

# PRIESTHILL & NITSHILL PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Week beginning: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010



Contemporary Worship Service	Dove Street	09.30
Traditional Morning Service	Priesthill Road	11.00
Summer Sunday School Club	Priesthill Road	11.00
Youth Group	Priesthill Road	11.00
AA Lunch Workshop	Priesthill Road	12.00 onwards
AA Lunch Meeting	Priesthill Road	13.00 – 15.00
Healing Service Music Rehearsal	Priesthill Road	18.30

## WHAT'S ON AT DOVE STREET

Wednesday	Guild – Mission Aviation Fellowship	19.30
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## WHAT'S ON AT PRIESTHILL ROAD

<b>Monday</b>	Rainbow Club	13.00
	Young Carers	18.00 – 20.00
	Monthly Healing Service	19.45 <sup>2.00pm</sup> -4.00pm
	AA Meeting	20.00 - 21.30
<b>Tuesday</b>	AA Meeting	12.00 - 14.00
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jacob's Well and the 50p shop	10.00 - 12.00
	Pensioners' Welfare Club	13.00
	AA Meeting	20.00 - 22.00
<b>Thursday</b>	Women Together	12.30 - 14.30
	Young Carers	18.00 - 20.00
	Alanon	19.30
<b>Friday</b>	AA Meeting	11.30
<b>Saturday</b>	AA Meeting	14.00 – 16.00

<b>Levern Credit Union</b>	
Monday, Tuesday Thursday & Friday	10.00 - 1600
Wednesday	CLOSED
Saturday	10.00 – 12.00

<b>Hairdresser (0141 880 4741)</b>	
Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday - Saturday	09.00 - 1700
Saturday	10.00 - 12.00

<b>Priesthill Community Café</b>	
Monday, Tuesday Thursday & Friday	09.30 - 16.30
Wednesday	CLOSED
Saturday	09.30 - 16.30

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**WELCOME DUTY FOR NEXT SUNDAY**  
 (Priesthill Road) Bessie Holms & Bill Carswell



## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

### Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

Circle and focus on the word, **“every.”** Every Christian experiences the “pruning back” by God. A sign of God’s love is to prune our lives back, so that we will be every more productive in our love. Even if our lives as Christians are bearing fruit (of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, etc.), God will prune our lives back, so that we can bear more fruit. The vine grower wants us to produce more fruit.

It is the Lord God, our heavenly Father, who prunes, cleanses and removes unproductive branches/disciples and unproductive routines and relationships within our lives.

Within the image of Father, we know that a loving Father disciplines his children in order for the child to become healthier and wiser, and live life in a loving way.

Focus on the words, **“every branch.”** In this metaphor, Christ is the vine and we disciples are the branches that are connected to Christ and draw energy from Christ. As disciples, our growth and life are entirely dependent upon being connected with the trunk of the vine.

As gardeners who work in our backyards and gardens, we know that we prune “suckers” off the vine, “suckers” that suck energy from the plant but produce no fruit. There are many connections in our lives which do not produce the sweet fruit of love, kindness and justice. Christ removes those non-productive connections/associations in our lives. Jesus says that those unhealthy routines and relationships need to be pruned back, so that our lives are more productive of love and goodness.

This logic makes sense to us. That is, it is beneficial for us for God to remove those unhealthy routines and relationships which diminish the kind and quality of people that God wants us to be.

What are those unhealthy routines from your life that need to be pruned back so that your life can be more productive? Think for a moment of your unhealthy habits that needs to be eliminated.

What are those unhealthy relationships that need to be pruned back and changed? Think for a moment of your relationships? What relationships need to be changed in your life?

The Lord God, our Father, who loves us deeply, prunes back those unhealthy habits and routines that need to be changed.

Circle the word, **“more.”** God wants us to bear more fruit, to produce “much fruit,” to live a more productively loving life in Christ.

Underline the words, **“more fruit.”** This is what the Lord God wants: for our lives to be abundantly fruitful. Think of numerous clusters of grapes on a grape vine or numerous apples on an apple tree that is so laden with apples that the branches are weighed down. Think of pears on a pear tree or oranges on an orange tree. The list of other mental images goes on and on. Trees laden with fruit. That is what the Lord



God wants from each of our lives. This happens only if we are grafted **INTO** Christ, so that our love, joy, peace, patience and compassionate energy will come from him. There is to be a vital, living connection between each one of us and Jesus Christ. We are like branches growing out of the tree, Jesus Christ.

Edited from a sermon by Rev. Edward Markquart

<http://ministrydepot.com/sermons/2009/04/sermon-for-john-15-1-8-easter-5-b-loaded-with-fruit/>

### **10<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING**

Yesterday, Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, **David** and **Helen Ross** celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, which was on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, with a **Service of Thanksgiving** in the sanctuary in **Priesthill Road**. During the service David and Helen renewed their wedding vows to one another. We ask God's continued blessing upon them in their married life together. The flowers beautifully decorating the sanctuary in Priesthill Road this morning are David and Helen's 'Service of Thanksgiving' flowers.



### **COMMUNION**

Today at our **Contemporary Worship Service** at **Dove Street** and at our **Traditional Morning Service** at **Priesthill Road** we celebrate the sacrament of **Holy Communion**. In the bread and in the wine we see God's sacrifice for us, we receive the Lord, and we are given strength of

spirit for life. The communion wine is non-alcoholic. At both services there will be a retiral offering for **the Pakistan Disaster Relief Fund**.



### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLUB AND YOUTH GROUP**

This morning at **Priesthill Road** the **Sunday School Club** and **Youth Group** begin their new session.



### **MONTHLY HEALING SERVICE**

Tomorrow, Monday, our **Monthly Healing Service** takes place at 7.45 pm in **Priesthill Road**. The theme of the service is "**Appropriating the Victory of the Cross in every Aspect of our Lives**". Everyone is most welcome to attend.

### **JACOB'S WELL AND 50P SHOP**

Jacob's Well and the 50p Shop meets every Wednesday in the Community Hall, 100 Priesthill Road, from 10am till 12noon. Coffee, tea juice, and biscuits are FREE. Baking is 30p to enjoy with your coffee etc. Homemade soup and a roll is only 70p. Bargains in household, books, and clothes, lots of items 50p or less, better items are a little more. Just the place to meet with your friends for lots of chat and a good laugh, which is good for you. We look forward to seeing you.



### **CONGREGATIONAL CHOICE**

Following a break for the summer, we are now restoring the **Congregational Choice** to the Sunday morning services at **Dove Street** and **Priesthill Road**. Each Sunday there will be an opportunity for a member of the congregation to choose a hymn or worship song to be sung at the service. Please put the first line of the hymn or song alongside your chosen date, and also add your name on the sheet on the noticeboard. This is offered on a 'first come, first served' basis.



# FOOD FOR THE TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN

Now more than ever the Troops are needing our support. The box is waiting for Cereal Bars, Savoury Biscuits, Cup a Soup, Baby Lotion, Baby Wipes, and Magazines.



Many of you will have heard about 'Mary's Meals' which was started to help feed and educate children in Africa, Asia, Latin America and several other countries. The children are given a meal a day at school, where they get an education to help lift them out of poverty as they grow older. To start the children off at school they each get a '**Backpack**' filled with items to help them through the day at school and at home. **Rena Rennie** has started a 'Backpack' collection, and invites you to help fill the Backpacks with items which Mary's Meals have asked for. Items like pencil cases, pens, pencils, rulers, flip flops, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc. There is a poster on the Church notice board in Priesthill Road, and leaflets in the concourse giving you more information about Mary's Meals, and the items wanted for the Backpacks. This is a very good cause.

## WELL DONE ... AND MANY THANKS!

Well done to **Elizabeth Frew** for running the **Big Fun Run** and raising **£125** for **CHAS** ... and Elizabeth would like to say 'many thanks' to everyone who so generously sponsored her.



## THE RAINBOW CLUB

The **Rainbow Club** begins its new session tomorrow afternoon, Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, at 1.00pm in **Priesthill Road**.

## PENSIONERS' WELFARE CLUB

The **Pensioners' Welfare Club** begins its new session this Wednesday afternoon, 8<sup>th</sup> September, at 1.00pm in **Priesthill Road**.



## FREE 6 WEEK SELF MANAGEMENT COURSE

A **Free 6 week Self Management Course** for people with any long term health condition starts on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> September in **Priesthill Community Hall**. Book your free place now before 20<sup>th</sup> September by calling Ailsa on 0131 335 4050 or email: [enquiries@mssocietyscotland.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@mssocietyscotland.org.uk) Only 18 places available. See the noticeboard in the concourse at Priesthill Road for more details.

## SUNDAY READERS

Details of our **Sunday Readers** through to the end of September can be found on the noticeboard.



## NEXT SUNDAY'S READERS

Dove Street - **Dougie Glover** and **Michelle Glover**  
Priesthill Road - **Pamela Caskie** and **Margaret Thomas**