

# THE INFORMER

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## Letter from The Marse

*1Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (Hebrews 12 NIVUK)*

It is a common encouragement among Christians that we, “fix our eyes on Jesus”. That is the encouragement of the author of the letter to the Hebrews here: that we are to journey through life fixing our eyes on Jesus. There are many reasons for doing so, some of which I would reflect on here.

From the passage, we fix our eyes on Jesus to ensure that we do not become distracted by “everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles”. Much like Peter walking on water, when he took his eyes off Jesus, he began to sink. We live with a purpose: to follow Christ’s ways, glorifying and sharing Him. We can only do this if we firmly fix our eyes on Jesus, making Him the priority; and recognising other things are potential distractions.

Another reason for fixing our eyes on Jesus is that it helps us approach the difficulties life throws at us. I have recently been revising some of the sermons of Corrie Ten Boom, and this passage from a sermon entitled, “How to forgive” struck me:

And his cross shows us that we can accept suffering as a part of God's plan for this world. When I was in the concentration camp one of the most terrible things I had to go through was that they stripped us of all our clothing and we had to stand naked. The first time was the worst.

I said, “Betsy, I cannot bear this”. And suddenly it was as if I saw Jesus at the cross. And the Bible tells, they took his garments, he hanged there naked. And I knew he hanged there for me, for my sins. And by my suffering I understood a fraction of the suffering of Jesus Christ. And it made me so thankful that I could bear my suffering. “Love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my soul, my all”. (How to Forgive by Corrie Ten Boom | SermonIndex)

Finally, we fix our eyes on Jesus because He is the best thing around which we can shape our lives. I recently shared a passage from Pete Grieb, one of the founders of the 24/7 Prayer movement, in which he speaks of the vision of that movement being Jesus. I do so again, as a way of articulating how it is we are called to shape our lives around Jesus:

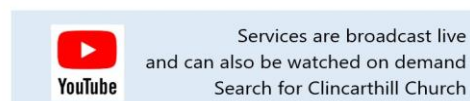
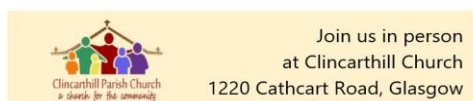
- *The point of prayer is not the power that it releases, but the person it reveals.*
- *I don't pray because I'm into pray: I pray because I'm into Jesus. So, we talk.*
- *I don't believe in the power of prayer: I believe in the power of Jesus. So, I ask for his help, a lot.*
- *I'm not into evangelism: I'm into Jesus. So, I talk to people about Him.*
- *I'm not into social justice: I'm into Jesus. So, I stand against His enemies.*
- *I'm not into Church: I'm into Jesus. So, I like His people (they're weird, so am I).*
- *The vision is Jesus: everything else is secondary.*

These thoughts only feel like the beginning of our reflections on what it means to fix our eyes on, or make our priority, or have a vision which is, Jesus. I do not know where these thoughts might lead. But I do not this – that to start, we must acknowledge that our focus must be Jesus.

With every blessing,

Stuart

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# YOUTH TEAM

THANK  
YOU

Thanks to everyone who came along to our Easter breakfast. It was a lovely way to meet together before the service. We received donations of £200 which will go towards the cost of the bus for our summer trip to Briarlands Farm. Thank you for all your support, it is very much appreciated.



This year our trip to Briarlands Farm will take place on Saturday 6th June. This will be our third trip to Briarlands and is a favourite with everyone as there is so much for the children to do. The cost of the trip is £12 (adult) and £10 (child) with the option of a tractor ride at £2. If you would like to come along, please let me know as soon as possible. We are planning to leave from Clincarthill Church at 10.15am prompt, returning home around 5.30pm. It would be great to see you!



**Holiday Club** - We are looking for volunteers to help at our Holiday Club this year from Monday 3rd to Friday 7th August (10am to 12 noon). This will only be able to go ahead if we can recruit enough leaders/volunteers for the week. If this is something you would like to be part of, please let either Mary MacCallum or Lorraine Kennedy know if you are interested in being part of the team for part, or all of the week. A sheet is available for volunteers to sign up to just outside the library room in the church. Please note that all volunteers need to be PVG checked beforehand (please speak to Rhona Gann or Sheila Morrow).

**Summer Sunday School** – We are still looking for volunteers to cover Kid's Church over the summer holidays from Sunday 5th July to Sunday 9th August (6 weeks) to give Elaine and others a well-deserved break! If this is something you would like to help with, please speak to either Elaine Harvey or Lorraine Kennedy. Again, all volunteers need to be PVG checked.

Lorraine Kennedy  
Youth Team



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# GARDEN Cafe

Clincarthill Parish Church  
1220 Cathcart Road  
(Corner of Cathcart Road & Battlefield Road)

EVERY MONDAY FROM 10AM - 1PM  
FROM JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>

In the church halls and grounds  
A warm welcome awaits –  
open to everyone in the community

Scottish Registered Charity No: SC010138

This year the Garden Cafe will run every Monday from 29th June to 27th July. This has become a regular summer event and a sheet will be made available over the next week or so for volunteers to sign up to.

Thanks

Stephen Kennedy

Mission and Community Outreach  
Team

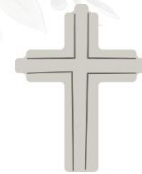
### Church Role Update

Death: May Dewar - 1st April 2026

Do you need prayer?

Contact:

0141 632 4206



## 83rd Glasgow Boys' Brigade

**THE BOYS'  
BRIGADE**  
> the adventure begins here



83rd Glasgow Company

Our Annual Inspection takes place on Friday 15th May at 7.15pm, in the large hall. Anchor, Junior and Company Sections will be joining together to give a taste of the activities we've done throughout the session, the evening will include our prize-giving and presentation of awards, including our first King's Badge since the 1950's, followed by tea / coffee. We extend an invitation to all in the congregation, there is no charge for tickets, there will be the opportunity to make a donation at the end of the evening.

## **Church of Pentecost Building Update**

'We would like to provide a further update on the 1223 Cathcart Road project.

We are pleased to report that works are progressing steadily on site. A detailed inspection of the principal roof trusses has now been completed by specialist timber consultants. This inspection identified areas of significant dry rot activity.

As part of the remedial strategy, preparations are now underway to undertake structural repairs using appropriate techniques.

To facilitate these works, the scaffolding contractor is currently extending the internal scaffold structure to fully support and temporarily prop the trusses. This is a critical step to ensure the stability of the structure while repairs are undertaken.

Due to the extent and complexity of the repair works required, particularly in addressing decay within key structural elements, the overall programme will be extended by approximately two months.

Notwithstanding this, we remain fully committed to progressing the works as efficiently as possible. Contractors are working diligently, with extended site hours where appropriate, to ensure that all works are carried out safely, thoroughly, and in accordance with best practice.

Following completion of the truss repairs, roofing works will commence, including reinstatement of coverings and associated weatherproofing measures.

We would like to thank you for your continued patience, understanding, and support as we work through this important phase of the project.'

Rev. Dr. Phil Kumi

Minister, Glasgow District

**May**

**Prayer:**

**Holy Spirit,**

**We thank You for the fire, the wind, and  
the power You poured out on the day of  
Pentecost.**

**As You filled the first believers, fill us  
again today.**

**Ignite in us a passion to serve, a  
boldness to witness, and a unity that  
reflects Your heart.**

**Let Your presence move among us—  
renewing, restoring, and empowering  
Your church.**

**Come, Spirit of God, and breathe new  
life into us.**

**Amen.**



**"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all  
together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the  
blowing of a violent wind came from heaven  
and filled the whole house where they were  
sitting." – Acts 2:1-2**



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