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Kirkliston Parish Church

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

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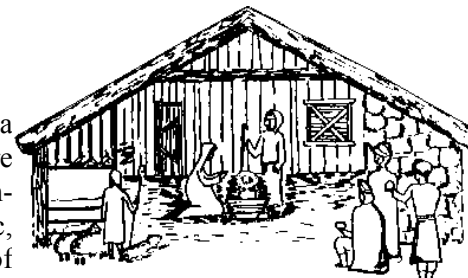
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Newsletter



FROM THE MINISTER

I was asked recently 'What makes a good church?' The trouble is there are so many to choose from- Methodists, Baptist, Roman Catholic, Scottish Episcopal and all sorts of others too. And different churches do things in different ways. How do you choose? What makes a good church? Here in Kirkliston there is only one church of course so not much choice, is there?



'Unto us a child is born' -
The Season of Advent

However, if you have never tried it, or if you are a member who had drifted away for one reason or another, maybe it is time to give it a go. The Bible teaches that if you consider yourself a Christian, then church is not an optional extra. The church is not a building although we say 'I'm going to church' or 'Isn't that a lovely building?' The Bible, when it talks about church it means a group of people who get together regularly to learn more about God, to talk to Him and to worship Him, and also to help and support each other in the Christian life.

Yes, I can accept that the church can seem a weird place. Where else do they sing together, close their eyes and talk to someone they can't see, sit in rows on hard seats called pews and sit contentedly while someone drones on at them from inside a wooden box (that's the pulpit not a coffin!), often with a manner that is a certain cure for insomnia. So why bother? We bother because a church is a group to learn from. Christians wear 'L' plates all their lives. If you are looking for the perfect church, forget it. We

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are people with all the failings of all human beings. The church is a group to belong to. It's a family and it's a good one. We bother because the church is a group to receive from and also to give to. It's worth bothering with.

So what makes a good church? Has Kirkliston got the right criteria? I believe it has, despite its imperfections. It is a place where God is worshipped and the Bible is taught. It is local and easily accessible to all in this parish. It has good leaders. It has wonderful friendly people who love to make new friends. It is a church growing in its concern, care and love for others (you can see this the minute you walk in). It is outward looking too in its love for the world. Is it time you came back?

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School continues to be well attended and after a break for the school October holiday week, we will be starting to think about our Christmas Nativity and of course our Christmas party. The children have had a series of lessons about the miracles of Jesus.

After hearing the story of the healing of the leper, and discovering that leprosy still exists today, the children decided to save up their brown pennies to send to the Leprosy Mission.

Linda Moss

SEND YOUR NEWS, VIEWS, AND POINTS OF INTEREST TO THE
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Child Protection

Just a reminder that all new staff who have offered to help with any of the children's activities this new term will need to complete an application form, provide references and have a Disclosure Scotland check done. You will also be expected to attend a forthcoming training session, details of which should be available around the new year, usually dates in Feb and March (they are about 2-3 hours long, and likely to be in Edinburgh churches). Staff who currently work with children without a Disclosure check - that is, from the time before the Disclosure checks came in as a requirement - will be asked to complete a check over the coming year or two. For details of application forms etc, please see Paula Roots, or phone on 0131 334 1819.

PS don't worry, it is all quite painless and ensures the safety of our children within the church.

**Dorcas Lunch Club**

The Dorcas Lunch Ladies are in the Church centre each Tuesday from 12 noon to 2pm serving freshly prepared snack lunches. We are delighted to see our "old" friends again and also to have several new friends with us.

After many years of faithful service, Effie has decided to retire and we thank her for all her hard work. We welcome Hazel to the team.

On Tuesday, 13th December, we shall be serving a three course lunch with coffee and mints for £5. This is our annual fundraising event for the homeless at Christmas, and we look forward to your support. Everyone is welcome – not just our regular friends. Please put this date in your diary and come and enjoy a tasty lunch. With your help, we can make a difference to the homeless folk at Christmas.

After the holiday break, the lunches will restart on Tuesday, 10th January 2006.

With all good wishes and every blessing at Christmas from the Dorcas Ladies.

Margaret Brechin, Coordinator

YOU are invited to join us for an EVENING PRAISE SERVICE



**On the 2nd Sunday of each month,
in the Thomas Chalmers Church Centre,
Refreshments served after the Service
All very welcome - please bring friends and family
FUTURE EVENING PRAISE SERVICES
(Mark them in your diary or on your calendar)**

11TH DECEMBER, 8TH JANUARY, 12TH FEBRUARY

Prayer Breakfast



Our Prayer Breakfasts continue on a regular basis. We have had much to pray about this year not only within our community but also with all the worldwide disasters, the most recent being the earthquake in Pakistan, terrorism attacks and war. All causing so much human suffering. It is hard to know how to help sometimes but we can all pray and the power of combined prayer through Christ is enormous. Our next Prayer Breakfast will be held on Sunday 4th December 2005 at 9.00am in the Thomas Chalmers Centre. All will be made most welcome.

' He answered their prayers, because they trusted in him.'
1st Chronicles
ch5 v20

Katie Marshall

A new minister was visiting the homes in the parish. At one house it was obvious that someone was in but there was no answer to the ministers repeated knocking on the door.

He took a card from his wallet and wrote on the back "Revelations 3.20" and pushed it through the letterbox. When the offering had been collected the following Sunday he was surprised when he was given his card back with the additional message "Genesis 3.10".

Reaching for his pocket bible he looked up the passage and broke into laughter.

Revelations 3.20 begins "Behold I stand at the door and knock". Genesis 3.10 reads "I heard you in the garden; I was afraid and hid from you, because I was naked".



May you find this Christmas inner peace
Equal to the patient love you give,
Releasing all the pain you can release,
Renewing all the grace with which you live.

Yearnings may you turn to rhapsodies,
Choosing to find happiness in beauty,
Holding in their haunting melodies
Riches that sustain your sense of duty.

In anger may you find an evening star
Showing you the way to Bethlehem.

The angels that watch over from afar
May you hear sing of who would none condemn.

As all you love are blessed in having you
So may you feel the joy in all you do.

(Nicholas Gordon)



1st Kirkliston Boys Brigade



Here I am just back from my summer holidays, and having to write the article for the winter newsletter. I seem to have missed a season out somewhere, but I still have the pile of leaves on the lawn to let me know that we have had autumn!

We started off our busy session, with a visit to the Amazon Hope 2 on the 23rd August. Junior and Company Sections had been collecting towards the project, and we took them down to see what their money was being used for, and to hand over their cheque. It was a very interesting night and the boys were very glad they had been able to help in this great project.

Our next outing was for all three sections to the Founders day service at St Michaels in Linlithgow on the 2nd October, then the following Saturday I took Drew Elliott, Darren and Jordan Pearce through to Bathgate for the Junior section "5-a-sides". as you can see our team was a bit short, but we teamed up with the Blackburn Company who only had 4 boys in their team. It meant the boys playing twice as many games, as they took turns in playing for each others teams. We ended up 5th and 6th, tired and happy and Drew lost a tooth on the way home, quite a day!

We had two weeks off in October (as some people were on their summer holidays, not just me) and started back on

Halloween night which was probably a bad idea with a lot of boys opting to go guising instead. Those that did turn up enjoyed dooking for apples and dodging treacle scones. Anchor boys were allowed to dress up in fancy dress and Junior boys made their own jointed skeletons.

Next in the calendar is Remembrance Sunday on 13th November, when we hope the boys will put aside their other Sunday pursuits and join us for the service and parade.

Still to come in November, Company boys have a badminton competition and Junior boys have a fun day, all the details and photos of the above and future events, can be found on our website at <http://1kirkliston.boys-brigade.org.uk>. We have had an increase in numbers this year, but mainly in Junior section, we desperately need more P2 boys, as we only have one in Anchor section and he would love some company his own age, if you know of any P2 boys who might like to join our fun and games on a Monday night please get in touch. We break up on 19th December for Christmas holidays, starting back on Monday 9th January 2006. From us all at the 1st Kirkliston, "A very Happy and Peaceful Christmas" when it comes.

Valerie Edwards
(OIC Anchor/Junior sections)


Fabric Report

The Church Bell has been silent in the past 6 weeks as it was discovered that the 'hangings' were very badly corroded and required to be replaced. The 'hangings' are the steel brackets which hold the 6cwt. bell in position and the existing are probably 100 – 150 years old. The bell required to be jacked up with a trolley jack and supported by heavy timber beams and the old metalwork taken down and delivered to the blacksmith in Ratho to be replicated. New hangings have been fabricated and galvanised and should be in place by the time you read this report and the bell should be welcoming you to Church for Communion at the end of the month.

Expenditure during 2005 has been very high as a result of the major stonework project. In the 10 months of this year we have expended a total of £39119 and with the repairs to the bell still to come we will be a little over £40000 for the full year. Expenditure in the manse to date is £1635, in the Thomas Chalmers Centre £2438 and in the Church £35046 (of which £30,500 relates to the stonework and roof repairs.) The normal ongoing repairs will be a little down on previous years at around £9000 - £10000 for the full year.

Wilson Marshall
Fabric Convener

"Why do some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?"



YOU are invited to join in an

CHRISTMAS PRAISE SERVICE

ON

SATURDAY 24th DECEMBER 2005

AT 6.30pm

IN

KIRKLISTON PARISH CHURCH

All are very welcome

Please bring friends and family



Hoping to see Santa
in the square after the service



TRAIDCRAFT

Our monthly stall continues to be well-supported and our wide range of products from come from farmers all around the world. The church now takes its 10% in fair trade tea and coffee, which is served after morning worship.

If you like it - or if you don't taste any difference - why not try it at home, or at work? Every cuppa or snack will mean you are supporting farmers and their families in making a good living for themselves, and not for the profits of the multi-national companies.

Your continued support means that the Just World Shop gets around £2,000 from Kirkliston sales each year, which goes back to Traidcraft and the developing countries.

Christmas orders should be here by the time of printing, and any remaining Christmas cards will be on the stall in December(11th). The Annual General Meeting of the Just World Shop is usually held in January and is a fun night, with home baking. They would be delighted to meet more of our helpers if you would like to come along.

I will be looking for ideas for any changes in the new year: I am thinking of not carrying the full Ecover (washing) range as they are slow to sell and widely available in the shops. If you would like any particular product, please let me know and I will continue with it.

A BIG THANK YOU to all the helpers on the rota for driving and for staffing the sales tables, and to May for faithfully selling the Christmas cards each week.

Paula Roots 0131 334 1819

"We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges"

Flower Calendar January to March 2006



DECEMBER		Church decorated for Christmas
JANUARY	1	MRS WATSON, MAITLAND HOG LANE
	8	MRS MAC CONNACHIE, MAITLAND ROAD
	15	MRS DOIG, STONEY FLATS, SOUTH QUEENSFERRY
	22	MISS BOWMAKER, QUEENSFERRY ROAD
	29	MRS BRECHIN, THE SQUARE
FEBRUARY	5	VACANT
	12	MRS BROOKS, STEWART PLACE
	19	MS WHITE, DUNDAS PLACE
	26	MRS FAIRBAIRN, NEW LISTON
MARCH	5	MRS HAYES, THE GLEBE
	12	MRS EDMOT, LOANHEAD COTTAGES
	19	MRS KING, THE GLEBE
	26	MRS BROWN, ALAN PARK

FLOWER DELIVERY

JANUARY	MRS BROWN, MRS BIRD, MRS KING
FEBRUARY	MRS BUCHANAN, MRS GLEN
MARCH	MRS MAC CONNACHIE, MRS WRIGHT, MRS ROBERTSON

Please just give me a phone if you would like to help whether it is with deliveries, a donation or arranging the flowers. The more people who are involved the easier it is for everyone and I can assure you that you will get a lot of pleasure from helping out even if it is only once a year.

Thank you to all the helpers, flower arrangers, those who have given to the flower fund and everyone who has offered words of encouragement throughout the year.

During December as you know the Church is decorated for Christmas, however if you would like to put in a vase of fresh flowers I will be delight to do so as I always have to have flowers each week to hand out to those who can't attend.

JOYCE BROOKS

Flower Convenor Tel: 0131 333 3710



The Guild

It's hard to believe that we are well into our programme already. Duncan and Christopher began the session by telling us about their adventures in Malawi and Romania. What talented and inspiring young people we have within our congregation.

Our second meeting saw us cross the Atlantic and travel to the west coast of Canada where we visited the beautiful gardens of British Columbia. Next was a discussion evening on the topic of HIV /AIDS which was extremely thought provoking and sent us home with much to think about.

By the time you read this report we will have welcomed Tam Dalzell who is to speak on his time as "Father of the House". As our effort for Guild Week we have decided to hold a Victory Tea Party with funds raised going to support the excellent work done at the two Erskine homes. Everyone is invited to join us and we hope it will bring back many memories as we celebrate with tea, songs and memorabilia from the war years.

Our final meeting before the end of 2005 will be a Christmas meal and members are reminded that their choice of meal should be handed in by 23rd November at the latest.

Our first meeting of 2006 is on 11th January and will take the form of a beetle drive. The annual lucky dip in aid of the project will also take place that evening.

Joan McConnachie and Maureen Glen



The Brechins are holding a fundraising family Ceilidh in **Kirkliston Bowling Club** on Friday 2nd December from 7.30-11.30pm. Music will be provided by the '**Jimi Shandrix Experience**' band. Tickets price £2 for children and £7 for adults including supper are available from Rob & Margaret Brechin (333 3252) and Charlie & Joan Wright (333 3115). Please support this ceilidh and help us raise enough money to provide an electric water pump for a minister friend in Zambia.

Transport to Church Drivers Rota January - March 2006



JANUARY	1	Peter Melville
	8	Colin Riddle
	15	Ann/David Denholm
	22	Wilson Marshall
	29	
FEBRUARY	5	Rob Keating
	12	Keith Moss
	19	Bill Patterson
	26	Elaine Robinson
MARCH	5	Gordon/Maggie McConnachie
	12	Anne Reilly
	19	Peter Melville
	26	Ann/David Denholm

Additional volunteers are needed for the church transport rota. This involves giving a lift to and from church to people who would otherwise not be able to get there, and would be on an occasional basis. If you would like to help with this, please speak to me.

If you need help getting to church or require any more information, please contact:-

ANN DENHOLM
Transport Convenor Tel: 0131 333 1834

CHURCH REGISTER

BAPTISMS: "They brought young people to Jesus"

4/9/05: Allan McNeill, 20 Liston Road Kirkliston

6/11/05: Jon Wood, 44 Millgate Winchburgh

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

16/7/05: Betty Shepherd, 1 Liston Road Kirkliston

9/8/05: Maisie Tait, Pentlan Hills Nursing Home Corstorphine

18/8/05: Agnes Cockburn, 20 Almondside Kirkliston

16/9/05: Philip Gledhill, 29 Maitland Road Kirkliston

8/10/05: John Mullan, 27 Liston Road Kirkliston

15/10/05: Elizabeth Mckay, 66 The Glebe Kirkliston

19/10/05: William McCabe, Middleton Hall Nursing Home

21/10/05: Olive Blackley, 5 Carmel Road Kirkliston

CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS



The Working Group continues to meet monthly and I can report as follows:

Evening Praise Services continue to be well supported with an average of 40 attending each service on the second Sunday of each month at 6.30pm. All welcome and please bring your family (regardless of age), friends and neighbours.

There will be a Christmas Eve Family Praise Service in the Church at 6.30pm followed by mulled wine, and hopefully Santa in the Square after the Service.

The Committee are looking at options for Christian education courses including a 'Purpose Driven Life' written by Rick Warren.

A very successful BABE (Blessed and Beautiful Everyone) was held on Friday 4th November and 25 ladies attended a really fun evening which could develop into a regular Young Womans Group in the Church.

Church of Scotland have a Parish Development Fund' to assist projects of outreach in parishes. A small committee including the Minister and Session Clerk will be shortly meeting with a member of staff from 121 George Street to investigate further opportunities to provide better facilities for youth work in our Parish.

Katie Marshall

ALPHA

Our most recent Alpha course started in September and has been running for seven weeks now. It is being run again this year jointly with Queensferry Parish Church and we have about 28 people attending on a regular weekly basis. Many are deepening their Christian faith through the course and good friendships are being formed.

Katie Marshall

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still refusing medication for her TB. Without it she will die. Please pray for her.

For a fuller account of Jane & Mike's work, please take time to read the latest Fish Wrapper letter on the notice boards in the Church and Church Centre.

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION

Thanks to all who signed the gift aid declaration on the back of the Christian Aid envelopes this year, the tax which can be reclaimed from Kirkliston donations alone will be worth £1070.76 extra to Christian Aid.

From indications so far, Christian Aid expect that this year will be the most successful to date, with predicted income of around £15 million. This will benefit Christian Aid's partners around the world and help to alleviate world poverty. Your continuing support and contributions are bringing about a better life for people in poor communities all over the world and Christian Aid would like to thank you.

Magic Or Just Mathematics ?

Find a calculator and key in the first three digits of your phone number (but not the area code). Multiply by 80. Add 1. Multiply by 250. Add the last four digits of your phone number. Add the last four digits of your phone number again. Subtract 250, and divide the result by 2. Recognise the answer?

Pretty Cool — But the minister reckons that a better mathematical equation is ... 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

PARTNERS IN MISSION

Jane, Mike and the girls are finally settling in to their new home in Bangkok. Rachel and Aylie started at the International School a week after they arrived in Thailand. Rachel is having to adjust to life in a secondary school and Aylie has been struggling with readjusting to life away from Sangklaburi which is not helped by the fact that they have to leave for school at 6.15a.m. Please pray for both of the girls in all this change.

Lay leadership is to be the main focus of Mike's work and he has been busy putting together a 4 year plan for the project he will be working on in the countries of the Mekong Sub-region.

Please pray for him. The Bangkok Institute of Theology has asked Mike to teach a course starting in November: a 3 hour session each week with 3rd year divinity students on the subject of "Amos".

Jane has been attempting to do a theology degree for 11 years. The deadline for this is looming and so she has decided not to get involved in too much for these few months, but finish her studies. Please pray that she will make it.

In her last letter, Jane asked for prayer for three people who were very ill. Here is an update :-

Gradie who is 23 with m.s. has had her sight restored and her arm is now working, but she is still paraplegic. Jane & Mike hope to be able to take her home to Sangklaburi in October.

Sua, is a young man who has a very serious blood disorder. He is now in hospital receiving chemotherapy which he has waited for for six months. He remains dangerously ill and needs our prayers.

Omar, a pregnant Aids patient, also suffering from TB has delivered her baby at 28 weeks. Amazingly the baby survived, but Omar is

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How lovely 'tis to take this time
To greet our dearest friends,
To wish them health and happiness
Before the old year ends.

Darkness comes late afternoon
And winter lies ahead,
But, friendship is a glowing fire
When all seems cold and dead.

Just as in some vacant barn,
Unnoticed in the night,
The whole of human history turns,
So we, too, make things right.

We must keep alive the flame
Though darkness grip the Earth:
For in the love we find in friends
Is our chance for rebirth.

(Nicholas Gordon)



ABSTRACT of ACCOUNTS

Kirkliston Parish Church

1st Jan 2005 -31Oct 2005

Charity No. SC013924

Congregational Account

INCOME

Balance B/F 2004	£	2,515.00
Offerings plate	£	4,285.99
WFO Non gift aid	£	9,032.24
WFO Gift Aid	£	13,372.65
Offerings by bank S.O. NGA	£	1,637.00
Offerings by bank S.O. GA	£	6,470.64
Weddings/Funerals	£	700.00
Social Committee income	£	240.00
Carberry Fees	£	396.00
Donations	£	269.50
Tax Recovered	£	8,106.32
Investment Income	£	9,633.37
Interest on deposits	£	1,413.84
Guild Donation	£	500.00
Life & Work sales	£	540.00
Equipment collection	£	1,685.57
Legacy	£	2,500.00
Grant Income	£	8,333.00
YF	£	300.00
	£	71,931.12

Thomas Chalmers Centre

Dorcas	£	1,695.53
Playgroup	£	1,132.00
Centre Teas	£	723.49
Cheryl Dance + JHM	£	605.00
Kirkliston Scottish Dance	£	490.00
Traidcraft	£	92.58
Hall Use	£	270.00
Hall Donations Non Gift Aid	£	641.00
Hall Donations Gift Aid	£	330.00
Country Dance Don	£	800.00
Donations	£	39.00
From Gen	£	2,162.13
	£	8,980.73

Insured Values at May 05

Church	£	2,991,491.71
Thomas Chalmers Centre	£	2,625,001.05

EXPENDITURE

Nat Stipend Fund	£	29,947.50
Less Endowment Income	-£	6,042.60
Mission & Renewal	£	5,888.70
Pulpit Supply	£	294.00
Presbytery dues	£	1,214.00
Organists	£	1,962.70
Travel Expenses	£	1,979.05
Heat & light	£	1,680.59
Telephone & M Expenses	£	313.97
Pubs & Stationery	£	1,346.36
Cleaning	£	1,251.22
Life & Work	£	436.03
Rates	£	1,955.27
Insurance	£	2,526.92
Church Officer	£	140.00
Miscell Church/carb fees	£	798.55
Fabric Maintenance Ch	£	4,392.58
Fabric Maint Manse	£	1,635.97
YF	£	682.00
Bank chg wallets	£	1.00
Int on Loan	£	294.04
piano/organ maint	£	209.00
To Centre	£	2,162.13
To reserve bank	£	3,810.20
Balance in Gen a/c	£	13,051.94
	£	71,931.12

Heat & Light	£	1,877.91
Insurance	£	1,345.77
Tel 4088	£	206.50
Caretaker	£	2,720.24
Provisions	£	122.11
Fabric CC	£	2,438.21
Grounds	£	60.00
misc expend CC	£	199.99
	£	8,970.73

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ABSTRACT of ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

Kirkliston Parish Church

Fabric Fund

Income

Balance B/F	£	4,399.53
Retiral Collections	£	779.68
Donations	£	110.00
Interest	£	88.94
Grant	£	6,667.00
tr from reserve bank	£	2,000.00
Loan CofS	£	18,000.00
	£	32,045.15

Money Donated For Other Purposes

Home & Away	£	218.00
Crossreach	£	274.32
Vine Trust		£1,770.00

Church Benevolent Fund*

Income

Balance B/F	£	2,516.31
Interest	£	23.20
	£	2,539.51

Balance In Other Accounts

Ogilvie Bequest*		
C of S Trust	£	160,000.00
Weddell Memorial Fund*		
C of S Trust	£	3,098.84
Interest	£	71.72
carried forward	£	3,170.56

Loan Received

Church of Scotland	£	18,000.00
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Expenditure

Fabric Maintenance Ch	£	30,643.65
	£	32,045.15
Balance	£	1,401.50

Chas	£295.00
Christian Aid	£5,640.00

Expenditure

Outgoings	£	1,250.02
Balance	£	1,363.99

Reserve Fund		
Cof S Trust	£	61,042.47

* Protected Funds (By Original Donor)	£	164,534.55
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Available Funds	£	57,495.91
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Total of all Balances	£	222,030.46
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Rob Brechin
Treasurer
31.10.05