

CCF Update

May 2017



May Rota

7th

Communion: John McNair

Prayer : Robert Taggart

Bible Club: Tom & Susan

Creche: Jeanette, Elaine, Jennifer

14th

Prayer: Jane

Leading: Robbie

Bible Club: Margaret & Robert

Creche: Marie, Elaine, Arlene

21st

Prayer: Annemarie

Speaker : Julien

Bible Club: Margaret & Joe

Creche: Marie, Jeanette, Jennifer

28th

Leading: Linda

Prayer: Alan

Bible Club: Margaret & Paul

Creche: Elaine, Jennifer ,
Leslyanne

Midweek Meetings

Tues 2nd - Prayer

Tuesday 16th – Tom Muir

Tuesday 30th - Midweek Church

Scotland Church Census 2016

The results of the census that we took part in last year have now been published and show quite a disturbing trend for Church attendance in Scotland.

The census showed Scotland now has around 390,000 regular churchgoers, down from 854,000 in 1984. Around 42 per cent of these are aged over 65, around twice the figure for the general population. If trends continue, numbers could fall below 300,000 by 2025.

The good news is that the number of evangelical churchgoers is up at 35 per cent of churches compared with 26 per cent in 1994 and numbers attending midweek services are increasing.

Furthermore, while they were outnumbered by churches that closed, some 300 new churches have been started since 2002, attended by around 12,000 people. Many of the new churches have the characteristics of being led by local lay people, often without theological training, informality in worship, sometimes food, certainly a warm welcome, full fellowship, enterprise, borrowing of premises, with a deep concern for reaching out to others and making sure the worship service is relevant and in the appropriate language.

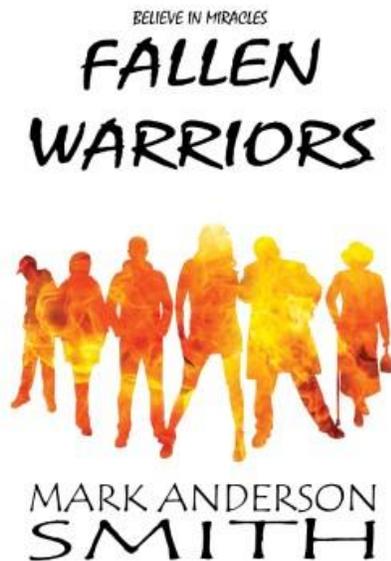
The Reverend Dr David Pickering, Moderator of the United Reformed Church Synod of Scotland, said that the census did not make "terribly happy reading". But he also said " It also presents a new opportunity for the church to portray the love of God and the good news of Jesus in a new way for a new generation. That's an opportunity and a challenge for us. If the church doesn't respond [to the decline in numbers], it is a crisis. If it does respond and it embraces the situation, that's positive."

In the light of this news, we need to hear what God is saying to His church. This has to be seen as an opportunity that God has laid before us. Perhaps now more than ever the church of God needs to reach out with His love and His word, led by His Holy Spirit. The word for us today is, John 4:35 "I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! they are ripe unto harvest."

Pastor Alan Welsh



The Alpha course takes place in Cornerstone Cafe every Wednesday at 7pm. Please pass on this information to anyone who may be interested. All are welcome.



If you would like to read/review Mark's book please contact him at mark@dragonlake.co.uk and he will be able to give you more information.

Can you help? We are looking for the following items to continue with the ongoing maintenance in Cornerstone House.

Red gloss paint and radiator paint

Paint brushes, Rollers and Paint trays

Baby changing table similar to one in disabled toilet.

If you have any of these items spare, please contact Margaret Muir. Thank you.

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If you sponsor a child with compassion could you email Alan or Mary so that we can compile a list of sponsors to pass on to Don Essen, the speaker from Compassion who recently visited Cornerstone.