

Cumbernauld: Condorrat
Parish Church



Parish News



Dear Friends,

September 2010

My topic for this letter is 'patience' because, as you will be only too well aware, you still do not have your own minister and that virtue may be running out!

In the book of Hebrews there is a fascinating phrase. The writer says, "... let us run with patience the race that is set before us, our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith ..." There's an interesting antithesis here : run with patience. Just exactly how do you do that?

When we run an athletics race, we don't want to be hampered by anything. The competitor throws off all restraints and eagerly thrusts forward to the goal, unencumbered except with a burning passion to finish first. Is there any such thing as being able to run with patience?

Definitely yes! This verse says that life is like a long distance race, calling for good conditioning, proper strategy, and great endurance. Mental, physical, and spiritual preparation are vital. The goal must be firmly fixed, the desire must excite and stimulate, the plan and purpose must have meaning. Running with patience means keeping a long range strategy in order to prevent burning out on the course.

The classic story of the tortoise and the hare illustrates the point. The tortoise won the race because he ran it with patience. The hare did not take the race seriously, was not conditioned for it, was careless and casual about its importance, and had no deep desire to do his best. To his chagrin, he lost the race he so easily should have won. The tortoise, plodding and persistent, enduring and determined, moved unswervingly toward the goal and won his laurels because he was prepared to achieve. He had the patience and the will to win.

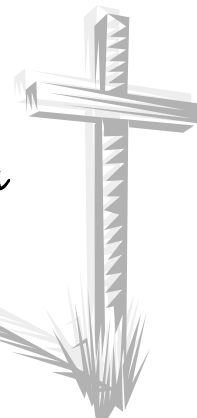
We need to have faith in God's perfect timing. As we struggle to maintain our patience, we will be tempted to try to hurry things along or manipulate God's will to our own ends. Other times we resent that timing or rebel against it. We need, as people mature in the faith, to accept that God does work in mysterious ways, that our ways are not always his ways and our wants may not be his will. Yet, to the person who truly listens, he supplies answers. To the person willing to wait, he gives invaluable insights. To the person who waits patiently, trusting in him, he provides resources to meet, overcome or accept, according to the need.

And so we wait. Yet, with waiting, comes discovery. Suddenly the answer is plain, the direction clear, the knowledge sure. What appeared to be time wasted was really preparation and looking back on what appeared to be marking time, the awareness comes that it was the most fruitful of all experiences. That is running with patience.

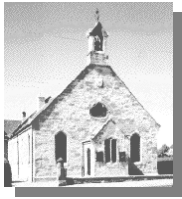
May God bless you in the Church session now beginning.

God Bless You All,

Elinor Gordon



Cumbernauld: Condorrat Parish Church



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Rev. John Jenkinson



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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Morning Worship in Church

& Sunday Club.....11.00 a.m.

(Tea/Coffee is served after the Service)

- All Welcome -

Communion Services (1st Sun – March; June; September; December).....11 am & 6.30pm.

Charity No.: *SCO 11839*

Weekly Diary

Monday

BB Anchor Boys Hall 6.30pm
BB Company Section Hall 7.00pm
Choir Church 7.15pm

Tuesday

Girls' Brigade
Explorers Hall 6.30pm
Juniors & Brigaders Hall 7.30pm

Wednesday

The Guild (alternate weeks) Hall 7.30pm

Thursday

Prayer Group Ch. House 1.30pm
BB Junior Section Hall 7.15pm.

Sunday Welcome

Team

September 2010



Communion:

5th (morning) Mr. J. Cameron & Team 2.
.5h (evening). Mr. J. Allan & Team 3.
12th. Mrs. J. Ward & Team 4.
19th. Mr I Miller & Team 5.
26th. Mrs A. Russell & Team 6.



(See Notice in Church House for team lists)

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Hi Folks,

Expect many of you will have had a summer break by now so hope you had a good time and feel the better for it, although some like me may have yet to get away. I am lucky enough to be going to Italy in September – Yahoo! The schools are now back, the nights are drawing in ('It's being so cheery that keeps me going' – Rev. I.M.Jolly) so the new session for our organisations will be getting under way.

This brings me nicely to the first couple of things to let you know about. Lesley Freeland has been appointed as the new leader of the Sunday Club by the Kirk Session so we wish her God's blessing in this important work. Sheila Fraser, a lady of many "hats", having just given up one post with the Greater Glasgow Division of the Girls' Brigade after 6 years has now been elected as its President. How she manages to fit everything in I don't know, but we wish her too every blessing.

The other good news is that the Parishes of Condorrat and Cumbernauld Old have been granted full funding to take on an Emerging Church Development Worker which, although part time (20 hours per week), will be for 3 years. Probably to be called Points North Development Worker (because the focus will be on the areas of the 2 Parishes to north of A80/M80). The person appointed will be responsible for fresh expressions of Church life in these areas. The advert for the post is in this Parish News. This has come out of the Area Grouping discussions. It is also hoped to have a Children and Families Worker but funding for that has yet to be identified.

The Kirk Session is looking to put together a Welcome Pack of local information for people new to

the Church or the Parish so if you have any ideas or information for that then please do speak to Gordon Ross.

Having had a quick look through the minutes of the last meeting of the Kirk Session away back in mid-June I think that is all I need to mention so far as that is concerned.

There are, however, two other things I do need to mention. First (and perhaps I should have covered this at the very start of these notes as it is a real priority) our search for a new minister still goes on. Just about the time of last Parish News and more recently there were a couple of encouraging signs but it was not to be and so the Nominating Committee works on. We have updated our Parish Profile and a new advert is in September's Life and Work magazine so we pray that we might soon find the person God has out there for us. Second, there is the Sanctuary Refurbishment project. Having obtained the major consents/ approvals needed, this has reached the stage where, what I recognise is a very considerable sum to be able to implement, it has to be found/raised. A group to deal specifically with that has been set up. The requirements of grant/loan bodies can be complex so the task is not straightforward and will be time consuming. This may mean that for a while it will seem that nothing is happening but please understand that there is a lot to be done on the funding side.

Until next Parish News
*May God Bless, Guard
and Guide you.*

Harvey Baird



Essentials for Survival In Today's World

You would need a toothpick, a rubber band, a sticking plaster, a pencil, an eraser, chewing gum, a mint, a candy kiss and a teabag.

Why?

1. The toothpick to remind you to pick out the good in people.
2. The rubber band to remind you to be flexible.
3. The sticking plaster to remind you to heal your own hurts and those of others.
4. The pencil to make a daily note of your blessings.
5. The eraser to remind you that everyone makes mistakes and most can be put right.
6. The chewing gum to remind you to stick at things.
7. The mint to remind you that you're worth a mint.
8. The candy kiss to remind you that everyone needs affection every day.
9. And a teabag? To remind you to relax and to think of all the good things in life

Did You Know.....

- If we have anything other than a dirt floor in our home we are in the top 50% of wealthy people in the world.
- If we have a roof, doors and windows in our home we are in the top 20%.
- If we have a refrigerator we are in the top 5%.
- If we have a car, microwave and a door to our toilet we are in the top 1%.

So ain't we richer than we think?

Church Register

Deaths: “*Blessed are they who die in the Lord.*”

(* member)



June

2nd	Sarah (Cissie) Woods	Carrickstone.
3rd	David Hutchieson	Westfield.
7th	James (Jimmy) Barclay	Carrickstone.
15th	Archie McCreath	Cumbernauld.
18th	Lyle Stalker	Westfield.
19th	Annie Little	Westfield.
26th	Roseann Donald	Darroch Nursing Home.
26th	Patricia Mundy	Darroch Nursing Home.

July

1st	Ann Kidd	Westfield.
1st	Samuel Brown	Westfield.

August

6th	Agnes (Nancy) Buchanan Brown	Darroch Nursing Home.
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Baptism: Jesus said, “*Go then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*”

June

13 th	Mackenzie James Rose	son of Philip and Gillian of Carrickstone.
27 th	Hannah Claire Jayne Robb	daughter of David and Kirsty of Condorrat.



July

27 th	Jorja Amelia Reid	daughter of John and Sandra of Condorrat.
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The Fellowship & Prayer Group

Thursday Afternoons 1.30—3pm. in Church House.



All are welcome to this informal time of Discussion and Fellowship with approximately 15 minutes of Prayer.

If you need a friend, He is a friend that sticks closer than a brother (Proverbs 18: v 24.)

If you need love, He is the lover of your soul (John 3: v 16.)

If you need comfort, He is the comforter. (John 14: v 16.)

If you need forgiveness, He is a the God of forgiveness (Nehemiah 9: v 1.)

If you need protection, He is your strong tower.....(Proverbs 18: v 10.)
.....and your shield. (Psalm 33: v 20.)

If you need strength, He is the god of your strength (Psalm 43: v 2.)

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth; rebuking error; correcting faults; and giving instruction for right living.
2Tim. 3: vs16,17.

Valerie Armstrong

Tel: **737777**

Remember: - Boxes are available at the inner doors for prayer requests.



Hi Folks,

We are back again after the Summer recess although not a great deal has happened since the last edition of the Parish News.

The next Congregational Board meeting takes place on Tuesday the 21st September 2010, when we hope to be setting out the plans for our new session of Social events, Property and Finance. We are hopeful that the Sanctuary Refurbishment Fund-raising is proceeding to the next stage.

The Sanctuary Refurbishment Fund Committee are looking for **volunteers** to assist in sourcing the money (approximately £350,000) to carry out this project. If you are willing to become a member of this Committee please speak to Mrs Lorna McKeown or myself. We are looking to all members of the congregation to help. **YOU are needed now!**

The Property Committee have been carrying out various work during the past few months. A number of items at the manse have been undertaken; a new combi-boiler is being installed; exterior wood and paint work is in the process of being done; and quotes are being sought for a new bathroom suite. Our tenants in the Manse have been there for a year and both they and ourselves are pleased with the arrangement. We are receiving a good income which will go towards any major work around the Manse

before a new Minister arrives.

Church Organisations are beginning their new sessions and using the halls again and at this point I ask that each and everyone (*leaders and members*) ensure that our halls and kitchen are clean and tidy at the end of each night. We also have the Playgroup, which runs Monday to Thursday mornings and the Dance Academy each Friday - 4.00 to 8.00pm. Once again *please keep the premises tidy*. Would everyone also ensure that cars are parked sensibly in the car parks, *not in front of the hall doors*.

The Social Committee will be planning the new session of social events which will need everyone's support there will be something for everyone, so watch for their events and dates.

The Finance Committee encourage everyone who are Taxpayers to consider (if you do not already) Gift Aid which does not cost **you** anything but **we** can claim back from the Taxman a percentage of your weekly Giving, for further information please speak to Mr John Allan.

God Bless you all

Gordon Ross



A Lesson for Life...

A church in Atlanta was honouring one of it's senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at the time, so why even bother to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age?

After a warm welcome and introduction and as the applause died down, he rose and slowly walked, with great effort, up to the pulpit. With no notes of any kind he placed both hands on the lectern to steady himself, and then quietly and slowly he began to speak.

'When I was asked to come today to talk to you, I was asked to tell you of the greatest lesson ever learned in my 50 odd years of preaching. I thought about this for a few days and it boiled down to just one thing that has made the most

difference in my life and has sustained me through all my trials in life. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heart-break, pain and sorrow paralysed me. was this verse...

Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
We are weak but He is strong
Yes, Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so.'

When he finished, the church was silent. You could actually hear his footsteps as he shuffled out of the pulpit and returned to his seat in the congregation.

That was a moment not to be forgotten by all attending that day.

Now here is a 'Senior' version of that well-loved hymn

*Jesus loves me, this I know
Tho' my hair is white as snow
Tho; my sight is growing dim
Still He bids me trust in Him
Chorus...*

*Tho' my steps are oh so slow
With my hand in His I'll go
On thro' life, let come what may
He'll be there to lead the way.
Chorus...*

*When my work on earth is done
And life's vict'rys have been won
He'll take me to heaven above
Then I'll glory in His love
Chorus....*



Church Flowers

August

1st	Mrs. Rankin
8th	Mrs Hamilton
15th	Mrs Marshall
22nd	Mrs McColl
29th	Mrs Ward



Tea Rota

September



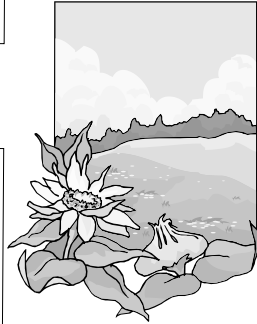
5th	Mrs Gibson, Mrs Graham.
12th	Mrs Flavell, Mrs Rankin
19th	Mrs McRae, Mrs Wales
26th	Mrs Mitchell, Mrs McKinnon



Church Flowers

September

5th	Mrs. Shilliday
12th	--
19th	Mrs Bolling
26th	Mrs Fleming



Why not come along and join us for a cup of Tea/Coffee after the Services on a Sunday?

Enjoy a bit of chat and fellowship you may find you wish to help out!

*See Mrs Mary Innes.
or John Clark*

Many, many thanks to all who help beautify the Sanctuary each week with flowers ; and also to those who deliver them to the deserving.

Please Note

There are some diary dates free for 'Flowers for the Sanctuary'.

Please contact any office-bearer at the church door any Sunday should you wish to make this donation.



Churches in Cumbernauld

Please continue to remember our Parish in Prayer.

Prayer for Condorrat

*Circle Condorrat, Lord.
Keep protection near and danger far.
Keep hope within and despair without.*

*Circle Condorrat, Lord.
Keep light near and darkness far.
Keep peace within and anxiety without.
Eternal Father, Son and Holy Spirit
shield Condorrat on every side.*

Sunday Fellowship - Tea Rota



After several years, Mrs Mima Mitchell has decided to 'hang up her tea towel' and we take this opportunity to 'Thank' her for all her help during that time. Over the last year we have seen a lot of illness within our group but have managed to keep the tea and coffee brewing on Sunday mornings. Should any ladies, or gentlemen, feel able to 'give us a hand' we would be delighted to you join us on the rota. Please contact John Clark (733108) or Mary Innes (736499).

'Parish News'

Articles for the October Issue should be given to Taylor Logan by Sunday, 26th September 2010.

or by e-mail to : tayval@tiscali.co.uk

Our thanks to all who promptly deliver 'Parish News' to our members



1st Condorrat Company The Boys Brigade



Summer is over for another year and so begins a new Session.
I hope everyone has had a "cool" (*this, I believe, is the in word*) summer, and are refreshed, ready to go!!
Start dates for **all Sections**:-

Anchor Section - Monday, 6th September 6-30pm
Junior Section - Thursday, 9th September 7-15pm
Company Section - Monday, 6th September 7-00pm
All sections meet at the church hall.

The Junior Section night will be a 'games night', rather than just enrollment.
Recruiting leaflets are available at the following schools for new members wishing to join:-

Condorrat Primary Baird Memorial Westfield Primary

Company web site – <http://1condorrat.boys-brigade.org.uk>

Tel.: 01236 611317

Andrew Eadie
Captain.

The Guild

Since last writing, the Guild have attended the Summer Rally and, with members and friends had a most enjoyable Summer Outing to Biggar and Peebles - even the sun shone on us!

Our new session on **Wednesday, 6th October at 7.30pm** when we hope to follow our theme '*Called to love Mercy*'. We welcome all our members, old and new, to join us.

Forthcoming Event:

We are planning another outing to the Falkirk Bohemians production of '*Sweet Charity*' on Wed. 27th October. Anyone wishing to come that evening should contact Jess McCallum (720788), Margaret Brack- enridge (458506) or myself (736499).

Bus/Ticket/Programme will be **£12.50** all inclusive.

Mary M Innes
Secretary

Each day is a gift from God
Have you said 'thank you' today?

1stst CONDORRAT GIRLS BRIGADE

It seems no time at all since the Parents Evening and here we are ready to start back for another session - but some of our girls have been *busy* during the summer break.

On Sunday 30th May at Glasgow Cathedral, **Nicola Kerr** and **Katie MacLennan** were both Commissioned as **Lieutenants** in our Company.

Also **Gillian Wardhaugh** was presented with her Brigader **Brooch**, the second highest award in the Girls' Brigade at Glasgow City Chambers on Tuesday 8th June at the Greater Glasgow Division AGM.
WELL DONE!!..Gillian

The 15th July was a very special day for two of our Officers. **Nicola Hutton** and **Nicola Kerr** were presented with their **Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards** at Holy- rood Palace and The Duke of Edinburgh spoke to both Girls. I think our two 'Nicolas' are the first girls in the Company to achieve the **Gold Award**. They have worked very hard over the last three years to achieve this.....so..... WELL DONE !!... girls.

Our new session started on **Tuesday 31st August**:-

Explorers	<u>Primary 1,2,&3</u>	6.30pm--7.30pm
Juniors	<u>Primary 4,5,6 & 7</u>	7.30pm--9.00pm
Brigaders	<u>Secondary S1---6</u>	7.30pm--9.00pm

All girls of these ages are most welcome.

Sheila Fraser
Captain

<p>The Brownies Condorrat Brownies start up on 6th Sept. meeting in Lomond Hall, Condorrat Mondays, 7pm-8.30pm .</p>	<p>Sunday Club We commence the new session meeting in the church hall on SUNDAY 12th September.</p>
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From the Treasurer

<u>Offerings (2010)</u>	FWO	Ord.	Bank/D.D	Total	Wk Avge
Jan-Mar (1st Qtr-13weeks)	£7,202	£1,404	£3,686	£12,293	£946
April (4 weeks)	£2,267	£618	£1,212	£4,096	£1,024
May (5 weeks)	£2,685	£492	£1,294	£4,471	£894
June (4 weeks)	£2,643	£551	£1,455	£4,649	£1,162
2nd Qtr (13 weeks)	£7,595	£1,660	£3,961	£13,216	£1,0172
July (4 weeks)	£1,958	£457	£1,434	£3,849	£962
Total (30 weeks)	£16,756	£3,521	£9,081	£29,358	£979

All members are encouraged to continue to review their givings to ensure that we have sufficient finance to meet our needs in our work and witness to our Lord.

Remember ... GIFT AID !

John Allan

	2010		2009		Change	
	Total	Average	Total	Av'ge	Total	Av'ge
30 weeks Jan - Apr 2010	£29,358	£979	£28,637	£955	£721	£25
12 Months Budget 2010/ Actual 2009	£52,500	£1,010	£50,360	£968	£2,140	£42
August 2009 to July 2010	£51,081	£982	£51,254	£986	-£173	-£3

Our Budget for 2010 is looking for a Weekly Average of **£1,010**...which amounts to **£42/week higher** than 2009. Now while we are £31/week below Budget for the 30 weeks to the end of July, we are £25/week higher than the same period last year. This shows an improvement on figures reported in June but it should be noted that although the 12 months to July 2009 amounted to £51,254, the 12months to December 2009 *fell* to£50,360.....a drop of £894 or £16/week! Hopefully this present improvement for 2010 will continue and Giving levels will be maintained or increase.

John Allan

ARRIA..... arrives!!

Have you seen our latest representative of Cumbernauld? What's it called?.....No *not* Cumbernauld, but..... **Arria!** It has been located on the north side of the A80/M80(?) between Auchinkilns Interchange and the Old Inns Junction. There also appears to be a car park for 'close-up' viewing at it's base.



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Mary M Innes
Secretary

My Dear Friends

In our human life there is always an element of paradox.

There is always a great..... *NEVERTHELESS*..... in our lives.

In the inescapable tension between opposing aspects of our experience, where the facts of life have a disconcerting way of confounding our carefully thought out theories, there is always an element of paradox to derange the symmetry of our logic. The truth of life is so constructed that at its heart there is always a great.... *NEVERTHELESS*.

The writer to the Hebrews said "*No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous but grievous - nevertheless afterwards it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness*"

Chastening *IS* grievous. It means the things that hurt; the things that mystify; the things that search the soul and leave deep scars behind. Trials and Suffering are not illusions for there is no virtue in pretending that darkness is not sometimes terribly dark or the brutal facts are not brutal. Chastening is not joyous.....but *Grievous!*

But here in this Epistle is a man to whom quite desperate trouble has failed to embitter. He has found the secret of victory and unbroken self-mastery. What is his secret? Here is the answer.....*NEVERTHELESS*.....

Life's disciplines may hurt and grieve*NEVERTHELESS*...afterwards, and with that, out of the very heart of his trouble, he brings forth the prize....
'Nevertheless afterwards it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness.'

**Thatis the answer and for us.
That is the rainbow arch across the storm.
*'NEVERTHELESS afterwards it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness.'***

John Jenkinson

The Social Committee

With the 'summer break' and holidays over, and we look forward to the future and raising church funds, the Committee are working hard to organise events for the 2010/11 year.

We start the session with a

COFFEE MORNING on Saturday, 18th September from 10am -12noon. Donation Tickets...£1.50.

Donations of home-baking etc. will be gratefully received for this event. We also hope as many of the congregation as possible will support us on the day

Let me take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support.

Lorna McKeown.
(Social Convener)



JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Emerging Church Development

Points North Development Worker, Cumbernauld

Passionate about Christian mission?.....Interested in new patterns of church?.....
A networker and motivator?.....A self-starter with a pioneer spirit?

The parish churches of **Cumbernauld Old** and **Condorrat** are about to appoint an **Emerging Church Development Worker** at 20 hours per week for 3 years.

The **Points North Development Worker** will be responsible for identifying and initiating potential opportunities for fresh expressions of church life and other appropriate mission strategies within the designated area.

The role will be phased :

- Phase *1* a relational, networking role of researching the area and making contacts with people (6-12 months)
- Phase *2* a pro-active role, building on these relationships, of team-building and initiating the appropriate fresh expression of church presence in the area (24-30 months)

A qualification in mission or community work or relevant experience will be an advantage.

The successful candidate will be subject to enhanced disclosure checks.

Salary: £13,000 based on 20 hours per week, plus expenses and training budget.

For job description or informal discussion contact:

Donna Patrick, Tel: 01236 614728

e-mail: donnaelainepatrick@hotmail.co.uk

Closing Date: Friday 24 September 2010

(Interviews will take place on the evening of 14 October 2010.)