

**ACF NEWSLETTER**

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# HOPE



**Achinleck**  
**CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
*Serving Christ, Serving the Community*

# Welcome to the Summer Edition of our Newsletter

Summer is the time of year most of us look forward to.

For some it is for the holiday abroad – the sun and the sand. Lazing on the beach, **building up the tan**, experiencing a different culture, etc..

For others it is just the relief of getting a couple of weeks off work – **time to relax, wind down and prepare mentally and physically for another session of work ahead**.

For the amateur gardener it is the joy of seeing the results from previous months of sowing seeds and tending beds and borders. **A splash of garden colour always brightens the day**.

For the kids the big thrill is no school for six weeks – **no teachers, no lessons, no homework!!**

For most of us the summer just makes us feel a little bit brighter and better – a wee bit extra heat, less rain (hopefully), longer days, a more relaxed way of life.

For the Christian it is another evidence of **the faithfulness of our promise-keeping God**. The earth was almost destroyed by a universal flood in the days of Noah. God was angry with man's lawlessness and rebellion. Only eight people remained to re-populate the earth that God had purged. God gave them a promise that we can read in **Genesis 8.22**.

***"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease."***

Many things change in life, in fact most things change, but **God, and the promises He makes, never change**.

There is always, summer and winter, day and night, etc..

What other promises has God made that may be of **even more relevance** to you and me.

**Exodus 20.7** :- "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for **the Lord will not hold him guiltless** who takes his name in vain."

## Romans

**10.13** :- "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord **will be saved.**"

**God promises to punish sin and yet He also promises to save from punishment those who call on the name of the Lord.**

Every person will prove the reality of a promise – keeping God – we will either experience the reality of His promise to punish the sinner in eternity or the reality of His promise to save the sinner in time!!

# OPEN DAY



**Bouncy Castle**

**Craft Tent**

**Games, etc**

**SATURDAY  
29TH JUNE  
FROM 12.00  
TILL 4.00  
PARK ROAD  
AUCHINLECK**

**REFRESHMENTS :- CANDY FLOSS, HOT DOGS,  
TEA, COFFEE, SANDWICHES AND CAKES**

**ALL AGES  
WELCOME  
ALL FREE**



## MEET A MEMBER RUTH ROBERTSON

My name is Ruth Robertson, formerly Ruth Leitch. I grew up in Auchinleck **as part of a loving Christian family**. My parents took me along to church even when I was very young. I have many memories of going along to Sunday School, and other activities, including **Church BBQ's at my family home and Sunday School trips** which were attended by many different people from Auchinleck and I am sure many in the town still have found memories of these events. Growing up, many of my friends and extended family, assumed that Church was just a family tradition and the only reason I continued going along was to please my parents. However, **Christianity is not a family ritual**, passed on from generation to generation. Nor is it merely all about empty religious services, reserved for Sundays, dressed up in your Sunday best. It is in reality about a personal, living relationship with the God who created this world and everything in it. **I began this relationship with God when I was only six years old.**

One evening I remember telling my mum that **I wanted to become a Christian**. I knew that God wanted me to, and I knelt at the bottom of my mum's bed and prayed. I told God I was sorry for my sin and I asked Him to forgive me. **I thanked Jesus for dying on the cross for me** and I told Him that I loved Him. That was it. Simple. I acknowledged before God, that, even at 6 years old, I was a sinner, and that my sin stopped me from having a relationship with Him. I knew that Jesus died on the cross for my sin and I accepted that He did that for me, so that I could be forgiven and go to heaven when I die.

Thirty-one years later, **I still have that same relationship with God**. I have been married for almost seventeen years, and I have spent the last thirteen years living in Ochiltree, being a full-time mum to my six children. Although I cherish these relationships, I can honestly say, **my relationship with God remains the most important**. There have



Ruth Robertson

been many ups and downs in my life, and I haven't always lived the way God has wanted me to, but the wonderful thing about God is that **He is a loving Father who remains faithful despite my failings**.

The verse I made personal to me, at six years old, was John ch 3 v 16 : "For God so loved Ruth Leitch, that he gave His only Son, that if Ruth believes in Him, then Ruth will not perish, but will have everlasting life." **Right now, you can make this verse personal to you also.**

A colorful graphic for 'SUMMER KIDS CLUB'. The title is in large, bold, yellow and red letters. Below the title, a group of diverse, smiling cartoon children are gathered around a large white circle. Inside the circle, a list of activities is written in various colors: Games; Crafts; Singing; Bible Stories; Quizzes; Prizes; Snacks. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds and green bushes at the bottom.

# SUMMER KIDS CLUB

**Games;**  
**Crafts; Singing;**  
**Bible Stories;**  
**Quizzes; Prizes;**  
**Snacks**

**Monday to Friday (1st to 5th July): 10.30-12.15pm**



## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### WILLIAM MURDOCH

The Scottish inventor, William Murdoch (sometimes spelled Murdock) was born in 1754 at Bello Mill Farm, near Cumnock. He had a very inquisitive and inventive mind. His spare time was spent in design and innovation and he is believed to have been the first in Britain to construct and use a steam-powered road going vehicle. This was in 1785.



He is reckoned to be the first to make extensive use of coal gas for illumination and it's claimed he carried out his initial experiments in coal gas, using coal heated in a copper kettle in a small cave near his father's mill on the banks of the River Lugar.

At his home in Redruth, Cornwall, where he had moved for work, he experimented in distilling coal and in 1792 lighted his cottage and offices with coal gas. This laid the foundation for the gas industry of today. About 1799, after returning to Birmingham, where he had previously lived, he perfected further practical methods for making, storing, and purifying gas.

A William Fairbairn reported that Murdoch occasionally used his gas as a portable lantern :-

"It was a dark winter's night and how to reach the house over such bad roads was a question not easily solved. Mr Murdoch, however, fruitful in resource, went to the gasworks where he filled a bladder which he had with him, and, placing it under his arm like a bagpipe, he discharged through the stem of an old tobacco pipe a stream of gas which enabled us to walk in safety to Medlock Bank."

**Imagine having no light in your house, indeed no light anywhere- living in darkness!!**

**Imagine trying to get from one place to another in total darkness!!**

It's impossible we would stumble, we would get lost, we would panic.

Yet, that's what many are doing - just stumbling through life in spiritual darkness. Many don't know where they come from, where they are going or where they are at.

In **Exodus 10:23** it is recorded of the people of Egypt, "They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings."

**Light is necessary for life and living.** The Egyptians were "paralysed" because they were in darkness. We just can't function properly in total darkness. Whenever there is a power cut, panic sets in - **we need light!!**

If that is true in the physical realm how much more so in the spiritual. When Jesus came into the world it is said that He came "to **give light to them that sit in darkness** and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." (**Luke 1:79**) There was in Jesus day, and is in our day, a great moral and spiritual darkness in the world. So, Jesus came "to open their eyes, and to turn them **from darkness to light**, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." (**Acts 26:18**)

Jesus declared in John **12:46** :- "I am come **a light into the world**, that whoever believes on me should not abide in darkness." In **John 12:35** He said, "Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walks in darkness knows not where he goes."

Sadly these words are recorded in **John 3:19-21** :- "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, **and men loved darkness rather than light**, because their deeds were evil. For every one that does evil hates the light, neither comes to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that does truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God."

When a person exercises faith in the Lord Jesus and follows Him, God "**delivers that person from the power of darkness**, and translates them into the kingdom of His dear Son." (**Colossians 1.13**)

Peter speaks in **1 Peter 2:9** of those who have been "**called out of darkness** into his marvellous light"

**The big question is - "Are you in the light or in the darkness?"**

Sadly, if a person lives in darkness (i.e. having never come to the "light", who is Jesus) and dies in darkness they will be in darkness for eternity. Jude speaks about being in the "**blackness of darkness for ever**" (**Jude 13**).

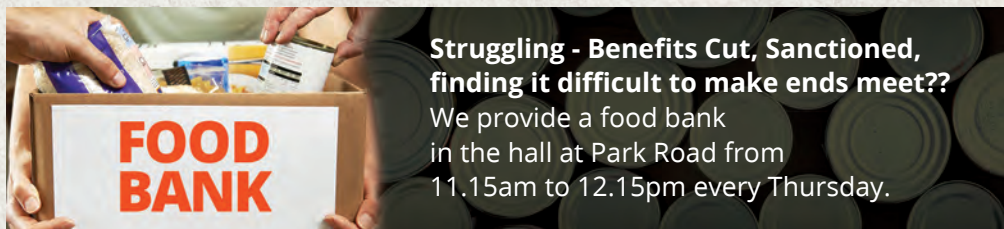




## Parent and Toddler Group

**Thursday @ 9.30 - 11.00** (term time only)

Please contact Ruth on 07402 468 244 for details.



**Struggling - Benefits Cut, Sanctioned, finding it difficult to make ends meet??**

We provide a food bank in the hall at Park Road from 11.15am to 12.15pm every Thursday.

## COFFEE MORNING

Why not drop in for coffee, cake and chat the 1st Monday of each month from 9.30am to 11.00am  
**(5th Aug; 2nd Sept; 7th Oct; 4th Nov)**

**Tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits.**

**All free of charge.**



## Family Service

Our all-age family service is held each

Sunday @ 12.45pm

Creche for kids

Singing, Kid's Message

plus Message for Adults

Free lunch provided for all after service

## Youth Fellowship

Every second Friday @7.30pm

Snooker, Table Tennis, Tuck Shop,

Bible Lesson

Contact :- Simon - 07411 801 594

## Times of Services

### SUNDAY

11.00am – Breaking of Bread

12.45pm – Family Service

14.45pm – Bible Teaching

### MONDAY

7.30pm – House Meeting @

101, Main Street

### TUESDAY

7.30pm – Prayer Meeting

## CONTACT DETAILS

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