



THE NEW WELLWYNDER

JUNE 2024

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Message from the Vestry

Dear Church Family,

‘Summertime and the livin’ is easy!’

I can’t believe that I have been with you for six months! The time, for me anyway has flown in! When I arrived it was winter, and cold and damp and miserable – outside anyway. But inside New Wellwynd was warmth and welcome, and that continues. I am so incredibly grateful for all your support and encouragement. And here we are six months later on the brink of summer, although I do hope that recent wee hot spell wasn’t it!

But what springs to mind when you think of summer.....?

Longer days, warm balmy nights, and maybe even a slower lifestyle for a few months. While I know that we call them the lazy days of summer that include holidays, visiting family, taking hikes, going to the beach, picnics, or BBQs in the garden; we need to bring together our planned and spontaneous summertime experiences with our faith journey. We know that God’s beautiful creation is around all of us and that God wants rest, refreshment, and renewal for us.

Now that summer is on the horizon (allegedly) many people’s attention is well and truly on their holidays. Not everyone is going away, of course, but most of us can slow down a little bit at some point over the next few weeks. For parents there is the annual challenge of finding things for the children to do and, often, that means extra work for grandparents and friends. I’d love to have some wisdom to offer on this one but all I know is that being bored occasionally can do you good because it encourages you to work out how to occupy yourself – although I do remember thinking “it’s too quiet, what are they up to now?” with a certain amount of trepidation!

We are holding a summer holiday club in the first week of the holidays (1st – 5th July) and we ask for your prayers for its success. Church continues all through the summer of course albeit it with a pause in some of our activities, but I want to encourage you all to say a little prayer each week for those who are away, on holiday or for other reasons. Let’s pray for our young people as they rest after what will have been for some a tough school year. We pray they stay safe and have fun, we pray the same for their families and carers.

We also pray for all those who work within the Church that they may find some rest and renewal over the summer months and find some peace in God’s embrace. We pray for all who struggle with hot weather and all who love it.

Most of all, let’s pray that we all find ways to rest and restore ourselves this summer so that we are raring to go when everything starts back once more, and we are thrown into the busyness of Church life (after all, before you know it it’ll be – no I won’t say it but you can think it!)

I wish you a joyful summer whatever you are up to. God bless.

Yours in Christ

Eleanor

Forthcoming Services

Sunday, 9th June

11 a.m. Morning Worship

Sunday, 16th June

11 a.m. Morning Worship

Sunday, 23rd June

11 a.m. Morning Worship

Sunday, 30th June

11 a.m. Morning Worship

Sunday, 7th July

11 a.m. Morning Worship

Sunday, 14th July

11 a.m. Morning Worship

Sunday, 21st July

11 a.m. Morning Worship

Sunday, 28th July

11 a.m. Morning Worship

Sunday, 4th August

11 a.m. Morning Worship

Sunday, 11th August

11 a.m. Morning Worship

Sunday, 18th August

11 a.m. Morning Worship

Sunday, 25th August

11 a.m. Morning Worship

Sunday, 1st September

11 a.m. Morning Worship

Tea and coffee will be served in the Church Hall after morning worship

Wednesday Services at 12 noon

Delve in at 12

Our midweek service on a Wednesday at 12 noon will continue during the months of June and August with a holiday break in July.

The midweek service on the 5th June will be led by the Rev Murdo MacDonald our Interim Moderator and includes the **Sacrament of Holy Communion**.

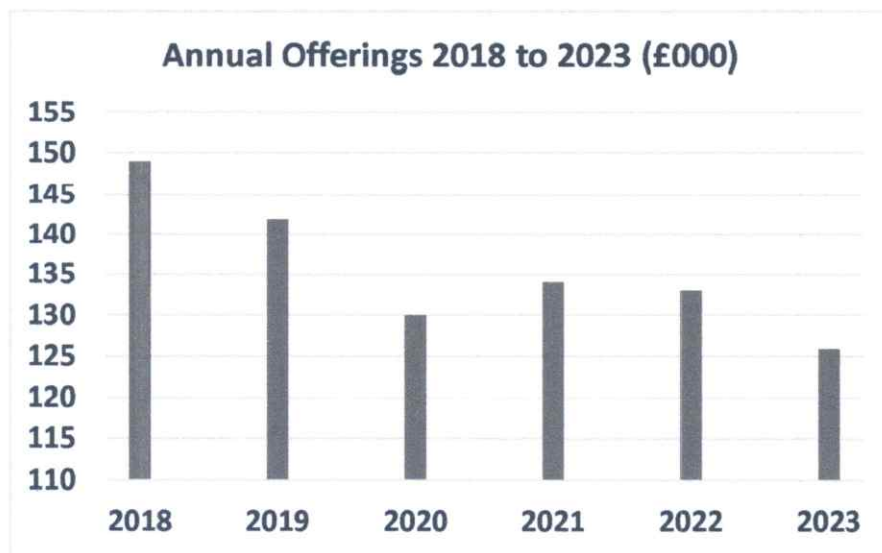
All services are followed by tea and coffee.

Congregational Finances

The trustees' report and accounts of the congregation for 2023 have now been finalised and are available on our website. They will also be available at the Stated Annual Meeting in June.

A period of vacancy, coupled with the imminent implementation of the Mission Plan for the Airdrie area by the Presbytery, is a time for reflection and preparation as we evaluate and re-assess our own and one another's calling to make disciples as we "nurture one another in faith, uphold one another in prayer, encourage one another in service". That is the context in which I provide this brief update on our finances as a congregation.

Last year was the fifth year of falling levels of offerings from members – a trend which is continuing into this year – and becoming more acute because of the numbers of members contributing little or nothing towards our work. Those members not making any financial contribution has been above 40% for the past three years.



Our "cost base" is changing and, unfortunately, is not immune to the inflationary pressures seen elsewhere in our country. While we "broke even" on income and expenditure for general purposes in 2023, this alone was because of some one-off savings. In the current year, increases in utility costs – which have moved upwards by some 240% since last Autumn – are having a huge impact on us. Proper maintenance of our buildings as a base for our worship and mission activities is vital for our long-term future as a congregation, as well as the ability to meet the increasing costs of ministry.

We believe that everything we have, all that we are, comes from God. We – rightly – regularly give thanks to God in making our offerings as a sign of thankfulness and a pledge of our love. Now is the time for each one of us to prayerfully reflect on what we are currently contributing to the work of the Church – in time, talents and money (the latter by way of our standing orders or use of envelopes).

David Watt
Treasurer



Welcome Teams

Sunday, 9th June - Team 2

Team Leader: David Gillespie
Christine Cassells, Christine Gibb,
Anne Grainge, David Patterson

Sunday, 16th June - Team 3

Team Leader: Bobby Forrest
Jean Kinniburgh, Mairi Mitchell,
Alison Sefton, William Watson

Sunday, 23rd June - Team 4

Team Leader: Maggie Weir
Irene Bremner, Anne Learmonth,
Jim Nimmo, Liz Riddell

Sunday, 30th June - Team 7

Team Leader: Karen Taylor
Billy Brooks, Wilma Davidson,
George Lowden, Janet Nimmo

Sunday, 7th July - Team 5

Team Leader: Moira Gartshore
Matt Fleming, Margaret Jarvie,
George Randall, Ronnie Wright

Sunday, 14th July - Team 6

Team Leader: David Watt
Linda Francis, Margaret Jack,
Andrew Paul, David Walker

Sunday, 21st July - Team 8

Team Leader: Irene Yates
Alex Anderson, Avril Cockburn,
Alison Gray, Beatrice Holden

Sunday, 28th July - Team 9

Team Leader: Harry Shaw
Lynne Cartwright, John Clydesdale,
Freda Gilchrist, Maureen Patterson

Sunday, 4th August - Team 10

Team Leader: Barbara Watt
Colin MacPherson, Lesley MacPherson,
Carol Randall, Gordon Waddell

Sunday, 11th August - Team 1

Team Leader: Elizabeth Robertson
George Grant, George Lawson,
Una Lawson, George Murchison,
Morag Stewart

Sunday, 18th August - Team 2

Team Leader: David Gillespie
Christine Cassells, Christine Gibb,
Anne Grainge, David Patterson

Tom Sorbie

Tom one of our Church Elders sadly passed away last month. Tom was a 'character' who always had something to say about something. But he was also a devoted Christian with a strong faith which he practised throughout his life. My everlasting memory of Tom will be his early morning greeting in Oberammergau – 'Hi de Hi!' He will be sadly missed by us all. Our thoughts and prayers are with Isobel and the family.



80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings

On the 6th June 2024 it will be the 80th Anniversary of the Normandy Landings. Codenamed Operation Neptune and often referred to as D-Day, it is the largest seaborne invasion in history. It marked the beginning of the end of World War II. On Tuesday, 6th June 1944, the Allied invasion of Normandy which was part of Operation Overlord during World War II began. The operation began the liberation of France, and the rest of Western Europe, and laid the foundations of the Allied victory on the Western Front. On 5th and 6th June 2024, a series of major commemorations in the UK and France will honour the brave personnel who risked their lives for freedom and peace. Lest we forget.

The Army Officer who saved D-Day – Lieut. Colonel Jim Eadie

Lieutenant Colonel Eadie's Staffordshire Yeomanry played a little-known but vital role during the D-Day landings at Sword Beach. There was little enemy activity when their landing craft touched down at 10.30am. But delays in getting men and equipment off the beach and breaking through German defences hampered their advance. They pushed through and Eadie ordered a squadron of tanks to move towards the high ground of the Périers-sur-le-Dan ridge, which overlooked the beaches, at the earliest possible moment. This move, thought to have been pre-planned by Eadie, was to prove crucial to the success of the Normandy Landings. The delay in leaving the beaches had given the Nazis time to gather their forces for a counterattack – the largest of any directed against the D-day beaches – that threatened the entire British position. The Nazis were to be disappointed. Eadie's tanks had been formed into a line with a full view of their advancing adversaries and, together with guns from the 20th Anti-Tank Regiment and The King's Shropshire Light Infantry, proceeded to delay and deplete the attacking German forces. Without Eadie's perception and leadership, a large enemy force could have pushed forward and attacked the bulk of the British invasion force in the beach area. This was where they were most vulnerable, and the losses could have been catastrophic. Thanks to Eadie and his men, this never happened. Yet they never fully received the recognition they deserved for disrupting this German counterattack and, in effect, helping to save D-Day.

Professor Andrew Stewart



Sunday 25th August - Team 3

Team Leader: Bobby Forrest
Jean Kinniburgh, Mairi Mitchell, Alison Sefton, William Watson

Sunday, 1st September - Team 4

Team Leader: Maggie Weir
Irene Bremner, Anne Learmonth,
Jim Nimmo, Liz Riddell

Holiday Club

Following on from the success of past Holiday Clubs we are delighted to present another one, "Creation and stories from the Bible" The Club will be held in the Church Halls from Monday, 1st July to Friday, 5th July 2024 starting at 9.30am and running to 12 noon. All children of Primary School age are invited to attend. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Church website

Summer Songs of Praise

An Airdrie Churches Summer Songs of Praise Service will be held on Sunday, 23rd June 2024 at 3pm in Jackson Church. All will be made welcome.



Nearly New Appeal

The Nearly New Team are once again looking to replenish their stock especially bric-a-brac, kitchen items and good quality clothing. Please bring along to the Church on a Friday morning if possible. Thank you.

Liz Hannah

Coffee Morning

Saturday, 2nd June was the last coffee morning of this session. We would like to thank all the helpers and everyone who supported us each month. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday, 7th September when we will look forward to seeing you all once again. We hope everyone has a lovely summer. Thank you.

Irene and Mairi

Bring me Sunshine!

Morecambe and Wise one of the country's best loved comedy duos famously sang the song 'Bring me Sunshine' at the end of each of their shows. Now as we approach the summer months, I am sure we would all, echo those sentiments! As Eleanor has already mentioned, Summer brings the promise of lazy days, sunny skies, and hopefully breezy visits to the beach.

Even if your school days are a distant memory, the start of summer still holds the promise of joyful, lazy freedom.

Not only are the days longer, but the weather is brighter too. So whether you're hoping to relax with a good beach read, visit some cultural sites or museums or simply explore the great outdoors, there's a summer activity for nearly everyone.

No matter what you are planning to do this summer, take a moment to soak in all that the season has to offer and make memories. Lazy summer days may feel like they last forever, but autumn soon puts an end to balmy trips to the beach. Soak up the sun while you can with these worthy quotes from artists, writers and poets that will inspire you to appreciate the beauty of summer.

- "Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer's day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the blue sky, is by no means waste of time." — John Lubbock
- "I was rich, if not in money, in sunny hours and summer days." — Henry David Thoreau
- "I can feel a sunshine stealing into my soul and making it all summer, and every thorn, a rose." — Emily Dickinson
- "How quick time goes by now, compared to when you were a kid. Summer used to last forever. Now it's twelve weeks." — John Goodman
- "I expect some new phases of life this summer, and shall try to get the honey from each moment." — Lucy Stone

And last but not least:

*"Bring me sunshine in your smile bring me laughter all a while
In this world where we live there should be more happiness
So much joy you can give to each brand new bright tomorrow
Make me happy through the years never bring me any tears
Let your arms be as warm as the sun from up above*

Bring me fun bring me sunshine and bring me love! – Eric and Ernie

**A very happy and peaceful summer to one and all - Take care,
stay safe and keep smiling!**

The Editor

Anyone for Tennis?

Over the summer months if you are sportingly inclined, there will be plenty to keep you occupied. In addition to the customary Wimbledon fortnight for tennis lovers, there are the Scottish and British Open Golf Championships for the golfers, we also have the Euros in Germany for the footballers, followed by the Olympics and Para-Olympics in France. Not forgetting the General Election in July! So much for a quiet summer! But more importantly, we will continue to have our weekly Sunday Morning Services throughout the summer - for everyone. See you there, a warm welcome awaits!

CHRISTIAN AID BREAD AND CHEESE LUNCH SUNDAY 23rd JUNE 2024

Our Annual Christian Aid Bread and Cheese Lunch is being held in the Church Hall after Morning Worship on Sunday, 23rd June 2024. This is our opportunity to come together to give, act and pray for our global neighbours in a celebration of hope for a fairer world. This year the focus is on Christian Aid's work in Burundi, one of the poorest countries in Africa. Through the remarkable story of Aline, which you may have read in last month's newsletter, Christian Aid is aiming to support others in the same way. This begins with just a little support, knowledge and faith from supporters like you. We hope you will be able to join in this lunch with your fellow Church members, an occasion which always brings a joyful buzz of conversation and fellowship.

Liz Riddell



Bible Study

A short 4 week bible study on the Book of Ruth started on Wednesday, 29th May and continues on the 5th, 12th and 19th June. Meetings are in the Session Room at 7.30pm and are led by Eleanor. All are welcome to attend any or all of the meetings.

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General Assembly Report

On Saturday, 18th May 2024 at 10:00a.m., The General Assembly of The Church of Scotland convened in the Assembly Hall in Edinburgh. There were 231 Ministers and 231 Elders either in person or online being Commissioners to the Assembly.

The theme for the Assembly chosen by the incoming Moderator was “Building Together”. The outgoing Moderator, the Very Rev. Sally Foster Fulton opened the Assembly with worship followed by the pomp and ceremony in welcoming the Lord High Commissioner (Prince Edward, the Duke of Edinburgh), the nomination and election of the new Moderator (Right Rev. Dr Shaw Paterson, Minister of Strathaven Trinity), the Commission to the Lord High Commissioner, receiving the letter of His Majesty King Charles III, and address to the Assembly by The Lord High Commissioner as well as the reply by the Moderator and an address by the retiring Moderator. There is also the presentation of Visitors and Delegates from other denominations including The United Reformed Church, The Roman Catholic Church, The Scottish Episcopal Church, The Church of England, The Methodist Church, The Quakers, The Reformed Church of Switzerland, The Church of Malawi, The United Reformed Church of Australia, The Salvation Army, The Presbyterian Church of Korea, The Reformed Church of Hungary, The Waldensian Church, Italy to name a few.

After a short circulation break – it was then down to business! What business you might ask....? Well, two weeks before the start of the Assembly, the “Blue Book” when it was published as a book now known as “The Volume of Reports 2024” is released. This year it was fully digital and available on the Church of Scotland Website ([Volume-of-Reports-2024.pdf \(churchofscotland.org.uk\)](https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/volume-of-reports-2024.pdf)) – this document contains all the reports from the 21 Standing Committees within the Church of Scotland. There is also an Order of Proceedings Document which lists the Assembly Office Bearers, List of Presbyteries, Commissioners, Delegates, Order of Business, Information on Questions, Standing orders etc.

Each Commissioner has to read these documents contained therein so they have a flavour of what will be discussed, debated and voted on during the Assembly. The reports are also made available on the Assembly Hub which Commissioners use during the Assembly. The Committees reporting range from the Assembly Trustees, General trustees, Faith Action Programme Leadership Team, Legal Questions, Ecumenical Affairs, Social Care Council (CrossReach), Church of Scotland Guild, Housing and Loans Fund, Church of Scotland Pension Trustees, Nominations Committee to name a few. For each Committee the Convenor and members of the Committee come before the Assembly – the Convenor reads his/her report and then presents this to the Assembly as part of the Committee’s Deliverance. Included in the Deliverance are recommendations the Committee wish to be approved/amended/added or removed from their particular remit. Once the report of the Committee is received the Commissioners have an opportunity to speak to the report and recommendations, ask questions of the Committee about the report or section of the report/propose amendments to the report/propose counter motions to the report and/or recommendations.

The BB Camp



A number of years ago at a Boys’ Brigade summer camp, the boys were gathered around in a circle for their evening prayers. The officer leading the devotions asked if any of the boys wanted to share something that had happened that day that which had an impact on them. One boy raised his hand and said a boy from the other camp sharing the same field had said something that really hurt his feelings. The officer thought for a few seconds and went to his tent to grab a tube of toothpaste. He took the tube and squeezed it just a bit so some toothpaste came out. He then tried to put the toothpaste back in the tube, but it just created a mess. Then he squeezed the tube even more, pushing more toothpaste out and creating even more of a mess, but none of it would go back into the tube. The officer then told the boys, “This toothpaste represents the words you speak.

Once you say something that you want to take back, it’s impossible and it only creates a mess. Think before you speak, and make sure your words are going to good use before you let them out.”

The Moral:

Speaking is a fundamental social skill required for living a successful life. However, many are careless with their words, but they hold so much power. They can have a direct impact on the outcome of a situation, creating a helpful or hurtful reaction in our world. The problem is, once words come out of your mouth, no amount of “I’m sorry” will make them go back in. Blurting something out and then attempting to take it back is like shutting the gate after the horse has bolted. Thinking before you speak allows you the time to consider the potential impact of your words. Be careful when choosing where and when you let your words out. You can easily hurt other people, and once you do, you can’t take it back.

Some parts need to be voted on and others are approved in typical Presbyterian style by the stamping of the feet. Once all parts of the Committees report have been debated and/or amended, the Moderator will ask the Assembly to accept the Deliverance as a WHOLE – it's only when this is accepted that there's a line drawn under that Deliverance and the Committee know what they have to do in the next year before they report to the next General Assembly. During the week the Assembly was addressed by various visitors, two being Air Vice Marshall Tim Jones CBE and The Archbishop of Canterbury – Justin Welby who were guests of the Lord High Commissioner. On the last day of the Assembly, the closing ceremony starts with worship followed by reading aloud to the Assembly the names of deceased Ministers, Missionaries and Deacons who have died since the last General Assembly and they are commended to the hands of God by prayer. The Lord High Commissioner reports to the Assembly the events and visits that he has made on behalf of the Church during the week from Tiree and Coll, to Sutherland and also in the local area. Various arrangements are then made to support the work of the Assembly between now and the convening of the General Assembly in 2025. The National Anthem is sung, the Benediction is pronounced and the Moderator adjourns the General Assembly which is called to meet in Edinburgh on Saturday, 17th May 2025.

Being a first time Commissioner, a briefing was held on the Friday evening before the start of the Assembly, this made things a little easier as you had explained to you the voting procedure and how business was progressed by the Principal Clerk and Procedures Convener when we were told that "Questions are always in order". We all moan about 121, but it's in reading and listening to the reports that you realise how much work The Church of Scotland is involved in, the height, length, depth and breadth of influence it does have in society in caring for those marginalised and we are a small part of that here in The New Wellwynd. It was an early start and generally a late finish each day to get the business completed, but being part of the Assembly process and participating was an experience not to be missed.

David Walker
Commissioner No. 262



Prayer Square Ministry

There is a basket on the table outside the Session Room with mini crochet / knitted prayer squares with a little prayer card. They are for anyone to take and give to anyone they feel may need it or even to keep for themselves. They have been made by the In Stitches group and since it was launched during Holy Week over 300 have been taken and given out.

Seniors Outing

The Seniors Outing took place on Saturday, 27th April. The group travelled to Cardwell Garden Centre for lunch then onto Largs for the afternoon. This was followed by a high tea at Café Onnifer in Skelmorlie which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. A great day was had by all. Thanks to everyone who attended.

Think before you speak, and make sure your words are going to good use before you let them out. Words define who we are by revealing our attitudes and character, giving people an indication of our intellect or ignorance. Stop for a minute before you speak and question yourself about **why you're saying what you are**. Are you trying to relay information? Relate to someone else? Make sure you're able to take responsibility for whatever you're about to say.

Phil Osopher



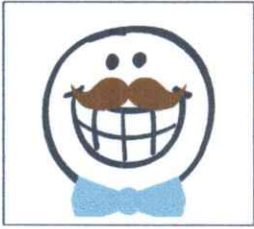
Isobel Sorbie would like to thank everyone for the Church Flowers, the cards, many messages of sympathy, phone calls and visits following Tom's death. Everyone's caring and thoughtfulness was very much appreciated. Grateful thanks to all who attended the Thanksgiving Service in the Church and for the very generous donations amounting to £810 which has been passed to the British Heart Foundation. Special thanks to Eleanor Hamilton and David Stewart for Tom's Thanksgiving Service in the Church and to the Rev Lilly Easton for his Committal Service at Daldowie Crematorium.

Margaret Thomson would like to express her sincere thanks for the lovely Church Flowers received recently. They were very much appreciated.

Margaret Matthews would like to thank the congregation for the lovely Church Flowers received recently. They were very much appreciated.

Rae McNeice would like to thank the congregation of New Wellwynd for the beautiful flowers received on her recent bereavement. They were very uplifting at this time.





Father's Day

Father's Day is held every year on the third Sunday in June. This year it takes place on Sunday, 19th June. It is a day to celebrate fathers and father figures like carers and grandfathers. The day probably originated in the United States of America and there are several stories of how it started.

The most popular, and likely account, is that it started with a woman called Sonora Louise Smart in Washington. After her mother died in childbirth with her sixth child, her dad brought up the family. In 1909, Sonora heard a story in church about Mother's Day and thought dads should also be celebrated. Several local clergymen accepted the idea and it's believed that the 19th June 1910 was the first unofficial Father's Day.

Father's Day is now celebrated all over the World. Here in Scotland dads might get a Father's Day card, perhaps a gift (all dads like chocolate) or a special treat! Elsewhere in different parts of the World, there are different customs.

Mexico

Every year in Mexico City there's a 13 mile race called Carrera Día del Padre or Father's Day race. Children can also take part and run alongside their dads.

Germany

In Germany instead of spending time with their children fathers or often go off in groups for hiking trips, sometimes pulling wagons full of drink and food.

Nepal

In Nepal children often give sweets as presents. Sons and daughters sometimes receive blessings from their fathers.

France

In France it is traditional to give red roses to your father.



Try some of these Father's Day jokes on your dad?

What's the difference between a bad joke and a dad joke? - *One letter!*

What did the daddy buffalo say to his son as he left for school? - *Bison!*

Where did the cows go to celebrate Father's Day? - *They went to the mooooooovies!*

What did the mushroom say to its dad? - *Dad you're a fun-guy!*

What did the banana give its dad for Father's Day? - *Slippers!*

Why did dad bring two pairs of pants to the golf course? - *In case he got a hole in one!*



DAD

My father's name is: _____.

But I call him: _____.

He is: _____ years old.

My favorite memory of my father is: _____
_____.

I think he's funny when: _____.

He thinks I'm funny when I: _____.

His favorite thing to do is: _____.

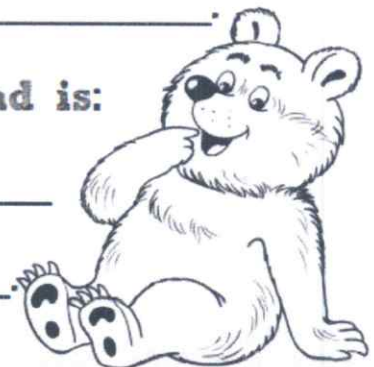
I love to help him with: _____
_____.



If I could visit one place with him, it would be: _____.

He loves to eat: _____.

My favorite thing about my dad is: _____
_____.



Happy Father's Day Dad

JUNE 2024

The New Wellwynd Parish Church is excited to announce a new series of events under the theme **"RE:CONNECT."**

These events aim to reach out to all members of our congregation and the wider community, to bring us together through a variety of engaging and inspiring activities.

The **"RE:CONNECT"** series will kick off in September and run through the autumn and into the Advent / Christmas Season, offering a variety of exciting opportunities and events for coming together and reconnecting in fellowship, spiritual growth, and service.

Watch for your invitation – come and join us!

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