

# SPRING '26 NEWSLETTER

The Official Newsletter of the Bathgate EU URC Church

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## *Easter Blessing*

*May the miracle of Easter  
fill your heart with renewed faith  
and remind you that hope is never lost in Christ*

*The stone was rolled away  
the tomb stands empty,  
and the promise of new life  
shines brighter than ever before*

*May every place of worry in your life  
be met with His peace,  
every moment of doubt  
be lifted by His grace,  
and every new day remind you  
of the victory of his love*

*May the risen Savior walk beside you in every season,  
bringing light where there was once darkness,  
strength when you feel weary,  
and joy that overflows  
from the promise of his resurrection.*

*May your days be filled with celebration,  
your home with peace,  
and your heart with the beautiful assurance  
that through Christ, all things are made new.*

***Rejoice and be glad, he is risen indeed!***

*Wishing you and joyful and blessed Easter*



## *A note from Eilidh*

*You may have seen that I have been in church a little more often recently: well I am now coming to the end of my training and am no longer on placement, but making use of my Sunday's while I can. I'm trying to be with you some Sunday's but also taking time to visit other churches in the area to get to know them better. So far, I've been to the Episcopal Church and the High Church, but plan to go to Boghall, the Catholic church, Centrepont, and perhaps wider to Whitburn Pentecostal and Armadale Methodist among others.*

*Most of all, I'm looking forward to returning in the summer and taking on the formal role of being your minister. To start with I will be taking services two or three times a month and reviewing where we are as a congregation (knowing we do a lot already) and finding out where you think our future should be. I return with enthusiasm and a keenness to provide the spiritual support you need – I may try some new things, but don't plan any significant changes! Let's walk together on the way ahead.*

## *Our Compassion Children*



*Betress*

### ***Butama, Uganda***

*Betress lives in a Hilly, Rural community of 3,217 residents, where the most commonly spoken language is Lukonzo and Lubwisi. The closest major city is Bundibugyo*



*Sleyou*

### ***Petit Bourg de Borgne, Haiti***

*Sleyou lives in a Mountainous, Rural community of 35,000 residents, where the most commonly spoken language is Creole. The closest major city is Borgne.*

*In the Summer newsletter, we will have an update about our children that we sponsor, but for now here are a couple of photos of them and some info about where they live*



***Preacher & Flower Rota  
for the next 3 months***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
5th April 2026	Mr Donnie Caldwell	Mrs. M. Stewart
12th April 2026	Revd Ron Greig	Mrs A Watson
19th April 2026	Revd. Robert Richard	Mrs. R. Clarke
26th April 2026	Revd. Robert Richard	Mrs. C. Walker
3rd May 2026	Revd Helen Mee	Mrs E. Young
10th May 2026	TBA	Miss A. Baird
17th May 2026	Revd. Robert Richard	Mrs. K. Gouwes
24th May 2026	Revd. Robert Richard	Mrs T. Peacock
31st May 2026	Revd Fiona Bennett	Vacant
7th June 2026	Revd. Robert Richard	Mrs. K. Grant
14th June 2026	Revd. Ken Brown	Mrs A. Watson
21st June 2026	Revd. Robert Richard	Mrs N. Stein
28th June 2026	Revd. Robert Richard	Mrs. S Mellors



# Church Building update

## Toilets

During the last manager’s meeting, it was agreed that we upgrade both sets of toilets within the Church. This is scheduled to take place over the next couple of months. Following the installation of the new toilets, attention will turn to the flooring. The plan is to update the flooring in both toilet areas to match the style and appearance of the Kitchen. A fresh coat of paint on the walls will complete the job.

### DRAINAGE

### RESOLVED

We are delighted to report that the drainage issues we were experiencing have now been successfully resolved. This achievement was made possible thanks to the assistance of Ian Heigh, who found a contractor able to commence the necessary work promptly. The contractor has carried out repairs to our toilet drain, effectively addressing the problem. As part of the solution, an external inspection hole has been installed. This improvement means that, should any future issues arise, there will be no need to lift the carpet in the hallway to gain access..

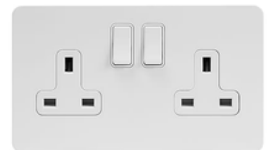


## Kitchen

Recently, new flooring has been installed in the kitchen. This decision was made because the previous lino was beginning to show signs of wear and tear, and in some areas, it had become a potential trip hazard. The newly laid flooring has noticeably brightened the space and has significantly enhanced the overall appearance of the kitchen.

## Church Electrics

As part of our ongoing improvements to the church hall, we have identified the need to increase the number of power points. At present, the only available power point is situated at the rear of the stage, which limits convenience for users. To address this, we will be installing two additional power points, one on each side of the stage. This enhancement will make power access much easier for everyone utilising the hall.



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Next newsletter due **July 2026**.

Anyone with material for the next newsletter should email us at the above address.

### Useful Websites:

#### Our Church

[www.bathgateuurc.org.uk](http://www.bathgateuurc.org.uk)

#### URC

[urc.org.uk](http://urc.org.uk)

#### URC Scotland

[urcscotland.org.uk](http://urcscotland.org.uk)