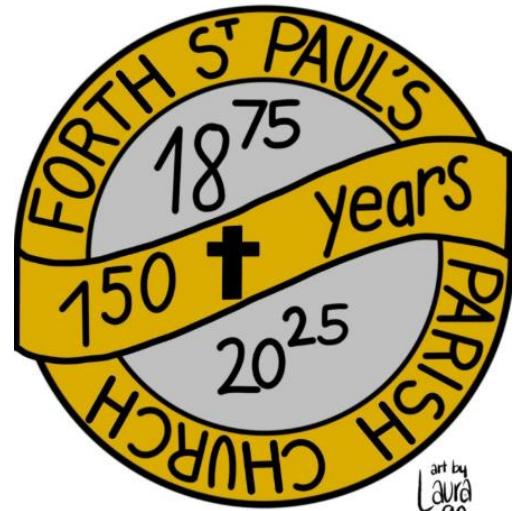


# Forth St Paul's Parish Church Newsletter

July to September 2025 / Issue 11

## Celebrating 150 years of Forth St Pauls



### Welcome

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all  
can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts  
learn to forgive,  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of  
faith and vault of grace,  
Here the love of Christ shall end division  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome  
in this place.

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# Forth St Paul's – What's been happening?

## Celebrating 150 Years

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Afternoon Tea

The church hall was filled with warmth and laughter as folks gathered for a lovely afternoon tea. Everyone enjoyed a good blether, catching up with friends old and new while sharing a delicious spread of soup, sausage rolls, sandwiches, freshly baked scones and cakes. The atmosphere was relaxed and cheerful, with the delicious food and friendly chatter making it a truly memorable afternoon for all who came along.



### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Family Fun Afternoon

The church hall was buzzing with excitement during the family fun afternoon, which saw a fantastic turnout from local families. Children were kept entertained with a wide range of games and crafts, and the bouncy castle proved to be a big hit, bringing smiles and laughter throughout the afternoon. All activities were completely free of charge, making it an accessible and joyful event for everyone. Meanwhile, the café was open and offered a selection of food and refreshments – lots of rolls and sausages were consumed! It was a wonderful afternoon filled with fun, community spirit, and happy faces all around.



### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September – A Memory Night

The church hall was filled with nostalgia and warm conversation during the recent "Memory" night. Jean began the evening with a History Presentation which gave a recap on the times and industries which helped the communities in the area grow and which led to the various Churches being built. Then followed slides and films of Church and Community events. Some of the displays of photos from the past started to appear in the Large Hall. Everyone enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee and a freshly baked scone. It was a lovely night of shared memories, community spirit, and appreciation for the local history.



## Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September to Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Anniversary Displays

### Displays In Church

The Celebrations culminated with displays in the Church and halls which ran for five mornings from 30<sup>th</sup> September until 4<sup>th</sup> October. The displays in the Church celebrated various organisations of the past and present, the two Church Sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism and the Timeline of Churches in the District which came together to form Forth St Paul's Parish Church.

Each of the churches supported many and varied ministers:

Climpy only had one, Haywood had three, Braehead had five, St Paul's Wilsontown had six and Forth Church had ten.

Wee Kirk in Forth had no manse and had been vacant since 1900 it formed a local union with St Paul's Wilsontown in 1914.

Braehead United with Wee Kirk Forth and St' Paul's Wilsontown in 1919 under a minister and a resident lay missionary. Three church buildings and two manses.

Haywood Church became vacant in 1937.

United Charge of Braehead, Haywood and St Paul's Wilsontown with Wee Kirk at Forth, Church at Wilsontown, Church at Braehead, on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1938 Finally, all the Churches united on 4th November 1974 and became Forth St Paul's Parish Church. St Paul's Wilsontown became vacant and Manse and Church.

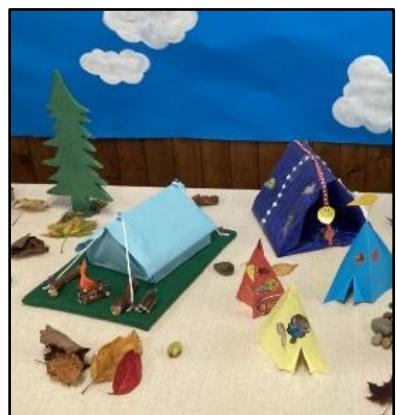


The beautiful displays



## In the Small Hall

One of the parts of our 150th celebration was the incredible tent display created by local school children and members of the Church and wider community. Each tent, lovingly crafted and thoughtfully decorated, represented a unique contribution to our shared story of faith and fellowship. At the heart of the display stood the tabernacle—a powerful symbol of God's presence among His people. Together, the tents and tabernacle formed a beautiful and meaningful centrepiece, reminding us of our spiritual journey and the strength we find in community.



The exact final total for what was raised during the celebration events is yet to be confirmed but it's currently sitting around £1300. We still have a few pens available to buy for anyone who hasn't got theirs yet.

## Forth Primary School pupil enjoy the exhibitions

During the week, Karen warmly welcomed all the children from Forth Primary to the Church hall, where their own tents were proudly displayed as part of the event.

The pupils enjoyed their time exploring the exhibition, learning about the tabernacle, and viewing the displays set up in the Church. To top off the visit, everyone enjoyed a well-earned snack and some time to relax together.



## In the Large Hall

The large hall was decorated with many photographs from past years. Everyone enjoyed looking at them, remembering people, places and activities. A particular favourite was the screen showing wedding photographs, with everyone trying to decide who the brides and grooms were. There was much "oh yes", "so it is", "I remember that day". There was a great atmosphere, of friendship, laughter, good will and simple enjoyment. The great community spirit was added to by the excellent food, scones, cakes, tea and coffee being served at the cafe. Thanks to all the workers and volunteers.

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Thanksgiving and Celebrating 150 Years of Forth St Paul's

The family service to celebrate Harvest and 150 years of our church, celebrated God's gifts of food, water and shelter and of faith. The Sunday service reminded us we need to be very proud of our church which has stood here in the centre of the village, the centre of our community and continually every Sunday preached the teachings of Jesus to all.

The wonderful displays around the church show us that Jesus has been at the centre of our church, at the centre of our faith journey, welcoming babies, celebrating weddings, inspiring leaders and ministers at the centre of communion and our helper through the dark times. Jesus has been in every corner of this building and has been the same yesterday, today and will be, no matter what we are called be the same tomorrow and forever. And that is something that certainly needs to be celebrated.

Thank you to Christine for leading the service and to Jigsaw for assisting All the congregation received two cupcakes with Jesus on top.

Thank you to all who handed in harvest gifts for the Clydesdale Foodbank.

*We received many kind words over the last month. One member of the congregation noted that it was a pleasure to be involved in the service and all the celebrations.*

*Christine had the congregation singing and dancing around the aisles.*



## A Heartfelt Thank You from All of Us at Forth St Paul's

As we wrap up the celebrations for our church's incredible 150th anniversary, we're feeling so grateful and full of joy. What a milestone—and what a community! We want to extend our deepest thanks to everyone who made this milestone so special.

To those who decorated the church so beautifully, created the stunning displays, and helped bring our rich history to life—**thank you**.

To those who made tents, served in the café, and helped with all the activities throughout September—**thank you**.

To everyone who visited the displays, came along to the events, joined in the celebrations, and supported us with your presence—**thank you**.

To every volunteer who gave their time, energy, and talents in any way—**thank you**.

Whether you were behind the scenes or front and centre, your contributions made this celebration truly special. Together, we've honoured our past, embraced the present, and laid a hopeful foundation for the future.

And a special thank you to Christine for leading the Harvest Thanksgiving and 150th Celebration service on 5<sup>th</sup> October—a beautiful finale to a memorable journey.

*Here's to community, faith, and the next chapter*

# Stories from Sunday school

## days by Christine

Over the last 150 years, clothes fashion has greatly changed. There was a time when no man would go to church without wearing his best suit, white shirt and a tie and women would wear their best clothes and a hat. Children would have a set of Sunday clothes for Summer and one for Winter and these would be worn every Sunday. And do you remember the girls' Sunday coats. Wool coats with the velvet colours, lovely warm coats, but you could not wash them, so the children had to keep them clean. Such coats were still being worn

in the 1970s when Mr Heggie was the minister. One harvest Sunday, he decided his children's address would be about potatoes, that God gave us potatoes, but he also gave us a brain and we needed a brain to be able to turn the potatoes into something we could eat. All very good.

Mr Penman was the church officer and when speaking about Mr Heggie, he always referred to him as "he". So down to the Sunday school, Mr Penman came to say that "he" wanted to know how many children we had that day. We had around 70. He told Mr Heggie then came back and asked if I thought 40 bags of chips would be enough for children to share. I could not believe my ears but apparently Mr Heggie wanted to give all the children chips. At that time there was a chip shop just next to the garage. Mr. Penman then asked, did I want salt and vinegar on the chips or just salt.

It was the first cold day of the year, and the girls were all wearing their new wool winter coats. All I could think of was the mess that vinegar and salty chips could do to these coats. I told Mr Penman on no account had he to get salt or vinegar on the chips!

I must admit the children's address went well, Mr Heggie making the point very well that we could only make chips because God gave us potatoes and a brain. The children loved the chips and teachers were on high alert and coats went home spick and span.

To add salt to the wound, the children at Braehead church got macaroon bars as we could only make macaroon bars because God gave us potatoes and a brain to turn them into macaroon bars.

At one time christenings were held in the last 15 minutes of the service and then the christening party visited the wee Sunday school, where baby would be admired by children, given a certificate and encouraged to come to Sunday school when they were 3. One particular Sunday, 3 babies had been christened. One was a very young baby only a few weeks old, another was a child who was 2 years old and looked very like the Sunday school children and the one in the middle was about 8 months old, a little girl. She was sitting on her mum's knee in a lovely dress and was cooing, giggling and waving to the children, very entertaining and just beautiful. However the atmosphere quickly changed when one 6 year old boy, who had a very loud voice said (pointing to middle baby) -- Oh Christine, isn't that one the best --

The look the other 2 mothers gave him, well if looks could have killed, the boy would never have reached his 7th birthday!



*Sunday School photo from 1955-56 with Isa as teacher and Christine as pupil.*

# A Community Full of Characters – ‘It takes a village to raise a child’

By Margaret

Forth isn't just a place—it's a tapestry of unforgettable people, stories, and shared memories. While we've had our share of famous faces, it's the everyday legends who truly shaped our village spirit.

## Not Just the Famous Folks...

- Geordie Gracie – Our “Gentle Giant,” honoured with a local festival in his name.
- Wullie Waddell – Renowned footballer and manager, a sporting icon.
- Billy Ritchie – Acclaimed guitarist whose music reached far beyond our borders.
- Paul McManus – Talented drummer with roots right here in Forth.



## And then there's the heart of our community...

- Ruby Fowler – Church elder who always had a smile, a story to tell and a song to sing. She will always be remembered for ‘Av swallet a peanut!’
- Wull Cook – many may not know but he was a sort of incognito Santa delivering food, coal to name but a few things to various people around the district, he was always the gentleman!
- Jim Paton – the Pied Piper – (although some who worked with him called him the smiling assassin) all the kids adored him and he worked tirelessly running the Running Club, working with the school coaching football, cross country, attending pantos and outward-bound holidays with the school. Jim volunteered at the Commonwealth Games and carried the baton in Lanark for the 2014 Games.
- Rena Whyte – retired and setup the Forth Initiative Group with help from others, organising the Christmas Lights for our village, she established the Poly Tunnel (with help from Peter McCallum), got the refurbishment of the Recreation Park completed and helped focus the village on improving things for everyone.
- May Gibson from Braehead who has run the Braehead Lunch and Leisure Club for many, many years.
- Gog Thomson – was always about if you were walking near Wilsontown, always up for a blether.

## Not just about people:

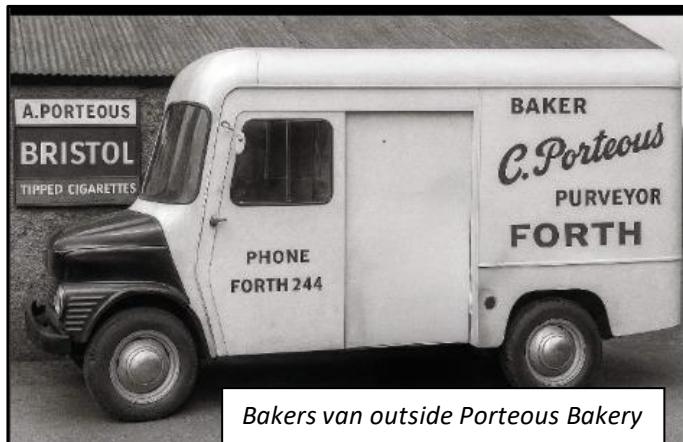
Tennant Transport – carrying the name of our village across the country.



## You know you come from Forth if...

- You know about Ramsay's Disco and the famous Super Supper.
- You went sledging down The Breck Neck
- You know Dick was a Pole, Wullie was a butcher and if Boy Alexander or Jenny Smith's didn't sell it, it didn't exist.
- You know where Fanny's Bing is.
- You miss Porteous Soda Scones
- You bought broken biscuits from McCallum's shop
- You remember Camps Ice Cream

# Memory Lane Photos



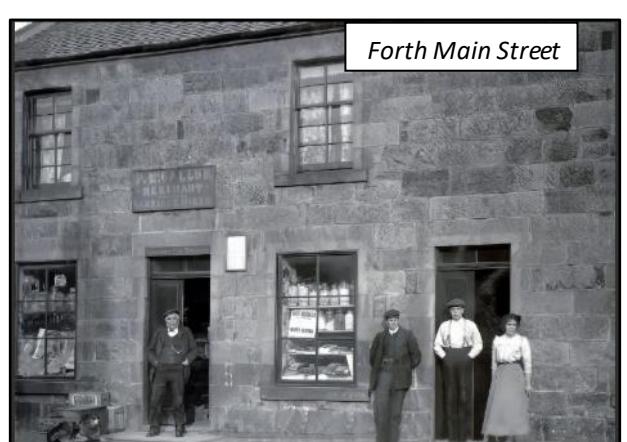
*Bakers van outside Porteous Bakery*



*Forth Brass Band*



*Forth Main Street in 1986*



*Forth Main Street*



*A snowy Forth*



*Gala Day*



*Tennant Transport*



Thank you to Forth Memories for allowing us to use some of their photos for this newsletter.

*This year marked 125 years in transport for Tennant of Forth*

# Remembering Ian Conn – A Tribute

If you are reading this tribute, having attended Ian's funeral service, held here in Forth St Paul's Parish Church, you may recall that the Rev. David Scott, included at Elma's request, the well loved passage from Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3

***"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven... a time to be born and a time to die..."***

It being a favourite passage of both Ian's and Elma's with its words now being a source of comfort and strength to Elma in her sad loss of Ian.

Ian's **TIME** to be born was 19<sup>th</sup> February 1954, in the Dear Green Place, which we know as Glasgow, where he enjoyed a happy childhood, growing up with his two younger sisters and younger brother, in the family home at Thornlibank.

Ian always enjoyed learning and the **TIME** for him being educated, took him through primary and secondary schools, then to Glasgow University, where he enjoyed his studies and the student life, before commencing his career in banking.



Throughout this **TIME** and life stage, Ian enjoyed developing his skills and experience in rugby, cricket and hill walking, firstly as school activities then with the University clubs. Rugby, cricket and with the later addition of golf, remaining his sporting passions for life!

Ian's **TIME** had now come for him to be uprooted from his city life and to relocate with his family to Biggar (a move necessitated following the purchase of a local business by Mr Conn). Although Ian had no enthusiasm for this move "to the country" it meant for him, new friendships, interests and opportunities, which proved to be the firm foundations for the remainder of his life, and in time, the development of his firm belief that he would not enjoy a permanent return to city life, with a day visit being "long enough", besides the endurance of, for a time, working there!

Now was the **TIME** for Ian to settle into "country life" in Biggar! With an ever increasing circle of friends and interests he joined Biggar Young Farmers Club (well after all, his dad was a butcher) and the theatre workshop in addition to travelling from Biggar to Melrose, several times a week, to train and play rugby for Melrose Rugby Football Club!

Being thoroughly socialised and integrated into the local community it was now Ian's **TIME** with fourteen other like minded local lads, to plan and make the necessary effort and commitment in the establishing of Biggar Rugby Football Club in 1975. This was a huge and lasting achievement with Biggar RFC having recently celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Ian being celebrated (with others) as one of the remaining ten players from the original first fifteen team.

Undoubtedly, one of Ian's proudest achievements (in addition to being President) with Biggar R.F.C being a consistently huge part of his life, right to its end.

During this era, it was **TIME** for Ian's path in life to cross with Elma's, leading to marriage and the very great enjoyment and pleasure of a happy life together, with many precious memories, of special occasions and events and of the very dear friends and family who shared them.

After their marriage at Forth St Paul's Parish Church, Ian and Elma continued to worship there with Ian transferring his membership from Biggar Kirk. Never one for standing in the side lines, this was the **TIME** for Ian to quickly become actively involved in the life of the Church, being ordained as an elder, and bringing both his strength and knowledge of church history and law proved to be invaluable assets in such difficult and uncertain times for the life of the Church.

As the years advanced with frightening speed, the **TIME** duly arrived for Ian to retire from his career in banking and consequently be released from the pressures and demands of the profession.



At last, the **TIME** had come for Ian to indulge himself in improving his golf handicap, enjoying his new hobby of photography and of strengthening even more of his lifelong involvement with Biggar RFC. Some DIY also featured in his crowded days and the feathered friends greatly appreciated their luxury apartments and bird feeding tables which resulted! Last but not least the opportunity to spend quality time with Elma became a reality and the freedom of being able to enjoy "away days" and mini breaks when they chose, was an ongoing pleasure.

All good things however come to an end however and on 6<sup>th</sup> June, when on the way home from enjoying a lovely, sunny afternoon out with Elma, suddenly unexpectedly and tragically, it was sadly **TIME** for Ian to leave behind his earthly life and all that he knew and loved.

Ian enjoyed a happy, busy and fulfilling life which he continued to do right to its end and is now very sadly missed by all who knew him, friends and family alike but especially by those who loved him most and miss him so much.

**WELL DONE THOU GOOD AND FATHFUL SERVANT... ENTER INO THE JOY OF THE LORD**  
**Mathew 25 v 21**



## **Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Scott**

We're delighted to share the joyful news that Colin Scott, son of Rev. David Scott, married Eloise (Ellie) on 5th of July.

Rev. Scott shared a touching reflection on the day:

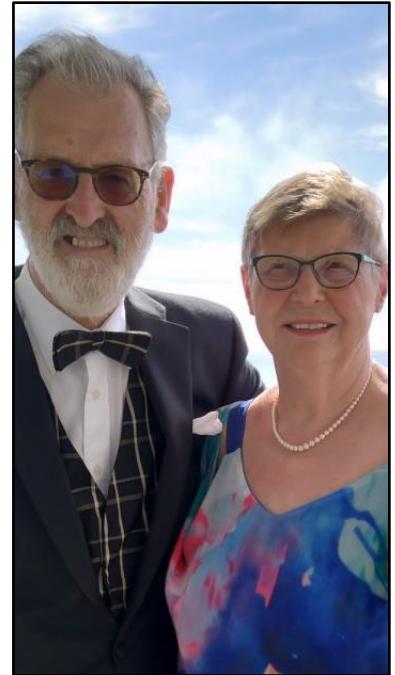
*"The wedding was blest with good weather. This had not been forecast but the clouds opened as bride and groom made their vows and showered them in glorious sunshine. The garden seats were arranged around our pond and photographs were taken in front of the rose arch".*

Photo of the bride and groom together with Mary-Catherine and David.

## Catching up with Margaret and Tom Neilson

**How long have you been worshipping in Forth St Paul's?**

Margaret: Tom has worshipped since Wilsontown Church closed and I have worshipped since we married in 1979.



**You are both elders, what challenges have there been for you with the positions you have held in the Church?**

Margaret: Tom has been an elder since 1965 and I have been an elder since 2005. Tom was involved with the joining up of the two churches. I have been Session Clerk and I'm now the Treasurer.

**You have 3 sons, where are they now living?**

Tom: We have 3 sons: James, John and Tom. James is living at Upper Throughburn. John is in Melbourne, Australia and Tom is in Eumundi near Noosa in Queensland, Australia.

**How about grandchildren. How many do you have? Having had 3 boys is it nice to have girls in the family? Best bit?**

Margaret: We have 6 grandchildren. James has 3 children called Eva, Harris and Rowan. John has 1 daughter called Sienna. Tom has 2 children called Skye and Harper.

We have always been happy with our 3 boys. I was never one for combing long hair. I once had to prepare a niece for a party and found her hair a nightmare. But it is nice buying for little girls, so many lovely coloured outfits.



**What do you like most about Australia? Any downsides?**

Margaret: We like going to Australia to visit the boys and our grandchildren. I also have a cousin in Adelaide whom we spend time with. Tom lives in Noosa which is near the sea with many waterways which we enjoy sailing and mooring up on the sand dunes and watching the children catching fish and swimming. The weather is lovely and we enjoy barbeques and eating outside. Just sitting in the sun is fantastic. John is in Melbourne which is a busy city with lots to see and visit. We enjoy going by car into the hills and visiting some amazing gardens. John's daughter has just turned 1 year old so we went a lot of walking pushing the pram. My cousin lives in a wine growing area which we enjoyed visiting and drinking lovely wines.

Tom: The downside is the distance to travel. It takes 21 hours flying time plus time spent at airports. And saying goodbye to them knowing it is going to be sometime before we see them again. Facetime is marvellous. We speak most weeks and see them and know what they are doing.

**If you were young again would you consider emigrating to Australia or somewhere else?**

Margaret: When we were younger all our family and friends were here. Our children grow up here and we have many happy memories, taking them to events, holidays, Sunday School, Boys Brigade, Gala Days and many others. They have their own lives to live and we wish them all the happiness we enjoyed. As long as we are able, we will continue to visit Australia.

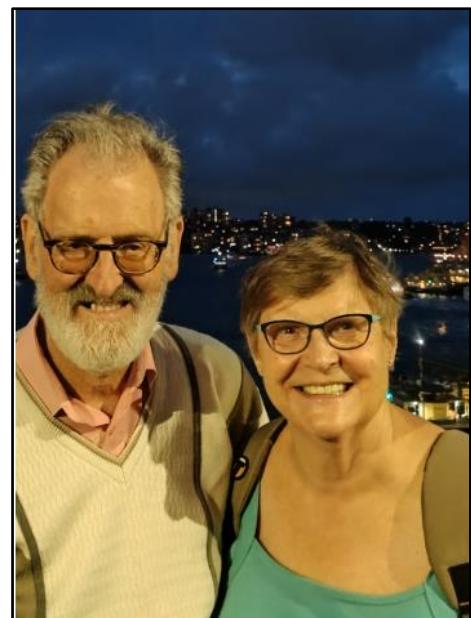
**You have lived on a farm, in Braehead, and now in Forth. What have been the advantages and disadvantages of each home you have made?**

Margaret: The farm was our working life and where the boys were born. Tom had a dairy and milked the cows and tended to the animals and had a few pure breed sheep which he showed, this was his hobby and he won many prizes. Braehead was the start of retirement, and all the boys were still living at home but eventually as they left home for college the house and garden got too big for us to manage and a small house became available in the village, so we moved. We enjoy living here and not needing to drive as much. We join in with things going on at the Bank Hall and attend main events within the village. All houses have had advantages and disadvantages, but we made the most of them all.



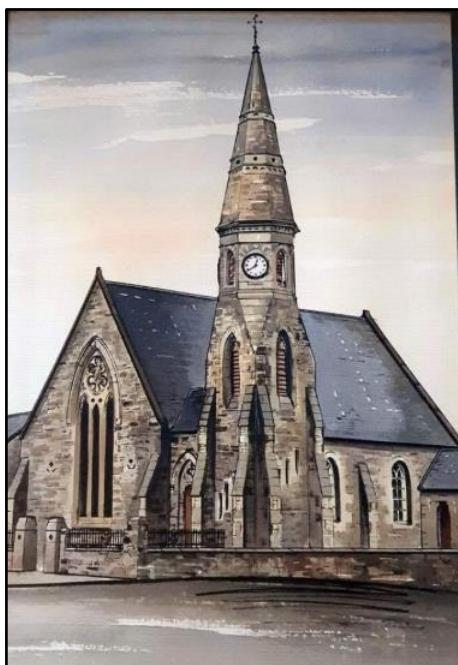
**What are you still looking forward to doing?**

Tom: In the future we are looking forward to spending time with James and family, still being able to visit Australia and hopefully have the health to enjoy each day as it comes.



**Any advice you would like to pass onto to folk at this time when the future of our Church is so uncertain?**

Maragret: Life is always changing and we would advise everyone to enjoy the moment and make the best of what they have as nobody knows what is round the corner. It is up to everyone to take part in the changes that are coming for our Church as we continue to praise God.



**We need your memories**

Do you have cherished memories of our Church, its groups, or the wonderful people who've been part of our journey? We'd love to hear them! Whether it's a special moment, a story, or a tribute, your reflections could be featured in our next newsletter.

Let's celebrate our shared history together.

*A beautiful painting of our Church painted several years ago by local artist Alan Brash.*

## Supporting the local community – The Eco Site by Gillian



Forth & District Initiative's Eco Site is located in the corner of Hailstonegreen Park at Clarkswalls. The site is completely off grid and collects rainwater for watering and uses solar panels for its power. There are a number of raised beds used by individuals and families, and beds solely to grow food for the local community and Clydesdale foodbank. The group also use the Eco Site to grow most of the plants used in the hanging baskets and barrels around the village.

You might not have seen or visited the site but you may have eaten the produce grown there, the group regularly give donations of fresh fruit and vegetables during the growing season which are used in the soups and salads in The Rainforest Cafe and also drop donations at the bank hall.

The Initiative also plant out and maintain various areas throughout the village and provide the Christmas lights which help to brighten Forth during the dark Winter months. They take part in Keep Scotland Beautiful each year and have just been awarded a Silver Gilt medal certificate and also the RHS award for resilience & Overcoming Adversity. Their work would not be possible, like many groups in Forth without people giving their time, as it is run solely by volunteers.

The Eco site will close shortly for winter and will re-open to the public on the 1st March 2026 on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am -1pm.



The Rainforest Café  
would like to thank the  
Eco Site for  
their kind donations  
of vegetables.



## Café News

The Rainforest Café is open on a Sunday from 12noon (last orders 1.15pm) and every Wednesday from 10am till 3pm (last orders are taken at 2.15pm).



The café is open to everyone to sit in or takeaway lunches/snacks.

### Mary's 90th Birthday

We've enjoyed celebrating some lovely birthdays this month. One of the highlights was Mary's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday —what a wonderful milestone for a very special lady!



### Thank You Andy

One of our customers Andy kindly made us some candles for the tables. We will look forward to using these nearer to Christmas time.



### Swift

Jess and her dog Swift have been coming to Church and the café over the last few weeks. Jess told us all about her amazing dog...

Swift is my medical alert assistance dog for my heart condition called Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome. He can let me know if I'm getting at risk of fainting so I can either take steps to try and prevent it, or get to a safe place. He does this using his sense of smell, he's been trained to detect the tiny changes in scent when I'm getting poorly. He also does tasks like retrieving my medication bag from around the house when I can't go get it myself, fetching my water bottle so I can take my meds, and he can find my mum in a busy place on command. He's a really good lad. Most weekends Swift and I are competing at dog shows all over Scotland and the UK, he's a busy boy!



## Dates for Diaries

**13 October - 17 October** - Church Shop

**26 October** - Returned Christmas boxes for Blythswood Shoebox appeal

**16 November** - Christmas Light's Switch on and Santa's Grotto

**29 November** - Christmas Fayre

**30 November** – First Sunday in Advent

**14 December** - Gift Service for Salvation Army

**14 December** - Reflection Service

**15 December - 22 December** - Christmas Glow

**21 December** - JIGSAW – Nativity

**Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for more information on upcoming events.**

## Church services

We would love you to join us in person on a Sunday morning at 11am but if this isn't possible our services are streamed live via our website [www.forthstpauls.com](http://www.forthstpauls.com) or via YouTube (a link for this can be found on the website).

## Church Groups (open to everyone)

- ❖ **KNACC (Knit, Natter, Craft & Chatter)** meet on a Monday from 10am-12noon.
- ❖ **Guild** meet every second Monday from 7-9pm.
- ❖ **Mainly Music (pre-school parent & toddlers)** meet on a Tuesday from 9.30 -11am.
- ❖ **Planet Earth Afternoon Club** for P3-P7 meet on a Tuesday from 3-4.30pm.
- ❖ **Youth Rainforest Café** for high school pupils meet on a Friday from 1pm onwards.
- ❖ **Jigsaw** meet on a Sunday at 10.50am.

**Blytheswood Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2025** - Wrapped shoeboxes are available in the café and at the back of the church for filling. Please can all boxes be returned for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October. [Shoeboxappeal.org](http://Shoeboxappeal.org)

**Gift Aid** – If you give regularly to the Church and are a Tax payer, please consider signing up for Gift Aid. This will not cost you anything and will allow the Church to claim back 25% of any amount you give. Also, if you have previously signed up for Gift Aid and are no longer a Tax payer then please let us know so that we do not make a false claim. If you are unsure or would like any further information then please speak to either Catherine McGurk or Jane Savage and they will be able to help you.

**Old Spectacles** - If anyone has any old spectacles they no longer use and are happy to donate them to a charity in Ukraine, please bring them along to Church or the Cafe and Audrey will coordinate.

**Used stamps** – Please leave in the box at the back of the Church to support the work of the Al Ahli Hospital in Northern Gaza.

## Co-op Community Grant – Please support the Planet Earth Club

The Planet Earth Club has been selected as one of the charities so, if you are able, please select them.

Information on how vote annually is below...

**Do this by pressing the community button on your Co-op app or  
call 0800 068 6727**

Doing this costs you nothing and means your favourite local cause gets more money.

## Volunteers:

All the following wee jobs need covered if you'd be interested please get in touch. Remember you'd be on a rota not covering all the time.

- Church Door Duty
- Readers in church
- Sound desk/ Powerpoint preparation
- Flowers in church and flower delivery
- Anyone willing to write and read the 'Prayer for Others' during weekly worship
- People willing to help with our Property Group to maintain our buildings
- **Cleaner - As we no longer have a church cleaner, we are trying to form a rota of folk who can give up 30 minutes once a month to clean the church. Thanks to those who have volunteered to clean the church already, we will start the new rota from November and we only need two more people and each team will cover one week per month.**

If you can help, please give your name to Margaret.

### Prayer Box

A prayer box is at the back of the Church for anyone who would appreciate prayer for themselves, a friend, a family member or a situation.

Please pop a note in the box and the prayer group will offer a prayer.

We would like to encourage more people to use this box

When your heart starts to worry,  
and your mind just can't rest,  
put your prayers down on paper  
and let God do the rest

*All requests are confidential.*