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NEW VISION

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!



HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!



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 for May

- 4th 11:00am Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche
led by Margaret Nutter
- 3.30pm Scottish Asian Christian Fellowship
- 11th 11:00am Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche
led by Rev David Black
- 18th 11:00am Christian Aid Week Service
- 25th 11:00am Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche
led by Rev David Black

Bible Readers for May

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| 4 th May | Margaret Nutter |
| 11 th May | Calum Morrison |
| 18 th May | Mike Ritchie |
| 25 th May | Sadie Swan |



Copy date for the next New Vision is 18th May 2014



Message from the Manse

This month of May will have a very different feel to it for me. Not only is it my turn to attend the General Assembly but I will be attending two National Assessment Conferences in my role as a Church Assessor for recruitment to ministry.

The need for more ministers to lead congregations and their recruitment especially amongst younger members of the church will be a major part of the Assembly's work this year. Similarly, a report on Inter Faith engagement will promote understanding and respect for how the church sees itself in relation to other faith groups, and how faith itself is seen and valued in society.

There is no doubt that in our fast changing technological world, we are facing rapid change in how people relate to each other and to the institutions which have for centuries been the bedrock of our society. On the one hand we can see the decline in church attendance as making us a less "Christian" country, whilst on the other the fact that as a whole people still value justice, democracy, love for neighbour and laws based on ten commandments suggests we are neither as unspiritual or irreligious as the media would have us believe.

How the church as a national institutions draws together individual Christians and congregations which have a breadth of theological understanding of what it means to love God and to live as disciples of Jesus is a question that will dominate not just the Assembly's thinking but our whole church's practice in the year ahead and for

years to come and we have our part to play in that discussion as we worship and share our faith together week by week.

It is the love we display, the faith that is revealed in our actions, which draws others to Christ.

Rev David R Black

Vocations Conference

**Want to Serve God?
It's your call**

This conference offers an inspirational keynote speech on the Call to Serve.

Today's practical information and the opportunity to ask important questions about how God might be Calling you.

Presentations by:

- Ministries Council
- Mission and Discipleship
- CrossReach
- World Mission Council

To be held at

Letham St Mark's Church Centre, Perth: 28th June 2014.

To register please contact

Ministries Council 121 George Street Edinburgh EH2 4YN

Christian Aid

War tears lives apart

Love can help piece them back together

'The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer... in whom I take refuge.'

2 Samuel 22:2-3

For a growing number of people across the world, the horror of war is a part of daily life.

Right now, fuelled by the devastating violence in both Syria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the numbers of people driven from their homes by war is on the rise.

It stands at 42 million people – an appalling statistic and a stain on the conscience of humanity. We can't turn our backs. We must act now.

The good news is that your church can make a real difference.

Last year, a magnificent 20,000 churches across the country helped raise over £12m for Christian Aid Week.

This Christian Aid Week (11–17 May 2014) we want to go even further. We want every church in Britain and Ireland to get involved – whether by giving, acting or praying.

Together we can send people living in fear this message: you are not alone. We're with you, helping you to rebuild

your lives, and working for peace.

Imagine what such an expression of love would mean to people searching for the strength to cope with the devastation of war, and how it could help to drive out their fear.

Demonstrate God's love for those living in poverty and show how much good the church is doing in the world this Christian Aid Week.

Together we can reach the 42 million people caught up in conflict and help them live a life free from fear.

Could you provide the gift of hope?

£ 5 could feed a child for a week

£15 could provide blankets for refugee children to protect them from bitter night-time temperatures.

£40 could provide enough good quality and nutritious food for two refugee children for a month.

£150 could help us provide specialist emotional support for a child deeply traumatised by the horror of war that they've witnessed or experienced.

Be an instrument of God's peace.

Give, act and pray this Christian Aid Week.

caweek.org



Side by Side

On the table side by side
The Holy Bible and the TV Guide.
One is well worn and cherished with pride.
Not the Bible, but the TV Guide.
One is used daily to help folks decide.
No, not the Bible, but the TV Guide.

As the pages are turned, what shall they see?
Oh, what does it matter, turn on the TV
So they open the book in which they confide,
No, not the Bible, but the TV Guide
The Word of God is seldom read.

Maybe a verse before they fall into bed.
Exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be.
Not from reading the Bible, from watching TV
So then back to the table side by side,
Lie the Holy Bible and the TV Guide.

No time for prayer, no time for the Word,
The plan of Salvation is seldom heard.
But forgiveness of sin, so full and free,
Is found in the Bible, not on TV



Sadie Swan

Pollokshields Churches Together Coffee Morning

On Saturday 26th April a very successful joint coffee morning was held at St Albert's Church, Albert Drive. The coffee morning was to raise funds and awareness of The Way youth fellowship and the Holiday Club which will take place at St Albert's this year.

We received an amazing amount of home baking, and toys and over the course of the morning raised £483.

There was a lot of home baking left, (how can that be, I hear you cry?) Well it didn't go to waste, it was shared out between the churches and on Sunday morning we donated our coffee and tea money towards the cause, and managed to raise another £39 so thank you to everyone for all your support, and for not leaving me to eat the rest of the cakes.



Cathy Thomson





Church Music

Liam will be playing the following music on the Organ in May 2014

Sunday 4th May:

Anthem: "O Sanctissima" – Beethoven

Offertory: "Liebster Jesu wir sind hier" – Bach

Recessional: Toccata - Bach

Sunday 11th May:

Anthem "Ave Maria" – Rubbra

Offertory Pastorale – Bach

Recessional Toccata in D minor - Bach

Sunday 18th May:

Anthem "All for Jesus" – Stainer

Offertory "Prayer from Saul" –Handel

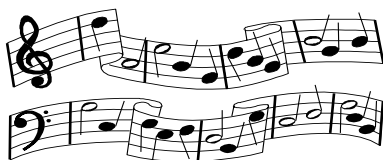
Recessional Concerto in Bb – Handel

Sunday 25th May:

Anthem "Cantate Domino" – Pitoni

Offertory "Klaglied" – Buxtehude

Recessional "Hornpipe" - Handel



An Unprecedented Situation

Under Unique circumstances, the Rev John Chalmers has been named the Moderator-Designate of the 2014 General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

He was nominated on April 2, a little over a fortnight after the withdrawal for health reasons of the Rev Dr Angus Morrison.

Mr Chalmers, from Dunfermline, is currently the Principal Clerk to the General Assembly.



Following his nomination, he said it was 'an unexpected privilege and a real honour' and that he would 'seek above all else to hold the people of the Church of Scotland together in peace and unity'.

"My focus will be on those things that unite us," he said. "Within the Church we have to learn to live with our differences. We have an urgent need to recruit women and men to train to be ministers and it's time to let society know that there is something very meaningful about living the life of faith.

"Women and men of Christian faith have motives, values and a sense of meaning that should be among the life choices which are seriously discussed in the public square."

Born in Bothwell, South Lanarkshire, Mr Chalmers trained for the ministry at Trinity College, Glasgow, and served

as a parish minister in Dumbartonshire and Edinburgh between 1979 and 1995.

After that he worked in the Church's Board of Ministry and its successor, the Ministries Council, until becoming Principal Clerk in 2010. He was appointed a Chaplain to the Queen in Scotland last year.

His older sister, June had Down's Syndrome, and he has spent most of his life supporting the work of disabilities charity Enable. For 20 years he was also a member of the board of Donaldson's, the National School for the Deaf. He said that during the year he hoped to visit many special needs facilities, because he believes that some of the greatest works of service are done by people who do not get enough affirmation or public recognition.

He also promised to 'champion the right of the most disadvantaged both at home and abroad'.

"I will want to tell the story of a Church which cares about the values by which Scotland lives, which cares about the conditions in which people live and which puts its money where its faith is, in the work it does amongst the most vulnerable and marginalised," he added.

In 2011 his youngest son John-James was seriously injured in Afghanistan while serving with the Royal Marines He says at that time they experienced the Church as a healing and supportive community.

On March 18, Mr Chalmers led the sympathy after Dr Morrison announced his withdrawal as Moderator-Designate.

Dr Morrison said: "This has been a very painful decision but deep down I feel it is the right one. I am undergoing medical treatment and anticipate an operation ahead.

The demanding role of Moderator requires someone to be operating on all cylinders. I do not have the necessary reserves just now.

My heartfelt prayers will be with all those on whom unexpected burdens now fall. May God's guidance, strength and peace be given to each one."

Mr Chalmers said: "We ask the whole Church to remember Angus and his family in their prayers and we hope that his health is fully restored in due course. I know that the General Assembly will be enormously sympathetic to Angus's position and will no doubt want him to fulfil the role of Moderator at some time in the future when he has made a full recovery."

A Church statement added that this was an unprecedented situation, but that the Committee to Nominate the Moderator 'has wide ranging powers to act in the event of such unforeseen circumstances'.

'Taken from the May 2014 Life and Work magazine'

If you would like a copy of the Life and Work magazine please speak to the Treasurer, Mrs Janice Teasdale.

The Way Youth Group

The next meeting of The Way, Youth Group will be held on 11th May at Sherbrook St Gilberts Church. 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

The usual activities can be enjoyed

Games	Pizza (and other food)	
Air hockey	Table Football	Q & A's
Pool	Darts	Skates
Christian Discussion		

something for everyone.

BOOKWORMS

Just for a change and a somewhat easier read for the month of May the book is "At the Loch of the Green Corrie" by Andrew Geig.

'A book that is at once a biography of and a tribute to Norman MacCaig, and a captivating memoir of Greig's life as a poet, and Himalayan climber.' (Sunday Times review).

The book will be discussed on 29th May, 2014 at 2:00pm. All welcome to come along and join in the discussion.

Tea and coffee and will be served.

Sylvia Pacitti

The Great Women's 10k Race

The Great Women's 10k race takes place on Sunday, 11th May start time 10:00am.

Some of the streets in Pollokshields will be closed on the Sunday from 9:00am -12noon. However there are also parking restrictions on some streets from 16:00 on Saturday 10th May.

There is a poster in the church hall showing the route of the race and showing the streets with parking restrictions.

Plan ahead of how you will get to church.

Some Information

The following articles are taken from Councillor David Meikle's Intouch newsletter, hope you find them helpful

Council meetings broadcast

Glasgow City Council has started to broadcast meetings of the Full Council.

Cameras have been installed in the Council Chamber to allow the public to see and hear the debates as they take place. The city's 75 elected members attend Full Council meetings, which are held every six weeks.

The next meeting starts at 1:30pm on Thursday 15th May and will be broadcast live online here:

www.glasgow.gov.uk/webcasting

Games 2014 traffic management

Detailed plans for traffic management around venues in Glasgow during the Commonwealth Games have been revealed.

Temporary traffic management measures being brought in for the Games are intended to protect residents and business around venues from informal spectator to and from venues, ensuring that they arrive and exit events as quickly and as safely as possible.

To help residents and businesses with their planning a series of maps have been produced to provide a venue by venue guide of the traffic management and parking measures that will be in place in the run up to and during the Games.

A second series of community information events at or near venues are being held in May where residents and businesses will receive more information from Get Read Glasgow on how they will be affected by the Games.

Full information is available at:

www.getreadyglasgow.com

Door step crime

You should always be vigilant when it comes to doorstep crime. Visit Police Scotland's websites on personal safety

www.scotland.police.uk/what's-happening/campaigns.2014/beat-doorstep-crime

www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/safety-advice/personal-safety/beatdoorstepcrime

You should also be wary of leaflets from organisations that claim to be charities which say they will be back on a date to collect clothing, bedding etc.

There are many official collection points out there so don't be duped by the bogus ones.

NHS 24

NHS 24, the out of hours emergency service has now got a new easy to remember telephone number **111**. Phone calls to this number are free from landlines and from a mobile.

This is to ensure that everyone across Scotland can access support and advice.

Please join Nial Murphy, chair of Pollokshields Heritage for a stimulating guided walk around the Local Area on Sunday afternoon 15th June starting at Pollokshields Church of Scotland, Glasgow.

Register at 1:45pm with the walk starting at 2:00pm.

Return around 4:00pm, for teas

and coffees and a tour of the Pollokshields Church's fabulous stained glass windows.

Book your place at

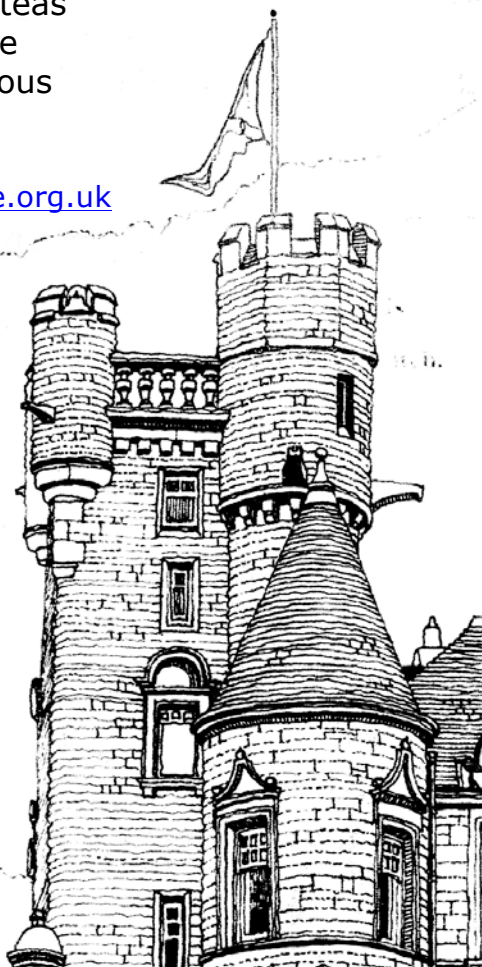
booking@pollokshieldsheritage.org.uk

or phone Elizabeth Jarvis

on (0141) 427.0735, or

just turn up!

Tickets £5



Gardening Coffee Morning

At St Ninian's Church, 1 Albert Drive on Saturday 10th May, 10:00am-12noon, a Gardening Coffee Morning.

Plants will be on sale together with Fair Trade Goods, a Bottle Stall, Home Baking and Raffle Prizes.

Entry £1.50. All Welcome!

Annual Plant Sale

Sherbrook St Gilberts Church, 240 Nithsdale Road are holding their annual plant sale on 10th May 10:00am – 12noon

On sale will be a large variety of plants and hanging baskets. Tea, Coffee and freshly bakes scones will be available. There will also be a bouncy castle to keep the 'children' amused.

Scottish Folk Music

An evening of Scottish Folk Music with Heelster Gowdie On Saturday 17th May at 7:30pm at St Ninian's Church, 1 Albert Drive.

Tickets £8.00 includes wine and nibbles.

Some Events in Glasgow

When, Where and Cost

Atelier Public #2

Date(s) 20th February 2014 – 27th May 2014
Times (s) Daily during regular opening hours
Where Gallery of modern Art, City Centre
Cost Free

Adventures

Date(s) 12th March 2014 – 12th March 2015
Times (s) Daily during regular opening hours
Where Riverside Museum, West End
Cost Free

Just Another Day

Date(s) 1st April 2014 – 29th June 2014
Times (s) During museum opening hours
Where St Mungo Museum of Religious Life & Art,
City Centre
Cost Free

How Glasgow Flourished 1714-1837

Date(s) 18th April 2014 – 17th August 2014
Times (s) During museum opening hours
Where Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum, West End
Cost Free

The Games We Play

Date(s) 2nd May 2014 – 7th September 2014
Times (s) During museum opening hours
Where Scotland Street Museum, South Side
Cost Free



The Guild

The Guild theme for 2013 -2014 "A FELLOWSHIP TO BUILD"



The Guild Session for 2013/2014
has now concluded

If you require any information please contact the President,
Miss Marjory Swan via the church's Web Site

A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO VISITORS OR NEW MEMBERS
AT ALL OUR MEETINGS



Rainbows meet on Tuesday 6:00pm – 7:00pm for ages 5 – 7 years in Glencairn. 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 Glencairn. 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 – 13 years in Glencairn. Guides play games, learn to cook and work towards Guide badges.

Ranger Guides for ages 14 and over meet every 2nd
Thursday 7:00pm – 9:00pm in Kenmure Room

Be in touch!
Send us original articles,
Views, snippets of news-
Anything you would like to share with
other people

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