

UNITED IRVINE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(IPC): On 1st October Fullarton, along with Dreghorn & Springside, Girdle Toll, Mure Relief, and St Andrews Parish officially became a branch of *United Irvine Church of Scotland* (UICS).

OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator) set 1st February as the start date of our new charitable status. The Parish will retain Fullarton's Charity number: Scottish Charity 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.

Sheena Kinmond has been appointed Session Clerk, with the other previous session clerks helping as deputies. Sandy Dickson has stepped in as the transition treasurer to help bring our congregation finances together. Do pray on for Sandy, Sheena, Jamie, Neil & other leaders involved. We are in 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 in sharing Jesus' sacrificial Love and growing many mini-Jesuses in and around Irvine. Thank You!

Future Worship Service times at United Irvine Church of Scotland will remain the same. Revs Jamie & Neil will lead Fullarton services at least once every 4 Sundays, with our Worship Team leading on the other Sundays.

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

Your patience & prayerful support is appreciated as Christ leads us in our worship, work, walk and witness together with our sister congregations!

Not on 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.

To place, remove or update a notice in this sheet please email indigols345@gmail.com by Wednesday evening at the latest.

Favourite worship song? Speak to Neil or the praise band to see if your favourite hymn, chorus, or worship song could be included in future services.

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

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Sunday 17 March 2024

10.30 am – Led by Rev Jamie Milliken

Welcome - Jamie

Song: I stand amazed in the presence

Song: Count your blessings

Introduction and Lord's Prayer - Steven

Children's Talk - Benyam, Josh, and Brandon

Song: This Little Light Of Mine

Reading: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 - Charis

Prayer – led by young person

Song: The Splendour Of The King

Song: Jesus Messiah

Focus - Steven, Christy, & Benyam

Song: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Closing & Blessing - Jamie

African Amen

6.30pm Baptismal Service will take place at The Life Church, Gigha Terrace, Broomlands, Irvine KA11 1DJ. Fay Mackie from Fullarton & Mary from Crossing Together will be fully immersed in baptism. Come along and join the celebrations!

Next Sunday – Palm Sunday Sandy McFadyen and Alan McLennan will take the morning service and the evening guest speaker will be Dave Slater.

United Irvine Church of Scotland

FULLARTON CONNEXIONS Welcome to our worship services!

Please relax, you're among friends. 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.

Church organisation/department treasurers: please arrange to pass 2023 books/records to Sandy Dickson or Mike Rennie as soon as possible for annual auditing. Many Thanks.

2024/25 Free Will Offering or Gift Aid envelopes are ready for collection. Better still, set up a Standing Order from your Bank or Building Society instead of just putting money in the Open Plate, Contact Sandy Dickson or Mike Rennie and they will be happy to help organise this for you". Treasurer@fullartonchurch.co.uk

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 John MacDonald unitedirvinecs@gmail.com

REGULAR EVENTS

CONNEXIONS CAFE is on each week, 10am - 2pm, Tuesday - Thursday, for teas, coffees, scones, cakes, and tasty lunches. **BREAKFAST CAFE** 10am-1pm Saturdays

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

SERMON ON THE MOUNT BIBLE STUDY
The study groups will pause for the next two weeks as we celebrate Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, reflecting the pause in our

Sermon on the Mount Preaching Series. Groups will resume Week Beginning 1st April. Anyone interested in attending a study group can contact Joan on 07432 008043 or by email joan.campbell@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

You are warmly invited to the Guild on Monday 18th March at 7pm, when Evelyn McGregor will speak on 'St Patrick's Day' Men and women welcome.

Blokes' Blog is in the second Tuesday of every month through to 11th June - 7pm in the School Room @ Fullarton ConneXions. Bring a friend too...

RESURRECTION PARTY Sunday March 31st 6:30pm

Come and join us as we celebrate the Risen Christ! This will be a relaxed time of worship, food, fun and fellowship in ConneXions Cafe.

ALL WELCOME

30 Days - An Evening of Prayer:
Monday 18th March 2024, 7.00pm at West Kilbride Parish Church. Refreshments available. Mike Parker of SIM is our guest speaker as we join this special prayer focus for Muslims to find Christ as they keep their fast.

ALASTAIR MCDONALD CONCERT
Saturday 20th April 2pm Kilmarnock: New Laigh Kirk in partnership with the Presbytery of the Southwest, presents Alastair McDonald in concert on Saturday 20th April, 2pm to which all Presbyters are cordially invited. Further details will be distributed in a separate message next week with a request to gather number of interested parties

"CHURCH" IS THE PEOPLE

Church is not buildings! But we don't all know each other yet so here are great opportunities to build relationships that will help us become a strong, loving, gracious, outward looking extended family of God.

TWO EXCITING WEEKENDS COMING UP IN 2024 & 2025

Book to come away for two nights with others from United Irvine Church of Scotland. You can enjoy good food, in lovely surroundings, join in activities for all ages, explore the Bible in different ways, go for walks, relax and "hang out" together, living like one big family for a couple of days.

Even if you're a little bit shy and scared, why not get your diary out now? Mark the dates, make the booking, pay the deposit, and relax looking forward to a mini adventure not too far from home!

Weekend Away 1 Gowanbank SU Centre, Darvel, 6th–8th September 2024.

Rooms are mostly single sex dormitories and some family rooms. Cost is £85 per person (includes all meals). Subsidies available for unwaged and larger families; just pay a £10 deposit in March 2024 and save at least £5 each month. To Book put a £10 deposit into an envelope marked, "FAO Sandy Dickson, September Weekend Away" add your name and contact details then put it into Sunday morning collection plate, or email Sheena.

Weekend Away 2 - Field Studies Centre, Millport, 7th–9th February 2025.

Rooms are mostly en-suite twin beds. Cost is approximately £85 per person ** (includes all meals). Subsidies and saving scheme available as above. Booking: As with Gowanbank but mark envelopes with "February Weekend Away"

** Cost depends on final number attending, to be confirmed by November 2024.

You can also book as a Day Visitors on each Saturday. Just £5 per meal for lunch and/or dinner.

MONDAY MARCH 25th to TUESDAY 2ND APRIL (Holy Week and Easter Weekend)

there will be some surprises to find, and challenges to complete, hidden among the trees, next to the overflow carpark. As you follow the path round, look out for some "ordinary items" which are **clues** to some of the events in the extraordinary life of Jesus. They will remind us of the week leading up to the awful shock of Jesus' death on the cross and then the joyful surprise of him coming alive again!

Come whenever you can, any time of day! Come alone, or bring the children or grandchildren, or any group you are part of. Wander round at your own pace, following the clues and reading the signs and remembering how God's rescue plan for his beloved human beings involved the ultimate sacrifice.

At just the right time, in just the right place, Jesus shows he is stronger than death and that trusting Him will change our lives forever!

On **Easter Sunday** after our **All-Age Service at 10.30** there are likely to be some extra chocolate surprises to find there too!

Holy Week Worship: Wed, Thurs, Fri, 27-29 March 7pm in the Girdle Toll Worship Centre, Open Air Service at 12 Noon on Good Friday at the Bridgegate, Irvine, ALL WELCOME

Café Church: 17th March at 3pm, Vineburgh Community Centre Quarry Road, Irvine, ALL WELCOME