

Carluke United Reformed Church - Latest News

Updated on Monday 16th September 2019

Posted on Monday 26th March 2018

Palm Sunday worship was led by John Collings with the help of the children who read from Mark's gospel the story of Jesus' triumphant entry to Jerusalem on a donkey. They also handed out palm crosses to everyone in church.

Worship on Easter Day will include Holy Communion, and on Easter Monday afternoon there is an open invitation to all children to join us in decorating Easter bonnets, painting and rolling eggs and joining in an egg hunt.

Posted on Monday 12th March 2018

The church met "cafe style" on Sunday to allow worship to incorporate the church annual meeting. The Rev Helen M Mee led the proceedings. Next weekend, the children will be attending the Youth Synod at Tulliallan along with church representatives whilst Rev Derek Corner will lead worship in Carluke at 11am.

Posted on Monday 5th March 2018

The Rev Helen Mee led worship on Sunday attended by a faithful group who had braved the cold and snowy underfoot conditions. Helen used the telling of Jesus overturning the money tables in the temple to urge us to challenge accepted norms today that are clearly not right. Worship next Sunday at 11am will include the church annual meeting.

Posted on Monday 19th February 2018

Elinor McCulloch led worship on Sunday and the children helped her tell the story about Noah and his ark. The church also launched its weekly devotional for Lent. This year the focus is on the betrayal of Jesus, as told in chapter 14 of Mark's gospel.

Posted on Monday 5th February 2018

There was a double baptism at the United Reformed Church on Sunday. Brother and sister River and Cash Spiers were baptised before a full church by the Rev Helen M Mee who reminded the congregation that the sacrament of baptism links a child to Christ.

Worship this Sunday at 11am will be led by John Wilcox.

Posted on Monday 22nd January 2018

Worship at the United Reformed Church last Sunday was led by Rev Derek Corner who spoke about God's time - kairos (in Greek). God does everything at the right time (season), and Derek wondered what God-given opportunities the New Year would bring.

Next Sunday at 11am, the church welcomes the Rev Helen Mee as its Interim Minister and there will be a time for fellowship (and refreshments) after the service.

Posted on Monday 15th January 2018

Worship at the United Reformed Church last Sunday was led by John Collings who spoke about the calling of Samuel. The poor winter weather and the persistent flu outbreak has forced the cancellation of the planned soup and sweet lunch this coming Saturday. However, the church looks forward to welcoming the Rev Helen Mee as its Interim Minister when she leads worship on 28th January at 11am.

Posted on Monday 18th December 2017

On Sunday, worship was led by the young people and took the form of a musical nativity. The children told the story of the Jesus birth in words and actions whilst the congregation joined in by singing carols. Afterwards, the young people held their Christmas party whilst the adults shared a cup of tea.

On Christmas Eve, there will be a service of readings and carols at 11am and an all-age Watchnight Service followed by shortbread and mince pies at 7.30pm.

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Posted on Monday 4th December 2017

The church's Kidz Club enjoyed a visit to the Lanark panto on Saturday to see "Cinderella". They are busy putting the finishing touches to their own stage craft: "Nativity the Musical" will be performed by the children in church on Sunday 17th December when they hope that the congregation will join in the singing of the carols.

Posted on Monday 27th November 2017

The church marked "Christ the King Sunday" by looking at the opening verses of St Matthew's gospel, where Matthew describes the ancestry of Jesus. Sunday also saw the launch of the church's Advent devotional, and this year the focus is on the women that appear in Jesus' family tree.

Worship next Sunday will include the sacrament of Holy Communion and the Rev Derek Corner will preside.

Posted on Monday 13th November 2017

The United Reformed Church will be serving its popular soup and sweet lunches once again next Saturday 18th November from 11.30am to 1.30pm when a warm welcome awaits all. With Christmas fast approaching, there will also be a wide range of gifts available for purchase, including crafts made by the local LAMH craft group.

Posted on Monday 4th November 2017

Worship on Sunday was led by Susan Henderson. Susan hails from Nairn but is currently living in Glasgow and is studying for the Ministry at the Scottish United Reformed and Congregational College. Worship next Sunday is at the later time of 11.30am to allow attendance at the Civic act of Remembrance in the Market Square at 10.50am.

Contributions to the Christmas Gift Stall being held on Saturday 18th November are requested.

Posted February 2017

Rev Helen H Mee appointed Locum Minister for Carluke United Reformed Church for an initial period of 9 months.

Posted August 2016

For the last two years, Carluke URC has been a sponsor church to Gift and Kathryn Asiku who work with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Uganda, translating the bible into local tribal languages. On 10th and 11th August, church members finally got the chance to meet Gift and Kathryn and their family face to face and get to know them better, hearing first hand about their life and work. The highlight of the visit was an afternoon tea with some of the church (see photo), but during their visit they were also able to see some of the local Lanarkshire beauty spots and experienced some typical Scottish summer weather (it rained almost constantly!).

Posted March 2016

At their Annual General Meeting in March 2016 members of the congregation agreed to continue the support of the 'Wycliffe Bible Translators'.

Posted December 2014

During 2014 the members of the congregation agreed to support Catherine & Gift Asuki as their Mission Project 'Wycliffe Bible Translators' for a period of 12 months. Contact is to be made to ascertain what help the church can give in both material giving and prayer.

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Posted February 2013

Church member Lynette Pollock has been appointed a trustee for the 'Malindi' Project at Dollar Academy. With our own 'Malindi' Project still ongoing, she sends this updated report -

'The Small home has now started an Outreach programme where the physiotherapist is going out into the surrounding areas to find children who need assistance. It has proved very popular and people from miles around come to speak and get advice on there children. Many do this as they don't have the money to travel into local hospitals or even to the small home. So money that has been collected has been used for this service and helping families who need it most.

Also money from the church and from school is being used to fund 2 special needs classrooms and teachers in the main stream school. It was built last year and is now allowing children from the small home to be properly educated 5 mornings a week. In the afternoon these children are coming back into the home as teachers to the younger children who are still unable to go to school. They have their own independent school uniform which was funded by the church.'

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