



Update from Lenzie Union 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

## Knowing Jesus and Making Him Known

In the Gospels we read the familiar story of Jesus calling ordinary people, fishermen and tax collectors among them, to be the first disciples. After the resurrection these men and women are sent out to 'go and make disciples of all people' (Matt 28 v19), and mission begins.

We too, in our ordinary lives, are called to do God's mission in this community and in the wider world. Our mission is to everyone.

Our new website ([lenzieunion.org](http://lenzieunion.org)) has the tag line 'Knowing Jesus and Making Him Known'. We don't need to write a gospel to do this, as some of the first disciples did. Instead we can use our words and actions – a phone call to someone in need, an open door to our hospitality or community events, our support for UK and overseas projects, erecting the cross at Easter. There are so many ways we already share God's love - take a look at the website and see!

In our discussions regarding the future of the church buildings in Lenzie, the Kirk Session have agreed that mission must be at the forefront of our thinking. Our buildings play a part in that mission, however the early disciples had very few buildings – yet the mission grew, and continues to grow to this day.

The emphasis is on the presence of Jesus with us – He assures us 'I am with you always' (Matt 28 v20). We can go in His strength.

Fiona

## Church Family News

A memorial service for **Duncan McIntyre** took place in the church on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. We give thanks for Duncan, not only for his service in Lenzie Union as a member and elder, but also for his contribution to so much in the local community. We send our love to Nan and all the family.

## Reminder!

Our joint Service of Remembrance on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November will be held in **Lenzie Old Parish Church**. The service will start at **10.50am**

## LUPC Guild

4<sup>th</sup> November

Rev. Dr Ruth Morrison from St Mary's Parish church will speak on the guild's theme "Sure Foundations"

18<sup>th</sup> November

LUPC will host TIME OUT

The New Website [www.lenzieunion.org](http://www.lenzieunion.org) is now live and needs a visit from you. Please tell us what is missing, what you would like to see on there, and, most of all, what you like about it!

## **Sunday Services**

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.**

Rev Dr Kleber Machado, service will include dedication of the Guild

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday 10.50 am**

Joint service in Lenzie Old Parish Church

**2.00pm** Short Act of Remembrance at Woodilee War Memorial

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November.**

Joint Cluster Service in St Mary's Parish Church, 11.00am

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November.** Mr John Nicolson.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.** St Andrew's Day Scout Parade Service in Lenzie Union

led by Rev Leslie Grieve.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December** Communion Service in Lenzie Union

## **Christmas Gifts for children who have been victims of domestic abuse.**

Over the past few years we have donated a good number of gifts to Women's Aid for the children of all ages. The Women's Aid have been very grateful for all that they received and say a big Thank You to everybody who has donated a gift.

Once again the Pastoral and Social Team will collect unwrapped gifts for boys and girls from 0 to teenager. The gifts will be delivered the first week in December. Please bring your unwrapped gifts to church on either Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November or Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Many Thanks

Sheila

**Coming Soon The Christmas Experience** Over the last 10 years the Primary 4 and 5 pupils from the local schools have enjoyed our multisensory Christmas drama and this year we plan to invite them to come along during the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> December. **The Christmas Experience** will also be open to the public on one evening that week SO WATCH OUT FOR THE DATE!

**Coming Soon Lenzie Loves Lego** will take place before **Christmas Messy church** on 7<sup>th</sup> December. Lenzie Loves Lego will run from 1.00 – 2.00 followed by Messy Church later at 4.00 till 5.00pm

**Coming Soon Bethlehem Experience – watch this space for the date**

## *You are warmly invited*

**Please join us for a special seasonal Afternoon Tea in the New Hall on  
Friday 6 December 2024 2pm. - 4.30pm.**

We look forward to welcoming you and your friends for a relaxing and enjoyable time together. Join us as a Church, and as a community to prepare to celebrate Christmas together.

To help us plan catering please call Janie Campbell on 0141 776 0874 or phone/text 07487 648495. Or Marion MacPherson on 0141 762 3515 or phone/text 07703 508455

No tickets needed, but you are invited to make a donation of £7.00 which will be given to support the work of The Lodging House Mission and Lenzie Union Church funds.

## *You are warmly invited every week to join us at...*



Meeting Place Wednesdays 10.00 – 12.00



Coffee Pot Fridays



10.00 – 12.00

**Sundays Lighthouse** starts in church and moves into the New Hall for crafts, stories and games

**Sundays Bible Class** meets in church and moves to the Atrium for Chat, quiz with a message

**Youth Café** meets on Thursdays 3.45 for an hour of fun, food, games, chat, music and pool

## *You are warmly invited regularly to join us at*



**Messy Church**  
In New Hall  
4.00 - 5.00pm  
**9<sup>th</sup>Nov + 7<sup>th</sup>Dec**



Lenzie Loves Lego 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.00



## BB and GB Weekend away

This autumn some of the youngsters from 1st Lenzie Boys' Brigade and 1st Lenzie Girls' Brigade enjoyed a fantastic weekend away to Abernethy Outdoor Centre at Nethy Bridge, run by the Abernethy Trust. We enjoyed a selection of activities including crate building, adventure course, zip wire, canoeing, raft building, climbing wall, aerial runway, Jacob's ladder and archery. At one point the boys on the raft competed against the girls in the canoes to collect balls around the canoeing pond – we won't say who won! Some of the brave young people also chose to jump into the water after their canoeing activity – it was very cold! Everyone had time to also go swimming in the indoor pool at the house and to play in the games room. In the evening there was a Christian session run by Abernethy, followed by an amazing camp fire and a movie night. After church on Sunday we played a scavenger hunt organised by the BB all around the house. It was a great weekend for everyone and the young people experienced new activities and enjoyed some independence. Thanks to the Abernethy staff and instructors for a great weekend.

*Hugh Wright and Anne Halliday*





## **A musical Treat!**

What a great evening of music and singing we enjoyed when Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir visited on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October. The audience were entertained by a selection of songs from the choir including musical theatre, opera and more traditional choir pieces, under the direction of their choirmaster Sally McLellan and accompanist David Burns.

We all appreciated the lovely supper that was served in the hall at the end

Over £1000 was raised and, after expenses, this will be shared between Crossreach and LUCP. Our thanks to the KMVC choir, and to everyone who contributed to the success of the evening.



## ***Upcoming Lenzie Community Events***

**Lenzie Community Council  
Information Afternoon  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
1.00pm till 4.30pm  
LUPC New Hall**

**Learn about local  
organisations, and events.  
and meet some of the people  
involved**

**And learn about volunteering  
opportunities for you in your  
community.**

**Lenzie Community Council thanks local  
sponsors for their support in enabling  
Lenzie Christmas Lights Switch On!  
30<sup>th</sup> November 5.00pm  
Santa arrives 5.30pm  
Lenzie Old Parish Church  
Music from Kirkintilloch Kelvin Band**

**Lenzie Community Council  
& Kirkintilloch Olympians  
Will work together to arrange the  
Lenzie Jog on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025  
Start the new year with a run  
Could you help marshal the course?  
Contact [omallevdom@vahoo.co.uk](mailto:omallevdom@vahoo.co.uk)**