

## Regular Church Groups

### Friday

- The **'Boys Brigade'** meet weekly in the Hall – the adventure starts here!  
P1-3 meet 6-7.30pm; P4-6 meet 6-8pm; P7 up meet 7.30-9.30pm.

*Contact Billy I*

### Friday

- The **'Youth Fellowship'** meet weekly in the Centre from 7.30 – 9.30pm  
P7-S6 come & find out more about what Jesus can mean in your life today.

*Contact Karyn S*

## Small Groups

These groups exist to enable us to grow in our faith through fellowship, study and discussion of God's Word, prayer and sharing together.

### Monday

- Meeting at John and Janet's at 7pm

### Tuesday

- Meeting at Margaret's at 7pm

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- Meeting at Steven and Kerry's at 7.30pm

### Thursday **(not meeting meantime)**

- Meeting at Sheila and Stuart's at 7.45pm

***Many of the groups stop during school holidays and over the summer.  
Check with the contact person if group is meeting on a particular date.***

## Church Contacts

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## Intimations and Events

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **Special Session Meeting – Wednesday 21 June, 7pm (Centre)**

Fellowship meeting with opportunity to Skype with Joel and DDC ministry team in Kigali.

#### **Vox Luventutis Children's Choir – Friday 23 June, 7.30pm (St George's)**

Enjoy the music of the Children's Choir from Debrechen, Hungary.  
Cost £5, payable at the door. Followed by refreshments and a chance to meet the children.

#### **Powerhouse Outing – Saturday 24 June, 11am (Cream O' Galloway)**

The Powerhouse Outing this year is to Cream O' Galloway near Gatehouse of Fleet. Bring a picnic and meet there at 11am. Enjoy the adventure playground and have an ice cream. Please speak to Alison W who needs details and can give you more information if you plan to go.

### **NEXT WEEK**

#### **Powerhouse Prizegiving – Sunday 25 June, 11am (Church)**

End of year prizegiving celebration service. Children will remain in church for the whole service.

#### **New Abbey Gardens Safari – Sunday 25 June, 2-6pm (New Abbey)**

Over 20 gardens in and around New Abbey will be open to view. Buy an all-inclusive ticket (£5) and location map at the village hall – enter from the Abbey car park. Teas (£2.50) and a plant stall at the village hall during the afternoon. In aid of Lochend & New Abbey Church and Christian Aid.

### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

- Wed 28 June, 7.30pm           Prayers for Children & Holiday Club (*Centre*)
- Saturday 1 July, 8am           Prayer Breakfast (*Manse*)
- Sunday from 2 July           Evening Services held in the Centre for 6 weeks

## Reflections From Peru by Elaine Duncan CEO, Scottish Bible Society

Early rises, long distances, beautiful scenery, challenging situations & inspiring people were my daily experience during my visit to Peru. I saw first-hand the work the Peruvian Bible Society, which we in Scotland are supporting. Our partnership with other Bible Societies is enriched when it can be expressed through personal relationships in addition to prayer and financial support.

Over my years with the Scottish Bible Society (SBS), I have got to know Pablo Gutierrez, Director of Projects at the Peruvian Bible Society, really well. He is a man who loves Jesus deeply and has an energetic passion for getting the Bible into the hands of fellow countrymen. He also loves children and has a gift for getting alongside them, making them laugh & encouraging them to follow Jesus.

On my first morning, instead of the planned visit to Bible House in Lima, Pablo bundled me into a taxi and we headed to the edge of the city. We visited a favela (shanty town) where just a few days before tragedy struck when a fire spread rapidly, destroying the homes of 450 families. Pablo had organised local church volunteers & provided the infrastructure for a feeding station to be set up outside the school. Inside the school, the children were receiving Bible story books.

Pablo greeted many of the people by name – some were volunteers he had recruited, others were local people deeply affected by the tragedy. We were able to visit a family and see how they had rescued a few belongings and hung some tarpaulins on burnt, charred posts – all that was left of their home. The baby was asleep in a buggy. Two young teenagers were washing clothes by hand in a basin on the floor. I was made welcome because I was with Pablo. They knew he cared about them and so were willing to let me see their vulnerability.

We travelled to the Highland region, the beautiful, spectacular Andes. We were joined by two of Pablo's team. We visited schools where they taught about bullying and sexual abuse, using the Bible as the basis for understanding the value of every person. They ran a training session in a church on parenting from a biblical perspective. We saw different expressions of the 'Bread of Life' programme where children living in poverty are fed physically and spiritually.

Everywhere we went Pablo was greeted with warmth and respect. He thoughtfully planned my visit, making sure I was seeing and learning significant things about their work. He cared for my wellbeing by ensuring we had time to adjust to the altitude; making sure the taxi tyres had enough tread on them to cope with the mountain roads; taking time to eat in our busy schedule; ensuring I was understanding what was going on by constantly providing translation.

Pablo's love for Jesus, for his fellow Peruvians, for children, for the Bible is an inspiration to me. I thank God for him and I am honoured to call him my friend.

*(Taken from [www.scottishbiblesociety.org](http://www.scottishbiblesociety.org))*

18 June 2017



## Troqueer Parish Church, Dumfries – 18 June 2017

**Minister – Rev John Notman Tel: 01387 253043**

Welcome to our Sunday Services particularly if you are visiting. There are welcome leaflets at the ends of each pew – please take one. There are visitors books at either side of the Church – please sign one. Join us for refreshments at the close of the service – in the Centre.

Children leave for the 'Powerhouse' after the first part of the service and meet in the Centre where they can be collected at the end. There is also a crèche available for babies / children under 3 years.

Our Bible passage is Acts 3:1-10 read by Billy I.  
Colin C will lead us in our intercessory prayers.

**6.30pm** Evening Service led by Margaret M.  
Alison W will preach on Jeremiah 21:1-14.

## Next Sunday – 25 June 2017

**11am** Powerhouse Prizegiving Service.  
***The children will remain in church for the whole service***

**6.30pm** Evening Service led by Laura I.  
John N will preach on Jeremiah 22:1-30.