



Bishopbriggs Community Church

LOVING GOD, LOVING OTHERS

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To join with us this morning on **YouTube** click on this link
<https://bit.ly/3aLxYSe>

or to join us on **Zoom** click on this link
<https://bit.ly/2JDrRDt>

Sunday 9th May 2021

Commissioning Sunday



for
Douglas

as he prepares to start his new role as OMF Area Rep for Scotland

Our service will be led

this morning by **Peter**

and we extend a very warm welcome to

Gerard Charles

Director for Mobilisation and Media for OMF International
as well as being involved in Douglas' Commissioning Service this morning, Gerard will also bring the message to us from

Acts 6: 1-7

Seven Men Chosen to Serve

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST 'CAFÉ CHURCH'

Once you are seated tea, coffee and donuts will be served to you this morning



**WELCOME
BACK TO CHURCH**
We are so glad you are here

To Our Dear Brothers and Sisters in Karengera Community

We send our warmest greetings to you on behalf of everyone at Bishopbriggs Community Church, Scotland. We love you and miss you and are deeply sad that we were not able to visit you last year and also this year due to covid. We promise you that we will be back in Karengera as soon as it is safe to do so, and what a celebration that will be!

We remember your warm welcome to us the last time that we visited you. We worked in the pineapple field and then were welcomed to sit in the shade of a shelter that you had put up for us all, we sang, shared the word of God, prayed, talked, and shared pineapple. We were made to feel very welcome, and we bless you for that. We pray that you are flourishing as a community. We know that this time of year is hard for many and we stand with you praying for strength, healing, peace and for the joy of the Lord to fill you and your homes. We pray that you would always know God's blessing, provision, and hope and that "the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:7

We send you love and prayers as you are in your days of mourning of the Genocide, especially as things are different and restrictions are in place due to covid. We pray for your safety and that you will be able to grow and have enough food and that God would bless your projects with His mighty hand. Remember our God is the God of the impossible. He walked on water, he made food appear when there was none, he provided daily manna from Heaven, he healed the sick. Whatever is going on in your situation, know that our God cares, and nothing is impossible for Him.



this gives us Hope for the future.

Here in Scotland, we are still very restricted in our movements, but Nature reminds us that God is always at work as we see beautiful flowers, Snowdrops and Daffodils, pushing their way up through the cold, hard earth to show us that Spring is coming, and warmer weather will follow. Soon, many birds will begin their migration northward from Africa to visit us during the Summer months, and

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" ***Philippians 1:3-6***

May God bless you and keep you. May He make His face shine upon you and give you peace. May He stir up a hope for the future and put vision in your hearts for Karengera. You are His treasure.

With much love and God bless from,

***Heidi Cochrane and Halcyon Martin
on behalf of all at Bishopbriggs Community Church, Glasgow***



DOUGLAS HUMPHRIS
FROM FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL TO OMF

My role as OMF Area Rep for Scotland will be to:

1. Inspire and Equip Christians in Scotland to share the good news of Jesus with the unreached billions of East Asia;
2. Serve and Partner with local churches and Christian groups who share the vision and objectives of OMF;
3. Connect and Support the OMF community in Scotland who pray, give and go to the unreached peoples of East Asia, in Scotland and overseas.

Please pray for...

1) Financial Clearance:

Before I can start my new post with OMF, I must obtain financial clearance. While I am praying for 100% of my annual support budget to ultimately be reached, we must reach at least 50% to receive financial clearance before I can start. At the time of writing, around 11% has been officially pledged with OMF while a further 21% has been pledged verbally. This leaves me some way short with less than 3 weeks until my planned start date of 14th May.

The Lord has always provided, and I believe He will do so here. Please pray that His provisions will miraculously be in place by the 14th May!

2) Prayer Partnership

Before I can start my new post with OMF, I must also register at least 30 committed prayer partners with OMF. Thank you to all those who were my prayer partner through my role with Friends International. As my role draws to an end, please consider whether you would be willing to continue prayer partnership and receiving monthly prayer news. I would be delighted if you were happy to continue.

To become one of my OMF prayer partners, please visit: OMF UK Hub (<https://ukhub.omf.org/>) where you can register and follow the menu options to sign up as a prayer partner for me.

At the time of writing, I have 4 registered prayer partners. Once again, please pray for at least 30 to be registered before 14th May so that I can start on time.

3) Learning the ropes

As with any new role, my first task will be to get up to speed with the work of an Area Rep. I'll be meeting colleagues, asking questions, learning processes, deciphering acronyms and making tentative steps as Area Rep. Please pray for my own patience as I learn to walk before I run, and attentiveness to the Lord's promptings and most immediate priorities in the early weeks and months.

Pray on for Friends International

It has been a privilege to work with Friends International for almost 8 years. While I prepare to move on, please pray for the new "Head of Innovations in Student Engagement" taking my place, and for the local team in Glasgow - Kate, Rebecca, Monika and Raindrop. If you would like to stay in touch with Friends International, you could sign up to the quarterly "Scotland Update" or receive news from a local staff worker.

Contact: pete.edwards@friendsinternational.uk for details.

Thank you so much for your prayers and donations to the work,

Douglas Humphris

douglas@humphris.com



RWANDA NEWS

GISHYTA HOUSING PROJECT

Most of you will know that one of the things we have done in Rwanda was to raise money to build 20 houses in Bisesero. We have also repaired houses and built in Mubuga, but **now there is a huge need for housing in the Gishyita community.** The local district has seen the need too and have committed to build 20 houses in Gishyita, each costing 3.5 million RWF, which is approx. £3,000.

The district has committed to giving them 1 million RWF per house, the sector has committed to giving 1.5 million RWF per house, and we, along with Sandyhills Parish Church, have committed to raise 1 million RWF per house. Our contribution is approx. £800 - 900 per house.

In total, the amount we need to raise, alongside Sandyhills, is approx. £16,000 - £18,000.

Encouragingly, we received a gift for this project of £2,700 and had other money raised for projects waiting for the right thing, so we have already sent out £7,155 to kickstart our contributions, leaving £9,000 - £11,000 left to raise. How encouraging and exciting to see God provide in this way! Thank you to those who have contributed to gifts, coffee mornings, film nights, and so on. A little really does make a huge difference.

If you would like to contribute to the Gishyita Building Project, please speak to Dorothy or transfer money to the church account (Sort Code 82-69-01, Account No. 90400928) **marked GISHYITA** and let Dorothy know so that she can look out for it.

Thank You



The Comfort International Charity Shop

at 2 Tay Walk
Cumbernauld Town Centre
G67 1BU
is now open again for business
Monday to Saturday 9.30am to 4.30pm



The shop is also accepting top quality donations; including electrical goods in very good working order, clothes, toys, books, shoes etc.

These can be delivered during shop opening hours.

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WhatsApp

Prayer Group

James & Yvonne have set up a
BCC WhatsApp Prayer Group

where we can share instant prayer requests
with one another as a church family.

This group is for active church family members only.

If you would like to be added to the group please let Yvonne know by contacting her on WhatsApp;
her mobile number is **07853 192930**

Hi Church Family,

Thank you for praying for us as we prepare to go abroad, as we've had a wonderful answer to prayer... we have reached 90% of our fundraising monthly support level! This is significant for us as we had aimed for reaching this mark before applying for a Visa and hopefully buying some plane tickets.

So, for us it feels like it is actually happening and God willing we will be moving there around springtime.

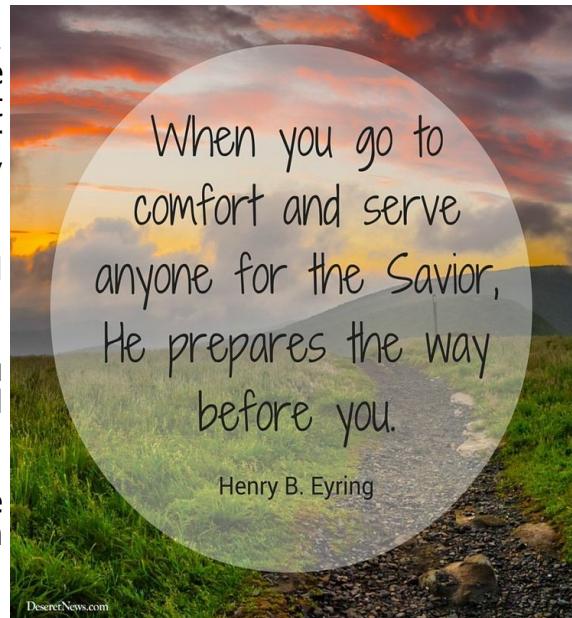
Thank you for all your support, and please if you could pray for the Visa application to be successful and for us to have favour with the government.

If you'd like to know more, we have a mailing list where we send out monthly email updates in a (hopefully) fun way. To be added just drop us an email at:-

peterandhannahcr@peoplenetemail.com

When you go to comfort and serve anyone for the Savior, He prepares the way before you.

Henry B. Eyring



*Blessings,
Pete and Hannah*

A New Plan for Immigration



HM Government

The Home Secretary published the 'New Plan for Immigration' this month outlining the UK Government's intentions to build a 'fair but firm' asylum and illegal migration system with significant implications for those seeking refuge in our country. On 24th March 2021, a 6-week consultation and engagement process was launched to listen to a wide range of views from stakeholders and sectors, as well as members of the public. This consultation will inform the proposals set out in the New Plan and ensure the government can deliver effective legislative change. The consultation is being undertaken on behalf of the UK Government by independent insight consultancy, BritainThinks.

NEW PLAN FOR IMMIGRATION

Policy Statement

We are invited to register and participate in this consultation to provide our views. Registration is simply a matter of providing name and email address and this gives access to a questionnaire where we can answer as many questions as we like, depending on our level of interest and expertise. It is also possible to complete the consultation via another format, (via email or by letter for example).

To take part in the consultation visit <https://newplanforimmigration.com/en/>

For the full policy statement and more information visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/new-plan-for-immigration>

To write to our MPs see <https://welcomechurches.org/updates/respond-to-governments-new-plan-for-immigration/>



TOILETRIES APPEAL FOR GLASGOW ROYAL INFIRMARY



Although restrictions are easing, Glasgow Royal Infirmary are still looking for our support in providing toiletries for their patients so if you would like to help, please add any of the following to your shopping list and drop them into the church on the days below:-

**Shower Gel - Shaving Gel - Disposable Razors - Shampoo - Conditioner -
Toothbrushes - Toothpaste - Body Lotion (but not Hand Lotion) - Bars of Soap (in wrapper) - No facecloths or sponges please as these are supplied by the hospital**

There will be a box just inside the first door of the entrance to the office which you can drop your items into on the following days:- **Mondays and Wednesdays - between 1 and 4pm**

Thank You

G64 COMMUNITY RESPONSE URGENTLY REQUIRE MORE VOLUNTEERS

Although restrictions are easing there are still those in the community who are struggling with day-to-day activities such as shopping, collecting prescriptions and light gardening. We know that East Dunbartonshire Council used to assist with gardening for the elderly however this service has been withdrawn at the moment. G64 Community Response are keen to ensure that no elderly person is left with an overgrown garden and have been providing support.

Many elderly people do not have family nearby and friends and neighbours are going back to work so support networks which existed during lockdown are no longer available.

As the requests for assistance increase the G64 Community Response Team are looking for volunteers to join the organisation. Volunteers can give whatever time they have available and would not have to volunteer every week.

If anyone would like to volunteer, then they should email volunteer@edva.org.

The team are also aware that there are people in the community who require help with shopping, prescription collection and light gardening and if you are aware of anyone in your neighbourhood please pass on the helpline number which is 0141 438 2347.

G64 COMMUNITY RESPONSE
Do you need help with essential shopping, light gardening duties, collecting prescriptions, posting letters or just a friendly chat?

Contact the OPAL Helpline below for help from your community.

THERE IS HOPE

Requests for help:
Telephone OPAL
0141 438 2347
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm & Saturday 9am-1pm

To find out more about volunteering:
Telephone EDVA **0141 578 6680**

A Bishopbriggs Community Partnership supported by:

East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action
OPAL
EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE INFORMATION LINE

CAN YOU HELP WITH RAINBOW TOTS?



After the summer, the Rainbow Tots Groups will be looking for more helpers.

If you would like to get involved, please speak to or email Yvonne

yvonne@bishopbriggscommunitychurch.org.uk

Canine Partners
Amazing dogs. Transforming lives.



Please can you save your stamps and encourage your friends and family to do so too.

STAMP COLLECTION



Crofton has been a God-send to Cameron, especially during lock down, it would be wonderful to help others receive a life changing companion too.

Just make sure you leave at least a 1cm border around the stamp. Stamps can be dropped off anytime through the church mailbox which is located to the right of the shuttered door on the Park Ave side of the building. **Thank You**