

Newsletter - 2nd May 2024

Sunday, 5th May 2023 - 10 30 a.m. - Morning Service - Jean Sweeny Ps 46: 1-7. When the storms come. (Communion).

We look forward to welcoming you to our morning worship service, and hope you will be blessed by your time with us. Sunday will be our monthly communion service. We'd love it if you joined us for a chat over a tea or coffee after the service. Refreshments will be served from the hatch in the foyer. Please remember that this morning's service will be live-streamed. It is also essential that we should start promptly at 10.30 a.m. for those watching elsewhere, so we would like to ask everyone to strive to be seated by 10.30.

This week @ BBC

Sunday, 5th May, 10. 30 am -

Duty Deacon: Alex Carduff

Communion setup: Margaret Morrison, Ana Maria Ortega

Welcome Team: Sandra Blackstock, Nasreen Bennet, Roddy Shaw

Tea/Coffee: Moira Shaw, Roddy Shaw

Prayer Ministry: Jean Sweeny, Don McLean

Creche: Lorna McLean, Christine Riddell

Wednesday, 8th May - 2 pm - Well-come Café

Next week @ BBC

Sunday, 12th May, 10. 30 am -

Duty Deacon: Don McKie

Welcome Team: Gale McCallum Michael Bradnam, Alan Christie

Tea/Coffee: TBC

Prayer Ministry: Nasreen Bennet + 1

Creche: Janet Campbell, Julia McCrum

Monday, 13th May - 9.30 am - Bumps and Bundles

Tuesday, 14th May - 12.30 pm - Lunchbreak

Wednesday, 15th May - 2 pm - Well-come Café

The complete events calendar is [here](#) and in your ChurchSuite app.

Church Manse - pledging arrangements.

At our meeting last week, the fellowship voted unanimously to approve a financial package to enable us to purchase a Church manse. As part of the funding arrangements, it was agreed to give people the opportunity to pledge funds towards the purchase. Pledge forms will be available at the back of the church for the next two Sundays, with **the deadline for pledges being Sunday, 12th May**. Completed forms should be put into the box which will be at the back of the sanctuary. Alternatively,

everyone will have received an email with a link to an electronic form - this can also be used to pledge funds.

Deacons' election

Members will find a letter and ballot slip in an individually-named envelope at the back of the sanctuary. We now move to the final stage of the election process, and ask members to complete the voting paper by placing a cross against the names of those you consider to be the right people to serve as Deacons and return the voting slip to the box provided, or by post in a stamped addressed envelope, which will be enclosed for postal replies. **The poll will close at 1.00pm on Sunday 26th May.** You are not restricted in the number of candidates you can vote for and may therefore vote for as many or as few candidates as you wish. The four candidates must each receive at least 60% of the votes of those returning ballot papers and will thereby be elected to the Diaconate for a term of four years.

Gospel for Asia -

Many of us have said how encouraged and challenged we were by the sermon last week from John Paul Dao of Gospel for Asia. As requested, here is a link to their website:- <https://www.gfauk.org/>

Remembering Together - An event to connect, to reflect and create

Saturday 18th May 2024, 11-3 pm Bearsden Baptist Church

Remembering Together is about creating together, being part of a process to commemorate those who have lost their lives, and those who have experienced loss and change due to COVID. It is also about recognising and celebrating the ways in which Scottish communities have come together during the most difficult times. In East Dunbartonshire, it was decided to install 12 new covered benches. Bearsden Baptist now hosts a bench in our Granary Garden. In partnership with Creatovators, 'our bench' shares the experiences of individuals and families impacted by autism.

On the 18th of May the partners will hold a community event to mark the installation of the new bench, and highlight the stories and music that was created to celebrate the work of Creatovators. The event will run between 11-3pm and is open to all. Activities include; official opening and listening to the sound cloud, time to reflect and remember through planting and art, guided tours of the Roman site, BBQ, tea and coffee, outdoor activities for children and an opportunity to walk to Kilmardinny loch. There are lots of ways you can be involved in helping to support this event. We particularly need help with serving tea and coffee in Room 1, and with home baking, welcome and carpark support. Please consider how you can support and contact Joe or Rachel Tainsh.

****SAVE THE DATE****

On Saturday 2nd November 2024 we plan to host an Art and Craft Fayre in the church from 10am-2pm. This will raise funds for some of our mission partners. Watch this space!