

BARCLAY VIEWFORTH Link

**July/August
2010**



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**... MAKING KNOWN GOD'S LOVE
IN JESUS CHRIST ...**

Church Diary

JULY

		Fri 6	Holiday Club
Sun 4	Morning Service 11.00 - Peru Service with Rev Willie McPherson	Sun 8	Morning Service 11.00 Evening Service 6.30
Tues 6	Evening Service 6.30 Parents & Toddlers 10.00 Peru Team Departs Film Club (<i>various times</i>)	Tues 10	Parents & Toddlers 10.00 Film Club (<i>various times</i>)
Wed 7	Prayer Group	Sun 15	Morning Service 11.00 Evening Service 6.30
Sun 11	Morning Service 11.00 Evening Service 6.30	Tues 17	Parents & Toddlers 10.00 Film Club (<i>various times</i>)
Tues 13	Parents & Toddlers 10.00 Film Club (<i>various times</i>)	Wed 18	Magazine deadline
Wed 14	Prayer Group	Sat 21	Hillwalk
Sun 18	Morning Service 11.00 Evening Service 6.30	Sun 22	Morning Service 11.00 Evening Service 6.30
Tues 20	Parents & Toddlers 10.00 Film Club (<i>various times</i>)	Tues 24	Parents & Toddlers 10.00 Film Club (<i>various times</i>)
Wed 21	Prayer Group Peru Team returns to Edinburgh	Fri 27	Magazine assembly 2.00
Sun 25	Morning Service 11.00	Sun 29	Morning Service 11.00 Gillespie Crescent service 3.00 Evening Service 6.30
Tues 27	Parents & Toddlers 10.00 Film Club (<i>various times</i>)		
Wed 28	Prayer Group		
Sat 31	Holiday Club Preparation Day 9.30-4.30		

AUGUST

Sun 1	Morning Service 11.00 Evening Service 6.30
Mon 2	Holiday Club
Tues 3	Holiday Club Film Club (<i>various times</i>)
Wed 4	Holiday Club
Thurs 5	Holiday Club



From the Manse

“I just need to know if I’m barking up the wrong tree?” That was the question with which I drew to a conclusion a telephone conversation with Professor John Swinton of Christ College, Aberdeen

University. Being one of the most respected authorities in Pastoral Care in the post-modern world, and also a Church of Scotland minister, I had sent him my report on Church as a Therapeutic Community hoping he would indicate at an early stage if this was a flight of fancy. The fact that he persisted over a number of days in trying to reach me suggested that the answer could be ominous, so I listened with bated breath prepared for the worst but, with a sense of genuine relief, the fear of being “barking mad” was soon allayed.

“Rather than barking up the wrong tree, you and your Session are very much barking up the right one for ministry in these days. In the face of budgeting cutbacks, and reductions in community services across a whole range of needs, with all the fallout in terms of human well being, this is where the Church needs to be and is uniquely positioned*to minister healing and offer hope (my paraphrase)*” Although I can’t remember, beyond this, the exact words used, there was a “green light” to press on in developing the concept of Church as a Community of Care and Healing.

A similar “green light” had been given by the Kirk Session at the Elders Conference on Saturday 5 June when the Report was presented and discussed. It will be summarised elsewhere in the magazine but we have become familiar with the picture of concentric circles as models of church life. In the Therapeutic Model, Grace is at the heart of our community; this then is channelled into a second concentric circle, Care, through friendship, small groups, worship, and Stephen Ministries with the Eldership overseeing it all. Flowing out of this concentric circle is what I’m calling Therapeutic Community. Here the church meets the wider community in healing love and grace. This interface can take the form of various partnerships with ministries already established around us, and through the development of our own interfaces and ministries. Within and beyond this circle takes us


into pioneering territory and into the Emerging Church vision of seeing Worshipping Communities emerge in various ways within our parish and to see greater engagement between the Church and Community.

The Emerging Church Group are working hard to progress this arm of the vision. Things have been advancing through the committees and courts of the Church and we are quite excited about the possibility of soon being given leave to Call a specially trained Facilitator for this task. Please take time to read the summary of the Elders Conference and if more details are needed full reports can be obtained from myself, John Ritchie, or Fiona Tweedie.

The challenge now is not just to share and explain the vision but to start developing it. At the start of a Grand Prix, a series of “green lights” light up in a row to single the start. I sense there are enough “green lights” now to get going with all the energy God gives us. But in the back of my mind is a comment from John Maxwell, a leadership guru, who once observed that people are not really leading if no one is following! So please take time to mull over the vision, for ultimately it is Jesus we are seeking to follow and with all the Session I pray He will lead us that we might lead the church where He is calling.

No other vision will do!

Sam



Stop Press:

On Sunday 4 July there will be special Peru Team Service, with a contribution from Rev Willie McPherson, executive director of the Vine Trust.

News from the Kirk Session

At June's Conference Fiona Tweedie reported back from the **Emerging Church** group. Since the initial Report was presented in January there have been presentations to the congregation and Rev Peter Neilson visited on two evenings to talk about Emerging Church initiatives taking place around Scotland, and he also explained the wider mission context.

Following this, a number of ideas are being discussed based on feedback from the congregation. Most represent developments of existing ministries and activities - for example a "coffee lounge" for parents of children attending Holiday Club, with the possibility this might be developed into an ongoing opportunity for contact. Some people are interested in considering how the Sunday evening service could be made more welcoming to those outside the church, and others have suggested ways of making better contact with halls users.

Richard and Mairi Lucas had been developing the idea of a church plant, and have begun to meet with others to pray and consider how to pursue this. Reflecting further, they have decided that the church plant would be best developed independently from Barclay Viewforth and they are now taking this forward.

For the work within the congregation, a job description for a mission facilitator is being drawn up and this will be used to make an application to the Presbytery's Deployment of Resources Committee.

One of the ways we hope to engage with the wider community is through the development of a **Therapeutic Community**. Sam Torrens presented a paper outlining the steps Barclay Viewforth would need to take to become a Therapeutic Community - a healing community, with the congregation developed and equipped to experience and to extend the healing grace of God released among us. This would allow us to develop links with a number of agencies in the wider community - among them Edinburgh City Mission, Edinburgh Christian Counselling Services, Recovery Services such as LEAP and Bethany Christian Trust, and Hospital Chaplains serving in

Presbytery. This would be an ongoing journey for the congregation and at its fullest represents a 5 year proposal for the development of pastoral care within Barclay Viewforth.

Some less formal time was set aside in the Conference to allow the elders to get to know each other better and find new skills in themselves and in each other. The focus of activities was to consider **how to build and develop the church**, and the ideas will be taken forward at the next Session meeting.

John Ritchie

Thank you from the Fucellas to all our friends who prayed for us, contacted us and were generally concerned for us during the political unrest in Bangkok over the last few months. It was so sad to see such awful things happening in Thailand. We moved our team to the beach for a few days when the gunfire and petrol bombs got very close.

The situation is now back to normal, at least on the surface. Schools and offices reopened on May 24th and every weekend since there have been thousands of people on the streets cleaning up. The burnt out shells of offices, cinemas, shops and a huge mall are daily reminders of what happened.

The government is working on a reconciliation plan. Please pray about this. Huge changes need to happen in people's hearts on both sides for this to get anywhere.

As a family we are getting ready for the 'summer'. School finished on June 11th and on the 28th Rachel and Aylie will fly to England where they will stay with their grand parents for almost a month. We felt that they needed to get out of Bangkok - it's been a very stressful few months, made worse by the higher than normal temperatures. It is the longest we will ever have been apart as a family - and in fact Mike leaves for 2 weeks in the USA for meetings on the 16th so he won't see the kids for almost 6 weeks. Please pray for all of us during July.

**Thank you again for your love and support.
Jane, Mike, Rachel and Aylie**



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PERU 2010

The day the magazine comes out leaves only 9 days until the 2010 team depart from Edinburgh airport. They will head from there to London Gatwick, on to Madrid, before catching a midnight flight to Lima. The rough timetable is as follows:

Tuesday 6 July – Depart Edinburgh airport 15:55

Wednesday 7 – Arrive Lima 05:30 local time; spend day/night in Lima

Thursday 8 – 10 hour bus journey up the Andes to Kusi boys home

Friday 16 – Return journey to Lima; night in Lima

Saturday 17 – Travel to Ica boys home (4-5 hours south of Lima) in the desert

Monday 19 – Travel to Kwai boys home for overnight stay

Tuesday 20 – Return to Lima; last minute shopping; evening flight to Madrid

Wednesday 21 – Arrive Edinburgh 21:20

During our time at Kusi we will hopefully be helping to build a classroom for children with special needs onto the existing school building (I say 'hopefully' as things often change). We will also spend some time with the boys, joining in games, activities and worship.

At Ica we will be helping to deliver fresh water to the shanty towns.

Pray please for all the team members:

Barclay Viewforth - Elaine, Chris & Matt Hogan; Mhairi & Robin Anderson; Fiona Yeats; Kirsteen & Bob Milne; Andrew Stephenson

Former Barclay, now Inverness – Mairi Fraser

Castle Douglas – Jessica Benzie; Anna Hughes

Pray for: safety in travel; health; team bonding; time spent with the boys and the local people.

Pray also that we could fulfil our mission statement of 'Making God's love known in Jesus Christ'.

Vaya con Dios – go with God.

Hasta luego – see you soon.

Meet the Congregation

My name is Joel
Githinji and my
wife is Agnes
Kavari from Kenya.
We have 2 children
Grace (14) and
Francis (10).



I am a Church of Scotland Mission partner working with United Mission to Nepal as Integral Mission Advisor for HIV and AIDS. My work entails developing capacity of partners to mainstream HIV and promote integral mission in Nepal. HIV is a growing problem in Nepal and churches are encouraged to respond to it. That has been my interest to work with the marginalized and the poor, letting the word of God be known, encouraging good relationships and hope.

I arrived in Scotland in May 2010 and joined International Christian College for training for a period of four months. I thank God for this opportunity as I will get to know more people and meet different congregations in Scotland.

Edinburgh is a lovely city, clean and without pollution as compared to realities in other cities in developing world. We do enjoy the weather and a cool breeze in the morning especially when jogging!! and of course admiring the scenery and historical sites.

As a Mission partner I feel called by God to serve in another part of the world church. Whilst there is no doubt that being a mission partner demands a huge commitment, it is also a privilege. I will gain a new insight into God, new perspectives on my Christian faith and greater confidence in my own ability to share my faith and skills.

Please pray for:

- Nepal political situation which is always fragile, that God may give wisdom to Leaders to make right decisions and shun off unhealthy competitions.

- Churches in Nepal as they continue to learn how to work with the poor and the marginalized, the joys and sorrows that are part of the battle for Truth.

- Churches to continue to accept and reach people who are infected and affected by HIV and that God will strengthen the work that is already going on.

Thanks to Barclay Viewforth Congregation for welcoming us and for the work that Church of Scotland is supporting all over the world.

Now

By Rae 20th May 2010

Why pain?

Just a simple answer please

Why hatred?

Just mercy

Why suffering?

Just justice

Why burning and murder?

Just safety and protection

Why tears and why

Just humility and love

vengeance?

Just peace please

Why oppression and abuse?

Just peace

Why selfishness and
exclusion

Why did we not see?

A time bomb, a petrol bomb

Explosions in a crumbling city



Plans are now well under way for this year's holiday club and 40 children have already registered! We have a team of willing volunteers ready to take on the task of presenting the programmes of dramas and competitions - but don't feel you're missing out - **there is still room for a few more if you'd like to join us!**

Janet Darling is once again taking on the role of Chief Cook and with her team of helpers is facing the task of keeping the team fed and watered. No mean feat I can tell you! **If you are a champion dishwasher, or can make soup or can bake cakes - especially chocolate ones!! - speak to Janet and offer your services - all offers and contributions will be gratefully received!**

This year we are also planning to have a Coffee Lounge running in the Pillar Hall during the afternoon so that Parents can relax and enjoy some coffee and cake while the children are busy. We hope this might help to build up relationships with the families who come to Holiday Club. **If you could help with this by baking or coming along to make the coffee one afternoon please let me know.**

Finally there are a few items which we need for some of the games and activities. If you can help with these please bring them along and leave them in the Sniffer & Co box in the Pillar Hall.

We need: Balloons, Pritt sticks, large packing boxes, foil trays, pipe cleaners, masking tape, nut free biscuits, sugar free squash.

We hope that many of you will be able to get involved in some way with Sniffer & Co this year. If you can't come and help, but are in the area while Holiday Club is in progress pop in and see what's going on!

Most of all pray for us as we share the good news about Jesus with children from around our church.

Mhàiri Anderson

c.mhairi@btinternet.com or 0131 447 4947

Barclay Viewforth Church Walk

Following on from the success of last autumn's walk, Gordon McLeod has offered to lead another outing, this time in Bonaly Country Park.



Saturday 21 August
10.30 am.

The plan is to meet at the Car Park, where two different walks will be outlined, one easy and one requiring moderate effort.

More details will be available at the information point in the Pillar Hall nearer the time, or contact Gordon McLeod on 228 3729.



mission shaped ministry **comes to Barclay Viewforth**

With the great news that we can appoint an emerging ministries facilitator as a third post within our parish grouping, it is especially exciting that BV is hosting the *mission shaped ministry* course from September 2010.

Mission shaped ministry is a national course in setting up and running “fresh expressions” of church, what we in Barclay Viewforth have been terming “worshipping communities”. The course consists of three strands:

- Stream A – Preparation for and setting up a fresh expression of church,
- Stream B – Christian formation in fresh expressions of church,
- Stream C – Sustaining a fresh expression of church.

They are taught over 24 units spread over some Saturdays, weeknights and a residential weekend at Tulliallan in March 2011. There are no formal requirements beyond attending the units, although people would greatly benefit from further reading and reflection. Over 1,500 people have taken part in *mission shaped ministry* in the UK, including 60 in the first two Scottish courses in Glasgow and Inverness. Many of them have gone on to set up new forms of worshipping community or reach out with the gospel in new ways.

Each unit of *msm* uses a variety of learning styles, so there are periods of presentation from the front, group discussions, film clips and interviews, as well as things to do personally and in groups. We will be welcoming a series of local, national and UK experts to teach on the course. They will include Professors John and Olive Drane from Fuller Theological Seminary, Rev Steve Hollinghurst, author of *mission shaped evangelism*, from the Church Army, Rev

Stephen Lindridge, Connexional Missioner, Gateshead, Rev Peter Neilson, mission consultant, Rev David Currie, Church of Scotland Emerging Ministries Development Officer, Rev Graham Mizon, Salvation Army, Rev Geoffrey Baines, Methodist Church.

We are also expecting to welcome a great variety of students to learn with, representing several denominations, some will be clergy, others students, some practitioners, others just interested in new ways of doing mission and church planting.

The course usually costs £250, but there will be reduced fees for folk from Barclay Viewforth. Printing etc is done centrally, so it is vital that you register for the course so that we get enough copies of handouts etc. Further information and booking forms can be found on the web page: www.freshexpressions.org.uk/missionshapedministry

If you have any questions about *mission shaped ministry*, please don't hesitate to speak with Fiona Tweedie – fitweedie@yahoo.co.uk Please come and join with us as we seek to see how God is reaching people today.

Course dates are: 4 September 2010, 13 October, 17 November, 8 December, 22 January 2011, 23 February, 25-27 March, 4 May, 18 May, 1 June, 18 June, all at Barclay Viewforth except the March weekend at Tulliallan.

Fiona Tweedie



Summer Conference

Saturday 10 July 2010

9.30am until 3.30pm

Venue: Barclay Viewforth Church of Scotland

Lunch will be provided, but for catering purposes it would helpful to have some indication of numbers attending.

email: ellen@isscot.org or phone: 0141 781 1982

News Update from Mary Blackadder

I was going to be going to Thailand with the charity Project Trust and I wrote about it in the magazine a few months ago.

Now, because of the recent trouble in Thailand, I am going to China instead, leaving at the end of August. I was disappointed at first but the more I learn about where I'm going now the more I'm looking forward to it. I shall be teaching English in Ningxian No 2 Middle School in Gansu Province. Gansu lies on the Silk Road, and is sandwiched between the Gobi desert to the north and the beginnings of the Tibetan plateau to the south. It is showing some signs of development but is one of the poorest provinces – the 'real China'.

It has an interesting range of people – Chinese, Muslims, Tibetans and Mongolians, and the religions are Buddhism, Daoism, Islam and Christianity. Ningxian is a 'dusty, bustling town' sitting on the confluence of three rivers and about ten minutes by bicycle from farmland and terraced hills. As I shall be studying geography when I come home I think I'll find the area of interest from that point of view. I shall be living in a flat in the teachers' accommodation block next to the school. I have to practise using chopsticks! And I have been told that the main recreation is KTV – karaoke!

I would like to say thank you so much to everyone at Barclay Viewforth who has shown interest in my trip and has supported my fund-raising in various generous ways. If you would like to receive a quarterly newsletter while I am away please let me know mary-blackadder@hotmail.com

My mum (Kate) will be printing out some copies for the table in the Pillar Hall. And I look forward to telling you all about the real China when I come back.

Thanks Pages

Thanks Isobel!



In February the National/International Team received, with regret, a letter of resignation from Isobel Glass who has been a member of the Team since they were first set up a number of years ago. Throughout these years Isobel has been a valued and supportive member of the Team. Although we know she will still maintain her interest in and prayers for God's work overseas, we will miss her greatly at our meetings and wish her a 'happy retirement!' As a token of our appreciation we had lunch together in Mackenzie's

Restaurant in Colinton. Thank you, Isobel for your many contributions to our Team and for your hospitality. May God bless you richly.

Helen Miller



Amazing journeys start with small steps, so a big thank you to all Barclay Viewforth members who responded to the appeal for shoes for

500 miles campaign. Thanks to their amazing generosity 69 people in Malawi and Zambia will now get shoes so they can use their new artificial limbs.”



Christian Aid 2010

The total raised this year by Barclay Viewforth is £1,247.20.

Thanks to all the volunteers. Many did both the Forth Bridge Cross (£724.95) and the door to door collection of envelopes (£522.25)

SPECIAL THANKS GO TO: Mike Ellis, Sam Torrens, Rae Torrance, Betty Skinner, Joyce Bruce, Fiona Kennedy, Sarah Marshall, Kucheli MshelBholar, Sylvia Robertson, Sarah McKeag, Julie Watson, Fiona Yeats, Peter Crockett, Andrew Stephenson, HerMan Cheng, Ann Szeto.

MAY THEIR EFFORTS BRING BLESSINGS TO OTHERS.

THANK YOU.

ELAINE DOVE



Contents of Viewforth Church and Halls

As a result of the efforts of a few of former Viewforth members, various items have been sold, mainly at auction, with the proceeds totalling £2,237.38.

You will remember the feature on Kirsteen and Bob Milne last month, Following their sterling efforts to raise funds for the Vine Trust, Kirsteen has sent us the latest results:

By way of an update on our runs in May I completed the marathon in 3 hours 58 minutes and Bob completed the half marathon in 2 hours 5 minutes. I had hoped for a slightly faster time but given that it was 25 degrees I was just glad at the end when it was over! The feet have pretty much recovered: I finally have a new toenail on my left foot!

Thanks very much to all who sponsored us.

Kirsteen

Organ Recital

Before we head off to Peru we have to say 'thank you' to a number of people.

A special thanks has to go to Dennis Deas for the tremendous amount of work he put into the Organ Recital, not just in the organ playing, but in preparation for the event too. A good number of people came along to the evening and all left with a smile on their face, having enjoyed the music and Dennis's wit during the 'talky' bits. The result of his endeavours, and the generosity of the attendees, realised **£1,150**.

Many, many thanks, Dennis.

The Ceilidh for Peru also raised £677.03 – many thanks to everyone who participated in this.

Special thanks must go to Lewis Rumney and the boys in the band who gave their services for free on the night and kept the evening going with a swing; the Silver Darlings (an *a cappella* group who entertained us with some wonderful singing); and Euan and Angus Coull, for their piping and drumming.

The last vote of thanks has to go to all the members of Barclay Viewforth (and friends of the team) for all the support you have given us as we prepare to head off. Donations, suitcases, clothing, and school equipment, supporting our fundraising events, prayer – these are just some of the ways you have helped and it is all greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU

Barclay United



If matches against current league champions Morningside United Church produce the best football it's still the games with Morningside Baptists that generate the greatest excitement. In our third annual 'CAP Cup' encounter this aspect was certainly retained from the previous two years although alas from a Barclay Viewforth perspective not the trophy itself.

Most of the first half at Peffermill is already a fading memory for me. The atmosphere was considerably headier than usual with both sides having big squads and a few supporters in attendance. All the cheering in the early stages came from the MBC ranks with two goals having been slotted past United keeper, Geoff Hunter, the first after only 3 minutes. A third goal was then conceded before an inspired United fightback spearheaded by our most consistent goal threat of these past two seasons, Billy Somerville.

Billy, uncharacteristically not in the starting lineup on the morning, had been injured in a training match a couple of evenings previously. He was unsure whether he could run, let alone take another knock. At 2:0 down however and in line with his own strong volition towards playing in a match of rolling subs it seemed worth a gamble. His entrance didn't prevent that third goal from being shelled but just before half time Billy got himself into the opposition penalty area, was brought down and duly converted the resulting penalty kick.

At 3:1 down there was at least some hope at halftime as more supporter reinforcements arrived from the congregation. Minutes into the second period Billy struck again, this time in a manner characterised by sheer determination and no small measure of skill. With the last MBC defender poised to clear with apparent ease Billy launched himself at the forcefully struck clearance, charged it down and then proceeded to practically walk the ball into the MBC net past the startled goalkeeper. United's subs and supporters erupted and suddenly our opponents were experiencing a few doubts. These doubts increased when Mark struck a powerful short home from outside the D around the hour point.

Hats off to MBC who despite watching an 'Istanbul style' fight back from their opponents were not prepared to wilt. The game evened out again before a re-grouped MBC struck the woodwork and pressured us well before taking a 4:3 lead. Despite a raging against the dying of the light from United in the form of another Somerville near spectacular the fans were spared a penalty shootout this year and MBC proudly and deservedly lifted the CAP Cup. There were no surprises as to United's man of the match!

With players, fans and referee Campbell Duncan generously chipping into the fundraising effort a decent sum was raised for Christians Against Poverty. The match concluded our domestic season with League entrance now applied for and to be considered at the ESCFA AGM later this month. All indications are that United will be there for the big kick off on either 14th or 21st August. Before then and pre-season training there is the small matter of the Annual Dinner and Awards ceremony, this year taking place at Cuckoo's Nest, Home Street, Tollcross on 25th June.

Anyone with any football related questions, as usual please don't hesitate to speak to myself or Andrew Paterson.



Andrew Stephenson

Victoria Linford

*Victoria, who was a probationer with us for 15 months, finishing just before Christmas, has been called to the charge of **Stow St Mary of Wedale & Heriot**. Her induction date looks likely to be on Wednesday 11 August. We hope that members of the congregation would like to join us in celebrating with Victoria, Tim, Kieran and Luke on that evening. Look out for more information in the notice sheet nearer the time.*



CHILL OUT ZONE **FOR CHILDREN** **ONLY**



Chill Out Zone

Would any of you like to become famous? Famous people, apart from the worlds of entertainment and sport, also include artists and writers; designers and inventors; mathematicians, engineers and scientists; politicians and business leaders, whose names have become well known.

As we grow older we discover new skills and strengths. For example, aged eleven, the person in this story was an orphan, from a rather unhappy home, who is told that he is going to a new school, and travels there by train, from Kings Cross Station, at Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$!

Harry Potter discovered that he was famous among wizards, as 'the boy who lived'. Harry's new school was Hogwarts (School of Witchcraft and Wizardry). At Hogwarts, he discovered hidden powers and talents. His experiences were often scary, but through them Harry learned more about himself. And, through all of his adventures, Harry discovered the importance of friendship and determination.

Some will be thinking about moving on to a new class and having a new teacher. It's natural to have some nerves, but hopefully you

will be really excited and looking forward to the change. Harry Potter learned that a new start brings the opportunity to discover the kind of person you really are.

Here are some words of encouragement from the Bible - a book that has helped people of all ages on their journey through life:

Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

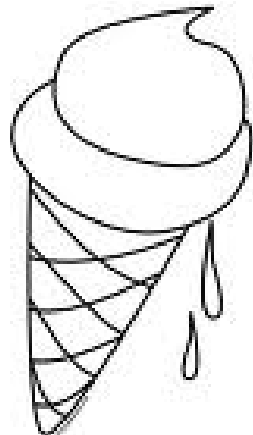
Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
(Romans 12.10-12, 15-16, 21)

Go in peace!

May the Lord strengthen and protect you,
may the Lord encourage and inspire you,
may the Lord bless you and guide you,
today and always.

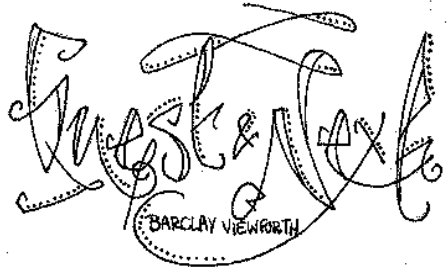
Amen.

Have a happy summer holiday.



Junior Quest, Quest and Next

I can not believe that we are at the end of another church session . Time passes very quickly. Our children have had a happy time learning about the bible in a variety of ways - drama, singing, playing instruments, drawing, colouring, sellotaping, gluing. Our session comes to an end on 27 June when we all gather for a picnic and some games. This follows Presentation Sunday, a special Sunday dedicated to the children of the congregation. Special mention was made at the service of Jenny, Noah and Jamie, moving from Junior Quest to Quest, and Anna moving to Next.



I wish to take this opportunity to thank all our leaders. You will see them diligently leave with the children Sunday after Sunday. It is a huge commitment . I wish to make special mention of Mary Blackadder and Juliet Conway; both have just finished school and are about to embark on adult life. I am sure you will join with me in wishing them all God's blessings. They and other teenage leaders have been instrumental in the running of Next and I want them to know how much their contribution is appreciated. Mary will be leaving to travel and Juliet plans to continue helping whilst a student in Edinburgh.

Clubs will resume on 29 August.

Elaine Coull
Children and Youth Work Co ordinator