

Ferryhill Parish News

June, July August 2010

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This summer edition of **Parish News** covers the months of June, July and August. In July and August, the services are at 10.00am rather than 11.00 so that folks can get out and (hopefully) enjoy the summer weather. The services are led by members of the congregation and this year's special theme is **Celebrating Creation!** You can read more about it on pages 3-4.

DELEGATION FROM MALAWI

At the start of September Aberdeen Presbytery will welcome a delegation of 24 people from its twinned **Presbytery of Blantyre in Malawi**. Several churches in Aberdeen are twinned with congregations in Blantyre, and we will welcome the Session Clerk from our own twinned church of Chigodi. In previous years we have hosted three delegates from Chigodi, and five of our members from Ferryhill have visited Blantyre. This 2010 visit will be an exciting opportunity to further develop our relationship with our partner church, and to reinforce the friendships that have been established previously. Ferryhill is to host a **Welcome Dinner** for the delegation on September 3rd. Two of our families have generously offered to provide hospitality for our delegate from Chigodi, who will be with us on two Sundays during the visit. We hope that the visit will be a blessing to both Ferryhill and Chigodi.

PARISH REGISTER

Baptism

Jayden Aussie Robb (25.4.10)

Funerals

Terrence Toet (died 20.3.10)

Alexander W Stephen 22.4.10

SERVICES IN JUNE

Please note : there will be no evening or mid-week services in June, July and August

SUNDAY 6th JUNE

11 a.m. Worship for all ages.
Sacrament of Holy Communion
(children are welcome to participate fully in the Sacrament under the guidance of an adult)
Sunday Club and Crèche.

SUNDAY 13th JUNE

11 a.m. Worship for all ages.
Sunday Club and Crèche.

6 p.m. Devanha Gardens N H

SUNDAY 20th JUNE

11 a.m. Worship for all ages.
Sunday Club and Crèche.

SUNDAY 27th JUNE

11 a.m. Family Worship for all ages.
Crèche.

6 p.m. Maryfield East N H

FRIDAY 2nd JULY

10.45 a.m. Ferryhill Primary School
End of Session Service



SUNDAY SERVICES IN JULY AND AUGUST AT 10 A.M.

(See Message for the Month)

SUNDAY 1st AUGUST

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated during this service.

SUNDAY 8th AUGUST

Service led by children of the Summer Club.

(Details of the Summer Club given elsewhere in this edition of Parish News)

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

These revert to being at 11 a.m.

SUNDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

11 a.m. Worship for all ages.

The Congregational Board

will meet on Wednesday 9th June at 7 p.m. (please note time)

Followed at 8 p.m. by

Joint meeting of the

Kirk Session and

The Congregational Board

for a Stewardship Presentation led by Fiona Penny,

Regional Stewardship Consultant.

The next issue of **Parish News** will be the maxi edition for **September** which traditionally contains information about all the activities which take place in the church during the year. Over the summer, the editor will be contacting all those whose organisations have been represented in this list to ask for any amendments to their notice. Anyone who wishes to place a new notice about an organisation should contact the editor, Shelagh Bain email: shebain@hotmail.co.uk or Tel: 588744.

A Message from Gwen Haggart, Convenor Worship Task Group

At last the summer is officially here, and as well as looking forward to holidays we are looking forward to our two months of Summer Services during July and August, starting at 10.00 am instead of 11.00am. Many of us will be heading off to the country to enjoy the wonderful scenery of Scotland, and it is the countryside and the whole natural world around us that gave us the inspiration for this year's theme for the summer services– **Celebrating Creation!**

But we are not just going to be thanking God for the beauty and wonder of the world we live in, for we are also aiming to be a congregation that is aware of the damage that can be, and has been, done throughout the world by us human beings, as we take this amazing world for granted. We are aiming to become an **Eco Congregation**. Some of the churches in Aberdeen are already proudly displaying the Eco-Congregation plaque we are working towards achieving. You will have noticed the Eco – Tip in the Pew Leaflet each Sunday – a suggestion that each of us can help the environment in some small way – and we are using eco- friendly and Fairly Traded goods in our church kitchen and Coffee Shop as well as recycling the church waste as much as possible – but this is only the start.

Our Summer Services will carry this a step further with worship that is centred on God's creation and our place in it ; our place in the world as only one species of the world's inhabitants; and our capacity to do harm – and good – to the relationship between ourselves and the natural world around us.

Each Sunday we will focus on a different aspect of the theme and groups of members will lead the services as they explore, in their own individual ways, the responsibilities and challenges that face us – from the vast Oil Industry, so close to us here in Aberdeen, to the fact that we shouldn't throw litter in the streets, to the realisation that what we do here in Aberdeen can affect people on the other side of the world. God has given us an amazing world to live in – but what have **we** done to it? **We must all think of our responsibilities.**

We would like you to start cutting out from magazines and newspapers articles that are relevant to our theme of environmental awareness and our responsibility to look after the world around us. Beginning in July there will be a large board in the atrium at the church and each week you can pin up your articles on it. We hope to pick up some of the ideas in them during our services. We are also planning to have a guided walk in the area of Forvie Sands to learn about the conservation work done there, but we know this might not be suitable for everyone and might be too long a walk for younger children, so we are also going to have an eco-walk in Ferryhill looking at the bad as well as the good features of our own local area.

We hope to learn a lot as we celebrate creation this summer and face up to the challenge of playing our part in looking after it.

The **Summer Club** is always a week of fun for all who attend. This year's theme is "God Cares! We Care!" looking at our environment and how we care for it. We will do this through the activities: craft, games, music, stories and an outing. All children attending primary school after the summer are very welcome. It runs from 2nd - 8th August 2010 between 9.15am to 12.15pm every morning at a cost of only £1 a day. No places are reserved, come on Monday 2nd August and register at the door. For more information tel. Fiona on Aberdeen 590806.

The Summer Club is very lucky to have a lot of dedicated helpers, all of whom are Disclosure Scotland checked. Their work starts early; preparation has already begun and their next meetings are on 10th June and 1st, 15th & 29th July at 7.30pm in the Upper Room. New volunteers are welcome to come to these meeting