

KNEC NEWS

February 2018



Deuteronomy
8:3

Matthew 4:4

Bread is not enough to keep us alive;
we need to feed on every word of God



Kirknewton and East Calder Parish Church of Scotland
Scottish Charity No: SC006973



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During this month Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day, share the same date! It seems an odd mix, yet there is an obvious link: love! Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, is about learning how to love God more, as we give Him space in our lives. It's also an opportunity to reflect on Jesus' experience in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-13).



Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit, where He was tempted by Satan, but demonstrated the path of real love. Jesus is tempted to turn stones into bread. Love gets to the heart of human need, not just satisfying physical desires. Satan tempts Jesus to worship him. However, worshipping God is the beginning of love and results in sacrificial service to meet the needs of others. Finally, He is tempted to put God to the test, by jumping off the Temple. Only real love can change hearts by practical love and care.

Lent teaches us how to live out the love of God in practice, as we follow Jesus in the way of the cross.

Valentine was Christ's follower, committed to sharing God's love with others. We know little about him, except that he was a priest who lived in the 3rd Century AD and was martyred on February 14th. Emperor Claudius felt that soldiers in the Roman Army were distracted from their duty by their wives, and so attempted to outlaw marriage. It is believed that Valentine married couples in secret. He also helped Christians in Rome during times of persecution. He demonstrated the importance of showing real love in action.

In trying to understand the meaning of her revelations from God, Julian of Norwich found:

'What, do you wish to know your Lord's meaning in this thing? Know it well, love was his meaning.'

Pastoral Visits

Please advise Ken, the Session Clerk, or your Elder of anyone known to you who is ill, either at home or in hospital, and who would welcome a visit.

Church Roll

If you are moving, or any change is necessary to the entry regarding you on the Church Roll, please give the relevant information to either your Elder or the Session Clerk.

Vacancy News

At a meeting held at East Calder on 9th January 2018 the Nominating Committee chose the person whom they wish to propose to this congregation of Kirknewton and East Calder to be our new minister.

Arrangements have been made for the proposed minister to conduct public worship in East Calder Church on Sunday the 4th day of February at 11.15 o'clock.

Immediately after that service, there will be a vote on whether or not he should be appointed as the new minister of this congregation of Kirknewton and East Calder. Anyone whose name appears on the Electoral Register of this congregation of Kirknewton and East Calder shall be entitled to vote. No-one else shall be entitled to vote.

Rev Dr Jaco Boonzaaier Interim Moderator

IN FOCUS

Evening worship continues on Sunday evenings at 6.30 pm in East Calder Church Hall. The Bible tells us that God alone is worthy of our worship (Ps 96:4) and so we meet in fellowship to hear witness testimonies, reflections and give thanks for God's love and goodness towards us. There is an open invitation to all, because when believers get together, God is there also.

Programme until 25 March 2018:

4 February

One of our members will speak about his 5 favourite hymns and why they are important to him;

11 February

One of our members will share his experience of an aspect of God's character - "God our Guide";

18 February

One of our members will speak to the fellowship on a big issue which affects lives;

25 February

One of our members will reflect upon verse 4 of hymn "When we walk with the Lord" and the chorus, trust and obey;

4 March

One of our members will speak about his 5 favourite hymns and why they are important to him;

11 March

Someone will share their experience of an aspect of God's character;

18 March

A visiting minister will speak to our fellowship on a big issue which affects lives;

25 March

Easter Songs of Praise.

News from Session

The Mission and Discipleship Council, in collaboration with other Councils of the Church of Scotland, is seeking to support and enable congregations to get involved with the key national initiative of the **Year of Young People 2018** set by the Scottish Government.



As a church we aim to foster a renewed focus on, and celebration of, children and young people in our churches and communities. All churches are being invited, including those with few or no children, to explore what they can do both in church services and beyond and to explore some new ways of engaging with children and young people.

Your Kirk Session decided that this congregation should participate. Accordingly, I have signed the Pledge Form and, as a whole congregation, we are now committed to:

- Explore ways to engage with under 25's.
- Increase participation of our young people.
- Celebrate all that they are and bring.
- Pray for children and young people in our church and community.

There are posters on display to remind us all.

Session Clerk

The Break

The Break is an opportunity to meet in fellowship for a short time of worship, prayer and thanksgiving. The Break will meet twice during February (on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 12.30pm, after the Lunch Club) and will continue our theme 'The Sermon on the Mount'.

- On Thursday 1st February - Matt 5:10 (Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven).
- On Thursday 15th February - Matt 5:11-12 (Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you).

All welcome.



House Groups

The House group programme has restarted after the Christmas break and continues the study of the gospel of John.

Groups meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm.

All welcome.

SPRING FAYRE

Last year's Spring Fayre was a great success and we are hoping to make this year's even better. This could be your chance to buy gifts for Easter which are a wee bit different to those you buy in the shops.



What can you do to help?

- We would be pleased to receive donations of new mugs **preferably with a child theme** & foil covered mini eggs over the next few weeks - these will be gift wrapped with Easter Eggs and sold on the day. ***These can be handed to any committee member from now until Sunday 11th March.***
- Are you good at crafts? Would you be willing to make some simple crafts to sell at the Fayre and/or would you be willing to show others and help them to make some too?
- Would you be able to bake for our Cake and Candy stall?
- Do you have any toiletries, gift sets, etc that you won't use but others may like to buy?
- Can you help on a stall?
- Will you tell others about the Fayre and encourage them to come along?
- Will you pray for a really good day of fellowship and fun when many people from our villages will come into the Church buildings perhaps for the first time?

If the answer to any of the above is YES please speak to a member of The Social and Community Committee –

We look forward to hearing from you.

EnerJ

It is nice to be back after the Christmas break. The children and leaders had a great time at the Christmas party, Santa visited and captured all the children's attention as always.

We were very proud of the children at the nativity service. They did a great job and it is so special to see children active and involved during church.

Now that our look at creation is over, we have moved on to Noah's Ark. Already we have met some animals, started making an ark for the wall and look forward to making some animals to go on it.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of EnerJ.

We look forward to the weeks ahead to learn and grow along with the children.

The EnerJ Leaders



Sleep in the Park – Gillian, Craig and Colin survived the night in Princes Street Gardens and they are very grateful for the donations totalling just over £1,200.

Thank you to everyone who made use of our Christmas Post service. The sum of £244.30 was raised which will go towards our Camp Fund.

Our last meeting before Christmas was our evening of Carols, Readings and Mince Pies. A good number of the congregation came along and joined the Boys and their families for a very enjoyable evening.

Burns Supper and Quiz

Thanks to everyone who came along to our Burns Supper and Quiz on Friday, 26th January. We were delighted with the turnout of over 70 guests supporting the evening and we hope that you had a really enjoyable time.



Congratulations

The Quiz was won by The Infamous Five winning the trophy for the third time. Well done ladies!



The photograph shows the Team being presented with the Mike Blackwood Trophy by Ross.

For the second year running the Boys delivered all the speeches, toasts, served the meals and presented the Trophy. Thanks to all of them for their hard work.

Coming up shortly – the Battalion Activities Weekend at Carronvale for the Company Section, the Junior Section figure marching and spiritual competitions and a trip to the Yoyo Soft Play Centre, Bathgate for the Anchor Boys. By that time the Easter break will be upon us and we'll be getting ready for our Display and Presentation of Awards followed by the camp.

Shoe Box Appeal

Many thanks once again to everyone who took part in in this appeal. Kirknewton & East Calder Church donated 19 boxes. (A certificate is on the notice board in East Calder Church Hall)

In a letter from Blythswood Care (Scottish Charity SC021848), we were advised that a total of 115,932 shoeboxes were delivered around the world this winter which is an amazing effort!



The Social & Community Committee are planning a Games Night and Beetle Drive on Saturday 24th February from

6.30pm to 9.00pm in East Calder Church Hall. The Games Nights we have held in the past have been a great success enjoyed by all.

We hope to have a good turnout of our own Church Members as well as people from our villages. Please come along and bring your friends and family with you. If you have any board games you would like to play with others please bring them too! There will also be a craft table so come along and show off your skills. This will be a completely free night with tea/coffee/juice and home baking provided half way through the evening.



We look forward to seeing you all there.

Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult.



Summer seems a long way off but plans are already underway for this year's Holiday Club

GUARDIANS OF ANCORA TREASURE SEEKERS

which will run from 6th – 10th August in East Calder Church Hall.

This is a follow-on from last year's very successful "Guardians of Ancora" and we are hopeful that last year's team will be available to journey once again to "The City of Light".

If you feel that this is an outreach you would like to be involved with please get in touch.



The Guild resumes, after the winter break, on Tuesday 6th March at 7.30pm in East Calder Church Hall.

This will be a Bible Study evening.

All welcome.



twice a month.

After a long break we are delighted to announce the restart of the Men's Fellowship starting on Saturday 10th Feb with a new time slot of 8:30am.

A warm welcome is extended to all the menfolk in the church; we will be meeting

As always the morning will start with filled rolls and plenty of Coffee and Tea and maybe a bit of porridge.

All our invited guests for this session are external speakers and we look forward to their visits and what they have to share with us.

Programme:-

10th Feb

24th Feb

10th Mar

24th Mar Sailors' Society

14th Apr Visit to Wester Hailes Men's Fellowship

28th Apr Bathgate Street Pastors

12th May Salvation Army

26th May Fellowship Outing

Church Hall Bookings

Requests should come to the Hall Convenors, by the end of the first week of each month and they will be referred to the Congregational Board.

Magazine Articles

If you have an article for KNEC News please submit it, preferably by email, using the dedicated address: knecnews@btinternet.com

The deadline for March's Magazine will be **Friday 23rd February**.

Church Website

The Church's website includes sermons. To access them all you have to do is to go to the home page <http://www.knec4jesus.org.uk> and click on '**Sermons**'.

Copies of KNEC News are also on the website. Have a look!

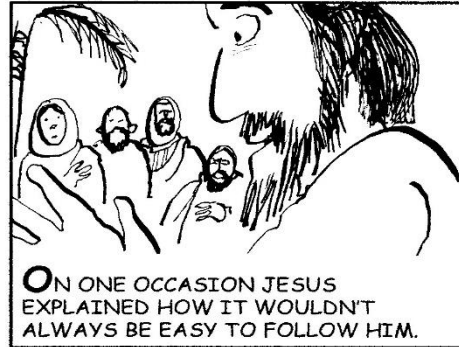
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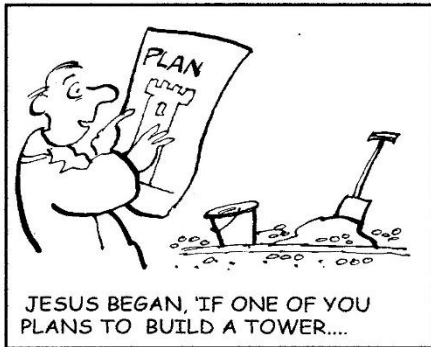
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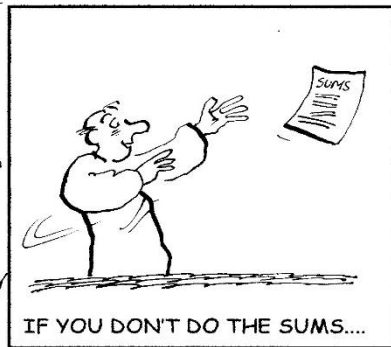
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JESUS BEGAN, 'IF ONE OF YOU PLANS TO BUILD A TOWER....'



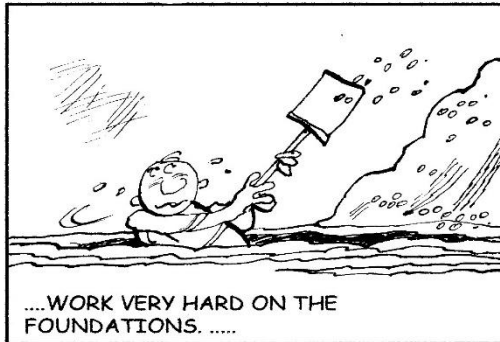
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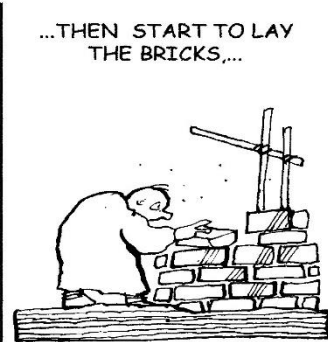
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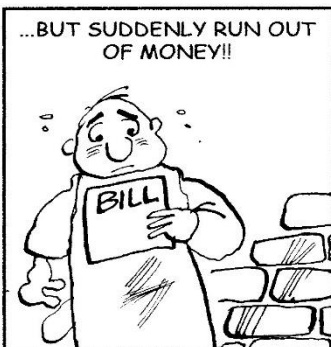
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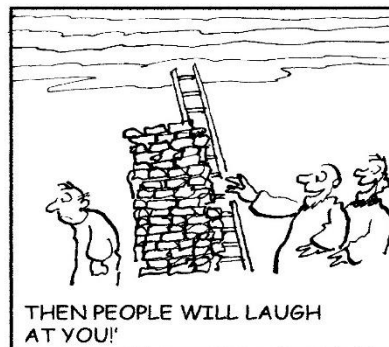
...WORK VERY HARD ON THE FOUNDATIONS.



...THEN START TO LAY THE BRICKS,...



...BUT SUDDENLY RUN OUT OF MONEY!!



THEN PEOPLE WILL LAUGH AT YOU!



WE NEED TO REALISE THAT ALTHOUGH FOLLOWING JESUS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, IT'S ALSO A GREAT CHALLENGE.

CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

| Organisation | Contact(s) | Email | Tel | Details |
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| Prayer Group | | | | Mondays: 7.30pm East Calder Church Prayer Room. |
| Youth Church | | | | S1 to S4, Sundays: 11.15am East Calder Church |
| Kosy Kaff | | | | Primary school age children 1 st & 3 rd Fridays during school term 4.00-5.00pm Kirknewton Village Hall |
| EnerJ | | | | Ages 3 – 11. Sundays: 11.15am East Calder Church Hall |
| The Boys' Brigade | | | | Anchor Boys: 5yrs/P3-6.30pm-7.30pm Junior Sect: P4/5/6-6.45pm-8.15pm Company Sect: P7-18ys 7.30pm-9.45pm Fridays: East Calder Church Hall |
| The Guild | | | | 1 st and 3 rd Tuesday in month 7.30pm East Calder Church Hall |
| House Groups | | | | Wednesdays 7.30pm |
| Singing Group | | | | Tuesdays 7.45pm Kirknewton Church |
| Baby and Toddler Group | | | | Thursdays: 9.30am-11.30am Kirknewton Church Hall |
| Lunch Club | | | | 1 st & 3 rd Thursday of each month 11.30am-12.30pm E/C Church Hall |
| The Break | | | | 1 st & 3 rd Thursday of each month 12.30pm-12.50pm East Calder Church Prayer Room |
| Forget-me-not Café | | | | Last Thursday of each month 10.00am-12noon East Calder Church Hall |
| Bible Study | | | | Last Wednesday of each month 10.00am-11.00am Kirknewton Church Hall |
| Praise Band | | | | Sundays: 11.00am East Calder Church and 6.00pm East Calder Church Hall |

CHURCH CALENDAR

(See Organisations' meeting times on page 17)

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| Thursday | 1 st Feb | Lunch Club East Calder Church Hall 11.30am The Break East Calder Church Prayer Room 12.30pm |
| Friday | 2 nd Feb | Kosy Kaff Kirknewton Village Hall 4.00-5.00pm Boys' Brigade East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm |
| Sunday | 4 th Feb | Joint Morning Worship Service (see page 5) East Calder 11.15am In Focus: East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm |
| Monday | 5 th Feb | Prayer Group East Calder Church Prayer Room 7.30pm |
| Tuesday | 6 th Feb | Singing Group Kirknewton Church 7.45pm |
| Wednesday | 7 th Feb | Housegroups 7.30pm |
| Friday | 9 th Feb | Boys' Brigade East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm |
| Saturday | 10 th Feb | Men's Fellowship East Calder Church Hall 8.30am |
| Sunday | 11 th Feb | Morning Worship Services Kirknewton 9.45am East Calder 11.15am In Focus: East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm |
| Monday | 12 th Feb | Prayer Group East Calder Church Prayer Room 7.30pm |
| Tuesday | 13 th Feb | Singing Group Kirknewton Church 7.45pm |
| Wednesday | 14 th Feb | Housegroups 7.30pm |

CHURCH CALENDAR cont'd

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| Thursday | 15 th Feb | Lunch Club East Calder Church Hall 11.30am The Break East Calder Church Prayer Room 12.30pm |
| Friday | 16 th Feb | Kosy Kaff Kirknewton Village Hall 4.00-5.00pm Boys' Brigade East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm |
| Sunday | 18 th Feb | Morning Worship Services Kirknewton 9.45am East Calder 11.15am In Focus: East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm |
| Monday | 19 th Feb | Prayer Group East Calder Church Prayer Room 7.30pm |
| Tuesday | 20 th Feb | Singing Group Kirknewton Church 7.45pm |
| Wednesday | 21 st Feb | Housegroups 7.30pm |
| Thursday | 22 nd Feb | Forget-me-Not Café East Calder Church Hall 10.00am – 12 noon |
| Friday | 23 rd Feb | Boys' Brigade East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm |
| Saturday | 24 th Feb | Men's Fellowship East Calder Church Hall 8.30am Games Night East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm |
| Sunday | 25 th Feb | Morning Worship Services Kirknewton 9.45am East Calder 11.15am In Focus: East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm |
| Monday | 26 th Feb | Prayer Group East Calder Church Prayer Room 7.30pm |
| Tuesday | 27 th Feb | Joint Board and Session Meeting East Calder Church Hall 7.15pm Singing Group Kirknewton Church 7.45pm |
| Wednesday | 28 th Feb | Housegroups 7.30pm |