



We are on the Path of Renewal!

As a congregation we have been accepted onto the Path of Renewal. This is a process not a program and aims to bring ministers and church members together to discuss and reflect on the big picture and explore new approaches to church life.

Groups from congregations across the Church come together to share their experiences of discipleship in everyday life and how faith might be shared in places of work and play.

Rev Liz Crumlish, who coordinates Path of Renewal, said:

“Path of Renewal does not provide a blueprint for how church should be today but encourages ministers and congregations to work out - together with God - how God is inviting them to be in and with the communities they serve. To do that demands a shift in mind-set - moving from having answers to asking questions. It also involves an element of risk taking, cultivating an environment in which experiments are welcome and one where, if something doesn’t work, that’s OK - we have something to learn from.”

Rev Scott Cameron, minister at Stevenston High Kirk in North Ayrshire, who has participated in the Path of Renewal said:

“The most remarkable part of my three year journey with Path of Renewal was to find that it was not a journey into a new programme or project, but a journey back into a newness of life with Christ. At the beginning of my journey I felt spiritually dry and drained. Path of Renewal gave me the opportunity to pause and return to Jesus my ‘first love’.”

Rev John Murning of Sherwood Greenlaw Parish Church in Paisley, reflected on his church’s journey:

“I have noticed that people are smiling more. Some people are praying more, others are caring more, and some are thinking more. People are willing to give things a try, and experience something new. People want to get involved. I have noticed people being kind, and saying thank you for what other church folk have done for them, and people in our community recognise some of the things we are doing as a church to be good and healthy and wholesome. People are being generous with their time, talent and money. People are asking questions, and probing for a deeper understanding about God.

I have noticed growth and optimism in people, and a real willingness to take on board new opportunities as they arise, that expand the Kingdom of God in this place.”

Being part of this process means that there will be opportunities for some of you to be more involved and it would be a good time to think and pray if there is something that God is calling you to do, and to be open to responding to that call as new possibilities become available. This is an exciting time for us in Campsie Parish Church and we very much look forward to seeing what God will do in the years to come as we reflect, and experiment, and grow, in faith and in fellowship.

