

KNEC NEWS



NOVEMBER 2018



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



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Dreamers wanted



“The lovers of God who chase after righteousness will find all their dreams come true: an abundant life drenched with favour and a fountain that overflows with satisfaction” (Proverbs 21:21)

It's good to dream. I'm not someone who easily remembers dreams in the night but on the few occasions that I have, they have been significant. Whether or not we can recall dreams in the night, I believe we all have dreams. We might call them the desires of the heart.

This month, the elders on the Kirk Session are being asked to share what dreams they might have for the church. What sort of church do you dream of seeing in five years' time? What things would be in place? What things would no longer be there?

Often, when we are asked to say what our hopes are, we hesitate or we are cautious. I hope the elders will not be cautious this month. And I hope that you, who are not elders, will add your voice to the mix. What dreams do you have for our church?

Please, don't be shy and don't think that your dream is too ridiculous. Remember, that with our God, nothing is impossible. And the way God works, through ordinary people, it may be that your dream is the very one all of us need to hear.

Please let me, or Brenda, or one of the elders, know what your dreams are, so that we can pray them forward and seek God's hand in helping us to deliver them. As the verse above says, let's chase after righteousness and love the God whose format loved us. Then we will see our dreams come true.

In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Alistair Cowper

Baptism



Dedication



Funeral



Pastoral Care

Please let Alistair or Brenda know if you'd like a home visit, or to go out for coffee. We don't always know who'd like a visit, so it would help if people asked for one. We'd hate to miss out people. Also, if you are happy for Alistair to hold your phone number on his mobile phone, please let him know if you haven't done so already.

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.

Change of email address

Please note that with immediate effect the Treasurer's email address is:

knec.treasurer@gmail.com

In Focus

In Focus is held each Sunday evening at 6.30 pm in East Calder Church Hall. In this time, we meet in fellowship, to worship and praise God, and learn through others' experience about God's goodness towards us. All welcome.

The programme for November is as follows: -

4 November: Café. The EnerJ Team will share how they enable fellowship and encourage outreach for and by the children of KNEC Church.

11 November: A former member will share about a new beginning or ending he has experienced and will reflect on how it has helped him know God better.

18 November: Big Issue: The Bridge Community Project based in Livingston, will discuss Christianity and Financial well-being.

25 November: Sorry no In Focus; Community event – Christmas lights being switched on.

Please think about coming along to meet others at In Focus. Refreshments will be provided.

In Focus Planning Team

House Groups

The House Group programme continues our study of 'Reclaiming Jesus'. Groups meet on a Wednesday evening (at 7:30pm) and at the Manse on a Thursday evening (7:30pm).

All are welcome - if you have not joined a group this year, it's not too late – come along next week.



There is still lots happening at EnerJ despite being on holiday for 3 weeks. The leaders will be leading the service at In Focus on 4th November so please come along and hear about what we have been up to and our outreach efforts. As a church we all play a part in teaching the children of our church family and praying for them as well as learning from each one of them.

EnerJ are having a fundraising event for our charity which this year is the West Lothian School Bank (Scottish charity number: SC046483).

We have invited the Samba Band back which was a great success a couple of years ago. This is on Saturday 17th November 2pm-4pm in East Calder Church Hall. Tickets on sale now from any of the EnerJ teachers. Adults £5, Children £3 and Family (2 adults & children) £15. This will help us with numbers so please let us know ASAP. It would be great to have as many people as possible to enjoy the fun.

We are hoping to have a visit from the police force in November and then look with the children at helping others. Look out for news on what we learn and of course our photos.

Our Christmas party is booked for Saturday 15th December again at the Sports Centre which we look forward to.

We are still enjoying our different ways to explore the Bible and the children seem to like the variety of activities we are trying. Please keep praying as we move forward and try to make the Bible alive and real for each child that comes along.

Thank you
The EnerJ Team

The new session of our Men's Fellowship has been running since the start of September.

The programme so far has included:

Our Minister blessing our group with communion;

A guest speaker from Edinburgh City Mission telling of their wonderful outreach in the city;

A speaker recalling his time and mission in Africa;

and a rep from the FOOD BANK telling us about helping those in need within our own community. So far a really varied programme.



This coming November we look forward to having one of our own members tell us about the latest work of the VINE TRUST on Saturday the 10th, while on the 24th a speaker from LOCAL RADIO will tell us about the Christian radio programme they broadcast called “ Heart of the Matter “

A warm invitation is extended to all men, especially if you have not managed so far.

Why not come along for breakfast at 8.30am and enjoy a time of fellowship, friendship and some spiritual uplift.

Hope to see you there.

Thursday Prayer Group

We include in our prayers information taken from the most recent census which tells us the population of Kirknewton and East Calder and their religious affiliation. The census specifies that over one thousand seven hundred people in East Calder and more than five hundred people in Kirknewton claim an attachment to the Church of Scotland. Our prayers are supporting and praising their choice but also asking for our Lord to speak to them and lead them to churches and get to know Jesus.

We will also be praying for items in the religious section of the census and other specifics in both villages.



The calm

before the storm!!!

Thanks to everyone who came along to our Big Brunch on 27th October. The Brunch was a BB national event and was inspired by the Year of Young People. We were delighted by the support not only from members of the congregation but also from the community. The Boys certainly enjoyed being 'waiters' for the day.



The final figure for donations totalled £420 and this together with funds from the next Christmas Post and our Burns Supper will be sent to The Boys' Brigade (Church of Scotland) World Mission Fund – Charity registered in Scotland No. SC016662.

Looking ahead:

Christmas Crafts

We will be hosting West Lothian Battalion's Christmas Craft morning for Anchor and Junior Sections on Saturday 1st December – glitter and tinsel at the ready!

Christmas Post

Our older Boys will be providing a Christmas Post service again this year. Cards will be collected from both Churches on 9th December and from East Calder on the 16th (joint service). We'll deliver the cards during the week commencing the 16th and please provide **full names and addresses** - deliveries to **Kirknewton** and **East Calder** only. Further information will be in the next KNEC News and also the intimations.

Evening of Carols

We'll be having an evening of carols and mince pies on Friday, 14th December at 7.00pm in East Calder Church Hall. It will be slightly different this year so hopefully members of the congregation will be able to join the Boys and their families for a pleasant evening to start getting you in the Christmas spirit.

Burns Supper and Quiz

Another date for your diary is Friday, 25th January for our annual Burns Supper and Quiz. Who will win the Mike Blackwood Trophy this year!!! Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of January.

Company Camp

We have now confirmed our booking for next year's camp. By popular demand we're going back to Canty Bay in June. Seems a long time away but so much is to happen over the next few months it will be here before we know it!!!

Working towards Awards

Despite the various events, the Boys are still working towards their awards. Our three potential Queen's Men are almost there having completed between them over 250 hours of work in the Company, Church and the community. They've also undertaken sporting activities and learnt new skills.

We have two Boys starting on their Queen's Badge journey and as mentioned in the last paragraph it's a long road but the work is very worthwhile. One of our former members mentioned that during an interview to join the Merchant Navy most of the time was spent talking about his Queen's Badge activities.

Captain

THE BREAK

The Break continues the theme 'The Miracles of Jesus' and during November will meet twice.

On Thursday 1st November, the theme was 'Jesus heals Peter's Mother in Law sick with fever'.

On Thursday 15th November, the theme will be 'Jesus heals many sick in Gennesaret as they touch his garment'.

Come along and join this short service of praise, worship and fellowship - 12.30pm, after the Lunch Club.

Prayer



Matters

2018 is well underway, summer is a warm memory. Autumn in all its beautiful colour is here. The new year resolutions we made about bible reading and prayer and time with God may have become dusty!

Take courage, God understands and delights in the desires of our hearts. Every day of our journey with Jesus is a new day.

Jesus's words to his disciples about prayer are just as alive and vibrant as they were then.

Matthew 6:5-15 Passion Translation

Whenever you pray, be sincere and not like the pretenders who love the attention they receive while praying before others in the meetings and on street corners. Believe me, they've already received in full their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your innermost chamber and be alone with Father God, praying to him in secret. And your Father, who sees all you do, will reward you openly. When you pray, there is no need to repeat empty phrases, praying like those who don't know God, for they expect God to hear them because of their many words. There is no need to imitate them, since your Father already knows what you need before you ask him.

Pray like this:

'Our Father, dwelling in the heavenly realms may the glory of your name be the centre on which our lives turn. Manifest your kingdom realm, and cause your every purpose to be fulfilled on earth, just as it is fulfilled in heaven. We acknowledge you as our Provider of all we need each day. Forgive us the wrongs we have done as we ourselves release forgiveness to those who have wronged us. Rescue us every time we face tribulation and set us free from evil. For you are the King who rules with power and glory forever. Amen.'

And when you pray, make sure you forgive the faults of others so that your Father in heaven will also forgive you. But if you withhold forgiveness from others, your Father withholds forgiveness from you."

So, this Autumn as the leaves change and fall to the ground talk to Jesus about these resolutions you made, confess your willingness to begin again and let any guilt fall away.

Let thankfulness and forgiveness fill your spirit and glorify God in all your relationships.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY  **United we StAnd**
ST ANDREWS DAY OF PRAYER

Thanks again to those who have let us know they plan to be part of this day. The aim of *StAnd18* is very simple – for the church throughout Scotland (and beyond) to be praying for the nation on St Andrew's Day 30/11/18.


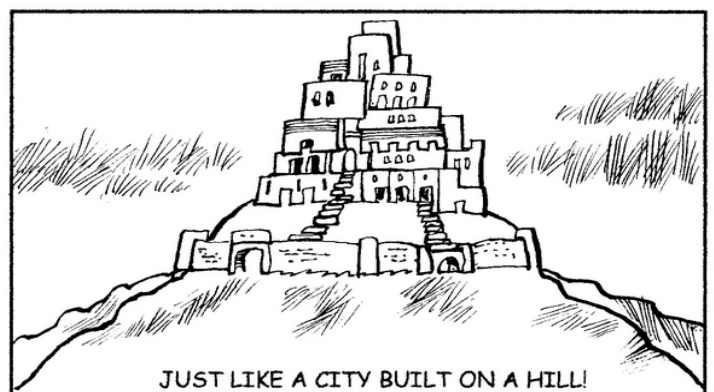
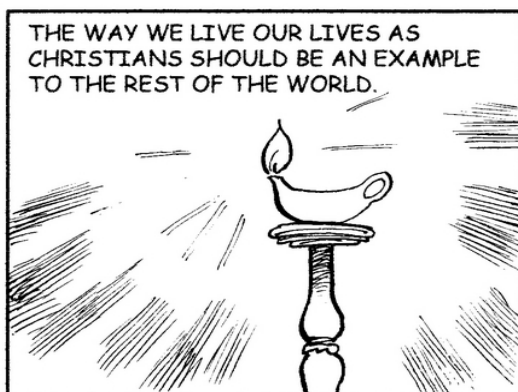
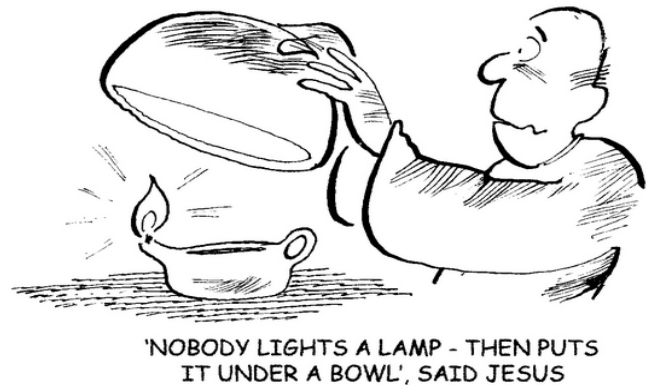
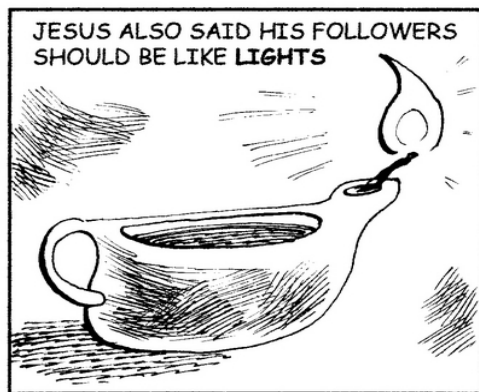
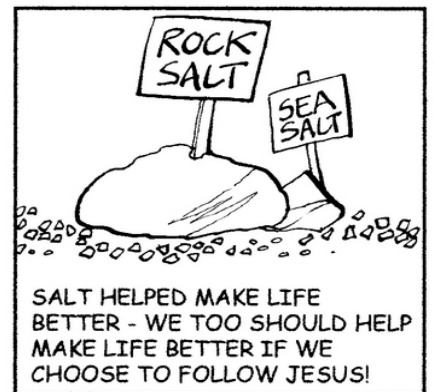
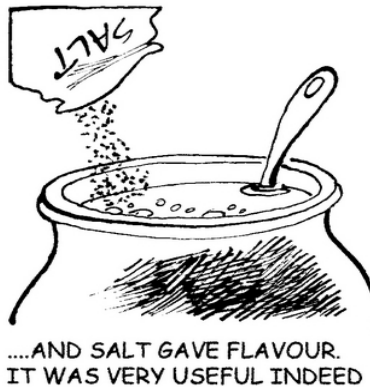
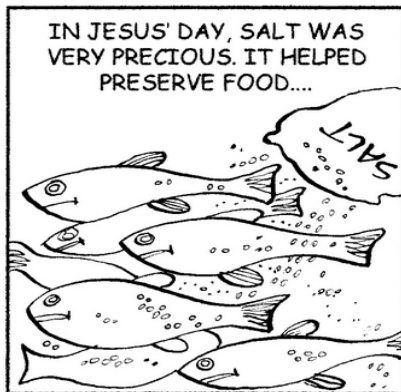
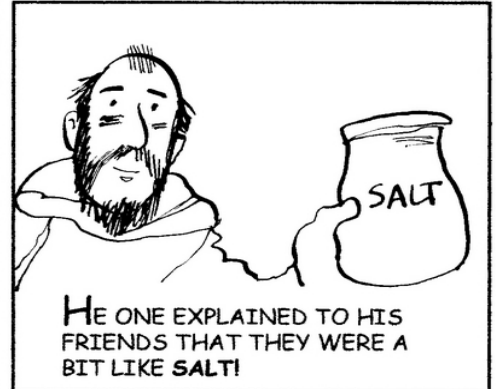
Plans are in place to open East Calder Church on this date from morning until evening so that you can come and pray for the unity and blessings of God on our nation. We do hope you can join us at a time that suits you. Come for a short time, come for several hours. The kettle will be on!

More information nearer the time in the Sunday intimation sheet.

Every blessing

Prayer Secretary

The tale of the Salt and Light

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

4 th November	Worship Services	Kirknewton Church	9.45am
		East Calder Church	11.15am
	In Focus	East Calder Church Hall	6.30pm
11 th November	Remembrance (Joint Service)	Kirknewton Church	9.45am
		Followed by a short Service at the War Memorial	
18 th November	Worship Services	Kirknewton Church	9.45am
		East Calder Church	11.15am
	In Focus	East Calder Church Hall	6.30pm
25 th November	Worship Services	Kirknewton Church	9.45am
		East Calder Church	11.15am
2 nd December	Worship Services	Kirknewton Church	9.45am
		East Calder Church	11.15am
	Bereavement Service	East Calder Church	3.00pm
	In Focus	East Calder Church Hall	6.30pm
9 th December	Worship Services	Kirknewton Church	9.45am
		East Calder Church	11.15am
	In Focus	East Calder Church Hall	6.30pm
16 th December	Joint Christmas Family Service	East Calder Church	11.15am
	In Focus	East Calder Church Hall	6.30pm
23 rd December	Worship Services	Kirknewton Church	9.45am
		East Calder Church	11.15am
	In Focus	East Calder Church Hall	6.30pm
24 th December	Joint Christmas Family Service	East Calder Church	7.00pm
	Joint Christmas Eve Service	Kirknewton Church	11.30pm
30 th December	Worship Services	Kirknewton Church	9.45am
		East Calder Church	11.15am

CHURCH GROUPS

CONTACT DETAILS and MEETING TIMES

Group	Contact(s)	Email	Tel	Details
Bairns' Rock				Wednesdays: 9.30am-11.30am East Calder Church Hall Pre-school children
Bible Study				Last Wednesday of each month 10.00am-11.00am Kirknewton Church Hall
Boys' Brigade				Fridays: East Calder Church Hall 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
Congregational Board				Meets on last Tuesday of Sept, Nov, Jan, Apr and 3 rd Tuesday of June at 7.00pm and on last Tuesday Feb a joint meeting with Kirk Session at 7.15pm. East Calder Church Hall
EnerJ				Sundays: 11.15am East Calder Church Hall Ages 3 – 11.
Forget-me-not Café				Last Thursday of each month 10.00am-12noon East Calder Church Hall
House Groups				Wednesdays: 7.30pm Thursdays : 7.30pm
Kirk Session				Meets on last Tuesday of Sep, Nov, Jan, Apr, Sep and 3 rd Tuesday of June at 8.00pm and on last Tuesday of Oct, Feb, Mar and May at 7.15pm. East Calder Church Hall
Kosy Kaff				Fridays during school term 4.00-5.00pm Kirknewton Village Hall Primary school age children

Position	Name & Address		Email Address	Tel
Group	Contact(s)	Email	Tel	Details
Lunch Club				1 st & 3 rd Thursday of each month 11.30am-12.30pm East Calder Church Hall
Men's Fellowship				2 nd & 4 th Saturday of the month East Calder Church Hall 8.30am
Open Door				Thursdays: 10.30am East Calder Church
Praise Band				Sundays: 11.00am East Calder Church and 6.00pm East Calder Church Hall
Prayer Group				Mondays: 7.30pm East Calder Church Prayer Room.
Singing Group				1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays at 7.45pm in Kirknewton Church 2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays in East Calder Church
The Break				1 st & 3 rd Thursday of each month 12.30pm-12.50pm East Calder Church Prayer Room
The Guild				1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays of the month 7.30pm in East Calder Church Hall
Thursday Prayer Group				7.30pm in East Calder Church Prayer Room