

Events for the week beginning 2nd July 2017

Our staff will be on holiday over the summer on the following dates:

Joanna O'Neill 1st July – 9th July
 Keith Short 1st July – 16th July
 Ruth McNinch 1st July – 16th July
 Andy Clark 8th July – 22nd July
 Katherine Orr 9th July - 22nd July
 David Todd 15th July – 30th July

We run a more extensive programme of activities during term time. Please visit our website to find out more about what's on at St John's.

Sun 2nd July	6.005pm	Brae Court Service	Brae Court Housing
Tues 4th July	7.30pm	Home Groups	Various locations
Wed 5th July	7.00pm 7.30pm	Home Groups Alpha	Various locations Star & Garter Bistro
Fri 7th July	10.00am - 12noon	Friday Community Cafe	Stjohns@183
Sun 9th July	10.00am 10.30am for coffee Service starts at 11.00am	Meet for prayer Family Service Speaker: David Todd	Social space in Linlithgow Academy Linlithgow Academy

If you require spiritual or pastoral assistance please contact one of our elders:

Hazel Briton	Audrey Couper	Colin Fischbacher	Lorna McIntosh
David McNinch	Keith Short	Alan Staff	David Todd
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Welcome to St John's Church

2nd July 2017

Our speaker today is:

Lorna McIntosh

'Noah's Ark'

Children & Youth @ St John's

Creche	Under 3's	Conference Room
Preschool	Nursery aged	In Service
Sunday Club	P1-6	in Service
Y.P.G. & Y.F.	S1-S6	in Service

In the event of fire please use the nearest fire exit and proceed immediately to the grassy area in front of school. DO NOT GO to collect your children. All children's groups will assemble in the same area with their leaders.

NEWS AND EVENTS

WELCOME

If this is your first visit to St John's Church, a special welcome to you this morning. We'd love to say hello, so come and speak to us at the Welcome Point in the coffee area after the service. To find out more about St John's just ask or visit our website: www.stjohnslinlithgow.org.

NEW MEMBERS

If you are interested in becoming a member of St John's, or would like to find out more, come along for a coffee and speak to some of the leadership team at our information morning on Saturday 22nd July at 10am in 183 High Street. If you are intending to come along please email Allan at allan.goldie@stjohnslinlithgow.org

SUNDAY MORNINGS IN JULY

This Sunday is the start of our special holiday family services in July running for one hour from 11am - 12noon with tea/coffee before and after. There will be no separate Sunday Club or Youth events running during the service although there will be a creche available for under 3's.

There is also some work being done in the Academy over the summer which will result in some changes as to how we access the building and the areas we can use. Please keep to the areas that have been allocated to us (info will be available on Sunday).

HOLIDAY CLUB CHANGES

Every year St Michael's Parish Church and St John's Church get together to run a Holiday Club which aims to bring children to a greater knowledge of Jesus.

This year it has been decided to only run the Holiday Club for one day on Monday August 14th from 10am til 12.30pm in Cross House. To register email lhcsotland@gmail.com

SUPPORTING DAVINA LAWSON IN MISSION

As was mentioned last Sunday, Davina will be going to join with the InnerCHANGE Team working and living in Possilpark, Glasgow. In this mission role in this marginalised neighbourhood she and the team will seek to live out the good news of Jesus among the poor, both with words and deeds. The Elders here have agreed and decided that Davina will become a Mission Partner and that we will be supporting Davina financially monthly as we do with our other mission partners. InnerCHANGE workers are not salaried but instead raise their own support in this way from Church and individuals. At coffee time in the Social Area, Allan Goldie, our Deacon for Mission, will be present with Prayer Cards for Davina and cards that further detail how individuals can partner with Davina in prayer and in finances. Please speak to Allan if this is something you would be interested in supporting. We will have a personal update from Davina to the Church in August before she goes to start her mission role.

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VISION

It's 18 months since we began to talk about the vision that we believed that God was giving us. A vision to see worshipping communities established in every neighbourhood where folks from St John's live. A vision to equip every member of St John's to play your part in bringing the presence of Jesus to your community. In the past few months we have seen a new group established and flourish in Bo'ness, "Men 'n' Sheds" reach out in creative ways to men of all ages, the group in Polmont begin to work in partnership with the Old Kirk to reach their community and Mother & Toddlers and Messy Church grow. There were 55 at the last Messy Church many of whom don't attend St John's or any other church. In addition we are assisting Outsiders, a youth group in Bathgate and are supporting a home church initiative there. There is much more that I could say, but space does not permit. Our vision document is available this morning (also available online at <https://goo.gl/BbTMz3>) This is not meant to be the final answer, nor is it a straight jacket, but it does give us a direction of travel. Providing us with a framework not just to take the Good News to our communities, but to be Good News. It's an invitation for you to get involved and for you to help us shape the future. Keep checking our website for regular updates. *Keith Short*

HOSPITALITY TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

Being part of the hospitality team provides great opportunities for getting to know the people who come to St John's services. We are currently looking for a helper for the refreshments team and also people to man the Welcome Point in the coffee are. if you are interested in serving in either of these areas please get in touch with John McLachlan at jpack1@talktalk.net

EARLY MORNING PRAYER TIME

The early morning prayer time on a Wednesday at 183 High Street will take a break for July. All are welcome to come along again from August 2nd.

MY CHURCHSUITE

As part of work to improve our communications, St. John's has begun using a web-based service called ChurchSuite for communication and admin support.

We're starting by setting up a new Address Book and we'd like you to complete your own Address Book entry to ensure we have accurate information. The Address Book is only available to people in our church family, and children's details are only visible to their family and to those with a specific need for access. Once the transition is complete, our whole church family will have access to My ChurchSuite on desktops, laptops, tablets and smartphones.

The Address Book sign-up form has a link to our Data Protection Policy, and some notes to help you complete your Address Book entry. Please go to <https://goo.gl/G5RjOJ> to get started. If you don't have access to the internet please speak to Ruth.