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

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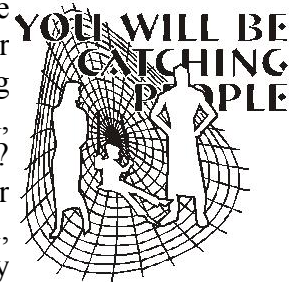
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## Newsletter



FROM THE MINISTER

A Minister once told me a fascinating story of a church in a Canadian fishing village. The founding fathers had chosen to build the church at the rocky edge of the Atlantic Ocean. Because it was located in the centre of where the fishermen and townspeople lived, the church flourished. As the congregation grew, however, the members decided to construct a new building far from the waterfront. Then an interesting thing happened. They seemed to lose their enthusiasm, their zeal for the lost, after they moved. Why? Some said it was because they were no longer among the people. We see in Mark's Gospel, chapter one, that Jesus began his ministry by walking along the Sea of Galilee and calling fishermen to be his disciples. He told them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."



Where are the 'fish' in our community? Do we expect them to come on their own to our church and hear the Minister preach the Gospel? Or have we chosen to follow Christ and become fishermen, who dare to go where the fish are, taking the message of life and hope to our schools and workplaces and neighbourhoods? Just as we will never catch fish in a kitchen sink, we can't catch 'souls' if we never go where they are to be found.

*You do not have to cross the seas  
Nor foreign lands explore  
To share God's Word with needy souls-  
You'll find them right next door.*

### COMMEMORATION SERVICE

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 7pm in the Church Centre we will have a service of commemoration. Many churches hold this kind of service annually and it is something we have been thinking about in Kirkliston for some time. This gentle service is primarily for all those who have been bereaved in the past couple of years and anyone who is still journeying through grief. Its purpose is to both commemorate those who have died, and to support and encourage one another in the name of Christ. Those that the Minister has contact details for, will receive an invitation to this service but anyone who feels the pain of loss is very welcome along with family and friends.

Although not essential, it is helpful in planning to have an idea of those who are considering coming. So, if you receive an invitation, please return the tear off slip or otherwise phone the Minister to let us know.

### New Church Website

The Church now has a new website:-

[www.kirkliston-parish-church.org.uk](http://www.kirkliston-parish-church.org.uk)

This is still ‘work in progress’ and we are aware of one or two problems but these are being addressed.

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## Church Duty Rota

	Church Officer	East Door	West Door	Bell Ringer
<b>Sep 2</b>	Keith Moss	Helen Shade Bill Paterson Seating Gordon Wilson	Daniel Pearson Doreen Gray	Peter Melville
<b>Sep 9</b>	Katie Marshall	Debbie Melville Jean Moffat Seating Archie McIntyre	William Rooney Colin Riddell	Barry Wallace
<b>Sep 16</b>	Tom Hislop	Jenny Riddell Pam Doig Seating Vic MacCormack	Valerie Edwards Alex Close	Rob Keating
<b>Sep 23</b>	Bert Allan	Basil Baird Joe Henderson Seating Paula Roots	Simon Bradshaw Morag Carnall	Peter Woolven
<b>Sep 30</b>	Christina Pearson	Cliff Plester Linda Moss Seating Katherine Bradshaw	Joan McConnachie Katie Marshall	John Ferguson
<b>Oct 7</b>	Gordon Wilson	Peter Melville Bert Allan Seating Gill Davidson	Margaret Colquhoun Margaret Brechin	Rob Brechin
<b>Oct 14</b>	Vic MacCormack	Keith Moss Bill McKay Seating Margaret Chambers	Wilson Marshall Joyce Fyfe	Archie McIntyre
<b>Oct 21</b>	Liz Woolven	Muriel Naylor Clive Chambers Seating Ann Denholm	David Buchanan John Ferguson	Brian Hepburn
<b>Oct 28</b>	Alex Close	Jim McDonald Jan Wemyss Seating Anne Maitland	Adam Tait Maureen Glen	Gordon Wilson
<b>Nov 4</b>	Rob Keating	Archie McIntyre Maggie McConnachie Seating Tom Hislop	Helen Shade Joyce Brooks	Charlie Wright
<b>Nov 11</b>	Joyce Fyfe	Barry Wallace Daniel Pearson Seating Christina Pearson	Debbie Melville Bill Paterson	William Rooney
<b>Nov 18</b>	Brian Hepburn	Vic MacCormack Valerie Edwards Seating Doreen Gray	Jenny Riddell Pam Doig	Alex Close

**The Guild of St. Luke** meets on the second Monday of each month, in the Church Centre, to update our prayer list and to pray for those on it. We are committed to praying every day for healing for all those on the list and if you, or someone you know, would like prayer, please use the prayer cards on the pews and place them in the boxes provided at both entrances to the Church. Our list is confidential and only the first name of the person need be given.

## Flower Calendar September to December 2007



<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	2	MRS C TAIT, NEWLISTON ROAD
	9	MRS J ARBUCKLE, LISTON DRIVE
	16	MRS M RITCHIE, LISTON ROAD
	23	MRS B HAMILTON, THE GLEBE
	30	MRS A EDMOT, LOANHEAD COTTAGES
<b>OCTOBER</b>	7	<b>HARVEST THANKSGIVING - MR PATERSON</b>
	14	MRS ROBERTSON, THE GLEBE
	21	REV KEATING, THE MANSE
	28	MRS DUFF & MRS BEVERIDGE, RATHO STATION
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	4	MRS BEREN, HIGH STREET
	11	<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - VACANT</b>
	18	MR ARCHIBALD, GLENDINNING ROAD
	25	MRS KELLET, HIGH STREET
<b>DECEMBER</b>		CHURCH DECORATED FOR CHRISTMAS
		<b>FLOWER DELIVERY</b>

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	MRS EDWARDS, MRS SHADE AND MRS NUTLEY
<b>OCTOBER</b>	MS MOFFAT, MRS MACDONALD AND MR HISLOP
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	MRS PROVAN, MRS MAYNEILLY, MRS MACCORMACK AND MRS BROOKS
<b>DECEMBER</b>	MRS TAIT, MRS CHAMBERS

I am still looking for people to help with flower deliveries. It only takes a short time after Church on Sunday morning and is a very rewarding task. Please phone me if you can help.

If you know of anyone who needs cheering up please tell me, or the ladies who are on the flower deliveries and we will organise for some flowers to be taken to them. Thank you to all who have made donations to the flower fund and helped with deliveries in the past few months your assistance is much appreciated.

JOYCE BROOKS

Flower Convenor Tel: 0131 333 3710

### FABRIC REPORT

With 3 properties to look after - a 800 year old church, church centre and manse - the Fabric Convenor does not have to go looking for projects or repairs to spend money on.

Last year about £10,000 was spent on upkeep of these buildings and so far about £7,000 has been or about to be spent on repairs and renewals. The cills in the church are in need of repair with a special plaster including horse hair by a specialised plasterer which will add to our budget for the year.

I have just received the report from the firm of architects who carried out the quinquennial inspection of the 3 properties under 4 headings:

1. Urgent work - thankfully only 3 minor jobs.
2. Work to be done within 2 - 3 years.
3. Work within 5 years.
4. Work to be planned during next 10 years.

This report will make sure we have plenty to do for the next 5 years.

The summary report concludes that the church, church centre, manse are in good condition which means previous fabric conveners have been very busy.

Charles R. Wright

Fabric Convenor

## YOU are invited to join us for an EVENING PRAISE SERVICE



**On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month,  
in the Thomas Chalmer's Church Centre.  
Refreshments are served after the Service**

**And all are very welcome.**

**Please bring friends and family  
FUTURE EVENING PRAISE SERVICES**

**(Mark them in your diary and on your calendar)**

**9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER (Gateside — see page 15 for details),  
14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

# 1st Kirkliston Boys Brigade



Well here we are into August and still waiting for a week of sun without rain. The company section boys didn't have to worry about sunburn this year at their camp in July at Dunfermline. They played host, along with the 1<sup>st</sup> Bearsden Company to one of the FDF companies they met at last years camp in Denmark. They still managed to have fun without the sun, a talent we sadly seem to lose as we get older!

Although now a distant memory, our Annual Display in May went remarkably well, with the boys putting on a quality performance for their parents and Inspecting Officer, David Buchanan and his wife Margaret.

All our stresses and worries of the previous weeks disappeared as they came up trumps on the night.

Margaret presented the boys with their hard earned badges and the following trophies:-

**Perfect Attendance:-** Cameron Stein, Murray Flannigan, Fraser Glass, Gregor Glass, Drew Elliott, Andrew Henry, Darren Pearce, Sjhone Lumsden, Andy Lumsden, Jordan Pearce and Pte Grant Flannigan.

**Best Squad Junior section Squad 2:-** Jordan Pearce, Andy Lumsden, Drew Elliot, Connor Kremeyer, Aaron White and Arum Armaghan

**Best Squad Company section Squad 5:-** Cpl David Ritchie, Pte Grant Flannigan and Pte Ewan Lockerbie

**Best Boy Junior section:** - Jordan Pearce

**Best Boy Company section:** - David Ritchie

We have three Anchor boys promoted to Junior section and six Junior boys promoted to Company section, this will be the first time Company section has been in double figures for many years.

Our new session begins with Enrolment night on Mon 20<sup>th</sup> August, when staff will be available between 7 and 8 pm for any questions you may have and to fill in this years enrolment forms and uniform orders.

Then back to uniform on Mon 27<sup>th</sup> August, starting with Anchor Boys at 6pm.

Hope to see you all then.

Valerie Edwards  
(OIC Anchor/Junior sections)

Visit our website: <http://1kirkliston.boys-brigade.org.uk>



# The Guild

The Guild Committee has been busy putting the Syllabus together for the forthcoming session and has come up with a varied and interesting programme. Topics range from the serious to the light-hearted and the Committee hopes that all who come along will enjoy their time with us.

There is always a feeling of fun, friendship and fellowship when The Guild meets and we hope to welcome both established and new members when the session resumes on Wednesday September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. For those of you who may be thinking of joining us for the first time, the Guild meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from the end of September to the end of March.

## ATTENTION ALL MEN !!!

Come along gentlemen and join the Guild. For a few years now it has **not** been the Women's Guild. It is open to all. We have one gentleman who comes along faithfully. Come and join him. Let's swell the numbers, open up the interests and perhaps one day we will have a male Convenor!! Will you be the first???

Jan and Gill

**Don't  
Miss It!**

**Next Deadline for  
lodging items with the  
editor is:**

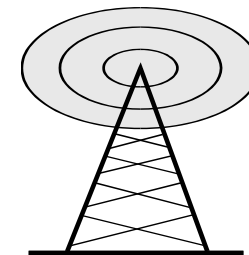
**•28<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

Contact Kirkliston Parish  
Church Newsletter Editor:

**Tel: 0131 333 3659**

## Newsletter Deadline Notification

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



eMail articles to [billmckay@btinternet.com](mailto:billmckay@btinternet.com)

**Hand deliver newsletter articles to 26  
Main Street, Kirkliston**

## Transport to Church

### Drivers Rota September — December 2007

SEPTEMBER	2	Keith Moss
	9	Anne Reilly
	16	Rob Keating
	23	Bill Paterson
	30	Elaine Robinson
OCTOBER	7	Ann/David Denholm
	14	Peter Melville
	21	Bill McKay
	28	Wilson Marshall
NOVEMBER	4	Keith Moss
	11	Gordon/Maggie McConnachie
	18	Anne Reilly
	25	Rob Keating
DECEMBER	2	Bill Paterson
	9	Ann/David Denholm
	16	Bill McKay
	23	Wilson Marshall
	30	Elaine Robinson

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



### TraidCraft

Fair Trade is now an issue that is getting a lot of attention: even the big stores and coffee shops are keen to say that their products have been traded fairly - that is, giving more of the profit to the farmers who produced the goods. Last year Christian Aid made it their focus for supporting the developing countries, as the profits can be literally ploughed back into the community. The main beneficiaries in the wider community seem to be the children, who can attend school when the family does not need them to work. Our stall here, on the 2nd Sunday of every month, still sells a very wide range of goods - many of which have the story of a typical farmer on the packaging. See how many you can spot!

Thanks for all the support from volunteer drivers, stall helpers and all customers. By the time you read this, our suppliers, the Just World Shop in Portobello, will be ordering their Christmas catalogues..... Names always welcome on the rota in the church centre.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School resumes after the summer break on 19th August, when we look forward to welcoming the children back, and hopefully a few new faces. If you know of any children in your street, please tell them about the Sunday School. We would be happy to see them. At the time of writing, only one person has volunteered to help with the Beginners' Sunday School, which is for 3 - 5 yr. olds. If you think you could help with this, even on a rota basis, please contact me or the Minister as soon as possible.

Linda Moss,

Sunday School Superintendent.

### Never on a Sunday

An overused phrase by unfortunates on Tricia, Big Brother or the Jeremy Kyle Show is "24/7", the American phrase for all the time. Western Isles councillor Norman Macleod, clearly aware of the religious sensibilities of his background, took office as convenor of the Northern Police Board recently and pledged he would have "an open-door policy - 24/6".

## Kirkliston Parish Church Scottish Country Dance Club

The Scottish Country Dance Club will resume on Tuesday 4th September 2007 in the Church Centre starting at 7.30 pm for step/dance practice then 8-10pm for dancing. If you are interested and know the rudiments of Scottish Country Dancing you will be very welcome. If you would like to learn Margaret Masterton holds classes. She can be contacted on 01506 670 137.

**Joan Wright**  
Secretary

## DORCAS LUNCH CLUB



After our summer break, we are now starting to think about the Lunch Club which will resume on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September in the Church Centre from 12 noon till 1.30pm.

Homemade soup, freshly filled rolls and toasted sandwiches are on the menu with tea, coffee and cake to follow.

We look forward to catching up with our regular friends and to welcoming new ones. Come – bring a friend – and enjoy good food & good company.

We are currently looking for new helpers to join our team, so if you can spare 4 hours on one Tuesday in three, please let Margaret Brechin know. The lunch club is busy but very rewarding.

Looking forward to seeing you on 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Margaret Brechin Convenor (0131 333 3252).

This was spotted by the editor whilst on holiday. It is an entry in the 19th century diary of a Lincolnshire farmer, on display in Magdalen School Museum, Wainfleet:-  
*“Better the soul be clothed in silk and the body in rags, than the body in silk and the soul in rags”.*

## EVENING SERVICES

Two of the evening services this summer will be outdoor services - praying for better weather of course - at the Leisure Centre on Sunday 12th August and in Gateside on Sunday 9th Sept, both at 4.30pm. These will literally be the church without walls, but in a tent in case of rain!

The services will be full of praise, a message, and prayer then there will be a BBQ after each service. Hopefully this will be a time for fellowship and getting to know some new folks, including those from other local churches, who have been invited to join us. Look out for the posters and fliers around the village. Due to planning regulations we can't charge for the BBQs so donations will be gratefully accepted.

The Social Committee and Church Without Walls committee will also be glad of support on the day to set up between 1 and 4 pm.

Paula Roots

## ALPHA

**What is Alpha?** Alpha is an opportunity to explore the Christian Faith through a series of video talks and discussions in a relaxed and non-threatening way. We share supper together each evening of the course, make friends and have fun.

Our next Alpha Course is being run this year jointly with Queensferry Parish Church and Dalmeny Church and the venue is Dalmeny Church Hall. We shall start with the Alpha Supper on **27 September** and an introductory talk on 'Christianity : Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant?' If you are interested or know anyone who would like to come along to the introductory Alpha Supper please contact Katie Marshall 0131 333

**A wife invited some people to dinner.**

**At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said,**

**"Would you like to say the blessing?"**

**"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied.**

**"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered.**

**The daughter bowed her head and said,**

**"Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"**

## Prayer Breakfast

We would like to encourage more people to join us for a time of quiet and prayer before the Church services on Sunday mornings. We meet each week at 10.30am upstairs in the media room on the Church Centre for about 20 minutes. It is a time to be still before God and come into his presence. There is much to be prayed for in our Church, our village and the world.



Our prayer breakfasts continue every second month and the next one will be held on Sunday 9 September at 9.30am in the Church Centre. All will be made most welcome.

Luke Ch 11 v 9 ' So I say to you : Ask and it will be given to you ; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.'

Katie Marshall

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## Queensferry Churches' Care in the Community

**Marion Critchley** recently retired as Company Secretary after 14 years service to QCCC but continues as a volunteer at the Haven. **Eric Proven** whose family owned the Newliston Arms for over 100 years is the new Company Secretary.

Can you spare a little of your time? **Volunteers** are required to assist in Day Care on Tuesdays at the Haven and on Wednesdays in Kirkliston at Kirkliston Community Centre. Volunteers are also required to help with can collections at Scotmid South Queensferry on Saturday 22 September and at Tesco on Sunday 16 December.

Do you know of an older person who would benefit from the '**Befriender Service**'? For more information please contact Lorna at the Haven 0131 331 5570.

**Coffee Morning** with Teddy in Queensferry Parish Church Hall on Saturday 29 September 10am - 12noon. Tickets at the door. Adults £1 children free.

**Virgin Vie Party** in Kirkliston Church Centre on 3 October. For tickets and more information contact Christine Tait or the Haven.

**Alex Porteous** recently presented a cheque to Queensferry Care for the **magnificent sum of £5000**. Over £10000 was raised by Queensferry Sportsmans Events at a Charity Brunch held in the marquee at Dundas Castle (generously provided by Sir Jack Stewart Clark)

Wilson Marshall

## CHURCH REGISTER

### **BAPTISMS: "They brought young people to Jesus"**

3/6/07: Katie And Grace Mitchell, Kintore Inverurie

5/8/07: Ella-Louise Hartle, 32 Clerics Hill Kirkliston

### **WEDDINGS: "Those whom God has joined together..."**

28/7/07: Sylvia Lumsden & Colin Thompson, Kirkliston

11/8/07: Maureen Greig & Timothy Heaton, Kirkliston

### **Marriage Blessing**

Jacqueline & James Hurtle, Kirkliston

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

9/5/07: Charley McCraw-Clark, 51 Maitland Hog Lane Kirkliston

28/5/07: Alexander Hogg, 11 Hillwood Crescent Ratho Sation

31/5/07: Christina Stewart, 10 Carmel Road Kirkliston

4/6/07: Rae Davies, 4 Dudgeon Place Kirkliston

4/6/07: John Hoadley, 23 Auldgate Kirkliston

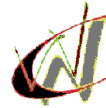
7/6/07: Anne Shedden, c/o 58 The Glebe Kirkliston

8/6/07: Robert Milne, Craighbinning Dechmont

15/6/07: Isabella McCabe, 1 Carmel Road Kirkliston

6/7/07: Wendy Taylor, 8 Cotlaws Kirkliston

9/7/07: Gladys Wilson, 1 Almondside Kirkliston



## Church Without Walls

Our main focus recently has been planning 2 outdoor services for the summer. By the time you get this, the one on 12th August at the Leisure Centre may be over, but the next one on 9th Sept at Gateside will repeat the Praise and Barbecue format. Both services will be held at 4.30, with praise and prayer, followed by a barbecue. Please do come along if you can: and if you can't, we would appreciate your prayers for the services and fellowship over food to reach out to folk across the village. We especially pray that folk who need God's peace and love will come to hear of Him.

We are also praying for the next stage of Sunday school for the young people going up to High School, and for the Youth Fellowship van. We are also keeping up to date with the development of the new church and their activities.

Our next meeting is on 29th August (7.30) where we hope to review the outdoor services and consider the needs of others in the parish - the not-so-young, the sick or housebound - this time.

Please do come along if you have ideas or enthusiasm for getting God's message out there.

Paula Roots 0131 334 1819

**A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3.**

**The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake.**

**Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.**

**"If Jesus were sitting here, He would say,**

**'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'**

**Kevin turned to his younger brother and said,**

**"Ryan, you be Jesus!"**

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model which has been replicated elsewhere (with and without the Faith element) throughout the world from humble beginnings in a Glasgow Sunday School class.

Now; at this point, you're ready for the punchline – "The BB needs staff"! Yes: that's true; we've lost staff in recent months and will shortly lose another Officer. At a time when our numbers seem to be on the increase again, this makes planning and programming difficult, puts more pressure on staff, and leaves the Junior Section barely sustainable this session. I would, of course be delighted to hear from you if you are able to help in this area; but that's not the main reason for writing.

The Boys' Brigade's programme material for Company Section (P7 – S6) is changing this Autumn. The new badge-work system for those in P7 – S3 will be more modular, and broader-based than any of its predecessors. It is meant to be more engaging for the Boys, and allow us to visit more subjects. As always, the programme is grounded in Christian Faith – and this is reflected in the new Badge System with a number of innovative approaches to the subject. The three badges will be divided into a number of topics. Most of these topics should be delivered in three sessions of 20 – 40 minutes each (over several weeks).

Now for the real punchline! Do you have a talent, gift, hobby, interest – call it what you will – that you could share? Your talents and gifts are indeed worth many years' labour, but it needn't take so long to share them! Would you be willing to give approximately 3 hours of your time (three sessions + preparation time) to prepare and deliver a topic to a class of Boys? That's all I ask. There will be material for some of the published topics; but you are free to make up your own. We can arrange the dates to suit you, and the class will be supervised by an Officer. You don't need to pay a subscription, you don't need to wear a uniform, and you don't need to fill out any forms! And, if you like – you can do it again in a year or so!

If you're interested or would like more information (or would just like to clype on your friends that are too shy to dig their talents up), please speak to the Captain. You'll see him at Church most Sundays, or you can find him at the BB on a Monday evening in the Church Centre – or contact him by 'phone or email. As always, if you want to support us in prayer; that's a gift of the highest value, and one we greatly appreciate.

**Lindsay Stein** (Captain)

Tel: 01506 858603

email: [lin.stein@gmail.com](mailto:lin.stein@gmail.com)



## Talents Wanted – High rates of interest!

I'm sure most are familiar with the parable of the talents (Matthew 25: 14-30), and smile knowingly when we hear the story retold. It is a tale of investment for the future and about using wisely the gifts we have been given.

Jesus tells of the master leaving on a long journey and giving a number of talents to his three servants. The talent was a unit of currency, of an unknown, but significant value - equivalent to the wages of many years' labour. The first servants invested his 5 talents, doubling the amount. The second servant likewise invested the two talents entrusted to him, with similar results; but the third servant, given only one talent to look after dug a hole and buried it! When the master returned, he was angry with the third servant and took away his talent to give to the one who now had 10.

Over the years, I have heard many Sunday School lessons, Children's addresses, Sermons and Bible Class talks on these verses – as I'm sure many of you have; and sometimes, I've even heard it used as leverage for volunteers. In fact, I'm sure this technique has been deployed on so many occasions that, on hearing the reading many of us mentally tick the boxes to say:

- yes, I know that story
- yes, I understand what it means
- yes, I'm willing to invest my gifts and talents in others

Well, maybe we can justify that last one – we are, after all, very busy; we give generously of our time and money; we do a great deal for others and for the Church already. I don't make the last point sarcastically. I know there is a great deal of giving – much of it secret and unassuming. That is how it should be, and it is for no man to judge.

If you do have spare talents however, and don't want to start digging holes; I'd like to offer you the opportunity to invest in the present and in the future, and to share some of the gifts you have been given. The Boys' Brigade (no – don't stop reading; stay with me here) has for 124 years been in the business of investing in young people. Our object is to advance Christ's Kingdom among Boys, and we do so by investing in them. We share knowledge, wisdom, skills and tradition (much of which we have in turn picked up from others). It is a ministry of sharing, apprenticeship and discipleship and one which seeks to pass on life-skills as well as sharing the Christian Faith. It's a

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## Did you work for Scottish Oils Ltd. in the SHALE INDUSTRY prior to 1962?



**If so, I'd love to hear from you!**

*Alex Aitken is conducting research into the lives of workers, spouses, and managers that had experience in the West Lothian Shale Industry prior to its closure in 1962. He would be pleased if you would be willing to meet with him (you choose the place) to share your stories and memories of that period.*

*Alex Aitken (born and raised in Uphall Station, now living in Canada) will be in West Lothian and anxious to meet with you between September 6<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007.*

**Please contact Alex to arrange a time to meet!**

### Email

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### Mail

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842 Marsh Crescent  
Kingston, Ontario  
Canada K7P 2R2

### Telephone

01-613-389-2566



## Child Protection

Nothing new to report except the continued steady Disclosure Checks on new staff in the BBs and church volunteers. Please do not be put off by this process when thinking about volunteering. Paula will try to make it as painless as possible! it's only a form, and it is a simple but necessary safeguard for the children of the parish. Just a wee reminder too, for any children's organisations restarting in the autumn with new staff, please contact Paula to get these checks done. Remember the church is paying for this, you just have to fill out a form.

Paula Roots 334 1819

ABSTRACT of ACCOUNTS  
 1st Jan 2007 -31 Jul 2007

 Kirkliston Parish Church  
 Charity No. SC013924
**Congregational Account****INCOME**

Balance B/F 2006	£	1,547.52
Offerings plate	£	2,851.42
WFO Non gift aid	£	6,012.20
WFO Gift Aid	£	9,672.60
Offerings by bank S.O. NGA	£	1,082.00
Offerings by bank S.O. GA	£	5,222.31
Weddings/Funerals	£	1,225.00
Social Committee income	£	189.94
Course Fees	£	285.00
Donations	£	1,302.00
Charites Aid	£	75.00
Investment Income	£	4,743.37
Interest on deposits	£	1,490.05
Guild Donation	£	550.00
Social Comm acc	£	189.94
Equipment collection	£	75.90
Life & work	£	538.00
Bus fund don	£	525.00
Transfer fr Reserve bank	£	12,255.44
	£	49,832.69

**Thomas Chalmers Centre**

Dorcas	£	1,303.32
Centre Teas	£	470.79
JHM & Thurs Dance	£	1,500.00
Kirkliston Scottish Dance	£	490.00
Hall Use Playgroup	£	170.00
General Hall Use	£	285.00
Hall Donations Non Gift Aid	£	324.00
Hall Donations Gift Aid	£	242.00
Country Dance Donation	£	500.00
Donations	£	145.00
Tr from General	£	1,576.63
	£	7,006.74

**Insured Values at May 06**

Church	£	3,141,066.30
Thomas Chalmers Centre	£	2,756,251.10

**EXPENDITURE**

Nat Stipend Fund	£	26,844.00
Less Endowment Income	£	4,339.20
Organists	£	1,470.73
Travel Expenses	£	1,648.34
Heat & light	£	1,800.97
Telephone & M Expenses	£	293.91
Pubs & Stationery	£	2,014.48
Cleaning	£	1,029.94
Life & Work	£	434.11
Rates	£	1,273.08
Insurance	£	1,664.99
Church Officer	£	140.00
Miscell Church/cour fees	£	666.89
Fabric Maintenance Ch	£	613.07
Fabric Maint Manse	£	1,465.18
Int on Loan	£	239.37
To Centre	£	1,576.63
<b>Balance in Gen a/c</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2,317.80</b>
	£	49,832.69

Heat & Light	£	2,232.72
Insurance	£	946.72
Tel 4088	£	101.29
Caretaker	£	2,205.70
Provisions	£	430.45
Fabric CC	£	1,089.86
	£	7,006.74

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## ABSTRACT of ACCOUNTS (Continued)

**Fabric Fund****Income**

Balance B/F	£	1,253.14
Retiral Collections	£	472.04
Donations	£	80.34
Interest	£	8.89
Tr fr Res bank	£	1,000.00
	£	2,814.41

Tear Fund	£	23.00
QCCC	£	711.11
St Michael's Hosp	£	1,293.13
Cancer research UK Scotland	£	£3,646.45
Christian Aid	£	£3,077.04
Br Heart Foundation	£	570.00

<b>Church Benevolent Fund*</b>		
Income	£	20.00
Interest	£	14.64
Balance B/F	£	1,664.06
	£	1,698.70

Ogilvie Bequest*		
C of S Trust	£	1.20
Weddell Memorial Fund*		
C of S Trust	£	3,470.97

<b>Loan</b>		
Church of Scotland repayment outstanding	£	9,574.99
	£	1,817.29
	£	7,757.70

 Rob Brechin  
 Treasurer 31.07.07
**Expenditure**

Pt Repayment Loan	£	1,817.29
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>997.12</b>

**Money Donated For Other Purposes**

Bible Soc		50
Charly		£491.39
Crossreach		£276.50
RNLI		£1,503.30
Macmillan nursing		£1,503.31
Darfur(school coll)	£	52.39

<b>Expenditure</b>		
Outgoings	£	791.61
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>907.09</b>

**Balance In Other Accounts**

Reserve Fund		
Cof S Trust + res bank	£	62,383.21
Fixed Assets	£	166,276.04

* Protected Funds (By Original Donor)	£	164,378.06
Available Funds	£	64,216.67
<b>Total of all Balances</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>228,594.73</b>