



Parish News

Ferryhill Parish Church Magazine

Summer 2014

A FACE IN THE CROWD

Minister's Message



Were you one of the lucky folks who managed to get hold of tickets for the Commonwealth Games taking place this summer? With two daughters who go to gymnastics, we managed to get tickets for the team finals in the Hydro which we are looking forward to with great anticipation. Partly this is to see the commitment and talent of the gymnasts, but it is also to be a part of something bigger than we are, to be present when something special happens.

While we celebrate, of course, the achievements of athletes and sportsmen and women in big games like the Commonwealth Games, the athletes themselves often also pay tribute to the crowd that cheers them on. Thirty years ago, I remember Nigel Mansell, winning the British Grand Prix, talked about the extra second a lap the crowd gave him with their rapturous support. In American Football, teams and home crowd work together, the home crowd creating a deafening roar that disrupts the ability of the visiting team to communicate before a play. The 'twelfth man' coming into their



own. Watching a Wimbledon match, the crowd can become the emotional amplifier for how the favoured player is doing. On occasions the crowd takes it upon itself to give the support that a downbeat player is needing to turn things around.

As we come into the summer months and the weather gets warmer, we will see more of each other. At this time of year we are much more likely to stand chatting, to be out walking from place to place, perhaps spending some time at Duthie Park. Will we just be a face in the crowd to one another, like spectators

enjoying the show, or better can we be participants and take this opportunity to get to know one another in our community that little bit more?

In the book of Hebrews in the Bible it has a beautiful wee verse that says, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

Have a wonderful summer.

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Church News

Books and Bakes Sale

Donations of books have been piling up so it is time for a sale again in aid of the Manse Appeal Fund.

In the Foyer, as well as books, there will be DVDs, CDs, jigsaws and games on sale, a raffle and, of course, our usual tempting assortment of home bakes.

In the Hall, strawberries and ice cream will be served along with tea or coffee and shortbread, all for just £2.50 (schoolchildren half price).

The Fundraising Taskgroup would appreciate donations of baking, DVDs, CDs and raffle prizes, which can be handed in on Friday 6 June or on the morning of the sale.

Saturday 7 June

2-4 p.m. in Ferryhill Parish Church Hall and Foyer

Transport to Church

If you would like to come to church but need someone to collect you by car, we provide a transport service, operated by volunteers. Please contact Margaret Barclay (Tel: 596182) to arrange a lift.

If you are able to offer to collect someone, Margaret would love to hear from you.

Hall Lets

Ferryhill Parish Church has an extensive suite of rooms and halls available for let. If you would like to enquire about a hall let please contact the office or email ferryhill-bookings@gmail.com.

Baton Bearing Relay

Ferryhill Parish Church member Doug Guy has been successfully nominated as a baton bearer as part of the Queen's Baton Relay for the 2014 Commonwealth Games to be held in Glasgow in September.

The exact location and date of his run has yet to be confirmed, but is expected to be in Aberdeen. Doug's nomination included his epic charity bike ride along the length of the Pyrenees mountain range (see picture, with Doug enjoying a well-deserved glass of bubbly at the finish) where he raised £7,500 for local charity Friends of Roxburghe House Grampian.

Over the last decade Doug has helped his community with his involvement in the local 62nd Ferryhill beavers and cubs, the Bon Accord Thistle swim club based in Kincorth where he was a coach for



8 years and the Aberdeen based Grampian Orienteering Club, for which he regularly organised and planned orienteering events. He was also one of the active members of the community lead action group SOS (save our school) Harlaw which prevented the closure of Harlaw Academy.

Ministries and Mission

Each year, every congregation of the Church of Scotland makes a Ministries and Mission contribution which goes towards specific areas of the Church's work. In 2014, congregations across Scotland will contribute £47 million, which will go in two directions: to the Parish Ministries Fund (86%) and to the Mission and Renewal Fund (14%). Our contribution at Ferryhill this year is £58,412.

The Parish Ministries Fund goes towards the costs of providing over 1,000 ministers and other parish workers in communities throughout Scotland, in churches, schools, hospitals, care facilities and homes. This Fund also assists with the costs of recruitment and training and provides additional ministry support to some of the most marginalised areas of our country.

The Mission and Renewal Fund helps to support the wider work of the church in: resourcing congregations for Christian education and outreach: providing social care services to further the caring work of the Church to people in need: providing day to day work in administrative, financial, fabric and legal matters: contributing to the Church's opinion in public debate and on issues affecting Scotland and the world: and in planning the General Assembly and ensuring that the Moderator represents the Church.

These contributions ensure a very diverse ministry is maintained and that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is shared in many ways and in many places.

Run Away With The Circus

Summer Club 2014

Who hasn't dreamed of running away with the circus?! This summer some of us will get the chance.

The Summer Club during the school holiday this year has a circus theme. "Roll Up For The Circus" is going to be a week that all primary aged children (and those who will be starting primary school in August) will love. "Roll Up For The Circus" comes just at the right time as children are getting restless at the end of the summer holidays.

Let them come and meet Pepperoni the Ring Master, Beanie the Clown, Flingo the Juggler, Susie Smasher the Plate Spinner and many other characters.

The Summer Club will have a wide range of games, crafts, drama, music, stories, all run in a fun and safe environment by members of Ferryhill Parish Church. During the week the children will explore some important themes including friendship, respect of others, our feelings, and honesty.

Dates and Times

Monday 4 August - Sunday 10 August

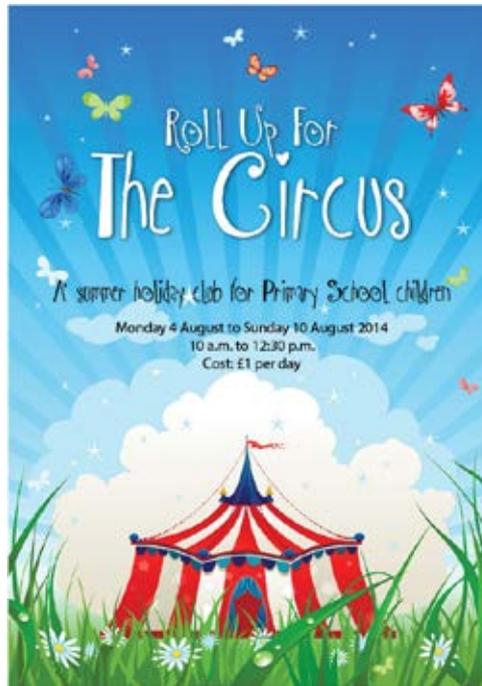
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

£1 per day

Family Day

We are hoping to have a special day out as part of "Roll Up For The Circus" for both the children and their families at Duthie Park on Saturday 9 August. This will be a great chance to get together with all ages, so make sure you keep that date clear for all the family to join in.

More details will be available on the church website.



Leaders and Volunteers

We have planning meetings arranged for the preparation for the Summer Club on the following dates, all of them at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Room.

- Thursday 19 June
- Thursday 3 July
- Thursday 24 July
- Thursday 31 July



Diary

June Services

Sunday 1 June

11:00 Worship for all ages
"Listening At The Door"
including Holy Communion
Sunday Club & Crèche

Sunday 8 June (Pentecost)

11:00 Worship for all ages
"Gifts Of The Spirit"
Sunday Club & Crèche

Sunday 15 June

11:00 Worship for all ages
"The First Dawn"
Sunday Club & Crèche

Tuesday 17 June

12:10 Mid-week service in the
Memorial Chapel

Sunday 22 June

11:00 Worship for all ages
"A Valued Flock"
Sunday Club & Crèche

Sunday 29 June

11:00 Worship for all ages
"A Place Of Hospitality"
with presentations to
the Sunday Club

Care Home Services

Wednesday 4 June

11:00 Cowdray Club

Sunday 22 June

18:00 Maryfield East

The Guild Summer Outing

Wednesday 25 June

12:15 Leaving the Church for
Verdant Works Dundee

Sunday Club Planning Meeting

Thursday 19 June

19:30 Upper Room (Church)

Ferryhill Fairtrade Stall in UK Top 200



Traidcraft was established in 1979 as a Christian response to poverty and combines a trading company and a development charity whose mission is to fight poverty through trade, practising and promoting approaches to trade that help poor people in developing countries transform their lives. Traidcraft builds lasting relationships with producers, supports people to trade out of poverty and works to bring about trade justice.

Traidcraft has over 5,000 supporters in the UK, known as Fairtraders, who regularly sell Fairtrade products to others in various places, including churches, schools, colleges or universities, through websites, at work and at farmers markets.

Since our after-church Traidcraft stall began at Ferryhill Church in November 2010, we have sold over £14,000 of Fairtrade goods. We recently received an email from Traidcraft thanking us for our support and informing us that we are now in the top 200 Fairtraders in the UK. This is a great achievement and one of which everyone should be proud. We hope that the stall will continue to flourish and that more folk will choose to buy Fairtrade products.

Home Ordering & Deliveries

We would like to increase our sales by providing an ordering and home delivery service to anyone in the parish who is interested in buying Fairtrade products.

You can access the online catalogue at www.traidcraftshop.co.uk or, if you do not have access to a computer, you can pick up a copy of the Spring/Summer catalogue in the Coffee Shop at the church. You can order items directly from Traidcraft if you wish, but if you order through the Fairtrade Co-ordinator at Ferryhill, you will not have to pay any postage and your order will be delivered to you when it arrives (usually within a week).

Fairtrade Workplaces

Do you work in a local business? Becoming a Fair Trade Workplace can benefit you and your organisation, and will help transform the lives of growers and artisans in developing countries. One easy step is to use Fairtrade tea, coffee, sugar and snacks at work. We can supply everything you need.

If you are interested in either of these

services, please contact the Fairtrade Co-ordinator, Shelagh Bain, either by phone (588744) or email (editor@ferryhillparishchurch.org).

The Fairtrader Difference

You may be wondering why you should bother to buy your Fairtrade products from a Traidcraft Fairtrader rather than a supermarket.

Ask yourselves where do you think the profits should go from your purchases? To supermarket shareholders or to a dedicated fair trade organisation that is constantly pioneering and pushing the boundaries of fair trade?

Traidcraft measures success not by profits but on how much they buy from producers in the developing world. As an organisation dedicated to fighting poverty through trade, the money earned by Traidcraft is invested in existing Fairtrade producers and in continuing to pioneer new developments.

That is why we say your money goes further when Traidcraft products are purchased through your local stall.

Welcome to Ferryhill

Sunday 4 May 2014 was a special service for many in the congregation with the infant blessing of Emily Mortimer, the baptisms of Henry and Rhian Morgan, Efe Dawson, Erin and Mac Guy, and also the admission into membership of Efe, Rhian, John Morgan and Doug Guy.

We welcome them all as a part of the church community within Ferryhill Kirk.



Summer in the Park

Over the course of the Summer there are many activities going on within Duthie Park. Do make the most of the opportunities on offer.

Gardening Workshops at Duthie Park

The Royal Horticultural Society of Aberdeen is hosting a series of workshops at the park during 2014. The workshops, aimed at the amateur or beginner gardener, will provide tips on gardening, information on tasks that require to be done around that time of year and will follow the garden cycle from seed planting to harvesting. Workshops are free, although there may be a small charge for materials.

Sunday 8 June 1:30–3 p.m.
Flower planting

Sunday 20 July 1:30–3 p.m.
Learn about fruit trees

These will be held in the community garden beside the old bowling pavilion. For further information or to book a space, contact Arthur Gill on 01224 580165 or by email argill@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Friends of Duthie Park Open Day

The Friends of Duthie Park are holding an Open Day on Sunday 17 August from 12 noon–4 p.m. with fun activities for all the family. There will be Scottish country dancing displays, Zumba and Bokwa, Wrestlezone Scotland, children's entertainment, bouncy castles, rickshaws and lots of bands. www.friendsofduthiepark.co.uk

For information about any of the above events, contact Arthur Gill, Outreach and Training Officer, 01224 580165 or email argill@aberdeencity.gov.uk.

Summer Fun For Under 7s

Have fun with the Ranger Service, taking part in environmentally themed activities in the park and Winter Gardens. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking is essential. Meet at David Welch Winter Gardens Entrance.

Tuesday 8, 15, 22, 29 July, 5, 12 Aug
10–11:30 a.m. or 1:30–3 p.m.

Thursday 10, 17, 24, 31 July, 7, 14 Aug
1:30–3 p.m.

8–12 year olds

Become a Junior Ranger and learn about the wildlife that lives in the Park. Booking is essential; also parent consent forms will be required.

Thursday 10, 17, 24, 31 July, 7, 14 Aug
10:00–11:30 a.m.

For both under 7s and 8–12s the cost is £1.50 per session (paid in advance), email contact for bookings: wintergardens@aberdeencity.gov.uk

BP Opera Outdoors

There will be a screening of La Boheme in the park on Tuesday 15 July at 7 p.m.

RHSA Flower Show/ Horse Show

These two events will take place on Saturday 30 Aug (11 a.m.–6 p.m.) and Sunday 31 Aug (10 a.m.–5 p.m.).

Diary

July Services

Friday 4 July

10:15 End of Term Service for Ferryhill Primary School

Sunday 6 July

11:00 Worship for all ages
"Jesus or John?"

Monday 13 July

11:00 Worship for all ages
"The Generous Sower"

Sunday 20 July

11:00 Worship for all ages
"Weeds and Seeds"

Sunday 27 July

11:00 Worship for all ages
"Unseen Abundance"

Sunday Club Planning

Thursday 3, 24 & 31 July

19:30 Upper Room (Church)

August Services

Sunday 3 August

11:00 Worship for all ages
"Pieces Of Pieces"

Sunday 10 August

11:00 Worship for all ages
"Doon The Water"

Sunday 17 August

11:00 Worship for all ages
"Broken Borders"

Sunday 24 August

11:00 Worship for all ages
"All In A Name?"
Sunday Club and Crèche

Sunday 31 August

11:00 Worship for all ages
"Costly Integrity"
Sunday Club and Crèche

Summer Club

Roll Up For The Circus

Monday 4 – Sunday 10 August

10:00– For Primary Aged Children
12:30 Please register children on the church website.

COMMUNITY NEWS

24 Hour Trek from the Broch to Aberdeen with Stevie Lyons



On 31 May 2014 I will be taking part in a 24 hour sponsored walk from Fraserburgh to Aberdeen (a total of 60 miles!).

I am hoping to raise money to

purchase much needed music and sensory equipment for the adults with learning disabilities who attend Rosehill Day Centre, Aberdeen.

I also hope to raise money to purchase LifeStraws. LifeStraws are fantastic filter straws which enable people in the developing world to drink clean and safe water from the most contaminated sources. I decided to raise money for LifeStraws after watching a video that Peter showed at the end of term Primary School Easter service.

If you would like to sponsor me, there is a form available in the Coffee Shop at Ferryhill Parish Church. You can still add your contribution in June after I have completed the walk. Thank you for your support!



Ferryhill's Hidden Gem Albury Outdoor Sports Centre

Tucked away off Albury Road, Ferryhill, the Albury Outdoor Sports Centre offers residents and visitors facilities for tennis, bowls and putting in a beautiful setting.

The Centre is an innovative working partnership between the local community and Sport Aberdeen and is run by volunteers.

The sports facilities can be used on a Pay & Play basis or through an annual membership scheme.

The centre has one bowling green with six rinks, a challenging 18 hole putting course plus five tennis courts. A further green is currently used by Crathes Croquet Club.

Tennis coaching is available for children and adults plus the option to join a thriving tennis league.

The Centre also offers guided walks for the over 50s and has recently become a hub for three of the Ramblers city centre medal routes.

Further information including prices, opening hours and information on becoming a volunteer can be found at www.alburysportscentre.org.

Ferryhill Primary School Donation To Malawi

After a large clear out of the school library and classrooms resulting in some thirty boxes of books no longer needed by the school, a good home was sought for them.

Rev Peter Johnston, one of the chaplains at the school, has arranged for these books to be sent to Malawi to aid children's education there. This has been arranged through the local charity F.R.O.M. Scotland (fromscotland.org.uk) who regularly send out their container full of equipment and supplies from Scotland to Malawi.



Ferryhill Community Centre

Ferryhill Community Centre offers a wide and varied program of activities for all ages. The programme can be found on our "What's On" page at www.ferryhillcommunitycentre.org.uk

Why not pop in for a coffee and chat, or a light lunch in our newly refurbished coffee lounge, see our varied programme of events and perhaps sign up for a class or activity. You will be most welcome.



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Easter Donations



EMBRACE the Middle East

An Easter Embrace

Offerings from the Easter Services at Ferryhill Parish Church have been donated to two overseas charities.

£233.85 from the Easter Day service was donated to the Charity 'Embrace the Middle East', which aims to improve the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the Middle East. They work in partnership with local Christians to provide health, education and community development programmes to those in need, regardless of their faith or nationality.

Formerly known as 'Biblelands', the charity changed its name in 2012. They chose the name 'Embrace the Middle East' because it best described where they worked and because it reflected the Christian calling to welcome the stranger, feed the hungry and help the homeless.

More information is available at <http://www.embraceme.org/>

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LifeStraws Appeal

£90.50, collected at the Ferryhill School Easter service, was donated to the LifeStraws appeal being run by Aberdeen Presbytery.

LifeStraw® water filters convert contaminated water into clean, safe drinking water by removing all the bacteria and parasites responsible for causing common diarrhoeal diseases.



The easy-to-use filters are a vital tool for some of the 780 million people who do not have ready access to safe drinking water. This leaves them at risk of diarrhoeal disease, which kills more than 1.5 million people every year.

Safe drinking water is especially important for vulnerable groups, such as children under five, pregnant women and people living with HIV.

You can make a further donation to the LifeStraws Appeal through Stevie Lyons's sponsored walk (see article on previous page) and note that the children of the Sunday Club are also raising money for the LifeStraws Appeal at the moment. You will hear more from them in the future.



Coffee Shop



Fancy a cup of tea or coffee and a fine piece in the Ferryhill area? How about a full Scottish breakfast and toast for under a fiver? Looking for a venue to meet up with friends for a chat and a laugh? Then Ferryhill Church Coffee Shop is the place for you.

It is open Monday to Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 and 9:30 to 12 noon on Saturdays, serving hot drinks and snacks including freshly baked scones as well as locally sourced pancakes and rowies.

For those who wish a more substantial snack, bacon and egg rolls are freshly made to order. On Mondays the famous coffee shop breakfast is available. All our tea, coffee and sugar is Fairtrade. We also provide a takeaway service, which is very popular with folk who work locally.

The main purpose of the Coffee Shop is to provide a service to the Ferryhill community but it also provides valuable income for the church. This is largely due to the fact that it is staffed entirely by volunteers who do all the ordering, cooking, serving and cleaning up. This takes a large team of volunteers and more volunteers are currently required so if you think you might be able to help out, please contact Edna Sainsbury on 01224 572477. You do not need to be a member of the church to be involved.

Whether you are a regular visitor to Ferryhill Church or have never been there before, you will be sure of a warm welcome and a refreshing break in comfortable surroundings, so come along and join us.



Roll Up For The Circus

A summer holiday club for Primary School children

Monday 4 August to Sunday 10 August 2014

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Cost: £1 per day

Will you be looking for something fun to do at the end of the holidays?

Do you like games, stories, music, crafts, food and having a whole load of fun?

If you do, then our Summer Club is for you!

Come along and **join the circus!**

Flyers available at Ferryhill Parish Church or register your children online at www.ferryhillparishchurch.org

More information from summerclub@ferryhillparishchurch.org



A Kirk for All
at Ferryhill

