

Day after day history is in the making.



New and old names are becoming household ones as one athlete after another, golfer after another, rower after another, tennis player after another.....step up to the ultimate challenge in their sports – being the best in the world.

What an exciting feast of sport we've been served up from Rio 2016. What an inspirational group of people we've been able to watch from the comfort of our couches – super humans every one of them! In days to come we'll begin to hear the stories of the next generations who watched, were inspired and inwardly resolved to 'be like that'. What an inspiration such events are for us – some of us will rise from the couch, join a gym, go for a run or walk, dig out the old bike and develop a new passion for exercise and sport.

As we contemplate the way we live out our faith what an inspiration these events can be. Throughout the New Testament there are a couple of great insights of the way our faith and life journeys are like running a race:

In Acts 20 v 24 Paul looks back on his race: **'However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus**

has given me – the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.'

In the great letter to the Hebrews the author writes in Chapter 12: 'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.'

In faith as in sports persevering, struggling, suffering and finishing is all part of our calling for there is, as we hear the Rio medal winners declare time after time, a great and wonderful reward if we but persevere to the end.

So friends may this inspiring season motivate you not just to get up off the couch but also to keep on keeping on in your adventure of faith, for with God the best is always yet to come.

Blessings
David

Alpha

Do you know someone who would like to find out more about becoming a Christian and/or joining the church family? Please encourage them to come along to our Alpha Course that we will be running in conjunction with other local churches.

Starts: Thursday 8th September in the evening Venue: **Down the Hatch, Port Edgar**

For more info contact Rebecca on discipleship@qpcweb.org



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Getting to know you: Nara Nisbet

You will no doubt have read in the last edition of this magazine an article on "Stepping Stones", a short programme being offered to folk who have been bereaved. This programme, starting in September, is led by Nara Nisbet and the Pastoral Care Team. It seemed, therefore, the natural choice for Nara to be featured in "Getting to know you" this time round.



Nara is a daughter of the Manse. Her father the late Rev. James Monaghan was latterly the minister at Davidson's Mains Church. Her mother, Betty Monaghan, moved to Queensferry when she was widowed, and is remembered with great affection for her gracious and welcoming personality, a trait that has definitely passed on to the next generation! Nara was very close to her parents and describes manse life as "a great upbringing" which has greatly influenced her life.

After leaving school, Nara studied English and Linguistics at Edinburgh University, followed by a postgraduate qualification in Speech Therapy in London. As a therapist, her focus has been in working with people who have a range of learning disabilities, especially autism. She currently works for Fife Health Board, mainly in an assessment and advisory role, sharing strategies to strengthen communication within family and educational settings.

Nara is married to Paul and they have two daughters, both graduates in Psychology. They met at Davidson's Mains Church youth group, the Wayfarers. This group and its leader, "a fabulous lady", had a profound influence on them in their teenage years. Both are now elders at QPC, and both are invaluable members of the Worship Group which leads our praise on a Sunday morning. They also headed up the church youth group for a number of years. "I love our church", says Nara, "it's vibrant and lively and there is such a range of skills within the congregation". She sees the church in general as a vital part of any community, but to regenerate, perhaps should be out there, IN the community. "Stepping Stones" is one such example of a community resource and is offered to all who are on the bereavement journey, not just to people who have church connections.

Feedback from the first programme was positive, and those who participated valued the whole "Stepping Stones" experience. The image of stepping stones providing a foothold as we tentatively cross troubled waters is a powerful one. The aim of the "Stepping Stones" programme is to provide the reassurance of a steadying and supporting hand to help in the transition to a new life after the loss of a loved one.



Boys' Brigade

The Boys' Brigade will restart after the summer holidays on Friday 9th September. We are hoping to welcome back all our boys and any new boys looking to join.

Enjoy an action packed programme of games, crafts, sports and learning new skills whilst having fun and making new friends.

Anchor Boys (Primary 1 - Primary 3) Queensferry Primary School
Friday evenings from 7.00 - 8.00pm

Junior Section (Primary 4 - Primary 6) Queensferry Primary School
Friday evenings from 7.00 - 9.00pm

Company Section (Primary 7 - Secondary 6) Queensferry Primary School
Friday evenings from 8.00 - 10.00pm

For more information email bbsouthqueensferry@hotmail.co.uk or come along on one of our Friday nights



Holiday Club – Summer 2016

To a casual observer, the church and halls are almost exactly the same as ever. The discerning among you may have observed that the Spire of Light has been dismantled, the bookcases have left the Hall of Memories, the fire bugs have all been sent out into homes... and an almost eerie silence has descended on the church and halls, punctuated by distant echoes of the Guardians theme song and an indelible memory of the most unusual selection of headgear ever seen in one small band.

However, much happened in that short space of time known as Guardians of Ancora. Stories from the Sage were relayed with gusto; over the course of the week a total of 47 children came, heard and discovered something of the life of Jesus - the person whose life changes everything. Children were invited, along with the first disciples, to "come and follow him". To seek story treasure of healing hands and unpack the words "your sins are forgiven" when a bunch of four friends lowered a man down through a mud roof. Finally two tins of tuna (or was it fish) and five fresh loaves prompted the memorable singing of the well-known Scottish song "Jesus fed 5,000 men". The light has now left the city and gone into hearts and homes.



A big **'THANK-YOU'** is given from the holiday club team to all of the volunteers and folks who made it possible.

An Invitation from the Guild

“Whose we are and Whom we serve”

It's Guild time again, and you are warmly invited to join us as the Guild season recommences on Monday evening, 28th September. What's on offer this year? Well, there's something for everyone, ranging from the entertaining to the ecclesiastical (maybe even both at the same time!), the informative to the informal, the challenging to the chuckle provoking. We even have comedy stand-up, straight from the Fringe and a published author from this year's Book Festival. Throw in a warm welcome and some good company and you have the perfect mix for a great evening or afternoon. Our national projects this year are related to Street Pastors and Christian Aid and we are particularly pleased that Sally Foster Fulton, Head of Christian Aid Scotland, is one of our speakers. If you would like further information about the Guild, or feel you would need transport to access the Guild, please contact **Anne Orr (331 5746)** or **Annette Carrie (331 4311)**. And guys, this invitation is for you too! We'd love to see you!

The Guild theme for this year is “Go in Joy”. We certainly hope we can achieve that.

Evenings: 7.30 pm

Monday 26th September
Bo'ness Belles

Monday 24th October
Friends of the Children of Chernobyl

Monday 28th November
Gusset Grippers

Monday 12th December
Christmas Meal

Afternoons: 2pm

Tuesday 11th October
St. Kilda

Tuesday 8th November
Guild Project: Street Pastors



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Dates for the Messy Church Calendar:

Messy Church is a family friendly church (held in the Priory Church and run by the local church partners), which meets once a month on the first Sunday of the month from 4pm to around about 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome, an ability with a glue stick and a pair of scissors comes in useful, as does the willingness to join in with all sorts of games, silliness and serious fun. Come and be part of the family, young or old from toddler to grandparent. Perhaps you, or someone you know might like to come along and see what its all about, so we hope to welcome you very soon.

4th Sept: The Ten Lepers
2nd Oct: Salt and Light
6th Nov: Trusting God
4th Dec: A Special Message



Back 2 School with God

The summer days were long the nights were short. There were holidays, sandy beaches, entire days spent in swimming shorts, wind swept walks with salt on your lips and one or two fish suppers packed into the six weeks off school. The time we spent on holiday has been captured on camera to remind us of the good times we spent together as families. For those of you who headed off to events like Keswick or enjoyed the fun and fellowship of Guardians of Ancora week, you might well be wondering how it's going to be, being one of the only children in your class who want to follow God.

It might be a surprise to you – but just remember even Jesus went to school! We read about him sitting in the temple having a good old debate with some very wise scholars! Bring all your 'back to school' worries to God; try talking with God before bed, or when you pray with your family. Remember we can find all sorts of interesting, useful, helpful and encouraging bits in the Bible. Use your Bible notes (like Topz) or Table Talk to help you read, discover and pray as a family together. When you meet back up with friends in church encourage each other that you're never alone and God is Always With You.



Have fun!! Sharpen those pencils, and get ready for a new year of learning exciting new things, discovering gifts and talents you didn't know you had, getting better at things you were stuck at last year and making lots of friends.

Prayer for "Fresh Expressions"

As Rev David Cameron mentioned in Church it would be good to pray/listen for God's word as to how we should develop our Fresh Expression of church. David is inviting us to join him in this venture, "Given that over the coming months we are moving up a gear and looking to appoint some folks to help us on this journey, we felt it would be vital to increase our focus on Prayer, and to this end I would like to host a series of 5 events in the Manse at 1 Station Road." In true DC fashion, each event will kick off with Coffee and of course some Tunnock's Tea Cakes!

Thursday 8th September: 7.45 – 9.00pm

Thursday 15th September: 7.45 – 9.00pm



Tools for Self Reliance

T.F.S.R is a volunteer organisation supplying basic hand tools to working people in developing countries. Old or unwanted tools are fully refurbished by a group of members with special needs giving them the chance to develop a sense of special purpose in their workshop in Gorgie Road, Edinburgh. Hand operated, non-electric SINGER sewing machines are also checked before being sent abroad.

Contact **Tom and Gwenneth Williamson, Tel 331 2185**, for further details. They will collect items for delivery to the workshop.



Global Bazaar

The members of Queensferry Fair Trade Group invite you to their 14th GLOBAL BAZAAR which will be held on Saturday 29th October, 10am-2pm in Queensferry Parish Church Centre. The seven selling stalls include the One World Shop, Kwai River crafts, Hadeel, Green Gift Company, Comfort Rwanda & Congo, Gogo Olive and Tagua Designs. In addition Equal Exchange will provide a tasting stall with an opportunity to sample its award winning tea, coffee and chocolate.

Admission £2, includes refreshments made with Fairtrade ingredients. Accompanied children - free admission. This event is an ideal opportunity to enjoy some non-stressful Christmas shopping while recognising that every purchase made can transform the lives of people across the world.

We look forward to welcoming you to the bazaar



Church and Parish Register

Baptisms (Infant)

24th Jul James Andrew Brown, Dunfermline

Thanksgiving and Blessing

17th Jul Jacob Kenneth Armstrong, South Queensferry

Deaths

17th May

27th May

4th Jun

19th Jun

28th Jul

3rd Aug

Jeanette Proven, High Street,

Jane Henderson, Burgess Road

Sarah Jane Cummings, Atheling Grove

Isobel Cooper, Sommerville Gardens

Margaret Ford, Inchgarvie Park

Adam Watson, Rosebery Avenue

Correction to last issue's Register – should have read

14th Apr

Elizabeth Graham, Dundas Avenue

with apologies to the family

Weekly Worship Services

Sunday 10:00am – 11:00am

11:30am – 12:30pm

Thursday

9:30am – 10:00am

Family Service (at 10:25 children leave for learning in their own age groups).

A more traditional worship service

A reflective service with a Celtic tradition of responses.

The Youth Fellowship meets every Sunday evening from 7:30pm – 9pm

Website and Facebook

If you have something that you would wish to share on the church Facebook page or Website, please send an email to communications@qpcweb.org



Next issue

The next issue of the magazine will be available from 20th November 2016. Any items for inclusion should be given to the editor at magazine@qpcweb.org by 29th October 2016. Please send any pictures as separate attachments.