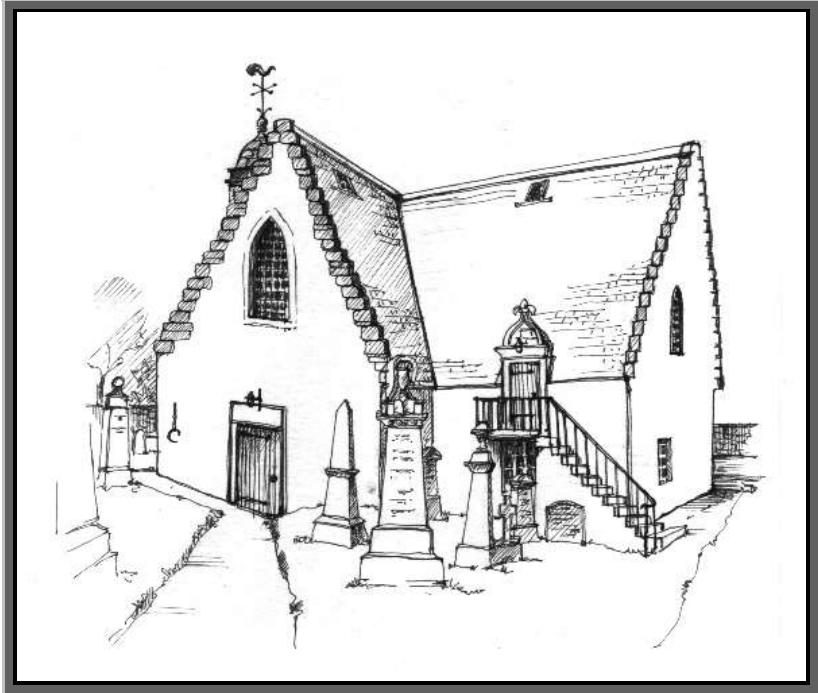


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**'In their hearts, humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes  
their steps'**

**Proverbs 16:9**

Dear Friends

In the weeks to come, as Summer becomes Autumn and Autumn becomes Winter, we are so aware of the changes, not just in the seasons but also in our own lives, the life of the church and the life of the community.

The General Assembly made far reaching decisions about the size of the new presbyteries and the plans for the existing presbyteries. Here in our presbytery of Irvine and Kilmarnock, the plans are progressing for us to join up with the other 5 presbyteries around us; Ardrossan, Ayr, Eskdale and Annandale, Dumfries and Kirkcudbright, Wigton and Stranraer to become the Presbytery of the Southwest by September 2022.

Closer to home, the presbytery plan has to be reviewed and a reduction of another 4.5 full time equivalent ministry posts are to be made. This is another instruction agreed by the General Assembly earlier this year. This is such a difficult time for all the congregations and the new mission plan for the presbytery will include the mission plans for each congregation.

Last week, I spoke of our calling as a congregation in Fenwick, as disciples, friends and followers of Jesus Christ and as a congregation which had lasted for generations before us. I also spoke about our calling to build the Lord's Kingdom and of caring for God's creation not just in our time but for the generations still to come and just as the congregation's activities and way of doing things no longer looks like it did a few generations ago, then the congregations to come will almost certainly not be the same as we are.

We are invited to share the news of God's love and to grow the kingdom for a new generation and as I said this week, we can be reassured that we are all, as individuals and as a congregation and community, a work in progress. We rejoice in God's grace towards us in our Lord Jesus Christ who came to show us the length and breadth of God's love and provision for us.

At the recent Kirk Session meeting, we discussed this situation and decided to include all of the congregation and community in this discussion.

On the 10th of October, after the service that morning, we are going to remain in church and spend an hour or two considering the place of the congregation in the community in the past, how we have managed through the times of the Covid restrictions, what the congregation and church building means to the Fenwick community now and what plans we want to have for the future.

Following the meeting, we are required by Presbytery to submit these mission plans for consideration, along with our ideas about how our buildings can support these activities and plans.

Every congregation in the presbytery will be doing the same thing and out of all this planning, a new plan will emerge. On Tuesday evening 2nd of November, presbytery will hold a meeting to report on the progress of the new presbytery mission plan.

Important as this planning for the future of the local church is, by November, planning to preserve our planet from further climate crisis will be centre stage in Scotland as the countries of the world come together in Glasgow for COP26 in November. The Church of Scotland, the churches of Glasgow Presbytery and beyond, Christian Aid and Tearfund Scotland are all already involved in providing information, activities, hospitality and home stay for the many people who want to come to Glasgow to make their voices heard, ordinary people who have to live and too often die because of the consequences of climate change. Sadly, many of these people may never be able to leave their own countries to tell their stories because of the Covid restrictions on travel and the lack of vaccinations in their own countries. Please pray for them, pray for the religious and humanitarian organisations that are trying to support them so that there is a fair and balanced view of the effects of climate change heard in Glasgow. We are so thankful for the advent of the digital technology that allows us to contact and communicate with people across the globe. The next presbytery meeting is on Zoom on Tuesday 5th October, open to all, and is devoted to climate change and climate justice as we have the opportunity to learn more of COP26. Watch on the church Facebook page for the links to this meeting.

We remember once again that we are commanded by God not to be discouraged but to trust in Him. Our God is in the midst of us, he is not far off and oblivious to our lives, he is near and will hear us when we speak to him. That may be in loud voices, in joyful praise, in fearful whispers, in anger, in pain, in anxiety, in thankfulness, in faith and hope. Great is His faithfulness!

May God bless you and keep you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim Watt".

Locum Minister.

Thank You

To everyone who gave me money to send out to Sampath in Sri Lanka so he can get medicine for his wife Kumari who is recovering from Covid.

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Jean

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Where?	Fenwick Church Hall
When?	Saturday, 2 October
Time?	10.30am – 12.30pm
Cost?	Adults: £2.50, Under 5: Free, 5-12 year olds: £1.50

To make sure that everyone feels as safe and secure as possible, we will be taking all measure to ensure that we are COVID compliant and that all guests feel welcome as well as safe. For this reason, there will be no stall this year but there will be a raffle.

Please do come along to support MacMillan as well as spending a wee while sitting down, relaxing, have a cuppa, enjoy home baking and chat with friends and neighbours.

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We are so looking forward to seeing you on 2 October.



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If you are ready to start up again, or looking to begin a new venture, give me a call (01560 600520) or drop me an email (irenecouper@btinternet.com).

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Bowling is starting up again on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. Please note that it will be held in the clubhouse at Fenwick Bowling Club. New members will be welcome.

I would like to thank Linda and Gordon for clearing the play park of the rubbish left by the users.

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### **Dog Poo**

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Hall Management

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