

Letter from the Manse

Dear Friends

I hope this letter finds you all well. I am writing this message in the second week of November and I am wondering where the year has gone! It is now four years since Mary and I arrived with you, and I was called on a five year appointment and I should be in my last year but thankfully Presbytery have extended our calling although if Rev Calum Macdonald leaves The Park, then our situation will be reviewed.

In my last letter I reported on all that has been going on in Thornliebank and we have more plans for 2019. We hope to start putting together a funding application to allow us to employ a youth worker on a part time basis, and if you are wondering why we need a youth worker then we don't have any youths, then the youth worker's role will be to develop youth work in Thornliebank. It is important that we start to bring younger people into our church if we are to survive in the future so please pray for this initiative.

November saw us completing a successful joint Alpha Course in partnership with Carnwadric and Giffnock The Park and we started what may be the beginning of joint prayer breakfasts with neighbouring congregations. Our Technology Advocacy Programme will be starting as you read this letter, and we hosted The Fathers Song Choir in mid-November. Much has been happening recently and thank you to all who gave their time and talent in running these events.

Please read the weekly intimation sheet for upcoming events and continue to keep an eye open for visitors, and remember that we only get one chance to make a good impression on new people coming to our church.

Have a peaceful Christmas and joyous new year and may God guide and inspire us in the year to come.

With God's blessing,.

Mike Gargrave, Minister