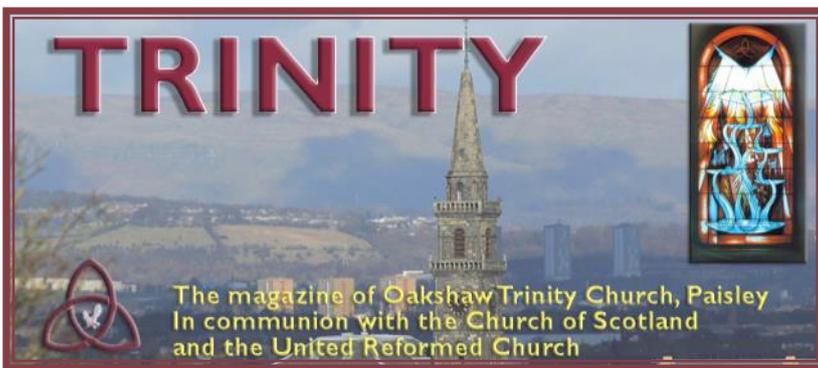




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# TRINITY

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## Diary Dates



**March**

Sun 5 10.15 Office Bearers' Service  
 11.00 Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sun 12 13:30 Elders Conference

Sun 26 A.G.M. after the service

**April**

Sun 2 Monthly Communion after the service

Sun 9 11.00 Palm Sunday service

Mon 10 19.00 Holy Week Service

Tue 11 19.00 Holy Week Service

Wed 12 19.00 Holy Week Service

Thu 13 19.00 Maundy Thursday Service

Fri 14 19.00 Good Friday Service

Sun 16 09.00 Early Morning Easter Service.  
 Breakfast after the service  
 11.00 Easter Sunday service



**May**

Sun 7 Monthly Communion after the service

On other Sundays, worship is at 11:00

## From the Minister



I begin by wondering already, where this year has gone. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which falls on the 1st March with our Quarterly Communion on the following Sunday.

During Lent we are encouraged to think about what Jesus went through as he journeyed towards his death on the cross. In the early Church, it was a time when new Christians were prepared for Baptism which traditionally took place on Easter Day. For them, it was a time when they thought more about what faith really meant and how they could act in response to it.

This year at Oakshaw Trinity, Lent will give us the opportunity to reflect on the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry after being baptised by John. Over the period, we will recall how he was being tempted by the devil but was able to resist all his offers. It is also worth noting that Jesus is the only one who has ever resisted the devil and never fallen into temptation. This is because he walked closely with God the Father and was filled with God's Holy Spirit.

Though we sometimes try to emulate Jesus by giving something up during the forty days of Lent to help us concentrate on the sacrifice he made, we must always bear in mind that Jesus was the perfect human being without fault or sin. I think that a better use of time might be to try to do something positive for Christ. So rather than giving something up; let each one of us take on a task or meet a challenge to honour the One who hung on a cross and, while dying, he forgave his persecutors and promised eternal life to a criminal who acknowledged him as Lord. By this, he also took our sin upon his shoulders thus breaking the powers of sin and death.

This is true love that needs to be recognised not just this month, but for every month and always.

May God's blessing and power be with you.

Yours sincerely in Christ,  
*Gordon* (Rev. Gordon B. Armstrong)

## Wynd Centre -



Graeme W. McGowan (Chairman)

There has been no particular occasion or event of note in the Wynd Centre over the past few months but that does not mean that there has been any reduction in the hard work carried out throughout the Centre. Our Counsellors continue to meet with members of our community at their lowest ebb and offer them a pathway through their difficult times. Our Coffee Shop volunteers continue to offer food, drink and friendship to our customers. Dozens of groups continue to meet within the Centre, offering a wide range of support, opportunities and fun to the hundreds attending. Our staff maintain their commitment to the Centre, treating their work as more than just a job. The Board of Directors continue to look at ways to develop the Centre and expand the outreach of Oakshaw Trinity in our community.

Regardless of what the day's programme may be, every day is a special day in the Wynd Centre.

## DUNOON HOLIDAY




We are pleased to announce that this year's holiday for those of pensionable age will be from **Wednesday 10th** to **Wednesday 17th** MAY at the Esplanade Hotel in Dunoon. The cost of this holiday is generously offset by sponsorship.

If you would like to take the opportunity of attending what is always a thoroughly enjoyable time, or would like to know any details, then please speak to Sandra or Gordon Hamilton on a Sunday or phone the Church office.

## Church Roll

### Weddings:

2016

November

26 Kirsten MacLennan to Ian Paxton



### Deaths:

2016

November

2 Mr. George Jamieson

December

31 Mrs. Marion Oliver



2017

January

11 Mr. William (Bill) Burns

22 Mr. John Dunlop

### From Thomas Blane our Student Assistant



I cannot believe that I have now been at Oakshaw Trinity for five months! How does that saying go about time flying and having fun?

I thoroughly enjoyed spending the Christmas period with the church, especially helping with the Christingle Service which was a completely new experience for me and it was great to see so many young people in the church.

Myself, Gordon and George Prentice also enjoyed a visit to the Headquarters of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service as Gordon is their chaplain, with George seeing for the first time in person what happens when you throw a cup of water over a chip pan fire. Let's just say our eyebrows are only just growing back! I've also started going on some pastoral visits myself and have enjoyed getting to know people outwith the church and hearing the many stories that they have.

I have also conducted some funerals in the last few months which was initially a huge learning curve for me but I'm becoming more comfortable in this important aspect of ministry.

I am looking forward to the upcoming spring season and hope that this season in Oakshaw brings as much joy to me as winter did.

Lastly can I once again thank you all for your guidance and assistance which you have given me so far; it is very much appreciated.



On behalf of myself and my father Robert Foulds, I would like to thank everyone for the many cards and gifts. Also thank you to the many people who have visited him in Erskine. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Thank You  
Mareth Allison

## The Lantern in the Forest - Jim McDougall ( E.M.E.C. )

A moment of magic interrupted the school tour of trenches in Flanders. Our guide, a sprightly old Irishman was warming to his task of outlining the alternating monotony and terror of life in the trenches, when he asked the group if they wanted to see something special. "Follow me", he said, and set off at fair lick, thirty 14-year olds in pursuit, through a beech wood behind the trenches. Coming to a glade, he halted, and asked "who wrote The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe?". "CS Lewis" in unison. "And what is the first thing Lucy sees when she comes through the wardrobe?" "A lantern". And at this point, he turned and showed us an old fashioned, rusting lamplight standing in the glade. "That lantern" he said, "was there when CS Lewis served as a soldier in these very trenches, and it was the inspiration for what became the Narnia chronicles".

A goosebump moment; in the middle of warfare, here was a simple piece of street furniture that sparked the imagination to create the world many children still love today. It took the author away from the mud and gas and despair to a different world, glimpsed at in the light of an old lamp. The Narnia chronicles can be read at many levels- adventures with talking animals and figures common in many fairy stories-giants, dwarfs and witches. There is a strong contrast between good and evil, honour and betrayal, sacrifice and redemption, but no moralising. Children can work that out for themselves. Many re-read their Narnia books years later and see them in a new light. But Lewis was never just writing for children. His books range far and wide on theological matters, and he reflects on his own conversion to Christianity as a halting process of doubt, denial and atheism, describing himself after long dark nights of the soul as "the most dejected, reluctant convert in all England". But once he had become, in his own words, a "mere Christian" he explored faith and belief with rigour, clarity and logic.

Perhaps less read now than in the past, his writings offer much to reflect on. One area is that of the fairy story. "When I was ten," he said, "I read fairy tales in secret and would have been ashamed if I had been found doing so. Now that I am fifty, I read them openly." What did he mean? I suspect he referred to that deep meaning that lies in all good fairy stories, and which endures. Fairy stories often involve a quest by an unlikely or poor or humble hero or heroine to find something important. On the way there are battles and challenges and fierce creatures to meet, but ultimately the quest is achieved. But the hero is very often changed by the experience; he has discovered bravery, fortitude, courage and overcome temptation or difficulty. In this way, the fairy story is a metaphor for our lives, and why we continue to be enchanted by them.

The first CS Lewis book I read was "The Horse and his Boy" and every time I look across the city to the Campsies and beyond, I recall the passage when Shasta is looking out to the mountains and "wondered what lay north of these hills". The idea of something beyond the horizon, beyond the mountains was a powerful image for Lewis and he memorably distilled his thoughts in this moving passage from Till we Have Faces:

"The sweetest thing in all my life has been the longing — to reach the Mountain, to find the place where all the beauty came from — my country, the place where I ought to have been born. Do you think it all meant nothing, all the longing? The longing for home? For indeed it now feels not like going, but like going back." And in the final book in the Narnia series, the Last Battle, he continues the theme: "I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now. Come further up, come further in!"

## EMEC

EMEC seeks to promote all aspects of Education, Mission and EcoCongregation within the congregation. This includes Christian Aid, Fair Trade, Food Bank, Mission funds, EcoCongregation and the work of the Sunday School. EMEC organises congregational lunches and the Christingle Service and raises awareness of events of interest or concern to Christians. EMEC meets generally four times a year, usually after Sunday Service. Any member of the congregation interested in finding out more should speak to Jim McDougall.

## Foodbank

The Foodbank are very grateful for the extremely generous donations of food, gifts and cash received over the Christmas period and for our continuing support of them Sunday by Sunday. Thanks are also extended to all of those who deliver the items to the Foodbank centre on behalf of the Church.

## **Fabric Report** - Jonathan Sweeney and Ian Young

Over the past three months work on our church hall roof and Wynd Centre roof was carried out. This involved the cleaning of the gutters and repairs as required. We intend having the church gutters and repairs carried out during February.

After the Festive Holidays, the boilers in the Wynd Centre have caused concern; at this moment we are waiting on a full report as to the condition of the boilers.

Early spring weather permitting, we intend having the outside window frames of the church painted.

Between spring and summer repairs to the stonework at the front of the Wynd Centre café will commence, as will work on the headstones in the graveyard.

The Fabric Committee are keen to start a Gardening Club, this will be to look after the Eco Garden and small areas around the church. Anyone interested please give your name to Ian Farquhar.

Thank you to all those who helped to put up and take down the Christmas decorations

## **Finance Report** - Bob Copleton and David Osborne

The Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 2016 are in the process of being finalised for the Independent Examiner. Once examined the Accounts will be presented to the Annual Business Meeting which will possibly be on Sunday 26th March, 2017. The current draft figures show a small surplus for the year. However the draft budget for 2017 indicates a deficit which will require to be tackled. We at Oakshaw Trinity are resourceful.

## **Give Today for Tomorrow** - John Stewart

The outline for a Financial Support Strategy was approved at the November meeting of the Kirk Session. This is entitled "Today for Tomorrow" and outlines actions taken today which will assist in planning the future of Oakshaw Trinity Church.

Areas addressed include medium and long-term maintenance of our Oakshaw and School Wynd buildings, VAT relief, identifying Trusts who support our work, marketing of the facilities offered by the church in Oakshaw and School Wynd, the continual review of offerings, legacies and volunteers. The opportunity will be taken through Trinity to cover various aspects of this strategy. Two areas in this issue are legacies and volunteers. :

**Legacies.** As reported in last issue, the church currently benefits from legacies and the most financial benefit for the least amount of effort is by legacy giving. Please give serious consideration to this form of giving and Graeme McGowan has kindly offered to advise members. Give Today for Tomorrow.

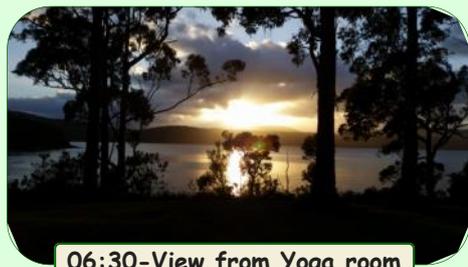
**Volunteers.** All our organisations depend on volunteers, one way or another, to ensure the excellent work they all do is carried out. In particular, the Wynd Centre depends on volunteers for its continuity as the outreach arm of Oakshaw Trinity. The short morning prayers each day provides the opportunity for staff, volunteers and members of the public with a period of worship. The cafe provides opportunities for voluntary service and company for many of our customers. Any profit from the cafe goes towards the running of the Centre. Volunteers are urgently needed for both worship and cafe. Give Today for Tomorrow .

## **Sandra Wilson's unforgettable week in Tasmania**

I was privileged to have been selected to attend my employer's global development programme in November 2016. The objective of the Lendlease programme is to nurture the wellbeing of employees and their families and support employees involvement in charitable and community affairs.

The programme took place in Tasmania and on the course there were sixteen Australian participants, paired up with sixteen international ones.

We shared 'log cabins' for the week - stunning luxury lodges situated in the woodland with spectacular views.



06:30-View from Yoga room

We had a couple of days sightseeing to recover from our journey. On the first day we visited Port Arthur, a well preserved Penal Colony, where repeat offenders, some as young as 9, were sent from the UK. This colony was a major ship building yard. After three years in colony and learning a trade, they were able to leave. Tragedy struck this historic site in 1996 when 35 people were massacred by a lone gunman. This was the deadliest mass murder in Australia's history, and led to strict gun control laws.

The next day we took a boat trip to Cape Raoul, the most southerly point before Antarctica. The scenery was stunning with large columns rising from the sea and we saw amazing wildlife.

The course consisted of three days of group working to discuss and plan how to reach our goals and two days working with the local community.

The local community work ranged from teaching school pupils how to build their own business, working with the tourism group to boost visitors to the area, and working with local community groups. My group worked with local volunteer groups, and were tasked with helping to progress their projects by installing art work in the Aged Community Home, developing and uploading a community website and installing a porch in a holiday home used for respite for families with disabilities. When it rains in Tasmania, it is torrential, and this would protect the families when unloading the vehicles.

A colleague and I were given the task of installing the foundations for the porch supports, and clearing drains and sumps to ensure the water drained quickly. Brendan and I were both strong in perseverance. We were so used to working to deadlines that we upset the volunteer groups by not even stopping to allow them to give us a cup of coffee. We were told we 'overused' this strength - something both of us will have to work on.

The group discussions had us developing our plans for being more 'mindful' rather than 'mind full'. Over the week we were able to work with over half of the attendees, and I met other attendees during walks along the beach once the seminars were over.

At the final session we had to commit to change the way we work and be kinder to ourselves.

Before heading home, I spent a fantastic weekend in Melbourne, and then went on to visit friends in New Zealand. This really was a truly fantastic journey and one which will live with me forever and I have made new friends from all over the world.



## Choir - Pauline Thomson

The choir had a busy time preparing for the lessons and carols service at Christmas and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. We then had our customary



Christmas sing song and social evening before having a short break from practices over the holiday period. We were delighted to welcome Sandy Scorgie to the tenor section during the autumn. A warm invitation is extended to any member of the congregation to come along and join us. New members would be made very welcome in all sections but especially the basses, who are feeling slightly outnumbered now! Pop in for a trial session any Thursday evening at 8pm in the church. All you need is a love of music, although a good sense of humour is also helpful at times!

## Eight o'clock Club - Sheena Miller (Secretary)

At our Christmas dinner we raised £200 for a charity (still to be decided).

Thanks to those who bought the 2016 Quiz sheets. £300 was raised. The answers are available on the church Facebook page. Winners of the hampers: Maureen Coats, Sam Hay, Ellen Hay, Sheila Simpson and Christine Little.

27th Feb: Anne Mckerchar - 'A career in the Police'.

27th March at 7:30 pm **Fundraising concert** by Fable Theatre. In aid of **Macmillan Cancer Support**. Details on back page.

24th April: AGM followed by St. James's Bellringers

5th June: Outing to Highgrove House in Troon. The bus will leave Paisley at 4:45 p.m.

Anyone who wishes to join in any of the above which, apart from the fundraising concert, are held in the Lang hall at 8 p.m. would be made most welcome.

## Men's Club - John Hamilton

It was our pleasure to welcome John Stewart and Jonathan Sweeney on their visit on Friday evening. Although we are not as large a group as we once were, we are still going strong and are active in snooker, on our ¾ size table, also billiards and pool. We mainly enjoy table-tennis and usually play doubles, but those who are more energetic play singles occasionally. Unfortunately we couldn't persuade John or Jonathan to participate in table tennis but hope to do so on their next visit! We would welcome any male church members, adherents and friends over the age of 16 to join us so please come along to the church hall any time you are free on a Friday evening (and before our season ends on the last Friday of April).

If you are not convinced then have a wee chat with our champion caretaker, John Durnan. Some of our members come just to enjoy some pleasant conversation over a cup of tea and a biscuit! We start at 7.30pm and finish around 10pm, and we promise not to make you wash the dishes on your first night!

Don't be put off if your favourite game has not been mentioned above. We are open to suggestions on everything from dominoes to blow football!

## Oakshaw Explorers - David A. Barr

The 2017 planning meeting of the Oakshaw Explorers will be held in the Session House on Sunday the 26th of February 2017 at 1.00 p.m. Bring a packed lunch which can be eaten in the halls prior to the start of the meeting.



If you have a destination or location you feel is worth visiting, please either bring it to the meeting or pass it to someone you know is attending the meeting. We are always willing to explore new places.

## The Friendly Hour - Isabel Gray (Convener)

Organising the weekly programme is very important. It is essential that we not only cover a variety of topics but also that we ensure that our main aims are met.

We must remember that many people experience loneliness; others don't have many opportunities for conversation. What about the joy of sharing a story or a singsong and hearing news from the community?

Recently we introduced musical exercises and indoor curling .

The majority of our entertainers are from the local community We still have a busy few months ahead, here are some details -

21st February Lydia Flett Singers

28th February Pat Lister - Indoor Curling

7th March Wallace Primary School Singing Group

14th March Ferguslie Park Community Nursery

21st March Meal Makers - talk

28th March Bill Wishart and Friends

The pictures will give you some idea of the entertainment we enjoyed



Ruby O'Hagan entertaining us on St Andrews Day

Ian Munro demonstrating the xylophone

Bill Wishart and friends leading community hymn singing.

## Trinity Lunch Club - Sheena Miller

Our remaining meetings for this session are

Wed 8th Mar: Liz McIntyre - 'Love Letters from a Desert Rat'

Wed 26th Apr: bus trip to Largs for lunch at the Willowbank Hotel costing £15 for the outing. Bus will leave Paisley at 11.00 .

We normally meet in the Main Hall of the Wynd Centre from 12.30pm to 2pm and start with a light lunch.

These meetings are open to everyone. If you are interested in attending any of the meetings, please ensure that your name is on the sheet in the vestibule of the church. This sheet is available on the two Sundays prior to the meeting. This is necessary for catering purposes .



## Tea & Crafts - Margaret Armstrong

Let me begin by thanking all our ladies for their many efforts which once again helped to raise funds at the church's Christmas Fayre.

We are always looking for new ideas and talents, even if you cannot commit to joining our group but have a skill or idea you would like to share, then please do come along for one evening and share it with our enthusiastic group.



Please do come along and join us on the second Monday of each month, and I'm sure you will enjoy our friendship and fellowship.

## **Sunday School** - Janice McCallum

We would like to thank you for all your kind comments about the children's Nativity play; they always give 100%.



Our session has started back, and on the first Sunday we made calendars and talked about new beginnings. From the start of the year we have been using Scripture Union material; it's bright and colourful and children enjoy it. The following events will take place in the coming months:- the Youth Service followed by a visit to the Science Centre.; our Bake-A-Thon for Red Nose day, and of course the very important time in our Christian calendar, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. We will be having our Easter egg competition and afterwards the children will go over to the halls to have a fun time with an Easter egg hunt and Easter crafts. It's hoped our senior Sunday School will be making a visit to Robin House in Balloch to help with their spring clean. The house is run by CHAS, Children's Hospice Association Scotland.

## **Girls' Brigade** (2nd Paisley) - Karen Peacock

Our Coffee Evening in November raised over £400 which was great and we thank all those who supported us. Our annual pantomime visit to see Aladdin at the Arts Centre was one of the year's highlights as was our Christmas party.

The girls are all working hard on badges after the Christmas break. The future looks busy too:- on 19th February we will attend the Family Service and then go on the Science Centre trip; Melissa, our Brigade leader, will have her wedding in March and some of the girls will provide a Guard of Honour for the event; on 11th March we hope to enter two teams in the annual fun Renfrew Division Superleague at Fordbank Primary in Johnstone.

Strange to think we will soon be planning our annual display which will be in mid May and our first in Oakshaw. Last year we were preparing for St. James's church to close and searching for a new home. We are very grateful for the welcome, friendship, fellowship and support we have received since joining Oakshaw Trinity and look forward to growing the company within the Church family over the coming years.



Christmas Party

Junior Activity Day

## **Tots and Toddlers** - Janice McCallum

Thank you very much to the people who handed in toys and equipment. This means the children have different things to use and play with. Your child will be looked after while you are in church and you can be assured your child is in safe hands. The staff always keep them busy singing and playing and reading to them and will help in every way they can. Please tell everyone this service is available.

## **Rainbows and Brownies** Elizabeth Halliday

The Rainbows and Brownies have had an action packed winter session. In November we enjoyed a trip to Paisley Arts Centre to see Trinity Theatre Group's performance of 'The Little Mermaid.' We all thoroughly enjoyed the show with Sebastian, the crab, a hit with all the girls.



Twenty of our Brownies joined Brownies from all over Scotland at the Glasgow Science Centre sleepover. We visited Saturn within the Planetarium and were lucky enough to sleep below all of the planets. The Brownies had such a great time that we are taking the Rainbows and Brownies on the Youth Committee trip to the Science Centre following the Youth Service on 19th February.

We also enjoyed making Christmas baubles and organising the nail bar at the Christmas Fayre.

In December many of our girls and their parents enjoyed the Christingle Service and we finished the session with a Christmas Party. We enjoyed party games and dancing and were very lucky to have a special visitor pop in.

January has seen the Rainbows and Brownies celebrate Chinese New Year (Year of the Rooster) by making lanterns, learning how to use chopsticks and trying Chinese food.

Fri 17th February – Thinking Day Celebrations

Sun 19th February – Youth Service and Youth Committee Trip to Glasgow Science Centre

Fri 24th February – Movie and PJ night

Fri 31st March – Last night before Easter Holidays



## **Guides** (11th Paisley) - Linda Kelly

We have fifteen girls at present and everyone is enjoying their time at Guides. This session we have been doing lots of different badges and activities. We are planning another weekend away in May. At present we only have myself and a young leader working with the girls so if anyone could come along and give us a hand you would be made most welcome.



## Handbell Team - Elizabeth Clark

As a group, we have been most appreciative of the very warm welcome we have received from Oakshaw Trinity Church and its members since the beginning of September 2016. Not only did you provide a new, secure home for our bells but you also enabled us to continue as a team with a venue to hold our rehearsals.

We meet in the church hall on a Wednesday evening and enjoy not only music making but fellowship with a cup of tea. We are a friendly bunch and are delighted to say we have had three new members join us since coming to Oakshaw Trinity. New faces are always welcome.

In December we performed at a concert in Kilbarchan to celebrate Christmas. This was an enjoyable afternoon which provided our new members with the opportunity to perform to an audience for the first time.

We have been asked to play for the Eight o'clock Club on the 24th of April and look forward to entertaining them.

We had hoped to change our name from St James's Handbell Team to something which would incorporate the Coats of Paisley name as our bells were originally donated to St James's Church by Sir Peter Coats. However, we are still awaiting confirmation if this would be acceptable from the current Coats Company.

Our team is led by Elaine Duncan who is more than willing to speak to anyone who is interested in handbell ringing.

## Trinity Theatre Group - Jean Bett

We are delighted to report that our production of, 'The Little Mermaid' in November at Paisley Arts Centre was a success and our thanks go to all who supported us. It was lovely to see such large numbers from the Rainbows and Brownies in the audience as well as our loyal supporters from the congregation. We were also pleased to welcome some members who have recently joined Oakshaw from St James's Church. Thank you all.

We would like, in future, to be more involved with the church community and hopefully encourage more members from Oakshaw.

As 'Disney' proved to be a great draw, we are hoping to get the performing rights for another of their shows for our next production and I hope I can confirm the show before the next magazine is due.

## Pastoral Care - Sandra Hamilton

On the 20th of January we visited Miss May Mure on the occasion of her 102nd birthday. May is resident in Stanely Park Residential Home where they held a small party in her honour. A pleasant afternoon was had by all and May particularly enjoyed a sherry and her birthday cake.



## Youth Committee - Neil Armstrong

By the time you read this our trip to the Glasgow Science Centre will have taken place and I would like to thank everyone who supported it. I am sure everyone will have learned something new.



The Saturday Club is now fully back up and running and we are glad to have a lot of new members joining us this year. I am grateful for all the help and support that I have been given to allow the club to run.

The Youth Committee are now planning our summer trip. It will be closer to home and be a fun filled day with plenty of fresh air. I hope that we will manage to get some nice hot sunny weather but may be a bit sheltered by a lot of trees.

The Youth Committee has been busy creating an eye catching notice board within the church halls. Keep your eyes peeled for information about our trips and events. Oh and not to forget our funny pictures to introduce the committee to you.

Once again it would like to thank each and every one of you for your support and dedication.

## Wynd Worship - John Stewart

There is now an urgent need for volunteers from the lay men and women of the congregation to undertake this important part of Oakshaw Trinity Church's work. This takes place in the Wynd Chapel at 9.45am and only lasts 15 minutes, Dates are flexible. If you can help one morning in a month that would be much appreciated. You will be made most welcome by the team. If you can assist please pass your name to me or contact Catriona in the Church Office. Material is available to assist in preparation.

### Friendly Hour Coffee Morning

Don't we all love a cuppa and a chat!

Saturday 11th March 2017

10.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon in the Church Hall  
Tickets priced £2.00 from Committee Members  
coffee/tea and home baking and friendly chat.

Home baking stall and some surprises.  
Hope to see you all there.

### Eight o'clock Club-Concert by Fable Theatre

Mon 27th March 2017 7:30 pm in the Church Hall  
Ticket price £7 (inc refreshments)

In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support



### Future Magazine Dates

Edition	Articles due by	Magazine available
Summer	30/04/17	14/05/17
Autumn	30/07/17	13/08/17

### Heavenly Father,

**Don't be with our sins against us, but rather be with us against our sins; so that when we turn our thoughts to you we are reminded not of the errors that we have made but of reconciliation with you, and not of how we went astray but of how you have saved us.**

**Amen.**

(Douglas Scott, presbytery prayer coordinator)



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