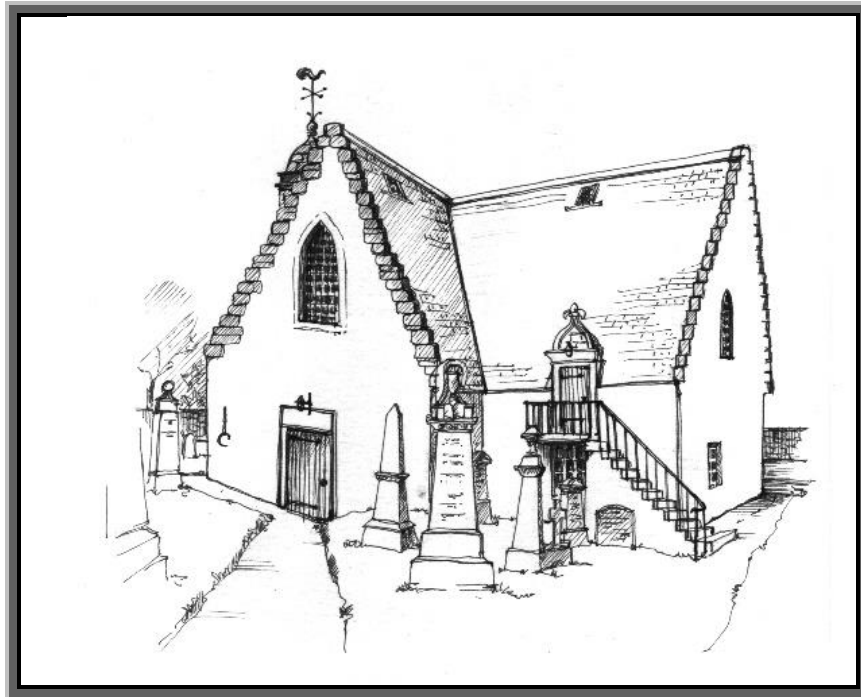


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Dear Friends

From time to time, I am asked what I think about the relevance of the Old Testament in today's society and church life. Should we not concentrate our understanding on the teaching of Jesus Christ as we find in the four gospels and the mission teaching as found in the letters of St Paul the great evangelist? This is a question so worthy of a debate and discussion and this is probably not the place for it. I'd be ready to arrange a time and venue to consider the question in more detail.

I loved Old Testament Studies when I was at Highland Theological College in Dingwall! Our lecturer was the Rev Dr Hector Morrison, Rector of the college and in his soft west highland accent, he introduced us to the very beginnings of God's dealings with his people and the historical record of the creation of the world.

The Old Testament is known as the book of the Law and Prophets and the books of the Law are called the Pentateuch. I had been studying for some time before I actually went to Dingwall so I had to be there to hear the word said out loud by Hector and for me to know how to pronounce it! So if you want to know, it is penta-ch-as in chicken and oo-ch as in loch.

Jesus often quoted the prophets and the psalms in his teaching and the first place we hear him quote from the prophet Isaiah is in the synagogue. As we read in Matthew's gospel, he was quick to say that he came to fulfil the law and prophets. Jesus obeyed the Law and the instructions of the Prophets, but his deeper work on Earth is to fulfil them. Laws have purpose. In Old Testament times, the covenant laws given to his people by God were to condemn wrong living and lead the way to true life.

The law was fulfilled in Jesus' life, death and resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus, and given by God. We have just recently celebrated Pentacost. This is the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples and the beginning of the church of which we are a part, many, many generations later. So to go back to the original question, I think that the Old Testament is very relevant!

It is full of stories of the relationship between God and the Israelite people and their relationships with their neighbours and each other. It is full of the stories of the consequences of their obedience and their disobedience. It tells of their repentance and turning back to God at the calling and entreaty of their leaders and their prophets. It is full of the history of our identity as a new generation of God's children, faithful or wayward.

It gives us the instructions for living and if you were a Kilmarnock Academy pupil or teacher, then you will know that the school motto on your blazer badge is taken from the words of the Old Testament prophet Micah where he says to the people,

'what does the Lord require of you? To do justice, love kindness (mercy) and walk humbly with your Lord.'

In her closing speech to the General Assembly last week, the outgoing moderator, the Rt Rev Sally Foster-Fulton spoke about the mission of the church in our time is to 'do justice', not debate what it is, not discuss it or write about it but to do it.

She spoke about the many congregations in Scotland who demonstrated their love and service by doing justice in many different ways; providing warm spaces in the cold, foodbanks for hungry families, visiting those who were imprisoned in their own homes by ill health or caring responsibilities and making worship services as accessible to people outside the church building as inside. We do all this for one another and we can do more yet!

If you were in church or watching the live stream the other week, you would hear Simon Young telling the story of Dr Peter Lovatt, who changed the lives of the small communities of Mali in North Africa by encouraging the exports of shea butter as an alternative to palm oil. He paid the women who crushed the shea palm nuts to extract the fat, found markets in the UK that would take and use the ingredient and in developing this cottage industry, made the lives of the small communities, sustainable and more prosperous, providing finance for healthcare and education.

As we look forward to all the events of the summer months, holidays, gala days, school leaver celebrations, special services and ordinary days in the garden and community, may we always be looking for ways to continue to 'do' justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God.

I wish you many good times, good health and blessings over the summer.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Your locum minister and interim moderator.

Kim Watt

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- Wednesday 26th June led by Ann Campbell
- Wednesday 24th July Summer Mission Service led by Rev Kim Watt
- Wednesday 21st August, led by Rev Kim Watt

Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches

Fenwick Parish Church will host the latest Fellowship service on Sunday 30th June at 3pm in the church followed by tea in the church hall.

The Fellowship is made up of the congregations of the Church of Scotland churches, the Central Evangelical Church, the Salvation Army, Holy Trinity Scottish Episcopal Church, Winton Place Church and the Catholic Churches in the Kilmarnock District.

The speaker will be Chris Greenhaugh speaking about the organisation 'Open Doors' which is an international ministry serving persecuted Christians and churches worldwide. Open Doors supplies bibles, leadership training, literacy programmes, livelihood support and advocacy services. It mobilises churches here in the UK to serve and pray for Christians living under religious persecution.

Bibles for Bairns!

Do you know of babies born in 2024? The Scottish Bible Society gifts bibles to babies born in Scotland during 2024. To register for this valuable and exciting project and gift a bible to a baby you know, please visit

<https://www.scottishbiblesociety.org/resources/bibles-for-bairns>

Conventicle Service

A service of thanksgiving and commemoration of the lives of the Covenanting Martyrs will be held in the Kirkyard on Sunday 21st July at 3pm.

We are fortunate that we can gather freely in the open to worship God, it was not always so and this service remembers the faith and determination of the people of the village and surrounding areas who risked their lives for their faith and the martyrs commemorated and asleep in the kirkyard. There will be tea in the hall afterwards.



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If you want to access the service remotely, you can do this via the Fenwick Parish Church Youtube Channel, the church website and our Facebook page.

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Fenwick Parish Church Family Lunch

We are delighted to invite families to join us for lunch, chat and activities, on Saturday, 15th June.

Lunch will be in the Paton Room (small hall). Doors will open at 12 noon with lunch being served at 12.30 finishing circa 1.30pm.

It is intended that whilst coffee is being served, the children can join in story time and musical activities. The invite extends to all families in Fenwick and its surrounding areas.

This new venture will restart on the third Saturday of August and every third Saturday of the month thereafter. Dates will be confirmed nearer the time. All you need to bring are yourselves and your family.

For more information and to confirm you are coming along, please e-mail acc514@live.com for catering purposes and for any food allergies. A very warm welcome awaits.

If you would like to know more about being a Table Host, please ask. We would be delighted if you would like to participate.



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Fenwick Church Walking Group

I have had some enquiries regarding the proposed walking group and about the length/routes.

We are going to start with some walking at the windfarm and the length of the walk will be entirely dependent on the group decision. Ann is hoping to join us but she is only able to walk a couple of miles so, those wishing to do the same can walk with the group and then turn back.

Hopefully, this will gently build up the distance. For those wishing to walk further we can carry on and then all meet back at the visitor's centre for coffee. Hope this helps clarify distance options.

I do hope that more people will consider joining the group, reassured that we will not be training for the 'West Highland Way' unless of course you want to.

Kind regards
David

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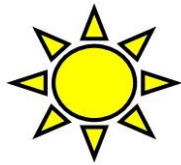
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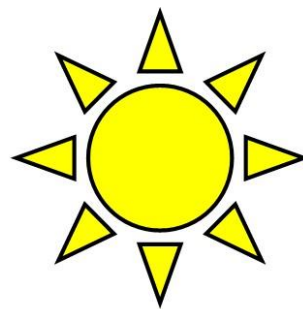


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Saturday 8th June

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Sunday 9th	Monday 10th	Tuesday 11th	Wed 12th
<p>Fenwick Cricket Match</p> <p>High Fenwick v Laigh Fenwick</p> <p>King George V Playing Field</p> <p>2pm</p>	<p>Family Bingo Night</p> <p>Church Hall</p> <p>*£5 per Bingo book</p> <p>6.30pm</p>	<p>Gala Quiz</p> <p>John Fulton Hall</p> <p>B.Y.O.B</p> <p>*£5 per person MAX 6 people per team</p> <p>8pm start – Doors open at 7.15pm</p>	<p>Family Fun Night@ Fenwick Bowling Club</p> <p>Fenwick Bowling Club</p> <p>6.30pm</p>



Activities for everyone to enjoy

Thursday 13th	Friday 14th	Saturday 15 th
<p>Family Games Night</p> <p>Church Hall</p> <p>All ages welcome</p> <p>6.30 – 8.00pm</p>	<p>Parent Council Family Quiz</p> <p>John Fulton Hall</p> <p>*£4 per person/ £15 for a family of 4</p> <p>6.15pm</p>	<p>Family Games & Bike Trials</p> <p>King George V Playing Field</p> <p>A morning of races, bike trials and fun!</p> <p>11am – 1pm</p> <p>Gala Dance</p> <p>A night of music and dancing - Fulton Hall</p> <p><u>Tickets £15</u> Licensed Bar</p> <p>7.30pm – till Midnight</p>

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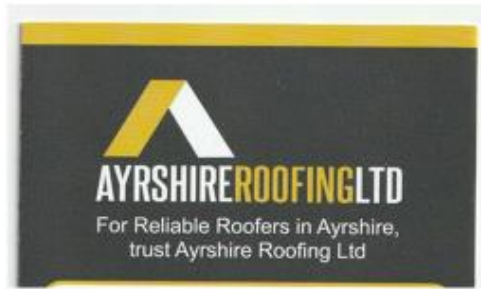
Fenwick Bowling Club

Play is now in full swing. Already, both the ladies and gents have played in friendly games with local clubs. Members are now playing competitions – the serious side of the bowling year.

In June, we hold open competitions in both mixed triples and ladies triples, when teams from other clubs come and play at Fenwick. Every club holds competitions like this and our members take part in competitions at other venues.

The wappenschaws continue all year – the gents on a Monday evening and the ladies on a Wednesday afternoon. The really fun night, takes place on a Friday at 7pm. This is a mixed game and anyone wishing to give bowling a try, can come along then and join in. There is no fee for the first year, provided you are new to the sport.

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Reading/Prayer Rota for June/July

Reading A	Reading B	Prayer
June	June	June
2 Lesley Hamilton	Janette Dunlop	
9 Nora Shanks	Gordon Watt	Lesley Hamilton
16 Mark Young	Averil Murray	
23 Miller Hardie	John Douglas	Donald McCorquodale
30 Anne Naismith	Kevin Wadsworth	
July	July	July
7 Donald McCorquodale	Martha Speirs	George Seaton
14 Lesley Hamilton	Nora Shanks	
21 Gordon Watt	George Seaton	Mark Young
28 Janette Dunlop	Irene Couper	

This is a **provisional** rota as the holiday season is here. Please let Alastair know if your slot doesn't suit so changes can be made.

Moscow SWI

Our last meeting of the session was held on Monday 6th May when there was a quiz and the AGM.

The winning quiz team were Anne Dunsmore, Agnes Gibson, Catherine Barr and Marion Cunningham. This year's competitions winner was Anne Borthwick with Lily Watson runner up.

Christine Taylor, Myra Seton and Marion Cunningham) were congratulated on winning the foursome at Kilmaurs show.

President Mai Lawrence enthusiastically reviewed our achievements this year and the committee are compiling new ideas for next session.

The tea and homemade cakes were served by Catherine McInnes and Myra Seton. The vote of thanks was given by Mai Lawrence.

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Fenwick SWI

Thursday May 9 saw the final meeting for the session 2023/2024 and as usual took the form of our Annual General Meeting. Following all the business when there was much discussion about all things 'Rural' Maureen Rodger also spoke about the Hospital Volunteers at Crosshouse hospital and how help is always most welcome.

The new committee was elected with Martha Speirs taking on the role of President and Irene Currans and Aileen Picken joining Moira Anderson, Norma Barr, Annette Dickerson, Margaret Dykes and Angela Welsh on the committee. Further information regarding our new committee and the September meeting following our first committee meeting on 6 June at 1pm.

At Ayr Show there were both baking and handcraft team entries from Fenwick SWI with the baking team being placed 4th.

The Outdoor Bowling competition at Fenwick Bowling Club took place on Friday 17 May with a team from Fenwick competing once again. Many thanks to all the ladies who have competed throughout the year in the many various competitions and helped keep Fenwick on the SWI map.

This year we had our annual outing to Rouken Glen on Thursday 23 May, it had been hoped for a lovely day but unfortunately by the Thursday of that week it seemed the good weather had disappeared. 14 ladies enjoyed the trip with a visit to the Garden Centre and a lovely lunch. However, a walk in the park was sadly rained off!!

On the 20th July, the 'Rural' ladies will be organising the baking and handcraft section at Fenwick Show at Aitkenhead Farm.

There will be a team competition with a theme of a Christening and the items required are 3 cupcakes, a knitted article, an invitation and a wrapped parcel – items to be displayed on a tray

There are also classes for individual entries of all ages and if anyone would like further information please do not hesitate to contact either Norma Barr on 01355 500288 or Margaret Dykes on 07526 464115

We hope everyone has a lovely summer and hope to catch up with you all again at our first meeting on 12 September.



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Church Duties June Fenwick Primary celebrates its' 150 th birthday...Taking planning into the Community!

Donna Vivers, Chair of Fenwick Primary & ECC Parent Council, recently organised two launch events to kick start the planning for the schools' 150th Anniversary celebrations later this year.

Instead of just a few people planning what to do behind closed doors, Donna had the idea to open the doors of the local memorial hall to the community to generate ideas through a series of service design workshops.

All 137 pupils from Fenwick Primary School came over to the village hall throughout the day, along with parents and members of the community to participate together in some fun, but well-designed activities, designed to capture creative ideas for how to celebrate.

Donna and Zoe (P7) also visited the Warm Café in the Church Hall to talk to local residents and generate ideas which were added to a board throughout both sessions. These will now go on tour, and the top ideas will be available to the whole community to vote on the 8th June Gala Day and on social media.

From DJs to dressing-up, fireworks to fun days, bouncy castles to birds-eye photos, some overarching themes emerged – honouring the memories of the past while giving the current pupils their moment. Ultimately, bringing the community of Fenwick together.

Donna said: “As head of the Parent Council I had been discussing plans with the Head Teacher for the school’s 150th celebrations and suddenly realised we were doing it all wrong and coming up with solutions, whereas what we really needed to do was ask the community. I can’t wait to see how we can take all the creative ideas forward to plan the celebrations!”

Headteacher of Fenwick Primary Mr Houston said: “It was great to have Donna and Zoe help us with the workshops. This was a great way to bring our community together and we’re very grateful to SQA for allowing Donna to use her volunteering hours to help us”.

Church Duties, July, August and September 2024

Beadles		Finance Team	Welcome Team
June		June	June
2	J Logan		N Shanks
9	K Geddes	T Geddes	M Anderson
16	K Wadsworth	M Anderson	Anne Naismith
23	B McNab	K Geddes	
30	G Watt		
July		July	July
7	J Logan	J Douglas	A Murray
14	K Geddes	M Morton	R Davis
21	K Wadsworth		I Couper
28	B McNab		
August		August	August
4	G Watt	C McInnes	I Wotherspoon
11	J Logan	J Bryson	S Murray
18	K Geddes	S Greer	K Geddes
25	K Wadsworth		
September		September	September
1	B McNab	J Bowes	K Crawford
8	G Watt	J Borthwick	G Watt
15			M Young

Flowers		Tea and Coffee
June		June
2	Anne Naismith	Janette Dunlop & Isobel Hardie
9	Jean Bowes	Alastair & Anne Naismith
16	John Douglas	Anne Borthwick & Sheena Greer
23	Kay Gilmour	Marilyn Morton & Jean Bowes
30	Isobel Wotherspoon	Cath McInnes & Moira Anderson
July		July
7	Averil Murray	John Douglas & Lynn Smith
14	Norma Barr	Janet Park & Rose Davis
21	John Logan	John Logan & Nora Shanks

(July continued)	(July continued)
28 Elsie Notman	Nan Tivendale & Averil Murray
August	August
4 May Templeton	Janette Dunlop & Isobel Hardie
11 Brenda Downie	Alastair & Anne Naismith
18 Ronnie Phin	Anne Borthwick & Sheena Greer
25 Kim Watt	Marilyn Morton & Jean Bowes
September	September
1 Gardening Club	Cath McInnes & Moira Anderson
8 Edith Ronald	



My grateful thanks to all my contributors this session. All copy received in good time.

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Finally, thanks to Bill and Donald for their advice on how to get the magazine together. Thanks to Jean for her patience and hard work in printing and distribution. Not forgetting all those who deliver to the doorsteps and to you, our readers, who are the reason we do it.

Have a great summer. See you in September!

Lesley

HALL BOOKINGS: June 2024 *

	HALL	TIME	EVENT
Sundays: All All 2	Guthrie Paton Guthrie	11.30 -1.00pm 11.30 -1.00pm 2.30 – 3.30	Tea and Coffee Count Team Dog Scent Training Beginners Class ***
Mondays: All (TBC) 10	Guthrie Both	9.30 -11.30am 6.00 – 10.00pm	Mothers&Toddlers Gala Bingo Night
Tuesdays: All All	Guthrie Guthrie	2.00 – 4.00pm 6.00 – 8.00pm	Drop In Café Dog Scent Training ***
Wednesdays: All All	Guthrie Guthrie	10.00 – 12noon 6.30 - 8.00pm	Badminton Tai Chi
Thursdays: 6 All 13	Paton Guthrie Both	1.00 – 3.00pm 4.30 – 6.00pm 7.00 – 9.00pm	Fenwick WI Committee Meeting Dance Class Gala Games Night
Fridays: 14 (TBC)	Guthrie	10.30 -3.30pm	Quilting Class
Saturdays: 15	Paton	11.30 – 1.30pm	Family Time

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As he walked by my side
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My friend, my unseen guide

Our Spiritual gifts are many
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That sometimes they're bestowed on us
Due to adversity
Give thanks, for this will humble you
And help you to find out
The answers to your problems
What this life's all about

We each must find our own way
And make our own mistakes
In order to progress and learn
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Then thank God with a smile

KG

Hall Bookings July and August 2024 *

Day/Date	Hall	Time	Event
Sundays All All	Guthrie Paton	11.30 – 1pm	Tea & Coffee Count Team
Mondays			
Tuesdays All All	Guthrie Guthrie	2.00 – 4.00pm 6.00 – 8.00pm	Drop In Café Dog Scent Training ***
Wednesdays			
Thursdays 15	Both	7.00 – 10.00pm	Garden Club Flower and Produce Show
Fridays			
Saturdays 17	Paton	11.30 – 1.30pm	Family Time

***At 19.05.24. Bookings taken after this date not shown**

***** Dog Scent Training - classes will be held outdoors
(weather permitting)**

Covenanter Deadlines for Contributors

Sunday **25th August** 2024
 Sunday **22nd September** 2024
 Sunday **27th October** 2024
 Sunday **24th November** 2024
 (for the joint Dec/Jan issue)

Sunday **26th January** 2025
 Sunday **23rd February** 2025
 Sunday **23rd March** 2025
 Sunday **20th April** 2025 (Easter)
 Sunday **25th May** 2025
 (for June/July/August issue)

FENWICK AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Show Programme

160th YEAR

at

Aitkenhead Farm, Fenwick KA3 6BX

(by kind permission of Mr & Mrs S Heads)

on

SATURDAY 20th JULY 2024

SCHEDULE UNDER AMENDMENT

**Classes for: CATTLE, SHEEP, WORKING COLLIES,
CLYDESDALES, DONKEYS,
LIGHT HORSE SHOWING CLASSES, UNAFFILIATED JUMPING,
INDUSTRIAL SECTION**

Parade of Prize Winners and Presentation of Trophies - 1.30 pm

Doggie Dash: 10.30 - 11.00 am

Dog Show: 11.00am

Entertainment throughout the day

Exhibitor Stands : Vintage Vehicles Display
Face Painting : Funfair rides : Bouncy Castle
Children's races/Tug o' War : Hannahston Alpacas
Activities Marquee : JCB Challenge
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CATERING ON SITE, INCLUDING LICENSED BAR

ADMISSION:

Car:	£3.00	Child/Senior Citizen:	£2
Adults:	£4.00	Under 5s	Free

Light Horse Entry Fee - £8 per class (no late entry fee)

Cattle and Sheep Entries taken on the field

Cattle Classes judging will commence at 10.00 am

Horse Showing Classes will commence at 9.00 am

Unaffiliated Jumping will commence at 9.45 am

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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