



Balshagray Victoria Park
Church of Scotland

The Herald

September 2018

Dear Friends

One of my friends is a member of a golf club that has hosted many major amateur competitions; they now want to move on to the next level and host a major professional competition. This would bring prestige to the club and be a major boost to local business. The freshly elected captain made it his goal to attract such a major competition to the club. The problem was that the golf course was ideal for amateurs but not sufficiently demanding for professionals. So, at considerable expense, the captain hired a leading golf course designer to come and survey the course and redesign it to bring it up to a professional standard.

The redesign took many months. Some holes would have to be lengthened, which of course meant the tees had to be moved and rebuilt. Then there were the greens, they were flat and smooth like billiard tables and so they too would have to be rebuilt to introduce humps and hollows so that there were no straight putts. The designer also introduced a number of hazards that were not there before so that the professionals would face a real challenge to their skills. After many months of work and much money expended the new plans were laid before the members.

There was uproar! For many young people the changes to the golf course were a huge improvement; they relished the challenge and looked forward to an array of stars coming to play at their club. But the older members were outraged. They enjoyed their golf club as it was. For some, who had played together for years, the proposed changes were an abomination! They loved the course as it was, they knew their way around, they could enjoy a leisurely morning playing with their chums, they could play to their handicap and then relax in the clubhouse afterwards. A major part of their lives was being

destroyed in the hope of attracting a golf tournament that might never actually be awarded to them! The older members outnumbered the younger members and so the plans for change were delayed indefinitely, the club divided and the younger members drifted away disillusioned.

This is a rather familiar story. Who is to blame for this impasse that threatens the future of the club? It would be easy to blame the older members for their intransigence and unwillingness to move out of their comfort zone. However, I am inclined to blame the captain. Redesigning the course was always going to be the easy part, the difficult part was to bring the whole club with him in the new venture. It was a mistake to bring in the experts before getting all the members on board; experts tend to create admiration and resentment in equal measure - some admire their innovative ways while others think 'Who do they think they are?'. The older members needed to be assured that what they treasured most about the club would not change, that their needs would still be met and that the club was still theirs.

So as we embark upon the Path of Renewal we have a great deal to learn from the mistakes made at my friend's golf club. One of the first things we have to do is find out what makes BVP precious to us all; what must not change because that is what makes the church a vital part of our lives.

The captain of the golf club did not truly appreciate that the golf course held many precious memories for people (of the day that Willie scored that amazing hole in one!) and that, in proposing radical change for the club, people were losing something from their past, something that was part of them, part of who they were. What he had to do was help folk be part of forming the future so that they could create a gallery of new memories to enjoy together in years to come.

It is my hope and prayer that as we venture down the Path of Renewal we will be creating new, wonderful memories together.

Your friend and minister

Campbell Mackinnon

Sam Acheampong

In July we were all saddened to learn of the sudden death of Sam Acheampong. At his funeral service on 18th August, the minister spoke of Sam to a packed congregation of his family and friends:

For me, to hear Sam pray was one of the great privileges of my life as a minister. Prayer is not about many words but about few words chosen precisely and uttered with great simplicity of love and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Sam prayed so beautifully and with such love and trust, our Father must have taken great pleasure in Sam's delight in the Lord Jesus Christ and His confidence in all that Christ had done for him. It is a rare joy to hear such love for Christ expressed with such beauty.

In conversation, Sam's stories of his life in Ghana helped me understand the teaching of Christ in a new and wonderful way. Sam was of course his father's son; Sam was born to lead his people the Ashanti. So from an early age Sam had to watch and listen as his father gave judgement in all the issues that were brought before him; in his daily life Sam's father had to be above reproach and Sam too had to be above reproach for one day he would sit in his father's chair. So if Sam had chosen to be a Prodigal Son and defy his father he would have brought great shame on himself and his father. But in Jesus' story there is also the older brother, the self-righteous, judgemental man who refused to join the party when his brother came home. Sam could not afford to be self-righteous or self-important either as his role in the family was to bring reconciliation. In Jesus' story the two brothers - the Prodigal Son and the self-righteous older brother - are not opposites. They are opposite sides of the one coin and reflect two parts of our character: our desire to live as we please and our propensity to sit in self-righteous judgement on others. Both brothers are strangers to the Father's grace and mercy. The answer for both is to live enjoying the love, the grace, the generosity, the good humour of the Father. I think this was the secret of Sam's life. He lived enjoying the hospitality and grace of God the Father, and that enabled him to live wisely, generously, and with great kindness.

Sam enjoyed a distinguished career in oral surgery. He loved his work and gave of his best to his patients. He said that when he started in practice, dentists felt called to serve a community but when he finished

dentistry had become a business; this change in ethos he lamented greatly. But whether it was operating in Belfast at the height of the troubles, in the Dental Hospital or in his practice in Beith, for Sam patients were first and foremost human beings: human beings in need of his care and professional help but also his understanding and humanity.

Sam said little in Session meetings but he always spoke with great insight and wisdom; if Sam shook his head and said very quietly, 'No, no, no' we knew we were heading in the wrong direction. I will always remember his dress sense; I'd love to know who his tailor was but I don't think I could afford to go to him. His suits were always immaculate, the shirts and ties matching perfectly, great style and elegance but never over the top. To see Sam stepping out of his BMW and then take Gloria's arm was quite something.

Somehow or other people just could not help but love Sam. Whether it was his prayers, his faith, his gentle kindly wisdom, his great humour, his beaming smile, his devotion to his family, or all of these together I do not know; Sam engendered love. I can only say it was a great, great privilege to be his minister and greater still to be his friend.

Property Matters

We have been able this summer to replace the old heating boiler that served the large and small halls. With the addition of three new radiators in the large hall and ceiling fans in both the halls to push warm air back down, the expectation is that the heating in halls this autumn and winter will be more reliable and will achieve a more comfortable temperature. The new boilers and pump should also be more efficient and reduce our gas bill. If the fans are deemed a success, the Board will consider installing fans in the sanctuary. Other work undertaken over the summer included a painting party led by Campbell and Pamela Joss to paint the front door of the church and touch up the railings.

Remedial works to the west link stair between the sanctuary and large hall are scheduled to take place during September to allow this stair to be reopened. Final decoration will probably not take place until next year once the external wall has had an opportunity to dry out. At the same time, further work to eradicate dry rot will take place in the roof space above this stair.

Safeguarding



Please find below the training dates as supplied by the Presbytery of Glasgow, for session 2018 – 19. If you wish to attend a course then please contact me, using the details below and I will contact Presbytery on your behalf.

As ever, if anyone is considering volunteering for a regulated position, then please seek PVG clearance at your earliest opportunity. Attendance at a training course is compulsory. Thank you.



Colin Murray
Safeguarding Co-ordinator
bvpsafeguarding@gmail.com

| Volunteer courses 2018 (September – December) | | |
|---|------------------|--|
| Wednesday 26 September | 7 – 9.30pm | Rutherglen: Stonelaw 2 Dryburgh Avenue, Rutherglen, G73 3EG |
| Saturday 6 October | 9.30am – 12.30pm | Garthamlock & Craigend East 46 Porchester St, Garthamlock, G33 5DB |
| Thursday 25 October | 7 – 9.30pm | Maxwell Mearns Castle Waterfoot Road, Newton Mearns, G77 5RE |
| Thursday 29 November | 7 – 9.30pm | Clincarthill 1220 Cathcart Road, G42 9EU |
| Wednesday 5 December | 7 – 9.30pm | St James' Pollok 183 Meiklerig Crescent, G53 5NA |

| Volunteer courses 2019 (January – June) | | |
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| Tuesday 22 January | 7 – 9.30pm | Springburn 180 Springburn Way, Springburn, G21 1TU |
| Thursday 7 February | 7 – 9.30pm | Wellington University Ave / Southpark Ave, G12 8LE |
| Tuesday 12 February | 7 – 9.30pm | Netherlee 130 Ormonde Avenue, Netherlee, G44 3SL |
| Wednesday 27 March | 7 – 9.30pm | Wallacewell 57 Northgate Road, Balornock, G21 3QT |
| Tuesday 7 May | 7 – 9.30pm | Partick South 259 Dumbarton Road, G11 6AB |
| Thursday 6 June | 7 – 9.30pm | Maryhill 1990 Maryhill Road, G20 0EF |

| Kirk Session courses 2018 | | |
|--|------------|--|
| Monday 10 September | 7 – 9.30pm | Cathcart Trinity 90 Clarkston Road, G44 3DA |
| Wednesday 21 November | 7 – 9.30pm | Cambuslang Flemington Hallside Hutchinson Place, Cambuslang, G72 8XX |
| Kirk Session courses 2019 (January – June) | | |
| Wednesday 23 January | 7 – 9.30pm | Cardonald 2155 Paisley Road West, G52 3PF |
| Thursday 14 March | 7 – 9.30pm | St David's Knightswood 66 Boreland Drive, G13 3DX |

Congratulations

We congratulate Norman Afrin on being elected minister of Sandyhill and send our love and best wishes to Norman, Becca and Joel as they prepare for the start of an exciting new phase in their lives. Norman's induction will be in October.

Church Flowers Rota

According to the notice in the Vestibule and Small Hall, the Flower Rota for September and October is

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| 2nd September | |
| 9th September | Alison Mackie |
| 16th September | Anne Richardson |
| 23rd September | Colin Murray D |
| 30th September | |
| October 7th | Harvest |
| October 14th | Sharon Fergus |
| October 21st | Fiona Robertson |
| October 28th | 101st BB D |

D = needs delivered.

Dining with Friends

This month's *Dining with Friends* will be on **Saturday 1st September at 6.30pm at St Louis Cafe, Dumbarton Rd.**

To help assess numbers for reservations, please put your name on the list (posted in the small hall) for the current 'Dining with Friends' before the booking deadline.

Future dates for your diary:

Saturday 6th October 11.30am for walk and 12.45pm lunch in Plantaria Restaurant, Mugdock Country Park

Friday 9th November 7pm Dining In with Mother India, Argyll St, Kelvingrove

(to be confirmed) Saturday 22nd Dec 10am breakfast at The Square, Broomhill Shopping Centre, followed by Carol Singing at 11am

Sarah Hay

Compassion

Firstly a date for your diary - following the Harvest service on **Sunday 7th October** we will be holding our annual lunch in aid of Compassion. It is through this we raise most of the funds we need to support Ssemialo, Luis and Dinar, so if you can, please come along. If you can help by making soup or sandwiches, please speak to Shirley Robertson.

Luis in Ecuador wants us to know that he has been studying hard and has enjoyed learning to sculpt. He is looking forward to graduating soon and is also proud to tell us that his dad has recently graduated as a chef. Luis writes, 'I already have Jesus in my life thanks to my mum's prayers and people who love me. Please pray for my dad so he receives Jesus in his life and heart.'

Ssemialo in Uganda has written to tell us that while the weather in Uganda is hot, there is still some rain forecast which is good news for farmers. He is part of the worship team and enjoys singing in his church. Ssemialo is happy to tell us that he and his family are well and he is continuing to make progress with his motorcycle mechanics course. He thanks us for our support and care and asks that we continue to pray for him.

Dinar in Indonesia would like us to know that she is enjoying her studies, particularly physical education and natural science. At home she enjoys cooking. She asks us to pray for her in her studies and writes, 'I will continue to pray for you that you have abundant blessings from God.'

Once again, thank you very much for your support. It really is greatly appreciated.

Joan Canavan

Baking Sundays

The next Baking Sunday is on **Communion Sunday, 9th September** when we hope to offer you another amazing selection of home baking for sale.

So far this year we have accumulated £270 from the five Baking Sundays which is a fabulous effort and we would like to thank everyone who baked and/or bought. This money covers any Christmas Fayre expenses eg, baking items, jam jars, sausages and rolls etc. Any surplus goes into the Christmas Fayre Pot. As reported in the February magazine we were able to add £220 to the 2017 pot.

After September there will be two more Baking Sundays before the Fayre on 7th October and 11th November, so please mark your diaries and we look forward to serving with more delicious goodies.

Thank you.

The Christmas Fayre Committee.

Pedal for Scotland 2018

I am taking part in the above event on 9th September as part of a team from Westerton Male Voice Choir in support of Prostate Scotland. Prostate disease in some form affects almost one in two men in Scotland and this is the only charity based in Scotland dedicated to this cause, particularly in trying to raise awareness. The challenge for me is to cycle from Bearsden to Edinburgh, which is a total distance of 50 miles. I will be joining my colleagues and thousands of other cyclists on that day. If you are able to consider a donation I have a conventional sponsor form or there is a *Just Giving* site at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/westertonmalevoicechoir

Campbell Joss

Living the Difference

A meeting with Mark Greene,
Executive Director, the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity
(LICC)

at **Newton Mearns Baptist Church**

Friday 5th & Saturday 6th October

Friday 7.30-10.00pm– An evening for leaders

How as church leaders we empower the church to live as whole life disciples.

Personal implications for our own life and on how to lead.

Saturday is a two part conference but you can come to one or both of these

Morning 9.30-12.30

Faith at Work – Beyond Evangelism and Ethics

This includes: Bible teaching from Mark – especially helping us get under the skin of the Bible for life at work; Worship; Telling our stories – group discussion (led by people who have been on Transforming Work); Q&A

Brown Bag Lunch

Afternoon 2-5pm

Whole life discipleship - living out the great commission guilt-free

This includes: Bible teaching from Mark – focussing on how we live out the great commission as we grow in confidence in the gospel; Some ideas and discussion around how we can be genuinely invitational within our networks; Worship; Telling our stories – group discussion; Q&A

If you are interested in attending, please speak to Sarah Hay

The Guild

Please take a Guild syllabus after the Communion Sunday service in September, and put the dates in your diary – we'd love to see you on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month (the date is different in December) at 2 pm in the Church hall.

There will be a Dedication for the Guild as part of the morning service on 7th October, and the opening meeting of the new session will be on Wednesday 10th in the hall.

As always a warm invitation is extended to anyone in the congregation (ladies and gentlemen) to come to the meetings.

*Christine Hay
Guild Secretary*

Offerings for the period to 12th August 2018

| | 2018 | 2017 | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|
| Open Plate | 2773 | 3246 | - 473 |
| FWO | <u>12732</u> | <u>13781</u> | -1049 |
| Subtotal | 15505 | 17027 | - 1522 |
| Gift Aid | <u>19345</u> | <u>19325</u> | +20 |
| Total | 34850 | 36352 | -1502 |
| Average per week (31 weeks) | 1124 | 1173 | -49 |
| Projected decrease | £2548 | | |

*Campbell Joss
Treasurer*

Christmas Fayre

Hello, it's that time of year again and this year, Balshagray Victoria Park's Christmas Fayre will be held on **Saturday 24th November** from **10am until 1pm**. The tickets this year will be £2 per person, children up to 12 years are free. Included in this cost is of course your cup of tea, coffee, soft drink and some delicious baking.

As ever the committee hope that you will take this opportunity to support the church in this very important fund raising event.

Can you help? Yes, you can. If you can spare an hour or two on the 24th November then please see Shirley Robertson. The more people that help means a rota system can be used and everyone gets the opportunity to enjoy all aspects of the Fayre.

This is an ideal opportunity to clear out your cupboards etc between now and November and bring along any items you may have for the various stalls, eg Bric-a-Brac, Books/CDs/DVDs, Gifts. It would be a great help if you could label your bag or box of items with the stall it is intended for. Please speak to Shirley Robertson, Anne Richardson or Christine Hill if you need any more information.

Other stalls include Craft and Soft Goods, Christian Book Stall and Roll and Sausage Bar. We will again have an activity table for children.

The Baking Stall is always extremely popular and again we hope to entice you with another delicious range of home baking, sweets, jam and marmalade. We appreciate very much those who bake for this stall and look forward, hopefully, to receiving their donations once more. However, for those who don't bake but would like to donate some baking items eg flour, sugar, dried fruit (sultanas, currants, raisins, cherries), nuts (walnuts, almonds), eggs, etc please see Anne Richardson or bring your donation along on a Sunday.

Thank you for all your support.

The Christmas Fayre Committee.

Team Jenny Runs On!

100km down, 113 to go! As many of you know, the "girls" of my family (with a little help from spouses) are honouring my sister Jennifer, who died in March, with a running challenge to raise money for Edinburgh Maggie's centre, where she was wonderfully supported throughout her illness. This was Jennifer's wish, and it has helped us enormously to have such a positive aim to focus on.

As I write this we have, in varying combinations, clocked up 100km of official timed runs which have included a glorious 5k beach run on Portrush Strand with our youngest members, Ciara (14) and Isla (7), and a first taste of 10k trail running as we tackled "Run the Blades" on Whitelee Wind Farm - led home by Kara's husband Duncan who showed the rest of us a clean pair of heels! Still to come are the Great Aberdeen 10k (4 of us), the East Lothian 10k (2 of us) and the Great Scottish Run half marathon (2 of us), and as an added extra Laura's husband Barry will be running the Belfast City half marathon for Team Jenny. By the final event at the end of September we will have run a mammoth 213 km.

The best part is that donations have just passed £6000, with a considerable sum of Gift Aid to be added. Huge thanks to all those who have supported us so generously. Donations will be very gratefully received up until the end of September - you can go online to www.justgiving.com/2018teamjenny or speak to me if you would prefer to sign a sponsor form.

Thank you!

Team Jenny c/o Susan Gibson

Church Roll

Deaths

Dr Samuel Acheampong (District 18)
Miss Elizabeth McLennan (Adherent) (District 19)
Mrs Marjorie Dickie (Adherent) (District 19)

*Andy Coghill
Rollkeeper*

Prayer Points

Blessed on the job

'In all to which you set your hand.'

Deuteronomy 28:8 NKJV

The word vocation comes from the Latin word *vocare*, which means 'spiritual calling'. Every vocation, regardless of what it is, is a calling from God. And once you start to see your job in that light, you'll find it easier to believe God wants to bless you on the job. So with that in mind you need to:

- 1) Pursue work compatible with your gifts. 'If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised' (1 Peter 4:11 NIV 1984 Edition).
- 2) Learn everything possible about your job. 'Let the wise listen and add to their learning' (Proverbs 1:5 NIV 2011 Edition).
- 3) Recognise God as your true employer. 'Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does' (Ephesians 6:7-8 NIV 1984 Edition).
- 4) See work as God's gift, not punishment. 'When God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work - this is a gift of God' (Ecclesiastes 5:19 NIV 1984 Edition).
- 5) Use criticism to your advantage. In fact, make it work for you. Ask for suggestions and correction. 'Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured' (Proverbs 13:18 KJV).
- 6) Do more than what's expected. 'Whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him [two]' (Matthew 5:41 KJV).
- 7) See the Lord as your work partner. Stay Christ-conscious throughout the day as you perform your duties, and 'the Lord will command the blessing on you...and in all to which you set your hand.'

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*Christine Hay
Prayer Secretary*

The Persecuted Church

"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed." (2 Corinthians 4:8 & 9 NIV)

These words, spoken by the Apostle Paul, describe in a graphic way the plight of many millions of Christians throughout the world who are forced to endure the effects of persecution, in all its many forms. Sadly, even in the UK, despite our laws relating to discrimination etc, Christians continue to suffer persecution. It does not matter if you are living in the Middle East, Mali, India, China, Sudan, Vietnam, Iran or Russia (and I could easily add the names of another dozen or so countries), Christians are singled out and made to suffer for their faith. The level of intolerance shown towards Christians in some countries is shocking and this is particularly so in Pakistan, where Muslim extremists usually invoke their infamous 'Blasphemy Law'.

I have said this many times before; Christians are the most persecuted religious group in the world and they face torture, incarceration, isolation, discrimination, extreme hardship and even death at the hands of radical extremists. Many of the perpetrators are followers of Islam, but there are many others such as Hindu extremists, located mainly in India.

For the period 1st January until 31st March 2018, the UN High Commission for Refugees recommended 1,358 Syrian Refugees for resettlement in the UK, of whom only 4 were Christian !! The Home Office agreed to resettle 1,112 of these, all of whom were Muslim. They refused to accept the Christians and one has to wonder **WHY ??** In 2017 the Home Office only accepted 11 Syrian Christian Refugees or 0.23%, with the remaining 99.77% being Muslims. Syria's pre-war Christian population was confirmed at around 10%. What these statistics clearly demonstrate is that there is a pattern of under-representation and discrimination taking place, in which the UK government is complicit.

We should give thanks to God for organizations such as Barnabas Fund who support our Christian brothers and sisters in many practical ways, while they wait in hope of a better life away from the effects of war and all its associated problems.

Egypt – is becoming a new 'front line' in the campaign of terror against Christians by the Islamic State. In the past year churches have been bombed plus countless horrific attacks on individuals and property, resulting in many fatalities. Christians are the poorest people in Egyptian society and regularly suffer from hostility and discrimination by the Muslim majority. Millions of Christians live in extreme poverty and face daily deprivation, whilst young Christian women face the threat of kidnap, rape or forced marriage and conversion to Islam.

Ethiopia - at the beginning of August in the city of Jijiga, three Christian churches were ransacked and one Orthodox Church was set on fire. This evil act was carried out by a mob of Muslim youths, from the 'Ogaden National Liberation Front'. For more than 30 years, there has been sporadic violence in the region by this radical Muslim group, who want to bring about secession of the region from the majority-Christian Ethiopia.

Sri Lanka - several Christian churches in various locations were forced to halt their services in July, because church leaders and their congregations were subjected to intimidation and violence. The main perpetrators were Buddhist Monks supported by local villagers including some local officials. Congregation members were subjected to a tirade of verbal abuse and death threats. Christians make up around 8% of the population and face constant opposition from Buddhist monks and also Hindus.

China – thirty four 'House churches' in the capital Beijing grouped together and issued a statement calling for the authorities to respect 'freedom of religion'. China's Communist government only recognizes state-registered churches. As a consequence, 'house churches' are frequently targeted by the State because they are 'illegal' and are considered to be a dissenting force and require to be managed and contained.

United Kingdom – Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon has recently been appointed as the government's 'Special Envoy' on Freedom of Religion or Belief. He will work to promote 'interfaith respect and dialogue' at an international level. Lord Ahmad is a moderate Muslim with a positive record on human rights issues.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SUFFERING CHURCH

Robert Belmore

Rota for Readings and Prayers

Here is the rota for September to November 2018 for different people in our congregation taking part in the morning service by reading the Bible or leading a prayer of adoration or intercession. As always, though, this rota may be subject to change! Because there are so many "special" services in December, the rota is being suspended for that month, but it will restart in January 2019. Many thanks to all who have volunteered to serve in this way.

| Date (2018) | Name | Prayer / Reading |
|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2 nd September | Jane Belmore | Prayer of Adoration & Confession |
| 9 th September | Douglas Gibson | Reading |
| 16 th September | Christine McTaggart | Prayer of Intercession |
| 23 rd September | Andy Paisley | Reading |
| 30 th September | Fiona Hay | Prayer of Adoration & Confession |
| | | |
| 7 th October | Archie Gosland | Reading |
| 14 th October | Veronica Goddard | Prayer of Intercession |
| 21 st October | Andy Coghill | Reading |
| 28 th October | Marion Francis | Prayer of Adoration & Confession |
| | | |
| 4 th November | Colin Murray | Reading |
| 11 th November | Rita McKendry | Prayer of Intercession |
| 18 th November | Fergus Shaw | Reading |
| 25 th November | Shona McGill | Prayer of Adoration & Confession |

Fiona Hay

Service Duty Rota

September - October 2018

Please report for duties in the church vestibule by 10.30 a.m. If you cannot manage a duty it is your responsibility to ensure that a substitute is found. Please advise your Team Leader (*) of any such arrangement **and amend on noticeboard in Church vestibule**. N.B. Changes may be made to these arrangements – please see noticeboard for current details.

An (#) after the date denotes an Evening Service. Vestibule duties begin at 6.15 p.m. *Com* after the date indicates a Communion Service.

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| 26 th August | Mrs S. Gibson* | R. McTaggart |
| 2 nd September | I. Fergus | Mrs F. Robertson |
| 9 th September <i>Com</i> | Mrs J. Sinclair* | Mrs C. McGowan |
| 16 th September# | J. Massey | Miss L. Fergus |
| 23 rd September | A. Thorburn* | I. McLellan |
| 30 th September | W. Methven | Miss A. Richardson |
| 7 th October | J. Goddard* | Miss F. Hay |
| 14 th October | Miss C. Hay | Mrs S. McGill |
| 21 st October # | Miss R. Yule* | G. Ross |
| 28 th October | C. Murray | A. McKendry |

Standby List: D. Robertson

Tea Rota

| Date | | |
|--------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Sept 2 | Margaret Paisley | Andy Paisley |
| 9 | Christine McTaggart | Anne Marie Masson |
| 16 | Calum Mackinnon | Janice Mackinnon |
| 23 | Morgan Francis | Marion Francis |
| 30 | Sarah & David Hay | Fiona & Fergus Shaw |
| Oct 7 | Harvest | |
| 14 | Janice Glass | Hazel McCalden |
| 21 | Carol May | Lindsay Fergus |
| 28 | Jane Belmore | Veronica Goddard |

Many thanks to everyone on the Tea Rota and for recent donations.

Janice Mackinnon

Thanks to all who provided material for this September issue.

Please send items for the October issue by

Sunday 23rd September

to

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Worship Services at BVP - September

The congregation at Hillington Park wish to maintain Evening Services during their vacancy, so we will continue to have joint Evening Services with Hillington Park, alternating between the two churches. For transport please speak to Campbell Mackinnon or Derek Robertson.

Sunday 2nd September

11.00 am Morning Service

Preacher Rev. Campbell Mackinnon

6.30 pm Evening Service at Hillington Park

Sunday 9th September

11.00 am Morning Service: Sacrament of Holy Communion

Preacher Rev. Campbell Mackinnon

Sunday 16th September

11.00 am Morning Service

Preacher Rev. Campbell Mackinnon

6.30 pm Evening Service

Joint Service with Hillington Park in BVP

Preacher Rev. Campbell Mackinnon

Sunday 23rd September

11.00 am Morning Service

Preacher Rev. Campbell Mackinnon

Sunday 30th September

11.00 am Morning Service

Preacher Rev. Campbell Mackinnon

The J team and Bible Class join in the morning worship before they leave for their own classes