

South Shawlands Church

Monthly Intimation Sheet

July & August 2009



Sunday Worship Services

July Services

Sunday July 5th 2009

Morning Worship: 11:00 am

Worship Team

South Shawlands Church

Sunday 12th July 2009

Morning Worship 11: 00 am

Rev. Hilary McDougall (Associate Minister at Cambuslang)

Sunday 19th July 2009

Morning Worship: 11:00 am

Sunday 26th July 2009

Morning Worship: 11:00 am

August Services

Sunday 2nd August 2009

Morning Worship: 11:00 am

Sunday 9th August 2009

Morning Worship: 11:00 am

Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated.

Sunday 16th August 2009

Morning Worship: 11:00am

Sunday 23rd August ~~2009~~

Morning Worship: 11:00am

Sunday 30th August ~~2009~~

Morning Worship: 11:00am

Guest Preacher Rev John Jackson

Midweek Services

Wednesday July 22nd

Midweek Service 8:00 pm

Wednesday August 19th

Midweek Service 8:00pm

OPEN DOOR.

The open door meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am till 11:30 am in the Muir Hall. It welcomes everyone from the community young and old who wishes to drop in for a cup of tea or Coffee and a chat.

Ministers Vacation

Mrs. Gardner will be off duty from Monday 29th June till Tuesday 14th July inclusive- For any pastoral duties please contact Rev. Margaret Whyte. She can be contacted on Tel. 0141 649 0458.

We will celebrate two weddings over the Summer period and we wish both couples all the best in the years to come.

Tuesday 4th August- David Thomson to Joan Nellany at 2:30pm

Saturday 22nd August- Vernon Rodger- Jillian Couto at 2:30pm

Tape Ministry

Each Sunday the morning service is recorded and a tape is made available for anyone wishing to listen to the service. Please contact Anne Gilfillan if you require a tape for any housebound folks that would appreciate a copy.



PRAYER

A group meets to pray most Sunday mornings at 10:10am in the corner of the sanctuary. Please feel free to join us and share in a vital time of prayer in preparation for morning worship. There is no pressure to participate in open prayer - God hears silent prayer in our hearts as well.



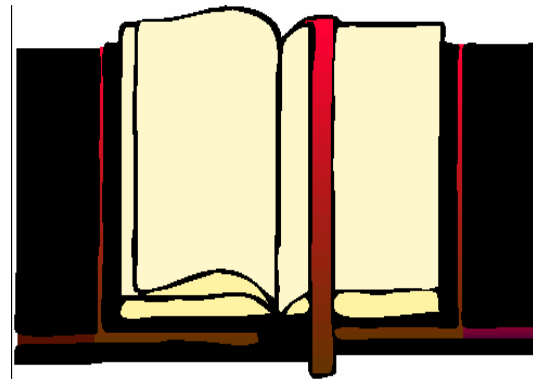
PRAYER CIRCLE

From time to time (usually every couple of months) a list of prayer points are circulated by e-mail. If you have access to e-mail and would like to be included in this list, please contact Sandy Meiklejohn on Sunday mornings
or e-mail: sandym1@ntlworld.com

Readings in Church

There is a new list of dates on the wall in the Muir Hall for those who would like to contribute to worship by reading the scripture lesson on at Sunday services.

Please add your name at a date that suits you.



MONTHLY INTIMATION SHEET

Our monthly intimation sheet is edited by Andy Russell. If you have an event, or a Coffee Morning or any other items which you want to be included send them to **Andy by the 20th of the preceding month.** The more notice you give of your event, the longer it can be advertised. Items for the September sheet **Must** in Andy's hands by the **20th** August at the latest.

Andy's contact details are Phone:- 01441 649 7467
e-mail:- puffertrain@aol.com

PASTORAL CARE

Anyone wishing to speak to Fiona Gardner about any pastoral matter is welcome to do so after any service of worship, or by telephoning her at the manse (0141 632 0013) at any time.

CHURCH WEBSITE

David Thomson is happy to put articles on the church web site. If anyone has information/articles etc, they would like to send him his e-mail address is: dlthomson@btinternet.com

Waverley Trip

Don't forget to book your tickets for our centenary trip aboard the Paddle Steamer Waverley to Helensburgh. The deadline for ticket purchase is Sunday 26th June. This promises to be a great day out for our church.

BIBLE MEDITATION:

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

People join churches today with wrong expectations. They think that church membership guarantees blessings and no burdens. Some think that God is just a heavenly cafeteria. And if it doesn't work out as they wish, they say, "Well, it's not paying off! I thought if I gave my heart to Jesus, then He would supply everything I wanted and I'd have no more worries." People fall away because their expectations are not met. Let me tell you what real faith is.

Real faith is not just receiving from God the things you want. Real faith is accepting from God the things He gives.

ACTION POINT:

How are your spiritual eyeglasses? Are you looking at life with the eyes of the Lord and trusting that He will provide, not necessarily what you want, but what you need?

BIBLE MEDITATION:

"And therefore will the Lord wait, that He may be gracious unto you."
Isaiah 30:18

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Many times the Lord will deliberately delay that He may be gracious to us. When Lazarus fell sick, his family sent for Jesus. Instead of coming immediately Jesus waited (see John 11:1-46). He held back until Lazarus was dead. And if you read John 11:15, you'll see that He said, "I'm glad," because He had something greater in mind. God waited four thousand years to send the Lord Jesus Christ after He made that promise. But Galatians 4:4 says He came in the fullness of time. Never late, never ahead of time, never in a hurry.

ACTION POINT:

Are you in a waiting game...praying days, weeks, months, even years, for something and God hasn't answered? Be still and know that in the fullness of time, your request will be answered.

Summer Prayer Points

Almighty God, You hold the future in Your hands. Give us wisdom today to prepare for the needs of tomorrow in every area of our lives. Continue to build Your Church that it may fulfill Your purposes and do Your will.

Thank You, Father, for Your unfailing love and mercy towards us. When we are weak and helpless You give us comfort and relief. Help us always to come to You with every need and put our trust in Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, give us increasing passion and boldness to tell others about Your love and grace and lead us to people whose hearts are hungry for truth. May our lives honour you as we learn to follow Christ in all we say and do.

Thank You, for all the Christian summer camps and holiday clubs that are arranged for children and young people. Keep all those participating safe and give patience and energy to the leaders as they share the gospel and organise the activities.

Thank God for the energy, creativity, and passion that is evident in so many young Christian people. Pray that they will grow in their faith and develop their natural and spiritual gifts to serve God and make a positive difference in the society in which they live.

Thank You, Lord, for the dedication and talent of Christian youth workers. Give them special insight and ability to befriend and encourage the young people they meet in schools, on the streets, through sport and particularly through the many summer activities, so that many are motivated to follow Your ways.

Thank You for all the amazing stuff we can access on the internet to find information, keep in touch with friends, and have fun. Help children and young people to be sensible about how much time to spend on the computer.

Pray for Christian Solidarity Worldwide, working on behalf of those persecuted for their Christian beliefs and promoting religious liberty for all. Pray that their work will continue to influence governments and key decision-makers. Please remember Christians worldwide who are currently subject to harassment, attack and imprisonment as a result of their faith.

Remember especially Jane Petty in Darfur as she gets to grips with the many difficulties in that situation. Give her the physical stamina she needs.

CONCENTRATION

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. – ISAIAH 26:3 ESV