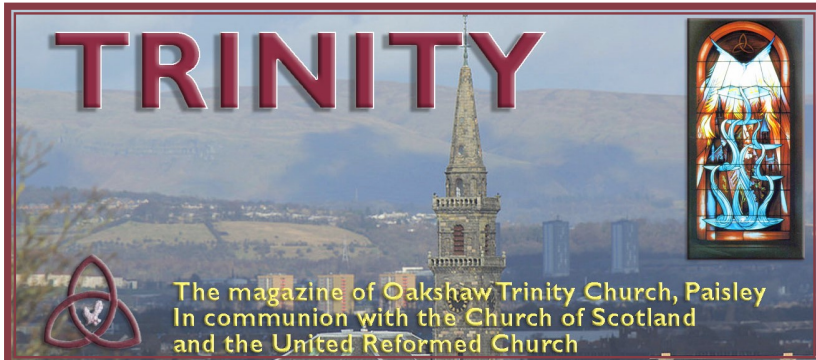




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### SUNDAY SERVICE 11 a.m. in church Special Sunday dates

#### September

Sun 4 11:00 Sacrament of Holy Communion  
 14:30 Afternoon Communion

Sun 18 11:00 Harvest Thanksgiving

#### October

Sun 2 11:00 Dedication Service

#### November

Sun 13 10:50 Remembrance Sunday

**ONLINE:** Short worship videos are available  
 each Sunday on the church website

[oakshawtrinity.org.uk/music](http://oakshawtrinity.org.uk/music)

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The online version of Oracle / Order of Service  
 is available on Facebook and the website under  
 Menu option 'News/Oracle'

#### Other Dates

##### August

Fri 19 Boys' Brigade resumes

Thu 25 Guides resume

Fri 26 Rainbows and Brownies resume

##### September

Thu 1 Girls' Brigade resumes

Choir practice resumes

Sat 10 Fiddlers Concert

Sat 17 Doors Open Day

Mon 26 Two O'Clock Club resumes

##### October

Tue 25 Fabric Committee

#### CHURCH TAXIS

If you would like to use a taxi, to come to church,  
 please speak to Gordon Hamilton.

### From the Minister

Dear friends,

Welcome to our Autumn edition of Trinity and I am pleased  
 that you are taking the time to read our magazine and hope, as  
 the Apostle Paul did when he wrote to the church in Philippi  
 that, "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to  
 completion until the day of Jesus Christ" (1:6).

This has been a busy summer at O.T.C., especially with our recent trip to Imst  
 and Oberammergau to attend the Passion Play after its two year postponement.  
 This was an emotional journey of faith and friendship that reminded those  
 attending, in a vivid and expressive way, of God's redemptive love given through  
 Jesus Christ that continues to inspire our journey of faith.

As God continues His work, it is good to see our numbers steadily increasing as  
 we each regain our confidence and return to church after the disruption caused  
 by COVID-19. Please be assured that your Office Bearers will continue to make  
 our worship and our witness through our groups and organisations as safe as  
 possible.

We are also undergoing a time of change in the Church and Wynd Offices with  
 the introduction of part-time working. Both Catriona and Georgette have also  
 seen this as a time of change and, after many years of loyal service in their  
 respective roles, are taking this as an opportunity to move on. On a personal  
 note; I am grateful for the years of help and assistance they have given to me and  
 also for putting up with my bad jokes! They will be missed by many and I know  
 that we have all been blessed by their work and the legacy that they leave.

May God, Who has begun a good work in each one of us, bring it to completion  
 in Jesus Christ. You are a work in progress, so don't ever give up. God has not  
 given up on you.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

*Gordon* (Rev. Gordon B. Armstrong)



### The Wynd Centre

From the Chairman - Rev. Gordon Armstrong

The Centre continues albeit with a reduced  
 income and the changes that are having to be  
 made. On a positive note, the counselling side  
 of our outreach is growing and changing with  
 the increased uptake of Child Play Therapy  
 along with the general counselling that is being  
 offered.

The Directors and Manager appreciate your  
 continued support of our Outreach as we  
 work towards the fortieth anniversary of the  
 Wynd.



From the Manager - Thomas Blane

You could be forgiven for not realising that we've already had  
 our summer due to the weather but here we are in the autumn  
 edition of the Trinity Magazine! Over the years the summer  
 period has been dominated by PACE holding their annual  
 SummerFest event over the school holidays but they have now  
 moved most of their classes to new premises where the Co-op used to be in  
 the Paisley Centre. This has given other performing groups such as Starlight  
 dance company, the Three Sisters Theatre group, the Tannahill Arts group and  
 the National Theatre of Scotland the opportunity to use the auditorium during  
 the summer.

Since the last edition we have had several fundraising events where we raised  
 close to £900 in total so I would like to thank all of those who assisted in  
 organising those events and to everyone who participated. To coin a phrase,  
 'every little helps' at the moment so these fundraising efforts are a great help.

We continue to be optimistic about the Wynd Centre's future despite the  
 challenges of COVID-19 and now the cost of living crisis which is affecting us all.  
 The centre is adapting to these challenges and driving towards the goal of not  
 only surviving these trials and tribulations but becoming a stronger organisation  
 once we come through to the other side.





## Church Roll

### Baptism.

22/05/22 Hannah Rose Patterson

### Deaths:

15/05/22 Harry Barclay

09/06/22 Sheena Young

10/06/22 Maureen Duncan

01/08/22 May Coats



### Flowers

Once again we thank everyone for their kind donations; this has been a great help funding the flowers each Sunday. Remember if you have a special occasion and would like it marked by the flowers that particular week, let us know, we are here to help. Just speak to any of the flower ladies on a Sunday.



## Congratulations

Members Evie and Douglas Dow celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in Stanely Park Care Home.

They were presented with a card from the Queen by Brigadier Alastair MacMillan, Depute Lieutenant of Renfrewshire.

With a few glasses of fizz and cake the family toasted the very happy couple who made their vows to each other in Kintore Parish Church on the 19th of July 1952.

Congratulations to the amazing couple!!



## Education, Mission, EcoCongregation Committee

- Jim McDougall ( E.M.E.C. )

We are familiar with different versions of the Bible; many of us were brought up on the King James Version, and can quote it at length, especially those well-known verses relating to the nativity, or which we are familiar with through Handel's Messiah. Indeed, it is hard to listen to some verses of Isaiah, without involuntarily, silently mouthing the equivalent chorus or aria. We may possess a Good News Bible, with its distinctive orange cover and simple line drawings, written in a very different style. Then there is the New Revised Version, the New English Bible or Lorimer's New Testament in Scots. Each version reflects changes in language, scholarship and interpretation, but all contain the same content in terms of books, chapters and verses. The same content and the same message.

However, one Bible that was written and sanctioned in the early 19th century lacked many of the familiar passages. Many verses were omitted and whole chapters redacted. So much so, that the vital message was obscured, ignored and distorted. This was the so-called "Slave Bible", later the Commonwealth Bible. This Bible, published in 1807, grew out of the culture of slavery and was, in part, a response to a successful slave revolt in Haiti. There was growing concern among European powers that Caribbean slaves would revolt against their plantation owners, and the idea was to use this version of the Bible to maintain order and discourage any thoughts of revolution or freedom. It was important that the slave community remained docile and accepting of their pre-ordained lot. Thus, sections of the Bible that discuss freedom or equality were removed. For example, there is no reference to Moses leading his people out of slavery in Egypt. Passages that emphasized equality between groups of people were also excised, such as Galatians 3:28, which states "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus". On the other hand, verses which reinforce master-slave relations were retained- "Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ" (Ephesians 6:5). The story of Joseph's enslavement also remained, presumably to reinforce the message that slavery was part of the natural order of life.

All told, the Slave Bible, full name, *Parts of the Holy Bible, selected for the use of the Negro Slaves, in the British West-India Islands*, edited out most of the Old Testament and half of the New Testament. The worry was that the message of the Bible was subversive, and would get people thinking, maybe even radicalise them. Words can be manipulated; those who edited the message could change it to suit their own needs. Men of their time, the compilers of the Slave Bible feared the power of the Word to incite rebellion, and change, and by careful selection of the "right" verses, they hoped to keep the slaves in a state of permanent ignorance and captivity, accepting of their status. But it did not work. Many Christians, Wilberforce and others, challenged the very concept of slavery, eventually leading to its abolition in the UK in 1833. Of course, to say that slavery ended then is not true- there is still inequality, and it is estimated that 40 million people are trapped in slavery today, 3/4 of them women and children. Christians and others are campaigning for end to modern slavery. We are still waiting for that moment when, as Martin Luther King powerfully put it, all God's children can join together in the words of the Negro spiritual- "free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, we are free at last".

## Prayer



Lord, You are a God who sets the captives free.

Your Spirit searches restlessly for those in despair, that they may find the life You are calling them to.

We pray for those who are being trafficked and callously put to work in our country.

On the cross, You were powerless and subject to the cruelty of others. Look with mercy on those who suffer this way.

May we, who are blinded by the shallow distractions of daily life, feel the fear of the cornered and be roused to action.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord

Amen

(from Simon Burton-Jones, Bishop of Tonbridge)



## Fabric Report - Sandra Wilson

The main issue for the Fabric Group for the next quarter is the heating. We are working with the heating engineer from Church of Scotland to survey the system, try to make it more efficient and ensure the boilers are working efficiently for each area.

Painting has been completed in the halls but there is some snagging work still to be completed along with external painting to window frames and the west door.

The railings around the property are peeling and the paint has to be removed and the railings repainted. This is a time-consuming job and therefore is expensive but this will preserve the railings well into the future. A sample has been done as you can see in the picture. It makes quite a difference. The replacement of the guttering on the halls is complete along with the cleaning and recoating of the building. This has made a big difference to the appearance and also we have received a number of compliments from the neighbours about the improvements.



Works identified from the Quinquennial Survey are almost complete, with the timber survey being completed in August. The tower is still causing concern and we have been trying to contact the council for updates on when the work will be completed, but we are having no success.

Next meeting for the Fabric Committee will be 25th of October 2022 in the Session House.

## Events Committee - Isabel Pearson

**Quiz Night:** We held our annual Fish Supper and Quiz Night on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

It once again proved very successful with the winners being the Two O'Clock Club.

### Future Events

#### Fiddlers Concert

A concert by the Helensburgh and Lomond Fiddlers on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.00 p.m. This is being held in the Auditorium of the Wynd Centre. Tickets priced £7.50 for adults and £3.00 for children under 12. Tickets will be available from Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

#### Christmas Fayre

It is proposed to hold our Annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Further details will be available in Oracle.



## Finance Report - Isabel Pearson (Treasurer)

The management accounts for the last six months have been completed and show a net loss of £6,413.

Income for the period is £79,206 of which £47,738 was received from freewill offerings and standing orders; £757 for plate offerings; donations £2,657; investments received £7,510 and hall lets £9,167.

Expenditure was £85,618. Our commitment to Church of Scotland for the year is £60,000 and £20,000 to the United Reform Church. Local staffing costs is £21,184 and property costs £24,086.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their donations. It is very much appreciated.

If you would like to move to standing order from FWO envelopes please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Bob Copleton.

## Wynd 40th Anniversary in 2024

John Stewart (Chairperson)



Until now individual members of the committee have been undertaking their various tasks. The quieter summer period for organisations allowed all available members of the organising team to meet in June for the first time. This resulted in planned events being identified for each month starting from a musical evening in Sept 2023 and concluding the following year with the dinner planned for Sept 28, 2024 and a Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 29 Sept. Included are open days at the Wynd in August 2023 and August 2024 for our Church organisations to show what they have to offer, a St Andrews Night Ceilidh, a Celebration Afternoon Tea and other events.

My thanks to the committee members for the work they are doing and especially Dr Bill Hogg who has completed the task of reviewing matters of interest on the Wynd's journey which will be included in an anniversary publication.

Members of the congregation can help by submitting their Wynd pictures for the collage being developed, and in volunteering to assist with the events when they take place.

The picture records the visit of Roy Endicott, manager of the national children's charity "Country Holidays for Inner City Kid (CHICKS)", when The Wynd was the Scottish office for the charity.



### Use of photographs:

Pictures of people involved in activities related to the church and the Wynd Centre are now appearing in Trinity magazine, on the Oakshaw Trinity website and on the Oakshaw Trinity Facebook page.

It is assumed, unless anyone specifically requests otherwise, that individuals are happy to be included in any church or Wynd Centre related photographs that appear in Trinity magazine, on the Oakshaw Trinity website or on the Oakshaw Trinity Facebook page.

Anyone wishing to opt out of their picture appearing in any or all of the above mentioned locations should contact the Church office.

The Sunday School and Youth organisations' photographs are covered by separate arrangements the organisations have with the parents or guardians of the children.



## Choir - Catriona Muirhead

We had a lovely evening at our Annual Dinner which was in 'Pendulum'. There was good food, laughter and of course always good chat.



The evening gave us the opportunity to formally welcome Gillian Langston.

In September Gillian is looking forward to her forthcoming marriage to Michael and we wish them a happy future together and also to enjoy being part of our church family.

As you all know David Murray's son Calum went to America to continue his pilot training. Calum is doing extremely well and is now flying further afield in America; we in the choir continue to send him our best wishes.

The choir practices resume on Thursday 1st September at 8.00 p.m. in the church when David Murray, Director of Music would love to welcome new members in all sections.

## Tea & Crafts - Margaret Armstrong

For those who don't know us, we are a small group who meet to knit, sew and do some craftwork together. However, the biggest part of our evening is the company and the natter that we share. If you are free we would welcome any new members to come along and enjoy our creative fellowship on the second Monday every month at 7 p.m. in the Lang Hall.

## Men's Club - John Hamilton

For the first time, the Men's Club is breaking with tradition and starting on the 19th of August instead of waiting until September. The main activities are table tennis and snooker/pool, although we are open to other suggestions. If you are male, aged 18 years or over and would like to try your hand at either or both of these activities then feel free to come along to the church hall at 8pm on Fridays. If you are not good at either of these things then come along; you will fit right in. On the other hand if you would just like some company, a laugh or two, and just a general chat over tea and a biscuit, you will still be assured of a warm welcome.

Further information from John Hamilton or Ian Waddell. Phone numbers can be obtained from the church office.

## Trinity Theatre Group - Jean Bett

The good news is that the Theatre Group will restart on the 31st August after a break of two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions that imposed. At present, I do not know what show we will be putting on but am in the process of contacting members to see who is available which will influence the production we choose. At the time of writing, a venue for our performance is still undecided but I hope to have that confirmed by the end of August. Anyone who wishes to join the club in any capacity will be made most welcome.



## Two O'clock Club - Joan Wilson

The committee hope our members and friends have enjoyed the summer and have returned refreshed from their holidays. Some of our members visited Oberammergau and we are looking forward to hearing of their many experiences. Congratulations to our team who won the Church Quiz on Friday, 27th May. We all enjoyed the evening and the Fish n Chip Tea.

Our session finished with a successful summer lunch at Uplawmoor Hotel, on Monday, 13th June.



An interesting syllabus, for our new session, is now being finalised and further details will be in Oracle and Facebook. We are very much looking forward to meeting up with our members on Monday, 26th September, at 2pm in the Lang Hall for fellowship, friendship and fun. All welcome.

## Friendly Hour - Margaret Pearson (Secretary)

*"There's a miracle of Friendship that dwells within the heart,  
And don't know how it happens, or where it gets its start.  
But the happiness it brings you always gives a special lift  
And you realise that Friendship is life's most precious gift."*  
(Author unknown)

How would you like to enjoy an afternoon of Friendship? Why not come along and join us at the Friendly Hour where you can be sure of a friendly chat over a nice cup of tea/coffee and some goodies. We also have entertainment for you to enjoy before going back home.

We can also provide transport for you should you require it. We meet on a Tuesday afternoon in the Church Hall from 2.00 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. A warm welcome awaits you – we look forward to welcoming back all our members and we will be delighted to welcome any new members who would like to come along. If you would like more information please do not hesitate to speak to me on a Sunday.

## Sunday School - Edith Muir

I hope the parents and teachers and children of the Sunday School had a wonderful summer.

A more casual Sunday School was available through the school holiday period where the children made friezes of each of the four seasons. These are hanging on the boards in the Sunday School hall where they fairly brighten it up.



We also did some crafts and played parachute games.

Sunday School resumes on 21st August.

This year we are having Bible stories with an animal theme. All children aged 0 - 16 are welcome.





## Boys' Brigade - Janice Mc Callum

A new session is almost upon us and we hope our 2022/23 session will be a success and we pray for the safe return of our boys, staff and of course new members.

The Parents' night in May was a great success and a really happy atmosphere made the evening special with the boys giving 100%. The boys were kept busy and the audience entertained. We invited some of the children in the audience to join the craft activity to make a crown as it was the Queen's Jubilee. They all completed this with enthusiasm and our judge, Girls' Brigade leader Karen Peacock, had a difficult task choosing a winner. Thanks Karen.



The awards were presented by the Reverend Gordon Armstrong, our Company Chaplain. In addition to all the badges they had earned, all the boys received a Queen's Jubilee badge. A donation from the William Adams trust allowed us to give the boys moving up to the Company section a uniform shirt and tie. Awards to the best boy in the various sections:

- Anchors - Muhammed
- Juniors - Philip
- Company section - Finlay Wilkes
- New Recruit - Ahmed

John Stewart sent article and photos to the Paisley Daily Express about the 14th. Paisley; see the BB notice board in the main hall for the article. Thanks John.

After the Parents' Evening the boys had a special treat - HOOTS OWLS. Yes, you read it right Owls. The boys all got to hold an owl and the barn owl flew back and forth along the length of the main hall from one boy to another while I held their arm. They loved it. Afterwards the boys enjoyed a MacDonald Happy meal and cakes and then played games till home time. Great fun.

We start back on Friday August 19th in the Wynd Centre.

Anchors and Juniors 6.30-8.00

Company section 7.30-9.30/10.00

All boys are welcome. If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining us, please feel free to pass on this information. They would be made most welcome.

Thank you all for your continued support of the 14th. Paisley BB.



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



We decided to have a simple and informal last night of session on 19<sup>th</sup> May and invited the parents along.

Each girl was presented with their year badge and relevant badge for their school year. It was lovely to welcome the parents back into the company after all the COVID-19 restrictions.

From two Explorers at the start of the session the numbers increased and we finished with ten. Two new Juniors joined us as well. This meant that some of the girls were getting badges for the first time and they were all delighted.



We are planning for the 22/23 session which will commence on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September. We are hoping that more girls will join us.

On 20<sup>th</sup> May I was delighted to be invited along to the BB display to judge the art competition and I enjoyed a great night of entertainment.



Congratulations to one of our Juniors leaders, Melissa and her husband Mark on the birth of Sophia, born at the end of June; a little sister for Katie and George. Also best wishes to Heather McIntyre, a trainee leader, who expects her first baby in November.

All girls of school age are welcome to come along on a Thursday evening. Contact me for more information.

## Guides (11th Paisley) - Linda Kelly



We finished our session in June with a Jubilee Party which was to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. This was a great way to finish for the summer with lots of fun, games and nice food.

We are planning for the next session and looking forward to the time ahead. The girls will be working on badges and taking part in activities from crafts to baking - which they love.

In October we are having our first camp back after COVID-19 and it will be some of the girls' first camp. We are looking forward to a fun-packed weekend at South Newton.

The new session starts on Thursday 25th August at 7.30pm.



## Rainbows and Brownies -

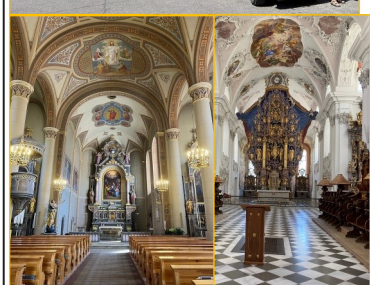
Elizabeth Halliday

(on behalf of Oakshaw Trinity Rainbows & Brownies)

The new session starts on Friday 26th August, 2022 at 6 p.m.







## Oberammergau 2022 (Elaine Craig)

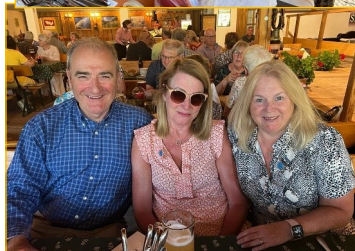
On the morning of 13th July 2022, thirty six excited passengers, led by Rev. Gordon Armstrong and Mrs Anne Hosie, departed Glasgow Airport for Munich, via Frankfurt, commencing a 'once in a generation' trip.

Our agenda was busy, highlighted by the Passion Play in Oberammergau on Saturday 16th.

However, unforeseen hiccups included misplaced luggage and a midnight supper in the Winter Garden of our Austrian Hotel. Undeterred, we rose early, addressed medical issues, attended morning worship and visited a glacial lake via gondola, witnessing absolutely breath-taking surrounding scenery. Denise – our guide and subsequent good friend, additionally ensured 'essential' shopping time until our luggage arrived.

Other activities included several calls to worship and a Communion; strolling around the village of Imst; toy train rides; traditional Tyrolean entertainment; 'Basilica Minor' and Innsbruck visits, to name a few. All this seamlessly executed and thoroughly enjoyable. This tremendously spirited group rejoiced in laughter along the way, binding us together whilst forging lifelong friendships.

Unequivocally, the Passion Play exceeded all our expectations – from its commencement to the crucifixion of Jesus, culminating in His resurrection. It truly was an incredible and deeply moving spiritual experience. One which will be long remembered by us all. As Gordon preached in his sermon on our return, the children in the play were advised to look only towards Jesus, at all times – a lesson for us all.



## Seniors' Holiday

Arrangements have been made for a 5 day break, in the Borders, commencing 24th October. We will be accommodated at the Cross Keys Hotel, Kelso, with several trips made to places of interest in this beautiful part of the country.



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