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Kirkliston Parish Church

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

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Newsletter

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LETTER FROM THE MINISTER

It's a New Year and time for new start in the life and work of our church in Kirkliston. A time to look back at the things that were right and good and to build on them and a time to reject the things that maybe were not right or good. The God we serve gives every believer gifts, to be used in ministry-every day and not just at Christmas! We can't earn gifts or deserve them- that's why they are called 'gifts'. Neither do we get to choose the gifts we would like. God determines that and because God loves variety and He wants us to be special, no single gift is given to everyone. And also, no individual receives all the gifts. If we had them all, that would defeat one of God's purposes, which is to teach us to love and depend on each other. When we use our gifts together, we all benefit. Have you taken the time to discover what your gifts are? An unopened gift is worthless, and if we ever forget this basic truth it always causes problems in the church. Author Rick Warren calls 2 common problems 'gift envy' and 'gift projection'. The first, he says, is when we compare our gifts with others, feel dissatisfied with what God has given us and then become resentful of how God uses others. The second problem occurs when we expect others to have the same gifts as



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we have been given. We expect others to do what we are called to do and feel as passionate about it as we do, to think and feel and do the same. This causes friction and ill-feeling. The Bible tells us very clearly, *'there are different kinds of service in the church, but it is the same Lord we are serving'*. (1 Corinthians 10:5)

Our church here in this community needs everyone to use their gifts in God's service. In this New Year, I ask that everyone consider the vows that they took when they 'joined the church' and then to look at how they are fulfilling those promises. Remember, the greatest things in life are not 'things'. Solomon, the richest man in the world of his time said, *'A simple life in the fear of God is better than a rich life with ton of headaches'*. (Proverbs 15) Don't settle for just having the 'good life'. You can have a lot to live *on* but still nothing to live *for*. Aim instead for the 'better life'. Work out what you love to do- what God gave you to do- and then do it for His glory.

40 DAYS OF PRAYER GUIDE

The Prayer Guide is a united concert of Prayer asking God for a new wave of revival. It is designed to be used over 40 days and also to fit in with the church calendar for Lent. Many churches and individuals throughout the nation are using these guides to pray together.

A number of us used these booklets last year and found the experience to be both stimulating and encouraging. Besides having different topics to pray for through each week it has a daily emphasis of praying for your 'Big Issue', 'your three friends' and to 'catch the wave'. This can be seen as a prayer journey and what is important is that we meet with God in this prayer study.

Easter falls very early this year and therefore Lent starts on 6th February. If you would like to join us using the 40 day Prayer Guide for Lent and do not have a copy or have lost last years copy please contact Katie Marshall 0131 333 3209 (cost £2)

Luke 11 v 9

' Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.'

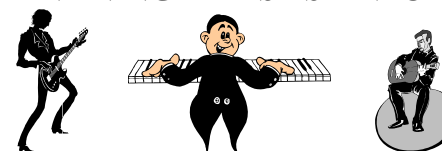
Katie Marshall.



COMMUNITY CORNER

The Gala committee would love to hear from past Gala Queens as it is the 80th year and we hope to have as many as possible in this year's procession. Also, if anyone has any memorabilia from old Gala days such as photos, videos, or anything at all that could be used in a show of past Galas, the committee would be happy to hear from you. All items would be returned after the show. Please contact: Sylvia Thompson, Tel: 0131-333-2258

YOU are invited to join in 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 IN 2008
(Mark them in your diary and on your calendar)
9TH MARCH, 13TH APRIL, 11TH MAY, 8TH JUNE**

February Family Evening Service

Our 6.30pm Family Services in the Church Centre, on the second Sunday in each month, continue to be well supported and on the 10th February we will have as our guest speaker Steven Anderson who will be talking to us about Healing. Steven is the Director of Healing Rooms Scotland and this will certainly be an Evening Service not to be missed

Easter Outdoor Service:

The CWW Committee are planning an outdoor Easter service in the park in Kirkliston and will be inviting Bellevue West to join us in a joint service. A sausage bbq and live music will be at the service on Sunday 23rd March. Do come along and celebrate Easter outdoors.

Flower Calendar

March 2008 to June 2008



MARCH	2	MRS HAYES, THE GLEBE
	9	MRS EDMOT, LOANHEAD COTTAGES
	16	MRS KING, THE GLEBE
	23	Easter—MRS BROWN, ALAN PARK
	30	MRS GLASS, RATHO STATION
APRIL	6	MRS ROBERTSON, THE GLEBE
	13	VACANT
	20	MRS COLQUHOUN, THE GLEBE
	27	MRS CHALMERS, NEWMAINS ROAD
MAY	4	MRS McCREADY, LISTON PLACE
	11	MR&MRS ARCHIBALD, GLENDINNING ROAD
	18	MISS INNES, THE GLEBE
	25	MRS CLOSE, ALLAN PARK
JUNE	1	MRS PROVAN, ALLISON PLACE
	8	VACANT
	15	MRS SIBBALD, KIRKLANDS PARK GARDENS
	22	MRS GRAY, MAIN STREET
	29	MRS HENDERSON, MAITLAND ROAD

FLOWER DELIVERY

MARCH	MRS MAC CONNACHIE, MRS WRIGHT, MRS ROBERTSON
APRIL	MS SMITH, MS GRAY
MAY	MRS COLQUHOUN, MRS NAYLOR
JUNE	MRS H MacDONALD, MRS M MacDONALD

Thank you to those who have helped with the flowers in the past months. There are two vacancies in this quarter, if you would like to supply the flowers on either 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

TraidCraft

May Scott and I attended the AGM of the Just World Shop in early January: as always it was an interesting and fun evening. We were treated to a presentation from the Traidcraft website, which was very positive about the impact of fair trade in a range of communities. If ever you wonder if your shopping makes a difference, just visit the website.

The big news for the shop is that it is doing so well that they hope to move to a bigger space nearer the centre of Portobello this year, if they can get suitable premises. We'll let you know. Due to their current position on the outskirts, most of their income comes from church stalls like ours. Their sales income has doubled in the past 4 years, despite now paying VAT.

Our stall continues to do well and we continue to have a wide range of fair trade and eco-friendly products on sale on the second Sunday of each month. As always, volunteers are needed to help on the sale stall and/ or to drive to Portobello to collect our order. Please put your name on the rota in the church centre if you can help even one a year, thanks.

Paula Roots 334 1819

Queensferry Churches' Care in the Community

The Can collection at Tesco South Queensferry on 17th December raised £627. A big thank you to all who gave up their time at this particularly busy period in the year to help Queensferry Care in their work in our community.

Wilson Marshall

Old Friends Returning

Welcome are the snowdrops on a cold and wintry day, like old friends returning, from somewhere far away

1st Kirkliston Boys Brigade



We finished up last term on the 18th December, with a movie night for the Anchor and Junior sections in the church centre. We had popcorn and juice, while watching Shrek 3 on the large screen. It was one of the quietest nights we have had!

Meanwhile the Company section boys had headed into town for skating at the Winter Wonderland in Princes Street.

After a two week break we started off our new session with a quiz based on the previous year's events. It was interesting to see what news topics the boys took interest in and were able to answer.

You may remember it was Fraser Wood, one of our Junior Section, who designed this year's Christmas card for the church. Well it seems we have more budding artists in the company, as two of our Anchor Boys won first and second prize for the age 7 entries in an Edinburgh Battalion colouring competition.

Cameron Stein won first prize and Murray Flannigan the second.

On the 26th January, Junior section are heading to Deans High School again for the Try a sport day, held by West Lothian Battalion. This is always a good day out for the boys as they mix with new boys from the different companies.

The following Monday we are having a painting night, then on the 4th February we are going on a visit to Livingston Fire Station. This was one outing we had no shortage of volunteer drivers for, (all female) very strange!

We are still looking for some more boys in Anchor Section, if you know of anyone in P2 or P3 who may be interested please send them along on a Monday at 6.15pm. they will be most welcome.

Valerie Edwards
(OIC Anchor/Junior sections)

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



Child Protection

Plenty more volunteers going through their Disclosure checks for new developments in our work with young people. Please remember that I have copies of the Child Protection 'Factfile' for each new person, and there is a copy in the church centre bookshelf at all times for reference. If you work with our children and you don't have a copy - just ask.

Paula Roots 334 1819



The Guild

Whilst writing this article on a miserable, wet and windy January afternoon, it seems impossible that yet another Christmas and New Year have passed and we are well into 2008 already. Where does the time go?

Before finishing for the Festive Season, the Guild had an enjoyable Christmas evening along with a delicious meal. A good way to set us up for the days to come. Since the New Year, we have had a talk related to one of our Projects – Borderline – which helps homeless Scots in London.

Sadly, we had to postpone a more informal Scots Evening as our guest speaker was unable to be with us due to the fact that she had very little voice at that point!! We hope to have this particular topic in next year's syllabus. Instead Jan shared her photos and experience of a holiday in Moscow and St. Petersburg.

The Guild is then having a night out, ten-pin bowling. Next comes our Topic Evening – "Learning through Life" - and our Guest Night takes place at the end of

February when we will have a talk and slides on the Street Children of Peru.

Everyone, along with other Guilds, will be made most welcome that evening.

An advanced warning for your diaries – The World Day of Prayer takes place on Friday 7th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Church. This year it is Kirkliston's turn to host it for the area and once again, all will be made welcome. Gentlemen, as usual, that includes you.

Because Easter is early, the Guild finishes early this year – March 12th, which will be our A.G.M. and a Quiz Night. As I am not sure when the next Newsletter will actually go to print, another date for your diary will be the Daffodil Tea on April 9th when Cantilena is making a return visit to entertain us. Listen out for intimations regarding tickets for that.

With all good wishes for a happy, healthy and peaceful 2008

Jan and Gill

ALPHA

Our recent Alpha Course which was held in Dalmeny Church Hall finished on 22 January with a Celebration Supper. We had around 25 - 30 attending the 10 week course and through requests from those who missed the week end away or only managed to attend part of it, we ran a day at Dalmeny in January covering topics on the Holy Spirit. We shared lunch together and then Communion in Dalmeny Church and a Pilgrimage through the Church led by the Rev John Carrie.

We shall be running another Alpha Course later this year in Kirkliston starting in September.

For more information on Alpha please contact Katie Marshall 0131

Transport to Church

Drivers Rota March 2008 — June 2008

MARCH	2	Wilson Marshall
	9	Bill McKay
	16	Anne Reilly
	23	Peter Melville
	30	Gordon/Maggie McConnachie
APRIL	6	Anne Reilly
	13	Rob Keating
	20	Bill Paterson
	27	Ann/David Denholm
MAY	4	Elaine Robinson
	11	Wilson Marshall
	18	Bill McKay
	25	Peter Melville
JUNE	1	Keith Moss
	8	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie
	15	Anne Reilly
	22	Rob Keating
	29	Bill Paterson

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

On behalf of the Sunday School I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

If you were in Church at the Family Service on 23rd December, I think you will agree that the Nativity, which took a different format this time, was a great success. The children had great fun doing it and really enjoyed themselves. Of course, there was a great deal of work leading up to the performance and I would like to thank the teachers and everyone who helped with costumes and rehearsals, especially Liz Woollven who had over all responsibility for the production. Thanks also to Lindsey Stein who played the music for us.

Our Christmas Party was held on 16th December and was enjoyed by both children and teachers, especially the visit from Santa!

Our Sunday School resumed on Sunday 13th January with a total of 15 children attending, which, considering the weather and the amount of colds, etc. going about, was a very good turnout. As we have reached N in our series of A - Z of bible stories, we had a bible quiz on "numbers". The children were split into five teams, and the scores were very close with the winning team only winning by one point.

Sunday School will run each week right up until 16th March, when we will stop for the school Easter Holidays, so there will be no Sunday School on 23rd March, 29th March and 6th April. When we resume on 13th April, we will run right up to our prize giving service in June.

Linda Moss,
Sunday School Superintendent.

Dear Lord, please guard me on my way,
Please guide my feet, lest I should stray,
Please give me strength, when storms come near,
To overcome enfeebling fear,
And Lord, I beg my whole life through
Please let me ever walk with you.

DORCAS LUNCH CLUB

The Dorcas Lunch Ladies would like to thank everyone who supported their Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 11th December. £753 was raised and the Rock Trust, Fresh Start and Bethany Christian Trust each received £251 to help their work with the homeless and disadvantaged at Christmas. Special thanks are due to all the Dorcas Ladies who provided and served the lovely meal.



The Lunch Club is open every Tuesday from noon till 2 pm until the end of April with the exception of Tues 18th March during Holy Week. Ann Denholm and Pam Doig joined our team in the autumn and their help is greatly appreciated as is that of Merridy Graham who has joined us this term.

On Sunday 27th April, we shall be serving a soup, bread and cheese lunch after Church, with the proceeds going to Christian Aid – once again we look forward to your support.

With every blessing at Easter

Margaret Brechin Coordinator (0131 333 3252).

Spotted on a Church Notice board in Barnet, North London :-

**“Souler-powered by the Son”
“Avoid Truth Decay, Brush up on your Bible”**

Prayer Breakfast

Due to dwindling numbers we have decided to suspend our Prayer Breakfasts meantime and take time to look at new options for times of prayer.

We continue to meet in the Counting Room upstairs in the Church for around 15 minutes of prayer starting at 10.30am each Sunday before the Morning Service. Everyone will be made most welcome.

Katie Marshall



C.A.B. (Christian Action Bus)

The C.A.B as we like to call it is a way of going out to children who would not normally come to church or church activities. This is to provide a safe, non-threatening place for children to come and interact with Christians in a very informal setting.

Our vision is to reach out primarily to youths but we can also see how it would benefit all ages – it may be that we will be blessed with great numbers and therefore might need to earmark certain times for different ages.

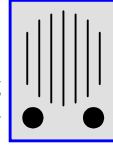
We now have the van and are in the process of equipping it and plan to get it out and about before too long. We have been given a generous award from the Church of Scotland as they see the CAB as being a good way of doing some research into what the kids want, to find out how they see the church and what their thoughts are on Christianity.

Our volunteers are all going through Disclosure Scotland and we are also in the process of organising a training session for all volunteers. Some of our church family have generously donated book tokens and money which will be put to good use. We pray that all will go to plan and the CAB will go out soon.

Please continue with your prayers. If you have any questions concerning the CAB please feel free to ask.

Christina Pearson
0131 3345550

INTERVIEWS WITH AN ELDER



During the next few months my brother and myself will be interviewing various members of the church community. These interviews will be included in the newsletter so that we can know a little more about our church and its members. We hope you find it as interesting as we do and that if you are asked to take part please don't worry, the questions aren't offensive or embarrassing. We thank you for your help and your participation

Sjhone and Andy Thompson.

To start, we asked Mr. Buchanan and Mrs. Moss what it is like being an elder and other things about them that not everyone will know.

What is your favourite colour?

Mr. B; Red

Mrs. M; Purple

How long have you been an elder?

Mr. B; for 37 years

Mrs. M; since 1991

What is your favourite film?

Mr. B; 633 Squadron

Mrs. M; It's A Wonderful Life

What is your favourite song?

Mr. B; Abba (all their songs)

Mrs. M; Angels by Robbie Williams

What is your favourite reading?

Mr. B; John chapter 1 v 1-14

Mrs. M; Psalm chapter 139

What is your favourite duty as an elder?

Mr. B; I enjoy meeting people and talking to them

Mrs. M; I enjoy greeting the congregation when they come into church

What do you do for a job?

Mr. B; I am retired now but I did work in the printing industry

Mrs. M; I am a dental health assistant

Who is your favourite saint and why?

Mr. B; St Andrew as he is the patron saint of Scotland

Mrs. M; St Paul as he brought the bible to Europe

What age did you start to go to church?

Mr. B; 3 years old

Mrs. M; 5 years old

What duties do you have as an elder?

Mr. B; looking after my district (new mains road)

Mrs. M; looking after my district and serving at communion

What is your favourite hymn?

Mr. B; the lord's my shepherd

Mrs. M; shine Jesus shine

What rugby team do you support?

Mr. B; Boroughmuir

Mrs. M; Scotland

CHURCH REGISTER

BAPTISMS: "They brought young people to Jesus"

6/1/08: Renee Murray 12 Tippetknowes, Winchburgh

6/1/08: Aaron Malcomson 22 Deerhill, Dechmont

13/1/08: Robert Brechin 5 The Square, Kirkliston

3/2/08: Zak Southard 215 West Main Street, Broxburn

3/2/08: Cameron Proudfoot 5 The Glebe, Kirkliston

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

7/12/07: Iain Rivans and Lara Morrison, 29 Buie Brae Kirkliston

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

26/10/07: John Paterson, 11 Almondside Kirkliston

29/10/07: Rebecca Auld, Middleton Hall Uphall

8/11/07: Isabella Ross, 85 Maitland Hog Lane Kirkliston

9/11/08: Robert Johnson, 8 Carmel Road Kirkliston

9/11/07: David Miller, 14 Almondhill Road Kirkliston

13/11/07: David Wilson, 45 King Edward's Way Kirkliston

10/12/07: George Taylor, 42 Almondhill Road Kirkliston

3/1/08: Charles Miller, Pentland Hills Corstorphine

8/1/08: Elizabeth Taylor, 42 Almondhill Road Kirkliston

9/1/08: James Murray, 24 Almondside Kirkliston

12/1/08: Annie Lawson, Royal Victoria Hospital

Keeper of the Rolls Report
(31st December 2007)

The Roll finished the year at **336**, (248 Homes)

213 of whom attended Communion at least once in 2007.
 (63% of membership)

November Communion attendance was 144 (Exact same as last year)

Supplementary Roll now stands at 54

31 movements took place in 2007,
 +5 by Confession, + 5 by Certificate, +7 Restored,
 -11 by Death, -2 Gone Away, -1 to Supplementary Roll

Average Communion Attendances

(this will be the last report of Communion Statistics due to discontinuation of communion cards as reported in the last newsletter)

	Jan	Mar	Jun	Oct	4 Times	3 Times	2 Times	1 Time	At least Once	Roll
1998	211	179	165	197	67	89	73	71	300	434
1999	208	191	172	214	89	86	51	66	292	448
2000	206	215	184	181	80	89	63	75	307	441
2001	203	188	166	189	72	92	60	60	284	440
2002	196	173	161	186	67	92	57	55	271	374
2003	204	179	154	168	65	89	58	51	263	368
	Feb	May	Aug	Nov						
2004	190	155	166	165	88	56	51	54	249	357
2005	168	171	141	154	73	70	40	52	235	343
2006	159	159	122	144	71	57	41	49	218	333
2007	159	151	149	144	78	44	43	48	213	336

Average Attendances comparing previous 4 years before change and 4 years after, taking into account diminishing Roll

	Jan	Feb	Mar	May	Jun	Aug	Oct	Nov
	170	169	159	159	139	145	152	152

Joe.W.Henderson.
Keeper of the Rolls

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tries in Asia is now one of the poorest in the world - and has one of the worst human rights records.

How can the global church respond ?

Prayer is effective and powerful. At critical points in world history, praying Christians have made a difference.

Global day of prayer for Burma - March 9th 2008

Pray for an end to the atrocities in Burma.

Pray for the emergence of an open society and religious freedom for all peoples of Burma.

Pray for love and understanding among all the peoples of Burma.

Pray for the people on both sides of this conflict.
 They are God's children.

This request comes from "Christians Concerned for Burma",
 Chiang Mai, Thailand.

www.kirkliston-parish-church.org.uk

The church web site now has a new virtual tour feature on the site Home Page.

BURMA

Why the church must ask, "Who is my neighbour?"

When one member of the Body of Christ suffers, we all suffer. Our brothers and sisters in Burma are suffering along with the rest of their countrymen, under one of the most paranoid and brutal regimes in the world and few people know what is happening. While many in the world are passing by, will we, the Body of Christ, pass by also?

You may ask, "Why is there suffering in Burma?"

The people of Burma, regardless of politics, ethnicity or religion, have suffered from more than 30 years of internal warfare and military oppression. After decades under a brutal military regime, a widespread movement for democracy culminated in the massacre of thousands of demonstrators throughout the country in 1988. The military dictatorship bowed to intense pressure and held elections in 1990. The National League for Democracy party won over 80% of the votes, and the military responded by ignoring the results of the elections and jailing many. Earlier in 1989, the leader of the NLD, Aung San Suu Kyi was placed under house arrest for six years, during which time she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Elected members of parliament and other pro-democracy people were forced to flee, and many of those who stayed were arrested, tortured or killed. Since that time in an effort to stay in power, the military dictatorship has continued systematic repression against the people of Burma, including random arrests, extra judicial killings, rape, forced labour and military service, torture and ongoing campaigns against ethnic minorities and pro-democracy groups. Surveillance by the military intelligence is pervasive. Meanwhile, most of the world's heroin comes out of Burma, with the complicity of the dictatorship, who spend over 50% of the national budget on arms, while the Burmese people slide deeper into poverty. What was one of the richest coun-

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Prayer Time in the Church on Thursday Mornings

The Church will be open from 11am until 12 noon each Thursday morning for a time of quiet prayer. Our Minister Glenda along with 2 elders/ members of the congregation will be in the Church at this time. Plans are being finalised for the start date and a rota of volunteers. The start date will be intimated shortly in Church. This opportunity for a mid week prayer time in the Church is being tried for a period of 4 months to establish the response from within the Parish and also visitors to the area.

Wilson Marshall

The Guild of St. Luke continues to meet on the second Monday of the month in the Office of the Church Centre from 7 - 8pm, to update our prayer list and pray for those on it. If you have a prayer request, please write it on the cards provided in the pews and place it in the box at either door of the Church. We are committed to praying each day for healing for those on our list. Our list is confidential and we require only the first name of the person to be prayed for. If you feel you would like to take part in this prayer ministry, please come along and join us.

Linda Moss

NEWS, VIEWS, AND POINTS OF INTEREST TO THE EDITOR:
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»»» NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 4TH MAY 2008 «««

'Deadline n Limit of time allowed'
Collins Dictionary

The Treasurer's Report

This newsletter does not contain the usual income & expenditure information as the financial year for the Church ended on the 31st December. The audited accounts for the year ending 31.12.07 will be presented to the Session & Congregational Board at the next meeting & will be available there after.

The following monies were raised by the congregation as Special Collections for Other Charities

EMMS	909	Earl Haig (retiral)	295
International Rescue	90	Scottish Love in Action	297
Christian Aid	3077	Christmas Appeal	1570
School retiral (to Christ Aid)	52.39	(Shared by Fresh Start, Bethany, The	
British Heart Foundation	570	Rock Trust, EMMS, & Sue Ryder Care)	
RNLI	1503	St Michael's Hospital	1293
Macmillan Support	1503	Vine Trust	1223
Care in the Community	711	Crossreach	637
St John's Hospital	364	Scottish Bible Soc.	50
Cancer Research UK	364	Tear Fund	23
Funeral	491		
Total	14,438		

100% of all monies raised were disbursed to the charities listed. This list includes retiral collections taken at funerals and disbursed according to the wishes of the relatives

Kirkliston Parish wholeheartedly supports any charity promoted by the Church. This year has been no exception, with the community responding to the appeals for help at home & abroad in a most generous manner. I highlight this generosity of giving.

Statistical Information

Membership

	2007	2006
Number of Communicants at 31/12/2007	336	333
Number of Adherents at 31/12/2007	54	56
Number of Free Will Offering Envelopes in use	162	162
Number of Members Using Gift Aid	60	66

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£8,561 of tax has been recovered and repaid to the Church as a result of members giving their offering along with a Gift Aid Certificate. This form of giving is at no extra cost to the taxpayer & makes a huge difference to the finances of the Church. Please consider giving in this way. Gift Aid Certificates are available from the Treasurer Rob Brechin, Brian Hepburn or the Minister.

Insurance Values at May 2007 - (Revised each year at renewal)

	2007	2006
Church	£3,298,119.62	£3,141,066.30
Manse	£284,744.51	£271,185.24
Thomas Chalmer's Centre	£2,894,063.66	£2,756,251.10

Rob Brechin
Treasurer



The Fabric Convenor's Report

On the 19th of January members of the Fabric Committee looked round the three Church properties to carry out the annual inspection. No major faults were discovered that were not known about. The stonework on both the Church and the Church Centre needs to be repaired. However with an estimate of £25,000 for the Church we are spending £12,000 in April repairing stonework on the bell tower and west gable

The wiring in the Church and Church Centre has been checked. Considering the age of some of the wiring it seems to be in good condition. All the electrical items have also been checked and any ones not coming up to standard have been binned.

Just to keep me busy the recent wind and rain caused water to come through a light fitting in the Centre. Sutch is the life of a fabric convenor!

Charles Wright.
Fabric Convenor