



Dear Friends

'..And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there.' Matthew 18:20 (Message version)

The Lenzie congregations have been through a challenging time recently and it has sometimes taken an effort to maintain our enthusiasm, our good humour and our ability to understand all the changes that are going on around us.

We are so used to the circumstances in which we worship, and we are comfortable with the procedures followed in our normal worship, in our regular coming together, and generally in our church life. And our friends in Lenzie Old face the same challenges and others on top. Enthusiasm can wain.

God is present in all of this. He knows how we feel, he knows the uncertainty, the concerns we have. He knows we feel unsettled. But He has a plan for us - not only to find a way to be relaxed again. But to find a way to build a new, stronger, bigger family committed to showing the love of Jesus in all that we do. And that will involve not only accepting but embracing change and using it to help us demonstrate the love of Jesus in Lenzie. Hold fast.

Worship for April

Our services are opportunity to come together to worship as a church family, to support and encourage one another in faith, and care for one another.

We are very grateful to all those who have led our worship during this time of change.

Our thanks especially to Rev Leslie Grieve for his series of services throughout Lent, Leslie will continue to lead us on **Palm Sunday 29th March, and on Easter Sunday 5th April.**

Sunday 12th April - service will be led by **Rev John Campbell**

Sunday 19th April - monthly joint service in Lenzie Old Parish (no service in LUPC)

Sunday 26th April - led by **Mr John Nicolson**. Part of the service will focus on our work with children, youth and families.

A huge 'Thank You' also to the team who look after the Audio-Visual desk on a Sunday morning, and enable the service not only to run smoothly in the sanctuary but also to reach family and friends, near and far, via livestream.

Joint Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday - 2nd April 7.30pm at St Cyprian's Episcopal Church

Good Friday 3rd April - Walk of Witness Starts 10.00am at Lenzie Old Parish

Good Friday Service 3rd April 7.30pm at Lenzie Old Parish

Everyone is warmly invited to come along

RESPAWN GENERATIONS
For all ages

Palm Sunday - Sunday 29th March
After the morning services approx 12:20pm

Good Friday - 3rd April 12noon-2pm
Afternoon gathering

Venue: New Hall

Donations welcome

NEW GAME

- Light sandwich lunch & drinks
- Families playing together
- Safe, meaningful space for younger children
- Short Bible chat woven naturally into the afternoon

You are warmly invited to.....

SUMMER STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

FEATURING THE NEW DAY SINGERS

Accompanied by a delicious two course Summer Supper

FRIDAY 29TH MAY IN THE NEW HALL AT 6.30PM

Money raised will go to "Build South Africa" and Lenzie Union general funds

for more information talk to Janie Campbell

An invitation to Lunch!

There will be a lunch after the service on Sunday 26th April to which all are invited.

This is part of a special event, agreed by Session, to give thanks and celebrate the work with our children, youth and families. Come and hear from them what goes on while enjoying tasty food and warm fellowship!

There will be opportunity to consider giving an amount, as a 'one-off' or regular donation, specifically to help support this vital work. More information on this is contained elsewhere in Update, and also in the annual 'Money Matters' which you should receive around this time.

Messy Church Dates in

New Hall 4.00 till 5.00

25th April

16th May

13th June

Lenzie Loves Lego in

Session House 10.30-11.30

25th April

16th May

13th June



EXPLORING EASTER an all-age opportunity not to be missed!

Whatever you have planned to do this Easter weekend be sure to come along to our special Easter Event. Drop by between 2.00 and 4.00.

Come and hear the Easter story afresh as you move around our grounds, meeting 7 different characters from the Easter story, listening to their points of view and sharing their emotions and experiences.

The story rings true from the annoyance of the grumpy money changer at the temple to the worshipful dedication of the woman with perfume to the thoughtful contemplation of the disciple recalling the last supper

to the anguish and dilemma of Pilate unable to make a decision

to the total devastation of Peter when he realized he'd denied Jesus

to the Centurion at the cross and the surprising realisation of who Jesus really was!

to the bewilderment of Mary Magdalene and her total amazement that Jesus is alive!

Exploring Easter through drama



In the grounds of LENZIE UNION weather permitting (otherwise inside)

Saturday 4th April 2-4pm

Drop by anytime

For all ages

Easter trail

Hot cross buns

Charity No : SCO15287



What a thought proving, life changing experience. Not to be missed!

**Come along any time from 2.00 till 4.00
You don't need to stay all afternoon – but you can if you wish**

You will have time to chat over a cuppa and a hot cross bun

and if you have children with you, then go on an EASTER TRAIL and try a special EASTER ACTIVITY

- **Build South Africa 2026 Latest News!**
- It's been announced that our local team of twelve young people and young adults will be joining up with thirteen others from across the UK, enabling them to travel to South Africa as a group with Amor Europe, to build a home for a family living in poverty! It is hoped all 25 volunteers will meet up in late Spring at an introduction event before setting off altogether in July!
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- Since last year we've been busy raising money for the trip by hosting coffee mornings, car boot sales, afternoon teas, quiz nights, a concert, a ceilidh, and World Book Day celebrations. LUPC's own Emily and Jasmine held a very successful race night in the Kirkintilloch Miners, which was great fun and raised a tremendous £2062.
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- Thanks to the enthusiastic and generous support from the congregations of St David's Memorial Park and Lenzie Union Parish Churches, plus the wider Lenzie/Kirkintilloch community, it gives us great pleasure to announce the current fundraising pot sits around £20,000!! That is a phenomenal amount and gets us so close to our final target of £26,400.
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- To kick off the final round of fundraisers, first up is an 18 mile sponsored walk from the Kelpies in Falkirk to SDMP in Kirkintilloch by Charlotte on 4 April, Easter Saturday. Charlotte, at 15 years old, is the youngest member of our team and we wish her the best of luck with her challenge! If you would like to support her challenge, you can donate via her just giving page, or alternatively via our crowdfunder page (just reference "Charlotte Walk" and Catriona will allocate it against her name).
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- Otherwise the team remains busy preparing for more enjoyable events! There are plans for a car wash, another ceilidh, a country night, an all ages games evening, and hopefully a concert too. Look out for announcements on our Facebook page or via the Church website if any of these are of interest!

Finally, thank you to everyone who has lent their support - financial, prayerful, and even your presence at our events. It's all greatly appreciated and we couldn't do this without you.

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- Links:
- <https://www.facebook.com/share/1GPJ2wQCig/?mibextid=wwXlfr>
- <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/build-south-africa-2026>
- https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/becca-millarmartin?utm_medium=CF&utm_source=CL



We need you, dear members, as much as if not more so than ever, as we seek to continue our mission with the future of the church. Volunteers are always needed to help keep our organisations functioning and to be safe and welcoming places for children and families.

However, if you have read our Money Matters report by now you will realise

**OUR YOUTH NEED
YOU !**

that we have a financial priority to face up to ahead of a potential union with Lenzie Old later this year.

In short, we have not sustained income support for our main variable costs in recent years, that of our

Youth Worker and Pastoral mission work, leaving us with a significant shortfall at the year end. The current forecast for 2026 is not acceptable and Session agree that we must rectify the situation BEFORE we commence discussions with our friends at Lenzie Old.

Perhaps with the recent decision that the new church should use the Lenzie Union building as the place of worship under a union, the Lord has shown us a path forward for our mission work in the community as our commitment to young people and families was highlighted as a priority during our discussions with the delegation panel. As of today, it is essential that we are all prepared to step up to the mark with additional financial support, specifically for our youth work. Session have agreed to hold a special event next month at which an opportunity will be given to hear about such work and to offer your own support. The next Update will contain a form allowing you to respond to us, also available at the lunch on the 26th April.

We are clear that this support is urgent and needs to be additional and regular to achieve a sustainable future for our work with children, young people and families, existing and new members, going forward as a larger church. You are encouraged to give this your prayerful consideration and a positive response as you are able. Thank you.

Ken MacLeod, Treasurer

PIANO (ORGAN) PLAYERS WANTED



The church relies on a combination of resources when it comes to the provision of music for church services and other occasions. Some of this is provided by volunteers and we are always on the lookout for new talent to support the existing enthusiastic team.

We know there are many of you, young and older, who can play piano/keyboard to a reasonable standard, which is usually all that church music requires, and perhaps not utilising your talent as much as you would like. We maintain a light touch (no pun intended) when it comes to arranging our rota for playing, one designed to suit your own availability, probably no more than once per month would be the sort of commitment.

Please don't hide your talents away at home – why not consider coming along to support the team, or at least have a chat about what's involved. If we can interest you or someone you might know who would be interested, please get in touch with any of the music team or the Session Clerk.

It's a wonderful way to support the church and get satisfaction out of doing so!

1st LENZIE COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE



We are delighted to report that 1st Lenzie Company have retained their position as B.B. Scottish Chess Champions and attained the runner-up position in the U.K. (5th last year.) Three boys, Magnus Logan, John and Adam McConnachie travelled with their parents to N. Ireland two weeks ago for the B.B. U.K. final. (I had travelled earlier in the week with Sheila for a few days break!!) The journey for the boys did not start well with the ferry from Cairnryan to Belfast being delayed for over two hours, resulting in an 0100hrs arrival at their hotel in Bangor.

Nevertheless, they were up bright and breezy to travel the 10 miles to Millisle, Co. Down for an 0930 hrs start to compete against the top two teams from England/Wales, the top two teams from N. Ireland and the 1st Irvine Company who also qualified from Scotland.

In the first round each boy played one match against their opposite number from each of the other companies. 1st Lenzie secured 11 points out of 15, guaranteeing a 1st or 2nd place finish overall. In the final round each boy played a match against each boy in the opposing team. It was a very tense final game with the 9th Newtonabbey team (N. Ireland) eventually securing a 5-4 victory.

It was a great experience for the boys and although disappointed not to win, the runner-up position was a great achievement. Onwards to next year!!!

Nearer to home boys in the Junior Section took part in a 5 a side football event at Cumbernauld against JS teams from companies in the West of Scotland. This was a good experience for the boys with everyone receiving an award.

Boys from the Company Section recently enjoyed an evening at the Laser Quest Centre in Glasgow with boys from other companies in the Strathkelvin Battalion.

Our 62nd Annual Display and Presentation of Awards will take place on Friday 8th May in the New Hall at 7.15p.m. All are welcome.

Looking forward the Company have regrettably had to accept the resignation of three members of staff since the start of this year. Already operating understaffed this leaves us in a very difficult position for next session. We **URGENTLY** require more volunteers to come forward so if you or anyone you know may be interested, please contact me at hugh.wright7@ntlworld.com or telephone 0141 578 0608.

Hugh Wright, Company Correspondent



Junior Section Footballers



Company Section Chess Champions

1st Lenzie Girls' Brigade

'To seek, serve and follow Christ'

1st Lenzie Girls' Brigade celebrated their 50th anniversary with an afternoon tea on Sunday 22nd February provided by Stewart Catering. Many previous members, leaders and current supporters of the company attended and enjoyed a photo display showing GB past and present. The GB girls sang some choruses led by Rev John Campbell who encouraged everyone to join in. It was a joyful occasion and a chance for everyone to socialise and catch up with friends. Many thanks to everyone who supported the event as well as those who handed in donations for the company's funds. All the leaders, current and previous, as well as those who have given their time on Tuesday evenings to visit the company to lead sessions, have helped to make 1st Lenzie Girls' Brigade a welcoming and enjoyable place for girls to meet, where they can learn new things, make new friends, play games and do lots of craft. Anyone interested in their daughter joining the company should email 1stlenziegb23@gmail.com for details.

Do remember to look at the spring flowers, funded by Coda Estates, which the girls planted last year for the 50th anniversary and which are now coming up in the memorial garden in Victoria Road, Lenzie.



A Reminder from Trading standards

As the days lengthen and house and garden maintenance can fully begin again, traders may visit doorsteps looking for business. Remember:

- Say 'NO' to doorstep pressure. Never agree to work, or sign contracts on the spot. Legitimate businesses will provide a written quote and give time for you to consider.
- Never pay in cash. Fraudulent traders will often request cash to avoid a paper trail. Use traceable methods like bank transfers or credit cards for protection.
- Verify Traders. You can check vetted traders using the East Dunbartonshire Trusted Trader scheme, supported by the council and Police Scotland.

Any pressurised approach can be reported using:

- East Dunbartonshire Trading Standards call 0300 123 4510
- Police Scotland call 101 (or 999 if feeling threatened or in danger)
- Citizens Advice Consumer Service call 0141 775 3220 for free advice.

East Dunbartonshire Council – Lenzie Community Council Update on Planning applications

The deadline to submit a representation to the planning application for the new Lenzie Academy has been extended to 30 April 2026 at 5.00pm

You can access it by visiting [TP/ED/26/0104 | Erection of a secondary school including road access, landscaping, car parking, sports pitches, recreational areas and associated development - Whitegates Park Middlemuir Road Lenzie East Dunbartonshire](#)

A paper copy of the application can be viewed at Lenzie Library and Kirkintilloch Community Hub.

There have recently been two opportunities to view the plans for the current Lenzie Academy grounds which it is proposed would serve as mitigation for loss of green space at Whitegates. These can also be viewed on the EDC website

Lenzie Community Council meets on 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm We have met for many years in Dean House, however with there being no disabled access to Dean House in future we will meet at St Cyprians, 7.00pm. We hope disabled people will be encouraged to come along. Local residents have a limited time -10 minutes- at the beginning of the meeting to share their concerns with us. We are also looking for volunteers to serve on the Community Council. Please get in touch if you have a skill you can share, and wish to serve your