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"Solviture ambulando" wrote Augustine of Hippo, one of the early theologians of the Christian church. For those familiar with Latin, this means, "It is solved by walking"



What is "it", you may ask? If you want to find out, then you will have to do your own walking.

During my summer break I did a lot of walking. As I walked, I met many dogs along the way and they reminded me of Denise Levertov's poem, "Overland to the Islands".

In this poem the poet conjures up the image of a dog moving, "Intently haphazard" sniffing and dancing over rocks and mud, disdaining nothing his nose registers along the way. But the dog has a trick afoot, which is that he always keeps moving, changing pace and approach but no direction – every step on arrival.

"Solviture ambulando" "It is solved by walking"

Friends, as I step into September 2025, I am all too aware that we are stepping into the unknown, and I know what "it" feels like. So let me share with you something I have learned, I pray it may help you too.

I now understand that we make the road by walking and so I do not ask God to show me the entire road ahead, as it is impossible, instead I ask God good questions because the wrong questions lead to the wrong answers. In my case, the good question has been, "What is the next step God?"

One of Thomas Merton's prayers has been helpful to me.

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please You in fact please You.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that, if I do this, You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore, I will trust You always though I may seem lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.

What is "it", you may ask? If you want to find out, then you will have to do your own walking.

Let us walk into the next season together, asking good questions, trusting that God is with us.

Bless you,

Rev. Julie Hearty.

ECO CHURCH

The eco committee has had one meeting so far. We have talked about working towards our silver award.

We are looking at commencing recycling IT equipment as detailed below.

We are recycling dental products and old make up amongst other items through Boots Recycling Scheme and have purchased items for the church from the reward scheme.

We are recycling empty blister packs and stamps.

There will be drop off boxes as you enter into the church.



PRAYER

When we face uncertainty or a crisis in our lives we can be overwhelmed, feel afraid, anxious or feel alone.

But we are never alone and there is always a way to find God's Peace.

When we slow our breathing, re-centre our scattered senses and bring ourselves to stillness, we come to know his Peace.

When we surrender our situation into his loving hands we can face our crisis calmly and be held in God's Grace.

“There is a Sabbath rest still waiting for the people of God. For all who have entered into God's rest have rested from their labours, just as God did after creating the World. So let us make every effort to enter rest.”

Hebrews 4 9-11



Liz Laird (Prayer Co-ordinator)

THE CRAFT GROUP

Hope everyone has had a relaxing break and ready to start again.

Craft club restarts on Wednesday 10th. September.
Usual time - 10am till 12 noon
New members welcome.

See you all soon,

Elaine Fulton

Report of Presbytery meeting held in Giffnock Orchardhill Parish Church on 17 June 2025

As is customary at the June meeting, the new Moderator of Glasgow Presbytery was officially accepted by presbyters followed by his installation: Rev George Mackay, minister of Broomhill Hyndland.

The Business Committee report included the reminder that OSCR requires all personal data of trustees from 30 June 2025; a public register of all trustees will be published from the end of 2025.

A full report on the Guild was provided outlining what projects they had started in 2025; £75,000 had been raised between January and May. Between 2021 and 2024 (included a year of covid restrictions), the projects had raised £553,000.

The draft committee booklet has been published; Eleanor Yates continues to serve on the Staffing Committee and Norman Girvan on the Property Committee.

The Presbytery Mission Plan Review Committee outlined some more changes to the plan as some churches wished to change cluster group. These changes meant that the allocated number of ministers to each church within a cluster required to be changed. Another example, although not a change of cluster, was a linkage between Bishopbriggs Kenmure Parish Church and Cadder Parish Church with a parish grouping being formed with Bishopbriggs Springfield Cambridge Parish Church. The Stewardship and Finance report outlined the essential obligation of regular contributions to the 'Giving to Grow' fund. A congregation that has not met its contributions will be unable to call a minister if vacant. Furthermore, beginning in January 2026, congregations that have not met their contributions for a given year risk being declared insolvent and thus risk both losing their minister even if he or she is inducted in unrestricted tenure – and being subjected to mandatory adjustment. This may affect a linked charge where a congregation in the linking has failed to fulfil their Giving to Grow obligations. Lenzie Old continues to meet all its financial commitments.

The Ministries Committee presented 3 names of individuals who have completed their discernment placement, and have been accepted as candidates in training for ministry by the National Training Team. The required formal nomination by Presbytery was duly carried out.

Scheme of Delegation - a panel of 3 has been appointed to bring to Presbytery a proposal enabling implementation of the outstanding requirements relating to church buildings in the Presbytery Mission Plan Act for

the congregations of Kirkintilloch: St Davids Memorial Park and Kirkintilloch: St Marys Parish.

The General Assembly has approved an increase in the levy from 10% to 15% for all property sales.

The next Presbytery meeting will be held on 9 September 2025 at Bishopbriggs: Springfield Cambridge.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

We start back on 11th September meeting in the Church Hall from 2 till 4.

Ladies and gents are very welcome to come along to enjoy a relaxing afternoon - we have tea/coffee and home baking followed by a game of scrabble, Rummikub, dominoes or Kool Kurling. Some people are happy to sit back and enjoy a blether amongst friends.

We finished off our last season with fish suppers and we welcomed back some of our previous ministers.

Please contact me for more information about the Thursday Club or if you would like to help in any way - we are especially short of drivers to ferry people to and from the Club.

Mary Calder

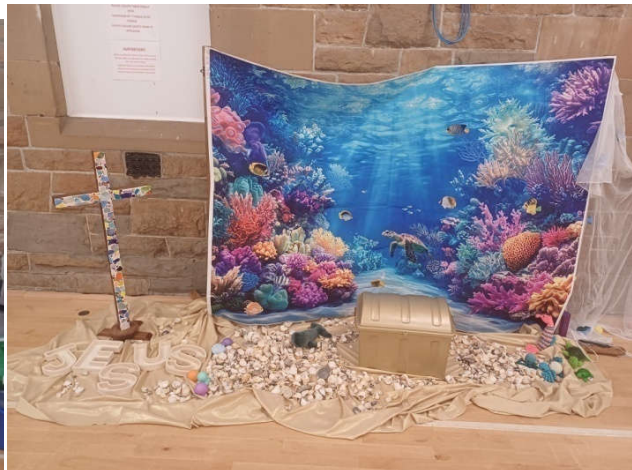
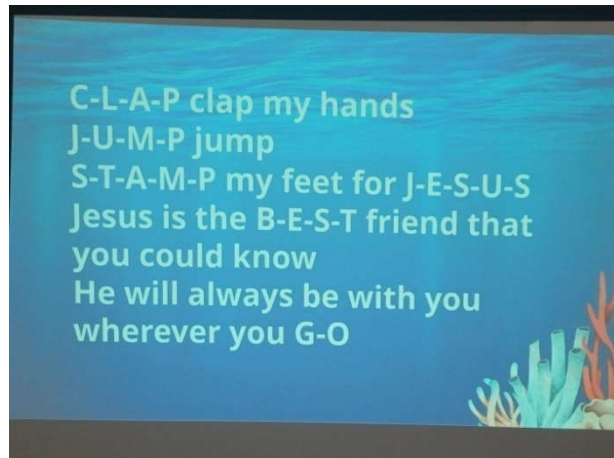


Thursday Afternoon Club





Deep Sea Divers

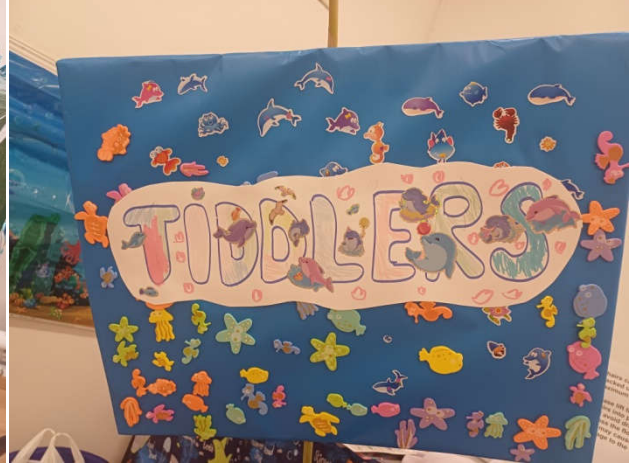


Deep Sea Divers (Joint Churches Holiday Club) ran 5th to 8th August in St Mary's and Lenzie Old with helpers from all four Cluster churches.

Around 30 children attended over the course of the four days and had a ball!

Kim the youth worker at Lenzie Union church organised volunteers from the four churches of St David's Memorial Park, St Mary's, Lenzie Union and Lenzie Old.

Together we spread the message of Jesus, through music, arts and crafts, games and Bible stories. The children had fun while learning about Jesus, thanks to all the volunteers who made it a successful holiday club.



COME & SING

All ready to begin our new Session! Our first summer sing was very well attended and a happy time together. Our second is on August 19th and the first of our autumn meetings on September 2nd.

We have a really good attendance every week, but we still have room for a few more. Some people in the congregation -still after almost 9 years- think that the group is purely for those living with dementia. Can I and all the members reassure you that everyone is welcome!

Here is an article that appeared in the Alzheimer Scotland July Newsletter.

"COME & SING - DONATION

We were invited along by the Come & Sing Group who presented a donation of £100. Come & Sing was established about 8 years ago by Lorna Hall and together with a team of dedicated volunteers have hosted a dementia friendly Sing a Long group twice a month in Lenzie Old Parish Church bringing the local community together for the simple pleasure of singing, talking, remembering and enjoying each other's company – not to mention the cuppa and biscuits! Thank you so much for your donation, it is very much appreciated.



TIME OUT

Our first meeting of this session is 8th September with a Beetle Drive. A warm welcome to everyone.

The 15th September is the Charity Concert, tickets available from Elaine.

We look forward to seeing you.

SCOTTISH BIBLE SOCIETY LENZIE ACTION GROUP
KIRKINTILLOCH & LENZIE CHRISTIAN AID GROUP

AUTUMN CHARITY CONCERT

With

The Stepps Songsters

LENZIE OLD PARISH CHURCH

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH

7.30.p.m.

Ticket £10.00 includes refreshments

776 0491 for tickets and info

Scottish Bible Society Charity No. SCO10767

Christin Aid Charity No SCO 59510

CHRISTIAN AID

Thanks to all who donated in any way to Christian Aid Week 2025. £1028 was banked by Lenzie Old and over £5000 from the Kirkintilloch & Lenzie Group.

In June I had a visit to London where I attended Westminster Abbey for a service of Thanksgiving and Reflection on the 80th Anniversary of Christian Aid.

Being part of such a large congregation on this special occasion was very special. Taking part among many others were the Bishop of London, the Lord Mayor of Westminster and the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches and over 2000 Christian Aid supporters from all over this country and many others.

Below is an opening prayer from the service.

God of Hope, We give thanks for 80 years of Christian Aid's faithful witness, for lives transformed, communities restored, and justice pursued. In a world of challenge, You have stirred hearts to compassion, lifting the weary, feeding the hungry, and bringing light to the darkness. Renew our strength to walk in Your love and labour for Your kingdom. May hope continue to rise, justice flow like a river, and peace embrace the earth. With grateful hearts, we trust in Your faithfulness for the years ahead. In Jesus' name, Amen

I then was honoured to be invited to a reception for the "Power of Hope" awards. Our group had been nominated for an award in the Amplifying Hope category, (6 categories). We weren't chosen but were happy to be recognized and I felt humble to hear of the work of those who did receive an award. The beautiful awards were presented by Rev. Kate Bottley.

Thanks to those of you who continue to fill our small collection boxes. We found some in a cupboard, so they are available at the front door. I recently did a poster for the hall pinboard, showing that since 1989, when we first introduced the boxes, we have sent

£34,552

to Christian Aid! I was in a shop at the weekend and overheard a lady explaining to her Granddaughter the meaning of the phrase "Many a meikle maks a muckle". I think the total above proves her point. If you think of any reason we are no longer receiving many boxes - ignore it and continue to pop in any loose change. Your "meikle" is important!

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

On Monday 15th September there is an "Autumn Charity Concert", with proceeds going to Christian Aid & the Scottish Bible Society. This is a joint effort from Lenzie Old, Lenzie Union, St Mary's, St David's, St Columba's /Hillhead and St Cyprian's churches. We will be entertained by the Stepps Songsters. This is being held in Lenzie Old and tickets priced £10 will be available soon.

Please come along and support this event. You'll have a fun evening with refreshments and the best of local baking!

Thanks to all of you who continue to support Christian Aid

Lorna Hall, Coordinator, Kirkintilloch and Lenzie Action Group

CHOIR

The Tuesday practices for the Choir restart on 2nd September 2025 at 7.30pm.

The current Choir membership is now 10, having dropped from 16 over the past few years. The Choir would appreciate an influx of some new members who would be made most welcome on a Tuesday evening.

We are particularly in need of Altos and Tenors to balance up the parts.

David Calder
Choir Convenor.

CONTACT MAGAZINE

Thank you to everyone who submitted articles, there would be no magazine without you. Articles for the next edition of contact should be submitted by Wednesday 5th November 2025. Pictures to accompany the articles will also be appreciated, ideally in JPG or PNG format.



Lenzie Community Council Festival Day



LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL FESTIVAL DAY

On Saturday 9th August Lenzie Old Parish Church was one of the venues for the Community Council Festival Day. Mary Calder and her team hosted a Coffee Morning in the new hall and we had ten stalls in the old hall.

Our beautiful Sanctuary was open all day and people were invited to come in and place a flower into a vase in memory of a loved one. We were treated to an excellent organ recital in the afternoon by David Burns, organist at St Mary's.

Gillian Drain was part of the Lenzie Churches tent at the Rugby Club where she gave out information on our church as well as supervising "Hook a Duck"!

Grateful thanks to all who helped in any way.

Free Standing Wardrobe Required for use within the Church

If you have a wardrobe in good condition that you no longer require, please consider donating it to Lenzie Old. The wardrobe will be used for extra storage in the Church vestibule. If you have a spare wardrobe, please contact Wendy Petrie, Church Secretary, contact details can be found on the back page of this Contact Magazine.

EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE FOODBANK

We take donations in a box in the church. They are then taken to the Kirkintilloch warehouse to be distributed to local people in need.

Some of the items needed are long life milk and fruit juice, tinned vegetables, tinned meat, toiletries and cleaning supplies.

Thank you for all the support.

PRIVACY NOTICES

Church of Scotland privacy notices are being prepared for Lenzie Union Parish Church website and notice board, and will appear soon. Keep an eye out for them and read them at your leisure.

LHM 360 ANNUAL HOMELESSNESS SERVICE

With Guest Speaker Rt Rev Rosie Frew, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland 9th October 2025 at 7pm, at 35 East Campbell Street, Glasgow G1 5DT. All welcome. Please join us for refreshments following the service.



About Us...

- The Plugged In IT recycling project has been running since the pandemic, with our first recycled IT package given out in May 2020.
- At the beginning of the pandemic, our members told us that people they worked with were struggling to work, live and teach their families as they had no or limited IT and internet.
- We asked members, families and friends to donate unwanted IT equipment and members to refer people to receive them.
- Today, the network runs Plugged In and continues to take donations of IT equipment and referrals, from member organisations and partners in North West and North East Glasgow, for FREE refurbished IT equipment and Wi-Fi for people and families they work with in their community.
- We need your **DONATIONS** to make this project work. We take:
 - PCs, Laptops and All-In-One desktops
 - Tablets and accessories
 - Mobile phones and smart phones
 - Monitors and printers
 - Keyboards, mice and webcams
 - Kettle leads and other power cables
 - Charging cables for smaller smart devices
 - Display cables such as VGA, HDMI and Display port
- All donated PCs and laptop equipment is data wiped, and certification of this can be provided on request.
- Any items unfit for use are fully recycled down to the original material
- Since the birth of the project, we have:
 - Given out over 2000 devices to people who are in need
 - Saved over 22 tonnes of electronic waste from landfill



Easy quiz or is it?...

Answer these quiz questions **without** using a search engine (like Google).

	Question	Answer
1.	How many Kilobytes and in a Megabyte?	
2.	What does RAM in computing terms stand for?	
3.	When was the World Wide Web made available to the public?	
4.	How much unrecycled e-waste is on the earth as of 2025?	
5.	Who is the 2 nd highest generator of e-waste per head of population globally?	

How hard did you find the quiz? Was it difficult to answer without looking the answers up online?

Many people in Glasgow don't have a phone, laptop, or WIFI to look up answers to questions, study, apply for jobs, order shopping or talk to family & friends. Plugged In takes donated devices, refurbishes them and gives them to people that need them, via a referral/waiting list system. **Everyone deserves to be connected.**

Plugged In Information & Links:



Referral Form



IT Donation Form



Plugged In webpage

For all other enquiries, email hello.northwestglasgowvsn@outlook.com

Lodging House Mission – Harvest Donation Requests 2025

We are so grateful to you for supporting LHM year after year, it means a lot to us. We've put together a short list of the things we need most. If you're able, please pick from these - we've thought it through so it reflects what we actually use. We've also included a few everyday essentials we usually have to buy; donating these would save us money that we can redirect to other areas of our work. Your help allows us cook hot, nutritious lunches and put together food parcels for clients who are struggling. If a cash donation is easier, we'll use it to buy fresh fruit, veg and other perishables we need, keeping meals healthy and cutting waste. Thank you from The LHM Team

Cereal	Tinned Fruit	Tinned Meat / Fish
Corn Flakes/Crunchy Nut	*Peaches	Tuna/Salmon
Weetabix	*Pears	Corned beef
Rice Crispies	*Pineapples	Ham
Sugar Puffs	*Mandarins	Tinned mince, stew etc
Frosties	*Fruit Cocktail	Other Tinned Food
Coco Pops	*Rice Pudding	*Baked Beans
Cheerios	*Custard	Spaghetti in sauce
Muesli		*Tinned Soups – tomato, vegetable, chicken, lentil, scotch broth, minestrone, pea & ham, chicken noodle
Jars/Pastes	Other	
Pasta bake sauces	Full Fat UHT milk	
Curry Sauce/paste	Coconut Milk	
Tomato paste	Small juice cartons	
	Diluting/fresh juice	Other
Dried Goods	*Coffee	Brown Sauce
Mixed herbs	*Biscuits	Tomato Sauce
Garlic powder	Crisps	Vinegar
Ground turmeric	Tea Bags	Porridge oats
Chilli powder	Kettle Foods	Dried peas
Crushed chillies	Pot Noodles	Lentils / Broth mix
Ground coriander	Cuppa Soups	Olive oil
Black pepper	Tinned Potatoes	*Vegetable oil
Salt	Sachets dried mash potato	*Bisto
Pasta	Ring Pull Ham tins	*Veg Stock cubes/ bullion
Long grain rice	Breakfast bars	*Jelly
	Cereal Bars	*Sugar
Toiletries (all types)	Individual packets sweets	Jam
Washing up liquid, Toilet Rolls, Washing Powder		
*OUT OF STOCK – URGENTLY NEEDED		

Not Required List

Salad Cream/Mayonnaise	Shredded Wheat Cereal	Red Kidney Beans
Pearl Barley	Prunes	Chickpeas
Marmalade	Alpen	Grapefruit
Clothing	Bedding/duvet	towels