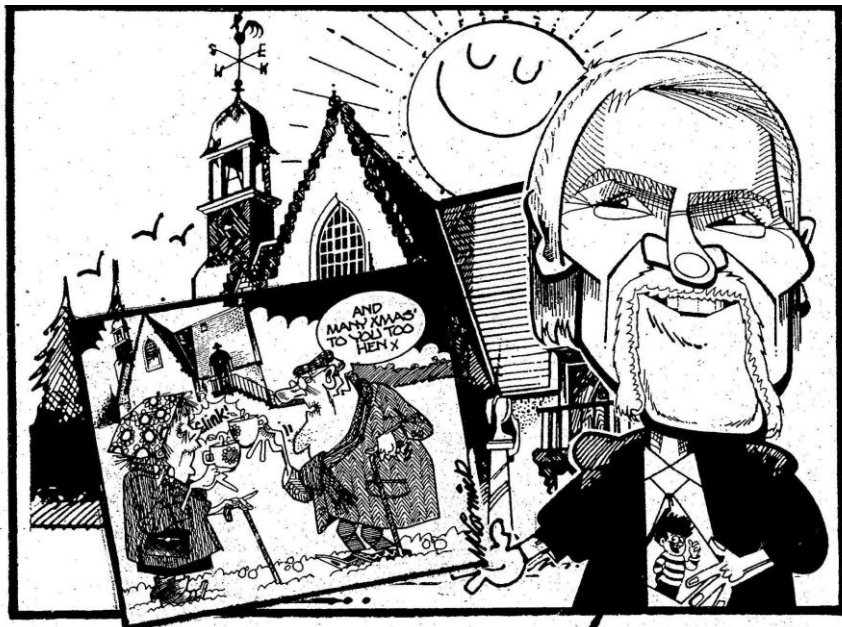


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A minister rambles!

It's Easter as I write and I find myself thinking that I should really write about new life and resurrection. Instead I find myself in a reflective almost melancholy mood. It has been a busy period with a couple of extra time commitments in the Parish and the accumulative effects of Presbytery duties. I also find myself challenged over the shape of the church to come. A couple of things have led to that challenge. Firstly our own Presbytery (church area groupings of churches, in this case Irvine & Kilmarnock) is all too aware that a shortage of ministers is looming due to the numbers about to retire. It is already difficult for churches to fill vacancies but that difficulty is only going to increase. In response the Presbytery has started to think about the shape of Church to come. Secondly I have picked up on a couple of reports highlighting the decline in the established church and yet noting that growth is possible. Thirdly, conversations with colleagues in the ministry about the changing face of church and what might lie ahead. Finally a series of short videos from Fred Drummond of EA Scotland has really got me thinking and wondering about the shape of church to come. Alongside this the clock has ticked over as I begin my 17th year of ministry in Fenwick. The Kirk has made some huge leaps forward in those years and is quite a different community of faith from when I first arrived. In that reflection I have also found myself thinking about the people who have left our presence to pursue their faith journey elsewhere (or in some cases have not pursued that journey any further). There are many reasons why people have moved on. Some have moved to different parts of the country with jobs or family situations. While we are sorry to lose them from our midst they go with our blessing to carry on their journey elsewhere (I should perhaps add that all who leave for whatever reason do so with our blessing for their continued journey of faith). There are some who left because the pace of change was too fast for them... they wanted the familiar "old" kirk and went to find it elsewhere. There are others who left because the pace of change was not fast enough... they sought a livelier worship setting or a deeper faith journey and they moved to find that in another place. There are those who moved or stopped coming along because they came up against a critical spirit as they got involved in church life. I would like to think we have moved on from that one and have become a far more open, welcoming and encouraging congregation. Finally there are those who have faced a difficult pastoral situation either health, work or relationships and found it personally difficult to be part of

the congregation during that period. That is understandable but having stopped coming have stayed away. Some of these folk made significant contributions to the life of the Kirk but as they left we have regrouped and carried on for we can't but do anything else. Nevertheless as I thought about each person that I am aware of I found a sadness in my own heart that they are no longer part of our community of faith.

Perhaps as I reflect on 16 years of ministry that is the source of my melancholy? And yet I know it is more. I have a holy restlessness that has been building for some time, a restlessness that says there must be more... a deeper walk of faith, a greater understanding of the people that God would have us to be, a different dynamic in the life of the Kirk. A dynamic that grasps the radical nature of the Gospel. One that understands that the Gospel is counter cultural and that it is love, hope, peace and forgiveness in action. Where does that lead us? How do we start? Can the Kirk even move in that direction? Can I even move in that direction? I haven't a clue! The only inkling I truly have is to continue to seek God and to ask the questions.

What I know is this. At its heart is Easter. The cross of Good Friday where Jesus died for you. In his death a transaction took place. His life for yours. The cross is more than a transaction though, it is the key to heaven unlocking the flow of God's mercy, the fullness of his love, the power of his grace and the stream of his forgiveness. If it was just the cross the promises would have been empty promises. The empty tomb and a risen saviour make those promises real. His life for your life is the fullness of his life in you. At its heart is a relationship with God the Father through God the Son enabled by God the Holy Spirit. As we grasp just how much God loves us and has moved heaven and earth for us then we will begin to move in what God has ahead for us!

That journey is both exciting and scary but if you are down to it then join with me in seeking God and asking the questions.

Every Blessings

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Minister's Report SAM 20th March 2016

I have looked back at previous years's reports and I realise that I risk sounding like a broken record for my thoughts this year are exactly the same.

There is some great work being carried out... and a lot of that is down to hard work and dedication of Susan Wadsworth and Jannette McCallion first with Lest We Forget and now with Voices from the Past. There are also dedicated people working away looking after Junior Church, YCam, Music, Social events, Property and Finance but there are too few of them. We desperately need more folk to step up to the plate and share the load in the Kingdom work of this Kirk. So a huge thank you whoever you are and whatever you do... but we need a wee bit more from all of you in order to kick on and be the people that God calls us to be.

I could say more but I won't instead I have 3 short videos from Evangelical Alliance Scotland for you to watch...

(The 3 videos are available to view on Fenwick Parish Church's Facebook page www.facebook.com/fenwickpc I believe you should be able to view them even if you are not a regular Facebook user)

... The Kirk has a future but that future will look quite different from the Kirk we are used to. The changes that have been made over the past few years may seem huge but they are minimal compared to the changes that lie ahead if the Kirk is to survive and grow through the challenges it faces. I don't think anybody knows what that Kirk will look like, I doubt it will be a one size fits all Kirk. There will be different expressions of Church in different communities and probably more than one expression in any sizeable community. What I believe is this an encounter with God will be at its heart. An experience of God will be the DNA of the Kirk that rises. I truly believe, and I have done so for all of my ministry, that that is where we begin to work for the future... with an encounter with the living God... there is no other way, everything else is man made.

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He had a busy time judging the competitions as these included the bulbs as well as the monthly competitions. The results were as follows:- Scarf, 1 Rosie Penson, 2 Margaret Donaldson, 3 Anne Borthwick, Cactus 1 Lily Watson, 2 Mary Montgomerie, 3 Myra Seton, Pink Hyacinth 1 Myra Seton, 2 Lily Watson, 3 Mary Montgomerie, Miniature Daffodils 1 Myra Seton, 2 Myra Seton, 3 Lily Watson. The prize for the best overall bulbs was Myra Seton for the pink hyacinths.

The hostesses were Anne Craig and Catherine Barr. Anne Morton gave the vote of thanks to all who made the evening a success, especially those who did the extra baking. Sheila Lightbody of Kilmaurs gave a vote of thanks of behalf of the visitors.

The next meeting at the Hogg Hall will be the AGM on Monday 2nd May which includes a bring and buy sale. The competition for the Jessie MacKinnon Quaich will be a Soft Toy.

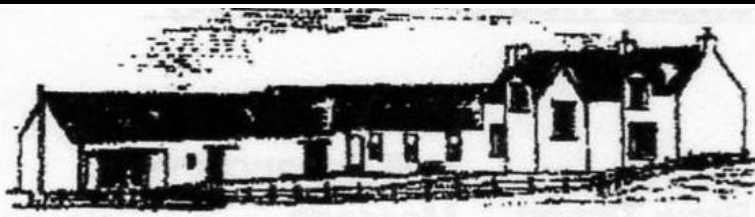
Fenwick Garden Club

The Garden Club met on Thursday 17 March where we heard a very helpful talk from Michael Hitchon, former lecturer at Auchincruive. Michael was showing us the most productive way to prepare for growing from seed.

A good representation of members submitted bowls of bulbs for the annual bulb show, which made a lovely show.

The next meeting of Fenwick Garden Club is Thursday 21st April when Alan Burns of Stewarton will give a talk. Members are encouraged to bring their problem plants for Alan’s expert advice! There will be plants for sale that evening.

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Fenwick Bowling Club

At the Fenwick Bowling Club afternoon whist, Myra Seton was cardmaster. The prize winners were - pink cards 1st Irene Currans; 2nd Anne Borthwick; consolation (equal) Clara McLardy and Lesley Dickson. White cards - 1st Irene Couper; 2nd Catherine Barr; consolation Margaret Shanks.

The evening whist drive took place on Saturday, 12th March. Treasurer Bill McNab, acted as cardmaster and ladies vice president, Jean Hannah presented the prizes to the winners who were - ladies 1st Catherine Wales; 2nd Alice Goldie; 3rd Betty Torrance; consolation Margo Miller. Gents 1st Matt Connell; 2nd Mgt Fulton; 3rd Jean Caldwell; consolation J Little.

The dates for the next whists are Thursday, 7th April at 2pm and Saturday, 9th at 7.30pm, both in the clubhouse. The annual bridge lunch is on Saturday, April 2nd at 12 noon in Fenwick Church Hall. Names for tables should be given to any committee member.

The bowling green opens for the season at the end of April - Saturday, 23rd at 3pm for the gents and Wednesday, 27th at 2pm for the ladies. On Sunday 24th at 2pm, there will be a trial day for anyone thinking about having a go at bowling. There is no commitment to join, so please come along and give it a try.

Saturday 23rd April -

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Constitution Update

Thank you to everyone who attended our Action Plan update meeting on Saturday 12th March.

The vast majority of those that attended and via our online survey were in support of a community benefit charity and voted in favour of the constitution and we'll now move this process forward and look forward to delivering on the vision of the charity.

VISION

To make Fenwick a wonderful place to live for all by listening to the community and participating in community voting for projects.

MISSION

The organisation's purposes are:

To promote any charitable purposes as in Section 7(2) of the Charities Trustee and Investment Act (Scotland) 2005 for the benefit of Fenwick and the Parish of Fenwick area.

To promote the well-being of the inhabitants of the above area by the provision of recreational facilities and organise recreational and educational activities.

To promote and foster community spirit and community development by improving the conditions of life for the persons of Fenwick.

To advance arts, heritage, culture and environment for community benefit.

To do all other things as will properly attain the above purposes without bias to race, creed, or gender, and to seek to positively promote equal opportunities.

We've been extremely pleased with the enthusiastic response to the Dementia Friendly village suggestion and we would like to thank all those who have taken this survey, so far. A huge thank you to Fenwick Primary School pupils and staff who participated in this survey! We will be contacting other groups in the near future to ask if they too would like to complete this quick survey. If you haven't taken it, please go to the below link (one survey per device / browser)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JFVYZ2J> T

What are the next steps?

To complete the baseline survey for the dementia friendly village and then meet with Alzheimer's Scotland to take this forward.

To work towards more communications in the format of a newsletter and website. The website is currently under construction and we hope to move this forward soon.

To hear your ideas for the future and if you have a catchy name for this community charity.

Now that we are constituted, please watch Facebook, the Covenanter and village noticeboard for more details.

Want to help? Please email fenwick.cap@gmail.com Together we can build on what we already have!

Fenwick Rural

The March meeting was our annual guest night. Visitors and members enjoyed enormously Mhairi Baird's flower demonstration, as well as her tales and tips. Jean Burns' catering was appreciated by all in attendance. Bulb show prizes were as follows:

Pot of Crocus - not more than 10 corms: 1st: Edith

Ronald 2nd: Mary Speirs

Bowl of 3 Hyacinths: 1st: Edith 2nd: Mary 3rd: Nan Tivendale

Bowl of Miniature Daffodils: 1st: Mary 2nd: Elizabeth Kelly 3rd:

Norma Barr

Flowering Pot Plant: 1st: Nan 2nd: Mary 3rd: Norma

Foliage Pot Plant: 1st: Edith 2nd: Norma 3rd: Elizabeth

Table Centre Arrangement: 1st: Pat Parkin 2nd: Greta Morton

Cup Winner: Edith Ronald Runner-up: Mary Speirs

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| April | | | |
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| Sun, 10 Apr 2016 | 10.30am | Easter 3 | |
| Sun, 17 Apr 2016 | 10.30am | Easter 4 | |
| | Season of Holy Communion | | |
| Sun, 24 Apr 2016 | 10.30am | Easter 5 | Acts 18:1-4 |
| | 7.00pm | Evening Celebration of Holy Communion | |
| Mon, 24 Apr 2016 | 2.00pm | Afternoon celebration of Holy Communion | |
| May | | | |
| Sun, 1 May 2016 | 10.30am | Guild Service: Celebrating the Queens 90th Birthday | |

Notes:

- 1) **Children of all ages are catered for each Sunday** whether by learning zones, holiday fun club, creche, Junior church, YCam or All Age Worship services.
- 2) **Junior church** (playgroup to P7) and **YCam** (Youth) meet each week joining with the whole Church family for the first part of the service before going to their own learning zones or activity. YCam leave at a later point in the service.
- 3) The quoted scriptures are the Bible base for the week, readers should contact the Minister to obtain their readings for the week.

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| Mondays: 4 4 All 18, 25 18 | Guthrie Paton Rm Guthrie Guthrie Upper | 2.30 – 4pm 2.30 – 4pm 9.30 – 11.30am 7.30 – 9pm 7.30 – 10pm | Craft Cafe (TBC) Tracing your Ancestors (TBC) Mothers & Toddlers Guides Team Leaders |
| Tuesdays: 5, 26 5 19, 26 12 19 19 26 | Guthrie Paton Rm Both Paton/Upper Paton Guthrie Guthrie | 7 – 8pm 7 – 9.30pm 3.30 – 6pm 7.30 – 10pm 6.30 – 8pm 9.30 – 1pm 1 – 3pm | Community Fitness Action Plan Steering Group Creation Dance Co. Team Meetings Meditation Group School concert rehearsal (tbc) School concert rehearsal (tbc) |
| Wednesdays: 20, 27 20, 27 20, 27 20, 27 | Guthrie Guthrie Paton Guthrie | 10am – 12noon 3 – 5.30pm 5.30 – 6.30pm 6.30 – 8pm | Badminton Ann Coyle Dance Class Rainbows Brownies |
| Thursdays: 6 6 All 14 21 28 | Upper Paton Rm Guthrie Guthrie Paton Guthrie | 7 – 10pm 7 – 10pm 9.30 – 11.30am 7.30 – 10pm 7.30 – 10pm 7.30 – 10pm | Book Group Fenwick WRI Committee Mothers & Toddlers Fenwick WRI (AGM) Garden Club Photography class |
| Fridays: 1 | Both | 2.30pm on | Set – up for Saturday |
| Saturdays: 2 9 16 | Both Paton Rm Both | 10am – 4pm 10am – 12noon 12 – 4pm | Bowling Club Bridge Lunch Cookery class Kate's Cradle Craft Fair |

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ANDREW KENNEDY COWAN

Linda Jamie and Caroline would like to thank all those who sent flowers, gifts and kind words of sympathy and support on the sad loss of Andy

The Fulton Club

Our session finished on 2nd March with an enjoyable afternoon of songs from Graeme and Isobel, followed by some delicious home baking prepared by Maureen, Mary and Nan. Still to come is the Spring outing – afternoon tea at the Fenwick Hotel, 1.30 for 2pm (please note change of time) on Wednesday 13th April. You will be contacted about the travel arrangements. I hope that we will see you when the new session begins in September (Wednesday 7th).

Irene Couper

SPRING **LITTER PICK**

**Fenwick Community Council are organising
a Spring litter pick and are looking for
volunteers to join them on:**

Saturday 2nd April
2016

Meet at John Fulton Memorial Hall: 10am

**If you can help please call
Susan (600427), Ingrid (600503)
or Kim (600239)**

**EAC are providing bin bags, litter pickers & high visibility vests –
to order these we need to have an idea of numbers**



**The Craft Café continues
on the first Monday of each Month**

Fenwick Church Halls

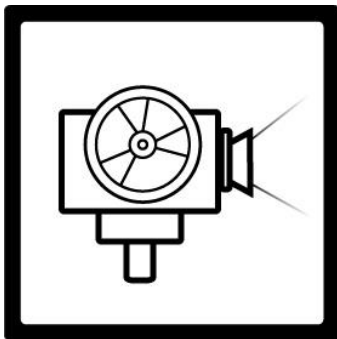
2.30 - 4.30pm

Everyone Welcome

**Come and make banners, knit and crochet
Or just join us for a Cup of Tea and a Chat**

For more information call Susan on
01560 485439

The Book and Film Group



Continues to meet in the upper room
Next meeting 7th April

Come along and join the group for a
light hearted discussion on the likes and
dislikes of the storyline/ characters/
author of the chosen book/ film, and
enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and cake.

For more information call Susan on
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Church Duties April and May, 2016

Beadles

April

3 I Pirie
 10 K Wadsworth
 17 A Crosbie
 24 W McNab

May

1 A Patrick
 8 D Barbour
 15 I Pirie
 22 K Wadsworth
 29 A Crosbie

Bible Readings

April

3 Moira Scott
 Richard Roberts
 10 Linda Young
 Kevin Wadsworth
 17 Martha Speirs
 Stephanie Young
 24 Pat Parkin
 Derek Mason

May

1 Nora Shanks
 Mary Tedford
 8 Pat Wilson
 John Douglas
 15 Y CAM
 David Barbour
 22 Sharon Redmayne
 Simon Young
 29 Shona Crosbie
 Alastair Naismith

Crèche - April

3 Catherine McInnes & Marilyn Morton
 10 Isobel Murray & Jean Bowes
 17 Nan Tivendale & Manuela Barbour
 24 Martha Speirs & Joyce Dell-Robertson

May

1 Catherine McInnes & Marilyn Morton
 8 Isobel Murray & Jean Bowes

Finance Team

April

C McInnes
 J Bryson
 S Greer

May

J Bowes
 A Borthwick
 M Scott

Prayers

April

3 Gerry McGeever
 10 Sharon Redmayne
 17 Pat Parkin
 24 Richard Roberts

May

1 Stephanie Young
 8 Sandy Scott
 15 Geoff Redmayne
 22 Mark Young
 29 Nora Shanks

Welcome Team

April

I Couper
 R Davis
 R Roberts
 A Murray

May

I Murray
 K Geddes
 M Tedford
 L Hamilton

Flowers

April

3 Mrs Janice Bryson
 10 Mrs Grace Freel
 17 Mrs Marlyn Graham
 24 Miss Irene Couper

May

1 Mrs Senga Loudon
 8 Mrs Ray Hunter
 15 Mr John Douglas
 22 Mrs Florence McKellar
 29 Miss Mary Speirs

Tea And Coffee After Service

April

3 Rose Davis & Gillian Madden
 10 Alastair & Anne Naismith
 17 Nan Tivendale & ANother
 24 Irene Couper & Mary Tedford

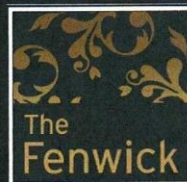
May

1 John Douglas & Lynn Smith

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Upcoming Events



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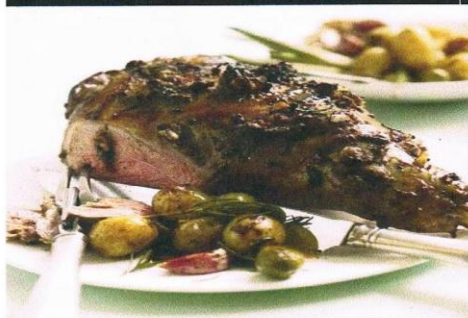
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Mon - Fri 12noon until 4.30pm

Saturday 12noon until 3.30pm

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3 courses only £11.95



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