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Letter from The Manse

25'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?

26Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

28'And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. 29Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. 30If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith?

31So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" 32For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (Matthew 6 NIVUK)

Birds flying high, you know how I feel; Sun in the sky, you know how I feel; Breeze driftin' on by, you know how I feel; Fish in the sea, you know how I feel; River running free, you know how I feel; Blossom on a tree, you know how I feel: It's a new dawn, it's a new day, it's a new life, for me: and I'm feeling good.

(Feeling Good, "The Roar of the Greasepaint – the Smell of the Crowd", 1964)

I daresay we all will have heard the lyrics of this song: some, during our experimenting with Jazz phase, hearing it sung by Nina Simone; others who prefer more "easy-listening", by Michael Buble; or, if you have a particularly high quality taste in music, by the alt/prog rock band, Muse.

What I did not know is that "Feeling Good" actually comes from a musical written in 1964 called "The Roar of the Greasepaint – the Smell of the Crowd". I did not read much more about this musical, other than to gather that the character who sings "Feeling Good" does so after winning an unexpected victory during the course of the musical's narrative. Winning an unexpected victory does, often, leave us feeling good!

As I reflected on these lyrics recently, however, and particularly in light of this most recent summer, I realised that the things mentioned are not likely to leave us feeling good. The birds are struggling to find food; the sun has been scorching the earth; the breeze has felt humid and uncomfortable; the fish feel the heating of our oceans; rivers have run dry thanks to drought; trees have not blossomed, because they have been destroyed in wild fires. These are the realities of our climate crisis, long felt on the parts of our planet we in the West rather patronisingly call, "the Third World"; but now coming to be felt in those countries most culpable for the damage done to our environment.

All is not lost, and I do hope the adversity of summer past does elicit greater change than has already been implemented. Yet, despite this, the reasons for worry are quite obvious. And that is what I want to address.

Jesus' teaching in Matthew 6 almost perfectly reflects all we have touched on so far: including the birds of the air and flowers of the field! God cares for these, and they do not worry about what tomorrow may bring. Are we, His children, not significantly more precious than these? And therefore, does it not stand to reason that we can find peace in knowing that, whatever trials we may face in this world, our God will hold us and help us through?

Trusting in God does not, of course, mean inaction on our part. We still have agency and can make a difference in our world. The difference in doing so knowing God is with us is that we can turn to Him for strength to persevere; comfort when we are worried; peace that He will hold us, no matter what; hope that we are His from now into eternity.

I finish with 2 quotes from Corrie Ten Boom:

"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow. It empties today of its strength."

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown tomorrow to a known God".

With every blessing,
Stuart

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TEAM MATES 2026

With thanks to all who contributed to the Team Mates Holiday Club either by giving your time, donating juice, biscuits, craft materials or cash and supporting us with prayer.

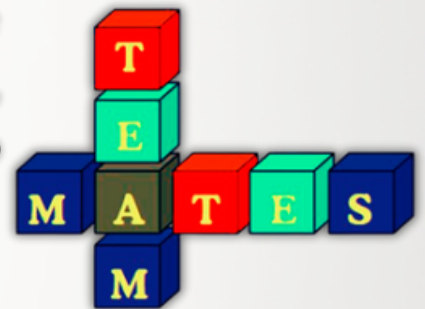
Despite the weather, the week went well and nearly 60 children registered over the week with daily attendance ranging from 29-42.

I really appreciate the leaders and helpers who gave their time through the week as without them, the holiday club would not happen.

One continuing concern is that this year we were working with the minimum number of volunteers, any fewer and we would have had been unable to run the club.

If you feel that this is something you could help with next year, even helping for only one or two days, you will need to be processed through the Protection of Vulnerable Group (PVG) scheme and attend the necessary training which can take some time so please talk to Sheila Morrow or Rhona Gann who manage this processing for the church and we can start the process.

**Yours in Christ
Mary MacCallum,
Holiday Club Co-ordinator**



Mission and Community Outreach Team

Garden Cafe

We ran another garden cafe outreach on Mondays during end June/month of July. This was really popular with the church and community, part of the attraction being the warm welcome offered by the volunteers. We had music from Alasdair Russell, Hugh and David, and a visit from the LHM360 Choir. We also had a bouncy castle on a couple of Mondays when the weather was nice. It was great to see so many families visit and some children signed up for the holiday club. I would like to thank all those who volunteered over the 5 weeks to make the cafe a successful outreach. It was very much appreciated by everyone.



Feed the Fans

Over the summer the team, with help from others and some of the boys from the BB, served the community by welcoming fans to various events at Hampden (2 nights of Take That and Calvin Harris) serving tea/coffee and snacks, as well as providing toilet facilities. This is practical mission in action. Thanks to the volunteers who helped with these events and in particular we would like to thank the BB boys for their ongoing support and commitment. We can learn a lot from them. We received donations of £210 over the 3 events with £75 towards the holiday club and £135 to the BB (towards the boys who helped, attending their King's Badge Completion course next March).

Searchlight Theatre Company

You will know by now the Mission and Community Outreach Team are organising a drama event for Saturday 3rd October by Searchlight Theatre Company who will be performing "Return to the Hiding Place" which is a moving and reimagining of Corrie Ten Boom's biographical tale of faith, forgiveness and reconciliation in the shadows of WW2. Tickets are £7 and are available by emailing: office@clincarthill.org.uk or from the Mission and Community Outreach Team.

Stephen Kennedy
Mission and Community
Outreach Team

YOUTH TEAM

Thank You

Thanks to those who volunteered to help with this year's Summer Sunday School and Holiday Club. It is very much appreciated.

Summer Trip

Back in June we had our summer trip to Briarlands Farm, near Stirling. This was our third year of visiting the farm and it never disappoints. Always a great day out. Around 44 of us went along, which included some friends and families from our community. It's a lovely way to get to know one another better. There is always so much for the children (not forgetting the adults!) to do, from the group tractor ride, archery, golf football, go-karts and lots more. We finished with some races and games before heading to the bus for our long journey home due to roadworks!

Lorraine Kennedy
Youth Team



The Guild

The Guild holds another Coffee and Chat' evening on Monday, September 14 at 7pm in the small hall.

As always a warm invitation is made for those who want to come along.

Our new session will begin with our opening social and registration on Monday, October 5 at 7.30pm in the small hall. We are always happy to welcome new members and have a varied syllabus of speakers and evenings on our own.

Come along and give us a try.

Sheila Morrow



THE BOYS' BRIGADE

> the adventure begins here

83rd Glasgow Company



We were delighted to present our first King's Badge in living memory to Cameron Wilson at our Annual Inspection back in May and just as the June edition of the Informer was 'going to press' Cameron was at the City Chambers receiving his King's Badge Certificate from the Brigade President, Rev Dez Johnston. Cameron will be coming back this year as a member of the staff team. We have six more Seniors working to complete their King's Badge this session, and two more just starting out who'll be aiming for 2028.

8 of our Company Section boys are heading off to PGL Dalguise the last weekend of August for an adventure activity weekend, over the weekend they'll be taking part in Abseiling, Archery, Raft Building and Zip Wire plus several other activities. We're grateful to BB Scotland for the Cashback for Communities funding we received towards this.

Our new session starts in the next couple of weeks, we're open to boys all through the school age range. Anchors for P1 – P3 on Tuesdays 6.30pm – 7.45pm from 8th September, Juniors for P4 – P6 is on Fridays 7pm – 9pm and Company for P7 & S1 - S6 is on Fridays 7.30pm – 9.30pm both back on Friday 4th September, we meet weekly through until mid-May except for school holidays.

We have a progressive programme across the age groups based on six activity areas - Get Active, Get Adventurous, Get Creative, Get into the Bible, Get Involved and Get Learning, with those in Juniors and Company gaining badges through the activities that they do, with the King's Badge being the highest award.

New members are welcome across the full age range, come along on the relevant evening, or for more information search for 83rdglasgowbb on Facebook or email

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Stuart Buchanan

Do you need prayer?

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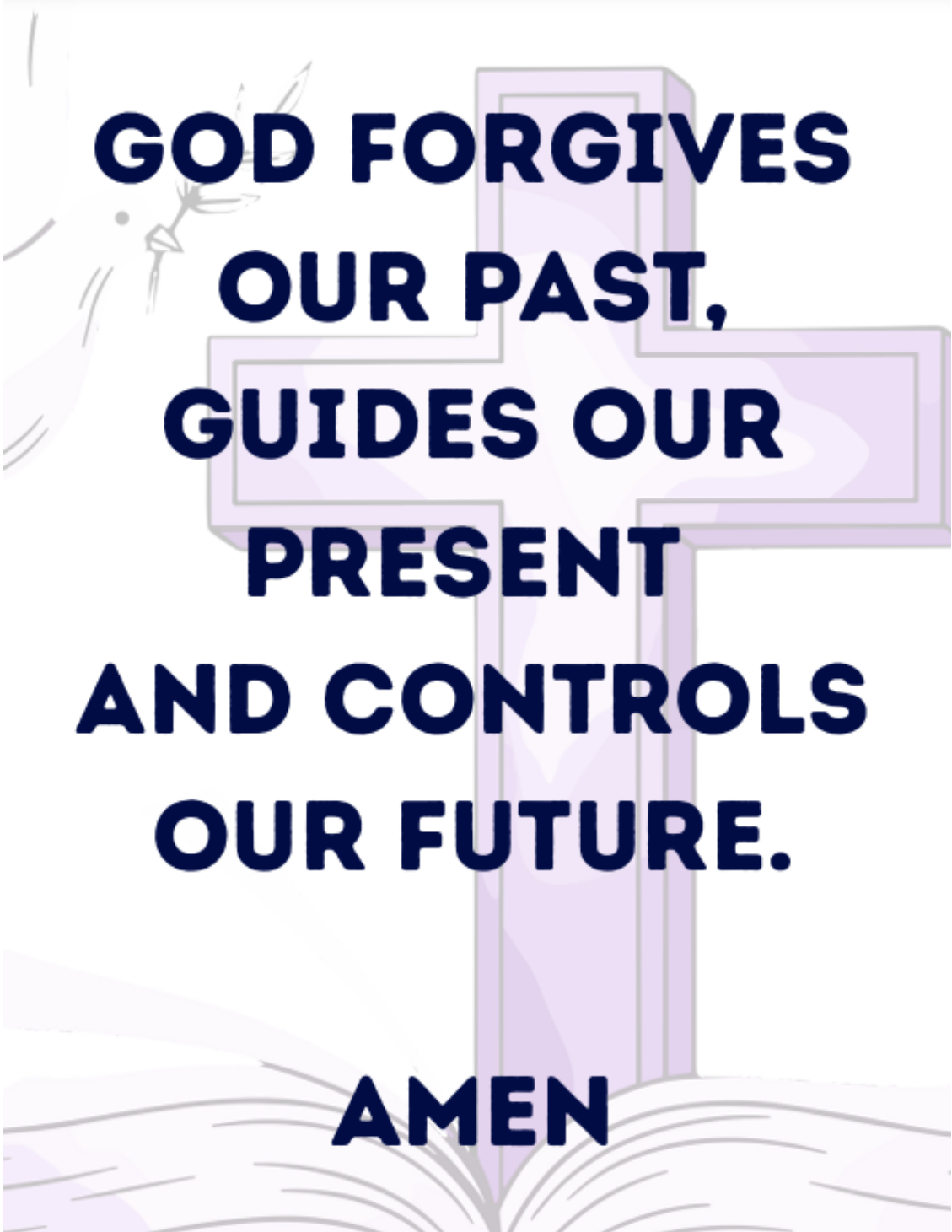
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