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Kirkliston Parish Church

We invite Visitors, Neighbours and Friends to share in Sunday Worship

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Newsletter

FROM THE MINISTER

Summer 'Holy' Days

I have been thinking about Mary, the mother of Jesus, as we are now once again past Easter and looking forward to better weather and summer holidays. Mary has seen it through from beginning to end, or maybe I really mean to a new beginning. Her Son has become her Lord. She is now no longer primarily a mother. She is first and foremost a disciple.

So what can we, here in Kirkliston, learn from her? Essentially, the value of staying power, of resilience, of loyalty. I can't help thinking that we, in the church, can be a somewhat greedy bunch. Like fat little baby birds we want spiritual experience and we want it *now!* If we don't get it we will, in the immortal words of Violet Elizabeth Bott, 'scream and scream and scream' until we're sick. We expect to be allocated a selection of the gifts of the Spirit in a kitbag as soon as we join the ranks of the disciples.

'Praise the Lord! Praise God in His Temple! Praise His strength in heaven! Praise Him for the mighty things he has done. Praise His supreme greatness. Praise the Lord, all living creatures. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! (Psalm 150)

We express our boredom if the church we are in is slow to deliver the goods. We moan if the sermon didn't hold our attention or if the worship was a bit below par (that's if we even bother to turn up!). Often, I believe, people are pushing forward their own agenda. They think it's what God wants, or even they just hope that because they want it then God must want it too, and so press on regardless. For example, a few years ago I attempted to establish regular evening services. These were always poorly attended and it became obvious the time was just not right for this new venture. The Bible tells us that unless the Lord builds the house, then the workers labour in vain (Psalm 127). Great things are happening in

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Kirkliston Church, a very real moving of the Holy Spirit through us. The evening service held on 24th April (led, not by the minister, but by gifted lay members of our congregation) is testimony to this.

We **must** wait on God and this can seem so slow and frustrating and indeed painful. That's life! After that first Easter the early churches would have their problems, the disciples would have their differences and even Mary would have her highs and lows. The Church everywhere always has and always will have and Jesus never promised joy without pain. But if there are people like Mary around there will always be the potential for new beginnings and continued growth, because there will always be someone around to serve, prepared to say 'yes' to life.

It is an exciting place to be, Kirkliston Parish Church. There **is** room at this 'inn' for **all,** offering a variety of worship styles to suit all tastes. If you are lapsed or if you have never been to our church, come and visit. You are most welcome.

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Perspective (2)

There was once a rich father in the United States who took his son to visit a poor family living on a farm in the country. He wanted to get the boys views on their lifestyle, so different from his own.

Back in their luxury home the father asked his son what he thought of the other family's way of life ; Well Dad, he said, I saw that we have a dog at home, and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of the garden, and they have a beautiful creek that has no end.

We have electric lamps in the garden, they have the stars. Our patio reaches to the front yard, they have a whole horizon.

Thanks, Dad, for letting me see how poor we really are !

Nourishment….

A church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.
"I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in all that time I have heard something like 3000 sermons. But for the life of me I can't remember a single one of them. So I'm thinking that I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting their time preaching them!"
This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column, much to the delight of the Editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote,
"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But. For the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this….. they all nourished me and gave me the strength I need to do my day's work. If my wife had not given me these meals I would be dead physically today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today."

Social Committee

The Congregational Ceilidh that was held on the 18th February was a great success. It was a wonderful night of dancing and fellowship and I believe everybody enjoyed themselves. We are sorry that we have to restrict the numbers to 100 but that is all we are allowed, for safety reasons. I would therefore like to stress that when we hold next year's ceilidh, please get your tickets early.

On another plus note, we made a profit of just over £200.00. It was not our intention to make money, but we did and because of this we have decided, as a committee, to do something with the profit and not just put it back into the church for general use.

It is therefore our intention to attempt to raise some more money and purchase a laptop computer and digital projector. These would be of great benefit to the church, as more and more speakers that visit us want to give talks by the use of power point presentations.

The cost of purchasing both these items would be in the region of £1200. We hope to have a concert in the church centre nearer the end of the year to raise funds for this project.

If however there is anybody out there reading this item, who think they could help us either financially, or with this type of equipment, please contact me.

I do hope you all agree with this project, as we are all living in a world of advanced technology and we feel the church should advance too.

Rob Keating
Social Committee
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Dates For Your Diary

May and June Dates

Sacrament of Holy Communion Sunday 29th May at 11am in the Church and **6.30pm** in the Church Centre.
(Please note the new time of the evening service.)

Praise Services will now be held on the second Sunday of every month at **6.30pm** in the Church Centre.

The Congregational Board meets on Wednesday June 8th at 7.30pm in the Church Centre.

Sunday School Prizegiving Sunday 19th June during morning worship.

The Life of Jesus Christ

An Open Air Promenade Play at Dundas Castle

8th—12th June

ACTORS & STEWARDS REQUIRED

Come and take part in this outstanding experience in bringing the gospels to life in a wonderful outdoor setting. Phone Claud Naylor at Dundas Castle on 0131-319-2039
between 8am—4pm Monday to Friday

Perspective (1)

A young man was at the end of his rope, seeing no way out, he dropped to his knees in prayer "Lord, I can't go on," he said. "I have too heavy a cross to bear."

The Lord replied, "My son, if you can't bear its weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then, open that other door and pick out any cross you wish."

The man was filled with relief and said, "Thank you Lord," and he did as he was told. Upon entering the other room, he saw many crosses; some so large the tops were not visible. Then, he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall.

"I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered.

The Lord replied, "My son, that is the cross you just brought in."

When life's problems seem overwhelming, it helps to look around and see what other people are coping with. You may consider yourself far more fortunate than you imagined.

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Whatever your cross
Whatever your pain
There will always be sunshine
Coming after the rain
Perhaps you may stumble
Perhaps even fall
But God's always there
To help through it all.
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Bible Incomplete: Fill in the missing letters to complete the passage.
Solution on page 15
Th_n s_ak_ Je_us _ga_n u_to _he_, sa_in_, I a_ th_ li_ht _f t_e w_rl_: he _ha_ fo_lo_et_ me _ha_l n_t w_lk _n d_rk_es_, bu_ sh_ll _av_ th_ li_ht _f l_fe.

Fabric Report

The stone work project on the Church elevation with the Norman Arch and the Crypt is proceeding well.

The masons have required to indent (cut out and replace) more stones than originally envisaged and have to date replaced over 40 stones.

However the colour match of the replacement stone is good as we have sourced second hand stone which was quarried in 1850 from Humbie quarry outside the village.

The pointing of the main elevation is now proceeding and the indenting of the Crypt elevation is about to start.

The Fabric Committee and the Board will now require to consider if it is prudent and affordable to complete the remainder of the Tower elevation whilst the scaffolding is in place as the cost of doing this work next year will be much higher.

Wilson Marshall
Fabric Convener

Jamie- God how long is a million years to you?
God- it is but a second Jamie.
Jamie- God how much is a million pounds to you?
God- it is but a penny to me.
Jamie- God can I have a penny?
God- just a second.

Sunday School News

The children enjoyed taking part in the Palm Sunday service, when they waved their palm branches and then decorated a Lenten Tree with symbols to focus our minds on the events of Holy Week. Quite a number of the congregation remarked later that they found this quite moving.

Now that we have had a break for the Easter holidays, Sunday School will be on every Sunday, with the exception of May 29th, which is Communion.

Our Prizegiving Service will be in Church on Sunday 19th June and thereafter we will break for the Summer.

Sunday School will resume on 4th September.

Although our numbers have increased, they are still very small in comparison to the number of children attending Kirkliston Primary School.

If you know any children in your street, please invite them to come along to Sunday School, where we will be pleased to see them.

"But how can they call to him for help if they have not believed? And how can they believe if they have not heard the message?" Romans 10 v14

Linda Moss,
Sunday School Superintendent.
(Tel. No. 333 3779)

A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table she turned to her 5 year old and said, "would you like to say grace?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say what you hear mummy say," the mother answered. The little girl bowed her head and said, "Oh Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people for dinner!"

1st Kirkliston Boys Brigade

The lighter nights are with us at last, although still not very warm, and our plans to do more outdoor work with the boys, have been put on hold for now. With so many Monday holidays at this time of year, it is very difficult to plan a programme.

On our first night back after Easter, we decided to have a baking night, with the Anchor boys icing and decorating biscuits and Junior section making chocolate crispies. It proved very popular with both sections, especially the tasting at the end.

Last Monday Junior section did their outdoor cooking achievement, cooking sausages on the BBQ. Yet again we had no shortage of volunteers to sample the end results.

All sections are near completion of their badge work, and we will soon be starting our practices for the Display, which we hope to hold in the middle of June (everyone welcome.)

We hope the weather improves enough, so that we can do more outdoor activities with the boys before we break for the summer and recharge our batteries.

Valerie Edwards
(OIC Anchor/Junior sections)

Dorcas Lunches

The Dorcas Lunch Club closed at the end of April for the summer. Thank you to all the ladies who took their turn in preparing & serving our tasty lunches and to May for collecting our money. Thanks too are due to all our soup cooks who not only cook the delicious broths each week but also donate all the ingredients as well.

We are holding a special `Soup, Bread & Cheese Lunch" with tea & cake to follow, on Sunday, the 15th of May, after the Church Service, from 12 noon to 2pm. All the proceeds from this special effort will be donated to Christian Aid and we once again look forward to your support for this worthwhile cause.

Do have an enjoyable summer and we look forward to meeting you all again when the Lunch Club resumes in October.

Margaret Brechin Co-ordinator

Flower Calendar
May to September 2005

MAY	1	MRS M McCREADY, LISTON PLACE
	8	MRS J CLOSE, ALAN PARK
	15	MISS M INNES,THE GLEBE
	22	MR& MRS ARCHIBALD & MRS CADZO, MUIREND FARM
	29	MRS E GLASS, RATHO STATION
JUNE	5	MRS J PROVAN, ALLISON PLACE
	12	MRS B FAIRBAIRN, DUNDAS PLACE
	19	MRS M SIBBALD, COTLAWS
	26	MRS M GRAY, MAIN STREET
JULY	3	MRS J HENDERSON, MAITLAND ROAD
	10	MRS M NAYLOR, ALMONDHILL ROAD
	17	MRS L MOSS, ALMONDHILL ROAD
	24	MISS M INNES, THE GLEBE
	31	MRS J MILNE, MAIN STREET
AUGUST	7	MR J MURRAY, THE GLEBE
	14	MRS A BAIRD, NETHERSHIEL
	21	MRS H GILCHRIST, ALAN PARK
	28	MRS J SIBBALD, DUNDAS PLACE

FLOWER DELIVERY

MAY	MRS M COLQUHOUN and MRS M NAYLOR
JUNE	MRS H MacDONALD and MRS M MacDONALD
JULY	MRS M CHALMERS and MRS J FYFFE
AUGUST	MRS M WHITE and MRS L WOOLLVEN

Thank you to all who have helped with the flowers over the past few months. I am needing some assistance with flower deliveries over the summer. Please let me know if you could lend a hand. Even if you can only deliver on one Sunday it would be a great help and I can assure you it will be much appreciated.

JOYCE BROOKS
Flower Convenor Tel: 0131 333 3710

The Guild

Our last meeting at the beginning of April was the annual Daffodil Tea when we were delighted to welcome members of the Gilbert and Sullivan Society and still to come in May is a theatre trip to see The King and I. We would like to thank all members for the support given to the Guild projects and we are delighted to report that the sum of £580 has been raised.

Our thanks also go to all committee members for the hard work and support given to both of us over the past year and we especially want to thank those who have just retired from office.

Already the new committee has met to plan the next session and we look forward to seeing you all when we meet again in the autumn.

Joan McConnachie &
Maureen Glen

In Christ there is no East or West
In Him no North or South
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide world

Solution to Bible Incomplete (Page 4):
Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8:12

Transport to Church
Drivers Rota June - September 2005

JUNE	5	ELAINE ROBERTSON
	12	ROB KEATING
	19	GORDON/MAGGIE McCONNACHIE
	26	PETER MELVILLE
JULY	3	LYN BASTOW
	10	BASIL BAIRD
	17	WILSON MARSHALL
	24	ANN REILLY
	31	COLIN /JENNY RIDDELL
AUGUST	7	BILL PATERSON
	14	KATHERINE BRADSHAW
	21	ANN /DAVID DENHOLM
	28	ELAINE ROBINSON
SEPTEMBER	4	ROB KEATING
	11	GORDON /MAGGIE MCCONNACHIE
	18	PETER MELVILLE
	25	BASIL BAIRD

If you need help getting to Church, would like to help with transport or require any more information, please contact:-

ANN DENHOLM
Transport Convenor Tel: 0131 333 1834

CHURCH REGISTER

BAPTISMS: "They brought young people to Jesus"

26/2/05: Geordie White, 26 Humbie Road Kirkliston

1/5/05: Katie Dobson, 43 Maitland Road Kirkliston
Daisy Greer, 23 Echline South Queensferry

MARRIAGE BLESSING: "Those whom God has joined together..."

20/3/05: John and Caroline Hood, 22 Newmains Road Kirkliston

FUNERALS: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life"

3/2/05: Jane Barr, 24 Wellflats Kirkliston

23/2/05: Margaret McIntosh, Broxburn Nursing Home

4/3/05: Cissie Wells, 6 Manse Road Kirkliston

14/4/05: David Dick, 7 Kirklands Park Crescent Kirkliston

16/4/05: James Findlay, Newliston Kirkliston

Guild of St. Luke

The Guild of St. Luke continues to meet in the Church Centre at 7pm. on the second Monday of the month, to review our prayer list, to pray for the sick, and to give thanks for the many miracles of healing we have been privileged to witness. If you would like to join in this ministry of prayer, please feel free to come along.

We are committed to praying each day for those on our list, and if you would like prayer for someone, please use the prayer cards which you will find on the Church pews and place them in the boxes at either door of the Church.

Only the first name of the person need be given, but it would be helpful to us if we could have an update from time to time on the condition of the person.

"Is there anyone who is ill? He should send for the church elders, who will pray for him and rub olive-oil on him in the name of the Lord. This prayer made in faith will heal the sick person; the Lord will restore him to health, and the sins he has committed will be forgiven."

James Ch. 5 v14

Prayer Breakfast

On 19th June at 9am we are holding our next Prayer Breakfast in the Thomas Chalmers Church Centre. Please come along and support this prayer Initiative which has been running for over two years.

Prayer is an important part of our Christian life and the Breakfast is an excellent opportunity to meet and pray for important issues in our Church, such as the Church Without Walls initiative, our Community and the wider world.

You will be given a warm welcome. Prayer time is about 30minutes along with a little worship, followed by a good breakfast. Do come along.

For further information please contact Katie Marshall.

' If two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven'
Matthew18 v19

Katie Marshall

THE BIBLE IN 50 WORDS!

GOD MADE

ADAM BIT

NOAH ARKED, ABRAHAM SPLIT, JOSEPH RULED,
JACOB FOOLED

TABLETS GUIDED, PROMISE LANDED, SAUL FREAKED, DAVID PEEKED

BUSH TALKED, MOSES BALKED, PHAROAH PLAGUED, PEOPLE
WALKED, SEA DIVIDED

PROPHETS WARNED

JESUS BORN!

GOD WALKED

ANGER CRUCIFIED, HOPE DIED

LOVE ROSE.
SPIRIT FLAMED, WORD SPREAD

GOD REMAINED

Youth Fellowship News

Summer break will soon be upon us and we look forward to some sunshine. The teenagers have enjoyed our Sunday video nights. The videos were all about the Old Testament. Over the winter months we will be moving on to look at the life of Jesus. For this we split into two groups, and while one group watches the video, the other group studies the same passage in the bible.

Female Leader Needed

In April we went to the Abernethy Trust Camp at Ardionaig. The kids loved it and some went on canoes for the very first time in their lives. It was a joy to watch. The church paid for the biggest part of the cost and the leaders and the children are very grateful for their support.

Also our merry bunch of teenagers raised £300 towards this by a sponsored walk across the Forth Road Bridge. Many thanks to Sue Wallace for stepping in and helping out on the weekend.

On a more serious note, unless we find another female leader we will have to cut back on our meetings, so we pray that someone will come forward to assist.

C Pearson, B Wallace, C Milne (leaders)

Oiling The Hinges

Do not bolt the door of your mind and then wonder why nothing lovely ever happens to you. You must give free access into the house of your life if you want to receive God's blessings. You must live in a state of happy expectancy of good. Optimism is not just a cheery frame of mind ; it is a spiritual attitude towards life and it is essentially Christian. See that the hinges on the doors of your mind do not get rusty through lack of use. Oil them with prayer and keep them swinging, so that they offer no resistance to angels passing by in the traffic of daily experience

- From "The Kingdom Within"

CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS

There have been three meetings of the Working Party this year with an enthusiastic 17 people attending one of the meetings. In addition there have been numerous planning meetings for the Evening Praise Service. A questionaire will be delivered in May to almost 500 people, all with a connection with Kirkliston Parish Church, as members or parents of family at Sunday School, Youth Fellowship, BB's etc. We are seeking your views and opinions on a range of issues and we will value your comments and take them on board where possible.

Please complete the form when you receive it and return your confidental reply in the envelope supplied.

The first of the new Evening Praise Services was held in the Thomas Chalmers Church Centre on Sunday evening 24th April commencing 6.30pm. The Service is designed to be a little less formal than the Morning Worship, and will have a more 'contemporary' feel with some more modern worship styles mixed with traditional.

Over 70 people of all ages attended. The service was led by members of the congregation and the music was provided by Lindsay Stein on the keyboard with his wife Jane along with Duncan Hepburn playing guitar. The evening concluded with fellowship over a cup of tea and Margaret Brechin's delicious tray bake!

Please continue to support these Services and if you were not able to attend on the 24th April please try and come to the next Service on **8th May at 6.30pm** or one of the later dates (second Sunday in the month)

The Dates for the following Evening Praise Services in 2005 are:

12th June
10th July
14th August
11th September
9th October
13th November
11th December

Katie Marshall

Abstract of Accounts

1st Jan 200 -31Mar 2005 Charity No. SC013924

Congregational Account

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
Balance B/F 2003	£	2,515.40	Nat Stipend Fund	£	6,655.00
			Less Endowment Income	-£	1,342.80
Offerings plate	£	1,225.42	Mission & Renewal	£	1,308.60
WFO Non gift aid	£	2,737.48	Pulpit Supply	£	52.00
WFO Gift Aid	£	4,082.47	Organists	£	580.76
Offerings by bank S.0. NGA	£	684.00	Travel Expenses	£	546.12
Offerings by bank S.0. GA	£	1,899.33	Heat & light	£	581.71
Weddings/Funerals	£	400.00	Telephone & M Expenses	£	123.82
Social Committee income	£	240.00	Pubs & Stationery	£	158.63
Carbery Fees	£	396.00	Cleaning	£	352.48
Donations	£	97.00	Life & Work	£	436.03
Misc. income	£	97.36	Rates	£	237.00
Tax Recovered	£	118.91	Insurance	£	542.72
Investment Income	£	3,693.90	Church Officer	£	60.00
Interest on deposits	£	6.59	Miscell Church	£	438.05
			Fabric Maintenance Ch	£	532.47
			Fabric Maint Manse	£	1,209.99
			YF	£	180.00
			To CC	£	850.76
			Balance in Gen a/c	**£**	**4,690.52**
	£	18,193.86		£	18,193.86

Thomas Chalmers Centre

Income			Expenditure		
Dorcas	£	987.88	Heat & Light	£	930.91
Playgroup	£	400.00	Insurance	£	393.00
Centre Teas	£	209.99	Misc	£	103.95
Cheryl Dance + JHM	£	120.00	Caretaker	£	755.54
Kirkliston Scottish Dance	£	490.00	Provisions	£	62.98
Traidcraft	£	70.80	Fabric CC	£	1,461.91
Hall Use	£	103.00	Misc Hall	£	104.83
Hall Donations Non Gift Aid	£	487.69			
Hall Donations Gift Aid	£	93.00			
From Gen	£	850.76			
	£	3,813.12		£	3,813.12

Insured Values at May 04

Church	£	2,849,039.72	Manse	£	245,973.00
Thomas Chalmers Centre	£	2,500,001.00			

Fabric Fund

Income			Expenditure		
Balance B/F	£	4,399.53			
Retiral Collections	£	249.95			
Donations	£	10.00			
Interest	£	10.51			
	£	4,669.99	Balance	**£**	**4,669.99**

Money Donated For Other Purposes

Home & Away	**£**	**218.00**	Chas	**£295.00**
			Christian Aid	**£2,275.17**

Church Benevolent Fund*

Income			Expenditure		
Balance B/F	£	2,516.31	Outgoings	£	300.00
Interest	£	6.59			
	£	**2,522.90**	Balance	**£**	**2,222.90**

Balance In Other Accounts

Ogilvie Bequest*			Reserve Fund		
C of S Trust	**£**	**160,000.00**	Cof S Trust	**£**	**62,184.08**
Weddell Memorial Fund*					
C of S Trust	**£**	**3,098.84**			
			* Protected Funds (By Original Donor)	**£**	**165,321.74**
			Available Funds	**£**	**71,544.59**
			Total of all Balances	**£**	**236,866.33**

Rob Brechin
Treasurer