

The children put the rest of the congregation into a lively mood with their exhortation to “jump up and down” in their opening song on Sunday morning. Rev Fyfe Blair produced his puppet friend wee Johnny to assist in showing us how to make wise choices in life – focussing on Jesus’ words and example is the most helpful thing we can do.

Hugh Morrison read from Proverbs chapter 9, leading into Fyfe’s talk on how we need to keep L-plates permanently in operation as we progress in the Christian life. We are blasé if we think we know it all! The book of Proverbs gives us practical wisdom throughout. We must be aware that we are not the centre of our existence – the fear of the Lord keeps our minds wide open, and this is the beginning of wisdom. We have to bring our head, heart and soul into God’s presence. We should ‘go to school’ every day through reading our Bibles and engaging with the living God, and be prepared to die to self and be raised to newness of life in Christ. We must ask ourselves “how teachable are we”?

The choir gave their last “formal” contribution to the morning service before their summer break, and Ian Gillis and his team were warmly thanked by the minister. The anthem “With all my heart” was particularly moving.

The well-supported lunch in the church hall organised by Amy Robertson to raise funds for the Church of Scotland’s Missionary and Discipleship Council’s missionary centre in Malawi, raised the splendid total of £809. Amy and nine other youngsters from across Scotland are to be going on a working visit to Malawi organised by the C of S in July.

In the evening service @ seven, Fyfe compared our lives to following a map – it’s better to do it with someone who knows the terrain well. Proverbs is about helping us to live wisely, and is addressed to all ages, giving practical principles. At every crossroads, we should try and discern the well-lit wise way which is in Christ, setting the pattern for living a life pleasing to God.