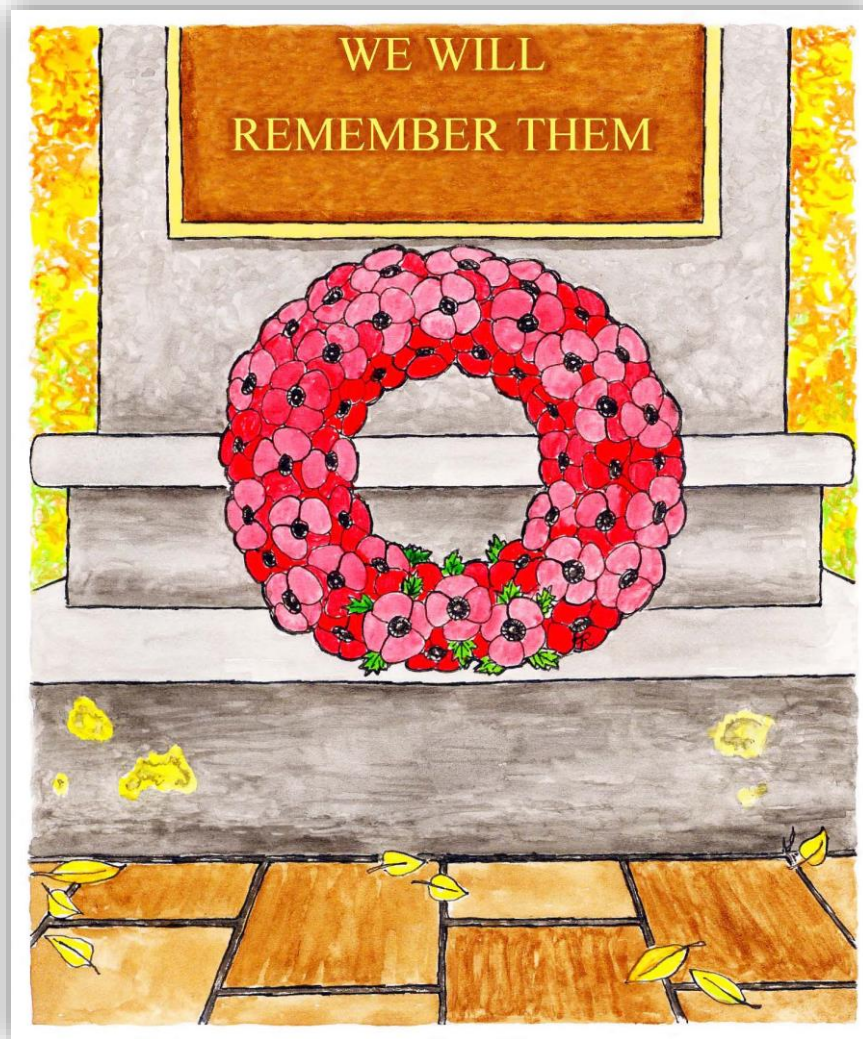


KNEC NEWS



November 2016



Kirknewton and East Calder Parish Church of Scotland
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Letter from our Interim Moderator



Dear Friends,

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Jaco Boonzaaier and I was appointed by Presbytery as Interim Moderator to your charge. As many of you know by now I'm minister in Broxburn and not a total stranger to your parish.

I am looking forward to working alongside your office-bearers and you as members as you enter this period of vacancy. For the time being pulpit supply has been arranged and we hope to have a Locum Minister appointed soon.

The vacancy brings a level of discomfort and uncertainty with it. We prefer to know that everything in life is in place. With the vacancy we are, however, suddenly faced with the insecurity of just that: the vacancy / the emptiness. While this period has the potential to disturb, it should not be seen as all doom and gloom.

Waiting on the Lord is a theme occurring very often in the Bible. We can take great comfort in knowing that we wait with the Lord as well. The period of vacancy thus presents an opportunity for reflection on what God has called us to be and do here in our parish. May you be inspired and enthused by the Holy Spirit as you enter this period of waiting for a new minister.

Every blessing,

Jaco

Pastoral Visits

Please advise 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.

In cases of emergency and for funerals Rev Jaco Boonzaaier and, from the end of November, Rev Dr Brenda Robson will be available.

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.

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 by email using the dedicated address: kneccnews@btinternet.com
The deadline for November's Magazine will be **Tuesday 22nd 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> and

Tomorrow Was Another Day in Paradise for Him

A man was held in place by his ankles and his wrists,
He knew the story and he bought the bargain of life,
He knew the outcome and he walked the way of surrender,
Tomorrow was another day on earth for others,
Tomorrow was another day in paradise for him.

The cry of tears that wept for his father,
The darkness fell, the silence stilled the hearts of men,
Truth rang out and spoken in a whisper,
Tomorrow was another day on earth for others,
Tomorrow was another day in paradise for him.

He was sent below to retrieve the key,
Grasped from the unworthy, the defeated foe,
To rise was the greatest triumph, to soar the greatest forgiveness,
Tomorrow was another day on earth for others,
Tomorrow was another day in paradise for him.

Petition raised and body dropped to the ground,
Seeming Broken-ness soothed by the oil of gentleness,
Love has no ending for mother to son,
Tomorrow was another day on earth for others,
Tomorrow was another day in paradise for him.

The flow of tears will transport him to rest,
The darkness will roll unending through the night,
The stone that placed the guards in the forefront,
Tomorrow was another day on earth for others,
Tomorrow was another day in paradise for him.

The sun rose, the son rose,
Brighter than any man made star,
Unrecognised glory, in an unrecognised ruling state,
Tomorrow was another day on earth for others,
Tomorrow was another day in paradise for him.

I doubt its true, show him wounded with a spear,
The eyes are opened and blindness drops from the conscious,
Gifted are those of treasure in his gaze,
Tomorrow was another day on earth for others,
Tomorrow was another day in paradise for him.

Grace is his gift, armed with love,
be comforted on your way,
The teacher writes the progress as it is written before,
Like a father and son, like a lord and servant,
like a master and his beloved bride,
Tomorrow was another day on earth for others,
Tomorrow was another day in paradise for him.

As he reaches for you, reach out for him,
As he welcomes you, welcome the three in unity,
As he carries you, carry him with you,
Tomorrow was not another day on earth for you,
Tomorrow was another day in paradise for him and you.

B.A.B. 27/04/13

A remembrance prayer from the Rt Rev John Chalmers, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

Almighty God, when we close our eyes and think; a great panoply of humanity, sacrificed to war, enters our consciousness.

*Some we have known;
most we have not known,
but you know them all.*

Grant that in this season of remembrance we may pay fitting tribute and honour to those:

Who never saw the peace they fought for on the battlefields and in the trenches a century ago

Who gave their lives in resistance to a tyranny that would have overwhelmed us in the Second World War

Who live in the streams of our memory and who have died in modern day conflicts seeking to make the world a safer place for us all.

May we be so inspired by the spirit of their love and courage that, forgetting all selfish and unworthy motives we may live only to your glory and in the service of others.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God, may we who desire peace be willing to work for justice throughout the world, and so we pray for all those still caught up in conflicts across the world and we ask that by inches and by degrees you, O God, would bring us to a place where war will be no more.

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen





View from the Pew

He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.

Psalm 104 v 5

Mid October, our visiting minister for the day, the decided that he would not simply repeat in East Calder the sermon he had given at the Kirknewton service but would ad lib his way through the reading for that day: Psalm 104. We certainly got our money's worth out of him!

He quickly arrived at verse 5 and we were in for a surprise. Most of us have heard countless sermons but rarely one which told us that the Bible was wrong. This verse, however, has been proved to be so. He even gave us some proven scientific facts to confirm it.

But, at the time that the psalms were written, such knowledge – and the technology to ascertain it - was still a long way in the future. The psalmist wrote what people then believed to be true. Centuries later, Galileo arrived at the realisation that the earth goes round the sun; not the other way round, as people had always believed. The earth does move.

But the powerful, medieval Roman Catholic Church, declared that this was heresy and threatened Galileo with the horrific fate of

convicted heretics unless he recanted and declared that the earth does not move, just as the Bible says. Galileo was not made of the stuff of martyrs so he complied, saying the words they wanted to hear, knowing they were a lie. No doubt, he held on to the truth in his heart but it was a truth that did not fit – did not sync, we might say today – with the times he was living in.

It isn't hard, even within one's own lifetime, to look back and see 'truths' that have been discredited and disproved. A hundred years ago, cigarettes were part of a soldier's ration and, sixty years ago, a doctor would conduct a consultation with a cigarette burning in an ashtray on his desk. There was even an advertisement which promoted a particular brand as good for the throat.

We can all think of many other examples, even if we are not a hundred - or even sixty - years old. Every generation has its own version of truth; every generation looks back on past 'truths' with patronising scorn. God must get a good laugh, watching the human race bumbling along over the centuries, bouncing from one misconception to the next. Our beliefs, worship styles, priorities, structures and methods of communication change. A millennium ago, it was all about building immense, ornate cathedrals and abbeys. Today it is all about scientific progress, technology and instant worldwide communication. In the fourth millennium AD, what will it be?

One thing, we can be sure of: only God has the eternal and unassailable truth.

'I am the Lord; I change not.' Malachi 3:6

alpha course

Session has decided new dates for an Alpha Course having had to alter the original plans in the light of our minister's announcement that he was leaving us. During vacancy, Session believes that it is important to offer the opportunity to look at our faith in fellowship with others in our Congregation. So, the Alpha Course aimed at members of our Congregation will now run every Wednesday from 18th January 2017 to 29th March 2017 inclusive in East Calder Church Hall starting at 7.30pm. The Rev Jacobus Boonzaaier of Broxburn Parish Church will lead the Alpha Course. Session is hoping and praying for a good response to this opportunity being offered. Do please note that, whilst it is desirable that folk attend all 11 evenings of the course, missing one or two evenings does not preclude anybody from attending the course. Please give your name to the Session Clerk if you would like to attend. The proposed Alpha Course aimed at folk from the Parish is postponed until a new minister is in place.



alpha

THE BREAK

The Break, our midweek time of praise, worship and fellowship continues to meet on the first Thursday of the month in East Calder Church Prayer Room at 12:30pm (after the Lunch Club).

On Thursday 3rd November the topic is "Do not be Afraid".

The subject on Thursday 1st December will be -
"Now I Understand".

Why not go for lunch and then come along and join in praise, worship and fellowship.

All welcome.

KIDS' KORNER



THE PEOPLE JESUS CHOSE TO BE HIS CLOSE FOLLOWERS WERE OFTEN QUITE UNUSUAL.



ONCE JESUS STOPPED BY A TAX-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE AND SPOKE TO A MAN CALLED 'LEVI'.



LEVI'S LIFE WAS CHANGED BY MEETING JESUS.



LEVI WANTED ALL HIS FRIENDS TO MEET JESUS TOO, SO HE CALLED A BIG PARTY FOR HIS TAX COLLECTOR FRIENDS



IN JESUS' DAY TAX COLLECTORS WERE VERY UNPOPULAR. THE PEOPLE THOUGHT JESUS WAS MIXING WITH A BAD BUNCH!

...BUT I AM HERE TO HELP PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR WAY!



SURELY IT IS THE UNWELL PERSON WHO NEEDS THE DOCTOR - NOT THE WELL?!



CALENDAR CHURCH

Tuesday	1 st Nov	The Guild - Women at War – Janette Hannah East Calder Church Hall 7.30pm Singing Group Kirknewton Church 7.30pm
Wednesday	2 nd Nov	House Groups 7.30pm
Thursday	3 rd Nov	Lunch Club East Calder Church Hall 11.30am The Break East Calder Church Prayer Room 12.30pm
Friday	4 th Nov	Kosy Kaff Kirknewton Village Hall 4.00-5.00pm Boys' Brigade East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Sunday	6 th Nov	Morning Worship Services Kirknewton 9.45am East Calder 11.15am In Focus: East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Monday	7 th Nov	Prayer Group East Calder Church Prayer Room 7.30pm
Tuesday	8 th Nov	Kirk Session East Calder Church Hall 7.00pm Singing Group Kirknewton Church 7.30pm
Wednesday	9 th Nov	House Groups 7.30pm
Friday	11 th Nov	Kosy Kaff Kirknewton Village Hall 4.00-5.00pm Boys' Brigade East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Sunday	13 th Nov	Morning Worship Service – Joint Remembrance Service Kirknewton 9.45am In Focus: East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Monday	14 th Nov	Prayer Group East Calder Church Prayer Room 7.30pm
Tuesday	15 th Nov	The Guild - Then and Now – Recognising Long Service East Calder Church Hall 7.30pm Singing Group Kirknewton Church 7.30pm

CHURCH CALENDAR cont'd

Wednesday	16 th Nov	House Groups 7.30pm
Thursday	17 th Nov	Lunch Club East Calder Church Hall 11.30am
Friday	18 th Nov	Kosy Kaff Kirknewton Village Hall 4.00-5.00pm Boys' Brigade East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Sunday	20 th Nov	Morning Worship Services Kirknewton 9.45am East Calder 11.15am In Focus: East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Monday	21 st Nov	Prayer Group East Calder Church Prayer Room 7.30pm
Tuesday	22 nd Nov	Singing Group Kirknewton Church 7.30pm
Wednesday	23 rd Nov	House Groups 7.30pm
Thursday	24 th Nov	Forget-me-not Café East Calder Church Hall 10.00am -12 noon
Friday	25 th Nov	Kosy Kaff Kirknewton Village Hall 4.00-5.00pm Boys' Brigade East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Sunday	27 th Nov	Morning Worship Services Kirknewton 9.45am East Calder 11.15am In Focus: East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Monday	28 th Nov	Prayer Group East Calder Church Prayer Room 7.30pm
Tuesday	29 th Nov	Congregational Board East Calder Church Hall 7.00pm Kirk Session East Calder Church Hall 8.00pm Singing Group Kirknewton Church 7.30pm
Wednesday	30 th Nov	Kirknewton Bible Study Kirknewton Church Hall 10.00am – 11.00am House Groups 7.30pm