

# By the Way Together

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## ANSWER TO \$64,000 QUESTION FOUND!!



**...or rather the answer to the  
64,000 POUND question!**

**Yes, the Climate Challenge  
Fund has awarded the Garden  
Project based at St Mungo's  
Church a fabulous grant of  
£64,000!**

***Read all about it on page 4!***

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# EASTER SMILES... (and chocolate)



Following their generosity at Christmas time, the staff at the local branch of RBS set about collecting Easter eggs to donate to our Food for Thought programme. The response, as always in the town, was tremendous!

120 Easter eggs duly found their way to St Augustine's. 52 of them were given to Women's Aid, 35 of them to Alternatives and dozens were given out to individuals who came through our doors.



Just as we had successfully given out those, 'Andrew' donated another hundred... which allowed us to happily continue to give to those who otherwise would not have enjoyed a wee Easter treat.

Thank you to all who donated. Your generosity will have been thoroughly appreciated and been the source of huge smiles for all who received them!



## From Kenny...

I am glad to tell you all that the doctor has signed me fit to be back at work. Not that I haven't been working since December, but I was supposed to be on "light duties". So, how did that work out for me? Well, I'm afraid not too well, and it's been some time since I missed anything because I considered it "heavy duty"! I'm not that sort of priest or person. Liz has also been a tremendous support, without whom my job would be impossible.



Much has been achieved in the five months of "light duty", in both parishes, and there is much to be positive about. I've learned to be a lot more positive about myself, and most of you will have found me to be much more relaxed of late. I have the most incredible GP, prayer works, and I'm approaching things more confidently than I was this time last year. All good, but I must be kind to myself if depression and anxiety are to be kept at bay.

I have carried a little card in my wallet for many years now, and I haven't read it or acted upon it for a while. It's a "Just for Today" card, which reminds me that I only live in today. Yesterday is gone and there's nothing much I can do about it. Tomorrow is not here yet, with all the projections and problems I can create in my own mind; worry and anxiety about the future being character defects which I am working hard at removing.

I try to live in today, and simply deal with today's problems and issues in the best way I can. So, just for today....

- I will try to live through this day only and not tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do something for twelve hours that would appal me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime.
- I will be happy. Most folks are as happy as they make up their own minds to be.
- I will adjust to what is and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my "luck" as it comes and fit myself to it.

- I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.
- I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do someone a good turn and not get found out. If anybody knows of it, it will not count. I will do at least two things that I don't want to do – just for exercise. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt; they may be hurt, but today I will not show it.
- I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, talk quietly, act courteously, criticise not one bit, not find fault with anything, and not try to improve or regulate anybody except myself.
- I will save myself from at least two pests; hurry, indecision, negativity, self-blame, are but some of the things that can hinder my life.
- I will have a quiet half-hour, all by myself, and relax. During this half-hour, sometime, I may be still with God or will try to get a better perspective of my life.
- I will be unafraid. Especially, I will be unafraid to enjoy what is beautiful, and to believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give to me.

Many of us will have a giggle at this, and think it is an impossible path to follow, but even if we take one or two of these, and implement them, our lives will be more happy and improved.

Jesus certainly made it clear that we were not to worry about tomorrow. Today is really the only day we have and we must learn to make the best of it!

Many of these things help me, and I would encourage you to give some of it a try. The Kingdom of God is a "today" thing. We can enjoy the fruits of the Kingdom if we choose to, today.

I am glad to be "officially" back among you, fit and ready to continue from the dark places of October and November of last year. I invite you to share my joy, and give thanks to God for it!

*Kenny*

# Exciting times ahead for St Mungo's!



The leamy  
foundation

Through the hard work of Fr Kenny, and the Executive of the Leamy Foundation, the 'Climate Challenge Fund' has awarded the Garden Project a fabulous grant of £64,000 for the 'Carbon Sprouts' project.



The St Mungo's Garden Project aims to be a positive resource for the wider community and will take place in the grounds of St Mungo's Church, Alexandria. The project will involve school children, voluntary groups and residents, including those experiencing issues with financial hardship or confidence. Through the growing of vegetables, herbs and flowers in a number of raised beds and tubs in the church grounds, the project will increase climate change and carbon reduction awareness. The projects' workshops will demonstrate how people can further reduce their carbon footprint by choosing locally produced food, reducing food waste and improving budgeting and cooking skills. By June 1<sup>st</sup> a full time Project Officer will be employed to work with Fr Kenny and the Executive to oversee the outreach and work from the grounds of St Mungo's. On Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, Fr Kenny and Kevin Mason met with the congregation to explain fully the details, advantages and vision of the project.



Work has already begun with the local Guides and Brownies, and the photos show the first of their horticultural and carbon reduction awareness training days held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. The girls had great fun planting strawberries, wild flowers and brussel sprouts, accompanied by their leader Ruth, while learning about climate change and how they can reduce their carbon footprint. We look forward to seeing the results of their green fingers!

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# **MARGARET HARRISON**

## **Peace protester and co-founder of Faslane Peace Camp**

### **1918 - 2015**



**Dumbarton born, Margaret Harrison, a lifelong Episcopalian and committed worshipper at St Augustine's and St Mungo's has died at the age of 96.**

Holding strong Christian beliefs, Margaret, from a young age, kept close to her heart Jesus' command to love one another. From this core belief she pursued a colourful life of non-violent protest as she dedicated herself to helping to end what she saw as the scandals of world poverty and war. She was a visible presence at the marches at Aldermaston in the 1950s and 1960s where she walked 52 miles carrying placards between London and Berkshire; in 1961 she spent her first night in jail as the first Scottish lady arrested for anti-nuclear activism; and in 1991 she was thrown out of the Houses of Parliament for causing a disturbance. A lifelong member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Margaret was detained at Her Majesty's pleasure 14 times for protesting against Polaris and Trident missiles. Her most notable achievement, however, was the founding, with her husband Bobby, of the Peace Camp at Faslane in Argyll and Bute in 1982. There, the first protesters camped in make shift tents but later it turned into a camp of caravans which housed a dedicated group of 20 protesters. The camp still exists today, a silent, but resolute presence and reminder of a different option to the solution of nuclear weapons.

Margaret was born in Dennystown, Dumbarton in 1918 and attended Knoxland Primary and Dumbarton Academy. Her happy childhood was spent in the east end of the town, where she often

escaped to the glen to pick primroses and skilfully avoided the eagle eyes of Lord Overtoun's gamekeeper. She met her husband Bobby whilst cycling through the Trossachs and began her happy married life in 1945. They had two daughters, Ruth and Anne who gave Margaret and Bobby five beautiful grandchildren and six beloved great-grandchildren. Margaret in her youth was a member of the Scottish People's Theatre (SPT), and later Dumbarton People's Theatre enjoying being part of productions such as Romeo and Juliet. Having a good sense of humour, Margaret also loved to entertain audiences with amusing recitations in which she played the many parts herself putting on different voices and accents. Margaret's lifetime achievements were acknowledged publicly when she was awarded the Freedom of Dumbarton.

For her whole life Margaret devoted herself to peace. She was a poet and inspired many by the actions she took and the words she spoke. She will be remembered with affection and admiration by the communities of Dumbarton and Alexandria.

**There will be a Memorial Service in thanksgiving for Margaret's life in St Mungo's Episcopal Church, Alexandria, on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.**



It is about this time of year that travel companies start bringing out a whole host of brochures to try and entice us to book our summer holidays. I don't normally go for these early pitches – but to my

surprise I found myself signing a week's deal for the family in a chalet near Oxford in the summer. Staying in Oxfordshire means that I will be able to show the children where I grew up, went to school, and even take them punting (oh, the fun!!). It also means I can take them to visit loads and loads of churches in the area (you can hear the groans already!). I suspect it will turn into what the children have resignedly come to call an 'ABC' holiday ('Another Bloomin' Church' holiday)!

Yes, I have to admit it, we have visited quite a few churches in our time. Phil enjoys reading the historic plaques... I enjoy soaking up the atmosphere... and the children.... well, they've kinda got used to it. I enjoy seeing the great variety of church interior lay-outs, the different furnishings used and imagining how people worshipped in the past... but occasionally, I find myself wondering whether the church I am in is still "alive and kicking"? Sometimes it's hard to get any sense of vitality, of the life and rhythm of that faith community for that week, that Sunday, that day. Often there's nothing around to give me any sort of hint of it at all. It can sometimes feel that perhaps I've mistakenly visited a building taken over by the National Trust... a building preserved to remember a glorious time past... a sacred history that should be confined to old photographs, pictures and books... and where God is represented through dusty old statues and ancient artefacts. When confronted by this I do find myself asking – is this what the Church is about?

The churches I get the most from, and get excited about, are the ones which have visible signs that things are happening... that Christ is alive and active... that the resident faith community are 'living stones'... enjoying their faith... doing fabulous work in the community. I can think of Salisbury Cathedral with its stunning font from which water continually flows from each of its four corners... St Andrew's Cathedral in Glasgow with its breathtaking Lady Chapel and

imaginative cloister garden space... churches with in-laid labyrinths and peaceful prayer gardens... St Martin-in-the-Field's with its Crypt Cafe... the Church of Scotland church in Perthshire which was purpose built with a cafe, children's soft play and badminton courts attached..... These and many more like it gladden my heart and give me hope in my faith. Yes... the Holy Spirit IS still with us and prompting us to be creative.

All of this has come into my mind as I have watched the exciting developments which are taking place at St Mungo's. Not only is the Foodbank becoming well established in the community and doing vital work with those in need, but the Garden Project is now beginning to take shape. The plans are drawn up, the raised beds prepared, the new shoots are emerging from the soil, the seeds are being sown in the ground ... all of these things speak of new life, community life, Kingdom life and new growth in the Spirit. And for that I rejoice. For all of that I give thanks.

In St Augustine's the flexibility of the beautiful interior encourages in practical ways the life of the community to flourish as we enjoy music nights, murder mysteries, the Foodbank provision, the variety of services, school visits and Passover meals. There is no hint here of a well preserved mausoleum. And for that also I rejoice and give thanks.

This year promises to be exciting. If we continue to listen and respond to the promptings of the Spirit life in all its abundance will flourish. I give thanks that I will be sharing it with you all.

*With love,  
Liz*



## ***FUTURE EVENTS – JOIN IN OR MISS OUT!***

### **A MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT 'RSVP TO MURDER' FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 7PM**

Guests are assembling for the Wedding Buffet –

A Bridesmaid is missing!!! Oh No!!  
What has happened to her?

Come and solve the heinous crime.  
Dress as for a posh wedding.

Superior buffet served with wine  
£14 (£12 with Friends Discount)

### **Country Trip to Inchmahome Lake of Menteith Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Sail to island  
then visit tea-room on way back.

Ferry cost £5.50/£4.50 concession.  
Meet at Port of Menteith car-park  
at 1.30pm .

Add your name to list in hall  
More info from Tim 761676  
or Rosemary 765617

### **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 10 – 17**

Instead of a door to door collection  
most churches will be giving out  
envelopes at church.  
Please help if you can

### **ST COLUMBA:**

We are hoping to repeat last year's trip  
to Dumbarton Castle for local primary  
schools on **Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>**  
(rehearsal May 26<sup>th</sup>).

If you would like to help please see  
Tim 761676 or Fran 761403



## ***BISHOP'S VISITATION***

**Bishop Gregor will be visiting the congregations and clergy of St Mungo's and St Augustine's on *Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May*. As usual he would like the opportunity to talk to as many of you as possible and celebrate our parish life with us.**

**Please put the date in your diary and come along to one or all of these events during the day.**

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| 9.30am     | Eucharist at St Mungo's with the Bishop   |
| 10 – 11am  | Tea and coffee  |
| 11am       | Visit St Augustine's to meet people after their Eucharist and see 'Food for Thought' provision                                  |
| 1 – 3.30pm | Lunch at St Mungo's church followed by informal fun Treasure Hunt in the buildings and grounds of St Mungo's. Prizes available! |
| 3.30 – 7pm | Bishop's time with the clergy, dinner and Evening Prayer  |
| 7 – 9pm    | Wine and nibbles in the Rectory for members of the <b>two</b> Vestries  |



# 'A BLAST FAE THE PAST' - THE PICS!







## New Group Invitation!

Fancy getting together with some friends to

explore Mark's gospel over a cup of tea/coffee? Fancy getting to know some of your fellow worshippers a bit better? Then join us at the Wiggins', 7.30pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May!

We plan to run a house group there every

**Wednesday , 7.30 - 9:00pm  
from 20<sup>th</sup> May – 24<sup>th</sup> June.**

You are most welcome to join us.

Our address? 108, Dumbuck Road... just across the A82 from the police station.  
Our phone number? 01389 742226 or Kirsten's mobile 07542 931153

I do have a dog but she can be shut upstairs and the house well vacuumed for those who have allergies.

Hope to see you on the 20<sup>th</sup>

Kind regards  
John and Kirsten



# ST MUNGOS - GOING LIKE THE CLAPPERS!

## MONEY TO STOP THE LEAKS!

Just before Christmas 2014 it was brought to the Vestry's attention that a Roof Repair Grant could be applied for — for churches in Scotland, with a deadline of 30th January. St Mungo's had applied to the Dunderdale Fund for some emergency repairs and it was suggested that we apply to have the whole roof and gutters checked out and repaired.



The Vestry decided to apply, despite a very tight timeline, downloaded the form and started getting organized in filling in the form. The diocesan architect was contacted and a meeting set up to see if we could do

everything by the deadline. This required some 13 documents and the actual form to deal with.

To cut a long story short the deadline was met with 2 days to spare with the Diocesan Architect's help in timescales, report and costings, and with members of the Vestry helping out considerably with the taking of photographs and supplying information. It was no mean feat of determination!



We were well rewarded when we received word that we had been successful and were to be given a grant of £33,500! Other churches in the Diocese had applied for the same grant but had been refused - so thanks to Rebecca and all who

helped to make this possible!

If everything goes to plan a new slated roof with new leadwork should be in place before the winter. We will then turn our minds and muscles to decorating the interior once the building is watertight. Have your paintbrushes and rollers ready!

## THE CORDALE BELL



Some of the congregation will remember the Bell that sat on the far left hand side of the Altar for decades before being moved to the porch for another number of decades. The

Bell was gifted to St. Mungo's by The United Turkey Red Coy. Ltd after the closure of the Cordale Works in Renton for safe keeping and for us to make use of. It was rung at Easter, Christmas and the New Year services and occasionally at other times during the year.

However, in 2002 it was decided to loan the Bell to Loch Lomond Shores to be put on public display near the Children's Play area. This proved very popular with the children and visitors, who continually rang it all day long. After about 2 years of ringing the clanger had a rubber sheath put over it to dull the sound, as the local housing estate nearby complained about the noise.

Eventually the clapper was removed, and the Bell locked down so that it could not be moved or swung. People then continued to hit it with rocks and stones to make it ring and the Bell fell into disrepair with a rusting bearings mechanism and it became a sorry sight.

The Vestry was then approached to get the Bell back before any further damage could be done.



Lomond Shores management agreed to restore it to its original condition and give it back; it is presently in a workshop being repaired.

So look out for the Cordale Bell

when it returns to St. Mungo's, possibly as a feature of the community garden being prepared in the grounds!

*Jim Biddulph*





## *'Wait Till I Tell You.....'*

*Janette looks back on springtime at St. Auggie's and forward to a 'murder in May' and the coming of our summer 'season'.*

### **THE POLAR PLUME PUTS A SOUR NOTE INTO SPRING.**

Just when we were getting the first urges to get the cardigans off and the winter duvet into the wash, along comes the polar plume (or is it ploom?). Until this year the only plooms we had were '*soor plooms*' - those hard green sweets that draw your jaws together. The *soor ploom* or its English translation, the sour plum, was first made in 1337 and is the motto of the Border town of Galashiels. It appears frequently in 'Oor Wullie' and 'The Broons' - the cultural reading of a Scottish childhood. But.... maybe we always had polar plumes.

Think back to the olden days when you so much wanted to get into summer mode and your Granny reminded you '*don't cast a clout till May be oot*'. My Mother kept our '*semmits*' on till the Glasgow Fair and didn't allow us to swim in the sea before August when the water had warmed up a bit! The playwright, T.S. Elliot, described April as 'the cruellest month' and how right he was! Now here we are in 'the merry, merry, month of May - the joyous month of the poets - hailed by Milton '*as bounteous May that doth inspire youth and mirth and warm desire*'. Forget it - there's an election on with '*soor plooms*' everywhere!

### **'A BLAST FROM THE PAST - THE SEQUEL'**

And already Ghislaine and Ricky are planning another big bash - so you have been warned! On the last Friday in March they certainly got the crowds rolling in, so much so that we looked in panic at the seating plan - to use the word loosely. Every available table and chair had been needed and the '*joint was ferr jumpin*'! Donations for the buffet kept arriving but still we wondered about another 'loaves and fishes' scenario while the vestry toilet monitors prayed that the Dynarod solution was still working! The objective was to have a really good night of 50s, 60s and 70s

entertainment, raise funds for St. Aug's and hopefully keep the roof on! The entertainment was by Ghislaine and Ricky, along with the Allsorts and their star soloists Danny and Stewart. AGM was there plus the Reverends - Liz and her daughter Ruth at the microphones and Kenny on the crowded dance floor without his long black coat. Everyone took part and the atmosphere was electric. The Friends were trapped in their Olde Sweetie Shoppe selling diet-wrecking confectionary and 60s style coke while helping out with the buffet, which attracted a bigger queue than a Glasgow X Factor audition. The final amount raised was just over £700 - when TBag and Rachel got to grips with the arithmetic. Great wee night, folks, all objectives achieved and we look forward to the next time. Next morning we gathered for the Big Spring Clean....yeuch!

### **THE FISH SUPPER BINGO.**

With Easter well celebrated, the Friends' Executive decided to organise a wee Fish Supper Bingo to pass the time until the Murder Mystery in May. We are being told, after all, by the medical professionals, that it's good to keep one's brain active at a certain age and get out and about a little. Aye, that'll be right! So, with Sharon as Bingo caller, the excitement got underway on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>. Sharon was more professional than Ruth Davidson who also had a bout of Bingo calling this month. Oh, the Fish Suppers from Andy's arrived right on cue and went well with the buttered plain loaves and Roberta's delicious crispy cakes. Some diet! The expert Bingo players opted to handle two books while others coped with one and still managed to fit in a false call! Sorry, folks - numbers were never my forte! At the end of the evening we had a profit of £80 and everyone had enjoyed some fun and laughs in excellent company.

### **R.S.V.P. TO MURDER.**

Will you reply to this year's Friends' Murder Mystery? The notice is in the Community Hall and in the latest Community Advertiser so please add your name A.S.A.P to facilitate the catering. It is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May and the wedding has just taken place in St. Aug's of Imogen Bachle (pronounced Bachele) and Walter Pickle. They are welcoming their guests to a superior buffet in the Community Hall. But....the chief bridesmaid is missing! She had not turned up at the ceremony. CSI Dumbarton is involved and everyone is invited to

help solve a heinous crime. Who amongst the 10 dodgy suspects has 'dunnit'?

Guests will work in teams of four to be the best detectives while enjoying a 3 course buffet that will include fresh salmon, prawns, turkey and cold cuts of meat, served with a selection of vegetables. A choice of Wine, Starter and Dessert followed by Coffee and Mints will all be included in the cost – great value at £14.00 (£12.00 with Friends' discount). So get that wedding hat out of the box, charity shop, DPT, bin or wherever and join in the fun. There is also a prize for the stupidest answer. The murder will take place at 7pm prompt.

### **EVERY DOG HAS ITS DAY!**

And two special canines, Don and Princess, certainly made the most of theirs this April. Don, using only two front paws, drove his master's tractor right across the M74 and managed to stop safely after causing a hideous traffic jam. Don't worry, Don, humans do that all the time! Don's owner is hoping to arrange driving lessons for his intrepid collie – the dog could then get him home safely after a night out at the pub.

The other headline grabbing pooch was a Pomeranian called Princess who auditioned on Britain's Got Talent. She stole the show by hypnotising a group of strangers from the audience and put them all to sleep. OK, so the leaders' debates have been doing this for weeks now but this power was held by a '*wee black dug!*' As an encore and after a little delayed action, the bitch turned Simon Cowell into a helpless zombie! Now, that's power! For her next appearance, Princess will get the judges to sit up and beg! So, if you see this '*dug*' on the Westcliff bus - keep looking straight ahead and watch your sausages!

### **DPT TURNS SEVENTY!**

Yes, and the celebrations are taking up most of the week as April turns to May. DPT was formed from SPT (Scottish People's Theatre) in 1945 – the latter having performed in its own little theatre in Bankend Road that was destroyed by an enemy bomb in 1941. On the day of its destruction, the late Margaret Harrison, whose life will shortly be celebrated at St. Mungo's, remarked '*Oh dear, and I'd only just polished all the seats in the auditorium!*' Margaret had been a member of SPT and went on to join DPT.

There are a few more St. Auggie's folk in this year's 70<sup>th</sup> celebrations – Maggie, Tbag, Sharon stage managing, David moving scenery and I'll be hopefully unrecognizable in 'The Steamie' chorus.

Three plays will be performed during the week and a dinner has been arranged for 2<sup>nd</sup> May at Duck Bay Hotel – Margaret Hardie will be performing in this but only with a knife and fork! DPT has been well supported by St. Aug's folk over the years. DPT has also performed jointly in St. Aug's with St. Aug's people in a play called 'High is the Steeple.' That was the year we laid the new floor in the Church – it was finished just in time! Miriam arranged for a marquee in the car park and fed the Bishop on chips and celebration cake! Bishop John and his wife thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

So life gets back to normal after the DPT celebrations – but a new season is looming in August!

### **ADVERTS WITH A MESSAGE.**

To complement the M.A.P. initiative of arranging 'Movies with a Message' there has been a suggestion to also show 'Adverts with a Message'. We shall start with the worst and most annoying. And it's surely the Money Supermarket offering that shows a man in tight shorts and high heels strutting seductively along the road to the lyrics '*Don't you wish your daughter was hot like me!*' What's that all about? Car insurance? Looking forward to a really meaningful discussion!

### **THE 'SEASON' AT ST. AUG'S.**

Traditionally the (social) season for the toffs ran from April till August with the Boat Race, Glyndebourne, Wimbledon, Royal Ascot, Henley, the Proms etc. Oh, and the debutantes were presented at Court. At St. Aug's we can't promise anything so grand but we'll be presenting the Murder Mystery on 8<sup>th</sup> May, the Friends' AGM on 31<sup>st</sup> May and a double feature on 7<sup>th</sup> June called 'Off the Rails' and 'Remember When?' The former is a wee fashion sale to get our suitcases organised for the Fair. Unwanted treasures will be displayed on our rails and sold at great value prices. This will be followed by some summer eating delicacies after which Lindsay Rogers will present 'Remember When?' – a wee fun quiz about what we all have in the deep recesses of our memories. A beach party is talked about for July and the Friends' August Bus Outing is currently being argued over. This will take us to the Autumn Fair – and the chance to join with our Hall Users and Groups to make a little money for the coming winter. So start planning now. OK, so there are no debutantes or horses but we hope you'll enjoy our 'season' anyway!



Watch the Community Hall Noticeboard for all the latest details.

### **BACK NEXT MONTH.....**

And the general election will be history. Brain fades will once again be known as senior moments and David Cameron can stop pretending to be a football supporter before he finds himself pledging his allegiance to Partick Thistle! Ed can go out without his lectern and Nicola can return those image-softening scones to the Holyrood tea room. Action Man will get his tank back from Ruth and we'll all be in holiday mood when the June edition of 'By the Way Together' hits the pews. Don't miss it!

*Janette*

## **First Movie night - considered a raving success ...**

**(or so the feedback on the ground goes!)**

On Friday the 24th of April we hosted our first big 'Movies with a Message' in the Concord Community Cinema. We had a mixed audience with us - the youngest being a three year old (who fell asleep half way through after a big box of popcorn). Her mum duly covered her with a blanket and enjoyed the rest of the film. The rest of the audience were comprised of all ages, including some from Alternatives 'Safe as Houses Project' (a 12 bed recovery unit). To set the scene the MAP Team welcomed all and explained that the idea was to bring folk connected to St Aug's to a social occasion with a difference. The idea was to experience a night at the movies (cheap version as we only asked for a donation) and offer some time to discuss the hidden messages during coffee and cake when the movie ended.

But in true Auggies style - the movie broke half way through! Unfazed, we all moved to the cafe area until the film team could sort things out which actually afforded us time for coffee and cake and the start of the hidden message conversation. This then led us neatly into the second half with ease and some prompted thoughts.

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Our chosen movie was Narnia and as the story unfolded we were able to look at the symbolism and connection to Jesus is our redeemer. (He is the one who loves us even when we are truly "nasty children" as Edmund was.) Though the Chronicles of Narnia are mythical they mirror the true essence of Christianity. The mythical character of Aslan mirrors the majestic character of Jesus Christ, the redeemer of hard hearts. He is the one who leaves a lasting effect on those who meet him. He is the one who can truly change us as individuals into more than we ever hoped or dreamed we could be.

Handouts were ready for all on departure which offered folks a chance to think a little deeper in their private time and a chance to reflect on the concealed message.

By the end of the two hour long movie we felt satisfied that our Friday night was spent in the presence of great company and that we have created the foundation of something that will grow with us and leave a little marker on our trail.

*Anne Dyer*



## Hey ho, two in a row!

**That's two nights on the last weekend in April that St Aug's has provided an alternative to the High Street night life!**

Friday: it was all go at the Concord with a Movie with a Message, organised by Anne Dyer, Liam and Morag. Around 30 folk watched C.S. Lewis' *Narnia*, which, although ostensibly for children, certainly had the audience screeaming at the scary bits. Good won out at the end, despite all the evil and grotesque goings on. And we did get to the end, despite a technical hitch that meant we could all have our tea and cake earlier than planned, the cafe being ably manned and

womanned by a gang from Alternatives. As we left to go into the pouring rain we were given handouts of things to think about. It was all too late for discussion.

Then Saturday: Dumbarton Churches Together came to St Augustine's for a Folk Night, starring the singer song-writer Ellyn Oliver, along with Rock Salt (our own Ghislaine and Ricky, Graeme and Stuart). Some good music, great singing, a post-concert spread of tea and cakes... and no technical hitches.

*Fran*

## SMILE LINES

### **Found in church pew-sheets....**

The youth group will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church hall this Friday at 7 pm . The congregation is warmly invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance.

### **Blessing**

It was the five year old boy's first trip down to the Communion rail at church. Fascinated, he watched the vicar place a wafer in the palm of each person kneeling before him. When the vicar reached the little boy, he ignored the child's out-stretched palm, and laid his hand on the child's head in a gentle blessing instead. The boy, utterly bewildered, whispered to his father in a piercing voice; "He's put it on my head!"

### **When Children and RE mix... the result can be unpredictable...**

As these answers to a school chaplain's efforts to teach RE testify....

The main purpose of the prophets was to set up the lights for when Jesus came on the stage.

The Kingdom of God is no ordinary place like the bathroom at home.

Jesus said: If you want to divorce your wife leave a note for her on the table.

Jesus healed a man with a weathered hand.

The last verses of Mark's gospel were written later by a unanimous person.

Jesus first proclaimed the gospel to the Jews: He told them to make love to each other.

An epistle is the wife of an apostle.



## ROTAS FOR ST MUNGO'S

<b>Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	11am Eucharist
Reader/Intercessions	Jean Brown
Chalice	Tom Marshall
Sidesperson	Tom & Ian M
<b>Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup></b>	11am Eucharist
Reader/Intercessions	Pat Brooks
Chalice	Tom Marshall
Sidesperson	Tom and Ian M
<b>Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup></b>	11am Eucharist
Reader/Intercessions	Jean Brown
Chalice	Tom Marshall
Sidesperson	Alicia Steele
<b>Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup></b>	11am Eucharist
Reader/Intercessions	Pauline Dow
Chalice	Tom Marshall
Sidesperson	Tom and Ian M
<b>Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup></b>	11am Eucharist
Reader/Intercessions	Pat Brooks
Chalice	Tom Marshall
Sidesperson	Tom and Ian M
<b>Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup></b>	11am Eucharist
Reader/Intercessions	Jean Brown
Chalice	Tom Marshall
Sidesperson	Alicia Steele
<b>CLEANING</b>	
10 <sup>th</sup> May	Margaret
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Jean
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Eveline
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Finella
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Iona and Mary
<b>FLOWERS</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> May	Pauline
17 <sup>th</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> May	Finella
31 <sup>st</sup> May/ 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Pauline

## ROTAS FOR ST AUGUSTINE'S

<b>Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	11am Eucharist
Readers	Barbara Barnes & Lydia Wiggins
Intercessions	Linda Macaulay
Chalice	Margaret Hardie & Maggie W
Sidespersons	Tim Rhead & Roberta Mailley
Flowers	Maggie Wallace
<b>Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup></b>	11am Eucharist
Readers	Janette Hardie & Margaret H
Intercessions	Maggie Wallace
Chalice	Sharon Rowatt & Tim Rhead
Sidespersons	Chrissie A & Margaret Swan
Flowers	Margaret Hardie
<b>Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup></b>	11am Eucharist
Readers	Ghislaine K & Evelyn O'Neill
Intercessions	Margot Rhead
Chalice	Barbara Barnes & David R
Sidespersons	David Ansell & Liam McLarnon
Flowers	Fran Walker
<b>Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup></b>	11am Eucharist
Readers	Janette Barnes & David Ansell
Intercessions	Margaret Hardie
Chalice	Fran Walker & Tim Rhead
Sidespersons	Maggie Wallace & Linda J
Flowers	Barbara Barnes
<b>Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup></b>	11am Eucharist
Readers	Morag O'Neill & Linda M
Intercessions	David Rowatt
Chalice	Margaret Hardie & Maggie W
Sidespersons	Margaret Swan & Ronnie B
Flowers	Linda Macaulay
<b>Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup></b>	11am Eucharist
Readers	Maggie Wallace & Sharon R
Intercessions	Fran Walker
Chalice	Barbara Barnes & Janette B
Sidespersons	Chrissie A & Roberta Mailley
Flowers	Maggie Wallace

### REGULAR SERVICES

#### ST MUNGO'S

SUNDAY: Sung Eucharist 11am  
WEDNESDAY: Holy Communion 9.30am

#### ST AUGUSTINE'S

SUNDAY: Holy Communion 9am  
Family Eucharist 11am  
WEDNESDAY: Holy Communion 10.30am

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