

Campsie Parish Church

**SPRING  
NEWSLETTER**



**April - May 2018**

*From the Editor.....*



Thank you to all who have contributed to this Spring Newsletter.

This is Your Campsie Parish Church Community Newsletter. There are lots of activities and matters of interest, and perhaps concern happening in and around us which we would like to incorporate into the Newsletter, but can only do so, with your assistance.

So be it a fun activity, a request for assistance or information that would be helpful to our community, please let Rev Jane Denniston or myself know so that we can incorporate your requests or stories. This information will be very much appreciated, and can help us make a difference within the community

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## **RAINBOW CAFE**

After expenses, the donations received at the Rainbow Café on Saturday 24 February in aid of British Red Cross amounted to **£375**. The Red Cross have acknowledged this with a certificate which is on the board in the foyer.

We really appreciate your ongoing support.

The next cafe will be in May or June – please keep a lookout for information.

*Rena and the Rainbow Café Team*





*Dear Friends,*

What a winter we've had! My last letter referred to the snow and anticipated that February and March would be snow-free. How wrong I was! It is a long time since we have had such extreme weather in this part of the world. In some ways it seems quite appropriate for these days to have been a struggle, and dark, and cold. Lent is a time when we remember the trials of Jesus in the wilderness when he struggled and endured darkness and loneliness. Throughout the 40 days of Lent we journey with him in various different ways.



Some of us might have given up something for Lent, and increasingly that seems to be chocolate! Some of us, as you will know from the last letter, have taken up chocolate for Lent and are enjoying Bible studies based around the film *Chocolat*. These have been thought-provoking and enjoyable, helping us to think more deeply about our faith and our life, as well as our relationships in the church.

Bible study and prayer are things that are not as popular in church life as those outside the church might expect.

I think it might be because they sound, if I am to be honest, quite boring. Also, the Scots are private people, not keen to talk about things that we think of as personal. We may fear being embarrassed.

My experience of Bible study and prayer is not quite like that. In our Bible studies based on the film, there is no need to be embarrassed because there are no wrong answers. We speak of our experience, our thoughts, the ideas that the film and the questions provided by the book from which we are working provoke in us. Our reactions are the interesting thing. Bible passages cast light on aspects of the film, but all of it is related to our daily lives.

In recent prayer meetings, we have not approached prayer as being something spoken aloud, necessarily. Nor have we only used our imaginations to stimulate prayerful thoughts. Instead, we have used other means to represent our prayers before God.

You will have noticed the prayer tree in the corner of the sanctuary. That is one way of praying. We light tea lights and place them on a map to represent our prayers for different parts of the world. We have prayed in colour, we have prayed through using plasticine, or by using objects to represent our prayers. We have watched images on the screen and used these as a stimulus to prayer.

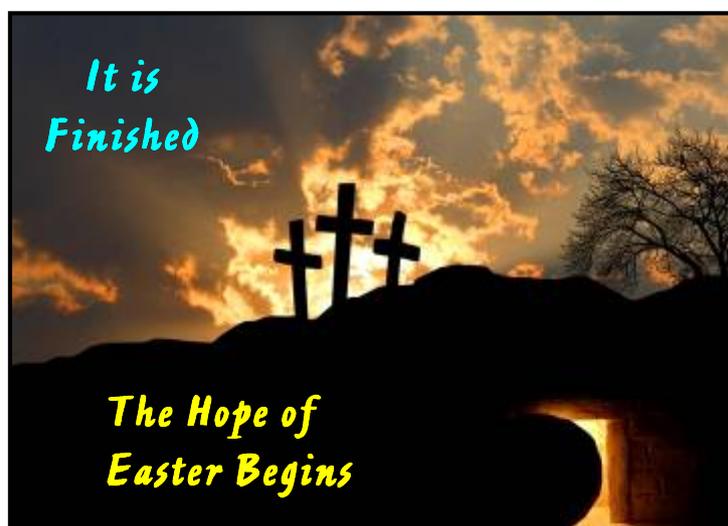


There are indeed many ways of studying the Bible and praying which can be creative and interesting and stimulating. I encourage you all to take the opportunity at some point to try it out and see whether it works for you.

I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter,

Your friend

*Jane Denniston*



# UPCOMING SERVICES



<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>
1 April	6.00 a.m.	Sunrise Service at Chrichton's Cairn (Campsie Summit)
1 April	6.00 a.m.	Sunrise Service at Schoenstatt.
1 April	11.00 a.m.	Family service of Easter celebration with communion
8 April	11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship
8 April	6.30 p.m.	Evening Service – Café Church
15 April	11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship
22 April	11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship
29 April	11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship followed by a short celebration of communion
6 May	11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship
13 May	11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship
13 May	6.30 p.m.	Evening Service – Healing Service
20 May	11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship
27 May	11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship followed by a short celebration of communion

# WOOLLY HUGS

My Wife has joined the Woolly hugs doon at the Campsie Kirk.  
The Ladies meet each Wednesday and put in lots of work.

*Blankets, hats and cardigans anything you please, to help the Mums and babies as well as needy refugees.*

At home is where they create their wares with needles, wool and hand.  
The squares wi' crocheted edges all end up just as planned



*But cheerfully they carry on their hearts still full o' glee.  
I wonder who they'll knit for next we'll just have to wait and see.*



*With each ounce of coloured wool their task they do complete  
On Wednesday nights' it comes together when once again they meet.*

All are working very hard but it's never quite enough  
The girls they know their business; sometimes it can be tough



*Gordon Waugh 2018*

# Josie's 80th Birthday Bash!!!!

Campsie Parish Church  
Saturday 24 March



Many Blessings Josie  
For  
The Years Ahead....



# Prayer Life at Campsie



Prayer activities at Campsie continues to be well supported and we are encouraged when we witness amazing answers to prayers, or when we hear from folks who have been comforted by our prayer support.



The Prayer Circle regularly receives requests for prayer and those who seek prayer have the assurance that their requests are always treated with strict confidentiality. It is indeed a privilege to be asked to pray for any and all concerns.

Our Prayer Tree in the Sanctuary is also proving to be very popular, with many folks leaving anonymous requests. All requests are included in our monthly bulletin....and the members of the Prayer Circle continue to pray over these until we receive answers! We continue to P.U.S.H.....we "Pray Until Something Happens"!!!

*We plan to hold more Prayer events during 2018 and would encourage anyone interested to contact Jane or myself. Let us all pray that this coming Easter will be a time of renewal and a time of revival.*

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## Campsie Guild



On 27th March the Guild enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch prepared by Table 13 and held their AGM. Marjory Adam has been a diligent treasurer for many years but recently following an operation she has unfortunately not been so well. Alice Wilson had kindly agreed to take over this role. Then Margaret Tindall took those present on a cruise to the Mediterranean via Powerpoint!

February did not turn out as planned as both our speakers were unable to come! However we all enjoyed an afternoon on the theme - Love. First a quiz matching lovers like - Antony and ..? Romeo and.... much more difficult was a quiz identifying hymns about love from CH4 from the second line! A hard task.

Ivy Blair spoke movingly of the work of Prospects with people with learning difficulties and described how her son with Downs Syndrome greets everyone at church services. We were so impressed with the life stories and skill contained in the quilts which Agnes Morrison brought to the Guild.

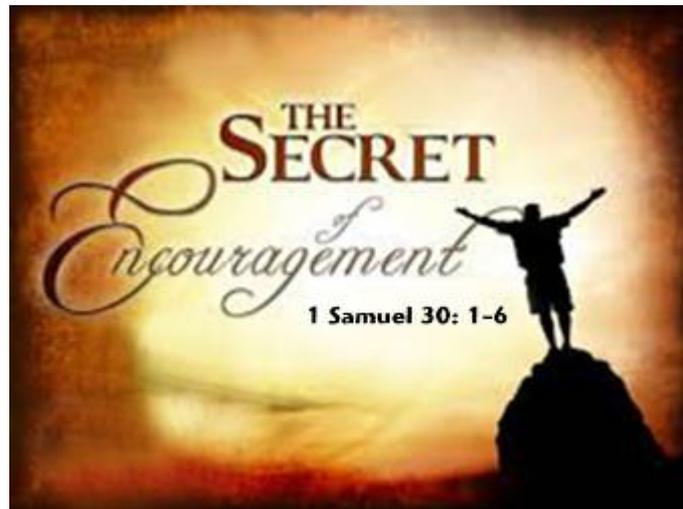
This marks the end of our three year focus on Go in Joy, in Peace and in Love, under the banner of Be Bold, Be Strong,

Next session we have new projects, yet to be announced and new themes. 2018 will be the first year of a new triennium with the strategy, ' One Journey, Many Roads', divided into three themes- Seeking the Way, Companions on the Road, The Extra Mile.



*We ask God's blessing as we invite you to join us as we seek the way ahead in 2018*

*Margaret Tindall*



When the time is ripe, the vision will come.  
When the heart is ready, the fruit will appear  
When the soul is mature the harvest will happen.  
Not to worry about all the unspoken, the unnamed, the undelivered,  
Not to hurry the sprouts of seeds, the weeds out of garden  
Let it all grow, wait for the ripening  
Yearn for the yielding if you must, but be patient, trust the process  
Talk to the restlessness, sit with the confusion, dance with the  
paradoxes  
And sip tea with the angel of midlife.  
Smile while you wait, empty basket in hand, all too eager  
To snatch the produce of your spiritual path.

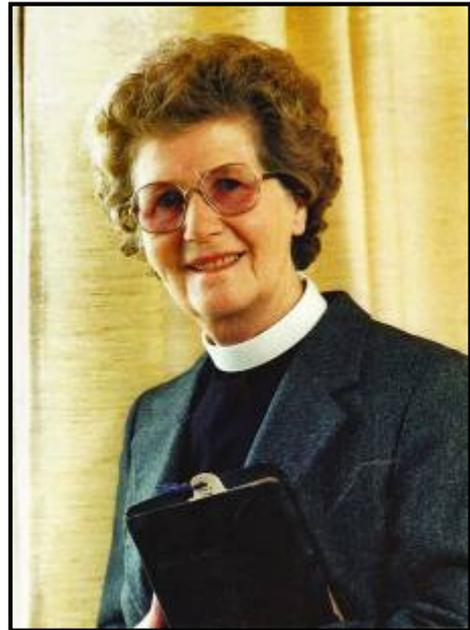
*Joyce Rupp*

# Rev Effie Irvine

*Effie Irvine was a small woman with a stout heart*

*A pioneer in ministry.*

During her time at Glasgow University the Church of Scotland agreed to accept women as ministers. She became an assistant at Renfield Church after her studies. At that time Trinity Church, the church on this site, was linked with Milton of Campsie and they were looking for a minister. They made the bold decision to call Effie. "I actually turned them down four times," she later admitted, "before accepting the position. I was a townie and did not want to go the country."



However their persistence was effective and ultimately Effie accepted the call. Thus she made history and became the first woman to be ordained and inducted into a parish. Other women had been ordained but she was the first to be ordained and inducted. The service took place on June 1st 1972. Six years later it was agreed that Campsie High and Campsie Trinity should unite and Effie then stayed on as minister of Milton of Campsie until her retirement in 1988. If you want to find out more about her there is a copy of her book "A Journey of Faith" in the vestry.

She died, aged 93, on 1st February and warm tributes were paid by former parishioners here who remember her well and by many in the Church of Scotland generally.

*Submitted by Margaret Tindall*

# HOPE

*Hope is the thing with feathers  
That perches in the soul  
And sings the tune without the words  
And never stops at all.*

*-Emily Dickinson*



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