



By the way...

Summer
2019

Gala Day

Once again, the sun shone on Langbank for our gala day. Many of the villagers turned out to enjoy a jump on the super-sized bouncy castle, a lucky go on the tombola, a well aimed shot at the coconut shy, a tasty burger, strawberries and cream or some candy floss all washed down with a cuppa or something stronger from the bar. We were also left breathless by the enthusiasm of the children in the fun run and enjoyed seeing the village's four legged friends battle it out in the pet show.

Huge thanks to all who helped in any way by donating items or giving their time and to those who came along to support the event – all proceeds go to support several village organisations.



Attention Fish Lovers

The Pittenweem fish van visits the village every Wednesday, waiting on the Main Road, close to the junction with Station Road at 11.45am and moving to Middlepenny Road, close to the junction with Middlepenny Pl about 12.00 noon.

On Wednesdays and Fridays, it travels along Seath Ave, Douglas Ave & Elmbank Rd from 10.45 -11.00am, and waits on the Main Rd from, 11am – 12 noon.

To attract attention the driver toots the van horn, in all areas.

50/50 Proms



Following the Chamber Pots' very well-attended concert in Langbank Church in June, it is hoped to arrange a series of similar hour-long programmes over the year. The concerts would all start at 2.30pm, all within the church, and they would offer a wide variety of entertainment. Half the takings are in aid of church funds. Watch the church website, the village noticeboard and Facebook page, and the next Newsletter for details.

Keep the date – Book Sale



The church is organising a sale of books, jigsaws, CDs, DVDs and children's games on **Saturday, 14th September**, so come along for that next good read/viewing! We will be open from 10.30am to 1pm and will also be serving hot rolls and drinks in the Church Hall. All donations welcome – either drop at the Church on a Sunday, or at the hall on Friday 13th September, between 7.30 and 9pm, or contact Donna on 540528 for collection or drop-off.

Village Survey

Please look out for the village survey which will be dropping through your letter box within the next few weeks. Please complete this and return (details enclosed in survey) as it will greatly help the Community Council and other village groups prioritise the needs of villagers.

Church News

At a recent meeting of the congregation it was unanimously agreed by those present to accept a Presbytery plan to sever our linkage with Port Glasgow St Andrew's and a further proposal that Langbank Church be placed in guardianship.

The future of the church in Langbank is now very firmly placed in the hands of the members and those villagers who wish it well.

Church initiatives such as the Drop in Café and Soup and Sandwich lunch are prospering as are plans to develop the church interior to allow more flexible use for church and community activity.



Glasgow City Mission

A collection of food for the Glasgow City Mission takes place on the last Sunday of the month in the church hall. Any donations of tinned or other non-perishable foods welcome.

Compassion UK

The congregation donates money on the 1st Sunday of the month to support 3 children whom they sponsor through Compassion UK.

A letter from the minister

My Dear Friends

It is now nearly five months since I came to Langbank Parish Church as your Interim Moderator and Locum. Where does the time go? I am thoroughly enjoying my time with you and I would like to thank you all for welcoming me so warmly into the Fellowship and being so supportive of my ministry.

We are also blessed with so many people who work behind the scenes in Langbank, just getting on with the work, not seeking praise or recognition, working to ensure that the Good News of Jesus is proclaimed and shared week by week. I am sure you will agree with me that we owe them all a huge thank you.

If you have been able to be in church recently you will know that we are about to implement Presbytery's plan for us to sever the linkage between Langbank and St Andrew's. By the time you read this that decision will have been taken on the 4th August and the vote was unanimously in favour of the proposal. On the 11th August St Andrew's Port Glasgow also voted in favour of severing the linkage.

While this will be a time of change for each Congregation it will also be an exciting time for the Church in Langbank.

I would ask you all to remember these changes in your own Prayer times.

During my Pastoral work on your behalf I have the privilege of meeting so many faithful people, some of whom are experiencing severe trauma in their lives. I find it so humbling when they tell me that they have so much to thank God for. It is a lesson for me again and again how the quiet faith and trust in our Saviour Jesus can help us to cope with situations we might imagine would overwhelm us.

We are now in the holiday season and I trust many of you will be able to enjoy this time, spending it with family and friends, being refreshed and hopefully enjoying the summer weather. I sincerely hope you all have a good summer break. It is a time to get out in the fresh air and a time to attend to all the jobs we have been putting off. A time to relax and enjoy a well-earned rest.

If I can be of any help to anyone in the Congregation, please let me know.

Every blessing in Christ,

Jack

Village News

Time for a Clear Out?

The church is holding a **Bric-a-Brac Sale on Saturday, 5th October** from 10 – 12 noon in the church halls.

Jewellery, handbags and all household items, including small furniture etc, will be gratefully received.

NO CLOTHES PLEASE

Donations can be handed in to the church halls at the following times:

Monday 30th Sept, 2.00 - 4.00pm

Thurs 3rd Oct 7.00 – 9.00pm

Fri 4th Oct 7.00 – 9.00pm

For further information contact Jean Steele, 540222 or Mary Bonner 540752

Attention Ladies! A Date for your Diary

The annual Ladies' Night will take place on Friday, November 22 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There will be a large variety of stalls, a tombola, Christmas hamper raffle, wine and supper.

Make it a date!

SWI

The new season starts on Thursday 19th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This will be an open evening, coffee and homemade cakes will be served. All villagers will be made welcome. There is an annual membership fee of £25, and members pay £3 and visitors £5 each evening, to cover the cost of supper. So, it's an inexpensive and sociable night out in the village!

The syllabus for this year will include crafting and cookery demonstrations and some local charity speakers. Please come along.

The SWI is one of the oldest clubs in the village, and we would love to welcome old and new members to our meetings on the third Thursday of the month.

For further details contact our President, Marion Dornan.

Langbank Camera Club

Club meetings are held in the church hall on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7:30pm (September to May). We are a small and friendly club with the aim of promoting photography to the wider community. Membership is £10 for the first year. Contact Derrick McPherson for more information at langbankcc1@gmail.com .

What's Happening

DROP IN CAFÉ - Each Monday in the Church Hall, 2 – 4pm. Enjoy a chat, a cuppa and delicious home baking.

CAMERA CLUB - 2nd & 4th Mondays at 7.30pm (See separate article)

TAP FIT - Tuesday 20 August 6 to 6.50pm, and Thursday 22 August: a low impact class (standing or sitting) 1 to 1.50pm. Langbank Village Hall.

YOGA - Tuesday evening 7.30 to 9pm In Langbank Village Hall. Contact Sara 07962347950. All abilities welcome.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL - 2nd Wednesday of the month in the church upper hall.

SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH - Come and join us in the Village Hall on Wednesday 4 September, thereafter 1st Wednesday in the month. Enjoy a variety of soups, sandwiches, tea/coffee and a biscuit, chatter and fun.

BRIDGE - Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. New members welcome.

LANGBANK SINGERS - Come and join us in the Church Hall on Thursday, 26 September at 7.30pm. Details from Mary: 01475540752

SWI - 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. (see separate article)

UNDER 3'S - Friday morning in the Church Hall 10 – 11.45am (term time)

PLAYGROUP – Friday morning 9.45 to 11.45am in Village Hall (term time)

KEEP FIT - Alyssa will welcome you to METAFIT and CIRCUITS in the Village Hall on a Sunday and Thursday. Call 07714143545 for further details.

Young and Old

What are Seniors Worth?

Remember, old folks are worth a fortune with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs.

I have become a little older since I saw you last, and a few changes have come into my life: frankly I have become a frivolous old gal!

I am seeing six gentlemen every day. As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me out of bed. Then I go to see Johnny Loo. Next Charlie Cramp comes along and when he's here he takes up a lot of my attention. When he leaves Arthur Ritis shows up and stays around all day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with Johnny Walker. What a life! Oh yes! I'm also fighting with Al Zymer.

P.S. The minister came to call the other day. He said that I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him "Oh, I do! All the time. On my way home, in the parlour, upstairs, in the kitchen or down in the basement, I say to myself "Now, what am I here after?"

Playgroup

For children 2.5 to 5 years from Langbank and surrounding areas.

Lots of fun, including sessions from Mini Morton and the Skoobmobile library bus. Places available for this session. Please contact Lisa McFadden on 07940313094.



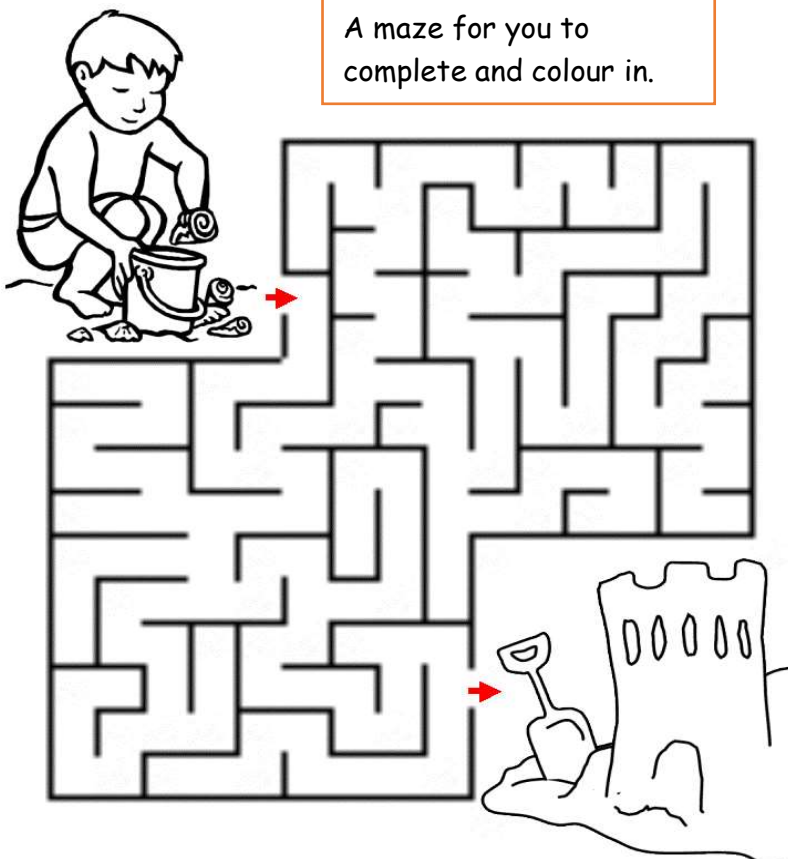
Under 3's

At £2 per session it's a great way for parents/grandparents/guardians and babies to make friends. A selection of toys, some messy play, and song time sessions held every couple of weeks. Contact Kym on 0774033479

Summer at the Beach Maze

Help the little boy find his sand castle.

A maze for you to complete and colour in.



Check out the **Village website** www.langbank-community.com/

Langbank Parish Church: Sunday Service - 10.00am:

Visit our Website: www.langbankparishchurch.co.uk

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