



# **St John's News**

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# Pastoral Letter

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*Dear members*

Grace from our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ be with you! I give thanks to God for the continuing faithful witness and giving evident in our congregation over the years. I have had many telling me stories about how St John's Church is a Christian community striving to serve the Lord faithfully. Almost every day of the week many of us are involved in house groups/Bible studies, prayer meetings, Guild, Grace Notes, Boys' Brigade, Safe Guarding, Parish management, Scout, JAFFA 1&2, Kettle's On, Pastoral visiting, Thursday services, Listening group, CHOICES, Food Bank, Street Level, FAT and Badminton clubs. Indeed, life in St John's goes beyond our regular corporate worship on Sundays to the rich and diverse ministries during the week days, to which I invite each and every one of us to actively participate in. We should not belittle any task that the Lord has given us, because even things that seem little are important to him.

Our sermon series on the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control will be concluded by the time you read this. After this, we hope to undertake another sermon series on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. We are reminded that every believer is to be a functioning member of the Body of Christ, with a God-given ministry to fulfill. The gifts include but not limited to: prophecy, serving, teaching, encouragement, giving, leadership, mercy, wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, discernment, tongues, interpretation of tongues, apostleship, administration, evangelism, exhortation and pastor (Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28-30 and Ephesians 4:11). The gifts of the Spirit are special abilities provided by the Holy Spirit to Christians for the purpose of building up the Body of Christ. The basis for exercising any of these gifts is to have a personal trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and his Word and to walk in obedience to him. God has given gifts to the Body of Christ to manifest his presence, to remind us of our dependence upon one another and thus build unity in the church, to edify the church individually and corporately and to reach out to the world.

May you know God's love and peace in the days ahead!

*Rev. Dr. Elijah Obinna*  
*Minister*

# St John's Diary

## Regular Worship Times

Normal Sunday Services are held at 11:00 am.

A short evening service, with prayers for healing, is normally held on the second Sunday of each month at 7:00 pm

A Praise Service is held on the last Sunday of the month, also at 7:00 pm.

A short, mid-week service is held on Thursdays at 10:30 am.

Minister's Vestry Times - Wednesdays and Fridays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Sunday Morning Prayers - 10:30 - 10:50 am, before morning service.

*Special events and services between now and the next issue of  
St John's News:*

**Sun 11 Sep** **Soup Lunch** after morning worship

**Sun 18 Sep** **BB Enrolment Service**

**Sat 1 Oct** **Dessert Pot Luck/Music**

**Sun 2 Oct** **Harvest Thanksgiving**

**Sun 30 Oct** **BB Founder's Day Battalion Parade**

**Sun 6 Nov** **Psalm Service**

**Sat 12 Nov** **Family Olympics**

**Sun 13 Nov** **Remembrance Day**

*10:45 am* - Open air service at Market Place,  
including 2 minute silence at 11:00 am

*11:30 am* - Morning Worship in St John's

**Sun 20 Nov** **Guild Service**

**Sun 27 Nov** **Carlisle and District *Praise the Lord***

**Sun 4 Dec** **CELEBRATION of HOLY COMMUNION**

**Sun 11 Dec** **Soup Lunch** after morning worship

*Please refer to Sunday bulletins, local press or the church website for more information or changes to the programme above.*

# Housekeeping

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*When Anne Reid stepped took over the role of housekeeper a few months ago, she did not really know what it involved. Since then, she has so I have been on a learning curve. Fortunately it is not too steep a curve. She writes about her initial experiences:*

**Basically I have learned that the role of housekeeper is to take up anything that does not come under property, hall lets, finance, communications or health and safety but adds to the smooth running of our church and halls! As hall users if anything that is happening or not happening begins to niggle please speak to me before that little niggle becomes a major issue. Most things can be sorted!**

We now have a group of volunteer relief cleaners to cover Jennifer's holidays and my thanks go to those ladies and gentlemen who willingly help in this area. We had our pre summer clean at the end of July and again thanks to all who came to help. Believe it or not cleaning can be good fun or perhaps it was just the company!

We are trying to be a bit more eco friendly by recycling our waste. The new bins have been less than successful with a mixture of waste in both general bins and recycle bins. At a recent management team meeting I suggested we should try a different approach since there is genuine confusion over what goes where. The recycle bins should only be used for paper (NOT paper towels, please), card, RINSED cans and plastic bottles; anything else should go into general waste. When my IT expert has time he will produce new labels for the tops of the bins. Groups are asked to remove food waste but the odd tea bag or biscuit in general waste is fine.

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**Material for the next edition of St John's News should be in the hands of the editor NO LATER THAN Sunday 20 November 2016.**

# Youth Ministry

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A variety of organisations and activities exist to help nurture and support young folk within our church fellowship and wider community.

## Youth Church

Youth Church groups (apart from the meet in church for 11:00 am and leave during the service with their leaders for age appropriate activities:

**Crèche**, for children aged 3 and under, meets just before the start of the Sunday morning service from around 10:50 am until the close of worship.

**Bubbles** for children 4 years old and those in P1 and P2

**Explorers** for children in P3 to P7

**LinK** for young folk in S1 and S2

## Jaffa

**Jaffa Club** is a mid week club for children in P4 to P7. Activities include Bible stories, games, and crafts. Meet Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30 pm in St John's halls.

**Jaffa 2** for young folk in S1 to S6, meets 1 Saturday per month at 7:00 - 8:30 pm in St John's for games including badminton and table tennis. Also meet 1 Sunday per month 7.00 - 8.30 pm in St John's for Bible Study.

## Grace Notes

For boys and girls in P7 and upwards. Sing and socialise every Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm in St John's halls.

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## Boys' Brigade

**Anchor Boys**, for boys P1 to P3, meet in St John's Friday 6.00 - 7.00 pm.

**Junior Section**, for boys P4 to P6, meets in St John's on Friday 6.45 - 8.30 pm.

**Company Section**, for boys P7 upwards, meets in St John's Friday 6.45 - 8.30 pm.

## 1st Carluke: St John's Scout Group

All groups meet in the Scout Hall, Hozier Street, Carluke:

**Beavers**, for boys and girls age 6 to 8, meet Tuesday 6.30 to 7.30 pm

**Cubs**, for boys and girls age 8 to 10, meet Monday 7.00 to 8.30 pm

**Scouts**, for boys and girls age 10 to 14, meet Wednesday 7.00 to 9.00 pm

**Explorers**, for boys and girls age 14 to 18, meet Thursday 7.00 to 9.00 pm

**Contact details for these groups can be found in the Church Directory at the end of this magazine, or use the contact page on the church website: [www.carluke-stjohns.org.uk/contact/feedback.php](http://www.carluke-stjohns.org.uk/contact/feedback.php), with the name of the group in the subject field.**

# Rock Nations 2016

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*In August, the members of Grace Notes attended Rock Nations Youth Conference. They came back, full of enthusiasm and memories. Below is a brief taste of their experience, in their own words.*

**Janis McBride** - Two quotes from Rock Nations will always stay with me.

*It doesn't matter where the bus is going – it matters who's on the bus!*

The point is that the journey isn't the important issue. It isn't about goals or achievements. It is about the team and the teamwork. It was Pastor Roy and Christine that drew me to St John's, Ann and Jaffa 2 planted the idea of a youth choir, through Grace Notes that we were able to attend Rock Nations and it was only with the help of Jackie and Shona that we were able to make it a success. Life is all about who we meet on the way. Those who help and those that we can help. I will always remember that.

*Imagine you woke up tomorrow and all you possessed were the things you had thanked God for today*

This shows me the importance of thanking God for all I have every day and the importance of prayer. Can you imagine waking up in the morning without our families and friends, our homes and comforts, our church and its minister? No food and warmth, the freedom to speak and freedom from war and natural disasters? It highlighted how important it is to appreciate what we have and to give thanks. It reminded me how lucky Grace Notes were to be able to attend Rock Nations. It reminded me how lucky I was to have the fantastic support of Jackie and Shona and their commitment to ensuring that the girls had the best time ever.

It also reminded all of us of how fortunate we were to have the support of St John's in this adventure. So we would all like to give a very big thank you to all of you who helped and supported us in any way. Thank you all very much from Grace Notes.

**Shona Keay** - When Janis asked me to go to Rock Nations with Grace Notes, I said “Yes it will be good for the girls”. Unknown to me God had a plan for me as well. It inspired me in a lot of ways. I have never laughed and cried as much in one weekend as I did then and have since. I have come back renewed and bursting to tell whoever is prepared to listen to me about our experiences. On Saturday morning, we shared communion. Looking round the arena with 1500 people I thought this is going to take a long while! I was amazed to see how they managed it. We were all give a small carton (just like milk comes in

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when you have teas or coffees in cafes). You had to peel the top layer off and there was a wafer then peel the next and you got the wine.

Our girls wanted us all to share communion, together in a circle so this is what we did. This was a very special moment for us all. I glanced around and from our seat on the balcony I saw 1500 young people head bowed in prayer thanking the Lord for giving his life for us. I feel the weekend has had a great impact on me and feel very blessed to have experienced it with very special people.

**Jackie Hardisty** - Each morning we all managed to be up, dressed, fed (although not always in that order) and at Life Church for doors opening around 9 am. Two of the three mornings we got a lift from one of the Life Church minibuses. The first time it happened we were all dressed for Tribal Wars with blue face paint and bandanas on. The driver was quite amused when we asked how he knew where we were going.

It was a fair walk and all uphill but the uphill walk to the event was the only struggle of the day. Once we were there, we heard fabulous, faith inspiring music. We heard and watched The Word delivered by a team of youth pastors and we took part in various activities outdoors in the glorious sunshine. Does it sound like fun? It was but it was so much more. I have never laughed and cried so much in a long, long time. It was very moving to see our group listen intently to the Word of God, be able to discuss it without fear of ridicule with anyone they met that day. To be able to express their faith as they wished privately, quietly or quite publicly again with no qualms.

Our children have all been called bible bashers and the god squad, not always in a mean way, but in a way that sets them apart. You could argue that this is a good thing but for three days at Rock Nations they were just Christian teenagers amongst other Christians.

**Lauren Gillan** - I would love to go back to Rock Nations as I really enjoyed the experience of watching others worship God in a way I've never experienced before. It was interesting to see the belief and faith in others and the way they were affected during the experience of Rock Nations. The passion, enthusiasm and excitement that everyone praised God with at Rock Nations could only benefit us and others in the church today and in the future.

# Rock Nations 2016 (continued)

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**Sarah Leggate** - On the last night of the conference, the doors opened - we all entered the church and bolted for the balcony, which had the best view in my opinion. The worship started, the floor vibrated. I could feel my heart in my stomach. I belted every word out. My hands were up in the air. I was shaking. After worship we had the last sermon which was just fantastic!

We then had an interactive prayer session. This is when the pastor invites anyone who feels they need prayer or healing to come to the front and a member of the prayer team will pray with them. I went down and a woman prayed with me for healing. She also prayed for my family, my second family, Grace Notes and my Grace Notes Aunties. My heart was touched to see so many people like me as I'd never really worshipped in public before.

I came home like a new person and that night I made a promise. My promise to the Lord was to never be afraid. The next day I made up my mind to re-commit myself to my faith. I could never have done this and had this experience without the support of St. John's Church and the local community. My faith has grown every day thanks to the three days I spent there. I'm unstoppable. God has made me stronger!

**Beth Keay** - On the last night of the conference, Abs, one of the pastors, came on stage and told everyone that we were now going to quieten down to have a time for prayer for healing. We watched as people who needed this made their way to the front of the stage. A boy around our age came up to the front with crutches struggling to walk. Abs put her hand on his shoulder and prayed over him. After Abs had finished her prayer for him, his friend told him to try and walk without his crutches. His friend took his crutches away from him and he tried to walk. He stumbled at first and then eventually began to walk normally. I was so happy for him. Jaymie and I were nearly crying. It was a very emotional moment.

**Abigail Hardisty** - My favourite song from Rock Nations is *Love Let Loose*. It was played on our second day at Rock Nations. I love this song because it has a lot of energy. It also has meaningful lyrics.

My favourite line is *With your love in my heart and hope in my veins I'm seeing the world through the eyes of my faith*. I think this song represented the mood at Rock Nations perfectly. The Lord's love was let loose and you could see and feel it everywhere.

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**Jaymie Kemp** - Rock Nations brought me out of my comfort zone and I felt really involved. Everything was so relaxed and so friendly. I was able to start conversations with other teenagers without feeling awkward or wondering what to talk about. There were lots of things which inspired me in different ways but the main thing would have to be the sermon about the mustard seed. Abs, one of the speakers, was talking about how our faith is like a mustard seed. She explained that no matter how small the seed is, it is important not to leave it or place it in your pocket but to plant it and grow it, build it and nurture it throughout our lives.

**Renne McBride** - I enjoy being a young Christian more since being at Rock Nations. I feel I understand more about Christianity than I did before. I think that I speak for everyone when I say that our faith has grown and strengthened now that we have been to Rock Nations. We synced in our beliefs and faith with people our age group in a modern and energetic way. All of us, including the adults, could relate to our faith through music and worship in a way we hadn't experienced before. I was also inspired by the worship band who played quietly in the background as the sermon came to an end. The music made the message more powerful and as we joined in singing it gave empowerment to the words of the songs.

**Cara McBride** - Andre was the speaker whom I particularly liked because he explained things in a way I was able to understand. One of the days he had a full size car on the stage. At first we were very confused as to what he was going to be talking about but he quickly cleared it up! He explained that we are in control of our life, in the same way as we are in control when driving a car. You are the person sitting at the wheel but you can get lonely on your own and at times you can make the wrong turn. Open the passenger door and let Jesus in. He will not come in uninvited, He can't let himself in. You won't get lost once he's beside you. Even with Jesus in the car you make mistakes - you are still driving, he doesn't have the wheel. Racing cars have co-drivers who help guide the driver telling them to slow down, turn left and right and they talk in code, their own language that only they understand. You just have to listen. He will give you **Grace for your Pace!**

Then you have the *back seat drivers*, who always tell you what you're doing wrong. They will criticise you and try to make you go their way. Tell them to leave!

# Rock Nations 2016 (continued)

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Lastly you have all the rubbish in the boot of your car that you need to get rid of. The stuff we don't need but always collects over time. Problems at home or school that you still think about: **Get the Junk out of your Trunk**

The longer you drive with him and hear his voice the closer you will become – let him set the pace! I have never thought of life in that way before and I now can see things clearer. Jesus will never take the wheel but if you listen he will guide you.

**Charlie McLaren** - One memory stood out for me and that was the team sock game. The object of the game was to protect the President in your team. When it was my turn to be the sock game President, I automatically thought it would be fine as I have the mighty Grace Notes to protect me from any obstacles that would come my way. That wasn't the case! I was told that my team could no longer protect me as their President! That was bad enough but then I realised that I would be playing against boys twice my size aged around 17 or 18 years old. I was pretty scared but I knew that I had the support of my team to cheer me on. I lost my socks faster than anybody on any other team, but even although I had been defeated I still knew that my team would not blame me and funnily enough that was the only reason I decided to give it a go. Normally I would have passed on this but I wanted to do my best for the team and because I knew they were behind me I knew it would be ok even if we didn't win because we had tried our best.



Grace Notes about to depart from Carluke station for Rock Nations 2016

# LUPUS CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY  
29 NOVEMBER

HOME BAKING  
HOT FILLED ROLLS  
STALLS

PLEASE COME  
ALONG AND  
SUPPORT US

Large Hall  
10:00 AM to 1:30 PM



# Kettle's On

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**Kettle's On goes from strength to strength only missing one Thursday for Christmas and one for the Holiday club. A team of four or five members provide tea, coffee and biscuits each week with companionship and friendship offered to everyone. It is a very enjoyable relaxed time after the short worship service (20-30 minutes), with folk meeting to catch up with friends and make new friends.**

Some years ago we started in the Small hall, nowadays the Large hall can be overflowing, with 40-50 people coming round for fellowship, tea and coffee and chat. This is free but nearly everyone makes a donation and many donate biscuits and goodies to be shared.

At the service in June we requested more volunteers to cope with the busyness and we received a good response. Some of us have been on the team for a long time, but now we have some energetic, new volunteers to keep us going.

We have a business meeting 3 times a year to catch up with news and plan the future. At the last meeting in June we had donations of £700 to distribute. We distributed the funds as follows:

Jaffa Club	£100
Gala Day	£100
Syrian Refugees	£300
Ongoing Education in Nigeria	£200

We try to allocate funds equally to local projects and to overseas work. For years we have supported our missionary partner, Christine Stone, an educationalist working in Nepal. Christine has now retired and lives in Scotland. We continue to support her in prayer.

Over the years we have supported Dr Scott Murray and his medical missionary work with OMF in Thailand. We will continue to take an interest and offer prayer support. Dr Elijah suggested we give full support to the Church of Scotland World Mission projects. We have sent £300 to Overseas Council for Syrian Refugees. The project, *A place at the table*, helps Syrian refugees to feed their families and the project hopes to support 24,000 families over the next year.

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Dr Elijah also told us of the plight of Presbyterian minister's widows and families. When a minister dies suddenly there is not always financial support for the family. The children have to stop their schooling. Kettle's On have decided to regularly support the education of 2 named children who need help. We have their names and photographs and we will make them known to you soon. We will receive news from them and a progress report.

The so called ***Fat Club*** that meets in the small hall each Thursday morning have generously decided to support this project and they will donate £100 three times a year. Kettle's On and the Fat Club will donate £300 per session for schooling for the 2 children.

Thank you to all who give generously to Kettle's On please continue to encourage and support.

Every Thursday morning at Kettle's On we have trained listeners who are willing to give their time to listen to you, to your story, to give you time to talk – they are not counsellors or advisors – they are there to listen, giving you time out in your busy daily routine to share your story. Life can be hectic, sometimes we have no time to think about ourselves – this is a valuable service and an opportunity for you. Everything is done in confidence of course. There are always elders around, available for prayer and Elijah is usually in the vestry.

Please come and join us. I'm sure you will find a friendly face and a time to enjoy tea and chat.

My thanks to Jennifer, Alice and Joan who keep the 'show on the road' week by week and to the ladies of the teams. My thanks also to Sandy, Alex, Jim and Ray who give everyone a cheery welcome at the door.

**Every Blessing,  
Yours in Christ's Service,  
Ann (Jackson).**

# Presbytery- what is it all about?

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*Some readers may not be fully aware of what Presbytery is and what it does. Anne Reid has been St John's Presbytery Elder now for five years. She tries to shed some light:*

**The Church of Scotland's governing system is Presbyterian which means no one person, or group, has a greater say or influence on the church than any other. The Church does not have one person who acts as the head of faith. That role is reserved for God.**

The Church government is organised on the basis of courts. At a local level each parish has its Kirk Session, at a district level the court is its Presbytery and at a national level, the highest court in the Church is The General Assembly. Each of these courts can be made up of committees. The General Assembly instructs Presbyteries who in turn instruct Sessions.

Lanark Presbytery is one of the smallest in Scotland in terms of number of parishes but covers a very large area most of which is rural. Presbytery is made up of ministers, both active and retired (although the retired ones are fairly active), an elder nominated by their Session, additional elders, readers and deacons. Our Presbytery is divided into seven committees: Congregational Support, Congregational development, Ministries, Finance, Property, World and Community Issues and Business. There are sub committees such as Vacancy Procedure that come into being as appropriate and members are co-opted to serve. The committees are convened by elders in the main but a couple of ministers are involved in this role.

The committees meet once a month, deal with their business and report their recommendations to the full Presbytery Meeting. The recommendations are in the form of reports and each report is summarised by way of deliverances for Presbytery to debate, amend, agree to or throw out. The latter rarely happens. Congregations can be called to attend if some matter particular to them is being dealt with. Committee members can be involved in other activities throughout the year and throughout Presbytery so being told being a Presbytery elder involves two meetings a month does not give the full picture of commitment.

When I first started attending Presbytery I frequently didn't really know what was going on and it takes a while to come to terms with procedures,

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protocols and language for instance who would have thought “parties are called” and “parties are removed” has nothing to do with the actual movement of people in and out of the meeting room? It actually means when called you can speak and when removed you cannot, your chance has passed.

Frequently Presbytery gets a bad press and I can understand that totally. We seem bound by archaic practices and initiate change at a snail’s pace but in amidst it all there are a lot of good people working very hard on a voluntary basis to serve their Church but more importantly our Lord. So when frustration sets in and we rail against the seemingly endless procedures let’s remember Presbytery is made up of ordinary people like you and me who are called to serve the best we can.

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# Leave it to Someone Else

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**St John's is very fortunate in having many members who will, when asked, help in any way they can. For example, when Anne Reid asked for volunteers to help with the Annual Clean, no less than 14 folk came forward. Unfortunately, when it comes to taking the initiative, making decisions and generally managing the day to day business of the congregation, most of us are only too happy to leave it to Someone Else.**

The average age of Someone Else is now well into the 60s with many over 70. These Someone Elses see it as their Christian duty to offer their time and talents in the service of the congregation as long as they are physically able. The hard fact is that the time will come (and indeed, for some, has already come) when Someone Else has to step down, no longer able to meet the demands of the role they may have played for so long.

What then? If there is no-one coming forward to pick up the baton, the race will be over for St John's. A congregation cannot thrive if all the members are content to leave the work to Someone Else - because, soon, there may be No-one Else.

So, the challenge to the congregation is this: Could you become a Someone Else? We need new, younger (ie under 60!) folk to work, initially, alongside the present Someone Elses, to learn from their wealth of experience and knowledge and, eventually, to take over the running of our congregational Teams to ensure that St John's continues to thrive into the future. If you want to know more, ask any member of the Management Team.

*It's YOUR church, Its future is in YOUR hands.*

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# Christian Aid News

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**The Reverend Sally Foster-Fulton, the new Head of Christian Aid Scotland, has written to acknowledge receipt of £12,600 from fundraising by the Carluke Churches during Christian Aid Week this year. A cheque for £661 was also sent earlier in the year from the offering taken at the Christian Aid Christmas Service, bringing the year's total to £13,261.**

The stories of Morsheda and the other people of Bangladesh have demonstrated the impact of the money raised in Christian Aid Week. This year's theme, *love every neighbour* encouraged us to help our global neighbours like Morsheda, whether that was by baking a sponge, by buying a jar of marmalade, by going door-to-door collecting, by serving the community with a bowl of soup, or a church service. Your efforts have helped to ensure the continuing transformation of the lives of more of our neighbours in the 40 countries around the world in which Christian Aid works.

## **Emergencies and Disasters**

*Malawi Food Crisis*

*South Sudan Crisis*

*Ecuador Earthquake*

*Syria Crisis*

*Refugee Crisis*

*Nepal Earthquake*

*Ethiopia Drought*

*Iraq Crisis*

*Bangladesh Cyclone*

*Italian Earthquake*

**Christian Aid will be there before, during and after an emergency to save lives and support our neighbours long term.**

It is anticipated that, this year, £1.5 million will have been raised in Scotland, through the many fundraising activities and sponsored events in homes, workplaces, schools, churches and communities across the country.

On behalf of the Christian Aid Committee, thank you to all our loyal supporters for your prayers and actions that have made Christian Aid Week such a success once more.

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# Kwai River Christian Hospital

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*Scott Murray, his family and staff at KRCH have been busy over the past 3-4 months:*

## **Cafe and Bakery**

In June, with the start of the rainy season, 50 lime trees were planted which should provide fruit in 2-3 years. Vegetable plots were prepared and Roselle, Sweet potatoes, Morning Glory and Pumpkins planted which should bring a much quicker harvest to provide produce for sale in the new cafe. The lime trees Staff, including Nok will be sent for training in the use of the ovens. Eventually, produce will be sold to replace lost funding from donors to Safe House (a residential home for Debilitated, Disabled, Psychiatric or AIDS patients that are migrants with no relatives to support them).

## **Clinic at Three Pagodas**

The official opening date had been set for 14 July, but with the Buddhist Lent starting on 19 July there has been a delay and the latest news was that the official inspection took place on 2 August. If all went well, then the clinic will have started treating patients by the time you read this. Scott is still wondering how they are going to manage two sites with only 2 doctors.

## **Family Matters**

Cara sat her final Higher exam on 1 June before returning to Thailand for two months. She returned to Scotland on 7 August to start a Sports Science course at Aberdeen University in September, depending on her results. It has been confirmed that she has been granted "Scottish Home Status" - meaning that she will be treated as a Scottish student and will not have to pay tuition fees. She has also been offered a grant to help with her expenses during her studies.

Shane and Ray started back to school on 15 August. This will be Shane's final year at High School. He was hoping to study Higher Physics, but there is currently no Physics teacher at the school. He is not sure what he wants to study after High School, but has an interest in engineering in Japan. This would mean a year of language before studies, sponsored by the Japanese government.

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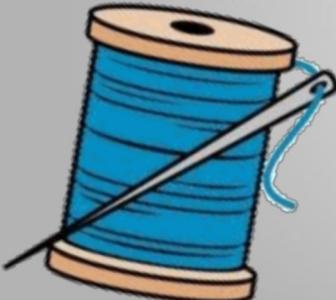
Scott and Nok are planning to visit Scotland in September to see Cara in Aberdeen. Scott's elbow - broken in the Spring, is about 90% back to normal. Although he cannot straighten it fully yet, he is now able to clean his teeth and shave with his right hand again!

### **How strong is your Faith – when a local Evangelist dies?**

A well-loved local Evangelist who helped part-time for the Hospital, died last week. He was from the Mon people group (but spoke and preached in 4 of the local languages). In October 2015, shortly after returning from 4 months in the UK, Scott had diagnosed him with advanced stomach cancer which had already spread to the liver. He went for chemotherapy during which much prayer was made for his recovery. He appeared to pick up for a while and then, in July, deteriorated. He died peacefully in the hospital with his family around him aged 62.

For a number in the church it has challenged their faith. Their doubt created by their thinking that, “if God won’t heal an Evangelist like this – then is there really a God?” It shows the lack of understanding still in the local church and possibly lack of teaching in some of the most basic areas. Do pray for the (Karen) churches in our area; for better teaching and growth in their faith so that *Christ will be exalted (magnified) in my body, whether by life or by death (Phil 1:20)*.

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# Smillie Footcare

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Mobile Footcare Clinic - 07821 393938

### About me

Hello - I am a foot health practitioner with a mobile foot clinic, visiting patients in their own homes in and around Lanark and Carluke (10 mile radius)

### Treatments Available

- Callus/Hard Skin removal
- Corns
- Cracked Heals
- Nail cutting/reduction
- Diabetic patients
- Ingrown toenail



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