

KNEC NEWS



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Kirknewton and East Calder Parish Church of Scotland
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From the Manse



“Dear brothers and sisters, you are dearly loved by God and we know that he has chosen you to be his very own. For our gospel came to you not merely in the form of words but in mighty power infused with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. Surely you remember how we lived our lives transparently before you to encourage you.” (1 Thessalonians 1:4-5)

Last week Sarah and I had the privilege of having a holiday in Greece. We flew to Thessaloniki and spent the week on the Kassandra Peninsula, the area called Halkidiki. Thessaloniki is a huge city of over one million people. In New Testament times, Thessalonica was the major sea port in the area and so it was an important place for the apostle Paul, Timothy and Silas, to visit with the good news of the gospel.

It is obvious that the whole region has deep Christian roots and the Greek Orthodox Church clearly continues to thrive. I loved how so many homes have little model Byzantine structures in their gardens which have candles in them. They are often dedicated to famous saints. The most famous saint in that region was Saint Demetrius and the oldest church building in Thessaloniki is the 5th century Church of Saint Demetrius.

While I was there I read Paul’s letters to the Thessalonians and was struck by these verses at the start of the first letter about how important it is to live out one’s faith in practical ways.

N.T.Wright says in his commentary, “Christian behaviour is not a matter of a few rules made up by a heavenly bureaucrat or policeman but a matter of reflecting God’s glory with every part of life”. He goes on to quote the old poem,

*I’d rather see a sermon, than hear one any day;
I’d rather one would walk with me than merely show the way.
The eye’s a better pupil, more willing than the ear;
Fine counsel is confusing, but example’s always clear.*

Demetrius, Paul, Silas and Timothy all demonstrated their faith in Christ, not just with words but by the way they lived transparently and trusting in the power of God's Spirit to be with them and to guide them. The same Spirit is here with us, inspiring us to reflect the glory of God with every part of life.

Alistair Cowper

Funeral

*Mrs May Douglas on 10th September
at West Lothian Crematorium*



Pastoral Visits

Please advise Rev Alistair Cowper, Rev Dr Brenda Robson 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.

F*in*OCUS

Each Sunday evening at 6.30 pm in East Calder Church Hall, we meet in fellowship, to worship and praise God,

for His goodness towards us. All welcome.

The programme for October is as follows: -

- 7th October: *Café* The Boys' Brigade will share how they enable fellowship and encourage outreach within their group.
- 14th October: Two of our members will share about a new beginning or ending they have experienced and will reflect on how it has helped them know God better.
- 21st October: An evening when another Church will explain how they stand alongside those facing injustice or poverty within their community or the wider world.
- 28th October: *Café* Jesus' intense love for mankind was energised by the power of God. One of our members will tell of her passion for singing and how God empowers her to do what she does.

Please think about coming along and join in Fellowship. Refreshments will be provided.

In Focus Planning Team



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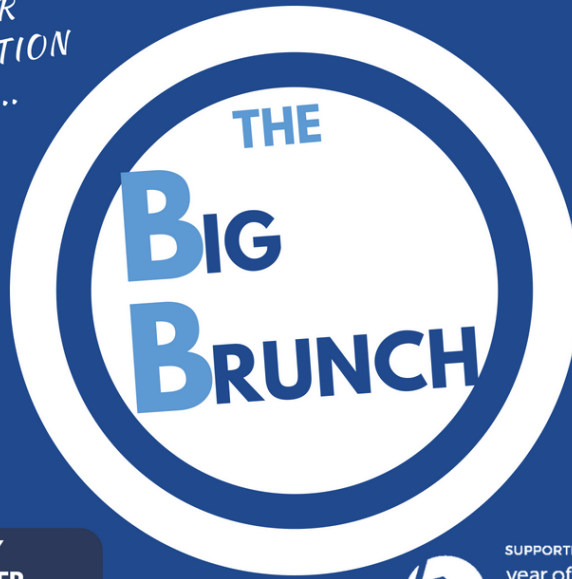
The Boys' Brigade in Scotland is delighted that we will be working with the Church of Scotland Guild as one of their new project partners for 2018 – 2021.

We look forward to the next three years of sharing and learning through our project 'Faith in Young People' and we'll be speaking to our Guild on 6th November about the project.

The Boys' Brigade's Year of Young People has invited companies across Scotland to take part in a giant combined breakfast event. Whether it's a brunch, coffee morning or something similar, the main idea is that BB young people take the lead and invite the wider community to get involved – and that these happen on the same day in various places across the country.

It is hoped that this event will be a perfect way to bring together young and old – and also current, as well as former members of The Boys' Brigade. We hope that many of the congregation will manage to join us and there's an invitation on the next page. There will be no charge for the 'Brunch' but a donation box where all proceeds will go to The Boys' Brigade (Church of Scotland) World Mission Fund (Charity registered in Scotland No SC016662).

YOUR
INVITATION
TO...



SATURDAY
27 OCTOBER
#bigBBbrunch



SUPPORTING
year of young people
bliadhna na h-òigridh
2018



Come and join us for Brunch
in East Calder Church Hall
between 10.30 and 12.00 and
support our young people in
this "Year of Young People".



EnerJ updates

Well a lot has happened at EnerJ since starting back after summer. We have looked at trusting in the Bible, the walls of Jerhico, David the shepherd boy, David & Goliath and Daniel & the lions' den so far. Using different approaches, we have worked with the children exploring these well-known stories.



Some weeks we set up like church, some weeks we go on a journey while others we explore outdoors. We have been posting weekly photos on our Facebook page which has been great to share. If you aren't already friends with our page, please send us a friend's request at EnerJ church.

We are planning into the coming months and have some dates for your diary - more details will follow in due course but for the time being:

Sunday 4th November - EnerJ team will lead In Focus

Saturday 17th November - Fundraising event 2-4pm

Saturday 15th December - EnerJ Christmas party
Sunday 16th December - Nativity family service.



Quite a lot going on just now and we have been very encouraged by good numbers each week from 12-17 children which is great. Please do continue to pray for all of our children in EnerJ and also for the leaders.

Thank you for your continued support.

The EnerJ Team.



Men's Fellowship October meetings will be on Sat 13th and 27th October at 8:30am in the downstairs hall. The meeting starts with breakfast followed by our guest speaker. The meeting finishes at 9:45am.

A warm invitation is extended to all men in the church fellowship and those who live in the Kirknewton and East Calder area. You will be made most welcome and we look forward to meeting you at our next meeting.

THE BREAK

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

On Thursday 4th October, the theme will be 'Jesus heals a paralytic who was let down from the roof'.

On Thursday 18th October, the theme will be 'Jesus calms a storm on the sea'.

Come along and join this short service of praise, worship and fellowship - 12:30pm, after the Lunch Club.

Date for your diary:

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

House Groups

The House Group programme has restarted after the summer break. 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.

Prayer



Matters

Over the summer evenings we have prayed through the streets of East Calder on a Monday evening. Over the next five Monday evenings, weather permitting, we will walk and pray around the streets of Kirknewton. Do feel free to join us, 7.30 at East Calder Church prayer room.

On St Andrew's day, 30th November, the church will be open all day for prayer. This is part of an organised National prayer event. Again, all are welcome to pop in on the way to work, during the day or on the way home from work.

We continue to offer prayer ministry after the Sunday worship service at East Calder in the prayer room. It can be a bit hectic as the crèche babies and toddlers are collected by their parents. Don't be put off by the bustle as the function of the room changes from crèche to prayer. Please ask if you would like us to pray in blessing for your children.

Prayer

Father God in Jesus name we thank you for all the praying people in this place and all the times and places we stop to thank you and ask your guidance and blessings.

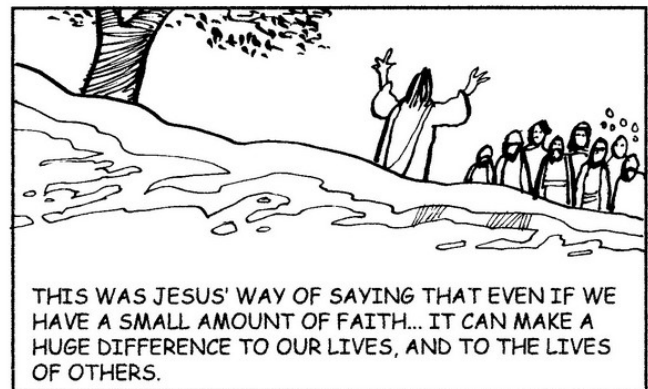
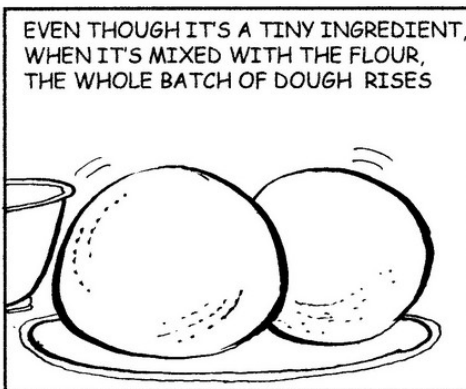
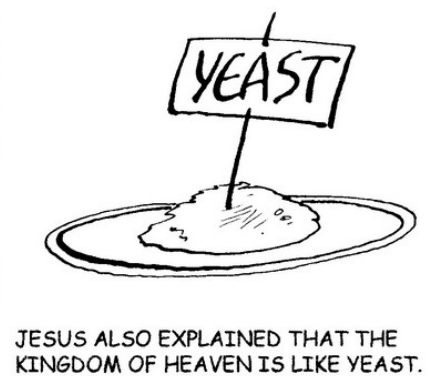
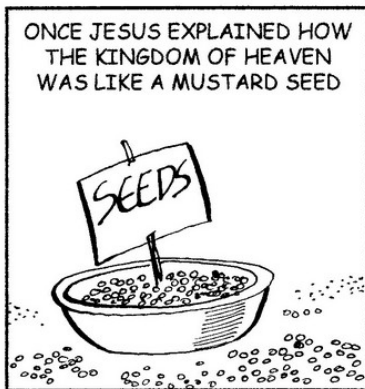
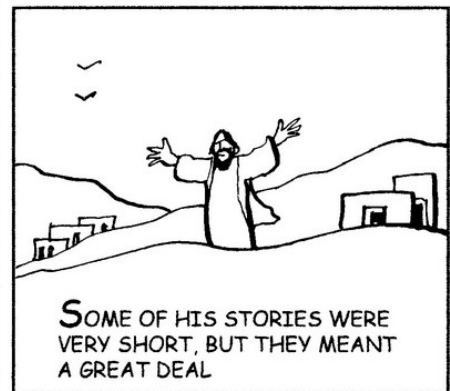
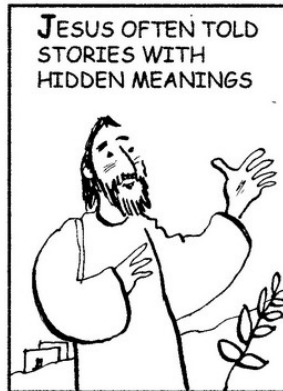
Prayer after House groups, before the Lunch Club, at the end of conversations in church on a Sunday, two or three meeting in their homes during the week praying for each other, their families and neighbours.

Thank you that you hear us and rejoice as we speak to you. We ask you Father to help us hear you speak into our lives, relationships and community. Help us to see you working in our lives and fellowship.

Bless Alistair and Brenda as they preach and share your word to us.

Amen

The tale of the Mustard Seed & the tale of the Yeast



WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

7 th October	Harvest Thanksgiving	Kirknewton Church	9.45am
		Family Service at East Calder Church	11.15am
	In Focus	East Calder Church Hall	6.30pm
14 th October	Worship Services	Kirknewton Church	9.45am
		East Calder Church	11.15am
	In Focus	East Calder Church Hall	6.30pm
21 st October	Stewardship Services	Kirknewton Church	9.45am
		East Calder Church	11.15am
	In Focus	East Calder Church Hall	6.30pm
28 th October	Communion Services	Kirknewton Church	9.45am
		East Calder Church	11.15am
	In Focus	East Calder Church Hall	6.30pm
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
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
	In Focus	East Calder Church Hall	6.30pm

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

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