

KNEC NEWS



November 2017



Kirkcaldy and East Fife Parish Church of Scotland
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***This month
includes:***

Safeguarding

In Focus

EnerJ

The Boys' Brigade

The Break

Kids' Korner



Two Minutes Silence

In the month, when we think about those who have given their lives in war, the two minutes silence is a familiar act of remembrance. We can use the silence to reflect on those who have suffered in war or on what it means to work for a peaceful world. Or do we end up thinking about lunch or panic that we haven't switched our phone off?

Victor Frankl, a victim of Auschwitz, suggested that the most intolerable of all human conditions is not imprisonment or hunger, but lack of meaning. The two minutes silence enables us to connect with Jesus' message, which offers true meaning to our lives and world. He spoke of giving ourselves in love for each other and the world, 'Love your enemies and pray for those that persecute you' (Matthew 5:44). He also demonstrated such love in sacrificing His own life, 'Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends' (John 15:13). In observing the silence, let's use it to reflect on this sacrificial love, as we remember all those who have experienced pain and conflict.

Of course, we should be serious about silence and stillness in the whole of our lives, not just for two minutes at an act of Remembrance. In busy lives where so much is clamouring for our attention, silence enables us to reassess our priorities and rediscover true meaning in our lives. Jesus made a habit of withdrawing to experience silence. He did this before choosing his disciples, after He heard of John's beheading, after feeding the 5000, after healing a leper, at the Transfiguration and to prepare for His death. 'The seeking out of solitary places was a regular practice for Jesus. So it should be for us.'

Richard Foster

Pastoral Visits

Please advise Brenda, 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.

'Introductory Safeguarding Training Courses'

The following Introductory Safeguarding courses for all aged 16+ who work in any voluntary capacity with children, young people and adults within the church will be held at:

1. **West Kirk of Calder**, Main Street West Calder, EH53 0AN, **Monday 20th November** 7.00 - 9.45pm

2. **Boghall Church Hall**, Elizabeth Drive, Bathgate, EH48 1JB, **Wednesday 6th December** 7.00 – 9.45pm

Please note that it is mandatory that anyone wishing to work with any of the above groups must have attended an Introductory Safeguarding Course.



As the clocks go back and the evenings lengthen, all are invited to come and share a time of worship, a time to hear witness testimonies, and more, whilst giving thanks for God's love and goodness. Time too for fellowship, chatting over tea and coffee. When? Each Sunday evening at 6.30pm in East Calder Church Hall.

The programme for November is as follows:

5 November 2017 (Café night)

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

12 November 2017

One of our members will share his experience of an aspect of God's character, namely God of compassion;

19 November 2017

One of our members will reflect on verse 2 of the hymn "When we walk with the Lord" and chorus, "Trust and Obey";

26 November 2017

No In Focus. Community event for Christmas lights being switched on in East Calder.

If you have never attended In Focus before, please think about coming along. We would love to see you.



EnerJ

We have had a very creative start to our EnerJ session. We are continuing each week to add to our large creation model. The children have really enjoyed making this and we look forward to sharing the finished product with you when the time comes.

We are excited to now have our own Facebook page. Called EnerJ Church - please search for us and add us as a friend to follow what we get up to.

We are having a Teddy Bear Party on 5th November when we will be inviting friends and using Facebook as a way to do this. If you know any children who would like to come along please invite them and tell them to bring their teddy too.

It is hard to believe we are not far from December. Our Christmas plans are under way with our party being held on Saturday 16th December and the nativity on Sunday 17th December.

Please remember us in prayer as we plan for these things.

Thank you.

The EnerJ Team

Dates for your diary



Our Annual Bereavement Service will be held on 3rd December at 3.00pm in East Calder Church. All welcome.



The Boys' Brigade will again be providing a Christmas Post delivery service. Watch out for further details in the intimation sheet and next month's KNEC NEWS.



On Christmas Eve we will be dusting off the lanterns and setting off on our Annual Torchlight Procession to Kirknewton Church. Hot drinks and mince pies await us before the Watchnight Service. Why not come and join us – further details to follow.



1st EAST CALDER COMPANY



To celebrate West Lothian Battalion's 50th Anniversary, the Junior Section and younger Boys in the Company Section went to the 10 Pin Bowling at Deer Park on 21st October. Burgers, pizzas, chips, juice and even 2 games of bowling – what else could they ask for!!

Badminton - The Battalion badminton competition for the Company Section will be on 17th November at the Lanthorn in Livingston. We can enter a junior team and a senior team so we'll see how many volunteers we have for that one.

Fun and Crafts - The Anchor Boys and the Junior Section may be heading off to Blackburn on 25th November to take part in a Fun Day/Craft event. We'll let you know how we get on there.

Carols – a night with a difference for your diaries! On 15th December, our last night of 2017, we will be having an opening evening for parents and friends when we can all join in singing some carols followed by tea/coffee and mince pies. Please come along and see the Boys (and Leaders) and have a great start to Christmas.

Burns Supper - It seems like only last month we had our Burns Supper!! Well planning has started for our next one on 26th January 2018. The support we usually receive for this is great so hopefully many of you will manage along in January.

The "world's largest ever sleepout event" - billed as a Live Aid for Scottish homelessness - is to take place in Edinburgh.



'Sleep in the Park will be held in West Princes Street Gardens on 9 December.

It is hoped 9,000 people will take part in the sleepout, which will see Liam Gallagher, Deacon Blue, Amy Macdonald and Frightened Rabbit play unplugged.

Comedian Rob Brydon will host the event with John Cleese performing a bedtime story.

Celebrities including Bob Geldof, sports personalities and figures from across Scotland's political parties will also be sleeping out.

It is being organised by Josh Littlejohn, co-founder of Social Bite, which helps the homeless through cafes, a restaurant and fundraising events.

No tickets will be sold, with members of the public and businesses joining the event by reaching fundraising targets and accepting the sleep-out challenge.'

Three of The Boys' Brigade Leaders have registered to take part in this event and I'm sure you will wish them well sleeping outdoors on a December night as so many people do every night.

Each individual registering must raise a minimum of £100 and if you would like to sponsor team "1st East Calder Boys' Brigade" please speak to any of the leaders or go to:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/1st-east-calder-bb>

Thank you.

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:
kneccnews@btinternet.com
The deadline for December's Magazine will be **Sunday 19th November**.

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**'.

The Parish Profile and copies of KNEC News are also on the website.

Have a look!



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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 November (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 2nd November, the theme will be "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth". Matt 5:5
- On Thursday 16th November, the theme will be "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled". Matt 5:6

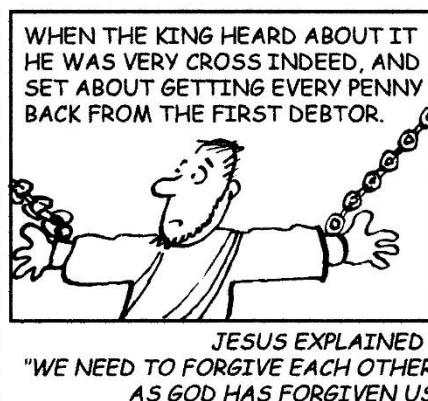
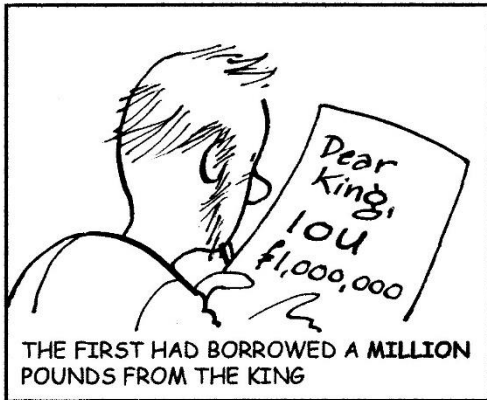
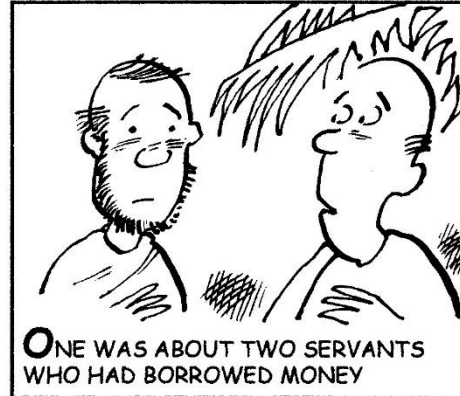
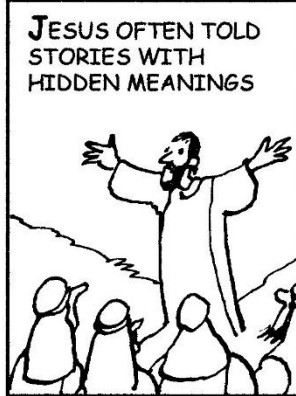
All welcome.

Hymns for people over 60...

Immortal, invisible.... I know my glasses are here somewhere.
And did those feet . . . ever manage to walk more than a mile?
I danced in the morning . . . but I couldn't do it now.
Morning has broken, ... but it wasn't me who dropped it this time.
One more step along the world I go... actually, that's probably all I can manage.

YOU'RE ONLY
AS OLD AS
YOU REMEMBER
YOU ARE

The
Tale of the
**TWO
DEBTORS**



CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

Organisation	Contact(s)	Email	Tel	Details
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
Kirknewton 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 13)

Wednesday	1 st Nov	Housegroups 7.30pm
Thursday	2 nd Nov	Lunch Club East Calder Church Hall 11.30am The Break East Calder Church Prayer Room 12.30pm
Friday	3 rd Nov	Kosy Kaff Kirknewton Village Hall 4.00-5.00pm Boys' Brigade East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Sunday	5 th Nov	Morning Worship Services Kirknewton 9.45am East Calder 11.15am In Focus: East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Monday	6 th Nov	Prayer Group East Calder Church Prayer Room 7.30pm
Tuesday	7 th Nov	The Guild East Calder Church Hall 7.30pm Singing Group Kirknewton Church 7.45pm
Wednesday	8 th Nov	Housegroups 7.30pm
Thursday	9 th Nov	Kirk Session East Calder Church Hall 7.15pm
Friday	10 th Nov	Boys' Brigade East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Sunday	12 th Nov	Joint Morning Worship Services – Remembrance Sunday Kirknewton 9.45am and thereafter at The War Memorial at 10.50am In Focus: East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Monday	13 th Nov	Prayer Group East Calder Church Prayer Room 7.30pm
Tuesday	14 th Nov	Singing Group Kirknewton Church 7.45pm
Wednesday	15 th Nov	Housegroups 7.30pm
Thursday	16 th Nov	Lunch Club East Calder Church Hall 11.30am The Break East Calder Church Prayer Room 12.30pm

CHURCH CALENDAR cont'd

Friday	17 th Nov	Kosy Kaff Kirknewton Village Hall 4.00-5.00pm Boys' Brigade East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Sunday	19 th Nov	Morning Worship Services Kirknewton 9.45am East Calder 11.15am In Focus: East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Monday	20 th Nov	Prayer Group East Calder Church Prayer Room 7.30pm
Tuesday	21 st Nov	The Guild East Calder Church Hall 7.30pm Singing Group Kirknewton Church 7.45pm
Wednesday	22 nd Nov	Housegroups 7.30pm
Friday	24 th Nov	Boys' Brigade East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Sunday	26 th Nov	Morning Worship Services Kirknewton 9.45am East Calder 11.15am Prayer Meeting East Calder Church Prayer Room 2.30pm
Monday	27 th Nov	Prayer Group East Calder Church Prayer Room 7.30pm
Tuesday	28 th Nov	Congregational Board East Calder Church Hall 7.00pm Kirk Session East Calder Church Hall 8.00pm Singing Group Kirknewton Church 7.45pm
Wednesday	29 th Nov	Kirknewton Bible Study Kirknewton Church Hall 10.00 – 11.00am Housegroups 7.30pm
Thursday	30 th Nov	Forget-me-not Café East Calder Church Hall 10.00am – 12 noon