

Errol Church Autumn Newsletter

Dear Friends,

I wonder how many of you remember tending to a coal fire? Once the work is done to get the fire going, we still need to keep an eye on it, adding more coal to keep the fire burning. It is only at night when we are heading to bed or we have run out of coal that we leave the fire to burn itself out, watching the embers slowly die. It is not long before we begin to feel the air around us cool.



St Augustine said, "A Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks, and a hand through which Christ helps".

So many of you continue to be the hands, feet, voice, heart and mind of Christ in your daily lives. How are we tending to our fire? Is it in danger of going out? What will you do to keep it burning?

My prayer is that together we will fan in to flame the gifts that God has given us and do what it takes to keep the fire alive..

Rev. Anne Redpath – Interim Moderator

Equipped to Share

As we celebrated Pentecost this year, the congregation were introduced to the 5 new teams that will help us to continue the Church's work in sharing the love of Christ beyond our doors. The teams are led by elders but anyone who wishes to serve in this way is very welcome to join in. Meetings are usually once every two months, but you do not have to attend every meeting to be involved with ideas or helping with any aspect of the work of the team. Please contact the team convenor if you would like to find out more.

Faith and Worship – growing in faith and discipleship.

Responsibilities:

- Sunday school
- Bible Studies/Discussion Groups
- Prayer
- Sunday Worship Rotas
- Training

Convenor: Caroline McKenzie – email: worship@errolchurch.uk

Care and Well-being – to share God's love with the people of Errol by offering the hand of friendship through life's challenges.

Responsibilities:

- Revive & Warm Welcome
- Pastoral Care Team
- Safeguarding
- Bereavement Care
- Prayer Circle

Convenor: Karen Smith – email: care@errolchurch.uk

Finance and Property – ensuring our resources are used wisely in service of God’s purposes.

Responsibilities:

- Ensure we meet our financial obligations and invest in mission
- Maintain and improve buildings so they are fit for purpose

Convenor: John Dalziel – email: resources@errolchurch.uk

Community Outreach & Mission – to share the good news of Christ’s love.

Responsibilities:

- Church website, Facebook, Newsletter
- Youth group, Family Nights,
- School Work
- Community Events

Convenor: Lorna Pennycook – email: outreach@errolchurch.uk

Transform Injustice – pursue peace and justice for all

Responsibilities:

- Local and national charities work
- Safeguard and care for creation

Convenor: Lorna Pennycook – email: justice@errolchurch.uk

Pastoral Care

We all experience challenges at some point in our lives whether through illness, bereavement or relationship difficulties. Pastoral care is about coming alongside people during these times to ensure they do not have to face them alone. As a church we are called to love as Jesus loved. Pastoral care is at the heart of our ministry as Christians.

The Care and Well-being Group are currently developing a pastoral

care team which will operate in addition to the current loving care provided by the minister, elders, and the care that we give to one another, so that we can widen our care in the community.

If you would like to consider becoming part of the pastoral care team, please get in touch with Karen Smith.

If you know someone who would welcome a visit or call, please also do let us know.

Prayer Circle

We are very fortunate to have a number of people in our congregation who are committed to praying for those who ask us to pray, whether they are dealing with health issues, relationship challenges, work stresses, looking forward to happy events, or day to day challenges. These prayer requests are held in confidence. It is encouraging to see answers to prayer and those prayed for are aware of the difference that this makes to them.

Please contact the Prayer Circle Co-ordinator if you have something you would like us to pray for or if you would like to be included in the circle to pray for others.

Dates

Saturday 26th October – Autumn Fayre – 10a.m. - 1.30p.m.

Sunday 3rd November – Communion Service – 11a.m.

Sunday 10th November – Remembrance Service – 10.50a.m. in Church and 1p.m. at Murie Cemetery.

Friday 29th November – Quiz Night – See Lorna Pennycook to book.

For more information see Church website – www.errochurch.uk or contact Helen Tipping, Session Clerk – 01821 642392