

Broomhill Hyndland Parish Church Magazine



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From the Editor

Welcome to the September issue of our Church magazine, the first one of our new session. I hope you all had a lovely (and hopefully relaxing) summer break. Gordon and I have been all over Italy, but never to the Lakes, so decided to remedy that this year with a trip to Lake Garda. "Wow" is the only word I can use to describe the scenery!



We spent a week in Sirmione in the south and thought the scenery could not get more stunning – we were wrong! Three nights in Riva del Garda in the north had the added bonus of mountains to go with the lake! We ended with four nights in Verona which was fabulous in a different way, although a tad warm at 40 degrees! The photos below depict the three places, and, yes, we did bring back baubles for the Christmas tree!! As I write this, we are about to go to Split for a week, so there may be another photo to bore you with!

Now that we are heading towards Autumn, all our organisations are starting back with renewed vigour after their Summer break. That Christmas tree will be getting decorated before we know it (sorry!) The deadline for our next magazine will be close of worship on Sunday, 20th September, so contributions to Nickie in the office by then please.

Carol MacCallum



September 2026

Worship Diary

Services led by the Rev George Mackay

Wednesday	2	1.30pm	WD40 Novar Halls
Sunday	6	10.30am	Morning Worship Naseby Sanctuary
		11.35am	Informal Communion Marlborough Sanctuary
Sunday	13	10.30am	Harvest Celebration Naseby Sanctuary
Wednesday	16	1.30pm	WD40 Novar Halls
	16	7.30pm	Meeting of the Kirk Session Naseby Small Hall
Sunday	20	10.30am	Morning Worship Naseby Sanctuary
Sunday	27	10.30am	Morning Worship Naseby Sanctuary
Wednesday	30	1.30pm	WD40 Novar Halls

Our Church Family

Deaths

Helen Henderson
Helen Gibb
Bill Crawford
Glen Connor
Patricia Bascom

Jordanhill Care Home
Nazareth House
Westfield Care Home
Quayside Care Home
Boclair Care Home



A View from St Kilda

I know many of you have perpetual holidays, no names, but I hope you all had a lovely summer. Even I cannot complain about the weather, though, as we have discovered even in the UK, the detrimental effects of climate change, leading wildfires and droughts down south.

And I hope, no matter where you have been, or still to go, that you remember our challenge to try and find a bauble or something appropriate to hang on our Christmas tree to remember where our church congregation have been, to bless the places and with fondness look back to all the areas of the world where Broomhill Hyndland has taken their love to.

We were in Greece, Rhodes in fact, as a picture elsewhere in the magazine will show from the Princess Adrianna hotel. Our Greek influence continued when one evening in July we went out to see the film 'The Odyssey'. Unless you have read Homer's Iliad, though the story is described at great length in the Aeneid by Virgil, you may not be aware of the whole epic, but you will remember in Greek mythology the Trojan Horse, the wooden horse said to be used by the Greeks to sneak into the city of Troy and win the war. The Greeks pretended to sail away and the Trojans pulled the horse into their city as a victory trophy. That night, the Greek force crept out of the horse and opened the gates for the rest of the Greek army, which had sailed back under the cover of darkness. The Greeks entered and destroyed the city, ending the war.

A 'Trojan Horse' in modern times has come to mean a trick to invite a foe into what seems to be a secure site or place. This Greek experience came back to mind with the modern technology we live with today.

How often have you received a text on Apple Pay that you suddenly have to respond to; or an email asking you to click on the attachment. It is one of the reasons why I don't do internet banking. I know I am a bit of a dinosaur, but there are people out there taking this Trojan attitude and making it a Greek tragedy as your bank account empties. Even in the manse, the phone will ring and the caller will tell me there is something wrong with my computer, or there has been a removal of money from such and such a credit card. It is all so tiresome.

At least my phone picks up possible dodgy messages and tells me it is 'a suspected spam'. We hear about cybercriminals in the news, using social engineering techniques to trick individuals to instal malicious software disguising Trojans in internet links, pop-up ads, or banner advertisements.

I suppose there always have been con artists about – those trying to extort money from neighbours and the community. The occupation that comes to mind of course is that of the tax collectors in the Bible, the moneylenders outside the Temple gates, charging exorbitant rates so that they would get a cut and make a tidy profit. Nothing really changes. Humans are human and there are those

who with little conscience make their living that way whilst breaking the hearts of others. But as we believe, change is always possible through God's grace.

Think of Zacchaeus. How unpopular a man he was, but after hearing the calling of Christ, came down from that tree and transformed his ways, giving back what he had taken from others.

Our new session has started once more. The business increases, organisations return, holidays are put on the back burner, at least until the October holidays, and Christ calls us anew. He won't sneak in, he stands at the door and knocks and waits to be invited in and through him, true recuperation is found.

**Your friend and minister,
George**

*"Jesus said
I Will Give You Rest"*

Our Church Family

Congratulations & Well Done Stuart!



Here is Stuart receiving his honorary Doctor of Music (DMUs) degree from the University of Glasgow on Wednesday 17th June 2026, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the arts and culture!

L' ALBERO



(On Abbey Drive)

We pass each other most days, and we both bow.
The roots break through the pavements,
reminding me that I am rooted
both in the seen and unseen world,
that a carpenter knew about trees and wood,
from a birthing place to a new birth on a hill.
I watch you change through the seasons,
the change that you make and accept,
and likewise dear friend,
you see the changes in me
through the colouring of my life,
the greening growing moments,
the altering shades
and the winter that chills my soul.
And your leaves will come again
and your outstretched arms,
and the sun will rise and spill through you bringing warmth and shade
And the Son will rise,
And the Son will rise.

George

Situations Vacant: Can you help?



The Church now has a very active social calendar and the routine work of managing and maintaining its operation requires continuous effort from the various committees and teams. A lot of this work is carried out by a dedicated group, none of whom are getting younger. We could do with additional help.

We appreciate that not everyone can give a regular commitment but hope that you will consider offering to help on occasion. The following is a list of ways in which you could help, some of the items may appeal to our younger members:

1. Taking part in the rota on a Sunday to manage the screen display. It is only running the presentation as the content is prepared by the secretary.
2. Do you use social media? If so could you help maintain our social media communications?
3. We want to introduce a Praise Band at some services. Would you like to participate? Is there a young person in your family that would be interested?
4. Would you be willing to lead or help with a specific Church event? The current list of events is provided in the magazine.
5. Do you think you could help with some planned youth work in terms of teaching crafts or life skills?
6. Could you help with some finance or fabric tasks?
7. Could you perhaps increase your availability for rotas, for example Sunday Hospitality or Thursday Coffee & Chat?
8. Do you know or could you suggest names of folks that we could approach directly who are not currently volunteering?

We need to keep up the increased work we are doing with our community to have any chance of growing our congregation and involving a younger demographic. The alternative is another closed church. If you think you can help in any way, can you please talk to one of us and we will hopefully find a way in which you can participate.

Barbara McTavish
Session Clerk

Norma I A Paterson
Finance Convenor





Anchor Boys

We're looking forward to the return of Anchor Boys which begins with a Taster Session for new and current members alongside our Junior Section on Friday, 28th August from 6.30-7.30pm.

We meet every Friday in the small hall from 6.30-7.30pm and enjoy a range of activities from sports and games to arts and crafts, storytelling, cooking and baking.

With most of our boys having made the move to Junior Section at the end of last session, we have plenty of room for new members wishing to join.

Anchor Boys is open to any boy between the school ages of P1 to P3, and anyone coming along for the first time will be made very welcome.

More information is available on our website at

www.130thglasgow.co.uk or on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by searching for 130thGlasgowBB.

Anyone looking for more information about joining can also call me on 07778 133 047.

Craig McQueen
Officer in Charge



Junior Section

Junior Section is now underway for session 2026/2027, meeting on Friday nights in the large hall between 6.30pm and 8.00pm.

Open to any boy of school age Primary 4 to Primary 6, our Juniors are looking forward to another busy year, with a packed programme of competitions, sports, crafts, outings and badgework just some of the activities to look forward to.

For more information on joining Junior Section, please visit the Company's website at www.130thglasgow.co.uk or come along on any Friday evening.

Alternatively, contact us by phone/WhatsApp on 07356 293652.

Gary McQueen



Company Section

Company Section has enjoyed an eventful summer with the boys enjoying a couple of gatherings since the end of last session.

On a sunny Sunday in June we paid a visit to Foxlake Adventure in Dunbar where the boys donned wet suits and buoyancy aids before having a go on the giant inflatable water park, followed by a go on the ringos, being pulled along the water by cable at speed on a giant rubber ring.

More fun on the water followed at Summer Camp at Lagganlia Outdoor Centre in the Cairngorms near Aviemore earlier in August.

During an action-packed three days, the boys tried out tree climbing, gorge walking, canoeing, kayaking and paddleboarding, plus games of football and rounders.

Now we're looking ahead to the new session, with Company Section resuming on Friday, 4th September.

Normal activities include sports, games, badge work, bugle band, drill, vaulting and a large number of competitions with other local companies as well as our own Company outings.

We expect numbers to remain roughly the same as last session, but any boy between the school ages of P7 and S6 will be made most welcome.

More information can be found at www.130thglasgow.co.uk or by searching for 130thglasgowBB on Facebook, X and Instagram.

Alternatively, anyone wishing to learn more can contact me on 07778 133 047.

Craig McQueen - Captain



Scottish Country Dancing Group



The group will start their new session on Tuesday 15th September at 7.30pm in the small hall. Please enter from the back lane.

We would like to invite any new people who would like to try Scottish Country Dancing, to join our group. We also welcome back all our dancers from last session.

We are a friendly group who don't take our dancing too seriously and have a laugh when things go wrong, so why not give it a try and see if you like it.

Andrea Thomson



Broomhill Hyndland Guild



A wonderful afternoon of friendship, music and laughter was enjoyed by our Guild Members at their lovely Summer Afternoon Tea.



Goodbye and our heartfelt wishes for happiness to our dear friend and longtime Guild Member, Doreen. You will be greatly missed!



(Photos by Brenda Stewart)

News from Malawi

The Bananabox Trust collections are continuing from their new premises in Bathgate. The containers will be travelling under the umbrella organisation known as Malawi Scotland.

The Trust projects will still be managed by Willan, who you will remember came to speak to the children with Alan, known as the Bananabox Plus.

Last Year we sent over 70 boxes, 6 walkers, 8 sewing machines, 24 adult and 24 children's chairs. In the boxes were items of clothing, blankets, bedding, household and garden equipment, as well as tools and material which they use to make items to sell and to buy the Maize grain. All the above we could not have managed to send without your help by giving the items, buying the marmalade and giving your donations at the Communion collection.

We must also acknowledge M&S at the Western Retail Park for donating the empty boxes and finally Jane who collects them and pops them through my window!



Thanks to you all. Please continue to support a very needy group of people.

Ann Henderson



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The Glasgow Duo

One half of this very talented duo is Fiona Robertson, daughter of Alan and Catriona! Many of you will know Fiona as she grew up in Broomhill Church and will remember her playing her violin for the congregation.

Fiona and Philip will be performing at St. Bride's Church in Hyndland on Sunday 13th September 2026. Please go along and support them and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of music!

**Glasgow NW Foodbank
Blawarthill Parish
Church**



Glasgow NW
Foodbank
Together with Trussell



Harvest Collection Sunday 20th September 2026



The cost of living problem is still with us and so the Foodbank continues to need our ongoing support. The Foodbank really appreciates that we provide a substantial contribution three times a year.

Our Harvest Collection for the Foodbank will be held on Sunday 20th September.

The priority items for food are UHT milk, diluting juice, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, beans, tinned tomatoes, tinned and packet potatoes, tinned or packet soup, tinned custard/rice, jars of pasta sauce, tea, coffee (small jars), sugar, rice, cereal, biscuits and snacks. They are also short on dog and cat food.

The Foodbank also need toiletries such as shower gel, shampoo, deodorants, razors, shaving foam and toilet rolls.

The Foodbank does not have facilities to store fresh, refrigerated or frozen produce.

Thank you for your ongoing support and any donations you can give to this collection.

Norma I A Paterson

Thank you Anne!

'God loves a cheerful giver'

After many years of service to the young people of Broomhill Church and of Broomhill Hyndland Parish Church, Anne Craig has recently stood down.

Victor and Anne are natives of Belfast and came to Glasgow in 1980. Their first flat was in Woodcroft Avenue and they came to worship in Broomhill Church. Both immediately became involved in the life and work of the church in a wide range of capacities. Anne had worked in Banking in Belfast and continued to do so for some time here in Glasgow. She particularly enjoyed working in the bank branch on the University of Glasgow campus. Her financial knowledge was very helpful when she became Treasurer to the Guild and it is still usefully employed in many areas of church life.



As a mother of three and a grandmother, members of Anne's own family have been and continue to be treasured members of Junior Church. In 2003, Anne joined the staff of Junior Church, working with Gill and the younger children. After a brief 'retiral' of one year, she has continued in this role until the present date. Anne has really encouraged our young people to consider the needs of others, particularly those in Malawi and other areas of dire poverty through her work with the Mary's Meals Charity. The fund raising breakfast/lunch has become a firm and greatly enjoyed fixture in the Junior Church programme. This all came about because Anne was inspired to take action by a visiting speaker.

Anne's contribution to Junior Church is always enthusiastic, inventive and good humoured. Her strong and sure faith shines through all she does. As a result of recent health problems Anne has decided to withdraw from Junior Church. We thank you Anne for your many years of service and wish you and Victor health and happiness.

Judith Johnston

Thank you Carole!

'The fruit of the Spirit'

Carole Macgregor recently stood down after many years of service to the young people of Hyndland Parish Church and Broomhill Hyndland Parish Church.

Carole was born and raised in London. Her parents were from the north of England, her mother's family having Scottish roots. In a sense, Carole retrieved these roots with a long attachment to the Ardnamurchan Peninsula, originally the home of her husband's family.



She had a distinguished academic career, studying at the University of Southampton, the London School of Economics and the University of Edinburgh. Here in Glasgow, Carole lectured in Social Work at Glasgow Caledonian University and went on to work in Community Development. Carole taught a wide range of subjects and was a highly respected mentor to her students. Raised in the Church of England, Carole often speaks of the influence of her school teachers on her Christian faith.

Carole and Jim brought Ruairidh to Hyndland Parish Church to be baptised and thus began her years of involvement with the young people of the church and community. Starting with the care of the very young, Carole went on to serve in Sunday School (later named Young Ones), Youth Club, Kids' Club and Junior Church. Her lessons were always well planned, creative, knowledgeable, interesting and of course, fun! Parties, outings, picnics, Summer Clubs, residential visits ... Carole was there, utterly reliable. Her genuine interest in the young was returned in their genuine affection for her.

It is highly likely that every reader of this article and their families will have received a birthday card from Carole. On a personal note she has been a good friend to the present writer for over forty years. There really is no one like her. Thank you Carole for your faith, your insight, your kindness and for everything you have given to the young people of Hyndland and Broomhill.

Judith Johnston



On The Waverley by Brenda Stewart



The Cathedral of Saint Domnius in Split
by
Carol & Gordon MacCallum



The Old Bridge of Mostar in
Bosnia and Herzegovina - a
UNESCO world heritage site
by
Carol & Gordon





The view from our hotel
in Rhodes
by
George & Pam Mackay

Joyce & Mat Morton having fun in the
"Fan Zone" in Kelvingrove Park
during the
Commonwealth Games!



Oban
by
Carol McNicol

Tobermory
by
Carol McNicol



Adventures in the Azores

After much encouragement from Andrew, our yachting son, we made it to the Azores earlier this year.

The Azores consist of nine volcanic islands about 1,400 kilometres west of Portugal in the Atlantic. We were based at Horta on Faial and could see the neighbouring island of Pico. Pico has Mount Pico which is Portugal's highest mountain.

Our adventures started with wandering around Horta and its marina. Many yachts stop here on their transatlantic passages and their crews traditionally paint a picture on the ground and walls of the marina. It must be the world's biggest open air art gallery!

We had lunch at Peter's Cafe surrounded by weather beaten yacht crews and masses of flags and banners from boats. It has been voted as the best sailor's bar in the world. It also has a museum dedicated to scrimshaw - the art of engraving on whale teeth practiced by sailors on long whaling journeys.

Other highlights were seeing the dramatic scenery, the botanic gardens and trips to Pico and the volcano museum. We had an exciting afternoon whale watching and we were fortunate to see a blue whale breaching.

Our last day was Pentecost Monday, a public holiday. We drove around the island and on several occasions had to stop for a procession. Each small town and village had a large group of people dressed in their Sunday best processing to their local church. After worship they had celebrated with a meal together. It was very moving to see so many people going to worship on this special day. It is also a time when many Azorians from far and wide return home to be with their families.

The churches were prepared with beautiful flower arrangements for this festival.

The only downside for us was that on this day all the shops and restaurants were closed, so sorry, no Christmas bauble from this trip!





The Azores by Helen & Robert Jamieson



This photo is from the London exhibition - "Queen Elizabeth II - Her life in Style". It is of the dress she wore for the opening ceremony of the Olympic games 2012. It is displayed, for the first time, alongside the identical dress worn by the stunt double who parachuted out of the helicopter into the London Stadium. That dress has been adapted for the straps!

by
Christine Munro



Islay looking over to Jura

Bullers of Buchan

by Nickie & Nige

Yes, we've been happy with some very pleasant summer days and the lovely long light of summer evenings to enjoy our parks and gardens and Christian Aid-flowering plants! Not quite as waarm in Scotland as in the centre and south of the UK where there have developed major concerns over lengthy spells of hot weather and increasing drought conditions affecting individuals (especially the elderly and vulnerable), farmers' animals and crops, water supply, wildlife, transport etc. Over a decade or more, environmental and climate scientists have been expressing very serious worries about ongoing changes in various aspect of global climatic conditions linked to excessive warming of Earth's atmosphere, mainly as a result of the accumulation of increasing amounts of carbon.

We are also fortunate in that we have not experienced dramatic destruction and loss of life and home from major earthquakes as in Venezuela, Japan, Indonesia, Columbia; neither have we suffered huge flooding events as in southern China, northern India and Bangladesh; nor, for the most part, have we endured the really extreme and devastating forest fires experienced in southern France, Portugal, western Canada or most recently in Belgium; nor are we experiencing Ebola.

More 'warmth' was added this summer by way of the successful Commonwealth Games events in Glasgow with athletes from over 70 countries competing in friendly international togetherness and sportsmanship, the fun and friendship also displayed in Edinburgh during the Festival/Fringe events and recently in the World Piping Championships held in Glasgow.

Apart from the waarmth, or lack of it, of equal significance in our modern world is the situation regarding 'stillness'. We are surely aware that we are very lucky in Broomhill, in Scotland - we don't experience drones or missiles or regular noise, fear, destruction, injury/death (as currently in Ukraine, Russia, Iran, the Gulf States etc.), nor do we experience the huge human upheaval, suffering, displacement and human tragedy of civil wars, militia groups, rape and torture as weapons of war, regular funerals as recently in Gaza, Ukraine, Iran and many parts of northern Africa, not to mention the disastrous experience of the social/economic aftermath of natural disasters. Recent reports from Christian Aid express continuing major concern over the situation in Afghanistan where extensive drought and poverty continue alongside sweeping new laws from the Taliban rulers further limiting the freedom of women and girls, such gender apartheid being only one major problem.

Man-made and natural/climate-related events continue in our modern world in various combinations leading to huge social upset, suffering, death, displacement, trauma as well as environmental damage and degradation, reduced agricultural output and general humanitarian crises.

Such events and situations continue to present overwhelming, almost nightmare **demands and challenges in aid provision**, whether from internal governments, international agencies or smaller providers such as Christian Aid.

Recent specific Christian Aid reports comment on - efforts in **Lebanon** providing food parcels to families affected by ongoing violence and instability; offering support to front-line health workers and local leaders in the **Democratic Republic of Congo** regarding the worrying spread of Ebola deaths; releasing funds to ACT Alliance partners in **Venezuela** to help cope with the provision of safe drinking water as well as distributing food kits, mattresses and blankets.

Unfortunately, such relatively small-scale efforts are overtaken by ongoing cuts in aid and overseas' development spending by many countries including the UK and US; currently UK aid for countries among the most risk of a humanitarian crisis are being cut by up to 40%. **The United Nations continues to express huge concern** for countries such as South Sudan, Ethiopia, the DRC, Yemen, Somalia and Afghanistan. The organisation also highlights the worry in changing climatic terms of a potential and powerful El Nino weather event which could push millions of people in vulnerable regions of the world into acute food insecurity by the end of next year.

Once again, let us commend the work of Christian Aid, and donate to their work if you wish. Also, I think, we should continue to be grateful in Strathrye and throughout Scotland for our 'relative' "waarmth and stillness"!

Don Swanson

You can donate to Christian Aid's latest appeal -
online at caid.org.uk/Regain,
or by telephone 0333 555 1060
or by post to:
Christian Aid, York House
Wetherby Road
Long Marston
York YO26 7NH

Thank you!



OFFERINGS (1st JANUARY TO 31st JULY 2026)

<u>Weeks 1 to 30</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Monthly Bankers Order	38,313	46,024
FWO Direct to Treasurer	639	160
In the Plate - Sunday	5,535	5,482
Totals	44,487	51,666

Your continued support through Freewill Offering is much appreciated.

FREEWILL OFFERING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2026

As I advised you in the March magazine, some of your Standing Orders for FWO in January were not received – and returned to you by the Bank - due to a Bank error. Standing Orders from February onwards are now being received correctly but the reduction in our Freewill Offerings remains as a result of that Bank error, which is disappointing.

If anyone wishes to change to, or set up, a monthly Bankers Standing Order for Freewill Offerings, please contact me on 07717406594, or by email on johnr.thomson@btinternet.com

GIVING TO GROW AND PRESBYTERY DUES IN 2026

Our contribution of £95,196 to Church of Scotland in Edinburgh is being paid monthly by Bankers Order. Presbytery Dues of £5,661 was paid on 30th June 2026.

The Finance Team



It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning

Come help us support people living with cancer. Have a coffee or tea, as well as delicious cakes and snacks. The atmosphere is comfortable and friendly, making it the perfect place for a chat with friends or a quiet cup of coffee all while raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support

Entry By Donation



Thursday, September 24th
10:00am-11:30pm

Broomhill Hyndland Parish Church Halls
66 Randolph Road



Anyone for Curling?



Did you know that the first ever recorded curling event was played by Christians? There is a recorded event at Paisley Abbey of a contest between a monk and a representative for the Abbot on February 6th 1541, which was played on ice just west of the abbey. In 1842, Queen Victoria was given a demonstration of curling inside the Scone Palace ballroom as she disliked the cold!

Shortly after my retirement I realised I was a curling widow and decided to have a go myself. I was impressed by the standard of the coaching from many aspects including safety on the ice, how to deliver and sweep a stone and the tactics. It is often regarded as being "chess on ice". Needless to say I was gripped and the rest is history! However, most of all it is a friendly sport and good fun during those long, dark winter evenings and weekends.

Curling is a very inclusive sport and suitable for all ages and abilities. Sliding out on the ice is desirable but not essential as there are delivery aids which lets one walk on the ice instead. The good news is that it is now indoors and there is always a warm drink and friendly chat on hand after the match.

There are several members of the church who have either curled in the past or are currently curlers. Robbie, Robert and I all play for different clubs and are happy to chat to you about our sport.

My club, Cawder House Curling Club is arranging several "Try Curling" sessions over the next few months, suitable for new curlers and anyone keen to return to curling. We are fortunate in having several well-experienced coaches who have instructed many people over the years. All equipment is provided, one just needs curiosity, enthusiasm for a new challenge and a desire for fun! If interested please get in touch with me at drhtjam@btinternet.com or on 07984 557 143.

Helen Jamieson

mary's
meals

Brenda Stewart has kindly sent in a few photographs from our Mary's Meals Brunch event held on Sunday 31st May. A huge thanks to everyone who came along and supported our Junior Church in raising so much money for such a worthy cause!



Our Wonderful 'Mary's Meals' Junior Church Team!



Cycles of Life

How deep and meaningful is that for a title?

Byres Road renovations have created mixed responses.
Waiting to cross at Tennant's junction,
an e-delivery cycle army champed at the bit,
ready for lights to change. That they waited is a miracle in itself!
But they did wait, as confused pedestrians also waited,
not knowing now when the traffic light cycle would indicate the Green Man.

Cycles.

Learning to ride a bike in the village was a necessity.
Few villagers had cars....usually only the Doctor and Minister.
A memorable bike ride was flying down the Bellsland Farm Hill
after helping Mrs Smith to clean and weigh eggs.
At the bottom of the hill were greenhouses.
This cycle trip was also to get tomatoes from the vines growing there.
Vine tomatoes today are the more expensive ones. They do have a fresher
flavour.
But all tomatoes grow on the vine.
The summer cycle trip was to pick and buy some..

Lots of the children in school lived on farms.
Cycling was the quickest mode of transport.
If you wanted to play with your friends, you had to cycle out to their farms.
Often, play was actually working on the farms, turning silage, stacking corn
or once in the Autumn, cleaning out the Midden at Jean's farm.
Apparently cattle dung, stored in a midden, gives off an aroma
which makes the cleaning team very hungry..
Fortunately Jean's Mum was a great baker,
so we, the workers with hands scrubbed, scoffed the goodies on the table..

That same cycle route to Jean's was at the other end of the village from the
tomatoes.

This trip passed a Nissan Hut converted into a Mushroom Farm.
In shops you would buy a quarter pound of mushrooms for 1/6d,
but at Jinnet's hut she would say,
'Just go in and help yourself'..
So our Winter feast on a Saturday was mushrooms on toast.
My mother disliked mushrooms, but she felt it was safer for us to eat these
farmed ones, rather than the ones my dad brought in from the field!

By the time Secondary School reared it's head,
the Spring of each year allowed us to cycle there.
The cycle distance was only three miles,
but if time is of the essence, there is pressure.
The home journey was more relaxed.
There was time to doddle or take in the scenes around.



'What is life if full of care we have no time to stand and stare?'

And, now at Byres Road we do stand and stare.

Along with the e-bike army,
the pedestrians wait for the next traffic light cycle to come round.

Jen Brooks

Just a little reminder

BROOMHILL HYNDLAND PARISH CHURCH PRESENTS

No Monopoly arguments - guaranteed*

Games Night

EVERY SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 7-9PM

66 Randolph Road
Large Hall

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

Bring a game or join a table!

**CARD GAMES
BOARD GAMES
REFRESHMENTS**

FREE ENTRY!

**guarantee void if Monopoly is played

Joint Events Calendar

Month	Date/Time	Church Event	Friends of Naseby	Christian Aid
Sept 2026	Saturday 12th 7-9pm	Games Night		
	Thursday 24th Naseby 10.00am	McMillan Coffee & Chat Morning		
Oct 2026	Saturday 10th 7-9pm	Games Night		
	Saturday 31st 5.15pm		Pumpkin Parade	
Nov 2026	Saturday 14th Novar 2.00 - 4.00pm	Winter Bazaar		
	Saturday 14th 7- 9pm	Games Night		
	Early Nov TBA			Autumn Fayre
Dec 2026	12th December 10.00am - 12.00pm	Santa's Grotto		
	TBA	Carols by Candlelight		
	Tuesday 22nd 6.30 – 7.30pm	Community Carols		
Jan 2027	Sunday 3rd	Cluster Lunch		
	Saturday 9th 7-9pm	Games Night		
Feb 2027	Saturday 6th TBA	Scottish Night		

Month	Date/Time	Church Event	Friends of Naseby	Christian Aid
	Saturday 13th 7-9pm	Games Night		
March 2027	Saturday 13th 7-9pm	Games Night		
	Mid March TBA			Spring Fayre
	Saturday 20th TBA	Diorama		
April 2027	TBA	Congregational Afternoon Tea		
	Saturday 24th: TBA		Cherry Blossom Festival	
May 2027	Saturday 8th 7-9pm	Games Night		
	Saturday 15th Novar TBA	Christian Aid Plant Sale		Run by Church
	Sunday 16th	Congregation Pentecost Lunch		
June 2027	Saturday 12th 7-9pm	Games Night		
	Saturday 19th TBA	Community Picnic		
July 2027	TBA	Naseby Youth Sessions		
	Saturday 10th 7-9pm	Games Night		
Aug 2027	TBA	Naseby Youth Sessions		
	Saturday 14th 7-9pm	Games Night		



Sunday Hospitality



September 2026

6 Cheryl Osborne
Jill Syme
Andrea Thomson
Stuart Murdoch

20 Ann Henderson
Elizabeth Dickie
William Moffat
Pat Thomson

13 Elizabeth Niven
Judith Johnston
Kirsty McMillan
Don Swanson

27 Joyce Morton
Janette McVicar
Morag Lippiatt
Mat Morton

Fellowship



Thursday Coffee & Chat



September 2026

3 Barbara McTavish
Carol McNicol
Lyndsay McGill

17 Carol Rodrick
Jill Syme
Bruce Salisbury

10 June Smith
Brenda Stewart
Catriona Sharp

24 Ann Henderson
Avril Sharp
Alma Thomlinson



Attendance at Church Door

6 September 2026

Team 9

Kirsty McMillan

Joyce Morton

Mat Morton

Lorraine Ross

Jeanette Wylie

Judith Johnston

(in charge Ross & M Morton)

13 & 20 September 2026

Team 10

Norma Paterson

Jane McKinnon

Pauline MacKenzie

Stuart Murdoch

Brenda Stewart

Ronnie McKinnon

(in charge MacKenzie & Paterson)

27 September 2026

Team 11

Claire McLetchie

Ann Henderson

Janette McVicar

William Moffat

Anne Rogerson

Robbie Wishart

(in charge Moffat & Rogerson)



As usual - if you are not available, please arrange for a replacement. Thanks!



Flowers in Church



September 2026

6 Isabel Simpson

20 Sheila Brown

13 Harvest Flower Team

27 Helen Jamieson

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