

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'*

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SUNDAY SERVICES IN OCTOBER

- 4th 11:00 Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche
3:30 Scottish Asian Christian Fellowship
- 11th 10:50 Remembrance Service, Junior Church & Crèche
- 18th 11:00 Sacrament of Baptism, Junior Church & Crèche
- 25th 11:00 Guild Service, Junior Church & Crèche

There is a mid-week service every Wednesday held in the hall 9:45am – 10:00am in the hall. 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 – 1:30am.
Tea, Coffee + chat in the hall. Everyone is invited to join.

Copy date for the next New Vision is 18th November 2012



Message from the Manse

November is our month for Remembrance, and this year the theme of “looking back in order to look forward” is perhaps most readily brought to mind.

As we look forward to the vote in 2014 on Scotland’s future, we know that the next two years will be filled with a great deal of remembrance of the past. Not just the 700 years back to Bannockburn, and the questions of nationhood in intervening centuries, but back 100 years and the beginning of “the war to end all wars”.

Whilst the first remembrance lies in song and story and folk memory, the latter still touches our lives. Though they are now all gone, those who fought in that “great war”, they were, many of them, people we met and spoke to and lived among, our parents and grandparents, and the reality of what they endured for the sake of justice and peace resonates all the more powerfully with us because of that.

We remember them, “Lest we forget” that war and violence and international conflict are an enduring blight on human relationships. We remember in the context of our faith in a Saviour who is “the prince of peace” who chose non-violence and self-sacrifice as the way to challenge injustice and wrong and to overcome human failure and sin.

2014 will mark a historic moment not just for Scotland but the world and our hope and prayer must be that it might be a time of peace, for forging new relationships not opening old wounds, settling old scores or perceived

injustice of the past. Forgiveness, mercy, justice, truth, are big words but they must be the language of our looking forward if we are to create what that First World War promised "a land fir for heroes".

With all good wishes

Rev David R Black.

Church Magazines: Life and Work and New Vision

To remind you once again, that this is the time of the year when we order the Life and Work magazine. The order form is again printed in the centre of this month's New Vision.

The Life and Work department has advised us that unfortunately due to increase costs in paper and postage the cover price of the 2013 magazine has had to increase to £2.00.

If you wish to order Life and Work please complete the order form and send it to the Treasurer by the 16th November together with your remittance.

If you do not give your remittance to the Treasurer by this date we cannot order a copy of Life and Work for you

St George's Tron

We had a long night last Tuesday at the monthly Presbytery Meeting. On Jun 12th, the Minister, Kirk Session and many of the Congregation of St George's Tron intimated that they were leaving the Church of Scotland. The Presbytery set up a Committee to look into the matter and report back. This they duly did and we had to discuss it and decide our response. It took us over two hours to discuss this.

According to Church procedure a church does not suddenly cease or leave just because the Minister and the Kirk Session leave. It still continues. Therefore an Interim Moderator had to be appointed to look after the affairs of St. George's Tron.

Now that the Minister and former members, of St. George's Tron have left the Church of Scotland, the church building should have been handed over to the church authorities, the Manse vacated, the bank accounts and the church records given up. We were told this has not happened. Legal proceedings will require to be taken to protect church property.

The meeting on Tuesday night was a very distressing meeting. The members were very reluctant to go down the legal route. We recognised the immense contribution that St. George's Tron had made to the life and witness of the Church in the centre of Glasgow, and it was obvious that the meeting would have made almost any reasonable compromise to accommodate them. However

the Committee informed us that they found the former members of St. George's Tron to be intransigent and no compromise was possible.

K G Ross

Book Worms



ESCAPE FROM WINTER BLUES, GLOOMY FORECASTS, POLITICAL ISSUES AND STATE OF THE ECONOMY INTO A WORLD OF FANTASY, ADVENTURE AND CHALLENGES.

The Book Worms can offer all this! We get together once a month and discuss how the book of the month has interested us, irritated us, or otherwise and perhaps inspired or even frightened us! We intend to judge the reaction to each book by giving it a score out of 10.

So far we have read –

The Help by Katherine Stockett
The Fear Aspect by Robert Harris
Where the bodies are buried by Christopher Bookmyre

The Chrystal Skull by Manda Scott

And for our November read The Casual Vacancy by J. K. Rowling

The intention is to discuss which book we should read over the holidays.

Members are encouraged to do a bit of research for a book no-one in the group has read'

At the very least it will keep you off the streets!

Sylvia Paccitti

Church Music

Liam will be playing the following music on the Organ in November.

Sunday 4th November:

Anthem: "Psalm 23" –Gelineau

Congregational response: *His goodness will follow me always to the end of my days.*

Offering music: *Pastorale in F* – Bach

Recessional voluntary: *Toccata in D minor* - Bach

Sunday 11th November:

Anthem: *Pie Jesu* - Lloyd Webber

text: *Sweet Jesu, Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest everlasting.*

Offering music: *Nimrod* – Elgar

Recessional voluntary: *Voluntary in D minor* - Handel

Sunday 18th November:

Anthem: *Cantate Domino* – Pitoni

text: *Sing to the Lord a new canticle: let his praise be in the church of the saints. 2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: and let the children of Sion be joyful in their king. (psalm 149)*

Offering music: *Lento* – Vivaldi

Recessional voluntary: *Allegro* from *Concerto in G major* - Ernst/Bach

Sunday 25th November:

Anthem: *Domine Deus* – Vivaldi

text: *O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

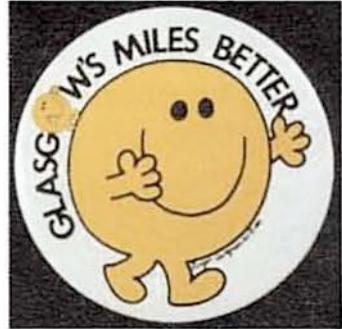
Offering music: *Largo* – Vivaldi

Recessional voluntary: *Allegro* from *Concerto in a minor* - Vivaldi/Bach

LET'S MAKE GLASGOW THE FIRST 'COMPASSIONATE CITY' IN SCOTLAND!

From friendliness to compassion...

From 1983 to 1989 the 'Glasgow's Miles Better' campaign was extremely successful in helping to correct the outdated ideas that many people in Scotland, the UK and abroad had of the city. The aim was to inform and educate people that Glasgow was no longer the proverbial 'No Mean City'. The 'Mr. Happy' logo provided a bit of clever word



play ('Glasgow Smiles Better') and reinforced the image which many people already had of Glasgow as a friendly city. The campaign was successfully resurrected again in 1994: but we must question how deeply it was able to reach in terms of addressing injustice, violence and prejudice in Glasgow. We need to tackle these issues on an individual and on a structural level.



So now it's time for a new campaign ...to make Glasgow the first city in Scotland to earn the title of 'Compassionate City'!

What is a compassionate city?

A compassionate city recognizes compassion as an ethical imperative in its policy decisions.

A compassionate city deepens the quality and the extent to which its citizens embrace compassion in caring for its own neighbours. In other words, a compassionate city is one where people can be seen to be living by the 'Golden Rule': treat others as you would like them to treat you.

A group of us at Glasgow University, led by final year Theology and Religious Studies student Zanne Lyttle, have got this campaign underway: we'd love as many people as possible to get involved so if

you are interested in joining us please email us at compassionateglasgow@gmail.com or contact us via the Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/compassionateglasgow>) Please 'like' our page and feel free to post relevant information, for example about groups you may know of in Glasgow who are involved in acts of compassion.



Finally, the most important thing you can do -and it only takes a minute! - is to sign the Charter for Compassion which you can access by copying and pasting the following link into the address bar on your computer:

<http://chaterforcompassion.org/>

THANK YOU!

*Erica Wishart,
Final Year Ministry Student
@ Glasgow University*

Robert Davidson

30/3/27 - 22/9/12

A small group from Pollokshields attended the Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Robert Davidson at New Kilpatrick Church on Monday, 1st October. It was a very well attended service. I believe there was one cardinal and six ex Moderators of the General Assembly there. There may have been other notables as well. Our own John Miller led prayers.

Robert Davidson achieved a lot in his life. He was a Professor in Glasgow University, Dean of Trinity College, and in 1990 he was Moderator of the General Assembly. He had many other achievements which I am unable to list. His main work was in the academic field, especially in the study of the Old Testament.

The main thrust of the service was not so much on his work but on Robert Davidson, the man, and especially the family man. That is how we know him in Pollokshields. His house was always full of children. When he was living in Pollokshields, we were in the midst of renovating this old church, and we could not use the sanctuary. The hall could not hold the congregation for morning worship. The answer was to have two services, a main one and an early morning one. Robert took charge of the early morning service, but always stayed in the background. He encouraged others to take their part in it, and indeed brought out a lot of hidden talent.

Robert Davidson will be sadly missed, but warmly remembered. We send our condolences to Elizabeth, and to all his family.

KG Ross

Organ Centenary Season: **Concert 2**

Sunday November 4th

The programme includes music from the Organ play by Liam Devlin, along with Ann Archibald (soprano) (Former Principal Soprano, Scottish Opera) and Iain Muirhead (trumpet) (Former Principal Trumpet, Scottish Opera).

The collection will be for Hospitaller Holidays for Adults with Special Needs, The collection from Concert 1 for Christian Aid raised £211.25.



Pollokshields Parish Church
ORGAN CENTENARY YEAR 2012-2013

Concert 2

Sunday November 4th at 1.15 p.m

Gigout - *Toccata in B minor*
Handel - *Let the bright Seraphim*
Hovannes - *Prayer to Saint Gregory*
Bach - *"Giant" Fugue in D minor*
Handel - *Rejoice greatly*
Stanley - *Voluntary in D*
Mozart - *Alleluia*
Boëllmann - *Toccata*
Scarlatti *Con voce festiva*

Ann Archibald (soprano)
(Former Principal Soprano, Scottish Opera)

Iain Muirhead (trumpet)
(Former Principal Trumpet, Scottish Opera)

Liam Devlin (organ)

Admission Free
Collection for Hospitaller Holidays
for Adults with Special Needs
Photograph by David Ward

Letter received from the Lodging House Mission

As well as the tea, coffee and sugar we sent to LHM, we were able to send £569 plus a gift aid of £407. The following letter was received.

Autumn 2012

Dear Friends in the Congregation.

Harvest Thanksgiving Donation

Thank you all once again for donation your harvest gifts to help subsidise a meal for the many homeless people who come through our doors on a daily basis. Your contribution enables us to provide a good healthy breakfast and lunch for our service users and keep prices to a minimum. I don't believe there is anywhere else in Glasgow where you could eat well for the price. So thanks again for the support you give us.

Over the years we have seen a significant change in the face of homelessness. In the past homelessness tended to be associated with older men who, on the whole, had an addiction to alcohol. Not so now. We are now seeing younger men and women utilizing our service, many affected by the miss-use of drugs as well as alcohol. The lack of suitable, affordable accommodation, as well as difficult economic times have not helped the situation. However, we at the Lodging House Mission still believe that we gave a part to play in helping many associated with homelessness. Therefore with your continuing help and support we carry on with our work into the future. Please enable us to make all our work with the homelessness community possible through your donation and prayers for us. May the Lord bless you and keep you

Gus Mckay
Chaplain

The Guild

GUILD WEEK 18th – 25th November

The Guild will take part in the 11 am Service on Sunday 25th.

Also on Sunday 25th November a Service of thanksgiving to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Guild will take place in Glasgow Cathedral at 2pm.

The service is for all who would like to attend, Guild members, friends and those interested in the Guild



Govanhill Baths Re-opens

Govanhill baths re-opened in October for a show named "Lifeguard", which the audience had the opportunity to enter into a multi-sensory poolside encounter.

The show explored how swimming is a life-saving and healthy activity. It also showed how therapeutic water is but how it can be life-threatening and how much we fear it.

Govanhill Baths Community Trust has been working very hard since 2011 to get the baths re-opened. The old 'steamie' is included in the plans and eventually it is hoped to open the whole suite of buildings as a Wellbeing Centre.

In association with Hutchesons' Grammar School

THE FOTHERINGAY PLAYERS

Conductor · David Bruce
Leader - Muriel Berry

CHARITY CONCERT

SUNDAY 11 November 2012 at 6.00 pm
Fotheringay Centre Fotheringay Road Pollokshields

In support of
The Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation
And ENABLE Scotland

Handel: Water Music Suite in F
Barber: Adagio for Strings
Mozart: Symphony No. 33 K. 319

Entry by donation at the door
Suggested £8 (£5 concession)

The Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation was established in October 2010 in memory of former Hutchesons' pupil Lauren Currie who died aged 15 from Vasculitis (Wegener's Granulomatosis), The Foundation funds research into this rare condition.

Eastwood Park Theatre

Harry Morris an ex-policeman has released the tenth book in the hilarious *Harry the Polis* series. He served with both the Glasgow and Strathclyde forces.

The series tells the funnier side of police life on the Glasgow streets. On Saturday 3rd November at 7:30pm he will be performing some extracts from previous books, *Even the Lies are True*.



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



1 st	7:30pm	"The Guild Theme"	Rev Jim Teasdale
8 th	2:30pm	"The Gideons"	Mr Gordon Neilson
15 th	7:30pm		Shona Morrison
22 nd	2:30pm	"Heart of Art"	Guild Project

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.

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

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