

# Yester & Bolton Saltoun



## PARISH NEWS

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Summer is (hopefully!) almost upon us, and I hope you have had a good Easter time. I always enjoy this time of year, which is full of signs of life, with flowers growing everywhere in colourful abundance. It's a time of hope and not just in the church, where we celebrate the promise of new life in the Resurrection.

There are so many situations in the world at present that cause us to be worried, so I think we could all do with a bit of hope. And there are signs of hope: not only in our gardens and fields, but in the wider world around us, too. I was very encouraged to see an incredible number of people take to the streets, in Edinburgh, in London, in the US, and in so many other places around the world: people who are standing up against injustice, against discrimination and who show that, together, we can stand for a world based on values such as equality, justice, tolerance and peace. The gospel stories that we read around the time of Easter show that Jesus was also someone who stood up: who spoke out against what was wrong, and who proclaimed that a different way of living was possible. He was crucified for it but, in the end, life overcame death, and his message, and God's love for the world, live on. When we stand together and stand up against what is wrong, we too send signals of hope – to ourselves, and to those who stand with us, and to the world.

The Church of Scotland's Church & Society Council is responding to almost 11,000 people from all over Scotland telling them what matters to them about a number of current issues, such as 'Investing in young people', 'Health and well-being', 'Caring for creation' and 'An economy driven by equality'; all under the banner of 'Speak Out'. Please get in touch if you would like to know more about this work.

I hope you'll enjoy reading this church and community news and, as always, you can find more news and information about our events on our website - [yesterboltonsaltouchurch.org](http://yesterboltonsaltouchurch.org) - and by signing up to our weekly email (let me have your email address), as well as on the information tables in the churches. And, if you would like to have a chat, please get in touch!

Have a good summer!

*Anikó*

## CEILING REPAIR APPEAL

Fundraising for the ceiling repair continues to make excellent progress. The Book Sale, Cafeteria and Car Boot Sale day held on 8 April in the Fletcher Hall was a great success, bringing in a total of £1984. Thanks to everyone for all the hard work that went in to the event. It is easy to forget how many people contribute and how much work is involved, which all combines to make a great social as well as fundraising event. The weather was good and there was a real sense of the community coming together, marked by many generous contributions. The pictures below do a little to convey the work that was put in and everyone's enjoyment of the event.



The fund total currently stands close to £25,000, with a cheque for £1,000 received from a charitable trust as this was being written. A number of charitable trusts are being approached and further positive outcomes are hoped for. Local businesses are also being contacted and there has been a very good response from them to date.

At the last meeting of Presbytery, permission was granted for the repairs to proceed. This means that there is an excellent prospect of meeting our objective of being back in Saltoun Kirk for the Advent Season this year.

Fundraising will continue with further events being planned, including a whisky tasting and a musical event. Above all, we will try and maintain the momentum that has been gathered. Thanks to everyone for their continued support, which is very much appreciated.

*Jim Paterson*

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## PRAYER CORNERS

We now have prayer corners in our churches, with suggested prayers for a few quiet moments, and with a box where you can also leave requests for prayers.

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## THE GARDEN OF DAILY LIVING

Plant three rows of peas

Peace of mind

Peace of heart

Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash

Squash gossip

Squash indifference

Squash grumbling

Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce

Let us be faithful

Let us be kind

Let us be patient

Let us really love one another

No garden is without turnips

Turn up for meetings

Turn up for service

Turn up to help one another

To conclude, your garden must have thyme

Time for each other

Time for family

Time for friends.

*Anon*

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## JUNIOR CORNER

If there's one thing for certain, it's that nothing stays the same! Our job is to keep abreast of that and to reflect and adapt to meet the needs of young families.

To this end, Anikó has set up the Tuesday after-school Children's Club and this together with our Sunday afternoon Messy Church events is proving popular, the latter attracting twenty to thirty children every time.

It's always lovely to see young people in church and we'll always be prepared for children coming to Sunday School during the service but Sunday mornings are now prime time for many different activities. Offering 'church out of church' midweek, and in our village halls is another great way to come together as a church family.



We're delighted to say that our next Messy Church will be in Humble Village Hall from 4-6pm on Sunday 4 June and, following that on 11 June, we hope to see many of you at the Garden Party at the manse in Gifford.

### CHILDREN'S CLUB DATES (3.30-4.30pm):

23 May Yester  
06 June Saltoun  
20 June Humble

*Jenny, Ian, Jackie and Wendy*



### MISSED A SERVICE? UNABLE TO COME TO CHURCH?

Now you can catch up with what you've missed. Join in the hymns and prayers, enjoy the children's address (often complete with comments from both senior and junior members of the congregation!) and listen to the sermon.

Many people are enjoying our services even if they can't be with us in person. You can hear a recording of the previous Sunday's worship on our website - <http://www.yesterboltonsaltounchurch.org/>

And, as mentioned in the February newsletter, thanks to a very generous donation, we are also able to offer these recordings on CD. Please contact Anikó if you would like a copy.



## SAVE THE DATE!

### YBS GARDEN PARTY

**SUNDAY 11 JUNE**

**2.00 – 4.30pm**

**Manse Garden, Tweeddale Avenue, Gifford**  
(or in Gifford Village Hall if wet)

Entry ticket £3 (£1 for under 12s),  
includes cream tea

*Live music*

*Plants      Cake & Candy*

*Pimms, strawberries and ice cream*

*Tombola      Water into Wine      Raffle*  
*Games*

*plus*

*Silent Auction and Hamper Raffle*  
*in aid of Saltoun Kirk Ceiling Repair*

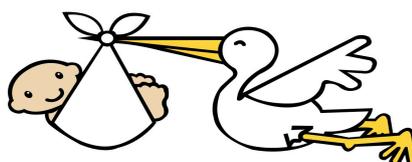


### PATTER OF TINY FEET IN THE MANSE

No, they don't have mice, or at least none that the ministerial cat can't deal with!

Anikó recently informed the congregation that she would be taking some time off towards the end of the year as she and David are expecting their first baby.

Our warmest congratulations and very best wishes to them both.



## DROP IN FOR A COFFEE . . . at Yester Kirk or Saltoun Session Rooms

on Wednesdays in Yester – 14 June, 12 July, 09 August  
and Tuesdays in East Saltoun – 27 June, 25 July, 22 August

from 10.30am to 12 noon

*EVERYBODY WELCOME*

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### PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms	12.03.17	Sophie, daughter of Susan and Grant Tait, Redshill
Deaths	21.02.17	Lachlan Mackintosh, Gifford
	26.02.17	Bella Marr, Gifford
	30.04.17	Elizabeth Livingstone, East Saltoun

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