

# KNEC NEWS



**October 2017**



Kirknewton and East Calder Parish Church of Scotland  
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***This month includes:***

***Prayer Groups***

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***Kids' Korner***



# AUTUMN

A decorative graphic featuring the word 'AUTUMN' in a stylized, orange-brown font. Below the text is a horizontal line, and underneath that, there are several yellow and orange leaves and elegant white swirls, creating a decorative flourish.

Autumn is one of the four temperate seasons, it marks the transition from summer into winter.

In September the arrival of night comes noticeably earlier and the temperature cools considerably. One of its main features is the shedding of leaves from deciduous trees as they pave way for further growth.

The leaves on some trees begin to change colour, red, orange, and gold colours giving us a wonderful display as the trees prepare for winter then new growth in the spring. This is the wonder of nature in action.

Sometimes our faith is like a tree, strong, powerful and glorious, however sometimes we can withdraw and wait for the lighter nights and the warm weather so we can spring back to life.

Why wait for spring? Let Jesus into your life every day, feel the renewing power of the Holy Spirit as he refreshes and recharges us every day.

So like a tree sheds leaves to allow new growth, let us shed all our old ways and habits and let Jesus renew and refresh through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Be willing to soak up some light and bask in God's Word, allowing it to expose, correct and heal. Leave the darkness behind and bask in the glorious light of the Lord.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said,

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

This is the power of the Lord in action.

*Phil Simpkin*

## 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.

# **prayer** in our Church

## ***MONDAY EVENINGS***

Each Monday evening at 7.30pm we meet in the prayer room at the back of East Calder church for an hour. You are most welcome to come even for a short time or to ask us to pray for you and your family and friends. We pray for our church life and the leaders of the different organisations. If your group would like us to pray for specific things please ask us.

## ***SUNDAY MORNINGS***

Each Sunday there is an opportunity to be prayed for as an individual after the service. It takes place in the prayer room and two people will pray in confidence for you. If more than one person comes through we will ask one of you to wait in the church until we have prayed with the first person.

## ***PASTORAL PRAYERS***

A small group of people meet every two weeks to pray for Pastoral issues within the church. We pray under the guidance of Rev Dr B Robson.

## ***PRAYER COUPLETS***

There are several small groups of folks who meet to pray with each other for their families, friends and whatever God lays on their hearts. If you would like to pray with one or two others and need support to get started please speak to me and I will try to help you.

## ***HOUSE GROUPS***

Prayer is also a vital part of the House Groups that meet each week. A place to learn, share and grow together.

## ***VACANCY***

There is an opportunity to join with others to pray for our church during our vacancy. It is in the prayer room at East Calder at 2.30 pm on the last Sunday of the month for an hour's duration. It is led each month by a different person. Dates for rest of the year are advertised in KNEC News.

Every blessing as you journey in your faith. May your prayer life be one of joy and hope and perseverance.



All are welcome to come and share a time of worship, thanksgiving and fellowship each Sunday evening at 6.30pm in East Calder Church Hall.

All those who attended In Focus (IF) when it resumed on 17 September 2017, were welcomed back for its 16<sup>th</sup> year. The first evening, was when the IF planning team outlined the programme for the year ahead. The following week, one of our members spoke on a character of God's nature, "God our Father" which was encouraging and gave an insight into his experience and knowledge of God.

The programme for October is as follows:

**1 October 2017**

One of our members will speak about 5 of her favourite hymns and why;

**8 October 2017**

One of our members will share her experience of an aspect of God's character;

**15 October 2017**

Rev Dr Brenda Robson will speak about what the Christian approach should be to the occult, spiritualism, horoscopes, tea leaf reading. etc!

**22 October 2017**

One of our members will reflect on verse 1 of the hymn "When we walk with the Lord" and chorus, Trust and Obey;

**29 October 2017**

A well-known Parish Deacon from Livingston Old Parish Church, will share with our fellowship.

If you have never attended In Focus before, please come along and join with others for a time of informal worship and fellowship together.

# The Singing Group

## ***WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS***

After our short break during August we have now resumed our weekly practice on Tuesday evenings at 7.45 pm in Kirknewton Church. We meet primarily to rehearse the hymns for the Sunday service in Kirknewton and we usually conclude the service with an exit hymn.



Although we are all dedicated and enthusiastic our group is fairly small and it would be lovely to have some new members. You do not need to attend the Kirknewton service to join us. The group aims to sing solo pieces at special services such as Easter and Christmas and it would be good to have additional voices even just for these occasions. We could do so much more with greater numbers. Music is an integral part of our worship and a wonderful way to give praise and honour to God.

We also have great fun, laughter and fellowship followed by coffee/tea and biscuits. So if you just like to sing please think (and pray) about joining us on Tuesday evenings.

## 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 November's Magazine will be **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.**

## 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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Wouldn't it be great if Kirknewton and East Calder Church had a Facebook page so that people who don't come around our church can still see the everyday goings on of our community here within the two villages?

The good news is that we already do, but as a church we could be using the Facebook page a lot more to communicate further what our church is doing here. Maybe you are a group organizer in the church and you would like your group to be advertised to the wider community of Kirknewton and East Calder. If you share a picture and a few words on the church Facebook page you can instantly reach hundreds of people in the village just by the touch of a few buttons.

Perhaps you feel like the world of Facebook is beyond you but you still fancy the idea. Why not contact David and give us some material we can share for you. The Facebook community loved hearing about our Church family outing and Robert and Margaret's Diamond wedding anniversary. Maybe you are already a dab hand at Facebook and use it in your family. Why not share a craft your children did at Sunday school or share what encouraged you in the sermon by posting about it on Facebook and tagging Kirknewton and East Calder Church.

Facebook is a great way to invite hundreds of local people to events your church group is hosting. Let us use this well-established internet tool and share our church community with more and more people.

## 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 October and continue our theme 'The Sermon on the Mount' (on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 12.30pm, after the Lunch Club).

- On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October the theme will be "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven". Matt 5:3
- On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October the theme will be "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted". Matt 5:4

All welcome.

Another session started towards the end of August. At the beginning of last year we were concerned about the lower number of Boys as we had 21 Boys registered. GREAT NEWS!! This year we have 31 Boys on the register and we're delighted to welcome all new Boys to the Company.

Our annual Enrolment Service was held on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> September and 17 of the Boys were with us. It would have been nice to have had a 100% turnout but perhaps some day. It was also encouraging to see the number of parents who were at Church to support the Boys.

This session the Junior Section celebrates 100 years. We've to undertake 100 challenges from completing a 100 piece jigsaw to catching a ball 100 times and 98 other challenges in between. We're working our way through the list and have about 75 left to complete!! Don't tell anyone but the Company Section is giving us a little help – well most of them have been in the Junior Section.



To celebrate West Lothian Battalion's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Junior Section and younger Boys in the Company Section are going ten pin bowling at Deer Park. This will be on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

Captain

# *Stewardship campaign for 2017/18*

When we accept that Jesus is Lord, everything in your life becomes stewardship: thanking God, using the world well, looking after our environment, using our talents and finances.

**So let us unpick stewardship for our Congregation at Kirknewton and East Calder.**

It was agreed with the blessing of Kirk Session at the September meeting that our Stewardship campaign for the next year should be around the challenging theme of “**TIME**”.

**In other words, we will endeavour to turn our attention to time.**

How do we manage our time?

How do we use it to connect to God and to others?

Are we even aware of what we do with our time?

Time is one of our precious resources, and yet it is something that we often waste.

At different times of our lives, we have different calls on our time.

When did you last stand back and take a look at how you are using this precious resource, and whether your spending of it fulfils your life?

We hopefully will be challenged to give attention to that aspect of our lives.

It may reveal things that surprise us. Are you ready for that challenge?

On Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> October, we will have a special morning service around the theme of time, to which all are invited.

Look forward to seeing you there.

*Your Stewardship Committee*

**STEWARDSHIP**  
TIME • TALENT • TREASURE



## **The Meaningful Chocolate Company 2017 Real Advent Calendar Launched**

The 2017 Real Advent Calendar has a new look and comes with their biggest ever 24-page Christmas story activity book designed to be used every day in Advent.

For further details contact: [www.meaningfulchocolate.co.uk](http://www.meaningfulchocolate.co.uk)



## MIXED UP MONTHS

Words that begin with 'oct' mean to do with the number eight – an octopus has 8 tentacles, an octagon has 8 sides. So October should be the 8<sup>th</sup> month of the year, shouldn't it? But it isn't.



The reason goes back to Roman times. October was the eighth month in the Roman calendar until July was added to celebrate the birth month of Julius Caesar. This was

followed by Augustus who also added another month (guess what that one was called!). With these two extra months fitted into the calendar what was the eighth month became the tenth month. Which gets more muddled: because words beginning with 'dec' mean to do with the number ten, so under the old way December was the tenth month. Shall I stop now before we all get even more confused?

## OOOOOOs

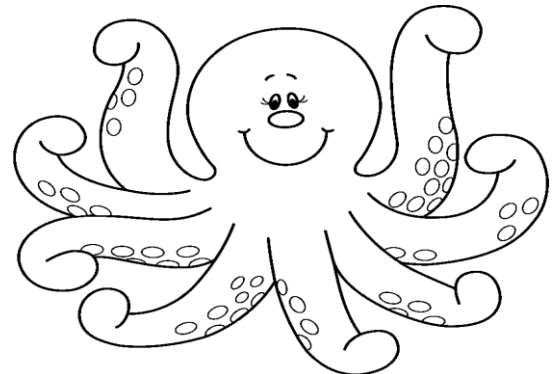
All these names begin with O – which ones aren't the real name of a saint?

1. Odo
2. Olaf
3. Osyth
4. Oliver
5. Olympias
6. Odilia
7. Omer
8. Oudoceus
9. Osburga
10. Ouen

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**How does an octopus go into battle?**

Well armed.



**What's round, orange and can't sit down?**

A seatless Satsuma.

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**Answers:** the answer is that they all are real saint's names! Aren't you glad that they didn't call you after some of these saints?

# CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

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

# CHURCH CALENDAR

(See Organisations' meeting times on page 13)

Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	<b>Morning Worship Services</b> <b>Back to Church Sunday &amp; Harvest Thanksgiving</b> Kirknewton 9.45am East Calder 11.15am (Family Service) <b>In Focus:</b> East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	<b>Prayer Group</b> East Calder Church Prayer Room 7.30pm
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	<b>The Guild</b> East Calder Church Hall 7.30pm <b>Singing Group</b> Kirknewton Church 7.45pm
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Housegroups</b> 7.30pm
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Lunch Club</b> East Calder Church Hall 11.30am <b>The Break</b> East Calder Church Prayer Room 12.30pm
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Kosy Kaff</b> Kirknewton Village Hall 4.00-5.00pm <b>Boys' Brigade</b> East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Morning Worship Services</b> Kirknewton 9.45am East Calder 11.15am <b>In Focus:</b> East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Prayer Group</b> East Calder Church Prayer Room 7.30pm
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Singing Group</b> Kirknewton Church 7.45pm
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Housegroups</b> 7.30pm
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Kosy Kaff</b> Kirknewton Village Hall 4.00-5.00pm <b>Boys' Brigade</b> East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Morning Worship Services - Stewardship Services</b> Kirknewton 9.45am East Calder 11.15am <b>In Focus:</b> East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Prayer Group</b> East Calder Church Prayer Room 7.30pm

# CHURCH

## CALENDAR cont'd

Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>The Guild</b> East Calder Church Hall 7.30pm <b>Singing Group</b> Kirknewton Church 7.45pm
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Housegroups</b> 7.30pm
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Lunch Club</b> East Calder Church Hall 11.30am <b>The Break</b> East Calder Church Prayer Room 12.30pm
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Kosy Kaff</b> Kirknewton Village Hall 4.00-5.00pm
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	<b>Morning Worship Services - Communion</b> Kirknewton 9.45am East Calder 11.15am <b>In Focus:</b> East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	<b>Prayer Group</b> East Calder Church Prayer Room 7.30pm
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Singing Group</b> Kirknewton Church 7.45pm
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Kirknewton Bible Study</b> Kirknewton Church Hall 10.00 – 11.00am <b>Housegroups</b> 7.30pm
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Forget-me-not Café</b> East Calder Church Hall 10.00am- 12 noon
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Kosy Kaff</b> Kirknewton Village Hall 4.00-5.00pm <b>Boys' Brigade</b> East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Morning Worship Services</b> Kirknewton 9.45am East Calder 11.15am <b>Prayer Meeting</b> East Calder Church Prayer Room 2.30pm <b>In Focus:</b> East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Prayer Group</b> East Calder Church Prayer Room 7.30pm
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	<b>Kirk Session</b> East Calder Church Hall 7.15pm <b>Singing Group</b> Kirknewton Church 7.45pm