

EVENING SERVICES

We invite you join us at 6:30pm Sunday evenings for some refreshments followed by an informal service. The themes for our up coming services are listed below.

WHY RELIGION ISN'T ENOUGH

July 1st - Saul the Pharisee Acts 9

July 8th - Lydia the Businesswoman Acts 16

July 15th - Cornelius the Soldier Acts 10

YOU CAN'T HAVE CHRISTIANITY WITHOUT...

July 22nd - Faith

July 29th - Hope

August 5th - Love

DOUBLE VISION

August 12th - Two worshippers Luke 18;9-14

August 19th - Two foundations Matthew 7;24-27

August 26th - Two gates Matthew 7;13-14

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

The summer (allegedly!) is now upon us. June is drawing to a close and the schools will soon break for the holidays. Summer of course is often seen as a time of refreshment and renewal. That is perhaps why there are a number of Christian conventions held over the summer months such as that in Keswick in July.

Nearer to home the Edinburgh Faith Mission Convention takes place from the 3rd to the 8th July. The main speaker was to be Alistair Begg but due to ill health he has had to withdraw. The College Principal the Rev

Sandy Roger will now take the Bible readings based on 1 Corinthians 15. Other speakers include John Brand from the African Inland Mission, Bill Bygroves from Liverpool, Trevor Matthews and Harvey Stalker. Please pray for and support the Convention with your presence. There is no need to book you can just turn up. Leaflets are available in the Church Centre. There is also a Youth Focus each evening at 9pm at Ferniehill Evangelical Church led by the Faith Mission band and Keith Lindsay from Northern Ireland.

Accompanying this newsletter will be the programme for our evening services in July and August as well as a letter inviting members and friends

to a course designed to help us share our faith. That six-week course will run from mid August to the end of September. Please sign up and come along for what is sure to be an encouraging and beneficial time. The Kirk Session are also looking to establish some home or house groups in the Autumn and if this is something you would be interested in finding out more about then please speak either to myself or one of the elders.

By the time you read this we will have said our goodbyes to Andrew and Kay Randall as the move to Dundee to minister at Logie St John's Cross Church where Andrew will be probationer minister. We are grateful to God for their time with us here at New Restalrig and wish them God's richest blessing as they move to pastures new. Please pray for them as they settle into a new city and a new church.

In September Alastair

MacMillan will be moving to Glasgow to undertake Bible training at the Cornhill Training Course, a one-year course designed to equip people in handling and using the Bible. We wish Alastair well in this venture and as he prepares to go west he will be involved in our Sunday services over the summer.

One of our other members Eungyu Choi has just returned from Church of Scotland Selection School and though as yet we do not know whether he will be accepted as a candidate I would encourage you to pray for him and his family as they seek the Lord's will for their lives.

At the end of September we are to have a student minister placed with us – Athole Rennie. It is planned that Athole will be with us from October 2007 to June 2008 and that he will be engaged to undertake other duties and responsibilities during this time, essentially operating as

a ministry assistant.

As many of you will know the Congregational Board has been planning the refurbishment of the kitchen and Church Centre. It was to be hoped that this work might have been carried out over the summer. This now seems unlikely as to date no building warrant has yet been received.

The Board will meet next week to consider the options open to it conscious that if the work is progressed inevitable disruption will ensue for at least 6-8 weeks.

Have a happy and refreshing summer,

David Court

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRINGE PRAYER EVENT

As you know, we as Christians have an incredible opportunity to share Jesus' love with the 2.5 million people who will be attending the Edinburgh Festivals this August. Therefore, we would like to invite you to a very important PRAYER EVENT:

When - THIS Monday, 25 June, 19:30 - 21:00

Where - Youth With a Mission, 1 Malta Terrace, Stockbridge, EH4 1HR

We will be praying again on Monday, 16 July (location TBD). Won't you join us in praying that God will do wonderful things at the Edinburgh Festivals this year?

SUNDAY CLUB

Could you help with Sunday Club one Sunday (or more) over July and August. All material will be prepared for you including full programme, video or story, games etc. This will give the regular teachers a break - but still allow us to offer a full programme to any children that may be in our services over the summer period. Please speak to Tim Russell as soon as possible - or just add your name to your preferred date on the rota at the back of the church. IT REALLY IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE RUN THIS AND YOUR HELP FOR ONE SUNDAY WOULD BE FANTASTIC. THANKS.