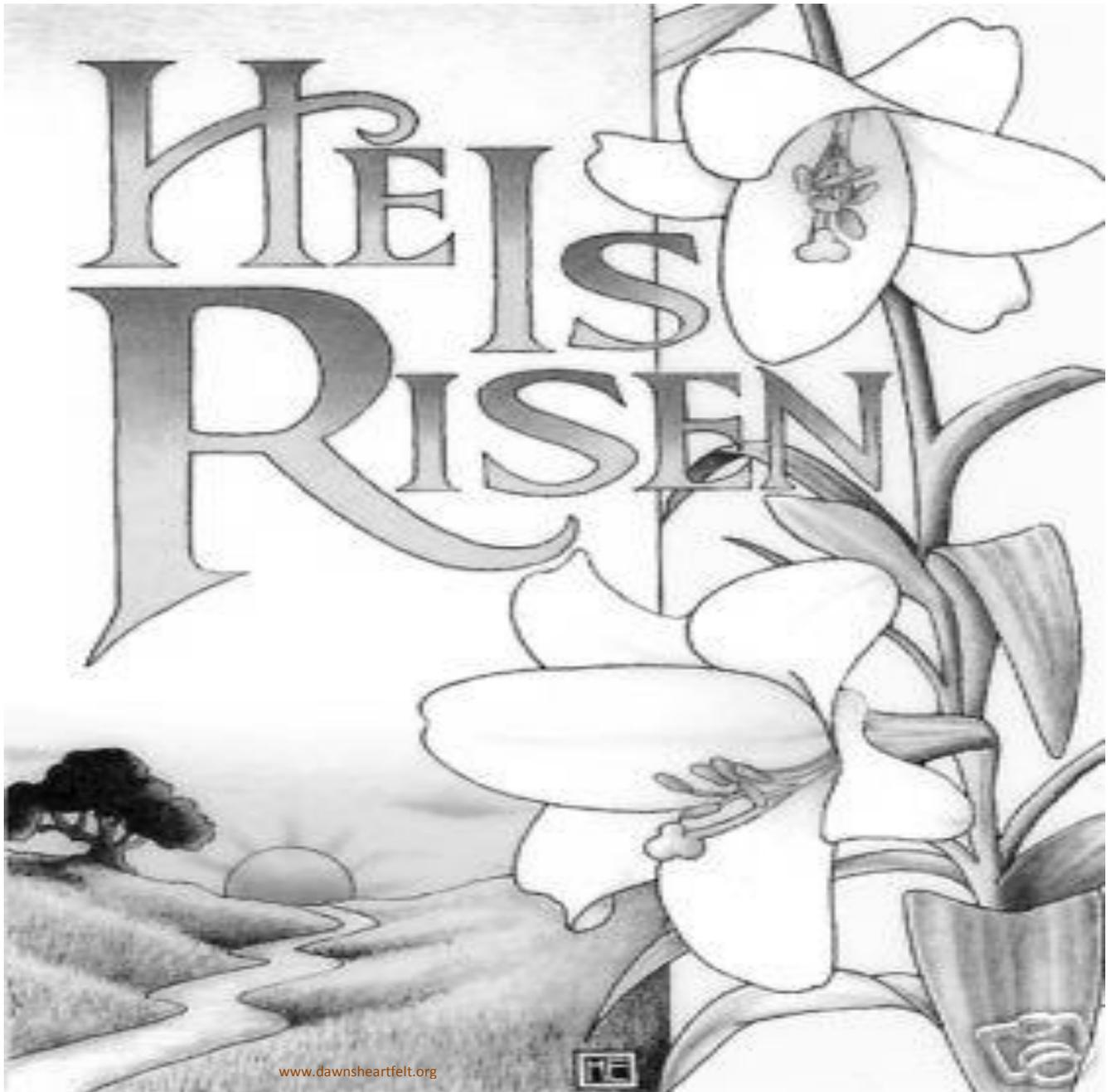


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Month	Time	EVENT	VENUE	Additional Info
<b>MAY</b>				
3	10.50 a.m. 2 p.m.	<i>Morning Worship Family Church</i>	St. Mark's Small Hall	Rev. Martin Johnstone All Welcome
4		<i>MAY HOLIDAY</i>		
5	5.30 p.m.	<i>Homegroup</i>	Session Room	
6	2 p.m.	<i>LADIES DISCUSSION GROUP</i>	Small Hall	
7	1.30 p.m. 7 p.m.	<i>Church Lets Review Meeting Kirk Session</i>	Session Room Session Room	
8	2 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	<i>Friday Club Youth Club</i>	Small Hall Church Hall	Memories!
10	10.50 a.m.	<i>Morning Worship</i>	St. Mark's	Rev. Stuart Davidson
12	5.30 p.m.	<i>St. Mark's @ Sainsburys</i>	Sainsburys	Followed by dinner
13		<i>NO LADIES DISCUSSION GROUP</i>		
14	2 p.m. 7 p.m.	<i>Forthbank Service Presbytery</i>	Forthbank N.H. Bridge of Allan Parish	Helpers needed Reception @ 5.30 p.m.
15	6.30 p.m.	<i>Youth Club</i>	Church Halls	
16		<i>GENERAL ASSEMBLY 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY</i>		
17	10.50 a.m. 1 p.m.	<i>Morning Worship Heart and Soul Event</i>	St. Mark's Princes St. Gdns	Rev. Stuart Davidson Event finishes @ 6 p.m
19	5.30 p.m.	<i>Home Group</i>	Session Room	
20		<i>NO Ladies Discussion Group</i>		
22	2 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	<i>Friday Club Youth Club</i>	Small Hall Church Hall	Games!
24	10.50 a.m.	<i>Morning Worship</i>	St. Mark's	Rev Stuart Davidson
26	5.30 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	<i>St. Marks' @ Sainsburys Safeguarding Roadshow</i>	Sainsburys St. Columba's	Followed by Dinner Coordinators/Panel members
27	2 p.m.	<i>Ladies Discussion Group</i>	Small Hall	PARTY!
29	6.30 p.m.	<i>Youth Group</i>	Church Hall	
31	10.50 a.m.	<i>Morning Worship</i>	St. Mark's	Rev Stuart Davidson
<b>JUNE</b>				
2	5.30 p.m.	<i>Homegroup</i>	Session Room	
3	12.30 p.m.	<i>Raploch Primary Lunch Club Party</i>	Church Hall	
4	7 p.m.	<i>Kirk Session &amp; Congregational Board</i>	Session Room	
5	2 p.m.	<i>Friday Club</i>	Small Hall	Bring & Buy
7	10.50 a.m.	<i>Morning Worship</i>	St. Mark's	Rev. Stuart Davidson
9	2 p.m. 5.30 p.m.	<i>Family Church St. Mark's @ Sainsburys</i>	Small Hall Sainsburys	All Welcome Followed by dinner
11	2 p.m. 7 p.m.	<i>Forthbank Service Presbytery</i>	Forthbank N.H. Bridge of Allan Parish	Helpers needed
13	10 a.m.	<i>LEARN Event</i>	St. Columba's	Finishes 12.30 p.m.
14	10.50 a.m.	<i>Morning Worship</i>	St. Mark's	Rev Stuart Davidson
16	5.30 p.m.	<i>Home Group</i>	Session Room	5.30 p.m.
19	6.30 p.m.	<i>Youth Group go Tubeing</i>	Polmont	
21	10.50 a.m.	<i>Morning Worship</i>	St. Mark's	Rev Stuart Davidson
23	5.30 p.m.	<i>St. Marks' @ Sainsburys</i>	Sainsburys	Followed by Dinner
26	2 p.m.	<i>Friday Club</i>	Small Hall	End of Season Lunch
28	10.50 a.m.	<i>Morning Worship</i>	St. Mark's	Rev Stuart Davidson
29	1.30 p.m.	<i>HOLIDAY CLUB BEGINS!</i>	Church Halls	
30	5.30 p.m.	<i>Home Group</i>	Session Room	

# View from the Manse...



## Post Easter Greetings!

Hello everyone, I hope this letter finds you all well. I find myself writing this article on Maundy Thursday in order to get it into the editor for the Easter Sunday deadline. Once again, I'm in a bit of a mix up trying to work out how you might be doing by the end of April when you'll get this next edition of St Mark's "Link" magazine.

You'll know from the last edition that many of us visited various Churches across Edinburgh in order to help us consider how to take the "Chance to Thrive" opportunity forward. That was a great day's journey as we saw many examples of Church that made us think, Yes, we'd like something like that, No, that's not for us, or Maybe - that's something to consider.

At present, we're focusing on how we might make an application to around four architects, along with a brief to them with our focus and some pointers saying where we wish to go next. This isn't finalised yet, however, let me ask that YOU consider joining us on this exciting step in our journey as we think about St Mark's and the buildings and spaces that surround the grounds.

Last week, Palm Sunday, was our Annual Stated Meeting. We enjoyed photos from the Edinburgh trip, we also spoke about the past year, on what where our enjoyments and we spoke about the year ahead and what we felt where the challenges.

One of those challenges was financial. Our budget for next year as things stand is around £11,000 short. In other words, we are due to spend around £11,000 more than our income. Obviously, we're going to monitor this and aim to take care of our spending; however, we're also wondering how we might make sure this isn't as much of a dent in our work as it could be.

We're currently planning for our Summer Holiday Club in the first week of the school holidays. The theme this year is from the "Acts of the Apostles" and the life of Peter. We're using Scripture Union material called, "Rocky's Plaice." Someone told me recently about a chip shop in the distant history of Raploch that was called "Rocky's." Do you have any memories of it or photos. If you do, please write to our editors and tells us what you remember. The holiday club material is about a fish n' chip shop - would you believe it! Anyhow more on that to come!

It reminded me of a story in the bible in John's book about Jesus after He was raised from the dead.

*Jesus is on the beach and the disciples are fishing and not catching anything. So he calls out to them to throw the net over the other side and amazingly, after a while they catch so many fish that they are afraid the next will burst, so they drag it to shore slowly.*

*As they do so we pick up the story for John realises it's Jesus,*

*"Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Master!" When Simon Peter realized that it was the Master, he threw on some clothes, for he was stripped for work, and dove into the sea.*

*The other disciples came in by boat for they weren't far from land, a hundred yards or so, pulling along the net full of fish.*

*When they got out of the boat, they saw a fire laid, with fish and bread cooking on it.*

*Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish you've just caught."*

*Simon Peter joined them and pulled the net to shore—153 big fish!*

*And even with all those fish, the net didn't rip.*

*Jesus said, "Breakfast is ready." Not one of the disciples dared ask, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Master. Jesus then took the bread and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus had shown himself alive to the disciples since being raised from the dead.*

*John 21:1–14, The Message*

*Even Jesus could make fish n' bread! But more than that, He met their present need.*

What's your need or mine, what's St Mark's need, the need of our communities? I said not long ago that the only time I see the same thing made different in the bible is when Jesus turns up on the scene. The disciples caught nothing, they'd tried what they knew, over and over and nothing was making any difference and then, He turned up and called on them with the instructions on what to do next - the result not an empty net but a full one.

One that made them realise that it was Jesus!

So what have you and I been doing over and over with no apparent change or result, let's take time and ask Jesus to come and help us and then see what happens next.

Till next time - take care and do have a look at our website for there is a whole lot more going on in St Mark's that you and those you know could be a part of - for the good of everyone - to share the fish!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stuart". To the right of the signature is a small, simple smiley face emoji (☺).

Minister - 3rd April 2015



### “I am the true vine” (John 15: 1)

One evening at the Home Group we read in John’s Gospel (Chapter 15: 1 – 27) that Jesus describes himself as ‘the true vine’. It might be strange to think of Jesus as a plant but the more you think about it the more it makes sense. He wants to be connected to us just like the branches connect to the vine. Just as the branches receive nourishment from the vine and so stay alive, so Christians needs to be connected to Jesus. How do we do this?

Well, one way is to pray and in praying we can speak to God and hear him speak to us. We can use simple language or just be quiet. The bible is a good source of help about how to pray. Here is a prayer which is an appeal for help from Psalm 102:

- **God, listen to my prayer, listen to the pain in my cries. Don’t turn your back on me just when I need you so desperately. Pay attention! This is a cry for help! And hurry – this can’t wait!**

Here is a quiet prayer from Psalm 131:

- **I’ve cultivated a quiet heart. Like a baby content in its mother’s arms, my soul is a baby content...Wait with hope. Hope now; hope always!**

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In St Mark’s, we have occasions where we meet together for prayer. These are times when we gather, share concerns and then pray. Some people pray aloud, others remain quiet. It is an encouraging time and we would like others to join with us. We are also glad to receive requests to pray for people or situations. Please hand them to me (or the minister) if you wish.

- **Sunday 10.40 a.m. - Before Morning Worship**  
– in Session Room.
- **Sunday 6.00 p.m. - Prayer and Praise – in Small Hall.**
- **Tuesday 5.30 p.m. (Fortnightly) Home Group**  
– in Session Room.

Lesley Davidson

## Children’s Chuckles

What is yellow and dangerous?

**A.** Shark infested custard.

How do you start a flea race?

**A.** One, two flea go.

Why did the budgie have go to the vet?

**A.** He needed tweetment.

Why did the sheep go to the vet?

**A.** He needed meedicine.



# St. Mark's Youth Club

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Greetings from the Friday gang and Lynne!

The children and I hope that everyone had a happy Easter and, of course, no one ate too many eggs. Hmm. Recently, several of the children have been living very exciting and adventurous lives. For example, Gina age 5, our youngest child who regularly attends St Mark's @ Sainsbury's has been learning sign language for children. Guess what? I can now sign Happy Mother's Day and almost Old MacDonald's farm. I am ever so proud. Gina can't wait until my next lesson!!

Kirsty and Kyra age 10, have been skiing way up north in Glenshee with the Cornton Primary School. According to both it was a blast, they loved it, and did not bother about rolling around in the freezing snow. (Those were the days). Now brrrrrrrrrr.

A warm welcome also to Chloe age 11, who has recently joined us at the Sainsbury's night and also the family service as well. Welcome Chloe from all at St Mark's. Chloe is also a member of The Big Noise, who do the communities proud.

Zara age 10, has now left Raploch Primary School and transferred to the Riverside Primary School. I was very happy to hear this, mainly because I attended the same school. Zara, also reports she is very happy and well settled into her new school. Keep up the good work Zara!

Finally, some good news for the Friday gang; we have now acquired the little piece of ground outside the church hall, which is going to be the youth club garden and looked after by some of our younger members.

We have also been offered help from one of our own, with some help when needed and also advice which is more than welcome.



# Canine Partners

## Kayleigh's World: A Canine Partner in training

Hello once more, I thought that this time I would tell you a little bit about Canine Partners. There is a special reason for this.

This year marks our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. During the last 25 years, a lot has happened to the charity.

Our first 3 trainees, Angus, Alex and Alfred, were trained in someone's front room. This was in 1994, and they all wore red livery.

The next big event, was when one of our dogs Endal, was named Dog of the Millenium.

In 2002, the first purpose-built training centre was built. This was a former Polo yard near Midhurst, West Sussex. This was also the year that the distinctive purple jackets were introduced. In 2004, 2 years after moving into Heyshott, the 100<sup>th</sup> dog was partnered. Since then, the charity has partnered the 200<sup>th</sup> dog in 2008; the 300<sup>th</sup> partnership in 2011; 400<sup>th</sup> in 2013 and number 500 in 2014.

In between all these partnerships , the Canine Partners purchased a new training centre in Leicester. This was a former Pig Farm, and after a lot of hard work and commitment, this year 8 dogs were partnered from here.

As for me, I have not done too much lately, some training; some visits, but I will be working very hard from now on as I want to be one of the 600<sup>th</sup> partnerships.

May I thank you all for the last 25 years and we are all looking forward to the next 25.

All my love,

' **THE ADORABLE KAYLEIGH**



# Stirling Street Pastors

## Caring, Listening and Helping

Scottish Charity No SC042163

Stirling Street Pastors - caring, listening, and helping; NOT the people of Stirling, but the people in Stirling - Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night – from 10pm until 4 o'clock the next morning – most of the people in Stirling City Centre are from the surrounding areas - Alloa, the Hillfoots, Fallin, Falkirk, Balfron, Callander, Dunblane, Crieff (and that's before mentioning students, and tourists, from all parts of the UK, and abroad)

Our aim is to help anyone in need of an ear, a word, or a hand. From teenagers, to folk who are even older than me – yes, they do exist – we help guide them safely home - to their house, to their residences ( in the case of the students) or to their safe place ( for the rough sleepers, with nowhere to go )

In many cases, all a young person desires is someone who can give them a wee bit of time, to listen to what is troubling them. So many people have no one with time to stop and listen. Some need only a few words of encouragement, letting them know they are valued, and special, in their own way. Others may be confused, or lost, having become the victim of too much alcohol - or worse.

Offering God's ears, His words, and extending His hand, means so much to a lot of people – even those who do not step into a church building. The Stirling "God Squad", as we are often called, meet many different individuals, and each one is one of God's people. Of all the questions I have been asked over the past four years, my 2 favourites have to be "*Should someone your age not be at home in bed at this time of night?*", and then the young woman who ran towards me at 2 o'clock one Saturday morning, 9. gripped my arm, and asked, "*Do you do weddings?*" I suspect this was more a spur of the moment idea, than something, she had been planning before her night out.

There are, however, the much more serious questions, and, with God's guidance, we regularly find ourselves in the places we need to be, with the words and actions needed for whatever situation we find. This is confirmed by the Stirling figures for 2014 - Street Pastors engaged with 2543 people, assisted 122 vulnerable people, helped 31 rough sleepers / homeless / beggars by providing hot drinks, food, blankets and sleeping bags. Five suicidal individuals spoke to Street Pastors in 2014. Over 300 items of personal safety were issued (flip-flops, blankets, etc.), over 650 bottles were removed from the streets (being dangerous, harmful, litter, or a potential weapon), and more than 130 faith based conversations took place (with 28 people prayed for, where they were. I, personally, had one rough sleeper ask if it was all right for her to say a prayer for the Street Pastors who were on the streets that night.) There is so much going on in Stirling, with God's love at its heart.

This is where we ask for your help - in any of 3 ways: firstly, we would ask for your prayers. Either as an individual, or as part of the congregation, your prayers mean much to us all. Secondly, why not come along, and give one night each month, to walk with us, in God's name, amongst His people. (We can provide training to help you prepare). Or, thirdly, by making a cash contribution towards the running costs of the Group.

Your prayers for Street Pastors, in Stirling, around Scotland, throughout the UK, and in many countries around the world, and for the people we meet – and those we don't – are what makes God's love reach those who need it most. *Thank you.*

*John Galloway* (Member of Alloa Ludgate Church of Scotland)

P.S. Can I thank John, my fellow Street Pastor, for being willing to let me use this article - Stuart.

## **From St. Mark's Kirk Session: 10**

### **.....a new 'association'**

Many members will by now have met the Rev. Alan McKenzie.

Following his retirement sixteen months ago, as one of the Church of Scotland's ministers in Bellshill, Alan and his wife Margaret have moved to Stirling and live in Raploch. They have joined St. Mark's as members, and Alan has been taking a very active role in the life of our congregation as those who come to the youth group, or St. Mark's @ Sainsburys, or Sunday morning services will know.

The Kirk Session has asked Alan to join us in our work, and we are delighted that he has agreed to so. Officially, he doesn't join us as an elder, or have a vote if we need one to make a decision, but he will "associate with" the Kirk Session.

Alan has a great deal of experience and wisdom which we can draw on, and if he calls on you at home, please give him a warm welcome!

We are looking forward to a long and fruitful "association".

David Russell



Alan & Margaret McKenzie

## St Mark's Parish Church Ministries and Mission contributions

Each year the Church of Scotland advises us what contribution to Ministries and Mission should be. Their calculation is based on our income and other considerations.

In 2015, we will contribute **£19,971** to Ministries and Mission. I have had a letter from the General Treasurer of the Church of Scotland explaining how this will be used:

- **£17,175** will go towards the costs of providing over 1,000 ministers and other parish workers. It will also help with costs of recruitment and training.
- **£2,796** will be used in supporting the Church's work in providing care to people in need, providing resources for Christian education and outreach, supporting our mission partners and other work in supporting the Church's role in society.

Our Ministries and Mission contributions are less than the full cost of our Minister and Deaconess. We are being supported by other congregations to meet these costs.

Fiona Russell



Fruit Barra **fanfare**

Raploch Fruit and Veg Barra was launched in January 2013. We buy fruit and vegetables at cost price and sell for the same amount to provide fresh, affordable fruit and vegetables and promote healthy eating in the local area.

We get orders from the local nursery and from several other local people. We have built a relationship with the children and the staff at the local nursery who often visit us on a Friday morning

Sadly, Morag, a key member of the team, has been unwell for some weeks and we have missed her input and support. Thanks to the team of volunteers for working together and continuing the good work of the Barra.

**RAPLOCH**  **friday club**<sub>12</sub>

We are a happy group of individuals who meet in the Church Hall at least twice a month with a varied programme which we feel would suit the needs of anyone wishing to join us. Our next meeting is on May 8<sup>th</sup> and we will share our Memories and enjoy our usual Tea/Coffee and goodies. Our meeting lasts from 2.00 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. and it's a good way of sharing ideas and interacting with others.

Telephone Donnie or Mary or 01786 463387 if you feel you would like to join us for an afternoon.

## Church Bulletin....Bloopers!

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'

The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Potluck Supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.



## St. Mark's @ Sainsbury's

It all began on Tuesday 21st May 2013 - almost 2 years ago - who'd have believed it.

Over the years the group has grown to include new faces and we number around 20 - 24 people of all ages every two weeks. We meet as Church in the training room of our local Sainsbury's and there we enjoy all sorts of things. Some of the materials we've used over the years have been the "I am" sayings of Jesus; we've used table talk cards, covering various topics for discussion, things like "Faith" and "Who we appreciate." We've also worked through Luke's gospel in order to find out more about the life and times of Jesus.

Since the end of September last year we began looking at material called "Paradise Road" when we met every second Tuesday at 5.30 pm. This material and some of that mentioned above was created and produced by "CURBS, St Mary's Church Hall, 71 Johnson Street, London E1 0AQ (Email: [info@curbsproject.org.uk](mailto:info@curbsproject.org.uk))

The material called "Paradise Road" is aimed at giving children a creative resource, which helps them to explore "the ups and downs of relationships with the help of stories from the Paradise Road community."

This past week we began to look into the subject of "coping with loss" - not only the loss of a loved one but also the loss of relationships with someone we may not have seen in a long time. Every other fortnight we've also been following a parallel story from the Old Testament

Personally, I've found the "Paradise Road" material really great as we spend time drinking tea, coffee and juice. Last Tuesday 31st March, we enjoyed chocolate and lemon cakes, the fortnight before we enjoyed pizza together made on the premises! After the gathering time, we usually sing some songs, and then enjoy a little craft. This past week, we coloured in some of the characters from the road, shared in a 6-person drama of events on the road with Granny Myrtle, Amelia, Rico and many others and made a memory cup to take home.

We sometimes play games, though we've not a lot of space, sometimes we enjoy a quiz, most of the time we share stories together as we get to know each other. We've also made a cross using lolly pop sticks as we wrote the words of Jesus "I am with you always" on them. Some of the songs we sing are "Give me oil in my lamp" a strong favourite with most of the kids and then we end with a prayer of various sorts at 6.30 pm. A little clearing up and then we head through to the cafe for dinner together, sausages and mash, lasagne (a favourite of some), fish n' chips, some without peas, some with beans, macaroni, chicken pie and a lot more, finishing around 7.15 pm.

I have to say and maybe I'm prejudiced, you'd need to ask the others who go - try to spot them from the photo above and ask them if they enjoy it. I suspect they do, given that they come every two weeks, I know I do.

So if you'd like to join us please come, the dates are on a poster in the store, or on our website. You can also ask Stuart or Lesley or any of the others in the photo. You'd be really welcome.

*Stuart*

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2015

# Family Fun Puzzles



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## What a Carry On

1. What was the first film to star Barbara Windsor?
2. Comedy Star, June Whitfield starred in which Carry on Film?
3. And...Name 1 film her TV husband starred in?
4. What was the name of the first Carry On film?
5. Which famous American TV Army Sergeant appeared in a Carry On film?
6. Harold Steptoe starred in which movie?
7. Which film starred Swedish actress Elke Sommer?
8. Which film was set around a beauty contest?
9. Which actor, who found fame in "The Onedin Line", appeared in the Carry On films of the 70s?
10. Which film featured a "Randall & Hopkirk" actor as a shop steward?

## Family Fun Answers

From last month's issue of

the link



## The Bond Quiz Answers

1. Bob Holness
2. Christopher Lee
3. Joe Don Baker
4. Lewis Collins
5. George Lazenby
6. Never Say Never Again
7. Dr. No & Diamonds Are Forever.
8. 7
11. License to Kill
12. Classical

*Please note that due to a change in the Data Protection Act, the Hospital Trusts no longer allow access to Admission Lists. These lists previously allowed the ministry team to notice when a member or a parishioner was in a ward and pay a visit.*

The Ministry Team are happy to visit members who are admitted to hospital , however, visits to patients are very much dependent on either patients or the family of patients letting us know they are in hospital.

There are two ways of doing this:

1. On Admission to a hospital: tell the nurse or secretary admitting you or your family member you would like a visit from the Minister from St. Mark's Church. They will note your request on an admission form.
2. When a member of your family is admitted to hospital: contact the Minister either by telephone, email or on a Sunday morning at Church.

The responsibility for letting us know you or a member of your family is in hospital lies with yourself or your family. If we are not told, we do not know who is in hospital.

In all cases, except for emergencies (and again is should be the family who contacts us), the permission of the patient is necessary. In some circumstances the visit of a Minister may be the last thing someone wants. Patient confidentiality is paramount.



<b>May/June</b>	<b>SUNDAY DUTY TEAMS</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>MUSIC BOX</b>
3/5/15	1	Kenny
10/5/15	2	Kenny
17/5/15	3	Kenny
24/5/15	1	Lesley
31/5 /15	2	Fiona
7/6/15	3	Fiona
14/6/15	1	Lesley
21/6/15	2	Eddie
28/6/15	3	Kenny

### **DUTY TEAMS**

**Thanks to everyone who shares in this valuable ministry**

TEAM 1: R.MARSHALL/ L.DAVIDSON/M.MCKINLAY/J.MURIE

TEAM2: I.ASHER/M.LETFORD/E.MANN/I.HENDRY/L.SWANSTON

TEAM 3: D.RUSSELL/F.RUSSELL/E.FERGUSON/S.MALCOLM/D.MCKINLAY

### **COMMUNION**

shall be celebrated on the following dates during 2015

SUNDAY 28th June 2015

SUNDAY 4th October 2015

SUNDAY 6th December 2015

**COMING SOON to a Church Hall near YOU**



**Holiday Club for P1 – P6  
June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 4<sup>th</sup> 2015  
1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.**

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## Groups

Ladies Discussion / Alternativity/Eyewitnesses Social History Groups:

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