

KNEC NEWS



June 2018



Kirknewton and East Calder Parish Church of Scotland
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From the Manse



“God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him” (John 3:17)

Many people are very familiar with John 3 verse 16 but not so many know verse 17. It’s a great verse and it tells us clearly that Jesus did not come to judge but to save. Many people today can feel judged for not being enough - not good enough or handsome enough or ‘whatever’ enough. Often the worst judges are ourselves. We can give ourselves a hard time when we ‘listen’ to the inner voice that condemns us or tells us that we are not enough. If that’s something that has ever happened to you, then you need to know that Jesus came to change that. God sent Jesus into the world to save people from condemnation and judgement. Jesus came to make new patterns of thinking and living in people so much so that they would begin to see themselves as part of God’s new creation. Behold I am making all things new, he says in Revelation 21:5.

On the weekend of 15-17 June, Billy Graham’s grandson will be preaching at the Celebration of Hope at Falkirk Stadium. It would be great if we could fill a bus to go to one of the services over the weekend. We’ve decided to cancel the regular *In Focus* service on Sunday 17 June to encourage people to the Sunday evening service at 5pm. There may be people from Kirknewton and East Calder who go to the weekend and who respond to the Good News of the Gospel for the first time. For this reason I felt it was important that I should participate in the weekend so as to enable our church to receive anyone from our area who makes a response. Local churches will be needed to welcome and help disciple new believers. Why don’t we pray that there will be an explosion of new believers in Kirknewton and East Calder, that many will indeed be saved by the one who came to save rather than judge or condemn.

Father God, we pray that many people will hear the truth of your saving love in Jesus Christ for the first time, and that many more will recommit their lives to you. Help us as a church to welcome them and be part of your process of saving your world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Alistair Cowper

PS

Why not be an Andrew? Pick up a card from church with details of how you can introduce your friend to Jesus. Ask God to show you people you might invite to the weekend or to come to church at any other time.

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.

EnerJ News

Over the last couple of months we have looked at the stories of Joseph and Moses. The children loved making their multicoloured coat - thank you to Nicola for making this possible for them to do. The coat is pinned to the wall in the upstairs hall so please take time to look at the children's hard work. Moving on to Moses, we have enjoyed going on a journey together pretending to be Moses and finding the burning bush.



The Church family Outing is fast approaching and we hope you are looking forward to it.

The bus will leave around 11, after the early service and take us to Lendrick Muir. Please join us for this on Sunday 24th June with your picnic.

Our first film café will have taken place by the time this is distributed and we hope it goes well. The aim of this is for children and families around the village to join us for a lazy film morning with a chance for them to see what we do in EnerJ and have a chat. We hope to run this a few times a year depending on response.

Kids Klub will run over the summer months with EnerJ returning on Sunday 26th August.

We hope you all have a good summer.

Thank you for your continued support and prayer.

The EnerJ Team

Youth Church – an insight

Comments directly from the Youth Church members

“In Youth Church we have been learning about why you have to come to church, it is about learning about church. We also have learned the reasons you might not come to church, you might feel upset if one of your family members die”

“We learn various lessons and complete different tasks. Recently we spoke about why people go and don’t go to church. Also, we spoke about the fruit of the spirit and discussed what was involved in each fruit. However, we also play games and organise events. In June we are looking to do a “Laser Quest” as well as going to organised youth events. Youth church gives me strength and confidence going into the week and the leaders pray for us which gives us confidence going forward”

“What we do”:-

- Fun and Games
- Learn about God in interactive activities
- Hot chocolate / biscuits

“Going to do”:-

- Laser Quest
- Learn
- FUN!!!

“In youth church we have been looking at negatives and positives of church, life etc. We are looking forward to going to Laser Quest in June.”



1st EAST CALDER
COMPANY

Our session finished with our Display and Presentation of Awards on 25th May when a good number of parents and friends came along to watch the Boys in action.

We were all a bit disappointed that our Queen's Man was ill and unable to be there to receive his Queen's Badge so instead of his parents presenting the award they received it! We will however mark his achievement some time in the future.

At West Lothian Battalion's May service we were delighted to discover that our Queen's Man had won the Trophy for the best Queen's Badge Book in West Lothian – a very proud moment for all of us.

We have now finished for the summer and our enrolment evening will be Friday 24th August which seems a long way off but as usual the summer will fly past and we'll be raring to go once again.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us in any way throughout the year.

Captain



As we approach the end of the 2017/18 Church year, the In Focus Planning Team thank everyone for their support over the past year. Whether through your, providing refreshments, musicians accompanying our worship, our technology assistant, those leading through prayers and supporting speakers and, speakers themselves who have shared their personal experience of God working in their lives. Thank you also to all who attend and support the fellowship.

10th June will be the final evening worship for this Church year.

Summer is a time to recharge our batteries and prepare for the new term which for In Focus, resumes on September 18th.

Programme for June

3rd June

Summer Songs of Praise

10th June

One of our members will share her experience of an aspect of God's character – God the Good Shepherd.



If you will be at Primary School next term or have just finished P7 we would like to invite you to join us at

GUARDIANS OF ANCORA TREASURE SEEKERS HOLIDAY CLUB

from 6th – 10th August in East Calder Church hall.

Come and join us as we search for more missing story-treasures in the city of Ancora.

Registration forms are available at the front of both Churches or can be requested by emailing

holidayclubk nec@outlook.com

Completed forms should be returned by 24th June.
Return details on the registration forms.

East Calder Gala Day

Saturday 9th June



Gala day is almost upon us, and, being one of KNEC's main outreach events in the village we would like to make it really count. Therefore, the Social & Community Committee requires your help to make it a memorable day.

How can you help?

Roll Making

We need volunteers to help make up the rolls at 8.30am in the Church Hall and a team to serve the teas/coffees, etc (even if you can only manage for 1hr.) between 12.30pm and 4.00pm.

Donations of home baking

or a contribution of money towards the cost of provisions, would be greatly appreciated. It would be helpful if baking is brought along to the Church Hall between 8am and 10.30am on Saturday morning or directly to the Partnership Centre between 11.30am & 12.30pm on Gala Day.

Remember teas will be served in the new Partnership Centre



We would like to really appeal for lots of baking again this year as it is always popular and quickly runs out. Last year was amazing and people were in awe at the display of cakes so please help if you can!

What do we need? – scones, pancakes, tea loaves, traybakes, sponges, cupcakes, tarts – anything would be great!!

Who do we need? – YOU!

Only with your help can we make this a Great Gala event and outreach in our community!

All proceeds from the refreshments, after taking off expenses, will again be donated to:

West Lothian Foodbank (Reg charity number SC008274 Registered in Scotland) which we are sure you will agree is a very worthwhile and relevant cause.

Last year we were delighted to be able to hand over £1,100 to the Foodbank – an amazing amount!!

The Story behind The Hymn

It is Well with My Soul

Built around a series of tragedies in the life of Horatio Spafford, “It is Well with My Soul” was written with a tremendous amount of emotion and profound faith.

Horatio, a successful lawyer in 1871 was first struck with misfortune when a great fire demolished all of his real estate investment properties in downtown Chicago. Three years later, while finishing up business, Horatio sent his wife and four daughters off to sea for a family vacation. The ship they were travelling on, the S.S. Ville Du Havre, sunk not long after, killing all four of Spafford’s daughters. Three years later, yet another unfortunate event came about in Horatio’s life. After his wife gave birth to a fifth child, the baby lived to be only four before dying of scarlet fever. These mark only a few of the horrific tragedies that invaded the life of Horatio Spafford.

In the late 1800s, it was Phillip P. Bliss who put Horatio’s story into song. Soon after, he first sang the hymn before an assembly of ministers in Chicago.

The meaning behind this well-known tune reminds us that amidst the trials, pain, and suffering of life, there is hope. There is hope because God is greater than our problems and has overcome this world. When our faith is tested by tragedy and sorrow, resting in Christ brings a renewed peace, renewed vision, and a deep rest to our soul.

Prayer



Matters

As you read this June magazine our village is getting ready for Gala week. Some people have been going all their lives and for those new to our village this is their first time.

Between the park and the church 'Tea Tent' in the Partnership Centre there will be three Gazebos representing our Church.

One of these offers a place to come and pray in or to be prayed with by someone else. You can write your prayer on a paper leaf and attach it to the prayer tree. At the

end of the afternoon these will be collected and taken to the Monday prayer meeting where we will pray for them and all who wrote them.

Over the summer months the Prayer meeting carries on and you are most welcome to join us. Come see what it is like and join us in prayer. Mondays at 7.30 for an hour in the prayer room.

We plan on dry Monday evenings to have some folks praying in the room as others go out to walk and pray in our village.

- Would you like us to come to your street or house and pray with you?
- Is there something you would like us to pray for, for our village?
- Would you like us to pray for you after church on a Sunday?
- Would you like us to pray with you over the phone?

Anywhere

Everywhere

Everything

Dear Father in Heaven,

Thank you for summer days and long evenings. For time to potter in the garden or go for walks with friends.

Thank you that even on our lowest and darkest of days you love us, care for us and are present with us. Reveal yourself to us and strengthen us.

Please bring to our minds people who are struggling with being alone. Direct us to who we are to pop in and visit, phone or write a note to.

Bless our communities we ask, helping us to make them a safe and beautiful place to live in.

Thank you for our lives for every heartbeat and breath and show us how to live, love and serve you in this place. Amen

Prayer Secretary

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: knecnews@btinternet.com

The deadline for September's Magazine will be **Friday 24th August.**

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'**.

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: knecnews@btinternet.com

THE BREAK

The Break is an opportunity to meet in fellowship for a short time of worship, prayer and thanksgiving. The last meeting of The Break before summer will take place on Thursday 7th June (at 12.30pm, after the Lunch Club) and will continue our theme 'The Sermon on the Mount'.

All welcome to hear Rev Ken McKay lead on Matt 5:43-48 (Love your Enemies).

As the church year comes to an end, may I take this opportunity to say a 'Big Thank-you' to everyone who has led and supported The Break over the year..... without you, this important time of worship and fellowship could not take place.

FUNERALS

Our Sympathies to the families of:

Mrs Carol Ann Lumsden whose funeral service was held in East Calder Church on 23rd May.

Mrs Agnes Dick whose funeral service was held in Kirknewton Church on 29th May.

Mrs Agnes Chapman whose funeral service was held in East Calder Church on 4th June.

To all who have lost a loved one we extend our sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers.



The doctor and the ill person



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS

ON ONE OCCASION JESUS CALLED MATTHEW - A TAX COLLECTOR TO BE HIS FOLLOWER.

JESUS EVEN WENT TO MATTHEW'S HOME.

THIS SET PEOPLE'S TONGUES WAGGING. THEY THOUGHT JESUS WAS LETTING THE SIDE DOWN!

BUT JESUS EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO TALK TO EVERYONE!

"PEOPLE WHO ARE WELL DO NOT NEED A DOCTOR"

"BUT ONLY THOSE WHO ARE SICK"

"IT IS KINDNESS THAT GOD WANTS"

"NOT ANIMAL SACRIFICES!" see Matthew Ch. 9 v.9-13

CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

Organisation	Contact(s)	Email	Tel	Details
Prayer Group				Mondays: 7.30pm East Calder Church Prayer Room.
Youth Church				S1 to S4, Sundays: 11.15am East Calder Church
Kosy Kaff				Primary school age children 1 st & 3 rd Fridays during school term 4.00-5.00pm Kirknewton Village Hall
EnerJ				Ages 3 – 11. Sundays: 11.15am East Calder Church Hall
The Boys' Brigade				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
The Guild				1 st and 3 rd Tuesday in month 7.30pm East Calder Church Hall
House Groups				Wednesdays 7.30pm
Singing Group				Tuesdays 7.45pm Kirknewton Church
Baby and Toddler Group				Thursdays: 9.30am-11.30am Kirknewton Church Hall
Lunch Club				1 st & 3 rd Thursday of each month 11.30am-12.30pm E/C Church Hall
The Break				1 st & 3 rd Thursday of each month 12.30pm-12.50pm East Calder Church Prayer Room
Forget-me-not Café				Last Thursday of each month 10.00am-12noon East Calder Church Hall
Bible Study				Last Wednesday of each month 10.00am-11.00am Kirknewton Church Hall
Praise Band				Sundays: 11.00am East Calder Church and 6.00pm East Calder Church Hall
Men's Fellowship				2 nd & 4 th Saturday of the month East Calder Church Hall 8.30am

CHURCH CALENDAR

(See Organisations' meeting times on page 17)

Friday	1st June	Kosy Kaff Kirknewton Village Hall 4.00-5.00pm
Sunday	3rd June	Morning Worship Services Kirknewton 9.45am East Calder 11.15am In Focus: East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Monday	4 th June	Prayer Group East Calder Church Prayer Room 7.30pm
Tuesday	5 th June	Singing Group Kirknewton Church 7.45pm
Thursday	7 th June	Lunch Club East Calder Church Hall 11.30am The Break East Calder Church Prayer Room 12.30pm
Sunday	10 th June	Morning Worship Services Kirknewton 9.45am East Calder 11.15am In Focus: East Calder Church Hall 6.30pm
Monday	11 th June	Prayer Group East Calder Church Prayer Room 7.30pm
Tuesday	12 th June	Singing Group Kirknewton Church 7.45pm
Wednesday	13 th June	Housegroups 7.30pm
Friday	15 th June	Kosy Kaff Kirknewton Village Hall 4.00-5.00pm
Sunday	17 th June	Morning Worship Services Kirknewton 9.45am East Calder 11.15am
Monday	18 th June	Prayer Group East Calder Church Prayer Room 7.30pm
Tuesday	19 th June	Congregational Board East Calder Church Hall 7.00pm Kirk Session East Calder Church Hall 8.00pm Singing Group Kirknewton Church 7.45pm

CHURCH CALENDAR cont'd

Wednesday	20 th June	Housegroups 7.30pm
Sunday	24 th June	Morning Worship Service and Church Family Outing Joint Service East Calder 9.45am
Monday	25 th June	Prayer Group East Calder Church Prayer Room 7.30pm
Tuesday	26 th June	Singing Group Kirknewton Church 7.45pm
Wednesday	27 th June	Bible Study Kirknewton Church Hall 10.00-11.00am
Thursday	28 th June	Forget-me-Not Café East Calder Church Hall 10.00am – 12 noon



**There will be joint services during
July and August.**

JULY

**KIRKNEWTON CHURCH
at 9.45am.**

AUGUST

**EAST CALDER CHURCH
at 11.15am.**