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New beginnings...

Summer is almost over (what there is of it) and folk are talking of autumn. The nights will soon draw in and the leaves will fall from the trees and before we know it the winter months will be upon us. While spring is seen as the season of new life autumn is the season of dying back. A season to prepare for the dormancy that winter brings.

That said what I really want to talk about is fresh starts and new beginnings for this season too (or perhaps more correctly the crossover period between summer and autumn) is a time of fresh starts. There has recently been a flurry of pictures on Facebook of first day at school and first day at new school photographs. Last year's nursery children have graduated to P1 in Primary School. Last year's P7s have gone onto the big school to continue their education in secondary and to start to shape a future for themselves as they settle into subjects.

Soon a new round of fresh starts will commence as our young adults go on to start college and university courses. The latter perhaps that little bit scarier for parents as youngsters start to fledge their wings and head off to places further from home.

All these starts are an opportunity firstly to shape opportunities for the future and secondly to gain new friends. For students heading away from home the new beginning in Halls of Residence or sharing a flat with friends is the beginning of independent living and a shaping of their adult lives to come.

It is not just education where fresh starts occur. The church's official year runs from Advent (end of November) back round to Advent. In preaching and teaching teams that makes sense. The year begins with the promise of the coming King and his birth on earth it works around to Easter and Christ's giving of himself for us on the cross and his promise of resurrection life. From there it is Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit. We then live in the gift of the Spirit for the rest of the year. Of course there is also a celebration of God's abundance with Harvest and the opportunity to remember the sacrifice of others with Remembrance Sunday. And that is the church's year.

The church's unofficial year is quite different though. While the natural world hibernates though the winter months the church shuts down for the summer. It is not quite a full shut down but generally most activities either slow down or stop for the summer. And the church comes out of hibernation now, just as the schools go back and the students head away from home the church begins to gear up its activity and it is full steam ahead towards Christmas and the rest of the year.

Now is the time of new beginnings and time of fresh starts. If you ever thought about coming along to Church or bringing your children to Junior Church now is the time to make that step. It is more than church on Sunday through various groups to start... and it is not all religion (I wouldn't even say church itself is about religion but that is perhaps a subject to address at another time). Photography workshops have met over the summer but they make a fresh start as they move to a pattern of Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings. The craft cafe makes a new start with a new craft project and the book group start up again. There is also The Guild, Garden Club and more.

But thinking about fresh starts what about those questions of faith and about faith that you have? The Alpha Course makes a return for its autumn run. To call it a course is something of a misnomer it is more of an exploration of faith issues. There is a loose syllabus to stimulate thought and discussion but at its heart Alpha is about you bringing your questions. So whether it is just a desire to know what it is all about, or a chance to make comparisons with other faiths make a point of coming along to the Alpha supper later in the month.

One final thought. God is a God of new beginnings and fresh starts. It is never too late to make that beginning of walking in faith with God and it is never too late to return to the faith that you left behind in your youth or at some other point in your life. Remember I said church is not about religion... at its heart the Christian faith is about walking in relationship with a God who loves. A God who loves you so much that he gave his life for you. It is that sacrifice of Christ upon the cross that makes a fresh start (or a restart) with God possible. It is what we are about Sunday to Sunday and during the week to. Sometimes the trappings of religion help and sometimes they get in the way, but remember this it is not about this way or that way, it is about God who loves you with an unconditional love and desires that you walk in faith with him. The invitation is God's to start out and walk hand in hand with him.

So think about it! With all the children making their fresh starts and new beginnings is it time for you to make yours?

Blessings

Geoff Redmayne

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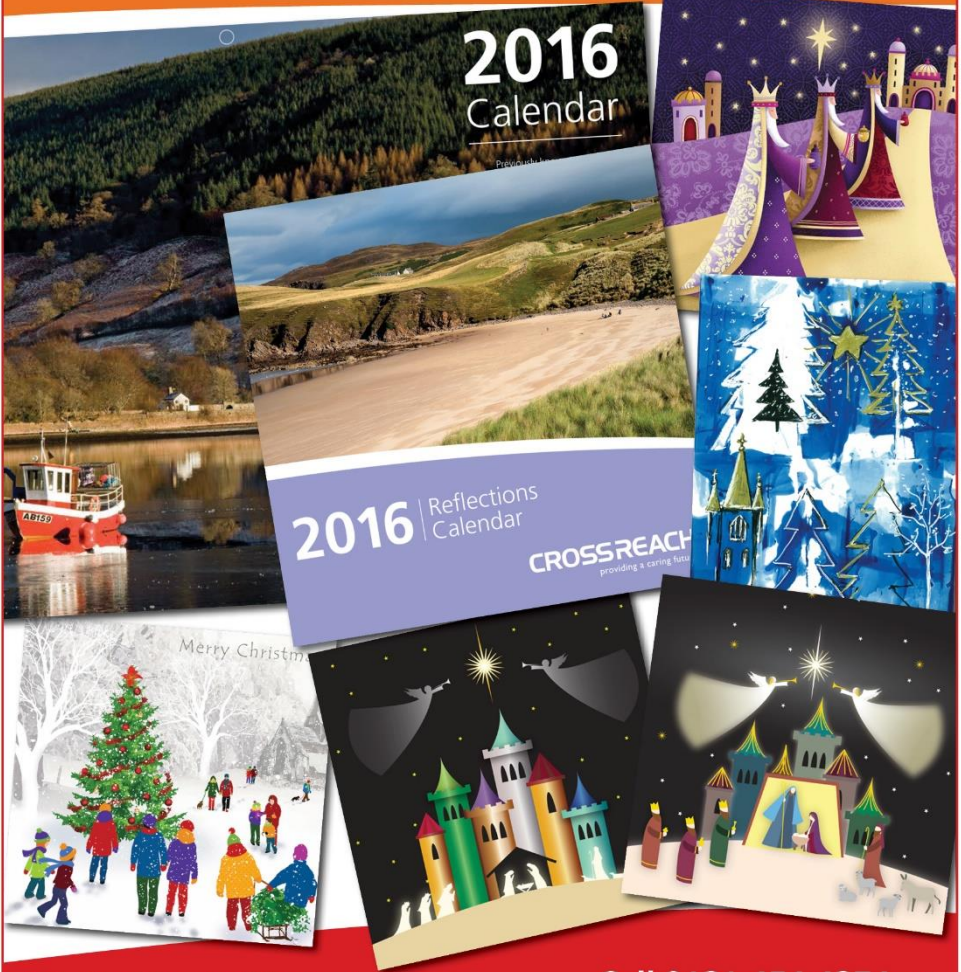
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If you would like to join us please phone Nan Tivendale on 01560 600789 for catering purposes.

The Fulton Club

For our last meeting on 4th March, we were entertained by Graeme and Isobel, who gave us an hour of music that we all remembered, and very much enjoyed. A very big 'thank-you' to Mary and Nan for providing the lovely home baking for our tea.

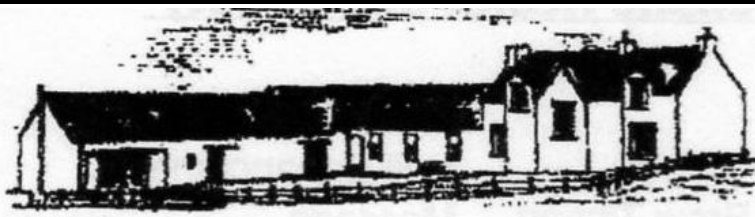
We will meet again at the Fulton Hall on Wednesday 2nd September, but before that we have the members Spring Lunch on 8th April and the Afternoon Tea outing on 15th April. For both of these events, the drivers will arrange details with their passengers.

Fenwick Bowling Club

We have had a successful season, despite the weather. Competitions have been played both internally and against teams in other districts.

The Gents triple of Hector Barrie, George McGavin and Eddie Devlin got to the Ayrshire Inter District semi-final. In the ladies section, Jean Murdoch got to the Ayrshire District Final in the singles. Catherine McInnes and Jean Murdoch got to the final of the West of Scotland in the pairs competition. Catherine McInnes took part in the first rounds of the Scottish singles, but because of holiday commitments, she had to stand down and her place was taken by Janette Weadon, who won through to play in the competition at Northfield, Ayr. She won her first game, but lost in the second round.

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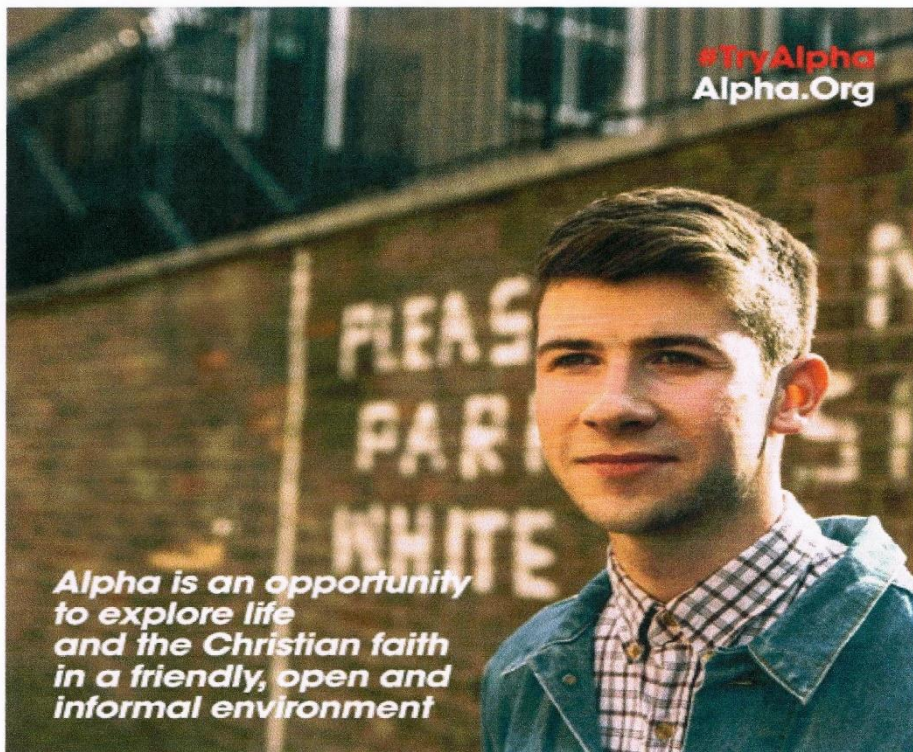
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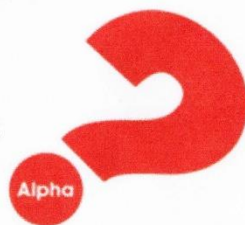


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The following Monday, 14th September, is our **Annual Coffee Evening** at Fulton Hall, Fenwick, 7 – 9 pm in aid of **Guide Dogs for the Blind**. Come early to buy the homebaking, enjoy the cakes and the raffle. Tickets can be obtained from committee members or pay at the door.

Our **Evening Catered Whist Drive** is on Friday 2nd October, again at the Fulton Hall, Fenwick, at 7.30 pm. Please contact Myra, 01560 700236, to book tables.

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'And how many have you caught?'

'You're the eighth,' the old man answered.

Services September 2015

Day	Date	Scripture	Theme etc
	September		
Sun	06/09/15	Rev Andrew McGurk	Locum, Newmilns:
Sun	13/09/15	Rev Eddie Simpson	Kilmarnock Pulpit Swap
Sun	20/09/15	Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7	Elements of belonging
Sun	27/09/15	Genesis 32:22-30	Elements of struggle
	October		
Sun	04/10/15		Harvest Thanksgiving

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- 3)** The quoted scriptures are the Bible base for the week, readers should contact the Minister to obtain their readings for the week.

Parish Register

Thanksgiving for a birth of a child

31/08/15 Brooke Sturgeon, daughter of Ashley Harrigan & James Sturgeon, Kilmarnock

Baptisms

21/06/15 William McNaught son of William McNaught & Dominique Haggerty, Fenwick

23/08/15 Max Compton son of Leona & Ross Compton, Kilmarnock.
Amy Compton daughter of Leona & Ross Compton, Kilmarnock.

Weddings

29/08/15 Lucy Irons-Young (Fenwick) & Graeme Lawrence (Dumfries)

Funerals

16/07/15 Jean Birse, Kirkton Place, Fenwick

28/07/15 Arline Macdonald, Maunsheugh Road, Fenwick



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<i>Mondays:</i> All All All	Guthrie Guthrie Guthrie	9.30 – 11.30am 7.30 - 9pm 6.30-7.30pm	Mothers & Toddlers Guides Keep fit class(TBC)
<i>Tuesdays:</i> All 1 8/15 (?) 8 29	Guthrie Paton Paton Guthrie Both	3 – 6pm 7.30 – 10pm 7.30 – 10pm 8 – 10pm 2 – 10pm	Creation Dance Co. Contact Group Kirk Session Pre-5s AGM Guild Opening Social
<i>Wednesdays:</i> All All All All 23,30	Guthrie Guthrie Paton Guthrie Upper room	9.30 – 11.30am 3 – 5.30pm 5.30 – 6.30pm 6.30 – 8pm 7.30 – 10pm	Badminton Anne Coyle Dance Rainbows Brownies Autumn Alpha
<i>Thursdays:</i> All 3 3 3,10 10 17 24	Guthrie Paton Upper room Guthrie Guthrie Paton Paton	9.30 – 11.30am 7.30 – 9pm 7.30 - 10pm 1 – 4pm 7.30 – 10pm 7.30 – 10pm 7 – 10pm	Mothers & Toddlers WRI Committee Book Group Drop-in Cafe Fenwick WRI Garden Club Photography Workshop
<i>Fridays:</i>			
<i>Saturdays:</i> 19 26	Both Both	9am – 1pm 9am – 2pm	Photography Workshop Macmillan Coffee Morning

*** at 24.08.15. Bookings taken after this date not shown**

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Church Duties September and October, 2015

Beadles

September

6 W McNab
13 A Patrick
20 TBA
27 W Muirhead

October

4 I Pirie
11 K Wadsworth
18 A Crosbie
25 W McNab

Finance Team

September

J Bowes
A Borthwick
M Scott

October

T Geddes
K Geddes
M Anderson

Welcome Team

September

N Shanks
J Shanks
F Gibson

October

A Crosbie
H Morton
P Parkin
E Muirhead

Bible Readings

September

6 Anne Naismith

13 Alan Patrick
Y CAM
Linda Young
20 Pat Parkin
Alastair Naismith
27 Nora Shanks
Kevin Wadsworth
October
4 Stephanie Young
Y CAM
11 Sharon Redmayne
David Barbour

Prayers

September

6 Sharon Redmayne

13 Stephanie Young
20 Shona Crosbie
27 Sandy Scott

October

4 Geoff Redmayne
11 Mark Young
18 Pat Parkin
25 Nora Shanks

Flowers

September

6 [Gardening Club](#)
13 Mrs Jean Morton
20 Mrs Gillian Madden
27 Mrs Edith Ronald

October

4 HARVEST
11 Mrs Annie Tivendale
18 Mrs Avril Murray
25 Mrs Jean Brown

Creche

September

6 Catherine McInnes & Kerri Knox
13 Marilyn Morton & Isobel Murray
20 Jean Bowes & Nan Tivendale
27 Manuela Barbour & Gillian Madden

October

4 Martha Speirs & Joyce Dell-Robertson
11 Catherine McInnes & Kerri Knox
18 Marilyn Morton & Isobel Murray

25 Jean Bowes & Nan Tivendale

Tea And Coffee After Service

September

6 Catherine McInnes & Moira Anderson
13 Sheena Greer & Frances Gibson
20 John Douglas & Lynn Smith
27 Bill & Enid McNab

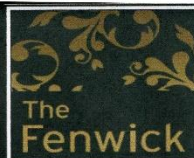
October

4 Jean Bowes & Marilyn Morton

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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