

## 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), & FBI (Fullarton Bible Investigators / 11-16year olds) exit as usual. **Creche** (for babies & weans up to 2/3 years old) is available in the studio from 10.30am. Rev Jamie Milliken will lead the morning service. The evening service will be led by Rev James Faddes.

**6.30pm Evening Services Rotation is usually:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month – Prayer / 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Praise Night / 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Healing / 4<sup>th</sup> - Guest Speaker / 5<sup>th</sup> – Café Church.

**Next Sunday** – The morning service will be led by Rev Bryan Fisher with Joan Campbell delivering the focus. The evening Prayer service will be led by Fay, Josh and Ben.

**New Name:** The new name of our union of Dreghorn & Springside, Fullarton, Girdle Toll, Mure Relief, and St Andrews Parish Churches is **United Irvine Church of Scotland**. OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator) has set 1<sup>st</sup> February as the date from which our new charitable status will start, retaining Fullarton's Charity number: Scottish Charity Number SC008725. Pray on for the new Kirk session as we find best ways forward to unite us in Worship, Witness and Work for God's Kingdom. May God help us to unite around Jesus and His 'own-to-earth' loving values.

**United Irvine Church Of Scotland(IPC):** On 1<sup>st</sup> October Fullarton officially became a branch of United Irvine

Church Of Scotland, Fullarton's charity number to become the number for the new parish (IE remaining the same). Our first two Kirk session meetings went well, exploring our shared values with a view to growing Jesus centred vision. Sheena Kinmond has been appointed Session Clerk, with the 4 other previous session clerks helping as deputies; Sandy Dickson has stepped up to become the transition treasurer to help our congregations bring our finances together. Do pray on for Sandy, Sheena, Jamie, Neil & other leaders involved and for guidance in filling other roles; also, as we advertise for a half time pastoral assistant, and half-time administrator. It is a time of flux, challenge, and opportunity requiring prayer, patience, and perseverance from us all. Please pray for God's Grace to nurture courageous and creative vision for sharing Jesus' sacrificial Love and growing many mini-Jesus's in and around Irvine. Thank You!

**Future Worship Services in United Irvine Church Of Scotland from November:** Times of services will remain the same for the time being, with Revs Jamie & Neil leading in Fullarton to lead 10.30am services at least once every 4 Sundays, our Worship Team leading on the other Sundays, with Revs Tom Cant & Linda Bruce (nee Godfrey) helping too. Evening services will continue as normal, with our growing worship team involved. Your patience & prayerful support is appreciated as Christ leads us in our worship, work, walk and witness together with our sister congregations! **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.

**Favourite Worship Songs?** Do you have a hymn, chorus, or worship song that we haven't sung for a while, or maybe could learn? Then speak to Neil

or one of the praise band and we'll see what we can do to include them in future services. Thanks.

**Next Blokes' Blog** will be on Tuesday 13th February, 7pm in the School Room, Fullarton ConneXions, and thereafter on the second Tuesday of the month through to 11th June. All blokes are invited and welcome to this enjoyable 2 hours of pizza grazing, banter, fun and games. Why not bring a friend?

**The M&Ms (Marthas & Marys)** next meeting will be Tuesday 6th February 2024 @ 7pm. Looking forward to another year of fun, friendship and fellowship.

**Teresa Goodwin** has faithfully and fruitfully served Fullarton as our secretary for eighteen & a half years! Come February Teresa will retire and get a well deserved rest from her labours. If you would like to contribute to a retirement gift for Teresa please put money in an envelope addressed 'Teresa Gift' and place it in the collection plate on a Sunday, or hand the envelope to Sandy Dickson (treasurer), or email Sandy Dickson [fpctreasurer@btinternet.com](mailto:fpctreasurer@btinternet.com) to request the church's account details to digitally transfer money with the reference 'Teresa Gift'. Many thanks!

**ConneXions Cafe**  
Tuesday - Thursday, as before for teas, coffees and scones and cakes and lunches. 10am - 2pm.  
**Also SATURDAY BREAKFAST CAFE 10am -1pm**

**Grub and Gospel:** here at Fullarton ConneXions every Friday at 6.30pm. All welcome for food and fellowship.

**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.

**You are warmly invited** to come along to the Guild at 7pm. On Monday 29 January, the topic will be "A night with Robert Burns". Both men and women will be welcome.

**ALPHA@Fullarton** - Our next Alpha Course commenced on **Thursday 11th January at 7pm**. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. No pressure. No charge. If you or someone you know would like to attend, contact [joan.campbell@gmail.com](mailto:joan.campbell@gmail.com) or 07432 008043

**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](mailto:secretary@fullartonchurch.co.uk)

**Church Secretary:** Email [secretary@fullartonchurch.co.uk](mailto:secretary@fullartonchurch.co.uk)

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

**NEW BIBLE STUDY:** a new study based on the life-builders series, **SERMON ON THE MOUNT by John Stott**, started **week beginning Monday 29th January 2024.** Anyone interested in attending should contact Joan by

email [joan.campbell@gmail.com](mailto:joan.campbell@gmail.com) or  
mobile 07432 008043

**Pioneer Intro Course:** This course enables people interested in Church Planting and mission projects to grasp the core concepts and possibilities. Topics covered: What is pioneer mission? What is required to be involved? What is possible in my area / parish? What are the first steps required in making this happen? The course is delivered over 6 Tuesday sessions (23 Jan - 27th Feb 2024 - 7.00-9.00pm) and all sessions are required. This training course is being delivered by the Forge Scotland Team. To book your free place visit <https://rb.gy/pwji9o>.

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

**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](mailto:Treasurer@fullartonchurch.co.uk).

**CentreStage's Show Choir** are performing a Classic Love Song Singalong featuring songs from the musicals on Saturday 10th February at CentreStage Kilmarnock at 2pm and 4pm, tickets £5. These short concerts last around an hour. For tickets call 01563 551505 or see <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/kilmarnock/centrestage> for details of this and all future concerts and shows including Sunshine on Leith, Beauty & the Beast and Hair-spray. All proceeds go towards supporting CentreStage projects to bring music to even more people.

**Can treasurers from all church** organisations and departments please arrange to pass your books/records for 2023 to Sandy Dickson or Mike Rennie as soon as possible for annual auditing. Many Thanks.

**What should be happening across the United Irvine Church of Scotland?** Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March is the day for folk of all ages and stages to come together to seek God's visions for Irvine and begin to work out how we can be involved in bringing these about. West Kilbride Parish Church, 9.30 for 10am, finishing at 3.30pm (tea and coffee provided - bring a packed lunch). Please let Sheena Kinmond know if you hope to come and whether you need, or can offer, a lift.

**This Sunday (Sunday, 28th January 2024)** 4pm to 6pm we have our monthly gathering at Crossing Together which includes a baptism celebration. The event will be followed by a community celebration supper together - everyone is invited at Relief Mission Centre, Crofthead, Bourtrees Hill, KA11 1JX. There is something for everyone including crafts, music and stories, as well as meeting new friends! Come on your own or bring all the family - children need to attend with a grown up. See you there.

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**Sunday 28 January 2024**

**10.30 am – Live Service**

As the Bible is brought into the church we sing  
Song: Come All You People Come and Praise Your Maker  
Men Of Faith (shout to the north)  
Welcome and Opening Prayer  
Kid's Chat & Family Prayer, led by Vicky Black  
Song: Jesus Messiah  
Young folk exit for Light Factory & FBI  
Prayer Share:  
Text Message: Mathew 4:1-11 (The Message version)  
Song: I'm Giving You My Heart (I Surrender) (Offering)  
Song: Stand In Your Love  
Focus: "appetite, ambition, and approval"  
Song: Build Your Kingdom Here  
Blessing: Alleluia

**6.30pm –**

**Evening worship will be led by Rev James Faddes**

**United Irvine Church Of Scotland**