

KNEC NEWS



May 2019



Kirknewton and East Calder Parish Church of Scotland
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Christ is Risen! Happy Resurrection Season!

Easter Sunday may have come and gone for another year but we're still in the Season of Easter until Pentecost. In some ways, we're eternally in the Season of Easter, because death and resurrection is at work in all of us, all of the time.

Richard Rohr recently posted an article in which he said this:

“Death and life are two sides of the same coin; you cannot have one without the other. Each time you surrender, each time you trust the dying, your faith is led to a deeper level and you discover a Larger Self underneath. You decide not to push yourself to the front of the line, and something much better happens in the back of the line. You let go of your narcissistic anger, and you find that you start feeling much happier. You surrender your need to control your partner, and finally the relationship blossoms or ends. Yet each time it is a choice—and each time it is a kind of dying. It seems we only know what life is when we know what death is.”

We may not be able to choose when or how our bodies will eventually die but we do have control over how we live. We make choices all the time. We can choose to live and love in a certain way. We can choose to let go and trust God and embrace the Christ life of dying and rising. We can choose to follow the Way of Jesus and live in the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

Take a moment to meditate on Galatians 2:20 from The Passion Translation:

“My old identity has been co-crucified with Messiah and no longer lives; *for the nails of his cross crucified me with him*. And now the essence of this new life is no longer mine, for the Anointed One lives his life through me—we *live in union as one!* My new life is empowered by the faith of the Son of God who loves me so much that he gave himself for me, and dispenses his life into mine!”

Enjoy the life of Christ at work in you.

Alistair



Pastoral Care

Please let Alistair know if you'd like a home visit, or to go out for coffee. He doesn't always know who'd like a visit, so it would help if people asked for one. He'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.



The Wednesday House Groups restart after the Easter break on Wednesday 1st May (7.30pm) at the homes of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. All welcome. For more information, call [REDACTED].



In Focus is held each Sunday evening at 6.30pm in East Calder Church Hall. During 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 May 2019, is as follows: -

- 5 May: Café: [REDACTED] will share on how 'The Break / Lunch Club and House Groups' enable fellowship and encourage outreach to others.
- 12 May: Café: What other Churches do. Rev Ken Mackay will take a look at how other Churches stand alongside those in poverty or facing injustice within their community or in the world.
- 19 May: **No "In Focus"** as this is the General Assembly week (Heart and Soul takes place in Prices Street Gardens).
- 26 May: A reflection on getting to know God better through personally experiencing a new beginning or ending.

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

For more information on anything relating to In Focus, or if anyone needs a lift, please contact [REDACTED]

In Focus Planning Team.

T H BREAK

The Break continues the theme 'The Miracles of Jesus' and during May will meet on:

Thursday 2nd May, when [REDACTED] will lead on 'Jesus walks on water'.

Thursday 16th May, when [REDACTED] will lead on 'Jesus heals a woman in the crowd'.

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

Praying in Parliament

SUPP (Scotland United in Prayer for Parliament) is once again meeting in a committee room of our Parliament at Holyrood to pray for current issues and for people who work there, especially our MSPs.

Tuesday 14th May, 6.00pm - 7.30pm, assembling in the foyer of the Parliament no later than 5.45pm.

For security purposes, they need to have the names of all who are coming by 10th. Please let me know if you would like to come. Shared transport will be organised.





1st EAST CALDER COMPANY

Another session almost finished – it seems like only yesterday when we started in August. How the time flies past when you're enjoying yourself!!

On 10th May we're off to the Battalion's May Service which is being held in Bathgate Boghall Church. We're delighted that, at the service, two of our Boys will be presented with Gold Award Certificates to acknowledge their achievements over three years in the Junior Section. We also have two young men being presented with letters from the Battalion to recognise their success in obtaining the highest award in the Boys' Brigade i.e. the Queen's Badge. Last but not least we will be receiving the Battalion Trophy for Table Tennis. Congratulations to all the Boys on these achievements.

On 24th May we'll be rehearsing for our Annual Display and Presentation of Awards which will be held on 31st May. We hope that many of the congregation will be able to join us in East Calder Church Hall on the 31st at 7.00pm.



Although the Presentation of Awards is our final 'usual' meeting night for the session, the Junior Section and Company Section will be off to camp over the weekend of 14th -16th June. We are returning to Canty Bay at North Berwick and the Boys are really looking forward to the various activities.

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Captain

Extract from Minutes of Session Meeting held on 26th March 2019

Matters Arising

- (a) Youth Church. [REDACTED] reported that he intended to arrange a meeting after church.
- (b) Kosy Kaff. A letter has gone out to all parents at Kirknewton Primary School to gauge interest in running Messy Church on a Friday afternoon immediately after school. We await responses.
- (c) Go For It Funding for the Listening Project. We have been granted £1,500 for a Research Project. Session agreed that we should proceed. We now need to form a project team, advertise for somebody to carry out the research and produce a job description.
- (d) Stewardship of Talents. 19 paper hearts completed which [REDACTED] has recorded. A useful exercise as we now know a little more about the talents of a few members of our congregation.
- (e) Alpha Course. There are 15 people who have attended at least 1 week. Around 10 attend each week. As there is no weekend away planned, the course will last till 16th May. Some of the people attending would like some sort of continuation e.g. Bible study, new House group.
- (f) Buildings. Meeting held with the Convener of the Presbytery Property Committee who agreed that in the long term we need to keep all of our buildings. Various ideas for change were expressed; but there have been no decisions.
- (g) EnerJ. 1 person has expressed an interest and there are others who need to be approached [REDACTED] outlined the way that Livingston United arranges Sunday School. Perhaps we need to totally rethink EnerJ. We need to keep praying; but time is passing.
- (h) Transport to Worship. The Moderator will produce a list of those needing a lift.

Minister's Report

1 funeral. 4-6 pastoral visits - working through the roll those who don't see at worship.

Interim moderator until end of May? New minister has been selected.

Safe Families training complete – Moderator and [REDACTED].

TFG Lent Study - 19 attended week 1.

Open Door is taking a break until further notice.

EC Community Council – attended the latest meeting. **Post meeting note** - [REDACTED] has offered to attend CC meetings and feedback.

Manse Court service 16 April 11am. Would be good to hold this event regularly and be Elder led.

Holiday cover 5, 12 May – [REDACTED] will organise the services on these Sundays.

Safeguarding

Taking steps to get [REDACTED] officially appointed as a Safeguarding Coordinator. There is some training required for some of our volunteers so enquiries have been made regarding dates. Is there a need for an updated course on Safeguarding for members of Session?

Other Business

(1) Long Service Certificate. [REDACTED] will celebrate 60 years as an elder in May this year.

(2) Attestation of Congregational Records. The Clerk reported that our records had been attested by Presbytery including the Safeguarding Audit Form SG11.

(3) Pastoral Care Team. Pastoral care is not a gift endowed on every elder. Also, it is recognised that there is much pastoral care being carried out by individual members of the congregation. Session agreed that a Pastoral Care Support Team is required. **Post Meeting Note** – [REDACTED] have agreed to take a lead in setting up a team.

(4) Space in East Calder. [REDACTED] has offered the community some premises on the Main Street in East Calder. The Moderator suggested that a Community Charity Shop would be a great way of engaging with the community. Session agreed that we are interested as a partnership with the community and that the topic should be taken to the Community Council.

(5) Christian Aid. The week runs from 12th to 18th May. Session agreed that a coffee morning would be held on 11th May to start off the week. [REDACTED] will arrange this. [REDACTED] will also try to find suitable videos to be shown in church to promote the work of Christian Aid. As always Christian Aid envelopes will be distributed on the pews.

[REDACTED]
Session Clerk

EnerJ

We hope you had a good Easter break and are enjoying all your Easter Eggs! We had lots of fun exploring the Easter story together before the holidays and the children got to make their own wooden cross which they all enjoyed.



We have a busy programme planned until summer, looking at things like friendship, prayer, do not worry, trust and love one another. We look forward to learning along with and from the children. We hope to get outdoors to do some of our lessons.

The outing plans are well under way - the site at Lendrick Muir is booked and the coach hired. Please mark the 23rd June in your diary if you have not already done so and join us for lots of fun. The wooden bus will go out to mark your name down on 12th May.

We thank you for your continued prayerful support of the EnerJ children, their families and the leaders. Please continue to pray as we continue to walk alongside the children and encourage them on one of their greatest journeys.

Thank you

The EnerJ Team.

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embrace extravagance

feel the burn

it flows over dull pebbles

and polishes sharp stones

and shines out their beauty

try giving

and giving

and giving again

experience extravagance

feel the love

it flows over our failures

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June 2011



HOLIDAY CLUB

Registration for this year's

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will open during May.

Watch out for further information on the Church's web site knec4jesus.org.uk and in the intimation sheet.

Flyers will be distributed through the local schools so register early to guarantee your place!

There will be a meeting of all helpers on

**THURSDAY 23rd MAY AT 7.30PM
IN KIRKNEWTON CHURCH HALL.**

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 June's Magazine will be **Friday 24th May** and this will be the last KNEC News until September.

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' – now available to listen to via the website or to download or subscribe as a podcast on iTunes etc – the links are all on the website.

Copies of KNEC News are also on the website.

Have a look!

If you would like to receive KNEC News by email please send your email address to: kneccnews@btinternet.com

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 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 |

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| 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 |
| 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 |

Worship Service Times during May

Sunday services will be held weekly at the usual times of:

Kirknewton Church: 9.45am

East Calder Church: 11.15am

In Focus – East Calder Church Hall: 6.30pm

Please note: There will be no In Focus on 19th May.