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Cathcart Baptist Church Newsletter



"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58 NIV

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Cathcart Baptist Church & Community Hub 96 Merrylee Road, Glasgow G43 2RA Scottish Charity No. SC006795 "Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." Revelation 3:19-20 NIV



October News & Events

- Don't miss our MOOT: Communion Meal on October 7th
- Sunday Evenings come along to **MOOT: Whole Life Worship** from 6:30-7:30
- **Prayer 1/1** returns Thursday 4 October from 6:30-7:30
- **Community Movie Night!** Join us in the Sanctuary on October 19th from 7-9 PM to catch the hit movie "I Can Only Imagine" featuring the life and testimony of Bart Millard, lead singer of worship band MercyMe. Popcorn provided and everyone's invited!
- Join us in the garden on Saturday 28 October from 12:30-2:00 PM for a Pic' N' Dig in the Urban Orchard
- Ladies Bible Study meets on Friday mornings in the Jubilee Room from 10-11:30 am.
- Wednesday Fellowship Group is back, 7-9 pm (location varies contact Harry Graham for info)

Opportunities for Service

- Fancy videography or media creation? Join our Media Team and help broadcast sermons and create content for various church events.
- Is your personal ministry to meet the needs of those in our greater church community? Consider donating some of your time each month to our new outreach mission.
- Get involved in serving our local schools by joining the Hillpark Chaplaincy team for games and hot chocolate at the Cozy Cafe at Hillpark Secondary on Wednesday afternoons.

Contact hello@cathcartbaptistchurch.online to sign up

All About Prayer 1/1

We love prayer! Whether it is easy or hard, stretching, passionate, silent, wondering, calling out sort of prayers, for ourselves, for our church family, for those around us and beyond us, we are taking time to meet for one hour, once a month, to pray. Head down to the Jubilee room (the garden room) for 6.30pm on Thursday 4th October, where we will be praying with prayer24/7 models towards acting justly, loving mercy and walking humbly with our God together.

What's On: CYMP!

Radiate Weekend Away 2018

This years Radiate Weekend Away was at Lendrick Muir, an activity centre owned by Scripture Union near Kinross.

26 young people from Cathcart Baptist, Cathcart Trinity, Cathcart United Free and Darnley United Free enjoyed a fun filled weekend of lots of activities: singing around the fire in the Kota (indoor bonfire site), biking, archery, low ropes course, adventure playground, football and inflatables. Thanks to the team of eight leaders and the catering team of three we were able to play a game of hunt the leader with a Greatest Showman theme on the Saturday evening.

We had two teaching sessions and Sunday morning worship and our teaching theme was God is Glorious! based on different Psalms.

Our personal highlights were:

- •Abigail and Jonah leading worship
- •The adventure playground in the rain
- •Not being found during Hunt the Leader until we came out of hiding

•Andrew enjoyed the biking which is good as he did three sessions

•Group discussions about the bible passages

Thanks for your continued support of Cathcart Youth Ministry Partnership SC039290

Andrew Brown, youth worker Cara Wightman, senior development worker



For more information, check us out on Facebook at Cathcart Youth Ministry Partnership, or email Cara at radiatecathcart@aol.com

Ker Illuminate (P7-S3):
2, 9, 23, 30th of October
from 6:30-8:00pm
Kaio (S4-S6):
2, 9, 23, 30 October
from 7:30-9:00 PM
THE POINT (P1-P7):
Wednesdays 3-5PM

Youth Cafe (P7-S6):

12 OCTOBER 7-9pm @ The Gateway







Praying Is Easy:

The Bridge

Nick Beasley - 8 Aug 2018 There is a bridge that I walk over every day. And every day when I walk over it, I pray the same prayer.



Now, the word 'bridge' is perhaps poetic license for something much closer to a train station overpass, (what with it literally being a train station overpass), but if this blog opened with the line, "I have a train station overpass that I walk over every day", I'm guessing you'd have stopped reading – and I think you know that's true.

Anyway, semantics. A couple of years ago, Pete Greig released a video encouraging people to take a piece of string or a leather band, whatever you had to hand, and tie five knots in it to represent five friends you'd love to see become Christians.

He said to tie that band around your wrist and pray for those people every day, one knot at a time. My friend Toby took a strap, tied five knots and put it on his wrist. He prayed every day, and within weeks, miraculously and gloriously, four of his five friends had become Christians.

I took my strap, tied my five knots and put it on my wrist. I did not like the way it felt on my wrist. I remembered I had never liked wearing things on my wrist and I removed the strap. I put the strap in my jacket pocket. I took my jacket off. Soon after, I got a new jacket. I do not know where the leather strap is.

Time went by, and, occasionally, I would remember to pray for my friends... and, often, I would forget. But Toby's story and Pete's challenge always stuck with me, so I decided to find an alternative to the strap. Now, as you know, there's a bridge I walk over day. It takes three minutes to walk from one end to the other.

And so I decided, that for those three minutes, I would stop listening to what I was listening to, stop texting who I was texting, and pray for those friends.

One at a time, each day of the week. The prayers aren't well articulated, they're often repetitive, but they are, as best as I can manage, faithfully prayed.

I don't like wearing stuff on my wrists. Sometimes I forget my jacket. But I walk that bridge every day, and as long as I keep walking it every day, I pray on it every day. And that's it. Because sometimes, praying is easy.

- Do you have regular time in intentional prayer?
- Which of our daily routines can we adjust to include conversations with our heavenly

Father?

Who around you could use prayer intercession right now?

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." -1 Thess. 5: 16-18

Minister's Mentions...

October...time of autumn harvests (I know – our harvest service is September this year, but these are the weeks of harvest!). I shared on this at our Church Life meeting, a couple of weeks ago – this year marks a change for us as a church. The video, of slides & audio from this 'big picture' part of the meeting together, is available as an email link – just let me know if you would like to have it sent through – if you're on our email system you will already have had the link sent.



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Please speak to Alicia or myself if you would like to access MyChurchsuite and open up opportunities for playing a greater part in what it taking place through the church.

REV. DR. DERRICK L. WATSON CATHCART BAPTIST CHURCH

Volunteer Glasgow's Young Persons Befriending Service provides support to isolated and vulnerable 8–18 year olds living in under funded areas of Glasgow. The service matches young people who are experiencing difficulties, with adult volunteers who are recruited, trained and supported.

The Service benefits three main groups: **1**. **Young People**, who will: build a relationship with a supportive adult; have opportunities for personal development and the potential for increasing resilience; have access to activities and community resources which had previously been out of their reach. **2**. **Befrienders**, who will: access a high quality volunteering opportunity; attend Foundation and ongoing training; gain or further develop skills and capacities valuable in the employment market; make a significant difference to a young person and a contribution to the community. **3**. **Communities**, which will see the addition to service provision to children and families. It is also the experience of YPBS (over a number of years) that participants in befriending have fun!

Befriending Glasgow regularly utilizes our cafe/kitchen at Cathcart Baptist for meetups to make brownies, cookies, etc. As one young woman who came in to use it to make brownies came in full of smiles and said 'I've missed this kitchen!' and an earlier message was left before that said 'Thank you for letting us back in the kitchen - we hope you enjoy this cake!' We love having this group in our community, and looking forward to partnering with them more in the future to make a positive impact in the lives of our young people.