

JUNE 2026

Dear Friends

The World Cup has arrived – and by the time you read this Scotland may well have played their opening game! For Scotland fans, there is a huge sense of joy simply at being part of the tournament. However, with some other nations (who will remain nameless!), there often seems to be a sense of entitlement about the World Cup – a sense that they deserve not only to be there, but also to be taking home the trophy.

Throughout the gospels, we see Jesus constantly warning those who felt a sense of religious entitlement – groups such as the Pharisees who ‘were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else.’ (Luke 18:9). Jesus contrasted their misplaced pride in their own religiosity with the joy of those who never anticipated being part of God’s kingdom but suddenly found that Jesus was giving them an unexpected invitation.

In story after story, it is those who receive what they are offered with great joy – rather than treating it as something they deserve – that receive Jesus’ blessing. Think of the prodigal son (Luke 15:22-24), the guests at the great banquet (Luke 14:21) or Zaccheus (Luke 19:5-9).

So let’s allow joy to fill our hearts in response to Jesus’ invitation to be part of His Kingdom, rather than mistakenly thinking we’re getting a reward for all our good deeds. Or as Jesus puts it, ‘...those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’ (Matthew 23:12). Here’s hoping that statement also applies to football teams...

Wishing you every blessing this summer,

Louis

UPCOMING SERVICES

June 14 - Communion

June 21 - Prizegiving for X/Y Zone

THANKS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Pentecost Harvest for LHM. The folk there were delighted when we arrived with a full carload of fruit and vegetables! When there, we discovered that LHM was about to run out of brown sauce – they go through a lot of this as they serve around 80 breakfasts every morning. Janie mentioned this to the Community Choir who responded very generously with a donation of 26 bottles! So a big thank you also to the Choir. Well done everyone!

KIRK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday 23 June – 7.30 pm

COFFEE MORNING – SATURDAY 20 JUNE

A Coffee Morning has been arranged for Saturday 20 June between 10 am and 12.30 pm with all proceeds to help with the cost of the Church summer outing to Troon. Although as usual it is open to the Community it is really for the benefit of the congregation. As such I request that if you can manage please come along and support this venture. Tea, coffee, hot rolls as well as (I hope) home baking will be on offer so please come.

On that subject please may I make a request for home baking for both the tearoom and the stall. Every donation is very much appreciated.

Grace D

WEDNESDAY LUNCHES

Well folks, we are nearly halfway through 2026. The Wednesday Lunches are as busy as usual. We have a new volunteer, Lorraine. Please make her welcome if you get the chance to talk to her.

We shall be taking our summer holidays on Wednesdays 8th, 15th and 22nd July. We shall have a special lunch on 1st July - more information on that nearer the time.

Margaret R

CONGREGATIONAL BOARD

Thank you to Anne C who steps down after serving for many years on the Congregational Board. Congratulations to Elaine M, Margaret R and Aileen B who were elected/re-elected to the Board at the ASM.

The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday 18 August.

SUMMER OUTING

The Summer Outing to South Beach Hotel in Troon will take place on Saturday 22 August. Elders will be giving out invitations later this month. We will also be putting out an appeal for drivers soon - please let Janie know if you're interested. (0791 387 1273 / janie.reddick@gmail.com)

PAPER-FREE MESSENGER

Reminder - Are you on e-mail? Would you like to join the members who receive their Messenger by e-mail instead of getting a paper copy? Just give your e-mail address to Louis and you will receive a complete copy of the Messenger direct to your Inbox. This helps to save the environment by using less paper and saves time printing and distributing the Messenger.

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CHURCH FLOWERS

' In Sweet Remembrance and with Grateful Thanks

Jun 21 - Open
Jun 28 - Sylvia L

Jul 5 - Open
Jul 12 - Open
Jul 19 - Open
Jul 26 - Margaret L

Aug 2 - Betty F

Aug 9 - Lorraine N
Aug 16 - In memory of Elspeth Brydon
Aug 23 - Janice McN
Aug 30 - Sandy D

Sep 6 - Sandra H

Sep 13 - Open
Sep 20 - Open
Sep 27 - Open



Thanks to everyone who gifted the flowers seen in church every Sunday. If you wish to donate flowers on any of the open dates – to mark a special occasion, in memory of a loved one, or just because you would like to - please contact Margaret Stevenson or put your name on the list at the back or front door. Unless you wish to arrange flowers yourself, the flower arranging team will purchase and arrange them for you. ***If you are registered for Gift Aid*** the church will automatically claim back the tax you paid on the amount of your donation for flowers. For anyone wishing to contribute part of the cost of flowers on open dates, there is a box at the front door of the church. If you know of anyone who should receive flowers, please contact Margaret S, Christine H or Jean C.

KNITTING AND CRAFT GROUP

We hope that you all liked the banners we made which are now in the Church in the band area and at the side of the glass door. We enjoyed making them.

We have had no specific project since restarting after Easter but have been continuing with our own hobbies and enjoying a good blether.

We have received donations of sewing machines and intend to start sewing classes after the summer along with any other crafts which people want to do.

We are having a break over the summer but resume on Wednesday 2 September.

Do come along and join us any Wednesday between 1.30 pm and 3.00 pm and tell your friends and neighbours. We would love to see more people.

MESSENGER

Because the print of the Messenger is too small for some people to read comfortably, they receive a copy with each page A4 size instead of A5. If you too would like this size please ask Margaret Stevenson to add your name to the list.

FUNDRAISING

SAVE THE DATE - FASHION SALE

Back by popular demand - the Fashion Sale has been booked for Tuesday 27 October - just in time for the start of Christmas present season. Listen out for further details nearer the time.

SAVE THE DATE - CHURCH QUIZ

Quiz in aid of Church Building Fund - Saturday 19 September. More details to follow nearer the time.

BABIES' AND CHILDREN'S JUMPERS AND CARDIGANS/ TEDDY AND DOLLY OUTFITS

The stall is usually out at Wednesday Lunches, Thursday Tots' Group and Friday morning New Place. If you need something on a Sunday see Margaret Stevenson or Christine Hooper after the service and they will get it for you. Our goods make ideal gifts for birthdays, new babies, etc. If we do not have what you are looking for, or if you would prefer a different size or colour, you can place an order. All proceeds to the Building Fund.

Many children will be going to school for the first time in August and will soon be going for their induction days. A school uniform for Dolly or Teddy in their own school colours would be a nice way to mark the occasion. Just tell us the colour of shirt, skirt/pinafore/trousers and tie you require.

We are delighted to say that slightly over £550 has been raised so far this year. Thanks to everyone whose purchases and gifts of wool and buttons made this possible.

ALTERATIONS 4 U

Alterations 4 U will not be available during June, July and August, but will resume in September.

SERVICES AT SPRINGBOIG CARE CENTRE

(usually 1st Wednesday of the month)

July 1 – Led by Rev Tess Lowe

Aug 5 – Led by Louis

Sept 9 – Led by Rev Tess Lowe

COMMUNITY CHOIR

This term the choir has been rehearsing for our Summer Concert on Saturday 13th June at 12.00 pm followed by a buffet lunch. It's a sell-out and thank you to everyone in church for your huge support! We love having you there.



240TH GLASGOW

RAINBOWS, BROWNIES, GUIDES AND RANGERS

240th GLASGOW RAINBOWS

The Rainbows have been working towards their 'Know Myself' theme. We recently completed the Guiding Sparkle interest badge which was all about celebrating the different parts of guiding and sharing the 'sparkle' with others. The Rainbows will be working on the Sleepover interest badge over summer. On our last night we went bowling with the Brownies which was great fun! We have now stopped for summer and will return in September.

The Rainbow Leaders

240th GLASGOW BROWNIES

Well that's another year finished already and what a fab last term we've had! We have been working on the Be Well theme and many Brownies have completed the Dancing, Grow Your Own or Book Reviewer badges. With the completion of the Be Well theme we have been able to give 2 more Gold Award badges! The girls worked really hard to complete all their badges and activities and we are so pleased to be able to give them the highest award before they move on to Guides.

We finished the term with a trip to 10-pin bowling with the Rainbows where everyone had lots of fun!

We want to say thank you to our Young Leaders Lucy, Mila, Ruby and Lois - we couldn't do without them - and thanks to the Church for the support given to us.

Denise, Joyce, Abbie & Kirsten

SHETTLESTON/TOLLCROSS RANGER UNIT

Exams or not, the Rangers have been busy since our last update.

In March, 5 Rangers and 2 Leaders took part in Cityscapes - a wide game around the city organised by Girlguiding UK - we visited GOMA, Strathclyde University Union, SEC, Glasgow Science Centre and Kelvingrove Museum, completing many challenges along the way. Also 2 of our Rangers were on the staff at the SEC venue - volunteering as part of their Queen's Guide Award challenges.

At the end of March the whole Unit were involved in running an Easter-themed meeting for 240th Brownies - Easter Bonnets, Easter Sports, Pin the Tail on the Easter Bunny and an Easter Egg Hunt - all organised and run by the Rangers, earning many of them their Event Planning Badge.

We had an extended break over April, and the girls decided that we would use May to finish off badges and awards that had been started, but not quite finished. By the end of May we had awarded 8 Know Myself Theme awards, a Be Well Theme Award and a Skills For My Future Theme Award. Jessica was awarded her Ranger Bronze Award. Six girls are within touching distance of

their Silver Award, so shouldn't be long in completing that when we start back in September. We also presented some Interest Badges.

Four of the Rangers attended County Camp at Gartocharn, one of the girls is joining a County International trip to London and Amsterdam, and 2 Rangers and 4 Leaders are heading to London in October to attend the Big Gig at Wembley and to be tourists - one of the girls has never been in London before.

We finished off the session with a night out to Top Golf at Rutherglen, which was enjoyed by all.

That's us finished for the session. We will start back on Wednesday 2 September at 7.30 pm - there is already a name on the Waiting List! We have space for more girls age 14 - 18, and would love to have another Leader.

Cathleen Mair and Morven McNicol, Ranger Leaders



94th GLASGOW (1st SHETTLESTON) COMPANY

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

COMPANY SECTION

We're coming to the end of Session 2025-26 now, and it's been a typically busy year.

The Company Section started the Session with a trip to Dunkeld, where we took a tour of the battlefield around the Cathedral and joined in with some historical re-enactment, followed by a hunt for the Golden Rabbit (they're real, we have the photos) and some ice cream.

Once we got into our Friday Parade Night routine, we started working on our award scheme. The Recruits promoted from the Junior Section completed their initial award credits of BB Knowledge, Drill and Christian Faith, as well as joining the older Boys in the wider programme.

We also had some special activities on Fridays, including another visit from our feathered friends from Hoot Owls, Burns Night, Glasgow Battalion Physical Games Competition, the Battalion Big Quiz and BB UK Top Team Challenge. We also entered the BB UK Masterteam competition. We rounded off 2025 with a trip to Glasgow Ski Centre and a Christmas movie and pizza night.

This Session marked the 140th Anniversary of Glasgow Battalion, for which every member received a commemorative badge. Battalion Secretary Jim McVean visited us as part of a sponsored walk around every Church with a Glasgow Battalion BB Company attached to it, ending with the 140th Anniversary Service at Glasgow Cathedral, which was attended by a party of 94th Boys and Staff.

We also attended Church Parades for Harvest and Dedication, and Remembrance Sunday. Boys also helped around the Church at the Christmas Fayre and in cleaning up the grounds.

As well as the various Battalion and UK competitions mentioned above, we took part in the Battalion Novice Drill Competition, taking first and second places.

Our Staff-Sergeants again took part in the Battalion NCOs' Drill Commander Competition, and S/Sgt. Arran Wilson again took first place. As one of the winners, Arran formed part of the Escort to the Battalion Colours at the Parade of King's Men in Glasgow city centre, the third time he has done so (which I'm fairly sure is a record).

Speaking of the Staff-Sergeants, Arran and Evan Thom completed the first week of the King George VI Cadet Training (known as KGVl) last July, and will be going on the second week this Summer. KGVl, as well as providing the training necessary to become a fully-fledged BB Officer, is accredited by the SQA at equivalent level as an advanced higher. Both young leaders had a great time and came back with some great ideas, and have contributed a great deal to the Company. We're proud of both of them, and look forward to them becoming Lieutenants over the Summer. This is the first time the 94th has sent Seniors on this course and it's been a great move.

After short break, we've now started our Summer Programme, including trips to Laserquest, Nomad Escape Rooms, Footgolf, and Pinkston Watersports.

Company Section runs on Fridays for Boys in P7 upwards. We offer a programme of physical activity, skills, community service, personal development and leadership. New recruits are always welcome, so if you know of any Boys who might like to give it a try, please put them in touch. We'll be starting back in August.

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COLLECTIONS

Collections of Postage Stamps and Coins for Huntershill Marie Curie Nursing Home, Spectacles for Vision Aid, Mobile Phones for Oxfam, and Wool for knitting blankets for those in need and for garments to be sold in aid of our own Building Fund are all continuing as usual. Boxes in vestibule of Church and shelf in cafe area.
