

New Cumnock Parish Church September 2025



My dear friends.

that all our buildings will remain open our weekly events are also likely to continue. The time is here again for us to commence a new session in the life of our congregation.

We are on a journey which will continue in our church in New Cumnock with worship, for the foreseeable future, being held every Sunday morning at 11am.

As it is planned

However the Church is really a group of believers without which buildings are surely unnecessary!

The main purpose of the church is to allow us to celebrate our faith in God together, to encourage and develop our growth in that faith, and most importantly to bring others to our Lord.

As an institution we offer hospitality to our community and opportunities for them to meet in warm and comfortable atmosphere.

It is essential that we do not allow ourselves to exaggerate the social function of our church, useful as some of it may be! We must use it as a tool for spreading the Word, a tool for revealing to people something of the love of God.

The purpose of the church is made clear by Jesus when before his ascension he commanded his followers to go out and make disciples. That ought to be our main function in New Cumnock; to reach out and make disciples.

We need to be revisiting our call from Jesus to do this. We need to pray about it, discuss it and work out how we can do this.

I believe that the Church in the past may have been far too inward looking and complacent, focused often on its own denomination with

congregations in our towns and villages often competing with one another.

Our self interest has drawn us away from our Christian call and purpose!

We have unintentionally, in some cases, lost sight of the call of Jesus to make disciples. We have become complacent and have been diverted from our main purpose.

So this coming session let us all focus on the command of Jesus to make disciples, not only collectively as a church but as individuals as well.

We have been blessed recently to welcome and introduce 8 new members to our congregation. We extend a warm welcome to them and wish them well as we grow together in faith and love.

Let as many as possible, adults and children, respond on a Sunday morning when we hear the invitation, **Let us worship God!**

May the Lord bless and keep you all.

Best wishes,

Rev Ken



**New Cumnock
Parish Church**

*Coffee
Morning*

Saturday 6th September

In Church Hall

10am—12 noon

Dates for your Diary

September

Monday 1st	Property Meeting	10.30am
Monday	Open Door	2pm – 4pm
Wednesday	Prayer Time	6.45pm – 7.30pm
Thursday	Coffee Bean	9.45am - 11.45am
Saturday 6th	Church Coffee Morning	10am - 12 noon
Sunday 7th	Sacrament of Communion	11am
Tuesday 9th	Guild Songs of Praise	2pm
Tuesday 9th	Kirk Session Meeting	7pm
Wednesday 10th	Guild Packing Boxes	2pm

October

Tuesday 7th	Guild – James Fraser	2pm
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Next Magazine

If you would like to put an article in our December Magazine, please send an email to nancy241@hotmail.co.uk, or post to Nancy Young, Lochhill Farm, New Cumnock KA18 4PN. Articles must be received by Monday 3rd November.

Dear member, we read in Ecclesiastes chapter 3 these words, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens;".

At this time in the life of our church here in New Cumnock we continue to wait on what our next step will be. We continue to pray for the right decision to be made for our future, and we continue to trust in our Lord Jesus.

We are blessed indeed to have the Rev Ken Yorke as our Interim Moderator and he is very much involved in our church and community.

At this time I want to share with you the harsh reality of our financial situation in our church. Over the passed few months our income does not cover what our outgoings are and we cannot sustain this. We have indeed been very fortunate to receive local grant funding for specific projects to help keep our building in good order but for everyday running costs like heating & lighting & insurance this is not possible. For everyone who gives regularly, thank you! For those of you who haven't been to church for a while, please do come and join the fellowship on a Sunday morning. If you join us for worship then you are more likely to give

your offering.

Recently Rev Ken used the word "NOW" for his sermon, so I say to you, "Come, NOW is the time to worship"!

Make NOW the season for coming back to church to worship with us.

Our church treasurer Mrs McDicken has decided that the time for her to step down has come. Isabel has kept our church finances in great order for many years and we thank her warmly for using her talent in this. If you know of anyone with a financial background and who would be willing to use their talent, please do let myself or Isabel know.

As we step into Autumn, please do make it the season for coming back to church and giving of your time talents and money to the Lord.

With every blessing,

Morag Ferrans

Session Clerk



Finance

All 2024 Accounts have now been passed and also submitted to OSCR.

Things have improved a little but as I keep saying we need to be very aware of our expenses, and keep up with our offerings. We need to do this as at this time of big changes in churches. Please come along on Sundays if you are able, you will be very very welcome.

I am hoping to retire this year as treasurer after nearly 30years. This has been a great way for me to serve our church, there will be a separate item on this.

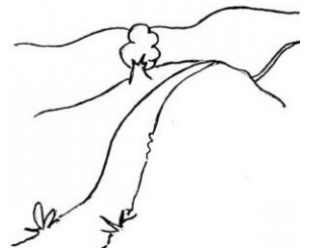
Isabel McDicken

Treasurer

We ask God's Blessings on all the work in Finance.

Again some wee items from some of my favourite books

*A Whole new time awaits us Lord, the path that we must tread,
and only you can see the way and just what lies ahead,
There is a challenge Lord, but a chance to start anew ,
but we need courage , strength and hope,
and love that comes from you,
Please walk beside us through this time and all our fears dispel,
then in our hearts we'll hear your voice,
"Go Forward All Is Well "*



Something to think about

Gift of Life

*This life is such a precious gift, and one we need to share,
And time is so important too, to show our love and care,
Some people need a kindly word, perhaps a cheerful smile,
And if we share the ones we have, It makes the day worthwhile.
The years can bring their problems,
Sometimes with stress and strife,
But always try to celebrate,
this special gift of life.*



(From Francis Gay Sunday Post)

Thank You

The New Cumnock Community Garden Group would like to give a big thank you to everyone who attended the open day on Sunday 10th August.

Despite being arranged at short notice the day was a great success and the kind donations from all were greatly appreciated. The money will go towards helping the group purchase flower plug plants for next years planters which are located at various locations in the village.

Maureen McClue



Sunday School

We in the Sunday School have been busy this summer investigating bible stories. Doing lots of crafts and playing games with a Christian theme.

We collected £49.29 for UNICEF for Children in War situations.

I would like to thank everyone for my Bible, although I have stopped Sunday School every week,
I will be helping some weeks

Margaret McCrindle

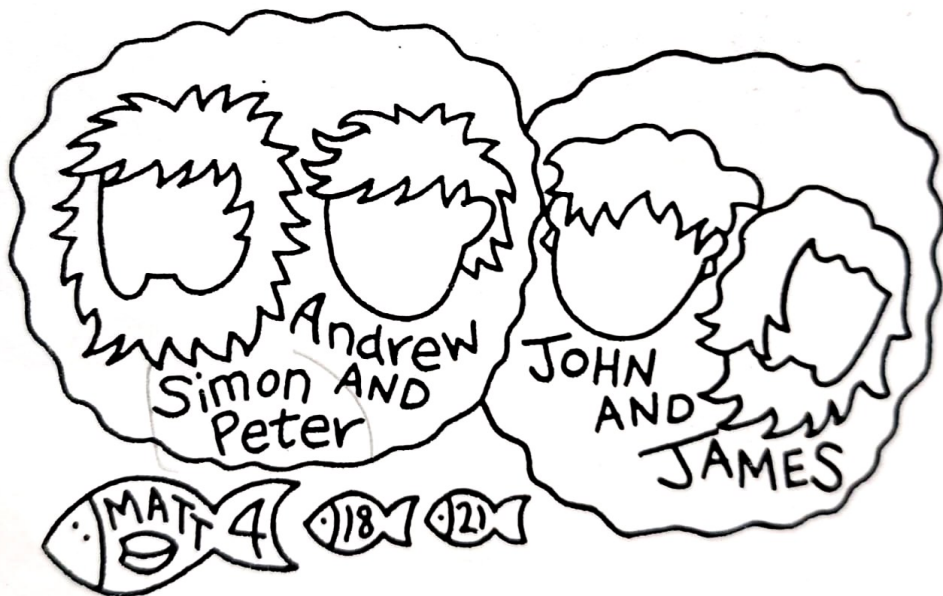


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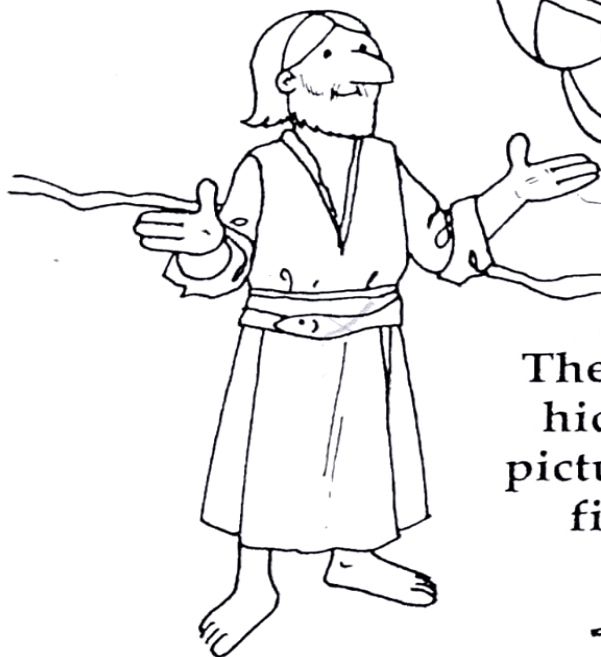
Matthew 4:18-22

Jesus chose his
first followers beside the
Sea of Galilee

Give the brothers faces



Read the story in Luke 5:1-11



There are 6 fish
hidden in the
picture. Can you
find them?




They left e
and follow










everything
ed Jesus

What did Jesus say to them?

Use the code to find the answer

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m  ”

Matt 4:19

Sunday School



Crafts, Picnic
& Games Day

GUILD

We hope everyone has enjoyed the summertime whether at home or away and that we can continue to enjoy good weather from here on in to Autumn and then to wintertime. As the year moves on we start to think about the Guild again and restarting our meetings and events.

Once again New Cumnock Guild are hosting a Songs of Praise on Tuesday 9th September at 2pm in the church. This is to celebrate Guild Week which started on the Monday! This event has proved very popular and members of other Guilds in our group are invited to attend. It is also open to anyone who wants to come and join in and it would be great to see you there. Tea will be served.

This year the Guild is supporting Blythswood Care, a Christian organisation which sends out wrapped shoeboxes to countries such as Romania where people have literally nothing. They contain donated toiletries, hats, scarves and gloves, underwear, socks, sweeties as well as other items such as stationery, candles, small toys, sewing equipment or a first aid kit. If you can contribute any new items please leave them in the boxes at the front of the church or hand them to any Guild or church member. We all can have so much stored at home that possibly will not be used! There is a leaflet at the front of the church which gives more details. Packing of the boxes will be done by members of the Guild on Wednesday 10th September starting at 2pm so please send in any donations before then. Even a

small donation can bring a smile to someone's face and give them hope at Christmas. Thank you very much for your support.

Our Guild meetings start for the new session on Tuesday 7th October at 2pm in the church hall. A warm welcome is extended to old and new members. If this is your first year, Session 2025-2026 is free and it is open to men and women. (There is also a very good tea!) Our speaker for the meeting on 7th October will be James Fraser, Head of Regional Voice Ministries, and will tell us all about the Project which we have decided to support this year. It is called Operation Hope which is specifically working this year to support persecuted Christians throughout Upper Egypt. Through our fundraising the Guild will be helping improve basic living conditions, establishing income generating work and pastoral care.

Please do come along to the Guild.

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*Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Carol Ann McEwan

Do you have trouble sleeping?

Do you waken during the night and are unable to get back to sleep?

Help is at hand and available to you. If you Google OUR DAILY BREAD EVENING MEDITATIONS you ll find the most beautiful short meditations. If you need help please ask someone at Church. All you have to do is lie down and listen. Feel your mind being soothed and comforted. Quite sure you won't hear the end!!!! ZZZzzzz

Easy Fund Raising

Hi All

Just letting you know that New Cumnock Parish Church are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ncpc/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

Thank you so much!

Sunday School

Isn't it a privilege and honour to lead, guide and direct our children and young people seeking to introduce them to the Lord Jesus and His love for them. In this confusing and often disturbing world how we long for them to find a strong anchor in the knowledge that they have a Heavenly Father who in 2025 is still very much aware of and interested in each of them .

In the coming weeks in Sunday School it is hoped to take our time and explore " The Lords Prayer" with the children. Do you know any children or young folks who could come along? Maybe you could bring them as a neighbour, family member or friend. There is nothing more precious you could do for a child than to give them the chance to hear the good news about Jesus. Somehow it seems more important in 2025 to sow seeds of faith than it ever has been before.

The children are thinking about a new name for their group. Do you have any suggestions? Please speak to any leader.

At the end of each Sunday morning, around 12.10pm there is the opportunity for juice, biscuits and children to enjoy a more informal time to chill together. As we celebrate and give thanks for the children God has placed in our midst let us commit to pray daily for them and their leaders. Thank you for your ongoing support.

From all Sunday School leaders

Coffee Bean

We resume after our summer break on Thursday 21st August from 9.45 – 11.45am.

We are most grateful for all the support we receive week by week. Many thanks for all donations of baking, tea, coffee, sugar and money that we receive on a regular basis. We are very fortunate for our regular assistants and also the ladies and gentlemen who come when required, sometimes at the drop of a hat, when a regular assistant is not available. We also appreciate all our faithful customers, without you there would be no Coffee Bean. If you haven't managed along yet, please call in some Thursday. We thank Andy and Caroline Gillies for setting up the hall on a Wednesday night.

I am pleased to inform you that we have been able to gift to the church £8000 to help with the repairs to the manse. The new cooker has now been installed and is looking great. We received a grant of £1000 from the Wind Farm Fund and the Coffee Bean paid the balance of £1300. We also applied for a grant from the Development Trust Fund to purchase a new floor cleaner. We were awarded £2100. Total cost for this machine was £2217. Coffee Bean made up the shortfall. We have been very successful in our grant applications and thankful for the funds we have been able to accumulate ourselves. The Coffee Bean keeps going from strength to strength. If you would like to join our 4 weekly baking rota then please speak to me.

I do hope that you have had a nice relaxing holiday, and we look forward to seeing you all again on a Thursday morning.

*Everyone needs someone to be thankful for,
and each day of life we are aware of this more,
For the joy of enjoying and the fullness of living,
Are found only in the hearts that are filled with thanksgiving.*

Love and blessings to you all,

Mary McCormack



A special THANK YOU to two ladies who have served the Coffee Bean for many years. Mrs Isabel McDicken and Mrs Margaret Cheung. Isabel and Margaret have made the decision to retire.

Our grateful thanks to them both and we send them our love and best wishes.

Mary McCormack



I would like to thank everyone for all prayers, cards, messages of sympathy and condolences that I received on the death of my aunt Jessie . They were very much appreciated

Maureen McClue

Funerals

22/05/25	James Steele, 33 Blarene Drive, New Cumnock
03/07/25	Billy Freeburn, c/o 61 Kirkland Dr., Kirkconnell
11/07/25	Isabel Nairn, 98 High Park Ave. New Cumnock
18/07/25	Hugh Kirker Hodge, 107 Ardfin Rd. Prestwick
23/07/25	Fredrick Fairgrieve, 64 Burnfoot, New Cumnock
31/7/25	Billy Frew, c/o 14 Dalhanna Drive, New Cumnock
5/8/25	Anna Copeland, Briery Park Care Home, Thornhill.
5/8/25	Jeanette Nicol, 65 Pathhead, New Cumnock (conducted at Ayr Crem by a celebrant)
11/8/25	James Carmichael, Menzies Court, Cumnock.

Jesus said: 'I am going there to prepare a place for you ... and I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.' (John 14.2-3)

Lord, thank you for that wonderful promise. Thank you that you are with us always in life, in death and most gloriously in eternal life through faith in you. Comfort the families and friends of all whose names are written here, of all who mourn the loss of someone whose lives and love they treasured. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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NEW CUMNOCK PARISH CHURCH

COMMUNICANTS INVITATION

You are invited to join us for
Communion

Sunday 7th September

11.00 am

"This do in remembrance of me."

Mission Statement

Together: with **God**,

To encourage fellowship

By showing love and care for everyone.

In **Jesus** name,

To be good witness in our community.

Led by the **Holy Spirit**,

To seek **God** in prayer, bible study and worship.