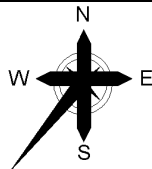
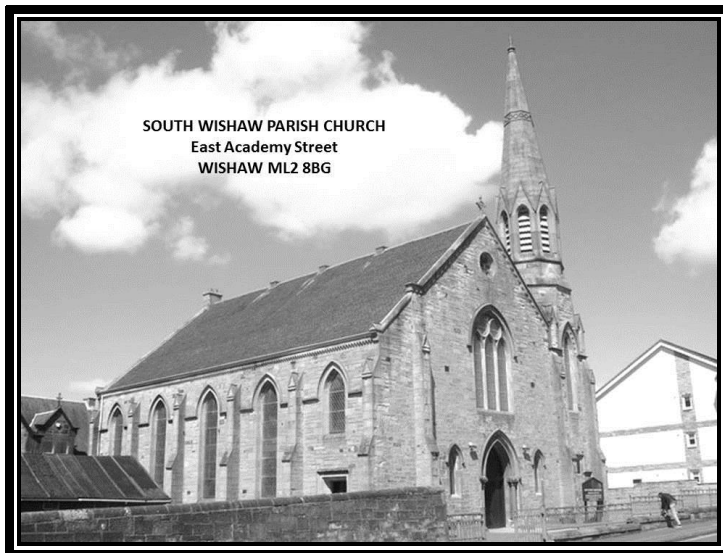


# The Compass



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A record of where we have been and where we are going



## South Wishaw Parish Church

### **VISION STATEMENT**

*We endeavour to be a friendly and welcoming church which promotes God's Kingdom within our Parish and Community*

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*That all members of our Congregation will engage in providing facilities and activities as will encourage and attract people of all ages to participate in events where they may experience a welcoming Christian atmosphere encouraging the measurable growth of our Church*

# FROM THE MANSE



Well, we did it! Oh, yes we did! We put on a Pantomime which some people said would never work but it did – and how! But why did we do it? Surely it wasn't just so that two local ministers could dress up as Ugly Sisters and strut about the place! Surely it wasn't just to get money out of an unsuspecting public?

Surely there were deeper, more spiritual, reasons for putting on the spectacle that was *Cinderella*? Well, funny you should ask? There were deeper, more spiritual, reasons. And those reasons were to build more relationships with those within our community whom we otherwise might not reach, using the medium of fun and farce to break down the barriers that exist between many people and the established church.

It's only through tackling such barriers in a variety of imaginative ways that bring people together, such as our Messy Church, Saturday Night Live and Wednesday Welcome initiatives, that we make opportunities to tell them about the reasons for our faith in Jesus Christ, which is our ultimate aim. And if that means putting on a dress, a wig and a bit of lippy and entering into the fun then that's fine with me! However, just like putting on a show, the ministry of the church is a team effort.

We are about to launch our new Action Groups – Property, Finance and Stewardship (PROFS); Mission, Outreach, Discipleship and Evangelism (MODE); and, Fundraising, Activities, Communication and Events (FACE) – and we need everyone to get involved in one of these groups at this crucial time in the life of the church, both locally and nationally.

The Good News is there are no auditions (and you don't have to dress up as an Ugly Sister) to get involved - but get involved you must!

**YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!**

Your brother in Christ

Terry



## **CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE IS AGREED**

### **WE NOW MOVE TO UNITARY CONSTITUTION**

Following our Congregation's decision to agree with the Kirk Session and Congregational Board's recommendation to change from the Model Deed to the Unitary Constitution we can report that this will take effect from 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

This means that from 7<sup>th</sup> March the present Congregational Board will cease to function and all of the present elected members of that body will, if they so wish, become members of the new enlarged Kirk Session.

Those who decide to join the Kirk Session will be ordained as Elders at a Service on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017

***At this time we are also asking the Congregation to nominate anyone whom they would like to see serve as an Elder. To do so please insert their name, having first ascertained their willingness to stand, on the pro forma available from the Church Vestibule***

The new UNITARY CONSTITUTION requires us to form Groups to undertake the many tasks that require to be done in the Church. To this end it should be noted that there is no need to be a members of the Kirk Session. Just let the Minister or Session Clerk know of your interest and they will take it from there.

**This is a great opportunity to offer your services there will be groups for**

**PROFS: Property, Finance and Stewardship**

**MODE: Mission, Outreach, Discipleship, Evangelism**

**FACE: Fund raising, Activities, Communication, Events**

**Something there for ALL of us.**

***DON'T BE SHY, PLEASE!***

# PANTOMONIUM

## CINDERELLA WAS A HOWLING SUCCESS

Review by Session Clerk

Believe it or the picture of the right shows our Minister (Left) and the Minister of Saint Mark's Church (Right)

Obviously the picture was not taken on a Sunday Morning but snapped just before the start of the Joint Saint Mark's/South Wishaw 2017 production of Cinderella .performed in both Churches in January.



There are no prizes for guessing who they were playing. Yes and the emphasis was on the UGLY...

I can say with all honesty I did not stop laughing from the beginning to the end of the show. The costumes, the patter, the script, when they stuck to it, together with the audience participation on the Saturday night when I attended, was on a par with anything that could have been

experienced in any Theatre in Glasgow.

The talent on display was amazing. From the children who acted as Villagers, to Dee Austin who gave a magnificent performance as Buttons and Cinderella played by Elle Moran with just the correct difference displayed between sadness and delight. Her singing was truly wonderful such a lovely voice and so easy to listen to.

All of the other parts were skilfully played by some brave characters that, I'm sure, had no actual idea about just what the Ugly Sisters were going to do or say next.

Dick McIntyre and Jonathan Scott looked after the sound and lights without a hitch. Not to mention the other helpers before, during and after the performance.

Congratulations to all for a Show that should make both Congregations proud. It certainly made me as Session Clerk proud of SWPC's efforts.

## SOME PICS FROM MARY LOUISE'S WEE DOO



Rev. Margaret Colles, Ann Weir



Rev. Klaus Suwop



Mary Louise with former Nigeria



Birthday Girl



Robert Hamilton, John McMillan, Jay Evelyn Hope, and Fred Glidden



Rev. Terry Moran, George & May Nelson, Iain Douglas

Pics from Mary Louise's WEE DOO!

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## A 'WEE DOO' FOR MARY LOUISE



A large number of people from our Congregation and Churches in Wishaw and friends from Nigeria gathered in the Hall on 23rd January 2017 to celebrate the 80th Birthday of a real stalwart member of South Wishaw Parish Church.

You may well wonder just why this 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, among the many that we have celebrated in SWPC, was singled out for some special treatment. The answer is very simple. There has never been anyone who has been so much involved in the life of SWPC or in her former Church of Thornlie.

It is almost impossible to think of any Group or Organisation that she has not been involved in during her 80 years. As a baby girl she was the first person to be baptised in the Baptismal Font at present used in South Wishaw Parish Church.

Always a willing helper she was an active member of our Church Cleaning Teams, A Team Leader in our Saturday Cafeteria, A Group Leader for one of our Sunday Tea Teams, A Bible Study Group Leader, A very involved member of the Wednesday Afternoon Meeting. The Founder of the Sharing Circle, A Rainbow Leader, An Elder, Compass Editor, Holiday Club Convener, Presbytery Elder, Chairperson and Secretary of Wishaw Churches Together, A Church of Scotland Missionary to Africa.

This life of Christian Service has been truly inspirational and an example to all of us. Everything Mary Louise did and does is always done in a quiet unassuming manner. She detests a fuss being made of anything she does.

For the 'WEE DOO' we wondered if it should be a 'surprise party' but decided that if we all shouted 'Surprise' she would have taken to her heels and ran. So we took the chance of telling her what we planned to do always being aware that she could have told us she would not be there. So when she arrived that the party there were more than a few hearts that returned to beating normally.

A number of people spoke about school (one of the pupils from the first Science Class she taught at Dalziel High School was there). Her time as a teacher in Nigeria was recalled one of her pupils from that school. A doctor from the Hospital in Nigeria recalled her time working with MLA in Nigeria. Her time as a member of Thornlie Church was recalled as was her time in South Wishaw Parish Church where she still tries to be of any help her health allows.



There has been a focus on more creative methods of prayer to encourage children to develop their personal prayer life and not be overly-reliant on adults for this. The children have enjoyed this. 'Upstairs' there have been some changes with

Kingdom Youth. A few members of Kingdom Kids have joined the group to both increase numbers and be responsive to individual children's' needs. The youth have been encouraged to think about doing something for the community, and are organising an Afternoon Tea on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2-4pm in order to raise vital funds for our local Food Bank. Please do encourage them both with donations of home baking but also by inviting friends and family along to support the event.



The life group will re-commence on Thursday 9th February. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, from 7.30-9.30pm in the lounge. Tea and biscuits in abundance! There is a steady attendance of members but always room

for more! Come along for fellowship, open and honest conversations and prayer. There is no 'expert' in the group, just a collection of people who want to grow more in their personal faith.



## **CHILDREN IN COMMUNION**

Following the Kirk Session decision to allow Children to participate in Communion we draw the attention of parents to the following criteria.

The responsibility of ensuring that your children are aware of what is taking place during the Communion Service rests with the parents or carers. It is important that the dignity and solemnity of the occasion is preserved.

Parents should take the decision as to whether or not their Children take Communion and be convinced t they know something of what is taking place.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE SPEAK TO THE MINISTER**

# WISHAW FOOD BANK



The Kirk Session has agreed to locate boxes on the Church premises where we can, if we so wish, place food donations for delivery to the local Wishaw Food Bank.

There are some specific items which the organisers have advised us are required and we list these below.

Our boxes will be found in the Church Vestibule on Sundays and Wednesdays during the Services on these days.

If you require any other information on this initiative please contact Ann Gray who is coordinating our involvement.

Items required are

***Tinned: Meat, Potatoes, Fruit, Tomatoes, Hotdogs, Mixed Veg  
AND: Long Grain Rice, Coffee (Small Jars)***

**We are, of course, grateful to the many that have and continue to donate to this community support venture.**

***Please deposit your donation into any of the two Boxes that are situated in the Church Vestibule and Session Room***

***S***  
***A***  
***M***

***The Stated Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
is scheduled to take place after the Morning  
Service on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March when the  
approved Church Accounts will be received***

## THANKS

***I just have to express my heartfelt thanks to all who organised the special event on the occasion of my 80th Birthday. I was so surprised at the number of people who attended and also at the many lovely things that were said. To all who made and served the food I also express my thanks. I have given the £500 given in gifts to Saint Andrews Hospice in Airdrie***

***Mary Louise Archibald***





# REMEMBER YOUR DETAILS UPDATE

By the time you read this you should have received a letter

from the Minister in relation to Church Membership and a Pro Forma asking for your contact details.

This is due to be returned at the March Communion Service at the latest. PLEASE TRY TO KEEP THE DEADLINE

This procedure will enable the Kirk Session to fulfil its role of Reviewing the Church Roll on a Yearly basis, something that has not been done since the Union some 13 years ago.



## **CHURCH IS NOT JUST FOR SUNDAY**

Fed up with the Tele? Then on a monthly basis why not come along to the Church Hall and join in Christian Fellowship.

Watch a Big Screen Movie: Have a jig at a Scottish Night: Find out if SWPC has talent: Join in a Race Night (fake Money but great fun).

Saturday Night Live is an initiative started in October of 2016. Each month we have met and enjoyed fun and fellowship. This is something to which we could bring family and friends. It is where Christianity can be seen to be in action developing relationships and displaying the fruits of the Spirit i.e. LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS and SELF-CONTROL. There is no preaching but meeting together in a relaxed atmosphere can, at times, be a far more effective way of showing the Love of Christ to those who may not see this in any other situation. **OPEN TO EVERYONE**

The next SNL is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7pm and is a Race Night

WHY NOT BE THERE?

# The Guild



Our Guild Guest Night on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February was attended by Guests from most of the Churches in the Wishaw area. The entertainment on the night was provided by Saffronhall Singers, a Choir comprising 40 persons. Their programme was very well received by the large attendance. This was an excellent evening and proved that it is possible for Churches in Wishaw to enjoy the company of one another.

## THE GUILD

Operates on Monday evening's meeting in the Session Room, nice, warm and comfortable. The Syllabus until the end of this Session is printed below

### FEBRUARY

- 13<sup>th</sup>: Guest Night: Saffronhall Singers will entertain
- 20<sup>th</sup>: Museum of Country Life
- 27<sup>th</sup>: Cambusnethan Priory

### MARCH

- 6<sup>th</sup>: Classrooms for Malawi
- 13<sup>th</sup>: Songs and Laughter
- 20<sup>th</sup>: AGM and Bring and Buy
- 27<sup>th</sup>: Closing SOCIAL: Church Worship Group

So Ladies and yes Gents, if you wish, come along enjoy fellowship, some entertainment or a speaker and, of course, the obligatory cup of tea. Meetings start at 7.30pm. Mondays 7.30pm



# June 10th 2017

**MORE DETAILS SOON BUT KEEP DATE CLEAR**



## **FELLOWSHIP:**

Just a short update at mid-session.

We've had our AGM which went well but it was stressed that we must work hard, very hard, to engage new members.

We enjoyed a good night at a Farmhouse Tea with the Guild. Our Minister, Terry also gave us an interesting talk. Some of us were with the Guild at their Guest Night on 13<sup>th</sup> February and spent a most enjoyable evening entertained by the Saffronhall Singers.

As can be seen from the remainder of our syllabus, printed below, we only have a few more meetings before our Closing Social

## **ALL ARE WELCOME**

### **FEBRUARY**

13<sup>th</sup>: Guest Night: Saffronhall Singers will entertain (with Guild)

20<sup>th</sup>: Visit to another Club

### **MARCH**

13<sup>th</sup>: John Pentland

27<sup>th</sup>: Closing SOCIAL: Church Worship Group (with Guild)

## **SOME DATES FOR OUR DIARIES**

<b>FEB. 26</b>	<b>NOW CHURCH</b>	<b>2pm</b>
<b>MAR. 5</b>	<b>COMMUNION SERVICES</b>	<b>11am and 3pm</b>
<b>MAR 11</b>	<b>SATURDAYNIGHT LIVE</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>MAR 14</b>	<b>KIRK SESSION MEETING</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>MAR 26</b>	<b>KINGDOM YOUTH</b>	<b>2pm</b>
<b>APRIL 2</b>	<b>MOTHERS' DAY SERVICE</b>	<b>11am</b>
<b>APRIL 10-14</b>	<b>HOLIDAY CLUB</b>	<b>10.30-12.30 Daily</b>
	<b>HOLY WEEK SERVICE</b>	<b>1pm Daily</b>
	<b>HOLY WEEK SERVICE</b>	<b>7pm Daily</b>
<b>APRIL 16</b>	<b>NOW CHURCH</b>	<b>2pm</b>

# CHURCH ROLL

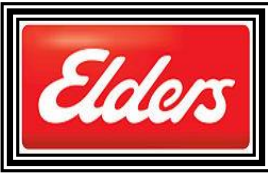
The Church of Scotland requires that Kirk Sessions review the Roll of the Congregation at the end of each year. We have not done this since our Union in 2004.

In the last few weeks we should all have received a letter from our Minister seeking to clarify where we stand in relation to our Church Membership. The letter asks us all to indicate if we wish our name to be retained on the Roll, moved to the Supplementary Roll or if we wish to be removed from the Roll.

As the letter says

*“We are, of course, aware that there are members who cannot attend or take an active part because of infirmity or mobility problems. This letter does not affect your membership of South Wishaw Parish Church but it would help if you still return the pro forma’.*

The information we hold about our members must also be kept up to date to conform to the Data Protection Act and we are asked to insert the relevant information and return the pro-forma by 5<sup>th</sup> March.



## **11 NEW ELDERS FROM CONGREGATIONAL BOARD**

***The following elected members of the Congregational Board will be Ordained as Elders on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March during the Morning Service***

***Tom Dawson  
Catherine Frame  
Dick McIntyre  
Liz Main  
Ann Matthews  
Lesley Mitchell  
Elaine Renwick  
Jim Smellie  
Morag Smellie  
Eliza Thomson  
Anne Wight***

At the present time nominations for any other persons are being sought from the Congregation and we are asked to submit any nominations as soon as possible using the proforma issued in the Order of Service on 12<sup>th</sup> February. Please ensure that any nominated person has agreed to their name being proposed.

# **Church Contact Numbers**

**MINISTER:**

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**3 Walter Street -767459**  
**Church 375306**

**Session Clerk**

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**59 Coltness Road – 381512**

**Congregational Board Clerk -**

**Jean Dawson**  
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**NEXT COMPASS DEADLINE**

**14<sup>th</sup> May 2017**



## TIRED OF THE 5 HYMN SANDWICH SERVICE?

If so, why not give NOW CHURCH a try? It's informal, relaxed, different, modern music; feel free to express your Christian Faith in a more open manner...

Meets on intimate Sunday afternoons starting at 3pm in the Church Hall. Using video there are songs projected on the large hall screen and these usually have a lead singer to guide us through. This is different and most certainly not a repeat of a normal Sunday Morning Service.

There is a lunch available at 1.30pm prior to the Service which you may come along to or, if you were attending the Morning Service then just stay around and enjoy the fellowship of a meal.

The next scheduled NOW CHURCH is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February.



Wednesday in South Wishaw is our busiest day. There is something available throughout the day for even the hardest to satisfy.

**PRAY AT 10:** Join with others to pray for those of the Church who are experiencing problems, bereavement, feeling a bit down or lonely.

**LIFE GROUP:** This starts at 11am in the Lounge and is more of a contemporary Bible study. (More details on Page .....

**MID WEEK SERVICE:** 12noon in the Prayer area of the Church. This Service is a half hour Service and follows the normal Church of Scotland format BUT IS NOT NEARLY AS FORMAL OR AS LONG. So if you can't sit for an hour+ on Sunday Morning then join us. Hymns, Bible Readings, Prayers and a short talk by the Minister. A good way to get a spiritual refill during the week. **LUNCH CLUB:** Immediately after the Service at around 12.40pm lunch is available in the Hall. There is no requirement to have attended the Service first.

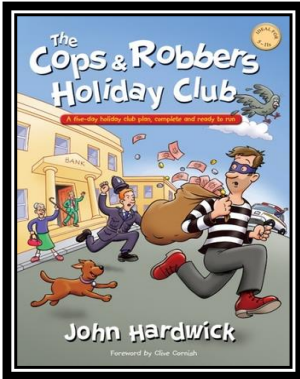
## *Wednesday Welcome*

Starting at 1.30pm join with a happy bunch of folks for some afternoon activities. These can range for Chair Aerobics, a wee bit of line dancing, maybe a sing-a-long or a film and a wee game of Bingo or on occasions a Live Professional Entertainer like the one on February 22<sup>nd</sup> when we have Maggie Dee a terrific female vocalist. Of course, we finish with cup of tea and a 'thought for the day'. What you join in is entirely up to you.

## EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB



The Easter Holiday Club for Children in P1 to P7 of current School Session is being held from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017 between 10.30am and 12.30pm daily.



The Theme is COPS and ROBBERS which follows the story of Joseph using our tried and tested programme of Songs, Stories, Crafts, Games and Refreshments.

So if you know of any children who fall into the age range encourage them to come along and enjoy the fun. There is No Charge

## CHURCH REGISTER

<b>FUNERALS</b>	<b>Funeral Date</b>
<i>Betty Anderson</i>	<i>25/12/2016</i>
<i>Sheena Clark</i>	<i>14/12/2016</i>
<i>Alex Watson</i>	<i>22/12/2016</i>
<i>Charlotte Denholm</i>	<i>26/11/2016</i>
<b>TRANSFERRED OUT</b>	<b>DATES</b>
<i>Angela Quinn</i>	<i>12/2016</i>
<b>NEW MEMBER</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<i>Margaret Watson</i>	<i>04/12/2016</i>
<b>BAPTISM</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<i>Max Lang</i>	<i>05/02/2017</i>