

Are you a visitor to our church? WELCOME. Please sit in any seat and we hope you will feel at home and at peace as you share worship with us.

A Harvest Lunch will be served in the hall after this morning's worship. Please come and join us.

The Guild - The Ardrossan Presbyterial Council meeting this autumn will be held in St Margaret's Church, Dalry on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct at 2pm. The Guild Secretary, Iain White, will speak on 'The Golden Age Project' - a subject we touched on last session. **There will therefore be NO Guild meeting in Livingstone on Tuesday**

A short Wednesday morning service is held in the church hall at 10.30am and a warm invitation is extended to all.

Sunday Smiles *Isn't it funny how red, white and blue can represent freedom until ... they're flashing behind you !!!*

FIRE ALARM If the fire alarm siren is activated within the Sanctuary or the halls, except if instructed otherwise, the congregation is to proceed to the front doors of the church without delay. Anyone within the halls or kitchen should exit by the side doors.

Intimations I would ask that all intimations be available to me for printing by the Wednesday before you would like them in print. Sandra Palmer 466140 or [intimations@livingstonechurch.org.uk](mailto:intimations@livingstonechurch.org.uk) If I receive an email I will always (!) send acknowledgement of receipt. Thank You

The Church website - The address is: [livingstonechurch.org.uk](http://livingstonechurch.org.uk)

Communications: -If you wish a visit from the minister or your elder, or if you know of someone who is ill or in hospital, please leave a note on the memo sheets on the table in the vestibule

Organist Mary Munn

Office Bearers Catherine Reid, Alan Roy (Bible), Joan Smith, Arthur Taylor

Tea / Coffee Harvest Lunch

JAM Club

**Sunday 11th Oct**

Office Bearers Andrew Tomlinson (Bible), George White, Jim Wilson & Bobby Bendelow

Tea / Coffee Mary Wilson & May Stevenson

JAM Club

Welcome to  
**LIVINGSTONE PARISH CHURCH**

4<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 11.30am

Preacher: **Sandy Hershaw**

Meet with God in silence as the Bible is borne into the church

Hymn 1 CH4 230

Praise God for the harvest

PRAYER

J.A.M CLUB Presentation

Children's Talk

Give generously

Hymn 2 CH4 232

Pears and apples, wheat and grapes

READING

Psalms 37 : 21 - 31

READING

Luke 6 : 27 - 36

Hymn 3 CH4 231

For the fruits of all creation

SERMON

Be generous to everyone

Hymn 4 CH4 706

For the healing of the nations

OFFERING

PRAYER

Hymn 5 CH4 253

Inspired through love and action

BENEDICTION

**Hymn 1 CH4 230**

**Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field,**  
praise God for the people who gather their yield,  
the long hours of labour, the skills of a team,  
the patience of science, the power of machine.  
<sup>2</sup> Praise God for the harvest that comes from afar,  
from market and harbour, the sea and the shore;  
foods packed and transported, and gathered and grown  
by God -given neighbours, unseen and unknown.  
<sup>3</sup> Praise God for the harvest that's quarried and mined.  
when sifted, and smelted, or shaped and refined;  
for oil and for iron, for copper and coal,  
praise God who in love provided them all.  
<sup>4</sup> Praise God for the harvest of science and skill,  
the urge to discover, create and fulfil  
for dreams and inventions that promise to gain  
a future more hopeful, a world more humane.  
<sup>5</sup> Praise God for the harvest of mercy and love,  
from leaders and peoples who struggle and serve  
with patience and kindness, that all may be led  
to freedom and justice, and all may be fed.

**Hymn 2 CH4 232**

**Pears and apples, wheat and grapes,**  
many textures, many shapes;  
falling leaves in golden drifts,  
thank you God for all your gifts.  
<sup>2</sup> flashing shoals of glistening fish,  
every colour you could wish;  
fishing boats for you and me  
reap the harvest of the sea.

<sup>3</sup>

Deep beneath the ocean floor  
Fuel and power have lain in store,  
Brought to us through dangerous toil,  
Thank you, God, for gas and oil.

<sup>4</sup> Coal and diamonds in the earth,  
minerals of priceless worth;  
skill and labour now combine  
reaping harvest of the mine

<sup>5</sup> Earth and ocean, plant and beast,  
all together make a feast;  
all who long to share your grace  
at your table have their place.

<sup>6</sup> Loving Lord, we know you care;  
let the world your goodness share;  
save us from our selfish greed,  
finding you in those in need.

**Hymn 3 CH4 231**

**For the fruits of all creation**

thanks be to God;  
for these gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God:  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe - keeping,  
thanks be to God.

<sup>2</sup> In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
In the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done;  
In our world - wide task of caring  
For the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvest we are sharing.  
God's will is done;

<sup>3</sup> For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,

most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God;

**Hymn 4 CH4 706**

**For the healing of the nations,**

Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for the just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.

<sup>2</sup> Lead us forward into freedom,  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.

<sup>3</sup> All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.

<sup>4</sup> You, Creator - God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find.

**Hymn 5 CH4 253**

**Inspired by love and anger,**

disturbed by need and pain,  
informed of God's own bias,  
we ponder once again:  
'How long must some folk suffer?  
How long can few folk mind?  
How long dare vain self-interest  
turn prayer and pity blind?'

From those forever victims  
of heartless human greed,  
their cruel plight composes

a litany of need:

'Where are the fruits of justice?  
Where are the signs of peace?  
When is the day when prisoners  
and dreams find their release?'

From those forever shackled  
to what their wealth can buy,  
the fear of lost advantage  
provokes the bitter cry,  
'Don't query our position!  
Don't criticize our wealth!  
Don't mention those exploited  
by politics and stealth!'

To God who through the prophets  
proclaimed a different age,  
We offer earth's indifference,  
its agony and rage:  
'When will the wrongs be righted?  
When will the kingdom come?  
When will the world be generous  
to all instead of some?'

God asks, 'Who will go for me?  
Who will extend my reach?  
And who, when few will listen,  
will prophesy and preach?  
And who, when few bid welcome,  
will offer all they know?  
And who, when few dare follow,  
will walk the road I show?'

Amused in someone's kitchen,  
asleep in someone's boat,  
Attuned to what the ancients  
exposed, proclaimed and wrote,  
A saviour without safety,  
a tradesman without tools  
Has come to tip the balance  
with fishermen and fools.

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