

NEW VISION

At the going
down of the
sun and in the
morning
We will
remember them



Our Mission Statement:

'Showing forth the Love of Christ

in a

Multi-faith Community'

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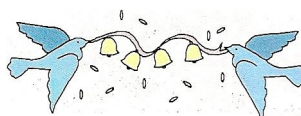
Services in November

- 7th November Morning Worship
14th November Remembrance Sunday
21st November Morning Worship
28th November Morning Worship



Forthcoming Event

CHURCH CEILIDH
13th November 2010



Congratulations to
Miss Susannah Buchan and Uisdean Murray
who got married on
30th October.

Best Wishes to you both
from the all Congregation.



Message from the Manse

Really this message comes from Israel, and brings greetings and best wishes from our Mission Partner Colin Johnston and the congregation of St Andrew's Church of Scotland at Tiberias, whom we visited on holiday last month.

We shared in worship in Tiberias our first Sunday and then finished our holiday by worshipping with those who gather in the Scots Church (again St Andrew's) in Jerusalem. In between we visited Akko, Capernaum, Jericho, the "other side" of the Sea of Galilee as well as getting close to the borders of Lebanon, Syria and Jordan as we travelled through the Golan Heights. Alas Bethlehem and Nazareth will have to await a return visit, but we also explored the Old City and museums of Jerusalem itself.

We saw ancient Biblical sights like the ruined city of Dan, the place Abraham first entered the holy land; and more challenging modern ones like the "peace wall" which divides Israel and the West Bank Palestinian territories.

Always the question of peace and reconciliation between the different peoples and faiths of the land was to the fore and it is one of the roles of the church and Christian community to help be a bringer of peace.

It is too early to say what made the strongest impression on me, except the unfailing courtesy of all whom we met particularly those who work in the church centres, hotel and guesthouse.

Would I go back? Yes.

Would you come with me? If enough say yes, it could be arranged.

David Black



**Harvest Thanksgiving
to support
Pakistan Floods Victims**

The Scottish Christian Asian Fellowship, service held on the 2nd October in aid of the Pakistan flood victims raised from the collection £1,000 and this was presented at the service to Mrs Linda Oxburgh from Release International.

Our Harvest Service held on 3rd October raised from the retiring offering £868.40 and by the time the Gift Aid is added it will be nearly £1,000. This was also in aid of the Pakistan flood victims and will be sent via Christian Aid and D.E.C.

A generous amount of money was raised from the two > services but please remembers that more than 21million ~ people are affected by the floods. This is a disaster from which there is no quick fix. It will take years and years for the country to recover.

Please include the Pakistan Flood Victims in your prayers.



Pakistan

Harvest Thanksgiving Gifts

The Flower Team would like to thank the volunteers who helped with the distribution of the Harvest Gifts on Sunday, 3rd October.

The gifts were delivered to local nursing homes and to the ill or housebound members of our congregation.

If any member would like to assist the team throughout the year by either donating flowers, arranging them or delivering them, please speak to Liliias Campbell (Tel: 649 2888) or any member of the Flower Team.

Many thanks for the donation to the Flower Fund which was received in the offering on Sunday 17th October. It is much appreciated.

Liliias Campbell

THE LOCAL
CHARITY SHOP

We are now selling Christmas Cards for our main Charity Enable - they are reasonably priced so don't pass us by - Come in and buy.

We also have our usual Raffle at this time - Money made helps to compensate for the fact we close over the Festive Season to let the ladies have time with their families and friends.

We have an opening Fur Coats so if you have one you no longer wear please let us have it.

Have a Happy Christmas and a Guid New Year

Jessie Provan

James (Jim) Telfer. - 6th April 1924 - 6th October 2010

Jim was born on 6th April 1924 in the family home in South Street in Whiteinch. He was the eldest of three sons born to Liliias and William Telfer. Educated at Hyndland School, at 15 he went to work as a junior clerk in the offices of a flour importers. At 16 he began an apprenticeship with Rowans the engine makers and this began his life long link with shipbuilding and ships. When he was 19, with three years of his apprenticeship completed, he joined the Royal Navy and served for an eventful 4 years. Back ashore he worked for Rowans, John Browns, Upper Clyde Shipbuilders (being the last one to leave because worked for the Liquidators) and Howden's.

Outside his family his two major commitments were the Boys Brigade, he was a captain for over 50 years, and as Church Elder of 65 years service. Jim was until recently the Roll Keeper at Pollokshields Church, diligently keeping track of everyone's movements and keeping in touch with them. As roll keeper Jim meticulously set out the communion cards for the elders prior to their communion visits.

Jim was a magpie, collecting all kinds of material from bare wood to vacuum cleaners including en passant an Eskimo Harpoon. From this rich treasure-trove he could produce just what was needed to put a handle on a door or a handle on a knife. He could turn his hand to almost anything, a new key for a lock, door keeps or mortices.

It is as a friend and mentor of so many boys, a visiting Elder par excellence, a good neighbour to so many, that he will be missed. The BB Hymn asks, 'Will your anchor hold?' In his own way Jim was an anchor to many.

Our prayers are with Isabel, James and Joan also their families.

Hector Dickson

Pruning The Minister

Wise men from the East have decreed that the Presbytery of Glasgow has to prepare a plan for the Church in Glasgow in which we lose 31 posts for ministers of work and sacrament. At present there are 163 such posts. Since there are only 143 congregations, as at 31st December 2008, it should not be too difficult to lose about 20 posts. The difficult problem is that Glasgow is such a varied community.

To begin with there are 35 congregations whose income is more than £100k per year. Together their incomes came to over £5,000,000, or about 51% of the income of Glasgow Presbytery. They are obviously carrying the Presbytery and to disrupt them would be stupid. Killing the goose that lays the golden egg, comes to mind.

There are 60 congregations whose income is below £50k per year. They include 38 urban priority area parishes. Together, their incomes come to about £1,600,000 or 15% of the income of Glasgow Presbytery. As a group, their membership do not seem to be responding to the Message, even though the Church is putting in extra resources. Scattering seeds on stony ground comes to mind.

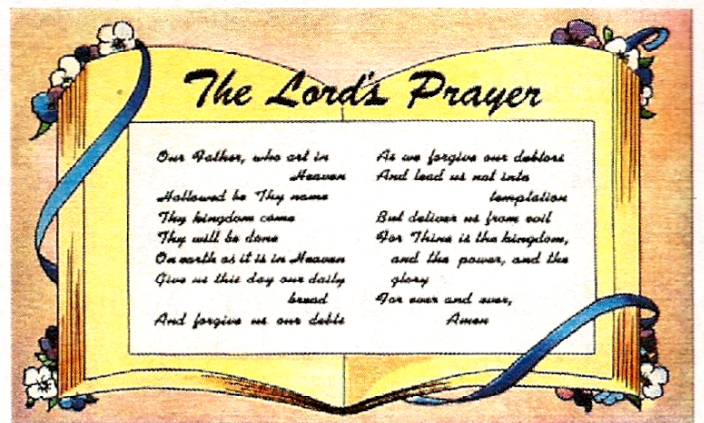
The 38 priority area congregations are given extra resources to help them, but it does not seem to bring results. In the next few months when the Presbytery Plan is under discussion the remaining 48 congregations are going to be put under considerable pressure.

I wonder how the wise men of the inner councils of the Presbytery of Glasgow will decide how to prune the Ministry.

KGR

Prayer Support Network

The prayer support network was set up to give people a way of requesting prayers for individuals or situations that were important to members of the congregation. Prayer requests can be made using the prayer cards that are on the pews, or via the church web site. The co-ordinator then passes on the requests only to the people in the support network who include them in their own daily prayers.



The requests can be as detailed or as vague as people like as God knows what we are asking for and who it's for. Your requests can last for a set period of time or they can last indefinitely just indicate on your prayer request.

Since this started in October it has been well supported with congregation members volunteering to be part of the support network and prayer requests being received. If more people would like to volunteer you would be more than welcome, and if prayer support is required please just get in contact.

Prayer is powerful, let us celebrate using it.

Cathy Thompson

Little People who have made a big Impression Paul's Nephew

The job of the Roman Commander in charge of the occupation force in Jerusalem was clear - it was simply to snuff out immediately any hint of trouble before it could damage the fragile peace the Roman army was there to enforce.

Acts records one incident, though. A Pentecost Paul was in the temple taking part in a Jewish ritual. He was recognised by some Jews from Asia, who had heard him preaching Christianity. They dragged him from the temple, raised an uproar and started beating him. They were about to kill him when the Roman Commander intervened and arrested him. He took him to the Roman Army barracks.

The Commander was unable to find out the substance of the Jews' complaint. He decided to transfer the case to Caesarea where Governor Felix could hear Paul and his accusers. Now some of the Jewish extremists plotted to assassinate Paul as he was in transit.

Enter a hero, Paul's nephew, who had heard of the plot. He told Paul of it, who arranged for him to explain the danger to the Commander. The latter, rightly understanding the situation, with its possibility of serious trouble, sent with Paul an escort of 200 soldiers, 70 horsemen and 200 spearmen.

The young man was courageous, in being an intermediary between Jews and Romans, and an interview with a senior 'enemy' officer must have been nerve wracking, but by doing what he did saved Paul's life.

The young man was one of "little people who made a big impression". By his one small action, carrying a vital message, he is still remembered 2,000 years later.

Douglas Miller



The Ministries Council and The Guild



On 11th October, the Guild invited along to their meeting the Miss Eleanor McMahon, an Interim Minister to speak about A Place for Hope. This is one of the six Church of Scotland Guild projects which our Guild is supporting. It was felt that this was an important topic so the Kirk Session and Congregation were invited to attend the meeting.

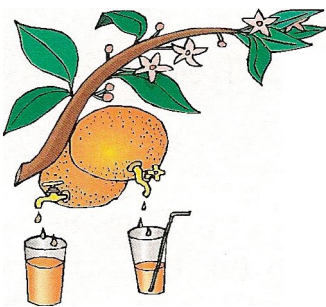
The Ministries Council and the Guild hope to establish an Ecumenical Centre for reconciliation and peacemaking. It is hoped that this will help people address conflict within the Church and beyond.

Miss McMahon explained an Interim Minister goes into different Churches, like if there is a vacancy or if there is a disagreement. They may be there for a few months or a few years depending on the situation. She also explained to us how conflict can affect us all.

She started the meeting by asking us to pair off and then to arm wrestle each other which was an odd way to start a meeting but fun.

To give us an example of conflict she asked Marjory and Sadie to take part in a sketch. She had one orange and both Marjory and Sadie wanted it. They would not let the other get the orange nor would each of them accept half an orange.

She then asked what they needed the orange for. Sadie said she needed the juice of one orange for a cake she wished to bake. Marjory said she needed the rind of one orange for her cake.



So the answer was simple by talking to each other they could both get what they needed.

Sometimes this is all it takes to sort a situation out but people usually get possessive, believe they are right and won't listen to reason.

Elizabeth McKissock



HEAR: I AM 2010

November's Theme:

Approaching Christmas

7th 7:00pm-8:00pm Skeletons in the Cupboard?

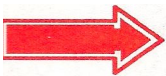
14th 3:00pm-4:00pm A Baby, Shepherds and 3 Wise Men

21st 3:00pm-4:00pm Toys, Trees and Tinsel

28th 7:00pm-8:00pm Presents

We hope that you are able to attend any of the Sessions. Each Session is a complete session on its own, .if you can only make it to one. You will be made welcome.

**Elva Carlisle &
Janice Teasdale**



The Way



The Teenage Youth Group set up by Rev. Paul Jupp is continuing at the Fotheringay Centre this session under the leadership of Colin Macleod, along with other regular leaders.

Dates for the next three months are 14th November,

19th December and 16th January 2011. Meetings are from 6pm till 8pm. Please come and join in, you will be made most welcome.

Alison Blake

Church Magazines

Thanking you Douglas

We take this opportunity to say thank you to Douglas Miller who was editor of Vision for the past fifteen years.

Douglas decided a year ago that he felt it was time to stop editing Vision. Over the years Douglas produced a magazine of a high quality and a joy to read.

Which might explain why we are -

Still looking for a editor for New Vision

We are looking for someone who will bring their ideas of what New Vision should be like. You do not have to follow previous layouts and it does not have to be a monthly magazine it can be quarterly. You only need to have a wish to produce a magazine to keep the congregation informed of the news and events of the Church.

Regular information updates are available on the Church website:
www.pollokshieldschurch.org.uk

LIFE AND WORK

Remember that your completed Order Form together with your remittance must be with the Treasurer, by the 14th November.

If you do not return your order form she will be unable to order a magazine for you. If at the start of the year you then decided that you wish a copy there will be a delay in you receiving it.

BACK to CHURCH SUNDAY

28th November 2010 11:00am

A special service of
Rededication and Commitment
as we celebrate our life as a congregation together.

Worship followed by Lunch.

This event will also be the chance you
have to give your special offering for church
funds.

Details from your elder when they visit with
your personal invitation.

THE GUILD

The Guild theme for 2010 – 2011
"Called to Love Mercy"



November Meetings

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| Monday 1 st | 7: 30pm | Slide show presented by David & Sheila Hart of the Oberammerau Passion Play. |
| Monday 8 th | 2:00pm | Speaker: Miss Anne Macdonald. |
| Monday 15 th | 7: 30pm | Mr. Liam Devlin - Visit to Nairobi. |
| Monday 22 nd | 2:00pm | Tak Tent (Cancer Care). |
| Monday 29 th | 7: 30pm | A musical evening with the Anderson Singers. (On this occasion we will be joined by other Guilds in the South Side Area) |

Rainbows

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

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

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.