



**Outreach work Session Report: 13/06/11
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1. Vision

Recap: **a church engaged in the community – and a community engaged in the church**

2. An overview – currently proposed ‘mission’ timetable

(With new items in **bold**):

- **Summer holiday club 18th-22nd June (10:15am-12:30pm)**
- **Cafe drop in nights—alternative indoor bowls proposal**
- Summer time--start of cycling club ‘obstacle course’ in Kelty
- A Sunday evening of Psalms and personal stories
- Alternate Wednesdays: Walking club
- Marvin Andrew’s testimony (perhaps as part of Sunday night worship)
- Prayer meeting in church last Tuesday every Month at 7pm
- **Occasional Christian film nights—volunteers will be needed**
- **Sponsorship proposal**

3. Mission work

a) **Current work**

- **Walking club** – the walking club is still continuing, and is gradually building up in numbers with the improved weather. A few of our more recent walks have been in exploring the Fife coastal path. Our walking group has also helped those as their Christian path has crossed ours. To give a flavour of this over the past months we have helped Steven on his faith journey, a young lad of 20 years old who has now moved elsewhere in Fife. I have also been able to help Grace, a French speaking afro-Caribbean lassie, who struggles with her English, and who came on some walks. I have been able to put her in touch with a few French speaking people and she has been able to attend an African church in Edinburgh at least once. These stories are just a taster of how we are able to help those who join us, we have also restored links with some who used to come to Kelty Kirk, and created links with others who have yet to attend.
- **JAM club**—This is still going strong, and I'm sure that Carolyn Robertson and the JAM club team can give you a better update than I can in this area. We

had hoped that the success of the spring holiday club might have boosted numbers for the JAM club, but this has not happened. It is difficult to transport success from the holiday club to the JAM club. However we will continue to work on this issue.

- **Summer Holiday Club** – after the fantastic success of the Easter themed holiday club where we had 31 children over the period, work is now under way in preparation for the next Kelty Church holiday club, which will be based on the Israelites escape from Egypt. We will be using the latest SU material, and in addition to this will have a puppet show on the last day. This club will run from 18th to 22nd June. Numbers have been steadily increasing with every successive holiday club, this time I also have the added benefit of marketing the club by going around each class of Kelty primary school in turn this Thursday, so I would welcome being in your prayers at around 9:00am on Thursday. I would like to thank the team who have been working with me who have been meeting weekly for the past 4-5 weeks and also putting in planning work in their free time. Without them this holiday club would not be possible.
- **Kelty monthly PIU prayer meeting** – we have taken opportunity at this prayer meeting to pray for issues concerning the church of Scotland, and to seek God's guidance in the mission of the church. This meeting continues on the last Tuesday of the month 7:30pm, in the study or session room. All welcome.
- **Outreach**—I have been continuing to spend some time in the deli and charity shop and in meeting people in the community. I am currently doing the rounds in visiting the rainbows brownies, cubs and beavers, so that I can market the upcoming summer holiday club. I am keen to get around further organisations in the village so that I can generate further interest in Christian outreach at Kelty Kirk, especially amongst those who might wish to come back to church and get involved in what the church is doing. This is where I will need your help though as you invite me to organisations which you are a part of.
- **Kelty Primary School** - school assemblies are now on the schedule of three per week, and it is impossible for me to match this number. At present I cover one to two every two weeks. Due to the change of head teachers and the accompanying uncertainty here I am working on strengthening ties with current deputy head and interim head teacher before suggesting any additional involvement with the school. As mentioned above I will be meeting with each individual class this week to talk to the kids about the

holiday club. Your continued prayers are needed concerning the appointment of a new head teacher after the summer break.

b) Proposed new initiatives

- **Cycling club** – a cycling skills loop will be set up in Kelty on the second week in July. I will be seeking helpers for the odd evening or daytime shift. Also, whilst I have the course on hire (£15 for the week), I would be grateful if any craftsmen could examine the course and help me out in making up one of our own.
- **Drop in Cafe—alternative indoor bowls proposal** – can Kelty Kirk fill the gap left by the closure of ‘The Initiative’? I feel that we shouldn’t try to fill it, but instead perhaps we can test the water as it were with a few drop-in nights, promoting indoor bowls for teenage youth. Well advertised ahead of time, with flyers handed out on the streets to promote. This initiative may be delayed till the Autumn due to manpower and holiday issues.
- **Daytime Alpha Express** – I have not had the time to bring this about due to the continued planning work required for the summer holiday club.
- **Film Club** – no formal film club as yet, however we have agreed of the need for the occasional film night showing a relevant Christian film. Please get in touch with me if you want to help me make this happen. Currently my active volunteer are all tied up at the moment with holiday club planning.
- **Sponsorship proposal** – as some of you may be aware I have recently started an in-service practical 3 year MTh entitled “ministry in an Urban world” at the ICC (the International Christian College), I am funding this at my own expense. In April 2012 I will be attending a residential in Kibera (the largest slum in the world just outside Nairobi). Out of 10 days of practical ministry it will involve 5 days of mission work, living in the slum. At my last residential in the ICC in Glasgow I met an Anglican minister on my course who lives in the slum and is involved in a ministry which helps slum children to learn to read and write in a Christian environment.

I hope to go on a sponsored cycle in the Autumn and out of the money I raise I would hope to give 50% to this cause and 50% to help offset my travel costs. If session agrees I will organise an evening in the church and show a DVD of this ministry in action. Barrak, the Kenyan minister has no idea that I am planning on this initiative. He chooses to live and minister in the slum with his wife and family, even though he could leave it. I will not be offended if session wishes me to keep this as my own personal work,

however, I will still share the result of this trip to me personally, with you all next year.

c) Special events planning - It has been suggested to me that Tom Macdonald could come and host a special event in Kelty Kirk. Session to provide feedback on this possibility.

4. Training opportunities

Contagious Christian course - This course was a success with over 20 in attendance. We will be planning a follow up in the near future.

5. Mission group remit

Recapping

1. To agree on new initiatives committing them to the Lord in prayer
2. To help ensure adequate and suitable volunteers for each initiative new or continuing
3. To report on the success or failure of initiatives and determine a new approach where necessary
4. To be involved in personally advertising church events

I would personally welcome anyone who wishes to become a volunteer and help out with outreach projects in the church. All mission group meetings are open door.