

**25th October 2023**, 5 parish churches in Irvine became one: United Irvine Church of Scotland (UICS). Each Sunday there are 4 morning services and an evening service, in 4 different locations around the town.

- Fullarton Connexions 10.30am & 6.30pm
- Dreghorn and Springside 11am
- Girdle Toll and St. Andrews 11am
- Mure Relief 11.15am.

### **6.30pm Evening Service Rotation**

- 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> Sunday - Guest Speaker
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Café Church.

**On the last Sunday of each month** our pioneer mission adventure, 'Crossing Together' service takes place, 4pm – 6pm.

The 2 full time ministers, Jamie and Neil, rotate around the 4 locations, and teams of worship leaders help lead the other services.

Any time of change is challenging, but also an opportunity to do things a bit differently, which many of us are enjoying!

Please pray for God's grace and clear guidance as we bring together congregations with different flavours and styles to find a new way forward, united but unique and varied, with something for everyone!

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

**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 the 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.

**At Your Service:** Let us know if there is anything The Fullarton Family can do or pray for you: Neil Urquhart (01294 279909), or John MacDonald (Pastoral Assistant) 07943120714

### **Free Will Offering or Gift Aid**

**envelopes.** Whilst all donations via the Open Plate are welcome, it is a lot easier to budget if you use Free Will Offering or Gift Aid envelopes. Better still, set up a Standing Order from your Bank or Building Society instead. Contact our UICS treasurer Sandy Dickson or UICS gift-aid helper Mike Rennie who will be happy to help organise this for you.

[Treasurer@fullartonchurch.co.uk](mailto:Treasurer@fullartonchurch.co.uk) or [giftaidtreasurer@fullartonchurch.co.uk](mailto:giftaidtreasurer@fullartonchurch.co.uk)

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

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**Sunday 17th August 2025**

**10.30am Service led by Rev Neil Urquhart**

- Bible Enters & is Opened
- FSB 140 This is amazing Grace!
- Song – Made for More
- Welcome & Notices
- Thank You Table -
- Family Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- JP 67 Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, halleluia, praise ye the Lord!
- Young People head for Light Factory
- Text Messages: Psalm 8, Romans 12:1-10 – MSG
- Praise & Prayer Share (Sung response:
- 'Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, halleluia, praise ye the Lord! x2)
- CH3 – 695 Abide with me (Offering)
- Focus: 'Bring it All to ME!'
- FSB 52 Here I am to worship
- Celebration of The Lord's Supper / Communion
- FSB 51 Here I am, Lord
- Blessing & African Sung "Amen!"
- Bible Remains Open, symbol of God's Word continuing in our daily life

**NEXT WEEK: 10.30am Rev Neil Urquhart** will lead the 10.30am service, there is no evening service for the summer.

**There will be no 6.30pm services during the Summer holidays**

**United Irvine Church of Scotland (UICS) Mission:** In United Irvine Church of Scotland, we are all about sharing God's Love; helping people to step closer to Jesus and learn to follow Him; and reaching out with a vision of hope for the future.

**United Irvine Church of Scotland (UICS) Vision:** The church we see prayerfully depends on God's grace; includes people of all ages who depend on and care for one another; encourages everyone to take steps closer to Jesus, attracting others to Him through authentic, wholehearted, compassionate, loving service.

# United Irvine Church of Scotland Welcome to worship!

Please relax, you're among friends. Join us for refreshments after the service and encourage and enjoy fellowship with one another.

**DO YOU CARE ABOUT FAIR TRADE?** Do you want to see UICS become a Fairtrade Place of Worship? If you have some time to help, please contact the Session Clerk.

**ROLL UPDATE:** we are currently updating member/adherent roll details. We are missing contact and data permission details, for a considerable number of people and ask that you would complete an update form.

It is important that we receive your updated details, change of email or phone number etc. Forms are available on the table outside the sanctuary. Completed forms or a photo of the completed form may be sent to John at [unitedirvinecs@gmail.com](mailto:unitedirvinecs@gmail.com) or by text to 07943120714.

An email containing your details and consent answers can be sent also.

**The teams who serve** our tea and coffee on Sundays needs a few more volunteers. Usually, it involves being available every four weeks to help prepare before the service, serve folks and clear up afterwards. To volunteer, please pass your name to Aileen Roy [aileenroy63@gmail.com](mailto:aileenroy63@gmail.com)

## REGULAR EVENTS

**Crossing Together** has a free weekly café, Mondays 9:15am – 12 noon at Mure-Relief Mission Centre Bourtreehill. All Welcome.

**Crossing Together is launching a new initiative on Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup>.** Bubble Church is a Sunday church service especially for babies, toddlers, and young families. It's a puppet-packed, Jesus-centred, coffee-and-food-fuelled, 30-minute kid and family adventure. There are puppets, food, action songs and lots more! We love it and we think you will too. Come and join us!  
**Location:** Relief Mission Centre, Bourtreehill, KA11 1JX  
**Day:** Last **Sunday** of every month  
**Time:** 3.00 – 3.30 pm  
**Find out more at** [www.bubblechurch.org](http://www.bubblechurch.org)

**Connexions Cafe** The café is on each week, 10am - 2pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday for teas, coffees, scones, cakes, and tasty lunches.

**Each month a small team visit Fullarton and Abbeyfield Care Homes** to hold a service for residents. If you would be interested in joining us or being part of the team, please speak to John MacDonald. Contact 07943120714 [John.MacDonald@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:John.MacDonald@churchofscotland.org.uk)  
We will also be visiting Cumbrae Lodge starting on September 15th

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**The Haven Outreach Hub** launched a drop-in centre commencing on **Monday 9th June 2025**. The hub will be located in Fullarton ConneXions each **Monday 11am -2pm** where we shall welcome

folks with a tea/coffee and a friendly smile. If you have a heart for those bound in addiction or feel led to serve this community, contact Joan Campbell on 07432 008043 or [joan.campbell@gmail.com](mailto:joan.campbell@gmail.com)

**UICS Weekend Away 2026** following the success of our weekend in Millport, we're going again, 6th – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026. We hope to keep the cost around the same as this year (£85 - £90 each for a fully catered weekend). To secure your place, please put a deposit of at least £5 in an envelope marked with your name and "Millport" in the plate at any of our worship centres. The Treasurer is happy to save payments - if you start putting in £2.50 a week from June, you will have paid for the weekend by February.

"The Christmas and New Year edition of UICS magazine will be published around mid October. All submissions for this issue (including Christmas and New Year notices) should be sent to [unitedirvinecs@gmail.com](mailto:unitedirvinecs@gmail.com) by Sunday October 5th. We welcome poems, stories, testimonies and news along with organisation reports and anything else interesting."

## BLYTHSWOOD CARE – WEDNESDAY PACKERS

"Sadly, the Wednesday Packers are fast approaching the end of their existence due to the regular supply of unsorted items of clothing no longer being provided. Therefore, in order to keep the Packers employed, we are in urgent need of donated items of good quality and complete clothing, shoes, curtains, materials, sheets, pillow cases, curtains, towels and blankets. PLEASE, can you search your homes and consider if there are suitable items you could donate to

the Packers to allow them to continue until, at least, the end of October. (Thereafter, the Annual Shoebox Appeal will be in progress.)" Thank you, Fraser Hutchinson.

On October 11th we will be hosting 'Good Conversations' which is an in person training session for volunteers whose role includes hosting conversations in settings such as community cafes, lunch clubs, food banks or community drop-in centres, or anyone who wants to improve conversational and listening skills. The focus of the training is on empowering people to be confident in their role. Our Seminar Leader will be Michelle Candlish from [Linking Lives](http://LinkingLives.org), a Christian Charity which was set up in 1998 to tackle the issue of loneliness. Sign up for this free event, at [unitedirvine.church/whats-on/events](http://unitedirvine.church/whats-on/events)  
The course will help you to:

- Explore how to open conversations well
- Develop your 'active listening' skills
- Keep yourself and others safe by understanding boundaries
- Manage the expectations and risks of 'guests'
- Feel more prepared in a wider range of situations
- AND build on your existing skill