



Joint Holy Week Services

Thursday 17th April 7.30pm at St Cyprian's
Maundy Thursday Communion

Friday 18th April - Walk of Witness
Starts 10.00am at Lenzie Old

Friday 18th April 7.30pm at Lenzie Union
Good Friday Service led by Rev Leslie Grieve
and Rev Julie Hearty

We are so lucky to have good people willing to come and minister to us during this period of change. Do come and join us on a Sunday morning. A warm welcome awaits

Services in Lenzie Union

Rev Leslie Grieve will lead our Sunday morning services at 11.00am throughout Lent on 30th March, 6th April and 13th April

Leslie will also lead our Easter Day service on Sunday 20th April at 11.00am

On Sunday 27th April Rev Donald Macleod will lead our worship at 11.00am

1st LENZIE COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE

The Company is delighted to announce further successes in National Competitions:

Chess – Having already been established as **Scottish Champions** three boys competed in the U.K final at the beginning of the month at B.B. Scotland Headquarters, Carronvale. The competition was tough but the team finished in 5th place, a very creditable result. The Lord Lieutenant of Stirling & Falkirk presented the **Scottish Winners Shield** and medals.

Under 15 five a side football - The team (6 boys from 1st Lenzie and 2 boys from 1st Cumbernauld) already **Scottish Champions** were in Lisburn, N. Ireland for the U.K. final on Saturday 22nd March. Most boys travelled by air, all accompanied by parents, although a few including the two officers used the ferry from Cairnryan to Larne or Belfast on the Friday. The majority stayed overnight at the Premier Inn, Lisburn. The team competed against the top two teams from England/Wales, the top two in N. Ireland, and the second placed team in Scotland. Three victories, two draws, 19 goals scored and 2 conceded resulted in the 1st Lenzie/1st Cumbernauld team being crowned **U.K. Champions** – a marvellous achievement for the boys who were absolutely delighted with their success.

Our annual display and presentation of awards will be held on Friday 28th March and we congratulate all the boys on being presented with service and achievement awards. We also congratulate those who receive special awards to mark particular successes. The Company will continue to meet until mid-May, after a break for Easter. The joint BB/GB end of session parade and church service will take place on Sunday 18th May.

A few boys attended the recent Strathkelvin Battalion annual church service in Torrance at which certificates were presented to P6 boys who had been three years in Junior Section.

We are still seeking **volunteers to undertake officer training before the start of next session**. We hope the successes of this session can encourage others to become involved! It is a worthwhile and rewarding experience guiding young people in their formative years.

Hugh Wright

Company Correspondent



Well done 1st Lenzie!



In the spirit of "You can't get enough of a good thing" – above is another picture of the UK Champions

You are warmly invited

Sundays Lighthouse starts in church and moves into the New Hall for crafts, stories and games. For primary age and younger

Sunday Bible Class for secondary age meets in church and moves to the Atrium for Chat, video, quiz with a message

Youth Café meets on Thursdays 3.45 for an hour of fun, food, games, chat, music and pool. For secondary age young people

**Messy Church in
LUPC New Hall
April 26th 4.00-5.00
*Children bring an adult!
You will both enjoy it!***

**New Day Singers
Are performing at the Guild
Monday 31st March 7.30pm**
Those who have enjoyed hearing them before know that they are a lovely group and well worth hearing. Please come along. Tea and coffee and baking afterwards
All welcome

Church Family News

The funeral service for Mrs Trish Mathieson took place at Bishopbriggs Crematorium on Friday 14th March. We give thanks for Trish and for her involvement in Lenzie Union over the years, and send love to her family and friends.



Lodging House Mission Easter Appeal

The Lodging House Mission are asking us to donate Easter eggs that can be shared with their guests at Easter time.

You can bring your eggs to the church service on Sunday 30th March and 6th April, or put them in the box in the New Hall foyer. Please add a label that says 'A Gift of Hope'

Thank you for helping to show love to the people in Glasgow who are in need.

Lenzie Union Manse, Larch Ave, Lenzie

At their meeting on 27th Feb, the Kirk Session considered the options for our manse in the near future. There were several factors to consider:

- As a new minister cannot be appointed until after the proposed union of LUPC and LOP takes place, the manse will potentially be vacant for a considerable time. The Church of Scotland are not keen for manses to remain empty.
- The current manse may not suit a new minister's family situation.
- Like many homes of a similar age, our manse is likely to need upgrading in order to make it as energy efficient as possible, something that is promoted by the Church of Scotland for manses today. It's possible we could do this work, but at significant cost.
- An empty manse brings responsibility both for the upkeep of the house and garden, and for the security of the property.

Having considered all this carefully, the Kirk Session, as Trustees of LUPC, then voted on two options - whether to begin the process of selling the manse, or whether to explore what would need to be done to upgrade the manse in order to make it more energy efficient.

The result was a majority in favour of selling the manse.

This will not happen immediately, but a small number of office bearers and members of the property and finance teams will make enquiries into marketing the property

The proceeds of the sale will be set aside for the purchase of a new manse, as have the funds realised by the sale of Lenzie Old's manse. The decision on what, and where, to buy will be taken by the united church.

I hope that this explains the reasoning behind the decision on the manse but as always please just ask myself, or your elder if there is anything you would like to know.

Thank you for your continued prayers going forward. Fiona Menzies, Session Clerk

You are also warmly invited

Daffodil Cup of Tea on Saturday 5th April

in LUPC New Hall **2.30 – 4.30pm.**
All welcome for a chance to have a blether.

And there is a lunch to look forward to in LUPC New Hall after the service on Sunday 11th May.

Bible and Blether Lunch Sunday 27 April'25

After the positive response to our first "Bible & Blether" in the autumn, our Mission & Discipleship Team invites you all to the next one! It will be held on Sunday 27 April after the morning service, led by

Donald MacLeod. Once again, there will be the opportunity to discuss few follow-up questions from the service, while enjoying a snack.

Lenzie Community Council will arrange a **Lenzie Community Festival** to take place on **Saturday 9th August** with events and activities happening around Lenzie - in the churches, Lenzie Rugby Club the Gatehouse and other locations from 10.00 till 4.00pm.

If you have skills and talents to offer or know others who do please email omalleydom@yahoo.co.uk

Lenzie Community Council is currently developing a **Local Place Plan**. If you would like to learn about it, be involved in its development, comment on the ideas, or make suggestions suggest please come along to one of our Information Days on **5th April 10-12** or **10th May 1.00 -4.00** in LUPC New Hall



John Leitch celebrating his 93rd birthday with friends at The Meeting Place earlier this month.

Happy Birthday John!

