

POLLOKSHIELDS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, GLASGOW

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NEW VISION



Our Mission Statement:

*'Showing forth the love of Christ in
a Multi-Faith Community'*

Minister:	The Rev David Black	423 4000
Session Clerk:	Mrs Mary Morrison	632 1659

Sunday Services In February

3 rd	11:00	Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche
	3:30	Scottish Asian Christian Fellowship
10 th	11:00	Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche
17 th	11:00	Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche
24 th	11:00	Morning Worship with Guides and Brownies, Junior Church & Crèche

Mid-Week Service

A 15 min. mid-week service is held every Wednesday in the hall 9:45am – 10:00am. We sing hymns, pray and listen to a Bible passage. The leader who takes the service continues with an explanation.

This is followed by Coffee Break 10:00am – 11:30am. Tea, Coffee + chat in the hall.

Please note that you do not need to attend the Service to come to Coffee Break.

Everyone is invited

Copy date for the next New Vision is 20th February 2013



Message from the Manse

Music will feature as a key part of our activities in the church this year especially through the concerts to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the installation of the pipe organ.

Already the four Sunday lunch time concerts have attracted over 200 people and raised over £1200 for a variety of charitable causes and have allowed us to hear a range of talented musicians.

They have also allowed us to appreciate even more the breadth of Liam Devlin's skills in his showing the variety of music which can be played on the organ.

Moreover the lunches provided between worship and concert have allowed a more relaxed time for getting to know and welcome new members into our church community and we will be continuing to build on this success as well in the coming year.

Learning together will also be a key feature in the coming year. Building on the success of our "Hear I AM" and Community Theology groups, our *Bible Book of the Month* will reappear after Easter once we have shared in our Lent Studies which begin this month (see separate notice).

Although our place as a "stand alone" congregation with a minister on unrestricted tenure has been reaffirmed by the latest Presbytery Plan, the Kirk Session does not see our present or future working as being in isolation or competition with other churches, but is open to working and worshipping with them. We aim to be at the heart of reinvigorating the good neighbourliness we have enjoyed with the other local congregations in Pollokshields

Churches Together with an open invitation to join us in our Lent Studies and Holy Week Services.

And if music, worship or study are not “your thing”, there are exercise groups, our lunch club and book club to be involved with – something for everyone - as we witness to Christ in the heart of Pollokshields.

Rev David R Black.

LENT STUDY - *This is our Story*

Based on the *Churches Together in Britain and Ireland* material for 2013 *This is our Story*, a series of 6 weekly meetings on

Wednesdays 11-12noon in The Session Room –
Coffee etc. available from 10am at Coffee Break

Repeated at 7.30-9pm Thursdays (coffee etc. included)

Come and join neighbours from all the local churches as we engage with issues of what it means to be a Christian in today's society

Begins (Ash) Wednesday 6th and Thurs 7th
February.

Church Organ Centenary

The Organ Concert Number 3 on the 2nd December raised £274.20 for the Church of Scotland's AIDS/HIV Project.

The Organ Concert No 4 on the 6th December raised £326 for the Kenyan Girls Education Charity.

The next Organ Concert No 5 is on the 5th February. The collection will be given to the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice. (See Page 13 for programme details)

A Note from the Organist

As our mini-season of lunchtime concerts draws to a close, I would like to thank all of you for your warm support of music in the Church. I would also like to thank the Choir for their enthusiasm and especially for their skill and commitment, Sunday by Sunday, in the worship of the Church. Although small in number, they make an excellent contribution but it would relieve the pressure on them a little if we could recruit some more singers from the congregation. If you are not able to sing, it would also be a big help to the Choir if they did not have to take on other duties, like manning the doors and making the tea which are two activities which greatly disturb the flow of the Service when choir-members have to come and go from the chancel. If you do not already take on an occasional duty, please consider either joining the Choir or help by replacing choir-members on the duty rosters. The choir is one of the happiest institutions in the Church, so if you feel ready for an institution, do join us!

Who Pays The Piper?

dilemmas. The two causes for most disagreements are "who chooses the Clergy" and "who pays for them".

These questions came to mind when I was considering the latest Plan for the Presbytery of Glasgow. The Churches in the Presbytery raise over £10million every year. Of that, over half is raised by only 38 churches. These 38 churches have 19,000 members, that is 53% of the membership in the Presbytery. And yet these 38 churches are only given by my estimation 35 ministerial posts, out of an allocation of 137 ministerial posts.

It would seem to me that we should be pouring as much in the way of manpower and resources into these church that seem to be doing well. We should be encouraging them to do even better.

K G Ross

"A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defence than on programmes of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Freewill Offering

This is to say 'thank you' to everyone who has donated to the work of the Church in 2012 using their Weekly Freewill offering envelopes.

Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.

If anyone should like an individual note of thanks or a letter stating their total contribution for the year, then I should be delighted to write to them as requested. My phone number is (0141) 423 8421.

Thank you all once again.

Murray Henderson

Watchnight Service Collection

The Watchnight Service collection was in aid of the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice. Who are appealing for funds to build new premises in Bellahouston Park. The amount raised was £350.

Pollokshields Lunch Club

The Lunch Club is a community organisation meeting on Mondays and Thursdays at 12noon. within Pollokshields Church premises.

A 3 course meal with tea and biscuits is served at a cost of £2 and the company is great.

The club was started 40 years ago by the united churches of Pollokshields and is still ongoing today.

New members will be most welcome. If you are living alone, or not into cooking, why not come along and give us a try.

For further information speak to Marjory or Sadie Swan. Telephone 429 6338.



Christmas with Junior Church

Our Christmas celebrations and hard work culminated in our party on the 15th December

Our party was well attended with about 15 children.



We played games which involved a lot of running around.

Then it was time to eat.



To finish off no Christmas party would be complete without a visit from you know who.



Presents were given out to every child.
The party was enjoyed and a big thank you to all the Junior Church leaders who worked hard to make it so much fun.

Nativity

A dress rehearsal for the Nativity which took place on the 16th December also took place on the 15th December.

This year's nativity was written and directed by Mary Cumming.



It was a tale of cheeky angels who threw snow and ate marshmallows.

An inn keeper who found space on a busy night for two tired travellers



Shepherds who spoke to the angels and went to the stable.

Wise women who came following a star after visiting a rapping Herod.



And finished with a song from the whole cast.

The whole nativity was well received by the congregation and enjoyed by the children who had great fun taking part.

A big thank you to Mary for all her hard work and to the Junior Church Leaders for all their support.

Roll on next year!

Cathy Thompson

Advance Notices



FRIDAY 1ST MARCH AT 2.30PM
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
IN
POLLOKSHIELDS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



THE SPRING COFFEE MORNING WILL TAKE PLACE
ON
SATURDAY 9th MARCH
10.00am - 12 noon

Two Forthcoming Events

David Livingstone & The Scottish Encounter with Tropical Disease Symposium 2013

February 25th All day event, Bute Hall, University of Glasgow, event is free.

David Livingstone an explorer, writer, missionary, medic and anti-slavery campaigner rose from humble beginnings in Lanarkshire tenement to become celebrated as "Africa's first freedom fighter." Topics include Livingstone's life, Malaria, Sleeping sickness, bilharzia and a range of other diseases known by Livingstone and still with us today.

Thinking Aloud, an informal Lecture entitled "Religious Freedom: A Contested Right" – Prof Mona Siddiqui

Orchardhill Parish Church, 12 Church Road Giffnock

February 6th: 7:30pm for 8:00pm, suggested donation £5

How do we understand religious freedom today? Is freedom of religion a universal human value? In liberal democracies freedom to express your faith is a right even if it can be a contested right, but in many parts of the world religion and freedom do not coexist comfortably and the state can intervene on matters of individual conscience. The lecture will explore the ways in which the issues surrounding religious freedom are gaining recognition across the political and legal spectrum.



Church Music

Liam will be playing the following music on the Organ in February 2013.

Sunday 3rd February:

Organ Centenary Concert 5 1.15p.m: Music for Organ and Cello

Sunday 3rd February:

Richard Wagner (1813- 1883) Bicentenary:

Anthem: *Bridal Chorus* (from *Lohengrin*) - Wagner

Offertory music: *Pilgrim's Chorus* - (from *Tannhauser*) - Wagner

Recessional voluntary: Fantasie: *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg* – Wagner

Sunday 10th February & Sunday 17th February:

Guest Organist: Scott Blackwell with be playing

Sunday 24th February: 2nd Sunday in Lent

Anthem: *Domine Deus*- Vivaldi

Offertory music: *Wenn wir in höchsten Nöthen sein* BWV 668 –Bach

This is the last piece Bach wrote.

Recessional voluntary: *Litanies* - Jehan Alain

Organ Centenary Season: **Concert 5**

Pollokshields Parish Church

Organ Centenary Concert 5

Sunday 3rd February 2013

at 1.15 p.m.

Music for Organ and String Quartet

Sortie in Eb—Lefébure-Wély (1817-1869)

String Quartet No. 21 in D major, K. 575 Prussian No. 1 - Mozart (1756-1791)

(Allegretto—Andante—Menuetto: Allegretto- Allegretto)

Chorale: *Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam* BWV 684—J.S.Bach(1685-1750)

Epistle Sonata for Organ & String Quartet K336—Mozart

The Aurea String Quartet

Gongbo Jiang - 1st violin , Wen Wang - 2nd violin

Hua Zhong - viola, Robert Anderson - cello

Liam Devlin (organ)

Collection in aid of the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice

**The final concert, on Sunday March 3rd at 1.15 p.m.
will feature Music for Organ, Choir and Orchestra**

The Christmas Gift Service

The Christmas Gift Service on 9th December appealed for gifts of toys for children 3-8years

Toys for children 3-5years were given to the Daisy Chain project in Govanhill and toys 6-8years were given to Starter Packs in Govan.

The Daisy Chain Early Years Project letter of thanks said: We thank you for your generous donation. We allocated the majority of the gifts to the children who attended the Christmas parties. It was a blessing to be able to involve children from a variety of cultures in a celebration of Christmas. The remaining toys are to be used in play rooms to help improve the provision for the children. May God bless you all for your generosity. (The children attending came not only from Scotland but Pakistan, Poland, Malaysia, China, Ghana, Libya, The Philippines, England, Slovakia, The Czech Republic and Romania.

(This indeed proves that by the Grace of God we can break down the barriers of race, religion and language and unite children and families together.)

Sylvia Pacitti

Starter Packs who give household items and furniture to people who need a 'hand up' as they set up home after homelessness or have to equip and furnish their home on a very tight budget.

They wrote to say they were overwhelmed by the amount of toys they received. They said they were grateful, and the toys brightened up Christmas for children who would have had to go without.

Alison Blake

The Lodging House Mission

Many thanks to all those who gave me Christmas gifts of socks, toiletries or shoe boxes for the men at the Lodging House Mission. The chaplain writes...

"Many of our service users would face Christmas Day with no remembrance of them from anyone at all if it were not for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Christmas can be a very difficult time for many experiencing homelessness especially those facing loneliness and separation from family and friends.

We are grateful we have always received enough to provide for the 100+ men and women who come to the Mission for Christmas dinner. These gifts are always valued and appreciated and often bring a smile when received.

We here hope that God will use these gifts, given in practical compassion and care, to draw even one person to himself out of an empty life and into the fullness of life he came to bring. This would indeed express the true joy and blessings that Christmas brings.

Thank you again for all your support and help at Christmas and during the past year."

As you see, your gifts were greatly appreciated.

Elva Carlisle

Pollokshields Heritage Lecture Series

Tuesday February 12th 7:00pm for 7:30pm

Fergus Sutherland

“Gartnavel Royal Hospital and its Chapel”

This talk will focus on Gartnavel Royal Hospital Chapel, built in 1904 to the designs of Sir John James Burnet. It has just reopened after a six year conservation project as the Calman Cancer Support Centre. Burnet, once hailed as Scotland’s most successful architect, is nowadays overshadowed by his contemporary, C R Mackintosh.

Bookworms

The next meeting of Bookworms will be on **Thursday 31st January at 2:00pm** in the Coffee Lounge.

We will be discussing our latest book *The Girl You Left Behind* by Jojo Moyes.

The story begins with a quite harrowing account of the impact the Nazis made on occupied France and in particular on a small village. As the story unfolds we find ourselves in the late 1990s and this is where the meaning of the title becomes clear.

At the meeting we will also be choosing our next book. So do come along and make your preferences known.



The Guild



**The Guild theme for 2012 -2013
"A Faith to Proclaim"**

February Meetings

Monday 4th	7.30pm	Sadie & Marjory's Travels
Monday 11th	2.30pm	Mr Gus McKay - Lodging House Mission
Monday 18th	7.30pm	"Mary's Meals" - Guild Project
Monday 25th	2.30pm	Major John & Joan Swan - Salvation Army

New members and visitors are always welcome.



Rainbows meet on Tuesday 6:00pm – 7:00pm for ages 5 – 7 years in the Hall. Rainbows play games; do craft work and have lots of fun. They then progress to Brownies at the age of 7 years.



Brownies meet on Wednesday 5:30pm – 7:10pm for ages 7 – 11 years in the Hall. Brownies are involved in badge work, games and have lots of fun. They progress to Guides at the age of 11 years.



Guides meet on Wednesday 7:30pm – 9:00pm for ages 11 – 15 years in the Hall. Guides play games, learn to cook and work towards Guide badges.

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Views, snippets of news-
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other people

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