

Newsletter

Crown Church, Inverness

JULY & AUGUST 2023: No. 792

Parish Minister: Rev Douglas Robertson



SUNDAY SERVICES

We are now back meeting regularly for our two Sunday Morning Services. Douglas is continuing to broadcast on Sunday mornings at 11.00 am. To watch these and previous recordings please go to the Crown Church Facebook page (a Facebook account is not required to see the service).

Sunday 2nd July	Morning Worship at 9.30am and 11.00am followed by special prayers
Sunday 9th July	Morning Worship at 9.30am and 11.00am
Sunday 16th July	Morning Worship at 9.30am and 11.00am
Sunday 23rd July	Morning Worship at 9.30am and 11.00am
Sunday 30th July	Morning Worship at 9.30am and 11.00am
Sunday 6th August	Morning Worship at 9.30am and 11.00am followed by special prayers
Sunday 13th August	Morning Worship at 9.30am and 11.00am
Sunday 20th August	Morning Worship at 9.30am and 11.00am
Sunday 27th August	Morning Worship at 9.30am and 11.00am
Sunday 3rd September	The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 9.30am and 11.00am followed by special prayers

'For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies'

Psalm 108;verse4

From the Minister

Dear Members and Friends of Crown Church,

Summer suns are glowing over land and sea;
happy light is flowing, bountiful and free.

Everything rejoices in the mellow rays;
all earth's thousand voices swell the psalm of praise.

(number 225 in our hymn book)



It has just stopped raining, as I sit here in the little back room of the Manse, with the door open to enjoy the fresh smells of post-downpour summer. As the hymn quoted above suggests, the sun makes us happy, it makes us think of holidays, when the pressure's off and

we can relax; but personally, I've always been a fan of the rain too. I like a good storm, perhaps especially in the summer. Everything seems so much greener and fresher and the air which was muggy this morning is now much easier to breathe – a comment which may have something to do with being mildly asthmatic!

As a student I enjoyed physics and chemistry and of course maths. I liked science, because it seemed that it was always possible to come to a conclusion which could then be marked right or wrong. But as I've grown older, even though I have neither studied nor worked in the world of STEM (as they call it nowadays) for more than 30 years, I think I have come to appreciate the unknowns of the world, the things that science cannot yet answer, more than I used to, especially the mystery of life.

Photosynthesis is a truly mind boggling contributor to the cycle of life, but it doesn't really explain how life even exists, or more importantly, why it does.

One of the greatest minds of the 20th century, Stephen Hawking, wrote a book called "A Brief History of Time". It seeks to take some very high level scientific thinking and put it into a form that can be read by all. If you haven't read it, you should.

Towards the end, he suggests that once we have discovered all the scientific laws that explain how the universe works, then we can discuss, "*the question of why it is that we and the universe exist. If we find the answer to that, it would be the ultimate triumph of human reason - for then we would know the mind of God.*"

That's how I feel when I stare into the sky on a clear night, or listen to thunder roaring, or look upon the Northern Lights (once, in Aberdeen, a long time ago), or stand on the edge of a volcano, or fly over the Red Centre of Australia, or drive through Glen Coe, or sit here and breathe in the beautiful, fresh air that is the very essence of life. I feel like I'm looking into the mind of God.

Of course we don't yet know – can't know – the mind of God fully, and yet, as the Apostle Paul wrote in Romans chapter 1, God has surely revealed enough of himself for us to have a very good idea....

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. [Romans 1:20]

Enjoy your summer, and whether you are travelling far or staying at home, and whether the sun shines or the rain falls, give thanks to God who is the author and giver of life.

Blessings

Douglas

Please share your thoughts

The Kirk Session has given its blessing to the Crown 20/20 group to engage again with the next step foreseen in the plans to re-imagine Crown Church.

The main thrust of the plans is to provide a brand- new, modern entrance at the garden side which will allow visitors and passers-by to see in to a place of hospitality and fellowship. The reception area and the Olive Grove will be attractive and welcoming at all times with good use of natural light during the day, and lights highlighting the entrance after dark.

The group met recently to consider the Architect's plans already made, and in the light of our experiences of using the Sanctuary without pews in the central area, both for worship and for weekday groups, several alterations to the plans are being suggested.

These altered plans will be available for discussion, questions and comments over the summer at both church coffee times ahead of more formal meetings to agree the final plans which will need to have Presbytery and General Trustee approval.

All suggestions made will be carefully addressed and if they are not to be adopted, the reasons will be clearly set out.

We look forward to hearing your views.

Eileen Ardern



Over the last 8 years Young Crown has progressed in linking young people and their families to the Church, thanks to our youth and children's worker Struan McRoberts.

Struan, as you may be aware, is leaving us to take up a Primary Teaching post at South Lodge Primary in Invergordon.

During his time with us, we have seen the introduction of an alternative service which Struan has led at 9.30 on Sundays, the Toddlers Group Little Crown flourish with a vibrant group of volunteers and parents who meet in the newly refurbished sanctuary weekly, the monthly SNAC Time gathering bringing many new families to the Upper Hall for chat, food, games and conversation.

Prior to Covid we had a Youth Group on Thursday evenings and a Friday lunchtime drop in for secondary pupils. Struan worked closely with the staff and pupils in Millburn Academy and Crown School and we are looking to continue this work when he leaves.

If you would like to give a donation towards a leaving gift please put it in an envelope marked 'Struan' and leave in the offering plate on Sundays, or make an arrangement with Young Crown treasurer Gary McAra at gary@mcleodaitken.net

The presentation is to take place at the service on 6th August.

Charles Forbes

Young Crown

Prayer Diary

July & August 2023

This prayer diary has been prepared by the Discipleship Team. We hope that you will find it useful. You may like to detach it from the newsletter and use it to pray for our church and community

July 2-8

Give thanks for the summer sunshine that brightens the days during the summer months. Pray for safety, relaxation and happy times for everyone in our community.

Praise God today for the earth that He has gifted to us, and all the beautiful plants and animals He has created for us to enjoy. Commit to caring for every part of God's creation, and ask Him to prompt you to be a good steward of the earth.

Lord Almighty – we pray for collective action against climate change. We pray for countries worldwide to act collaboratively to reduce the effects of greenhouse gases and CO2 emissions. Guide world leaders in this monumental effort. Amen

Bangladesh: As sea levels rise, many coastal communities in Bangladesh are at serious risk of devastating floods. Pray for a change in rising sea levels and pray for the people already displaced from Bangladesh.

Haiti: has lost 98% of its forests, making the country even more vulnerable to complex emergencies. Pray for radical replanting and a return of forestry in the country.

July 9-15

Pray Psalm 62:5-7, 'Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honour depend on God.'

Pray for people living in fear in their own homes to be able to ask for help. Ask God to provide help for healing of the physical and psychological wounds of those who are suffering domestic violence, and pray for health and social care services, and the police, to be able to keep vulnerable people safe.

Pray today for people who have recently suffered bereavement – particularly those who are mourning a family member. Ask God to give them His comfort, strength and hope as they grieve, and to know He is their comforter.

Lord God – We remember those people in prison and pray for their spiritual lives. We pray that they will meet You in new ways, through Scripture, through chaplains or through hearing Your voice. Bring Your love into their lives. Amen

Lift up all the people around the world affected by conflict. Pray for the safety of refugees who have had to flee their homeland. Pray for healing for people who have suffered so much. Remember the hundreds of lives lost from the boat which recently sank in the Greek water. Pray for the families and friends of those who died and for the rescuers.

July 16-22

PRAY FOR FRIENDSHIP "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity" *Proverbs 17:17*

During the summer holidays, pray for children to form blossoming friendships that will sustain them through the academic year ahead.

Adult friendships are precious relationships. Thank God for the friends in your life.

Pray for those people who struggle to build and maintain friendships. Pray that they will find people who love and accept them, just as they are.

Pray for our neighbours, for people who live alone, for people who are struggling with illness and for God's peace to fall on them. Pray for protection and safety over our neighbours' homes and families, and ask God to give us opportunities and courage to share His love with those around us.

Whatever your own family situation today, thank God that He has adopted you as a son or daughter into His family. Thank God for relationship and the opportunity to share life with other people, ask Him to reveal more of His intended plan for families to You and to teach you how to love those around you like He does.

July 23-29

Whatever your circumstances, say a prayer to God; Father, help me to live this day to the full, being true to You, in every way. Jesus, help me to give myself away to others, being kind to everyone I meet. Spirit, help me to love the lost, proclaiming Christ in all I do and say. Amen

Ask God to open our eyes today to the beauty of His world and to prompt us to care for and protect what has been gifted to us. Pray for the advancement of conservation and renewable energy and that our governments will prioritise looking after our earth.

Lift up those Christians who are regularly involved in church outreach: Street Pastors, Chaplains, organisers of toddler groups, those who help refugees. Pray that God will continue to build them up with love, energy, and compassion in their work.

On 28th July – World Nature Conservation Day, pray for the recognition of a healthy environment as the foundation for a stable and productive society and for the future generations. Pray for protection, conservation and sustainable management of our natural resources.

July 30 – August 5

Today 30th July, International Day of Friendship, pause and thank God for all the friends that He has blessed you with. Pray for friends that you have lost touch with, for friends who you know are going through a difficult time, and for health and happiness for your friends in the future.

Remember and pray for those who are experiencing everyday life challenges with great difficulties and whose spirits are weakened; may they find support and comfort through relationships and appreciation of life's daily triumph.

Pray for God's light and love to shine into the minds of all who are depressed, anxious or suffering from dementia. Pray for opportunities, resources, and new and renewed relationships which help and support people with mental health challenges in healthier ways.

Pray for the homeless and those cut off from their families; that the much needed practical help and support be made available to meet both their physical and spiritual needs.

Father God – thank you for blessing each and every one of us with gifts and creativity. We pray for more disciples to represent Christ in popular culture and act as role models for the next generations. Amen

August 6-12

Father, thank You for sending Jesus into the world so that we could have a relationship with You. Help us to be part of sharing the gospel with the world. Amen

Remember and pray for those who have been affected by substance use; may they receive love, compassion and support, and may God guide them through difficult times.

Oh God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pray for teachers and pupils heading back to school in the UK after the summer break. Ask God to guide and inspire teachers as they prepare, and to instil in children the desire and confidence to learn and grow. Thank God for the opportunity of education and learning.

On this day 12th August, International Youth Day, Pray for the children and young adults you know. Pray that they would know they are loved by God, and that they would have an awareness of their value in Christ. Pray for opportunities to support and love the young people in your life.

August 13-19

WORLD FOCUS "In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone Lord make me dwell in safety" *Psalms 4:8*

Pray for people in Turkey and Syria who are still recovering from the devastating earthquake in February. Pray for those who grieve lost ones and ask that these communities will find a way to rebuild.

Pray for the people in Nigeria who live under the threat of attacks from Boko Haram. Pray for their safety.

Christians face increasing persecution from jihadists in sub-Saharan Africa. Pray that these Christians will support each other in faith and fellowship.

Pray for international displaced people who have fled their homes to escape violence. Pray that they will heal from their trauma and that their physical needs will be met.

Thank God for all of the aid workers around the world that bravely sacrifice their time and their own safety to help others. On this day 19th August -World Humanitarian Day, pray for all countries experiencing disasters and crisis; pay tribute and give thanks for all aid workers who risk their lives in humanitarian service.

August 20 - 26

Bless us Lord with hope in you and the power to share this hope with those around us. We love you; we praise you, and we put our faith and hope in you, knowing that you and you alone have everything in the palm of your mighty hands. Pray for love, peace and hope in every home and family. Pray that God's presence be felt in the lives of our families, friends and neighbours; that His guidance be the driving force in our decisions and choices we make. Lift up the emergency services today and pray for the people in our daily lives who we often take for granted. Thank God for the everyday heroes who risk so much for us so that we can live safe lives, and pray for opportunities to thank them ourselves. Pray those who are experiencing a form of terminal and long term illnesses or have a family member or friend affected; may they be comforted, experiencing strength and courage in their treatment. Pray for all elderly people in our community, for those living in their own homes or nursing homes and care homes. Pray for strength, resilience and peace among them, their families and staff who support and help look after them.

August 27 – September 2

PRAY FOR PEACEFULNESS "Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble" *Psalms 119:165*

Pray for moments of peacefulness this week. Life often feels hectic, but moments of peacefulness can help us recentre and tune in to God again. Pray for peaceful people to enter positions of power in the workplace and in government. We need peaceful leaders to influence culture. Pray for those people who come to the Remembering Garden at Waverley Abbey House. Pray that they will find the quiet they need, and a meaningful connection with God while they are here. As Christians, we know the peace of the Lord. Pray that we will carry that into our daily lives, and bless those we meet with a sense of calm and stability.

Heavenly Father – You give us Your peace and You are with us at all times and in every way. We pray to be reminded of that every day, and to bring that peace to a world that so often spins too quickly to remember it. Thank you for your grace and love. Amen.

If you have particular prayer requests for the month of September 2023 please do send them to our **Church Secretary Gloria** who will pass them on, or e-mail Jude Madeleine; judedmond@yahoo.co.uk



All Aboard!

On Friday 2nd June 2023 members of Crown Church and Old High St Stephen's enjoyed an outing on the Seagull Trust boat, a round trip from Tomnahurich Lock to Dochgarroch and back.

It was a lovely afternoon and the guests were welcomed on board by the Captain and crew. During the voyage we were treated to coffee, teas, baking and live musical entertainment. Everyone enjoyed the experience!

Many thanks to Kenny Beck and all of the Seagull team.

Brian Macgill





Daily Bible Readings for July and August

Sunday, July 2, 2023, 2 Peter 1:1-11 Participants of the Divine Nature

Monday, July 3, 2023, 2 Peter 1:1-2, Salutation

Tuesday, July 4, 2023, 2 Peter 1:3-7 The Christian's Call and Election

Wednesday, July 5, 2023, 2 Peter 1:8-11 The Christian's Call and Election

Thursday, July 6, 2023, 2 Peter 1:12-15 The Christian's Call and Election

Friday, July 7, 2023, 2 Peter 1:16-18 Eyewitnesses of Christ's Glory

Saturday, July 8, 2023, 2 Peter 1:19-21 Eyewitnesses of Christ's Glory

Sunday, July 9, 2023, 2 Peter 1:16--2:2, 15-19 False Prophets

Monday, July 10, 2023, 2 Peter 2:1-2 False Prophets and their Punishment

Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 2 Peter 2:4-10a False Prophets and their Punishment

Wednesday, July 12, 2023, 2 Peter 2:10b-13 False Prophets and their Punishment

Thursday, July 13, 2023, 2 Peter 2:14-16 False Prophets and their Punishment

Friday, July 14, 2023, 2 Peter 2:17-19 False Prophets and their Punishment

Saturday, July 15, 2023, 2 Peter 2:20-22 False Prophets and their Punishment

Sunday, July 16, 2023, 2 Peter 3:1-10, 17-18 God's Timing

Monday, July 17, 2023, 2 Peter 3:1-2 The Promise of the Lord's Coming

Tuesday, July 18, 2023, 2 Peter 3:3-7 The Promise of the Lord's Coming

Wednesday, July 19, 2023, 2 Peter 3:8-10 The Promise of the Lord's Coming

Thursday, July 20, 2023, 2 Peter 3:11-13 The Promise of the Lord's Coming

Friday, July 21, 2023, 2 Peter 3:14-16 Final Exhortation and Doxology

Saturday, July 22, 2023, 2 Peter 3:17-18 Final Exhortation and Doxology

Sunday, July 23, 2023, Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-8 Trust and Honor God

Monday, July 24, 2023, Proverbs 1:20-33 The Call of Wisdom

Tuesday, July 25, 2023, Proverbs 2:1-15 The Value of Wisdom

Wednesday, July 26, 2023, Proverbs 3:13-18 The True Wealth

Thursday, July 27, 2023, Proverbs 4:1-9 Parental Advice

Friday, July 28, 2023, Proverbs 4:10-27 Admonition to Keep the Right Path

Saturday, July 29, 2023, Proverbs 7:1-27 The False Attractions of Adultery

Sunday, July 30, 2023, Proverbs 8:1-11, 22-36 The Gifts of Wisdom

Monday, July 31, 2023, Proverbs 9:1-6 Wisdom's Feast

Tuesday, August 1, 2023, Proverbs 9:13-18 Folly's Invitation and Promise

Wednesday, August 2, 2023, Proverbs 10:1-32 Wisdom of Solomon

Thursday, August 3, 2023, Proverbs 13:1-25 Wisdom of Solomon

Friday, August 4, 2023, Proverbs 18:1-24 Wisdom of Solomon

Saturday, August 5, 2023, Proverbs 20:1-30 Wisdom of Solomon

Sunday, August 6, 2023, Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 3:1-17 For Everything There Is a Season

Monday, August 7, 2023, Ecclesiastes 3:9-15 The God-Given Task

Tuesday, August 8, 2023, Ecclesiastes 4:9-16 The Value of a Friend

Wednesday, August 9, 2023, Ecclesiastes 5:1-20 Reverence, Humility, and Contentment

Thursday, August 10, 2023, Ecclesiastes 6:1-12 The Frustration of Desires

Friday, August 11, 2023, Ecclesiastes 9:1-12 Take Life as It Comes

Saturday, August 12, 2023, Ecclesiastes 11:1-10 The Value of Diligence

Sunday, August 13, 2023, Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7 Love and Passion

Monday, August 14, 2023, Song of Solomon 3:1-5 Love's Dream

Tuesday, August 15, 2023, Song of Solomon 3:6-11 The Groom and His Party

Wednesday, August 16, 2023, Song of Solomon 4:1-5:1 The Bride's Beauty

Thursday, August 17, 2023, Song of Solomon 6:1-13 The Bride's Beauty

Friday, August 18, 2023, Song of Solomon 7:1-9 Expressions of Praise

Saturday, August 19, 2023, Song of Solomon 8:8-14 Homecoming

Sunday, August 20, 2023, Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Sabbath for Self

Monday, August 21, 2023, Exodus 16:13-26 Gathering Manna

Tuesday, August 22, 2023, Exodus 35:1-2 Rest or Death

Wednesday, August 23, 2023, Joshua 3:8-13 Rest for the Priests

Thursday, August 24, 2023, Job 11:13-19 Rest from Fear

Friday, August 25, 2023, Mark 6:26-32 Rest from Grief

Saturday, August 26, 2023, Revelation 14:6-11 No Rest for the Wicked

Sunday, August 27, 2023, Genesis 2:1-3 Sabbath for God

Monday, August 28, 2023, Leviticus 23:9-16 Sabbath Rest

Tuesday, August 29, 2023, 1 Chronicles 28:2-7 A House for God

Wednesday, August 30, 2023, Jeremiah 47:1-7 A Plea for Quiet

Thursday, August 31, 2023, Ezekiel 44:28-30 Blessing

Friday, September 1, 2023, Hebrews 4:5-10 God Rested

Saturday, September 2, 2023, Mark 14:32-36 Jesus Prays



Visiting Choir From Germany

On Sunday 6th August the Elikuren Choir will participate in morning worship at Old High St Stephen's.



This choir, consisting of 14 singers, are touring the Highlands and they will also be going to Dornoch Cathedral and St Lawrence Church in Dingwall.

They will be singing sacred songs at various points during the service and an organ scholar who is accompanying them will also play.

There will be an opportunity to meet with the German guests afterwards.

Andrew Stevenson

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JULY 2023

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FRIDAY JULY 21ST

AT 7:30 PM

PALMERSTON PLACE CHURCH
10 Palmerston Place
Edinburgh EH12 5AA

Voluntary collection in support of youth ministry

SUNDAY JULY 23RD

AT 1:30 PM

GLASGOW CATHEDRAL
Cathedral Precinct, Castle St.
Glasgow G4 0QZ

Raising collection in support of Glasgow Cathedral Music Fund

WEDNESDAY JULY 26TH

AT 7:30 PM

CROWN CHURCH
Kingsmill Road
Inverness IV23JT

*Sponsored by MacLennan
Raising collection to support future concerts*

FRIDAY JULY 28TH

AT 7:00 PM

WELLINGTON CHURCH
77 Southpark Ave.
Glasgow G12 8LE

Voluntary collection in support of Christian Aid

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Just Rice 90kg Challenge

This is being organised by Just Trading Scotland and the National Association of Smallholder Farmers of Malawi.



Selling 90kg of the 'Kilombero rice' generates enough income for a farmer in Malawi to re-invest in their farm, feed and clothe their families and most importantly enables them to provide secondary education for their children.

Crown, St Stephens and Hilton churches are aiming to sell 30kg per church to meet the '90kg challenge'. Please consider supporting this challenge by buying a 1kg bag of Malawi white or brown rice priced £3 each, which will be on sale after the church services or reserve a bag by

contacting Brian Macgill (brian.macgill@outlook.com)

Old High St Stephen's Walk Sunday 16th July



We are arranging another Summer Church outing to a local garden. It's a nice opportunity to share fellowship and see an interesting house and garden.

We plan to visit the gardens at Old Allangrange, Munlochy which is part of Scotland's Garden Scheme. Afternoon tea will be provided after a walk around the fine garden and a talk about the development of the garden along eco friendly lines. The cost of the tour and tea with cakes is £20 and will be outdoors if the weather is fine but in the House should it be wet.

If you would like to come, please contact one of us by Friday 14th July. We will aim to leave from the Church at 1.30 to arrive for 2pm and have afternoon tea about 3.30pm. If you would like to come but don't have transport, please let one of us know.

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Afternoon Tea for Cameron House

The joint Pastoral Care Teams of Crown Church and Old High St Stephen's are organising an Afternoon Tea in the Upper Hall at Crown Church on Saturday 26 August.

This is a fund-raising event to raise money for a new mini bus for Cameron House, the specialist Home for dementia sufferers in Culduthel, Inverness. A mini bus is essential for the Home in order to allow them to take the residents on outings and also to activities like Sounds Familiar and other activities geared to their needs.

The Tea will be served from 1-3pm and will consist of savouries, sandwiches, scones, cakes etc. It will almost serve as a Lunch! There will also be a Home Baking Stall and a Craft Stall.

This is an early notice for crafters to consider making goods over the Summer ready for us to sell. We will be grateful for all donations which can be brought to the Hall during the morning of the event.

The date then to remember is Saturday 26 August from 1-3pm.

For Further information contact Brian Macgill at Crown Church and Val Cantlay at Old High St Stephen's.

AFTERNOON TEA

Crown Church & Old High St Stephen's Church
Joint Pastoral Care Team

Raising funds for a new Mini Bus for
Cameron House
Church of Scotland Home for dementia sufferers
in Inverness

Saturday 26 August 1pm - 3pm
Upper Hall, Crown Church
Southside Road
Inverness

**Savouries, Sandwiches, Scones,
Cakes & much more!**

Home Baking Stall
Craft Stall
Entry by Donation



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**COFFEE MORNING (ENTRY: ADULTS
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As the NHS celebrates its 75th anniversary, Jackie Macadam considers some of the ethical debates surrounding advances in medicine

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Pictures of the church celebrations from across Scotland

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Welcome Team

July 2nd	Helen Boynton, Eleanor Ross, Douglas & Jane Wilson
July 9th	Helen Boynton, Eleanor Ross, Douglas & Jane Wilson
July 16th	Helen Boynton, Eleanor Ross, Douglas & Jane Wilson
July 23rd	Helen Boynton, Eleanor Ross, Douglas & Jane Wilson
July 30th	Helen Boynton, Eleanor Ross, Douglas & Jane Wilson
August 6th	Alison Harbison, Margot Tuley, Irene Munro
August 13th	Alison Harbison, Margot Tuley, Irene Munro
August 20th	Alison Harbison, Margot Tuley, Irene Munro
August 27th	Alison Harbison, Margot Tuley, Irene Munro

As we look forward to enjoying our newly refurbished premises, perhaps now more so than ever it is important that we can offer a friendly presence at our doorways.

If you feel you could help, even if it is just one Sunday, please do contact Gloria at the Church Office.

Readers

July 2nd	Alan Nelson
July 9th	Lesley McRoberts
July 16th	Linda Moncur
July 23rd	Ian S Fraser
July 30th	Helen Boynton
August 6th	Alison Robertson
August 13th	Marion Barbour
August 20th	Alison Harbison
August 27th	Mairi Main

NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

Deaths

Miss Neiliann McIntyre, Oak Avenue, 29th May 2023

Items for the September newsletter by Sunday 27th August please!

*****Please note our new email address*****

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