

Community Pinboard

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YOUR reports,
events & pictures
with fellow readers**

We welcome contributions and picture from groups, clubs and organisations in the circulation area. However, owing to production requirements, all submissions must be via email and should be in the format of those below if they are to be considered for publication. Your contributions should reach us **NO LATER than 5pm on Monday**. Please email to: **motherwell.times@jnsotland.co.uk**

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Shelter from the storm

The past month has seen several storms batter the UK: Ciara, Dennis and Jorge. In the gospels we read of a terrifying storm that threatened the lives of Jesus and His disciples on Lake Galilee. Even today, Lake Galilee is famous for its storms. Lying 700 feet below sea level and being surrounded on three sides by mountains the lake can become a cauldron for swirling winds and fierce storms making it a very dangerous place. Four of the disciples in the boat with Jesus were experienced fishermen: Andrew, Peter, James and John. And yet, even they are terrified. Finding Jesus asleep they ask: "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" (Mark 4:38). Awaking, Jesus, we are told, calms the storm: "Peace! Be still!" (Mark 4:39). As the storm subsides the disciples look at one another in amazement: "Who then is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?" (Mark 4:41). Physical storms can cause devastation. So, too, the metaphorical storms that so often rush and roar into our lives. Sometimes life can feel like we are in a boat in a raging sea. What storms are we facing today? Health issues? Family problems? Concerns at work? Money worries? Anxieties about the environment, or the threat of



Author visit for GLO Bookshop

The GLO Bookshop in Motherwell recently hosted author Jill Weber. She joined customers for afternoon tea as she shared something of the vision and passion behind her newly published book, 'Even the Sparrow'. Jill was accompanied by her publicist, Healey Roseweir from Muddy Pearl in Edinburgh.

Jill said, "I was so thankful for the opportunity to come and talk at The GLO Bookshop over tea. It was a nice environment to share in with those who attended. Healey and I enjoyed taking the time to chat to everyone there as well as with the Bookshop and Coffeshop staff who were very hospitable throughout the day".

GLO Bookshop staff member, Helen Dempsey said, "It was such a good afternoon! Whilst being a very relaxed day, Jill shared some of her journey and passions with all of us who attended. It was a huge encouragement and allowed me to pick up some advice to take back to my church as well as how we, as a church,

could reach and impact our local community. Jill and Healey really connected to everyone there which made it a really special event". Jill Weber with Healey Roseweir of Muddy Pearl are pictured with GLO Bookshop staff members Andrew Lacey, Helen Dempsey, Jacqueline Thubron and Annette Campbell.

in the hall after the second song (P1-7). The youth Bible class meets after the Bible reading (S1-6). Church CDs are available in the front vestibule, to be taken if you missed a service or know of someone who would like to hear the service. There is a box in the front vestibule for all donations to the food bank which will be gratefully received. The church halls can be booked for events by filling in and submitting the form to our events team which is available at the church website, westchurchbellshill.org. On Thursdays at 7.45pm choir practice takes place in the halls. All are welcome to join the choir, no experience is necessary. On Sunday, March 15, there is a soup lunch in the small hall following the service. West Brek breakfast returns on Saturday, March 21, at 9.30am. On Sunday, March 29, at 6pm there is Cornerstone Cafe modern worship. West Blend coffee mornings will be held on Tuesdays, March 17, 24 and 31 from 10.30am to 11.30am in the Small Hall. We are currently in need of people to help open and close the hall for events – if you would be willing to help please speak to Calum, David Foye or Colin Morrison. For more news and information follow us on Facebook at Bellshill West Church.

Bingo night