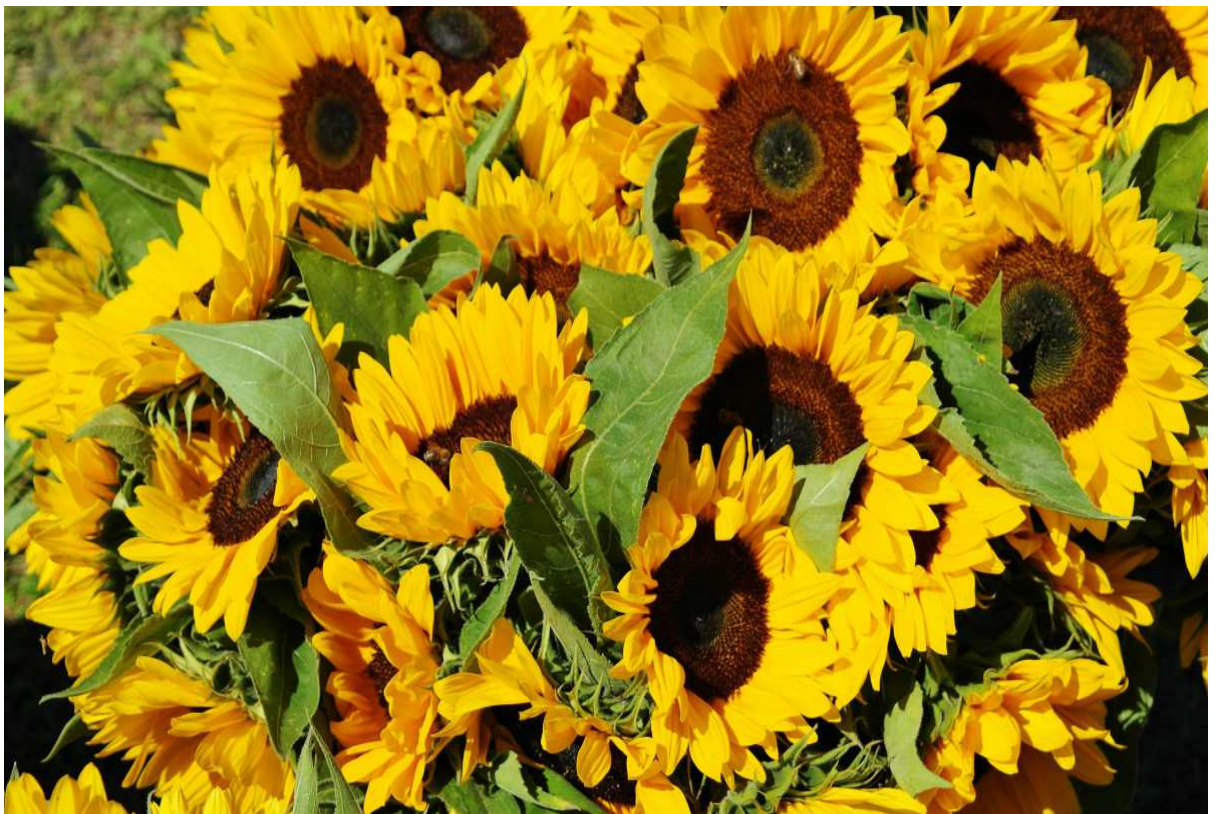


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From the Editor

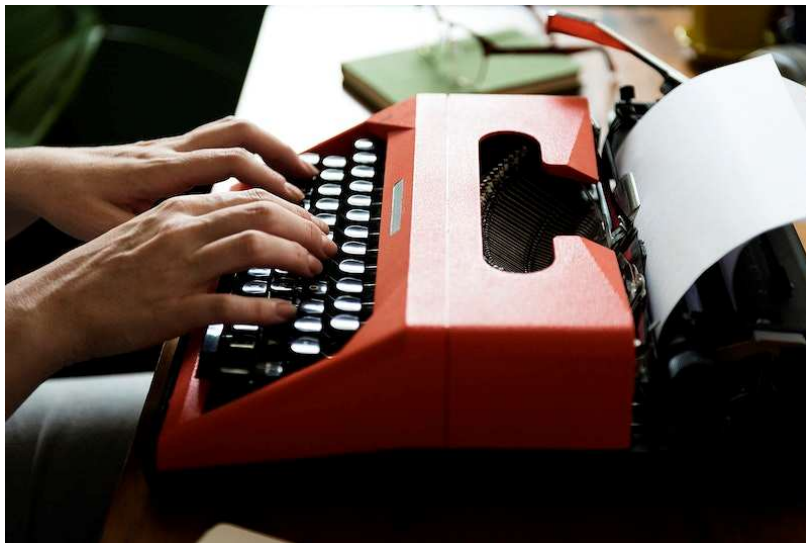
Spring has now past and summer days are coming.

By the time you receive the magazine we will have had the Coronation of King Charles III and what a splendid day it was with all the pomp and ceremony. He gave his promise to Serve and as Christ's followers we should remember our commitment to Serve the Church.

Articles for the magazine are not just for organisations and Church Committees reporting on what is going on in their area of responsibility. I am sure you may have stories that you would like to share with the congregation. You can send me items anytime by email to brian.lindsay22@yahoo.co.uk or in writing care of the Church.

I hope that you enjoy the magazine and if you have comments of any kind please let me know.

Brian Lindsay
Editor



Holiday Club and more..... 7th to 11th August

We are running a Holiday Club and family friendly activities this August. The theme will be announced soon – so look out for posters, Facebook posts and more information.

The Holiday Club is for primary school aged children and will run each morning of the week from 10a.m. till 12 noon in Westburn Parish Church. There will be lots of games, activities, songs, crafts, quizzes, snacks, stories and more.

Breakfast will also be available from 9.30a.m. in the Hub. Children can come along for cereal, fruit, toast and juice – a good way to start the day.

There will be family friendly evening events on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings – these will be held in Lyle Kirk and details of times and activities will be available soon.

We will have a special Holiday Club Celebration service on Sunday 13th August at 11a.m. in Westburn Parish Church

We look forward to working with our friends in Lyle Kirk and to meeting children and families in our community. Please keep the dates in your diary and pass on the invitation to families you know.

Karen

Summer Worship

We look forward to sharing our worship over the summer months with our friends from Lyle Kirk.

This enables us to build on our friendships, to worship God together and to share our ministers, worship leaders and musicians. We look forward to welcoming you to these services and, of course, to tea/coffee after the services.

Sun 2nd July at 11a.m. at Westburn Parish Church

Sun 9th July at 11a.m. at Westburn Parish Church

Sun 16th July at 10.30a.m. at Lyle Kirk

Sun 24th July at 10.30a.m. at Lyle Kirk

Karen

Church Outing Saturday 19 August

Summerlee Museum of Scottish Industrial Life, Coatbridge

The museum makes a great family day out. Visit the adventure play park, take a ride on Scotland's only operational heritage tramway, visit miners' cottages through the ages or take a guided tour of a recreated mine. There is also an exhibition hall with working machinery, a cafe and, like all good museums, a shop.



If, after all of this, you're looking for more fun then why not visit the Time Capsule waterpark which is only a 10 minute walk from Summerlee

If you do plan to visit the waterpark please check with the Time Capsule before the trip as you may have booked and pay in advance.

We will travel by coach - the cost will be approximately £10 - £12 depending on numbers.

To book your place on the trip or if you would like more information contact Sheila Tait, 07484 182757 or sheilatait172@btinternet.com by Sunday 18 June.

Sheila Tait

Church Bowling Night

The Church bowling night will be held on the 3rd of June at Ardgowan Bowling Club at 6 for 6.30. Further details to follow. For the children some games on the green are being arranged.

News from Presbytery

Clyde Presbytery has finally reached agreement on details for the proposed Presbytery Mission Plan. This Plan is part of a radical review being undertaken throughout the Church of Scotland with the intention of making the church more fit and able to function effectively and so fulfil its mission in our contemporary society. It is intended that the Plan will be valid for the next five years, and it is hoped that it can begin to be implemented after Presbytery's next meeting in June.

Earlier versions of the Plan had proposed that Westburn's sanctuary building be closed down and that we move towards a union with Lyle Kirk and St Margaret's and possibly also with Wellpark Midkirk. However it has been decided that Westburn's halls will be retained for the time being and that Lyle Kirk and St Margaret's will move towards union without us. Wellpark Midkirk will be linked with Hamilton Bardrainey. In other changes in our area, the two churches in Gourock will move towards union as will the two parishes in Kilmacolm and Inverkip will unite with Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay.

It will of course be for each and every one of us in our own different ways to ensure that our church is a welcoming place with a meaningful and relevant message for all of our people.

In other news, Rev David Burt, minister at Old Gourock and Ashton linked with St Ninian's, has been nominated to serve as presbytery moderator for a year from September 2023.

Douglas Scott



Since the last magazine, the Guild has enjoyed a variety of speakers including Hazel Munro, one of our Session Clerks, sharing her thoughts on Maundy Thursday. I was also given the chance to remember my visit to one of our previous projects “Empowering Teenage Mothers in Zambia”.



Above is a photo of some of the teenage mothers in Zambia

By the time you receive this magazine we will have had a visit from Thomas Baldwin who writes in the Life and Work.

On Thursday 18th May, we’re holding a Songs of Praise and hope for a good turnout. We’ve invited members of the other churches in the area. Please feel free to join us.

June sees the start of less formal meetings; we’re holding an Afternoon Tea on Thursday 29th June. Tickets will be available soon at a cost £5, this will

hopefully help our funds to allow us to support the Guild projects and church funds.

We also hope to hold a Strawberry Fayre in August, further details will be available later via the intimations on the Sundays leading up to the event.

Several members have attended other meetings including Inverclyde Guilds Together's ABM and entertainment from the Woopi Singers, Margaret Mackay (Secretary) & I attended the Lenten Big Sing in Aberdeen in March, Duntocher Trinity Guild's 130th Anniversary & the West of Scotland Gathering in Springburn where we heard the Very Rev Albert Bogle, his topic was "My Faith Journey" and were entertained by "Streetwise". We are looking forward to attending Dunbartonshire Guilds Together Summer Meeting in Lomond Church, Alexandria. The speaker is the Very Rev Susan Brown. We hope to go for a meal before returning home.

Projects 2021-2024

LOOK FORWARD IN FAITH

To April 2023

BEAT

There is Hope (UK) £38,197.76

PIONEERS

Chocolate Heaven (South East Asia) £27,838.04

STARCHILD

Finding the Light in Every Child (Uganda) £37,570.86

VINE TRUST

Kazuznu Village of Hope (Tanzania) £44,071.50

HOME FOR GOOD

A Home for Good (Scotland) £51,038.87

UNIDA

Hear our Voice (Brazil) £18,978.24

TOTAL**£217,695.27**

Once again, I include the syllabus for the rest of the session, our meetings start at 2pm and finish around 3.30pm, you will be more than welcome to join us at any of our meetings.

May

18 Songs of Praise

August

3 Strawberry Fayre (tbc)

June

1 Tea & Chat

17 Tea & Chat

31 Project(tbc)

15 Broomhill Hub

29 Afternoon Tea

September

14 Tea & Chat

July

6 Beetle Drive

28 At Home

20 Tea & Chat

Patricia Robertson

Pastoral Care

The committee will be meeting shortly to finalise arrangements for the Afternoon Tea which is being held in the Centre Hall on Thursday 22nd June at 2pm. It's hoped that the entertainment will be Kenny Wilson from the Wherries.

If you would like to attend, please let me know. You can ring me Tel No. 725451 or email – patricia18robertson@gmail.com

Thank you

Patricia Robertson

Saturday June 10th - Don't miss.....Da Capo Alba (Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra)

Music from the Movies



The church are delighted to be hosting a concert by 'Da Capo Alba', the Lanarkshire Mandolin & Guitar Orchestra, on Saturday 10th June at 7pm. This is almost certainly the first performance ever by a guitar & mandolin orchestra in Greenock or Inverclyde. The orchestra has a unique sound, and the theme is 'Music from the Movies'.

Tickets are £10 (£8 concessions), and this includes refreshments at the interval.

This is a joint venture between the orchestra and the church, and any proceeds will be split equally between the two organisations, so please support the concert and come along for a very entertaining evening.

"Da Capo Alba" is the orchestral section of the Lanarkshire Guitar and Mandolin Association. For the past 20 years they have been entertaining

audiences throughout the UK (including two performances at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall) and abroad.

The concert will include music from Skyfall, Pirates of the Caribbean, Gladiator, Star Wars, Psycho, The Godfather, and much more including a Beatles medley.

Ian Pommerenke-Steel, the Lanarkshire Guitar & Mandolin Association's administrator and co-founder says, "Most people in Scotland have never heard a mandolin and guitar orchestra, but when they do they are pleasantly surprised by the sound of mandolins, mandolas, guitars and double bass, all of which complement each other in producing a unique orchestral sound.

We are absolutely delighted to be performing for the first time in Inverclyde... and we hope you will come along to our concert; I can promise that you that with 30 musicians on stage this will be a unique experience."

The orchestra has links with our church through Calum and Duncan Harbison, who have been involved in playing, conducting and arranging music for the orchestra for a number of years.

Contact Calum Harbison (07847 250529) for tickets or further information.

Calum Harbison

Church Calendar

Date	Event	Time
Saturday 3rd June	Church Bowling at Ardgowan Club	6 for 6.30 p.m.
Saturday 17 June	BFFS -Lunderston Bay	TBA
Sunday 2 July	Joint Service with Lyle Kirk at Westburn	11 a.m.
Sunday 9 July	Joint Service with Lyle Kirk at Westburn	11 a.m.
Sunday 16 July	Joint Service with Lyle Kirk at Lyle Kirk	10.30 a.m.
Sunday 24 July	Joint Service with Lyle Kirk at Lyle Kirk	10.30 a.m..
Monday to Friday 7 to 11 August	Holiday Club at Westburn	9.30 a.m. for Breakfast then 10 a.m. to 12 noon
Monday 7 August	Family Evening Event at Lyle Kirk	TBA
Wednesday 9 August	Family Evening Event at Lyle Kirk	TBA
Friday 11 August	Family Evening Event at Lyle Kirk	TBA
Sunday 13 August	Holiday Club Celebration Event at Westburn	11 a.m.

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Fundraising and Other Events

Date	Organisation	Event	Time/Venue	Costs
Saturday 10 June	Church & Da Capo Alba	Music from the Movies	7 p.m. at Westburn	£10 and £8 Concession
Saturday 19 August	Church	Church Outing to Summerlee	Times TBA . Please book by June 18	£10 or £12 depending on numbers

HOW WE COMMUNICATE

There are now a range of ways that we can communicate with you, and we would like to use the method that best suits your needs.

The list of categories is as follows:

Your Elder may still visit you 4 times per year.

Your Elder may visit you twice per year and deliver your church magazine on the other occasions.

Your Elder may deliver your church magazine on all occasions during the year.

Your Elder may communicate with you by email and your church magazine will be sent direct to your email address.

Your Elder may contact you by phone and your church magazine will be posted to you.

Members of the congregation who live out of the local area will continue to be kept informed by post.

If your circumstances change at any time (e.g. new postal or email address) and/or you wish to change the way that we communicate with you, please inform your Elder or get in touch with either of the Session Clerks, who will be happy to arrange this for you.

Session Clerk Contact details:

Elizabeth Irvine 01475 790369

Hazel Munro 01475 723691

Or email us on greenockwestburn@gmail.com

Useful Numbers

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	Miss Hazel Munro	72 3691
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Roll Keeper	Mr Jim Barbour	72 3861
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