



SHERBROOKE MOSSPARK PARISH CHURCH MAGAZINE

Dear All

We have had a lot to celebrate recently. After the joy of Easter and all being able to sit down together for Easter Breakfast, we decided to do it all again. So, we decided to hold a Pentecost/Platinum Jubilee celebration with a buffet lunch. You joined in the fun, choosing the hymns for our Songs of Praise, we celebrated both Pentecost and gave



thanks for Her Majesty the Queen, with kites (to represent the breath of the Holy Spirit) and sang a song to the tune of "Let's go fly a kite." I'm absolutely sure the tune of "Let's go fly a kite" stuck with many for the rest of the day. The bouncy castle was out, and the whole family of Sherbrooke Moss Park had good fun.

Soon, we welcome our new organist, Tom Ferguson to Sherbrooke Moss Park. Tom and I have worked together before, and I knew when the Organist Search Committee chose Tom that you will enjoy getting to know Tom and will welcome him into our Church Family. Tom brings a wealth of experience, having been organist at Renfrew Old, Kilbarchan

West and St David's Memorial Park. We also give thanks for Ian Munro's contribution over the last six months. It's never easy stepping in after a longstanding relationship between organist and choir and congregation, but Ian in his own way has helped us through the transition. We've had a lot of fun with Ian too, with spontaneous bursts of "Happy Birthday" to celebrate Marjorie Walker's 90th birthday, and Ian's Wurlitzer rendition on the organ for "Lord you have come to the seashore." I'm glad to say that Ian will be back as he has agreed to deputise for Tom whenever the need arises.

We have also been working at exploring future relationships with Ibrox and Pollokshields Parish Churches. I'm glad to say that we have found more in common than we imagined. It's very easy to find ourselves rooted in entrenched positions as congregations by trying to define how we are different to our neighbours. We are all distinctive and unique to one another, but we have certainly found a common bond in serving God in action, and trying to build relationships with our communities. We each hold dear the place of good music, mainstream, inclusive worship and open and

generous hospitality. That's a lot to build on and I am confident that we can find good ways of working with one another as the Presbytery Planning Process continues.

There's a great deal to be positive about. And I know that this will stand us in good stead in responding to what is going to be a very difficult time ahead. We, as a nation are coasting right now, with a sense of false security, towards a winter, whether it be harsh or mild, will see some people making very real choices between heating or eating. Short of dramatic government intervention, we need to respond to this with action. Last night, at our cluster meeting, we talked about providing a space for a community meal and warmth during the winter months, and next week we will discuss how to make this happen. I believe that together, with our cluster congregations and other partnerships, we can provide warm spaces, and help those most in need. This will need your help and support and if you want to be a part of this project as it unfolds, please email me on adillon@churchofscotland.org.uk.

As we celebrate and give thanks, let us also pray that we can put our faith into action, and face whatever the future holds.

Your minister and friend

Adam

Christian Aid 2022

Thank you everyone for your efforts in this year's Christian Aid week. On 7th June I banked £2162.06 for Christian Aid. This was made up from:

Coffee /tea donations.	£ 141.85
Craft stall donations.	£ 478.00
Pentecost lunch donations.	£ 286.81
Christian Aid envelopes.	£1255.40

There were also a number of Gift Aid Declarations which will amount to £200 approximately tax back for Christian Aid.

Thank you to everyone who donated in cash and kind to all these events. We could not have done it without you. A special thanks to everyone who helped with the stall and Mags and Janis for their support in counting and checking the money. It was much appreciated.

Ruth

Update from the Session Clerk – June 2022

May and into early June seems to have been a very busy period for our church community. It was a delight to witness the return of our annual Plant sale to full strength: the hall full of amazing plants, some of which were homegrown; the coffee stations going like the clappers, brilliantly supplied by Jan and her amazing scones and the scouts running the bouncy castle and providing plant carrying services. A huge thank you must go to Marjorie McGhie, Stuart Hislop and the whole Plant Sale team who created a brilliant day of fellowship and important fund-raising event for the church.

Not long after, we seemed to be heading towards the joint celebration of the Church's birthday at Pentecost, wrapped around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration. As part of the fun, the Women's Group participated in a Women's Institute initiative of knitting Corgis to mark the Queen's jubilee; the idea took off and we ended up with over 20 corgis which were named and presented after our Pentecost and Jubilee lunch. The Social committee created a super celebratory lunch after our Songs of Praise service and it was certainly heartening to witness our church community celebrating together.

The Organist appointment Committee had a good level of response from several applicants and interviews were held in mid-May for our new Organist and Music Director. I am delighted to report that Tom Ferguson was unanimously voted as the strongest candidate and he has accepted the position. We are hoping Tom will be starting with us at the beginning of July.

The Presbytery Planning process continues and the first of our Cluster meetings was held on Wednesday 8th June at our church. The meeting was held with Ibrox and Pollokshields Churches and a fruitful discussion ensued with many of our values and theologies aligning. Our work will continue during June, culminating in producing a Joint Mission Plan which will be presented to Glasgow Presbytery. I would like to thank Ruth Sills, Andy Hadden and Garry Borland who have agreed to be our 'Cluster team' along with Adam and I. We will keep you all updated as we move forward through this process.

On the family front, we have been away to the North coast of Scotland in Stella (our Campervan) visiting our friend in Loch Carron, onto Glenbrittle in Skye and finishing off in Arisaig - what a beautiful country we live in!

Many best wishes for the holiday months ahead

Clare

Young Church Update

Young church has now been running for 4 weeks. Numbers are small but the children who come along are brilliant.

We have been reading the story of Joseph and the children have been doing crafts like decorating Joseph's coat on gingerbread biscuits then eating him. Which was a lot of fun!

Messy Church will be starting in September in Mossspark Bowling Club and on Saturday 18th June we will hold our first Muddy Church in Maxwell Park. Catch up on how we got on in our next magazine.

Susan Graham
Community Outreach Worker

Scout Update

The 159th was privileged to host a performance of the Goofus Theatre company in the church hall on Thursday 9th June. Around 50 young people and church members attended and were treated to a fascinating puppetry display of 'Lilly and the Heron'. Goofus specialise in taking theatre into the community and making professional performances accessible to people who perhaps wouldn't go to the theatre. With this in mind Goofus had already played to families at the Barrowfield Community Hall in Dennistoun (through Halliday Foundation) and clients of the Preshal Trust in Govan: the Sherbooke-Moss Park gig was the last of this tour, but I know they will be back to visit us again in the not too distant future.

'Lilly and the Heron' was a beautifully written piece concerning a girl who had lost her voice but found her courage and speech again through an act of bravery. All original script, music and table top puppets were created through Goofus and this generated an imaginative and magical 30 minutes for us all. The whole audience loved meeting Lilly and the Heron after the performance and we were able to see how they moved and the creativity behind the theatre.

Thank you to Cameron and Pat McIntyre for helping at the event and we look forward to their return.

Nigel Williams

131st Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

I thought I would just give you a little update on what has been happening in Mosspark. We are now all back to "normal" and meeting every week in the hall. Our Rainbows and Guides numbers are very healthy with a little waiting list for Rainbows but our Brownie numbers could be better although we hope that will improve when the Rainbows move up after the summer break.

Over the last session we have been doing all sorts of things and many of the girls have gained interest and skills builders badges. Most of the girls attended our Skills Builders days at our campsite at Achachairdeis where they learned how to put up tents, cook marshmallows, build dens among other things and everyone gained their Have Adventures Skills Builder badge. Both days were great fun although the Guide day was very wet and although the Rainbow and Brownie day was a lovely day weather-wise I did manage to fall and crack a rib!!! We have also been celebrating the Queen's Jubilee with various activities. The Guides had a great time at our Division Camp again at Achachairdeis in glorious weather and everyone had a great time.

We will be back in September full of enthusiasm for the year ahead and hopefully lots of new girls joining in the fun.

The Leaders - 131st Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

Letter to the Guild

Thank you so much to the Guild for the gift of £20 to Horatio's Garden Scotland following Lorna Rice's recent talk. It is so kind of you to support our work to improve the lives of people affected by spinal injury.

Horatio's Gardens, in the heart of spinal centres, are uplifting natural sanctuary for patients, their families and the NHS staff in contrast to the clinical environment of the wards.

Your support is vital to help fund the care of the gardens and the charity's garden therapy and arts programme - bringing purpose and creativity to rehabilitation for patients spending long stays in hospital.

We are so grateful for your help - thank you for being part of Horatio's Garden.

Dr Olivia Chapple

Chair of Trustees

 **A View from the Console**

Having inhabited the North End of the church, seated at your fantastic 'kist o' whistles' since early February, my brief stay is drawing to a close. I would like to thank everyone at Sherbrooke for making me feel so very welcome; particularly Adam, who knew my style of organ playing, and **STILL** asked if I would fill in for a few weeks!

I have been very impressed with the dedication, skill and good humour of the choir and would like to express my gratitude to them - individually and collectively - for their unfailing help and support over the past few weeks. (Dealing with someone new is always stressful and I hope my 'style' hasn't been too traumatic for your choir!)

It has been a pleasure to be part of Sherbrooke Mossspark, if only for a while, and I wish you all well for the future. I will be back in August for a couple of Sundays; you have been warned!!

Ian Munro

 **Women's Group Summer Social Wednesday 1st June**

We were delighted to return to House for an Art Lover for our Summer Social on 1st June. Close to sixty ladies attended on a lovely summer evening. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the food and the chat and we were very well looked after by Christos and his team. Many thanks to everyone who supported the event. We are booked again for Wednesday 31 May 2023 so put the date in your diary.

The Women's Group 2022-23 session will start on 1 September. If you would like to be added to the list of those receiving email information on the meetings please contact jan.bostock@hotmail.co.uk.

 **Let's Play**

Going back to university to study Applied Music at UHI has been a very exciting and enjoyable challenge. When I started 3 years ago I had never composed any music at all and I had a lot to learn! Our composition task this year was to write 10 minutes of music that meant something to us. When I wrote the music last year for Tom's retirement I had no idea how difficult it would be to sing, despite this the choir made it sound so good! This year I wanted to write something which was much easier to sing and the choir have been real troupers trying out samples and giving me very honest feedback throughout the composition process. My tutor was delighted that I was writing for a specific group of singers and that I was getting feedback on the singability of my work. It was a privilege to have my psalms sung during worship and I'm so grateful to the splendid choir members for their support and patience.

Grace Guse

Plant Sale - A brief History



Now that we have enjoyed the return of the Plant Sale I thought it would be interesting to document its evolution.

The Plant Sale was the idea of Seona Maguire and her late husband John. In 1989, when the church was looking for a new fundraiser, Seona suggested a plant sale similar to the one held at her previous church, Trinity Church, Renfrew. The plants for that sale were supplied by Alastair Urquhart, owner of Greenhead Nursery at Inchinnan and a neighbour of Seona's when she lived in Renfrew. Alastair agreed to the sale but had no delivery van - the helpers had to drive to the nursery and collect everything by car themselves - quite a task!

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The first Plant Sale, held on 12th May 1989, was a great triumph and raised £1,105. It's worth noting that since then similar sales have become popular with churches and other charities - competition for us.

Over the years the nursery expanded and when Alastair died it was taken over by his son and daughter-in-law. Fortunately they started to rent a van to deliver the plants but times were changing, the nursery was sold and the last order we had from Greenhead was in 2011.

Looking around for another supplier we were lucky to find that McLaren's Nursery in Lugton was prepared to fill the gap. This is a marvellous family-run nursery with a first class reputation and vast selection of plants. Since 2012 we have been happily supplied by them with their stock being augmented by donated home-grown plants.

I'm delighted to say that the Plant Sale, has continued to be a significant event in the church calendar. The second Saturday in May has become quite a special day in the parish with the addition of coffee, freshly baked scones and the Bouncy Castle providing a festive atmosphere. After all our expenses the proceeds this year were £2,855 - a terrific result.

Thanks to everyone involved whether it was growing plants, assembling orders, helping on the day or running the tea-room. Special thanks also to the Scouts who helped in so many ways.

Now all that remains for me is to wish you a 'happy and glorious' summer.

Marjorie McGhie

 **A.M. Chorus**

After being prevented by COVID from meeting and singing for two years, the resumption of regular meetings of the AM Chorus, which started in February, was so successful that members agreed that meetings of the Chorus would continue into the early summer (May and June). The last meeting of the session was held on Wednesday 15th June. Members have continued to enjoy the music and singing, and also the fellowship after it became possible once again to have a cuppa and a chat after the meetings.

The Chorus is indebted to Alice Guse for all her dedicated work after taking over as Music Director. Alice's 'rehearsal notes' about all the meetings are in the AM Chorus section of the church website. They make interesting reading (do have a look), as they outline the programmes and show the range of songs enjoyed by the Chorus at the meetings. They also show the progress being made by the Chorus under Alice's direction. Well done, Alice! Sincere thanks are also due to Muriel Manning for taking over as accompanist on the piano.

After a summer break we hope to resume in September, with Alice continuing to act as Music Director, if possible. Further information will be intimated closer to the time, including meeting dates and whether meetings will be every Wednesday in the Small Hall (as in previous years), rather than fortnightly in the Large Hall, as during the past session. The possibility of 'performing' at a church social event may also be explored.

The Chorus members look forward to meeting up again in September. We would encourage other church members to come along too, as well as reminding everyone that all amateur singers are welcome - whether church members or not. This is a choir for the community, although it is associated with our church and has the use of church facilities, and we welcome everyone who enjoys singing, however 'amateur' they may be!

Thanks also to the other members of the support team - Pat, Marjorie and Neil.

Andrew Normand

The Day we went to Rothesay Ho!



A small but very select group from Sherbrooke Mossspark gathered in the wonderful setting of Wemyss Bay Rail Terminal / Pier for the crossing to Rothesay last Thursday.

The cosy tearoom served us excellent mugs of coffee along with home baked chocolate cake to set the tone for the voyage across the estuary along with our guide and mentor David Walker in the ideal manner.... Initial reminiscing took place with Elizabeth MacIntosh (widow of the late Iain erstwhile Scout Leader of the 159th which in his time was a Sea Scout Group)

Into Rothesay Bay past Toward Point and Lighthouse to berth at the pier in the heart of the town.

We already realise the history of the environment by the amazing panorama of properties reflecting the association with Glasgow at the turn of the 19th to 20th Centuries! Stone Built Villas and Tenements in all shades of sandstone (Red, Blonde). Pollokshields with a sea view!

Perhaps sad to reflect that much of this was created on the profits of the Barons of the time from tobacco and alcohol from across the pond!

We have now disembarked into the centre of the metropolis and find it interesting that the majority of the retail outlets are small privately owned shops with the exception of the Ironmongery Store which is extremely large and stocks a multitude of items to cover most needs in any household (the benefit of there being no B&Q outlet anywhere near)

As a group we take in some of the more historically interesting buildings and places close at hand:

The ruins of Rothesay Castle are literally a stones throw from the pier confirming that no matter where you go in Scotland you come across the evidence of battles caused by race, religion or class!

From the Castle we walk across to the Theatre/ Cinema/ Hall by crossing an imaginary line symbolising the fault line between Highland and Lowland Scotland. Another few yards take us into an amazing Wrought Iron edifice housing The Scottish Tourist Board with a staff of three very pleasant ladies very willing to share their knowledge to anyone willing to listen. The stock of souvenirs is both tasteful and useful.

Unfortunately as we reach this stage the Scottish climate shows its hand as the black clouds close in and the mouth of Loch Striven disappears! Fortunately we are close to the pier and make a beeline for the gangplank and the haven of the ferry and the return to Wemyss Bay!

Our compliments to all individuals who helped us whether at Wemyss Bay, Rothesay or on board MV Argyle for their courtesy and pleasant demeanour!

Ranald Findlay

The Church of Scotland General Assembly 2022

The 2022 General Assembly was held from Saturday 21st May until Thursday 26th May. It was a hybrid event, with some attending the Assembly Hall and others participating online. Proceedings were live streamed on the Church of Scotland's website. The full volume of Reports and other documents are available on the publications page of the website and the June edition of Life and Work contains a round-up of this year's Reports. Rev. Dr Iain Greenshields, Minister of St. Margaret's Community Church in Dunfermline, succeeded the Rt. Hon Lord Wallace of Tankerness as Moderator and Rev Fiona Smith was appointed as Principal Clerk of the General Assembly, succeeding Rev. Dr George Whyte.

Among the various reports presented, the report of the Safeguarding Committee was delivered by its Convenor and our Minister, Rev. Adam Dillon. The report of the Legal Questions Committee was delivered by its Convenor, Rev. Dr Grant Barclay, Convenor of the Legal Questions Committee, Principal Clerk to Glasgow Presbytery and newly appointed Chaplain to the Queen.

Sherbrooke Mossspark Church was not called to be represented at this year's General Assembly, but the proceedings are open to all and are always a fascinating insight to the many facets of the wider work of the Church.

Una Heaney

Trussell Trust Appeal

The last 2 years have changed all our lives and during the lock-down the foodbank continued with reduced volunteer numbers. Glasgow City Council have been excellent in supporting families with food boxes but as we "learn to live with Covid", that support has stopped.

I've been back at the foodbank for the past year or so and we seem to have stepped out of the frying pan and into the fire. We are now faced with a 'cost of living crisis' with families plunged into 'fuel poverty' and increasingly having to decide whether to "heat or eat". Sadly we have seen users return packets of spaghetti simply because they can't afford the electricity to boil a pan of water.

As always, the Trussell relies on direct food donations. It also receives financial donations from individuals as one-off donations or monthly direct debits but the deeds of the Trust mean that we can only buy food and we aren't allowed to buy non-food items. Food donations are always needed but non-food essentials are also required.

Such donations might include:

Tinned fish	Tea
Tinned fruit	Coffee
Tinned vegetables and pulses	Soap
sugar	Shampoo
Semi-skimmed UHT milk	Toothpaste
Breakfast cereals	Toothbrushes
Biscuits	Razors
Diluting juice	

Sadly the forecast is that the cost of living crisis will only deepen as inflation rises. With Adam and the Kirk Session's approval, the collection boxes are now back at the back of the Church (under the big stained-glass window) and all of us at Ibrox Trussell appreciate your continued generosity.

Isobel Gaudoin

Day Trip Thursday



Share a car, take a bus, even take a train
For many it will be a trip down memory lane.
Chat with your friends, bring them too
It's all about what we would like to do.

We have had two very successful day trips to the Isle of Cumbrae and the Isle of Bute. Our next day trip looks like it may be to the Isle of Arran. Date to be confirmed. If you would like more information please contact Ranald.

Women's Group Pop up Craft Corner

If you would like to learn something new or help others learn something new? We can organise this for a Tuesday afternoon in one of the halls. Please contact Mags for further information.

Cluster Congregations - Details in Adam's letter


If you would like to be part of this project as it unfolds, please email Adam.

Calling all Sherbrooke Corgis

Let's have some fun and follow their adventures during the summer months. For further information please visit our Corgi page on our website.

Connect with our Congregation over the summer

Our Facebook page is continually being updated
Notices will be posted on our WhatsApp Notice Board
Chat will be posted on our WhatsApp Connect Group
Our website will be updated weekly

 **Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this magazine.**
Our next one will be in September.

