



THE NEW WELLWYNDER

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Message from the Vestry:

Dear Friends,

The Gospel is often described as “Good News”. And who doesn’t want to hear good news, especially in a world where there is so much bad news?

The translation of the Bible used in our worship is the *Good News Translation*, so the message is readily available to us all.

You have recently heard some good news regarding the vacancy procedure. You now have a Sole Nominee, bringing with it the anticipation of a new ministry and a fresh start for the congregation. I am delighted for you all and pray that the forthcoming arrangements will run smoothly and bring everything to fruition.

In the meantime, there is still the usual day-to-day running of church life to consider. The holidays are over, and all the groups and activities are beginning again after a well-earned break.

I have been truly blessed during my brief time as Locum with you, and I have been amazed by your level of commitment and dedication to every aspect of church life. I would like to thank the office bearers, youth leaders, group leaders, and everyone who serves in so many different ways.

The New Wellwynd Church has so much to offer, both to its members and to the wider community, and it embraces people of all ages. **This is Good News!**

It is a place of welcome, acceptance and inclusion. **This is Good News!**

It is a place of compassion, fellowship and worship. **This is Good News!**

It is a place of sacrifice, service and shoulders to cry on. **This is Good News!**

It is a place of love, laughter and life. **This is Good News!**

All of this is possible because you believe in the One who said:

“I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness.”

John 10:10

For many years now, people throughout Scotland have been troubled by the decline in church membership, the closure of churches and the merging of congregations. Yet, when we look more closely at what is happening within our churches, we can also find hope for the future.

We have much to give thanks for: a strong foundation on which to stand and a Saviour who promises to build His Church. **This is Good News!**

Take this good news to heart and share it with others. When we do so, we can see just how much can be achieved.

I commend you for all that you have done throughout these years of vacancy, and I pray that you will continue with joy as you faithfully serve Christ and prepare the way for your new minister.

May you continue to build on Christ’s foundation, working together to be a beacon of hope to the people of Airdrie.

**With God’s richest blessings,
Maggie**

Lanarkshire Society of Organists (LSO)

The LSO will be holding their opening organ recital for the 2026/2027 season in New Wellwynd on Saturday, 3rd October 2026. This recital is free of charge and is open to the public. More information will be published in due course.

Time Capsule 2025

Last year, you may remember we were involved with the Library in celebrating their centenary in the current building and also our 30th Anniversary as a congregation. We both planted time-capsules in the grounds. The Library has now provided a commemorative plaque and this was placed in the ground near the area the time capsules were buried.

The plaque pictured here reads:

**Airdrie Library and
The New Wellwynd
Parish Church of Scotland
Time Capsule
Buried 2025
to commemorate the library's centenary
To be opened in 2125**



New Wellwynd Senior Circle

Members and friends of the Circle have enjoyed being able to keep in touch during the summer with monthly informal gatherings, which were well attended. Now, we look forward to returning on Tuesday, 8th September for the 2026/2027 Session. We have a variety of speakers and activities lined up for your delectation and we look forward to welcoming friends, old and new. Below are the dates and speakers for the first half of the session.

8th September - Rev Maggie McArthur
22nd September - Mission Aviation Fellowship, David Wilson
6th October – John Bergin and his Guitar
20th October – Scotland's Sweet Spot - Summerlee
4th November – A Wee Surprise, George Randall
18th November – Mr Alec Cunningham
1st December – Margaret and Eileen Entertain



We hope some of the above will pique your curiosity and you'll join us for this new session. As usual the meetings begin at 2pm, on every second Tuesday, with doors open by 1.30pm for a cuppa and a chat.

Maureen Patterson

Mrs Angela Gibb

Sadly, in recent weeks we have lost a well-known character within our congregation, Mrs Angela Gibb. Angela passed away peacefully after a short illness in early August. A stalwart member of our Church she rarely missed a Sunday Service and supported many activities and organisations. She was the Roll Keeper of our Senior Circle and a faithful Church Magazine Distributer. She will be sadly missed. People will no doubt have different memories of Angela. Personally, she was forever telling me not to recite the Burns Poem 'Willie Wastle' as she did not like it! I would say, "Angela, tough, that's my party piece!" Angela had a strong faith and belief in the Lord Jesus Christ with whom she is now at rest. Our thoughts and prayers are with Robert, Keith, Fraser and their families.

George Randall

Harvest Church Flowers



We will be celebrating Harvest on Sunday, 4th October. Once again, we are asking the congregation to donate flowers. These will decorate the church and then be distributed to the housebound later that day.

The Flower Team will be in the Crush Hall on Saturday, 3rd October from 10 till 12 noon to receive your gift of flowers. Thank you.

Avril and the team

TEAM BUILDERS – HOLIDAY CLUB



School's out - therefore its holiday club time! All the planning and preparation for 'Team Builders' had been done - so on Monday 29th June, the various helpers arrived in preparation for the children. On each of the four days we took time to look at different topics with different activities and adventures taking place.

On Day 1- it was Joseph and his Brothers; Day 2 - was about Moses and Jethro; Day 3 - was about Queen Esther; Day 4 - was about Paul and Barnabus, Day 5 - was summing up the week and inviting the parents to come and listen to what everyone had learned during the week.

Although the numbers were down on previous years, everyone who attended enjoyed their time together and their shared experiences and interactions with each other. Every day the young people made a craft that was appropriate to the day as well as making the bigger picture for their parents to see.

As ever, these events don't just happen and thanks is extended to (in no particular order):

Team Leader - Maggie McArthur; Registration Team - Jean Robinson, Dianne Stein, Margaret Jarvie; Red Group Team - Lynne Cartwright, Elizabeth Robertson, Mairi Mitchell, Avril Cockburn; Liz Riddell; Green Group Team - Jean Kinniburgh, Beatrice Holden, Irene Yates, Margo Elliott; Kitchen staff - Grace Frame, Dianne Stein, Marilyn McMillan, Una Lawson, Irene Bremner, Margaret Jarvie.

Also involved helping wherever required were - Emily, Caragh and Jayden. Emily is a leader with the Guides, Caragh is working towards her Duke of Edinburgh Badge with the Guides, and Jayden is working towards his King's Badge with the BB's.

During the week, we also had a visit from Scott Paget, Presbytery Mission Officer, who had undertaken the task of visiting as many holiday clubs within the Presbytery over the summer - here is the report he submitted to the weekly bulletin issued by Presbytery:

Sharing the Good News with Young People

Over the Summer Presbytery Mission Officer Scott Paget has been able to visit around 20 holiday clubs taking place across the Presbytery. Here are some reflections from those visits. Clubs run in different ways with activities taking place within churches, halls and outdoor spaces. Some clubs run for a full week, others are a couple of days or one-day events, serving as a taster to explore what might be possible. Some happen one day each week that allows parents to plan ahead.

Most holiday clubs have taken place during the morning, with a few continuing into the afternoon to connect with wider community events and youth events in the evenings. Holiday clubs have been full of energetic activity and noise, or are more reflective, where children engage in a quieter way.

What unites all of these different spaces is this: each one is appropriate to its local context and community. Not everyone is doing the same thing, nor in the same style. Local church volunteers are responding to the needs of their local area and engaging with young people in ways that make sense for their communities.

Holiday clubs, regardless of their size, couldn't run without the volunteers from local congregations generously give their time to engage with and support young people.

Often, the cost of youth work is seen as too high. Yet holiday clubs show us that things can happen, that people are willing to volunteer and meaningfully work with children and young people. Across the Presbytery, a range of support mechanisms have been used including locally employed church workers, partnerships with outside organisations, or resources for clubs from other holiday club providers. These resources provide guidance and suggestions that churches can adapt, adopt, or set aside as appropriate.

I was able to see that those serving on behalf of the church were committed to sharing a simple message with young people: "God loves you and wants to know you." People were committed to communicating that message in ways that children could understand and that made sense for where each child was in their own journey.

The purpose of these visits was to support and encourage and learn how we could offer ongoing support. In turn I felt it was me that was supported and encouraged! I am able to tell the Presbytery that these have been valuable projects and that churches across the Presbytery are serving well. There was evident love for God/Jesus/Holy Spirit and many children filling church buildings with joyful noise. That was encouraging for everyone to see.

By the time this bulletin is published, most holiday clubs will have finished, and I was not able to visit all of them. More churches were running holiday clubs than I had time to visit. Thank you to everyone who took part in this work. And thank you to everyone who made it possible for my visits. If you are thinking about a holiday club or considering what a congregation could do in mission with children or young people in your local area, please feel free to contact me. I'd be delighted to have a conversation about how we can encourage and support your work.

Scott Paget, Presbytery Mission Officer SPaget@churchofscotland.org.uk

David Walker

Give it a thought!



“A hug is a universal medicine; it is how we handshake from the heart.”

Each and everyone one of us, has boundless potential, to transform the world around us through our empathy and compassion.

I remember this quote from a number of years ago:

“The ones who are hardest to love are usually the ones who need it the most.”

It was a simple reminder that those who may appear difficult to love or understand often have deep-seated pain, struggles, or unmet needs. And the best thing we can do is extend love and understanding. If we commit to treating people with love and understanding, we become catalysts for positive change and a source of inspiration for those around us. It is in our everyday encounters that we have the extraordinary power for extraordinary transformations! Let's cultivate compassion, one interaction at a time. Whether it is a smile shared with a stranger, a listening ear offered to a friend in need, or a kind gesture extended to someone who least expects it - every act of love and understanding ripples out into the world, creating a cascade of positive transformation. As you navigate the complexities of human connection, remember that change begins with you. Embrace the beauty of our shared humanity and honour the unique stories and struggles of those around you. Treat each person with the dignity and grace they deserve, recognizing that we are all on this journey together. Consider the following quotes:

“There is a story behind every person. There is a reason why they are the way they are. Think about that, and respect them for who they are.”

This quote is a reminder that we should not judge people based on their appearance or behaviour.

Everyone has a story, and we should try to understand their experiences before we make assumptions about them. When we respect people for who they are, we create a more compassionate and understanding world.

“If you have the power to make someone happy today, do it. The world needs more of that.”

If you possess the ability to bring joy to someone's day, seize the opportunity. The world yearns for such acts of kindness.

“Treat everyone with kindness and respect, even those who are rude to you.”

Lead by example. Choose to treat everyone with kindness and respect. Not because they deserve it, but because it's a reflection of who you are. Your actions define your character and the way you navigate the world. This approach sets a standard for others to follow and contributes to a more compassionate and harmonious society.

“A moment of hate can devastate a lifetime of work, whereas a moment of love can break barriers that took a lifetime to build.”

Hate and love wield immense power, capable of shaping our lives and those around us. A mere moment of hate can shatter bonds, wreck careers, and unleash violence. However, a single moment of love possesses the potential to heal, bridge divides, and forge a world rooted in justice and compassion. This quote demands a crucial choice: love or hate? Opting for love is to actively build a better world, one that embraces growth and understanding. It's a deliberate commitment to nurturing relationships, fostering empathy, and leaving a profound impact. Let's choose love, because it's in that choice that the transformative power lies to shape our destiny and create a brighter tomorrow.

It's in the quiet moments of reflection that such quotes truly come alive. As you go about your daily life, let the essence of these quotes permeate your thoughts, your actions, and your relationships. Embrace the power within you to be the change you wish to see in the world. Use your power to make someone's day.

The Editor

WHAT'S ON IN THE NEW WELLWYND

DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Sunday	MORNING SERVICE 11:00am Sunday Club & Bible Class		
Monday			BOYS' BRIGADE Anchor Boys (6:30pm – 7:30pm) Junior Section (6:45pm – 7:45pm) Company Section (7:00pm – 8:30pm)
Tuesday	IN STITCHES CRAFT GROUP (10:00am – 12 Noon) FORTNIGHTLY	SENIOR CIRCLE (1:30pm – 3:00pm) FORTNIGHTLY	GUIDEING Rainbows (6:30pm – 7:30pm) Brownies (7:00pm – 8:00pm) Guides (7:30pm – 8:30pm) Rangers (7:30pm – 8:30pm) C.A.M.E.O. (7:30pm – 9:00pm) FORTNIGHTLY
Wednesday		DELVE IN @ 12 Mid-week Service (12 Noon – 12:35pm)	SCOUT GROUP Squirrels (6:15pm – 7:15pm) Beavers (6:30pm – 7:30pm) Cubs (7:00pm – 8:30pm) Scouts (7:00pm – 8:30pm)
Thursday			CHURCH CHOIR (7:30pm – 9:00pm)
Friday	SNACK BAR (10:00am – 1:00pm)	ART CLUB (1:30pm – 3:30pm)	
Saturday	COFFEE MORNING (10:00am – 12 Noon) MONTHLY		

More information about these groups can be found on the church website at www.newwellwynd.org.uk

Airdrie Probus Club

The new session of Airdrie Probus Club starts on Tuesday, 1st September at 10am in Cairnlea Church. All are welcome to come along for an enjoyable couple of hours of friendship and informative talks. If you would like any further information contact John Clydesdale on 07512912016.

John Clydesdale

Thank You

Jack and Moira Neil would like to thank the congregation for the lovely flowers received on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Mrs Isobel Irvine would like to thank the congregation for the lovely flowers received prior to the summer holidays. They were very much appreciated.

Margaret Markie would like to thank the congregation for the beautiful floral arrangement she received, helping to cheer her up when her surgery was unfortunately cancelled. Thanks also to the church family for their kindness which was very much appreciated.

Thanks

Thanks are due to lots of people who work in the background in and around the Church - making sure the buildings and grounds are a safe place for the congregation as well as our Organisations who use our premises on a week by week basis.....

There are the volunteers on all the different Rotas who support the Church with their time and talents in lots of different ways.....

You know who you are - so from all of us to all of you - thank you for all your efforts, these are appreciated by us all.

David Walker

'In Stitches'

I hope everyone has had a good summer and if you had a break from crafting you'll be pleased to hear that our class resumes on Tuesday, 8th September, 10 - 12noon in the Session Room. It's mostly knitting and crocheting we do and different charities have benefited from our efforts in the past including our Church. If you would like to join us, please come along as you will be made most welcome.

Helen Fettus

Coffee Morning

The first Coffee Morning of the new session will be on Saturday, 5th September from 10.00am until noon. Looking forward to seeing you all then.

Irene and Mairi

Art Club

The Art Club resumes on Friday, 11th September from 1.30 – 3.30pm. New members will be made most welcome. Come along and join our friendly group of artists.

Gordon Waddell

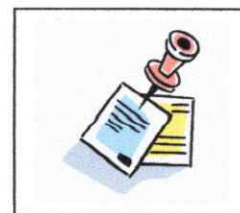
Church Notices

Morning worship every Sunday at 11.00am.

Sacrament of Holy Communion – Sunday, 13th September

Harvest Thanksgiving – Sunday, 4th October

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



Delve in at Twelve - Wednesday Services at 12 noon

Our midweek services on a Wednesday at 12 noon will resume on the 2nd September and will continue during the autumn months.

Sacrament of Holy Communion – Wednesday, 16th September

The service is followed by tea and coffee.

Useful Contacts

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Little Helping Hands

Once upon a time in a small village surrounded by green hills, there lived two friends called Sam and Ellie.

One sunny afternoon, they were walking home from school when they saw an old lady struggling to carry a bag of groceries.

"I think she needs some help," said Ellie. Sam looked at the bag. "It does look heavy. Come on!" Together, they carried the bag to the old lady's house.

"Thank you, children," she said with a warm smile. "That was very kind of you."

As they walked away, Sam asked, "Why did we help her?" Ellie thought for a moment. Because she needed us," she said. "And Jesus taught us to love one another and to help people who need a helping hand."

The next day, they saw a little boy sitting alone in the playground. He had dropped his lunch on the ground and looked very sad.

Ellie sat beside him. "Are you okay?" she asked. The boy shook his head. Sam helped pick everything up, and Ellie shared some of her own lunch with him.

Soon, the little boy was smiling again.

That evening, Sam thought about all the little things they had done. "We didn't do anything amazing," he said. Ellie smiled. "Maybe kindness doesn't have to be something big. Maybe Jesus just wants us to notice when someone needs help – and then do what we can."

And from that day on, Sam and Ellie became known around the village as the little helping hands!

They discovered something very special. When we help someone, we don't just make their day brighter – we spread a little of God's love wherever we go.

And, just as Jesus taught, they tried to love their neighbour, be kind to others, forgive when people make mistakes, and lend a helping hand whenever they could.

Because sometimes, the smallest act of kindness can make the biggest difference.



Caring - Sharing - Kindness

How many times can you find the following words in the letter grid below?
(Only read along)

kind • care • share • love • help • friend • smile • give • hope • joy •

peace • friendship

k i n d t h e l p j o y

a c a r e m s h a r e p

f r i e n d g i v e l e

s m i l e o p e a c e h

h e l p t r o p e s k o

l o v e j o y c a r e p

g i v e f r i e n d s e

h o p e k i n d n e s s

p e a c e s h a r e t y

r i e n d s m i l e a

j o y l o v e h e l p r

s h a r e g i v e c a r e

f r i e n d s h i p j o y



Bonus Challenge: When you find all the words answer these questions?

1. What is one kind thing you could do for someone today?
2. Why is it good to share with others?
3. How can you help someone who is having a difficult day?

Remember a little kindness can make a big difference:

Be kind – care for others – share what you have – help when you can

And always remember to love one another

