bike, around Falkirk Stadium, the Lagoon, Great Lawn and the Kelpies. The 9km route goes around Falkirk Stadium, the Lagoon, Great Lawn, the Kelpies and Abbotshaugh woodland. If you want to take part, a £3 donation for adults and £1.50 for under 16s can be made on the day. If you can organise sponsorship then you can take part for free. Why not come along and enjoy face painting, a Scavenger Hunt, music and take part in the shared picnic on the Great Lawn at the end of the walk?

### **Donations for Graeme High School**

During July, we will be collecting school uniform donations for Graeme High School. The items of clothing do not have to be new (although this would, of course, be most welcome) but they must be in good, clean condition. As the school year is nearly at an end this is when most parents/carers have a clear-out of uniforms that no longer fit. It would be great if they could be recycled and reused.

The items requested are: white shirts/blouses, black trousers/skirts, black jumpers/cardigans and black blazers, all aged 11-16 approximately.

A box for your donations will be left in the Vestibule. Many thanks in advance.

### **Knitted Squares**

Thanks to all those who have been knitting squares over the last few months. We estimate that we had a total of something like 3500 squares which is a fantastic effort. We made up 26 packs each containing enough squares to make a blanket for an adult and one for a child or baby. We also had extra packs of baby blankets and craft materials. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

### **The Wanderers**

For the last 20 years, the Wanderers has operated in Falkirk to support elderly people who are housebound or have difficulty getting around independently. Most are in their 80s and 90s. Twice a month from March to November, a group of 12 are picked up at their homes and taken out for afternoon tea before being returned home. The outing usually lasts around 3 hours. While the Wanderers enjoy the drive and their afternoon tea, the main thing for all of them is meeting other people and having a chat.

For each trip, we need 2 escorts on the bus. Since the beginning of the year, a number of escorts have retired. As a result, we recently had to cancel one of the trips because no escorts could be found. We are frequently struggling to staff the bus, which is jeopardising the trips. If we cannot increase the number of escorts, then it is very likely that the number of trips will have to be reduced, which will be a real loss to many of the Wanderers. The duties of an escort are not onerous – helping people on and off the bus, checking that they are seated safely and making sure that everyone is enjoying their afternoon tea. If you could spare a day once every 3-4 months please let Ellen Hamilton know.

### **Summer Read**

The Christian Growth team invite you to read 'Journey to the Well' by Diana Wallis Taylor as part of your 'holiday' reading this summer. We have purchased several copies of the book which can be borrowed from church on a Sunday morning and then returned for others to enjoy. There will be an opportunity for anyone who would like to join a discussion about the book to come along on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm for tea/coffee then a 7.30pm start. All are welcome to come along and share thoughts on the book.

### **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:

- 31<sup>st</sup> August
- 23<sup>rd</sup> November
- 28<sup>th</sup> September
- 30<sup>th</sup> November
- 26<sup>th</sup> October
- 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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 (Juniors); 7.45pm-9.00pm (Adult)
	Project Theatre	7.00pm-8.30pm
Tuesday	Mini Music Makers classes	9.30am-noon
	Credit Union collection	10.30am-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 (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.

#### Book Group

The next book group will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August in the Wheelhouse. For more information, please speak to Shona Penman.



## Music and Events in the Faw Kirk

#### Cèilidh Trail

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at noon

The Cèilidh Trail gives young musicians the opportunity to perform in public, enhancing their performance skills through a sustained period where they are treated as professional musicians. Local communities, businesses and visitors also benefit and get to enjoy great live traditional music from young people in the community. Come along to hear them play here!



### Falkirk Folk Club presents Auld Hats, New Heids

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30pm



In the 1960s/70s, there was a thriving folk club in practically every town of any size packed with people having fun laughing and singing along to the songs popular at the time. Those days have long passed with folk music having developed technically since then. AULD HAT - NEW HEIDS remembers those days and recreates a typical night at an early revival folk club with audiences singing their hearts out! Tickets for this event are available from [falkirkfolkclub@outlook.com](mailto:falkirkfolkclub@outlook.com)

### Sixty Minutes of Song with Choirs from the National Youth Choirs of Scotland

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August



NYCoS is the most exciting and vibrant youth music organisation in Scotland and has built an enviable reputation for tremendous musical, exciting and thrilling choral singing. Put the date in your diary and look out for more information!

### Duke Special

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm



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](http://www.seetickets.com)



## What's on elsewhere?

### Give Blood



You can give blood over the summer at the following locations:

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 4.00pm – 7.30pm in Community Centre, Bainsford
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July from 2.15pm – 3.45pm & 5.15pm – 7.30pm in Hallglen Sports Centre the Falkirk Town Hall
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August from 4.00pm – 7.30pm in Falkirk Town Hall

### Eid in the Park

Join our Muslim friends for a fun day in Callendar Park on Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> from noon until 5.00pm. There will be stalls, children's activities, arts and crafts, henna painting, food, gifts and lots more! All are welcome and entry is free.



## Dates for your diary

- August worship theme: well known quotes!
- Donation Station: Collection for Blythswood Care Shoe Boxes...details to follow!
- Family Life Centre Team meets on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 10.30am.
- Magazine articles to be in by Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August
- Minister on annual leave from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August to Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, both dates inclusive. Urgent pastoral care will be provided by Kay Brown and John Jenkinson.
- Communion services on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 11am and 2pm, led by Kay Brown.
- Kirk Session meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September