

bouncy castle, swings, gym and of course the cafe.

We booked Trinity Church in Strathaven as a back up for inclement weather. We used this as a base for dropping off our bags etc and picnic lunch. This is the home church of the current moderator of the Church of Scotland – The Rev Dr Shaw Paterson and by good luck (I had really planned it all along !!) he was at home during our visit and he came in to say hello to our group and have a photo taken with him which will appear in the national church's communications channels in due course as well as our own internal website and Facebook page. There is a lovely picture at the end of this article as well as a few others of our summer holiday club for you to enjoy.

We had many new families join us and we hope and pray they will continue to come along to our regular groups and activities in the new session.

We finished the week by having an all-age family service on the Sunday following the club focusing on what the children were doing and learning during the week with the children being up front and centre and heavily involved in the service that morning. There were many favourable comments from the congregation at the end of the service for which we are thankful.

We had 24 wonderful helpers who gave up their time and utilised their God giving talents – The Parable of the talents from Day 2!!! - for the benefit of our children and young people – there are far too many to name individually but you know who you are and from the bottom of my heart – thank you all so very much you are superstars.

To top off a wonderful week, Anne hosted a thank you gathering in the manse for all our fantastic helpers. As well as enjoying each other's company with food and drinks we reflected on a wonderful week and how we could improve next year's event.

It is only around 48 weeks to next year's Holiday Club 2025 which I hope can be a very special week as it's the Churches 250th anniversary year - if you feel you would like to get involved helping even only for 1 or 2 mornings, please let me know and I will ensure you get involved in the preparation and planning stages for our holiday club 2025. Believe me the adults have as much, sometimes even more fun than the children.

Messy Church –Sunday 8th September



East Kilbride Old
Parish Church

We will hold our first Messy Church event for this session on Sunday 8th September from 2-4pm in our Glebe St Church Hall. - EVERYONE is welcome but all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult(s).

We have fun, games, challenges, arts / crafts, quizzes, singing, Bible teaching and refreshments - All this and much more and its totally FREE!
- What are you waiting for?

If you've not tried Messy Church before why not give it a try - I'm sure you will have a wonderful afternoon with us and meet some new people and families.

Restart dates for all the groups, clubs & activities for children, young people & families for Session 2024-25:

JUNIOR BADMINTON GROUP (P4 & above) –

Friday 6th September from 4-5.30pm Glebe St Hall

CHILDRENS ARTS/CRAFTS GROUP (P1-P7)

Thursday 5th September from 4.30-6pm Glebe St Hall

YOUTH GROUP (P6+) –

Actual day & time still to finalised- will be advised soon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (All ages) –

11-11.45am from Sunday 18th August in the upper hall at the church building in Montgomery Street.



Please keep all our children, young people and families in your thoughts & prayers.

Thank you for all your encouragement, support, prayers and friendship
- I really appreciate it so very much.

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THE PRAYER GROUP

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Catherine Selfridge, Mary Doig, Janice Gourlay, Anne Learmonth and Marilyn Ross meet in the Lounge Area after the Church service and invite you to visit/join them in the Prayer Group at any time.

There are Prayer request boxes in the Church Sanctuary - one upstairs at the east side and one downstairs next to the Baptismal Font. Rest assured all Prayer requests will be treated with the utmost respect and discretion. Only first names should be given along with a brief reason for the request, i.e. awaiting treatment, etc.

THE PRAYER DIARY

1st. Grant me kind speech and a willing spirit today, Lord.

2nd. Father in Heaven, thank you for being with me throughout each day. Give me peace and comfort as I close my eyes.

3rd. Loving Father, help me to set aside time each day to pray, read Your word, listen to Your voice, and feel Your love. Lord, be with me wherever I am.

4th. Father, we praise and thank you for granting us rest throughout the night and are deeply grateful to you that we are able to continue our lives with strength.

5th. Lord, let me be a person who seeks and knows the sanctuary of faith intimately.

6th. Thank you for giving me the ability to face each day with courage, wisdom, and a smile from knowing you are with me.

7th. Help me, Father, to always be kind and loving towards everyone I meet.

8th. Guide our newly installed government and help them make wise decisions.

9th. Today, Lord, I will put my future in your hands.

10th. Father in Heaven, thank you for being with me throughout each day. Give me peace and comfort as I close my eyes.

11th. Give strength to all who are striving for peace in our world.

12th. Help me, Father, to gain from past experiences and go forward in faith.

13th. Loving Father, help me to set aside time each day to pray, read Your word, listen to Your advice.

14th. Help me, Father, to voice, and feel Your love. Lord, be with me wherever I am.

15th. Loving Father, we pray that all people who are suffering persecution can receive justice.

- 16th. Help me, Father, to appreciate what I have now, instead of always looking to the future.
- 17th. Father, we praise and thank you for granting us rest throughout the night and are deeply grateful to you that we can continue our lives with strength.
- 18th. Father, wrap your loving arms around all who are grieving currently and comfort them.
- 19th. Father, I ask that when dealing with others, I ask the right questions and understand their answers.
- 20th. Lord, give me strength in my weakness, a shoulder to lean on in my sorrow, and help when I fall.
- 21st. Today, Lord, I bring to you in prayer, all the things I have been afraid to ask about before.
- 22nd. Lord, your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.
- 23rd. Teach me patience and understanding and to wait for Your timing.
- 24th. Father, be with all those living in war torn countries and give them comfort.
- 25th. When times are hard, Lord, remind us to put our worries in Your hands.
- 26th. Lord, let me be a person who seeks and knows the sanctuary of faith intimately.
- 27th. Lord, be with all those who work in care. Give them strength, health, and resilience as they focus on their daily tasks.
- 28th. Loving Father, we Pray for health and strength for our minister.
- 29th. Thank you for giving me the ability to face each day with courage, wisdom, and a smile from knowing you are with me.
- 30th. Lord, be with all who give their time to serve throughout the world. Continue to give them the strength to carry out this work in Your name.

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- 1st. Lord, I have no words or strength on my own and I ask You for Your help to see me through this day.
- 2nd. Heavenly Father, thank you for standing at the door of our hearts and waiting for us to invite you in. Please help us to hear your voice.
- 3rd. Father, I ask for Your strength and guidance in deciding what I can and cannot do with You.
- 4th. Dear Lord, please forgive me, I am not perfect; I am a sinner and sometimes lose my way. Thank you for always giving me another chance.
- 5th. Today, Lord, I just want to thank you for all the angels in my life.

HISTORY CORNER



John Hunter of Calderfield & Family



In the kirkyard at Lair 170 the inscription on the flat stone reads:

” 1751 This is the Burial Place of **John Hunter** Of Calderfield And **Agnes Paul** his Spouse”.

John Hunter of Calderfield, 1663 – 30th October 1741, married in Glasgow, on the 30th December 1707, Agnes Paul c1685 - 3rd November 1751, daughter of John Paul, Maltman in Glasgow, burgess and guild brother and at some point Treasurer of the City of Glasgow.

John Hunter was a portioner of Long Calderwood, farmer and merchant. The old Kirk Session minutes record that in 1720 he was keeper of the Mortcloths. At a funeral, the Mortcloth was a ceremonial cloth used to cover the coffin. Most families did not have their own and hired them from the Kirk Session. The money the Kirk Session received was used to assist the poor of the parish.

On 25th September 1729, John was enrolled as a burgess and guild brother of Glasgow.

John Hunter and Agnes Paul had ten children at least four are likely to be buried in the kirkyard:

John 5th October 1708 - 1722, aged 14 years.

Elizabeth 18th February 1710 - 12th September 1711.

Andrew 4th October 1711 - died 18th May 1714.

Isabel 1725 - 1742.

Janet, 10th March 1713 – 1749, married Mr Buchanan, cabinet maker, Glasgow.

physician to Queen Charlotte. On the death of his brother James, he inherited Long Calderwood. William did not marry and left his extensive collection of books, coins and works of art to Glasgow University which resulted in the opening of the Hunterian Museum.

He was buried at St James's, Piccadilly.

John, 13th February 1728 - 16th October 1793, studied anatomy with his brother William. He became a distinguished surgeon and was appointed surgeon extraordinary to King George III. In July 1771 John married Anne Hunter, 13th March 1742 - 7th January 1821. She was the eldest daughter of army surgeon Robert Boyne Home of Greenlaw Castle, Berwickshire.

Anne was a noted lyrical poetess "The Flower of the Forest" appeared in the Edinburgh periodical called The Lark. Thirty two years later she wrote "Sports of the Genii" to a set of graceful drawings by Susan McDonald. She published a volume of poems in 1802 which ran to a second edition. She is mostly remembered for text to at least nine of Joseph Haydn's fourteen songs in English. Her social literary parties were popular in Georgian London.

Dorothea, 26th January 1721 - 29th September 1806, married the Reverend James Baillie 1722 - 1778 who became Professor of Divinity at Glasgow University. Two of their four children became historical figures:

Joanna Baillie, 11th September 1762 - 23rd February 1851, became a poet and dramatist who was known for her works on the Passions (three volumes) and Fugitive Verses. Sir Walter Scott called her "the fair Joanna." On the death of her father the family moved to Long Calderwood before moving to Hampstead. She did not marry.

Dr Matthew Baillie 27th October 1761 - 23rd October 1823 was Joanna's brother. He was educated at The Old Grammar School renamed Hamilton Academy.

Graduated from Glasgow and Oxford Universities. He taught anatomy and was appointed physician at St George's Hospital and became physician to King George III.

He married Sophia Denman, sister of Thomas Denman 1st Baron Denman. William Baillie died of tuberculosis in 1823. He was buried in Duntisbourne Abbots, Gloucestershire. There is also a memorial

to him within Westminster Abbey.

In the mid- nineteenth century his son William Hunter Baillie, 4, Upper Harley Street, London, was listed as one of East Kilbride's landowners.

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East Kilbride - The History of Parish and Village by Thomas Eric Niven

Glasgow Burgesses 1573- 1750

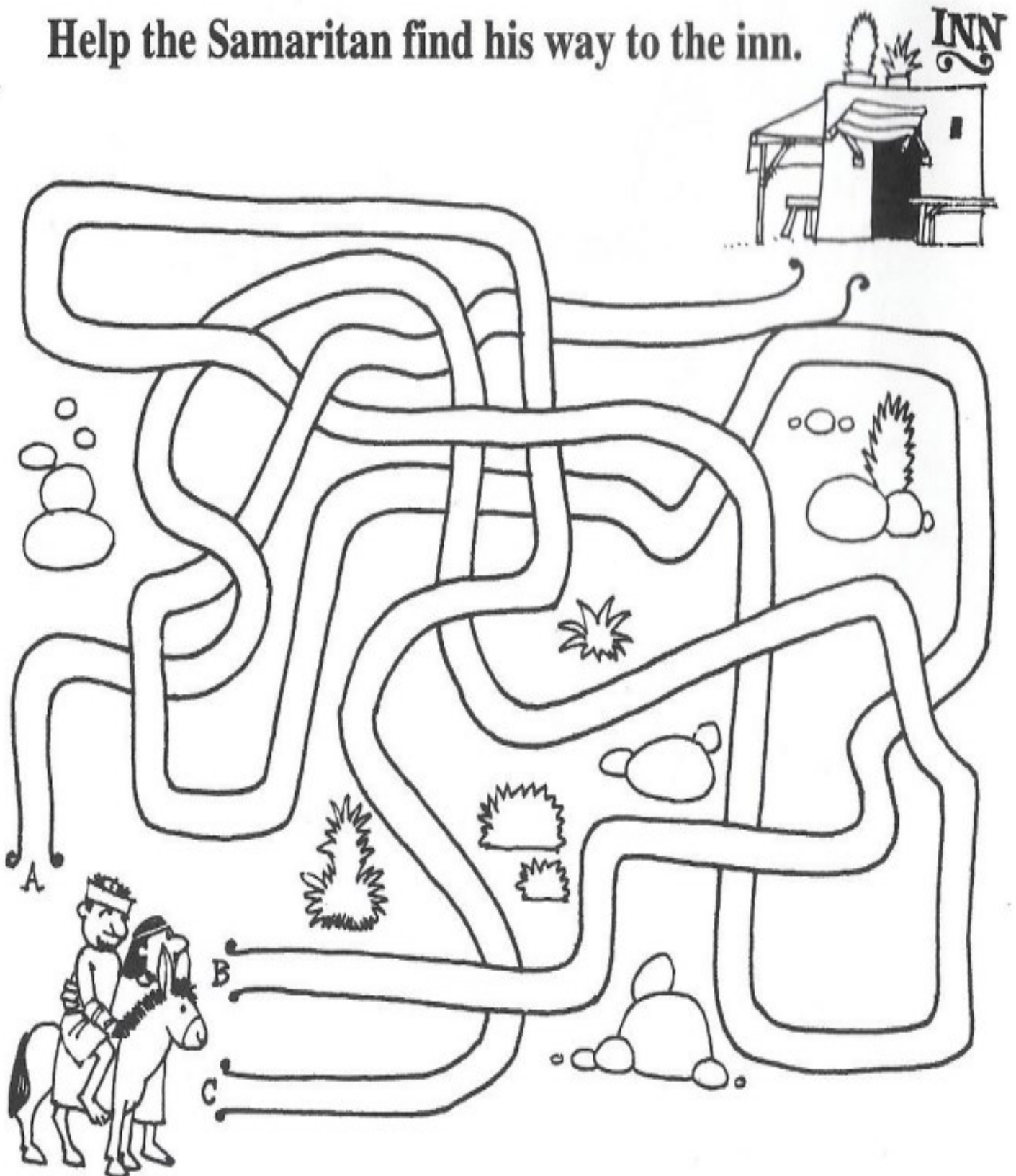
Historic Kirk Session Minutes

The Summer Holiday Club Pictures



Read the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) then help the Samaritan find his way to the inn.

Help the Samaritan find his way to the inn.



PASTORAL REGISTER

Weddings “And the greatest of these is love.”

John Bunting to Sophie Griffiths

Deaths - *“I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”*

Jack Hollingsworth

Alan Ramsay

Tom Anderson



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Wednesday 25th September

Thank you. *David Kent* - Editor 01355 237275, 07890



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In case of illness and bereavement, would the family please contact the minister immediately and directly.

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