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CHURCH UPDATE



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6TH OCT-19TH OCT

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PARISH CHURCH



WHAT'S ON

M	6	Sweat & Build 6am-7am Tiny Tunes 9.30am-11.30am Sweat & Build 5.30pm-6.30pm	13	Sweat & Build 6am-7am Sweat & Build 5.30pm-6.30pm
T	7	BB Anchor Boys 6.30-7pm Senior Fit: 11am-11.45am BB Junior Section 7.30-8.30pm	14	Senior Fit: 11am-11.45am
W	8	Conditioning: 6am-7am The Hub Cafe 10am-12pm Kid Fit: 3.30pm-5.15pm Conditioning: 5.30pm-6.30pm	15	Conditioning: 6am-7am The Hub Cafe 10am-12pm Praying Together 10.30am Kid Fit: 3.30pm-5.15pm Conditioning: 5.30pm-6.30pm Praying Together 7.30pm
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F	10	Sweat & Build 6am-7am Mini Fit: 9.30am-10.15am Work Party 9.30am-11.30am Sweat & Build: 12.45pm-1.45pm Coming Alive: 7pm BB Company Section 7.30-9.30pm	17	Sweat & Build 6am-7am Mini Fit: 9.30am-10.15am Work Party 9.30am-11.30am Sweat & Build: 12.45pm-1.45pm
S	11		18	
S	12	Morning Worship 10.30am Something Different & Creche Evening Worship 6.30pm	19	Morning Worship 10.30am X-Groups & Creche Evening Worship 6.30pm

Fitness classes are organised by 68 Fitness and Martin Carr

At the heart of what we are as a church family is gathering together for worship. We make it a priority to offer shared live worship so that it can be accessed by all. If you cannot gather in the building the service can be accessed online using, our Web Page, YouTube, Vimeo or Facebook.

X-Groups meet during the morning service for age appropriate activities.

Upcoming Dates

Morning Communion: 26th Oct

Hub Kids: Wed 5th Nov

Remembrance Sunday 9th Nov

Mission Partners

Please remember to have a look on the church website to find out whats happening with our mission partners.

Church Family Lunch

On Sunday 2nd of Novmeber there will be lunch served after morning worhsip to which everyone is warmly welcomed. It's a great way to get to know others whilst enjoying some amazing food.

Comfort International Update

A Look Back At Supporters' Day 2025 by Anne Yarney

The Comfort International Supporters' Day is always a highlight in the Comfort calendar but for me this year was exceptionally good. It just felt like such a celebration of all that God is doing in the countries and lives supported through the work of Comfort International but also in the lives of supporters.

I find personal stories of transformation always speak so powerfully and throughout the morning we heard many stories of transformation. One story was of Mubaraka, from Batsinda SKR who used to live on the street because his dad was imprisoned for the part he played during the genocide, and his mum couldn't support him. We heard that through sponsorship he was able to receive medical care and attend school. Now he has won a scholarship and is about to start university. He says he's thankful that he doesn't live in his parents' history. Because of sponsorship his future looks very different now.

We also heard the story of transformation for Jean de Dieu, from Gatenga SKR Project whose life had been full of hopelessness, but due to the life changing support and sponsorship he was able to attend school. Now he has learned the skills needed to be a plumber and has not only plumbed water into his family home for the first time but has also been responsible for connecting many other homes to the water supply. He thanks God for the miracle that he has worked in his life and is full of gratitude that he can make so much difference to the lives of others through the skills he has gained.

We know the difference sponsorship is making to so many lives but there was also a reminder that it's not just about the money we send out; it's about the family that is being created by becoming part of a project. Family includes those who are able to sponsor and that's one of the reasons many people feel keen to go on a trip. One of the things that really impacted me was the enthusiasm from those who shared their experiences from this year's trips. The stories they told of overcoming huge anxieties and stepping through fears, of loving it so much they didn't want to come home all resonated with me.

As people shared their experiences with us more than one person mentioned that the trips are not just a time of giving to those we visit, those going out receive so much more back. That's definitely been my experience, and I felt myself agreeing with lots of the other points made – people's faith grows, they learn so much about themselves and come together as a team, sharing experiences and learning to trust God more. These quotes also impacted me and are so true – Africa gets into your bones and into your heart and those who go come back as changed people themselves. Being inspired by the African passion for worship and the way they are praising God at every opportunity.

It was a real joy hearing people share their personal experiences of this year's trips. The feedback was so inspiring that I'm certain I won't have been the only one in the room wondering when my next trip might be!

David and Chantal from Comfort Rwanda joined our morning via video link. It was fantastic to hear how well many of those from the Street Kids Projects are doing with their education. 95% are currently in full-time education and a number are moving on to university, 6 have recently graduated from university.

We heard an update on the progress being made at the Comfort Transformation Centre and the value that this place will bring to so many lives. There's a need for us all to try and get creative as we continue to find ways to raise funds for this huge, but life changing project. Note to self – must get a date in the diary for our next Potato and Pudding Party!

The update from DRC was hard to hear but it came as a reminder that we are all called to pray and to keep on praying. The sheer number of people who have been directly impacted by the continued conflict there is horrific, however, we know that every one of them is seen and loved by God. They are not just a number; they are known by name. The impact on those in this area, the hospital, the refugee camp, the schools has been huge. But God's provision is always greater! It was so good to hear that due to a huge response to an appeal for DRC, nearly 5000 people have been fed (there's a familiar story!), and some of the hospital equipment has been replaced and is now back up and running. Most schools are operational again and they are so much in demand that in some cases there's now a morning school and an afternoon school to accommodate more students. It was very humbling to hear how in the most difficult of circumstances, the team on the ground have done an incredible work supporting those in the greatest of need. They are so full of compassion, commitment and love for these people who are living daily with unimaginable situations. One team from Scotland were able to visit in July and were there for the opening of the new and much needed maternity hospital. Dieuodone, in true Dieuodone style is still so full of ideas of how we can do more. Watch this space!

Before the shared prayer time we were encouraged that every prayer counts, and it doesn't matter that we all pray in different ways and for different things. God sees the one and he sees the nations. We all have different countries, people and projects that we are passionate about and that's ok. It's always a privilege to come together with different people at Supporter's Day to pray over all of the pieces that make up the work of Comfort International and to give thanks to the One who makes all things possible.

To finish the morning, Callum spoke from 2 Corinthians 9 on the Grace of God and how God calls on those with surplus to meet the needs of those without. What Comfort International is able to do only happens when each one of us plays our small part, whether it's our financial commitment or our commitment to pray or volunteer or step out of our comfort zone and take part in a trip. We are so blessed to see what God does to transform lives and to participate in all that he is doing. While we will never have enough resources ourselves for all that needs to be done, we do have God's grace, his sufficiency and his abundance. We are not limited by our own inadequacies or an empty bank balance. As we look at the empty pot and the enormous needs of those we care for, we can give thanks to the God who provides all things in abundance, who pours out his grace on each one of us and who is all sufficient. He's done it before, and we can be certain he'll do it again.

So, as I reflect back it was a morning full of stories of God's goodness, his grace, his provision and his extraordinary love. Stories of how he restores and redeems situations beyond our imagination. Stories of how he uses our little to do great things



Prayer News Bulletin

OCTOBER 2025

*"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." (Psalm 121:1-2)*

Dear Friends Living in a town surrounded by mountains on three sides brings this verse to mind most days. It reminds me first to lift my eyes up to the Lord and not just focus on the things I need to do that day, and secondly that it is the Lord that my help comes from. I don't need to, and shouldn't try to, do things in my own strength, but rather rely on his help each day as I get used to living and serving in a new part of Japan.

Sakata News

Last month was mainly filled with moving into my flat and sourcing all the furniture and other bits and pieces that I need, and with completing all the administrative tasks, most of which still happen in person in Japan. As a result I have now been to the city office (x2), the police station (x2), the tax office (x2), the city health centre, the light vehicle registration office (which is actually in a neighbouring town) and the local bank. Each time I pray that I will be the aroma of Christ as I interact with the staff there. This is a small town and I will most likely meet these people again at some point. After three weeks of attending enthusiastically and buying a Bible and a hymn book, Mrs T and her mother and daughter suddenly stopped coming to church. We think Mrs T may have taken offence at something Pastor Kizu said. He plans to follow up with her soon. In the meantime, the Kizus had their fifth baby on Tuesday night, a fifth girl! Everything went smoothly and he will announce the name at church this Sunday.

On the **25th**, the ladies of the church are holding a wreath-making class, which I will also attend. They then plan to invite those ladies, and others they know, to a cooking class I have been asked to do at church in November (more info next time).

That evening a short-term OMF prayer team are coming to Sakata. On Sunday **26th** they will attend the church service and in the afternoon help arrange a "Kids' Time". The plan is to invite the children who attended the kids' gospel outreach event in the summer. I also give the Sunday school message that day. Please pray for:

- ✚ Ongoing relationship-building with church members. I hope to start inviting some of them round once I am back from my holiday (see below);
- ✚ Mrs T and her mother and daughter to come back to church and for their follow-up;
- ✚ Children to come to the Kids' Time and begin to feel more of a connection with the church;
- ✚ The Lord's leading as to what he wants me to be involved in, especially in the community; and
- ✚ The Kizus as they all adjust to being a family of 7! I hope to help out where needed.

OMF and Family News

I am going to Singapore for the annual face-to-face meeting of the Global Vision Council from **12-15th**. I need to do some preparation before then. I will then take a few days' holiday. **Daniel** passed his exams and is now studying for part 2 in November. Over the summer **Calum** managed to earn enough to pay for the two courses he is taking this semester so he can stay in the US until the end of the year at least. **Alistair** is enjoying getting experience as a student coach for the University football team. Thanks for praying about my flat. Tenants moved in last month at last. Please pray for:

- ✚ The Lord's work in each of the boys' lives and that I can encourage/challenge them appropriately;
- ✚ The Global Vision Council, in particular as we change chairperson and find the best way to work together and with OMF's international leadership team;
- ✚ The Lord to provide leaders in OMF where needed. There are several gaps at the moment, or coming up, including a need for a new leader for East Asia North, the area the Japan Field is in.

Thank you so much.
With love and prayers, Lorna

Tuttlebee Newsletter Sept '25

Hi there!

Well summer has well and truly gone and autumn/winter vibes seem to be roaring in!!!

I've been meaning for a while to send an update on how things are going here in the North West of Donegal. It's been a challenging season for us as both a family and a church family, It's always easier to share the highlights, but as James reminds us in his letter (James 1:2-4), we are to "consider it pure joy" when we face trials, because they strengthen our faith and help us grow in perseverance.

Over the summer, numbers at our small church plant were low at times, and we faced some pastoral difficulties. Yet, in the midst of this, God has been at work. We've had encouraging conversations with friends and colleagues, and we sense His Spirit moving in this town. Where God is at work, opposition is real, but we know Christ has already won the victory. Please continue to pray for protection over the believers here, for Christian marriages and families, and that God's light will shine brightly in this community. Your prayers truly sustain and encourage us—we couldn't do this without them.

Some of you may know that as I write this Matt has been in a period of medical leave after having a hip replacement! He is recovering really well and looking forward to a dance at our son Eoghan's wedding next month! Please pray for us as a family... for God's protection over us, for wisdom and strength for the situations we face.

Some encouragement is there's a lovely group of young adults in the church and they are hungry for God's word so please pray for them. We are planning on starting a young adults group where we'll share some teaching over food together once a month, so please pray for this to work well as it is a varied age range but our hope is the teens will look up to the older young adults and that the older ones would kinda take on a mentoring role too!

Eoghan & Grace get married towards the end of Oct so there's excitement for that, please pray for them, for their protection as a young Christian couple coming together, they have had a few tough months and have felt that spiritual attack, so please hold them in prayer that they would know God's love and blessing on them as they start married life together. Please pray for Eoghan as he starts new employment and that he will get his apprenticeship finished early in the new year. Skye seems to be really enjoying her time in Abernethy and is growing all the time, we miss her but are delighted she's thriving and enjoying her time. Shay starts back his 2nd year in college in Sligo and has moved into a place with 3 other students please pray for him. Lachlan has gone into 5th year and is enjoying time with his friends, please continue to pray for them all.

Please pray for Matt as he begins now to plan the next series in Ephesians for the church, pray for wisdom and guidance for this next term and for God's protection on his church here as we all seek to show something of the gospel in this town.

DAILY READINGS PRAYING THE BIBLE

"In listening to his voice we find our own"

Each day there is a short passage to read.
As you read ask yourself these three questions.
What in the passage is there something to...



ADORE- What did you learn about God for which you should praise or thank him?

ADMIT- What did you learn about yourself for which you could repent?

ASPIRE- What did you learn about life that you could aspire to ask for

M	6	Esther 7	M	13	Luke 7: 36-50
T	7	Esther 8	T	14	Luke 8: 26-39
W	8	Esther 9: 1-19	W	15	Luke 15: 11-32
T	9	Esther 10: 20-10 v 3	T	16	1 John 1: 1-5
F	10	Luke 5: 12-16	F	17	1 John 1: 5-10
S	11	Luke 5: 17-26	S	18	1 John 2: 1-6
S	12	Luke 5: 27-32	S	19	1 John 2: 7-14

Don't close your Bible yet because in listening to His voice we find our own.
Take the things you have learned from the reading and then use them to help you pray.

What does God want you to ADORE him for?

What do you need to ADMIT to him?

What could you ASPIRE to and ask for?

Each day try and pray for something national, something local, something in your family,
something in the church and something in your own life.

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