

Welcome to Fullarton ConneXions!

A Warm Welcome to our worship services! Please relax, you're among friends, and join us for a cuppa in the café after the service. This morning: The Sparklers (3–5year olds) & Trailblazers (5–10year olds) exit as usual. **Creche** (for babies & weans up to 2/3 years old) is available in the studio from 10.30am. Christian Against Poverty are participating in this morning's service.

Evening Services: Please Note that our 6.30pm Services have stopped for July & August.

Union Vote: Members of Dreghorn & Springside, Fullarton, Girdle Toll, Mure Relief, and St Andrews Parish Churches agreed to merge to become Irvine Parish Church of Scotland. There will be a meeting of the uniting kirk sessions to find the best way forward toward this union. Members of Irvine Old Parish Church also took part in the vote and backed the plans to become part of a new single congregation but are not ready to receive the present Team Ministry proposal. Discussions on the best way forward will continue and Irvine Old could become part of Irvine Parish Church at a future date. In a joint statement, Neil and Jamie said: *"We look forward to the positive and exciting opportunities that the pulling of resources will bring in uniting five congregations. It presents the chance to further grow an outward looking church ready to share the Good News and Love of Christ in down-to-earth ways. We will also continue to value Irvine*

Old's congregation and members, along with the other local churches, as important partners in God's care and concern for Irvine town and her people."

Next Sunday Join us for our 10.30am Summer Service, when we continue our new series on seeking, recognising, and practising God's Presence. In July & August we have a Thanksgiving Table instead of the Kids Chat. So, we're looking for families, and groups of people, willing to share things they're grateful to God for. Let Dorothy or Neil know if interested in doing this one Sunday. Thanks!

Interested in Baptism or Confirming your Baptism? There will be the opportunity for Baptism and joining the Church Family on Sunday 24th September. If interested let Neil know as soon as possible so as to plan preparations. Thanks.

Prayer walking our parishes: As we move towards union we'll be walking and praying in one another's shoes. The first Parish Prayer Walks is on Sunday 20th August, 2.30pm - 3.45pm, starting and stopping (with refreshments) at Mure Relief Parish Church building on West Road, Irvine, KA12 8RE. Walk as short or long as you can. This is an opportunity to share time together, walk for a while in another's shoes, take in a fresh perspective, and gain a shared understanding of God's call to us all in each of these areas. More Prayer Walks to follow. Please come along on the day and for further details, contact Jamie Milliken on 01294 211893, jmilliken@churchofscotland.org.uk

'Blokes' Blog' & 'Marthas & Marys' (M&Ms) Groups: 2 separate monthly groups for men & women, running on the first & second Tuesdays of each month. The M&Ms aren't meeting in July & August, but the Blokes Blog will continue, next meeting Tuesday 5th September 7pm in Connexions School Room. Bring a friend!

Masks are no longer obligatory in places of worship. Please continue to wear a mask if it helps you feel safer and continue to respect each other's space.

Connexions Café is open on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10am - 2pm There are No Saturday Cafes .All Welcome! (Volunteers sign up to help, if able) All Welcome!

Refreshments are available in the café area after our 10.30 service.

Other opportunities to receive ministry:

Via Fullarton ConneXions Facebook Page. Rev Neil's daily 60 Second Sermons, from 9am Mon' - Sat', and on Instagram @fullartonconnexions and Neil's twitter feed @NU4Yoo Previous Worship Wednesdays & Services are also available there.

Active Connections

Sunday 2pm – cycle groups (gentle & more adventurous)
Sunday 2pm – walking group (back for 3.30pm at ConneXions for cuppa and comparing notes)
Monday 6pm – running groups (C25K & running)
All groups meet at ConneXions car park
Contact Activity Pioneer Rob for info on any of the groups
– Rthomson@churchofscotland.org.uk

Grub and Gospel: will be open all summer at 6.30pm on Fridays. All welcome for food and fellowship.

Not on Facebook: If you don't want to (or can't) sign up to Facebook you can still view the services by going to <http://fullartonconnexions.co.uk> & clicking on the front photo of Rev Neil inside a mobile phone. This will take you to the livestream and the library of previous services.

At Your Service: Let us know if there is anything The Fullarton Family can do or pray for you: Neil Urquhart (01294 279909), Kate Gibson (Pastoral Care Team) 01294 276148 or Teresa Goodwin
secretary@fullartonchurch.co.uk

Anyone wishing to use Free Will Offering or Gift Aid envelopes, or better still, set up a Standing Order from your Bank or Building Society instead of just putting money in the Open Plate, should contact Sandy Dickson or Mike Rennie who will be happy to help organise this for you" -
Treasurer@fullartonchurch.co.uk.

Church Secretary: Email
secretary@fullartonchurch.co.uk

If you want to place, remove or update a notice in this sheet please email
indigols345@gmail.com **by Wednesday evening at the latest.**

Our weekend at Gowanbank (8th – 10th September) is fast approaching. The deadline for booking and for full payment (£85 for employed people and a minimum of £45 for unwaged) is Sunday 13th August. Please put your

payment in an envelope marked with your name and "Away weekend" in the collection plate by then. If you hope to attend for the Saturday only, the cost (lunch and morning and afternoon refreshments) will be £10. For catering, please let us know you're coming by paying in the same way but marking your envelope "Day visitor".

NEW VOTE FOR BASIS OF UNION
Following the outcome of the vote on 25th June, a new Basis of Union has been drawn up for the five congregations who voted in favour. Copies are available today. The only change from what we previously agreed is that Irvine: Old has been omitted (so where it previously said "six" it now says "five"). As this is a material change, church law means there has to be another vote. This is taking place in all five congregations on Sunday, 27th August, 2023. As before, a Presbytery Representative will facilitate the meeting, which will take place here at (time to follow). Please bring a pen.
UPDATED DRAFT BASIS OF UNION INFORMATION SHEET AVAILABLE ON TABLE OUTSIDE SANCTUARY

Used Postage Stamps - Used by World Mission to fund Christian Projects overseas. There is a box in conneXions foyer for any donations.

The WEDNESDAY PACKERS of BLYTHSWOOD CARE are looking for your unwanted books, CDs and DVDs. They should be clean and in very good condition. Please contact

Anna or Fraser Hutchison (01292 313672) if you need help in bringing them to Fullarton."

Fullarton Parish Church (Church of Scotland) Irvine is a registered charity (No. SC 008725) and is a Fairtrade church. Visit <http://fullartonconnexions.co.uk>

September Contact Magazine
Articles should be in by Sunday 20th August

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY
Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a national charity formed in 1996 that has over 250 centres throughout the UK. Its work is endorsed by Martin Lewis of the money savings expert.

In Irvine we have a debt centre which partners with Fullarton Parish Church and covers Irvine and Kilmarnock areas. Our local centre provides free face to face personal debt advice. A meeting to discuss your personal situation can be arranged by calling our freephone number **0800 328 0006**.

In October this year we will also start to offer Money Coaching. This free course is aimed at anyone who would like to be able to manage their money better. To find out more or volunteer to help us please get in touch with

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M 07474 295 446
or
Alanmclaren@capuk.org
M 07717 645 804



Sunday 13 August 2023

10.30am – Live AM Service

FSB 56: Praise Is Rising
FSB 89: May the Peoples Praise You
Kids Chat: Sheena
Family Prayer and Lord's Prayer
Song: High Five.
Kids (primary aged) exit for Light Factory (FBI remain in)
Prayer: Alan McLaren
FOCUS: Four visits just like CAP visits (using NIV bible)
1st Visit: Mark 12:41-44 – Generosity in Poverty
2nd Visit: Luke 19:1-10 – A Question of Priorities'
FSB 140: This is Amazing Grace .
3rd Visit: Mark 10:17-22 – What Money Cannot Buy
CH4 553 : Just as I Am (OFFERING)
4th Visit: 2 Corinthians 8:8-9 – Our Poverty
Prayer: Sandy Dickson
FBS 15: Because of You
BENEDICTION

6.30pm

No evening service for July and August

Fullarton Parish Church of Scotland