



LET THERE BE MUSIC!

We were fortunate to be included in the Renfrewshire Fèis **Phàislig's Ceilidh Trail** this year, which meant we were treated to a concert in the Village Hall on Friday 7th August. These concerts are designed to give talented young folks the opportunity to experience what it is like to be a musician on the road, so as well as providing them with valuable experience it was a real treat for all those who came along. We can only hope that they enjoyed it enough to include us again next time!



50:50 PROMS

We were delighted to have Bishopton Church's Praise Band visiting us in April with a terrific programme book-ended with a hymn. In between we had a variety of music which featured solo and ensemble pieces. Several in the band commented on the wonderful acoustic the church has; and one was waxing lyrical about how lovely the church is.

Sunday 21st June was International Making Music Day. Langbank Church embraced this with great enthusiasm when we hosted a **Taizé** workshop and service. We had an augmented choir with visitors from Bishopton, Bridge of Weir, Kilbarchan, Paisley and Gourrock! We were very ably led by Ian Munro, Director of Music at Edinburgh: New Town church. The service was short, but meaningful with readings, prayers and Taizé chants. Thank you to everyone to took part in the workshop, and to all those who came for the service.

Sunday 26th July: Wasn't it marvellous to hear our lovely little Lewis organ filling the church when Peter Christie came to give his organ recital? And what a treat to hear such beautiful singing from Eleanor MacKay. Both of them found the church ("a beautiful space") to have a lovely and generous acoustic; and both commented on the "treasure" of an organ, a "beautiful instrument with delightful sounds".

Future Proms' plans are in the pipeline with various groups keen to come along to entertain us all. Watch this space, keep an eye on Facebook and the website, as well as around the village for posters.

Up and Coming Village Events



Fri 18th Sept - Brian Taylor brings his **Clothes Show** to Langbank. 7.30pm in the church

Sun 11th Oct - **Harvest & Communion service** in the church. 9.45am

Fri 23rd Oct - **Quiz Night** in the Village Hall. 7.30pm

Sun 18th Oct - **Flutephonics Prom** in the church at 2.30pm.

Fri 20th Nov - **Village Christmas Shopping Night** in the church at 7.30pm

Sun 29th Nov - **Renfrew Burgh Band Prom** in the church at 2.30pm

Christmas tree Light Up and Sing-along in the church at 6pm

Every Monday - **Drop in Café** in the church hall from 2 - 4pm. Tea, coffee, home baking and plenty of chat.



So far this year we haven't organised a Gala Day, as it can be difficult to secure volunteers and the majority of work falls to a few individuals – and as you can imagine it is difficult to manage juggling their volunteer roles with other commitments. However we are keen to have Village events as these help create a sense of community by bringing people together and providing a chance to catch up or make new friends. Therefore, if you have any ideas, and can provide help running community events, please email Langbank Community Council at info@langbank-community.com

The LCC meets the **second Wednesday** of the month at **7.30pm** in the **Village Hall**. Meetings are open to all and any additional help and support is always appreciated. The more people attending and supporting the more things we can hopefully achieve for the community. Look out for **community information** on local **noticeboards** and the [Langbank Community FB page](#).

Church News

Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us that time is never still. "For everything there is a season" is more than poetic wisdom; it's a gentle nudge to notice how God moves with us through change rather than asking us to resist it. As we approach the point in the year when the clocks go back and the evenings draw in, many of us feel that shift quite physically... the light changes, routines adjust, and the pace of life subtly alters. Scripture invites us to see these transitions not as inconveniences but as opportunities to pay attention.

Across the world, change is shaping communities, nations, and the rhythms of daily life. The Church is not immune. Congregations are discovering new ways of gathering, worshipping, and serving. Some traditions are being lovingly held; others are being reimagined for a new generation. Ecclesiastes reminds us that none of this is random. There is "a time to plant and a time to uproot," and perhaps this moment in global Christianity is one of planting new hope while honouring what has been.

As Langbank moves into autumn, may we recognise the holiness of changing time... trusting that God is present in every season. And as the seasons shift around us, how are you managing the changing seasons within your own life? What might God be inviting you to notice, release, or embrace as time turns once again?

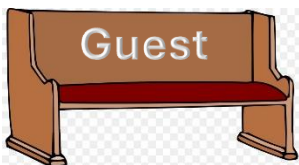
As always, may you embrace this season and be blessed while being a blessing to all you encounter.

Steven - Rev Steven Owens, Houston & Killellan Kirk, linked with Langbank.



THE CHOIR has enjoyed a summer break from anthems, but an introit has been provided every week throughout the summer months: such is their dedication. Under the very able leadership of Mary, the Choir turns up every Thursday morning from September, without fail, to run through the hymns, introits and anthems, learning new ones as well as returning to old favourites. The congregation appreciates their faithful contribution to weekly worship. We are fortunate to have a church choir, as some of the visiting ministers we have had have commented that so many churches now don't have a choir. Well done, ladies.

The church is as busy as ever – you can read all about the different things elsewhere in this magazine. We are open every Sunday for morning worship, 9.45am with, of course, the cup of tea thereafter. The Drop-in Café is open every Monday afternoon from 2pm-4pm with the most delicious home-baking accompanied by bottomless cups of tea and coffee. The sanctuary is open during that time, so if you feel the need for some quiet time after a hard week, after bad news, or to give silent thanks for good news, please just go in and enjoy the peace for a wee while. The church is a place where everybody in the community matters. It is **YOUR** church. This was discovered on a pew in a neighbouring church: "You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your heavenly Father, and you are



welcome in this place. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed."

We have to thank all those behind-the-scenes people who keep the building in good order, and those who keep the grounds and garden tidy. They don't broadcast their actions; they just get on with it. We are truly grateful. Thank you all.



Attention Bookworms! We have had an influx of books lately, including some children's books. Come browse and buy! They are on the bookshelves by the Drop-in Café. Just pop a donation into the wee tin and help yourself from what's on offer. If you have any books you have finished with, why not donate them to the Bookshelf and then others can enjoy reading them?

COMPASSION UK



Our sponsored children Desy, Gemechu and Javier go from strength to strength. Children probably isn't the most accurate description anymore; they will be adults all too soon. Javier tells us: At the Child Development Center, everything I am learning is very necessary. When I sing to God, I do it with all my heart, and the song that I like is "Christ is not dead". What a lovely

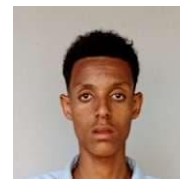
sentiment.

I had to laugh when I read this from Gemechu: The weather [in Ethiopia] is rainy. How is the weather over there? He goes on: I am currently pursuing my vocational education. I have received your gift. With this donation, I bought clothes and shoes.



And not to be left out Desy writes; I am going to sit my Kenya Junior School Assessment in October – please pray for my success. She's planning a Social Science pathway at senior school.

Thank you for all your support – it really means the world to Javier, Gemechu and Desy.



Village Groups

LANGBANK SINGERS

We will be delighted to welcome new members at the start of our new session on **Thursday, October 1st**, in Langbank church upper hall at **11am**.

We are a group of ladies aged 40s to 80s who enjoy singing and good fun. Don't worry, there's no audition, and you don't need to read music. All you need is a good sense of humour and a love of singing..... and it's free!

Why not come along and give it a try. You'll receive a warm welcome.

LANGBANK SWI

On Tuesday, July 28th, members of the SWI had a great bus trip to Perthshire, Abernethy Antiques Village then Scone Palace and Gardens, ending with a really lovely 'high tea' at a hotel in Dunblane.

The Langbank SWI will resume its 2026/27 season on **Thursday, September 17th** in the **Church Hall** at **7.30pm**, and the third Thursday of the month thereafter. We have an interesting programme arranged for the coming season, talks/crafts etc. Please come and join us. You'll be made very welcome.

For information contact Mrs Marion Dornan, **07436 114333**



Langbank Camera Club Why not join the Camera Club and learn more about photography. Our first meeting for 2026/27 is being held on **Monday 14th September at 7.30pm** in the **Church Hall**.

Being part of our club, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, is a great way of sharing your experiences, developing new skills and gaining knowledge one photo at a time. Life may be blurry, but your photos don't have to be!

Come along and you will receive a warm welcome no matter if you are a beginner or seasoned veteran.

For more information contact the club at **langbankcc@gmail.com**

FISH VAN

The **Fish Van** visits the village every **Wednesday** afternoon from **2.45 until 3pm, Main Road**. Not only is excellent fresh fish available, but also eggs, potatoes, strawberries (in season), oatcakes, some bakery items and much more.



LANGBANK BOWLING CLUB

Invites you to come along, **free of charge**, throughout the month of **September**. The club offers Lawn Bowls for beginners as well as more experienced players, so why not come along and give it a try.

We have everything you need, just being flat soled shoes.

Mon at 10am, Wed at 2pm and Sat at 2pm.

More Village Groups

LANGBANK PLAYGROUP

For almost 50 years, Langbank Playgroup has been an important part of our village community. Each week, we welcome children aged 2–5 into a friendly, nurturing environment where they can explore, learn and grow through play. Our sessions are led by qualified and experienced play leaders who design a rich variety of activities inspired by the Curriculum for Excellence, supporting children to develop confidence, curiosity and independence.

Children can enjoy free-flow play, messy exploration, creative activities, imaginative play, sensory experiences and gentle learning opportunities. They are encouraged to move at their own pace, choosing the activities that spark their interest whether that's building, painting, storytelling, outdoor play or discovering something new. Families are welcome to stay and play alongside their child. If you prefer, you can also drop off and return at collection time. We aim to offer flexibility that suits your child's needs.

Village Hall, Friday mornings (term time only) **9.45am–11.45am** Price: £10 per session. If you'd like to see what we're all about, we offer trial sessions for new families. Message Kirsten on **07519074494** to book your space.



LANGBANK VILLAGE HALL

We are fortunate to still have a local Village Hall and even more fortunate to have a volunteer committee who take responsibility for the facility. We can continue to support them by attending classes and events in the hall, hiring the hall for private lets or to run events/services for the community.

If you are interested in hiring the hall or attending any of the classes, please contact them at langbankvillagehall@gmail.com

There are a number of weekly activities running in the hall, so please follow the [Langbank Village Centre FB](#) and the [Langbank Community FB](#) pages for updates.

As well as groups featured the following exercise classes run weekly.

Move It or Lose It – Mon 10.30 to 11.30am
Zumba – Tues 6.30 to 7.30pm
Circuits – Wed 6 to 7pm
Seasonal Flow Yoga – Thur 10 to 11.15am
Mini Kickers – Sat 9.30 to 10.15am



ONE CREW PLEDGE OF THE RNLI

Whoever we are, wherever we are from,
We are one crew,
Ready to save lives,
We're powered by passion, talent and kindness,
Like generations of lifesavers before us.
This is our watch,
We lead the way,
Valuing each other,
Trusting each other,
Depending on one another,
Volunteering to face the storm together,
Knowing that, with courage, nothing is impossible,
That's what has always driven us,
To save everyone we can.
It's what makes every one of us a lifesaver.



This poem was spotted outside an RNLI shop and was read by a member of the Kirkwall Lifeboat Crew during the service of thanksgiving for 200 years of the RNLI in 2024 at St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall. Poet is unnamed.

Although this applies to the lifeboat crew, can't the same be said for all of us, here at Langbank church and the wider community?

Langbank Parish Church: Sunday Service – 9.45am

Visit our website: www.langbankparishchurch.co.uk

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