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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

Once again we are approaching Easter. The most important event in the Church's calendar. The day we celebrate the rising from the dead of our Lord Jesus Christ. Two events in the last few days of Christ's life He clearly planned with some care. One was the Last supper in the upper room, the other was the ride into Jerusalem. The fact that the donkey was ready and waiting, that its owner let it go, shows that there must have been a previous agreement and that the password for the operation was "The Lord has need of it." (Mark 11:3)



The events of Palm Sunday were not a chance happening. They represented Christ's claim to be the Messiah. He fulfils the Old Testament prophecy, "Rejoice, shout aloud! Your King comes to you, humble and riding on a donkey." (Zechariah 9:9) Probably the villager was delighted to lend his donkey but maybe he wished it could have been a camel or a horse- something more fitting for a King. But Christ wanted nothing more than he could offer, and He is still the same. He needs us all, rich or poor, educated or not, young or old, talkative or silent. Jesus has something for us all to do. Perhaps some kindness to inject into this needy world, someone to keep from despair, some routine job to be done faithfully and well to His glory.

Don't hold back because of some false pride or a false humility. Christ who has given Himself for us is entitled to claim whatever we can give of service to others and His Church. We have no right to hold anything back from Him who held nothing back from us. We can be sure that He won't reject us or what we offer, He who of a little donkey said, "The Lord has need of it."

A happy and blessed Easter to you all.

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A Big Thankyou

To everyone who supported the fund-raising ceilidh in the bowling club on 2nd December. £1100 was raised and sent to Zambia to the Reverend Samson Kapongo, to enable him to buy an electric water pump. Both Samson and his wife Jane are very grateful to the members of Kirkliston Parish Church and their friends for their generous support.

Rob and Margaret Brechin

YOUNG MOTHER'S DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY

Is anyone interested in joining a day time Bible Study Group?

If so please get in touch with Christine Pearson 0131 334 5550

SEND YOUR NEWS, VIEWS, AND POINTS OF INTEREST TO THE EDITOR: BILL MCKAY, 26 MAIN STREET, KIRKLISTON ... EMAIL: BILLMCKAY@FREEUK.COM

Don't Miss It

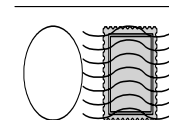
Next 2 Deadlines for lodging items with the editor are:

- 30th April 2006
- 13th August 2006

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Newsletter Deadlines

We look forward to as many contributions as possible—tell us about your news or views, successes or failures, plans or hopes, etc.



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You can be too late, but never too early!

Did You Know ?

It is possible to view and download this newsletter in electronic form on our web site, address:-

<http://members.aol.com/kirkglen/>

NB: It is really meant to be print copy, so page numbering/layout may only make total sense when printed!

GUILD OF ST. LUKE

We continue to meet monthly on the second Monday of the month, for prayer and to update our prayer list. If you would like to join us in this ministry of prayer for the sick, please come along to the Church Centre where we meet from 7p.m. to 8p.m.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14 – 20 MAY 2006

Christain Aid Week is seven amazing days of fundraising, prayer and action against global poverty. Add your time, money and voice this week, and see them multiplied to make an impact around the world through Christian Aid. “You add, We multiply” is Christian Aid’s slogan.

Thanks to the generosity of those who donated, and those who volunteered to collect last year, Christian Aid Week raised over 15 million pounds, which was an excellent amount in what was Christian Aid’s 60th anniversary year.

If you are a Christian Aid collector, I hope I can count on your support once again to collect for this worthwhile cause. If you have never been a collector, and could spare a couple of hours during Christian Aid Week, I would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact me on 333 3779.

Linda Moss,
Christian Aid Convenor.

Prayer Breakfast



Our regular Prayer Breakfasts continue in the Thomas Chalmers Centre. The dates for our next two Prayer Breakfasts are Sunday 19th February at 9am and Sunday 9th April at 9:30am.

All will be made very welcome.

'He will call upon me, and I will answer him'
Ps.91 v15 (NIV)

God's invitation to ask, and his promise to answer.



Dorcas Lunch Club

The Dorcas Lunch Ladies would like to thank everyone who supported their special lunch for the homeless on Tuesday 13th December. £705 was raised on the day, with a donation making it up to £750. The Rock Trust, Bethany Christian Trust and Fresh Start each received £250 for their work with the homeless and vulnerable at Christmas. A brilliant effort! Thanks to everyone who helped in so many different ways to make this charity lunch a success.

The lunch club is open every Tuesday from 12 noon until 2pm, apart from the Tuesday of Holy Week, until the end of April.

On Sunday 30th April we serve a soup, bread and cheese lunch – the proceeds going to Christian Aid – and we, once again, look forward to your support.

With every blessing this Easter,

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)**

12th MARCH, 9th APRIL, 14th MAY and 11th JUNE

1st Kirkliston Boys Brigade



We finished last session on the 19th December with parties, for firstly the Anchor boys, then Junior section. They had all the usual fun ingredients, food, games and prizes. Company section boys had been tenpin bowling the day before, but came along to help, and join in the fun. Luckily, Mrs Claus, who made a guest appearance, had presents for all.

First night back after Christmas the boys were presented with the badges they had gained last session and are now working towards their next awards.

Our "Christmas treat" on Saturday 21st January, was an early start for us all as the whole company headed to Glasgow Science Centre by train from Linlithgow. We were lucky to avoid the Bloody Sunday March, which started just as we caught our second train. We spent the whole day exploring and joining in various workshops including worms, bubbles, robots and detective work; we also managed to fit in an enthralling visit to the I-Max after our lunch. After catching three trains to get back home, we were glad to drop off the weary and hungry boys at 7pm and get our feet up!

The following Saturday we took the Junior section boys to try a sport day at Deans Community High School, where they got to join other companies in football, swimming, indoor cricket and potted sports.

Company section boys are heading to Denmark in July for the FDF national camp and a fundraising disco is being organised by the parents at the end of March in the hope of reducing the costs.

We are also looking at suitable sites and dates for a Junior section weekend camp this year. Our session ends on 27th March for the Easter break returning on 24th April.

To see all the latest photos and keep up to date on events, please visit our website at <http://1kirkliston.boys-brigade.org.uk>

Valerie Edwards
(OIC Anchor/Junior sections)

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Fabric Report

During 2005 we have made considerable progress in improving the general condition of the stonework on the Church building. Total Expenditure during the year on the Church amounted to £37813 with over £30000 of this amount on this major project.

The Thomas Chalmers Centre expenditure in the year amounted to £2438 and the Manse costs totalled £1635. Through generous donations from the Scottish Country Dance Group we have been able to continue the improvements in the Centre with the installation of a new cooker, the donation of digital projector, and

a generous donation from the estate of the late Maisie Tait allowed us to replace the Centre's old piano with an electric piano/organ.

The regular maintenance costs on our properties are essential and in addition we are experiencing high energy costs due to massive increases in world prices. The utilisation of the Centre is high and this should increase revenues in 2006.

Wilson Marshall
Fabric Convener

Queensferry Churches' Care in the Community Project.

The valuable work of this organisation supports elderly people in our Parish. Kirkliston Parish Church is one of the Churches supporting Queensferry Care which runs a Day Centre at the Haven in South Queensferry and also in our village.

If you would like to learn more about QCCC and how you can support their work please contact one of the Directors who live in your community, Christine Tait, Peter Woollven, David Batty or Wilson Marshall.

Traidcraft

The monthly sales stall last year made over £2,300: just over £2000 of which went back to the Just World Shop, our supplier. At the shop's AGM in January, May Scott's retirement from the stall was noted and she was given a beautiful olive wood cross from the Holy Land. Mr Jim Baird thanked her for all her hard work in setting up the monthly stall and working so hard for so many years to help promote fair trade. Well done, May!

My thanks to all the helpers and drivers for their support - the rota for helping out is up in the Church centre if you think you could spare a couple of hours once or twice a year.

Do support fair trade in the shops as well as our wee stall - all the majority charities recommend this way out of poverty for the developing countries. Help to make poverty history in our life time.

Paula Roots 334 1819

Child Protection

More training for the co-ordinators this month! Just reminding us of the new procedures, which I will update organisations on.

There is training for volunteers on Weds 1st March 7-10 in Fairmile-head church. Anyone interested needs to let me know so that I can submit your details.

The main work at present continues to be the Disclosure checks for new Boys Brigade staff. There is also a new handbook for people working with children, and the church will be buying copies for organisations. The other main news is that the Church intends, eventually, to carry out Disclosure checks on all the people working with children who were doing this work before the current procedures came into place. We have been advised that no dates have yet been set for this to happen, and the Safeguarding Unit is too understaffed to cope with the work at present.

Please let me know if there are any new volunteers offering to work with young people under 16.

Paula Roots 334 1819

KIRKLISTON PARISH CHURCH**Keeper of the Rolls Annual Report 2005**

The Roll stood at **343** on 31st December 2005,
235 of whom attended Communion at least once in 2005.

24 movements took place in 2005

+2 by certificate and +3 by restoration

- 8 by death, -1 by certificate, 3 gone away, and

7 to Supplementary Roll which now stands at 65

Average Attendance at Communion over last 2 years = 164
68% of congregation attended communion at least once per year
during that time

Joe Henderson

Keeper of the rolls

CRECHE REPORT

There is a crèche for children of 0-3 years held most Sundays in the Church Centre from 10.45 until 12.00 – please feel free to drop your children off and you can enjoy the service in peace!

I would like to extend a big thank you to all of the crèche volunteers who have given up their Sundays to come and help out with the wee ones. It is very much appreciated.

However, the crèche is always in need of willing volunteers to help out for an hour or so one Sunday a month. As always, the more volunteers we have means less Sundays worked for everyone. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Debbie Melville on 333 4941 or through the Church Centre.

Debbie Melville, Creche Co-ordinator

Flower Calendar January to March 2006



APRIL	2	MRS GLASS, RATHO STATION
	9	MRS ROBERTSON, THE GLEBE
	16	EASTER
	23	MRS COLQUHOUN, THE GLEBE
	30	MRS McCREADY, LISTON PLACE
MAY	7	VACANT
	14	MISS INNES, THE GLEBE
	21	MR&MRS ARCHIBALD & MRS CADZO, MUIREND FARM
	28	MRS CLOSE, ALLAN PARK
JUNE	4	MRS PROVAN, ALLISON PLACE
	11	MRS FAIRBAIRN, DUNDAS PLACE
	18	MRS SIBBALD, KIRKLANDS PARK GARDENS
	25	MARGARET GRAY, MAIN STREET

FLOWER DELIVERY

APRIL	MS SMITH, MS GRAY
MAY	MRS COLQUHOUN, MRS NAYLOR
JUNE	MRS H MacDONALD, MRS M MacDONALD

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 those who have made donations to the flower fund and provided flowers in the past months. There is one vacancy in this quarter and a few in the next few months, if you would like to supply the flowers any of these Sundays please let me know. If you know of anyone who is in need of a cheering up please tell me or the ladies who are on the flower deliveries.

JOYCE BROOKS

Flower Convenor Tel: 0131 333 3710



The Guild

2005 ended with two light-hearted meetings. On the 23rd November we held a Victory Tea Party with funds raised going to Erskine Homes. It was an evening of songs, memorabilia and memories. Our Christmas meeting took the form of a Christmas meal and we also welcomed a surprise visitor who managed to fit us in to his very busy schedule.

2006 began with a talk by Mark Davidson who gave us an insight into the work of L'arche which is one of the projects being supported by The Guild and on the 8th February one of our own members, Ann Gowans, delighted us with a presentation of her Trip of a Lifetime to Japan and Alaska.

Future meetings include an update on the Amazon Hope project by John Carrie on February 22nd, and our guest night on March 8th when we will welcome Helen Miller to speak about the Kwai River Handicraft Project. A date for the diary is March 3rd when the World Day of Prayer service will be held in the Priory Church in South Queensferry. A warm welcome is assured to anyone who would like to come along and join us at any of our meetings.

Maureen Glen and Joan McConnachie

One day, Three Men were Hiking and unexpectedly came upon a Large Raging, Violent River. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea of how to do so. The first man prayed to God, saying, "Please God, give me the strength to cross this river," so God gave him big arms and strong legs, and he was able to swim across the River in about Two Hours, after Almost Drowning a couple of times.

Seeing this, the Second Man Prayed to God, saying, "Please God, give me the Strength....and the Tools to cross this river." So God gave him a Rowboat and he was able to Row across the River in about an Hour, after almost Cap-sizing the Boat a couple of times.

The Third Man had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God saying, "Please God, give me the Strength and the tools...and the Intelligence... to Cross this River."

God turned him into a woman. She Looked at the Map, Hiked upstream a couple of hundred yards, then walked across the bridge.

Transport to Church Drivers Rota April - June 2006

APRIL	2	Rob Keating
	9	Keith Moss
	16	Bill Patterson
	23	Colin/Jenny Riddell
	30	Elaine Robinson
MAY	7	Peter Melville
	14	Anne Reilly
	21	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie
	28	Ann/David Denholm
JUNE	4	Wilson Marshall
	11	Rob Keating
	18	Keith Moss
	25	Bill Patterson

If you would like to help with transport, 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"

5/2/06: Benjamin Bradshaw, 9 Newmains Road Kirkliston

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

28/10/05: Bridget Sammels, Ashley Court Nursing Home

17/11/05: Evelyn Cairns, 76 The Glebe Kirkliston

19/11/05: Ian Fraser, 5 Allan Park Kirkliston

7/12/05: Ian Turner, 40 The Glebe Kirkliston

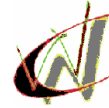
16/12/05: Victor Chambers, 33/4 Kirklands Park Crescent Kirkliston

12/1/06: Albert Grabouski, 4 Liston Drive Kirkliston

17/1/06: Margaret Golledge, 10 Hillwod Gardens Ratho Station

19/1/06: Matthew Dickson, 52 Riverside Newbridge

30/1/06: Alexander Forrest, 41 Almondhill Road Kirkliston



Church Without Walls

The Committee continues to meet monthly and we offer a warm welcome to new members. The next two meetings will be held in the Thomas Chalmers Centre on 21 February and 28 March at 7.30pm. The Christmas Family Evening Service in the Church was very well supported with over 200 attending.

Our Monthly Evening Services continue on the second Sunday of the month at 6.30pm in the Thomas Chalmers Centre. These are family Praise Services and children of all ages are most welcome.

The Committee is discussing opportunities for outreach to our teenagers in our community. Additionally we are looking at the possibility of recording Morning Services and making tapes and/or CD's available weekly. We are sending two delegates to a Church without Walls Conference in Aviemore in April.

Katie Marshall

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"
His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"
The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "So, son, what does the Bible mean?"
"That's easy, Daddy. It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

Youth Fellowship News

The boys outnumber the girls at the moment but we all have a good Sunday night of bible discussion and quiz along with some good old fashioned chit chat. As usual the highlight of the evening is when the food comes out. For our Christmas treat we all went to see King Kong and afterward visited McDonalds. We are having a four week break but will be back on the 5th March. Everyone between 11 and 16 are welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We started off the new year with a series of lessons about Joshua and Gideon, both exciting stories for the children to hear, with the important message that if we listen to, trust and obey God, just as Joshua and Gideon did, He will always be with us.
Our next set of lessons is on some of the miracles and parables of Jesus.
The children have also enjoyed learning some new songs and as our numbers grow stronger, the children are more confident about singing together.

Dates for your diary :-

February 26th – Communion – No Sunday School
April 2nd – 16th inclusive – Easter holidays – No Sunday School
May 28th – Communion – No Sunday School

A Chinese Proverb

**If there is light in the soul, there will be beauty in the person.
If there is beauty in the person, there will be harmony in the house.
If there is harmony in the house, there will be order in the nation.
If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world.**

PARTNERS IN MISSION

Jane and Mike are settling in to their new way of life in Bangkok, and are being kept busy. Mike is teaching a course one day a week at the Bangkok Institute of Theology, and the rest of his time is spent with the Mekong Ecumenical Partnership Program, travelling round the six countries of the Mekong sub region. Jane has finally posted off her dissertation for her degree with only one more essay to write. It has been a long struggle for her, having to fit in study with all her other commitments. Jane is also continuing her work with HIV/Aids in Bangkok and has just returned from an 8 day Church of Scotland Aids conference in Kenya, so life is as hectic as ever! Christine and Dan Pearson will be in Bangkok for three weeks in February and have arranged to visit with Jane & Mike and go to Church with them, so we look forward to hearing from them when they return.

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

B.A.B.E. Night News

Members of the Church Without Walls Group, under the enthusiastic leadership of Christina Pearson, have organised two BABE nights recently. On Friday 27th January the evening started with an enjoyable supper followed by some home grown entertainment. The theme was musicals and we heard some lovely singing from one and all. Watch out for our next night which will be late March.

The idea behind these evenings is primarily to give young women, and young mums in particular, the opportunity to relax and chat away from bath times and household chores. However, having said that, there is no age limit, all are welcome to come along and join us. The first BABE event held in November took the form of a pampering evening with neck and hand massages, make-up demonstration and manicures on offer as well as dance lessons. The response from those who come along has been most encouraging and we are busy planning our next event. Keep your diaries open ladies.

Christina, Jean, Joan, & Maureen

Help Needed

This little poem was passed to me by a by one of the ladies who helps me with the flowers and I thought I would share it with you.

Among the unsung heroines
Who grace this world of ours
Are those who give and who arrange
Their Church's lovely flowers.
I wonder if they realise
The pleasure that they bring
To people who will gather there
To worship and to sing,
Or the warm friendship that they send
When given to those who can't attend?

You too could be an "unsung heroine/ hero" 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.

JOYCE BROOKS

Flower Convenor Tel: 0131 333 3710

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Two Bible study groups meet in the Thomas Chalmers Centre on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm Each group consists of 8-12 people.

We are studying Philippians at the present time and would be delighted if anyone would like to join one of the groups.

For more information contact Katie Marshall 0131 333 3209

The Treasurer's Statement

The Annual Accounts have still to be approved by the Board and will be presented at the General Meeting in March. Therefore no Church accounts appear in this newsletter.

2005 was a successful year, financially, for our Church, with a 5.6% increase in offerings over 2004 and an overall increase in income of 7.5%. (This does not take account of the investment/interest income which itself increased by 20% and which appears in the General Fund accounts for the first time).

Unfortunately, expenses rose by 12%, cancelling out the benefits of our increased income. Oddly enough, the surplus on this fund - £4775 – is exactly the same as last year.

This is the first year that 'Offerings' have been split to show the amount given by Banker' Order, Free Will Offerings & direct Plate givings. These have been further divided to show whether they were given under a Gift Aid Certificate or not.

*The Gift Aid Scheme
is commended to
any taxpayers who
have not yet signed
a certificate*

I cannot over emphasise the importance of the Gift Aid Scheme to our financial security and commend the scheme to any taxpayers who have not yet signed a certificate - £8,000.00 comes to our Church this year from Gift Aid. Gift Aid forms are available from Rob Brechin and Brian Hepburn

Next year, the National Stipend payment and the Mission & Renewal payment are to be amalgamated under one heading

We were left a legacy by one of our parishioners which has been used to buy a new digital piano for the Church Centre and given funds by another to purchase digital projection equipment.

The KPC Country Dance Group gave us a donation to enable the purchase of a new, larger cooker for the Centre and a water heater for tea/coffee

These generous gifts have allowed us to update our facilities & will all help in our outreach within the community – whether it be the Dorcas lunches or the creation of more appealing worship presentations.

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Weddings within the Church are at an all time low. We must market the use of our church for this purpose so that our own adherents consider this option against the many secular alternatives.

The use of our halls by both Church organisations and outside agencies has improved greatly and the money raised by this means has helped offset the running costs of the halls. (It costs nearly £30.00 per day, 365 days of the year, to run the Centre).

I wish to highlight the importance of the Sunday Teas & the Dorcas Lunches to the Church.

First of all, in the outreach they make to the congregation and community. They provide a social focal point after services on Sundays and on Tuesdays for many who are on their own or need company, a cheering cup of tea and a friendly word. Importantly, from a financial point of view, they provide much needed income – nearly £3,000.00 as well as another £900.00 donated to Charity.

Our major expense this year was the refurbishment of stonework on the Church tower & south walls.

Two grants, one of £10,000.00 from the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland & one of £5,000.00 from the Baird Trust helped mitigate the expense. We took a loan of £18,000.00 from C of S to help meet the costs as well but have been able to repay some of this already.

Advantage was taken, while the scaffolding was in place, to undertake other maintenance & remedial works high up on the building – a saving in the longer term.

While further work will be needed in the future to stabilise the west wall of the tower, the rest of our church and halls are now in good repair and we can take pride in having protected the fabric for other generations to enjoy.

Almost £11,000.00 was raised and given to different charities by the congregation in 2005. Kirkliston is a very generous village and always supports any charitable project promoted by the Church. I never fail to be amazed at the way the village rallies round to help those in need.

Rob Brechin Treasurer