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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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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

How easy do you find it to get up in the morning? Are you someone who sets their alarm and then jumps out of bed on it's first ringing? Or are you apt to press the snooze button a few times – or as many



Oh Lamb of God, I come

times as you feel you can get away with? It's often easier to get up on sunny mornings when the sun pours in through the curtains and the birds are singing. It's not always so easy though in the duller, colder more wintry days.... Why leave the comfort and warmth of bed?

So what makes you get up in the morning? Is it the anticipation of the day ahead, the prospect of seeing your friends, finding out what the weather is like? It could be that breakfast is your favourite meal it's certainly mine. Some days it can be easier than others, some days we feel better than others, some we have more to do than others, some days though it can be hard and we have to drag ourselves out from under the covers.

We can get up in the morning because through the love of Jesus Christ we are made right with God. We have a relation-

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ship with him to maintain. Whatever age we are or stage our faith is at we're accepted and loved through our faith in Christ but we're still growing every day with Him and so every day you can open up to Him and let Him surprise you.

As Christians each day the challenge is to become more like Jesus, to follow his example - he has so much to show us as we read his word, rest in his presence, speak to him in prayer, meet with others in worship on Sunday mornings and in activities throughout the week, even as we go about our daily routines.

We're past mid winter now Snowdrops are appearing, pushing up through the soil with the promise of spring to come in the air. New life, new growth, new hope as we continue our journey through life and in faith both individually and as a church bearing witness to the one who gives us new life and new blessings each day.

So as you journey through the early part of this year from winter into spring through Lent to the Easter Event may each day bring you new blessings as you jump out of bed each morning and journey through every day with Christ.



With Every Blessing
Rev Christine Clark
Locum Minister

Wail meet again

NEWS just in from Jerusalem, where a fresh-faced young TV journalist interviewed an elderly Jewish man who had been praying at the Wailing Wall twice a day, every day, for 60 years. "What do you pray for?" the reporter inquired. The old man's reply - "I pray for peace between the Christians, Jews, and Muslims; I pray for the hatred to stop, and I pray for all our children to grow up in safety and friendship" - prompted her next question: "And how do you feel after having done this for 60 years?"

The old man answered: "Like I'm talking to a wall."

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In September 2009, Girlguiding will launch its centenary celebrations. They want every guiding unit to help make it a truly remarkable occasion. Commemorating an event as special as your 100th birthday calls for more than 'cakes and balloons'. In the true guiding fashion it calls for a challenge or two! Brownies have chosen the World Wildlife Fund as their challenge to help change the world and plan relevant activities in our programme and hope to get a badge at the end of it.

Sandra Tulloch and Anne Maitland, Brownie Leaders

23rd Psalm in Scots

The Lord`s my herd at every turn,
 He gies me a` I need.
 He leads me down beside the burn
 And thro` the grassy mead.
 And when I hae lost the track,
 And some wrong turning take,
 His tender mercy brings me back
 E`en for his ain nane`s sake.
 Ay` tho` he leads me thro` the land
 Where daith`s dread shaddows be,
 I`ll tak His staff into my hand
 And that`s eneuch for me.
 Mang freends and foes I aye hae meat
 An` kindness never failing,
 He gies me mair than I can eat,
 My bickers fu` and skailin.
 Guidness I trow will follow me
 And mercy leave me never,
 Till I wi` Thee a dwallerbe
 For ever and for ever.

Author Unknown

Found amongst some old family papers - Joe.W.Henderson.



girls in the lead

1st Kirkliston Guide Unit

The unit presently has a total of 28 guides and 2 Young Leaders. Last term we were busy working on activities connected to Crisis UK, the homeless charity, but also enjoyed a Kirkliston trail, a trip to see the show 'Fame', a country dance evening, crafts and games, a tea party organised by two guides, Katie and Abbie (they raised £57 for the charity Children's Hospice Association Scotland) and rounded of the year with a bag packing session at Asda, Livingston, before Christmas.

We are looking forward to the new term, starting off with a weekend indoor Holiday at the Bonaly Scout Centre, Colinton, Edinburgh, where we will be joined by guides from the 2nd Annan Guide Unit for skiing and a city tour.

Helen McPhee, Guide Leader

Rainbow Guides

1st Kirkliston Rainbows ended last term with a trip to see 'Sleeping Beauty' at the Carnegie Hall, Dunfermline, followed with dinner at Frankie & Benny's. A great time was had by all the girls.

This term we have six new Rainbows joining the unit and have a fun packed programme planned with games, crafts, and lots more. One of the things we plan to do is learn our promise in sign language for one of our Changing the World activities.

Linda White, Rainbow guide Leader

Brownies

In 2008 we went on a Pack Holiday to Fordell Firs in Fife and completed our World Issues badge which incorporated a trip to the Earthship at Kinghorn Loch, made toys out of junk and sock puppets for our toymaker badge.

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Kirkliston Vacancy Nominating Committee Extract of Edict Concerning Nomination of Sole Nominee

Schedule H –

Minute of Nomination by Nominating Committee

To be read on two Sundays (1st and 8th February 2009)

- 1) The Committee chosen by this congregation to nominate a person with a view to the election and appointment of a minister, at a meeting held in the Church Centre, Kirkliston, on Tuesday 27th January 2009 resolved to name and propose Rev. Margaret Lane, and they accordingly do name and propose the said Rev. Margaret Lane

Date
David Buchanan

David Buchanan Convener of Committee

- 2) Intimation is therefore hereby given that the Nominating Committee having, as by minute now read, named and proposed Rev. Margaret Lane, arrangements have been made whereby public worship will be conducted in this Church by her on Sunday the 15th day of February 2009 at 11 o'clock; and that a vote will be taken by voting-papers immediately thereafter; and that electors may vote For or Against electing and appointing the said Rev. Margaret Lane as minister of this vacant charge

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Jeremy Middleton

Jeremy Middleton Interim Moderator

A Brief Resume of Rev. Margaret (Maggie) Rose Lane

Maggie lives at present in Tayport, Fife and is married with three children and 1 stepson. She also has grandchildren. Maggie is 54 years of age. Her hobbies and interests include – family and friends, reading, swimming, sailing, cooking, music, creative worship and the emerging patterns of the church in the 21st century. Maggie used to

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sing in a worship band for 8 years and plays the trombone – badly (her words!!)

In terms of her learning, Maggie has training certificates in hotel and catering, a B.A. in Community Education, a Certificate in Counselling Skills, a B.D and also a Master of Theology, both degrees from New College Edinburgh The title of her dissertation for her Masters was “Church Without Walls.”

Maggie’s working life includes being in the Catering and Hospitality industry, a Youth Worker, Child and Family Worker, Development and Communications Officer for the Y.W.C.A., an Enquirer for Ministry in Liberton Kirk, Ministry Candidate in Training at Murrayfield Parish Church, Juniper Green Parish Church and Carrick Knowe Parish Church, a Probationer Minister in Training at St. Andrew’s Parish Church, Bo’ness and then Assistant Minister at the same church.

Throughout all of these Church appointments, Maggie was involved in many aspects of Church life – e.g. youth work, Alpha leader, pastoral visits, visiting the elderly ecumenical work, school chaplain, children’s summer club, prayer groups and home study groups. Maggie has strongly felt the call to be our next minister here in Kirkliston and looks forward to leading us all in the work of God.

David W Buchanan

Ist Kirkliston Boys Brigade



Things have been relatively quiet, since we started back after Christmas. We ended last session on 15th December with a trip to the ten pin bowling. Anchor Boys, Junior Section, and most of the Company section Boys headed to the Deer Park for a night of fun.

Each team was made up of a mixture of Staff and Boys from all sections of the Company; and competition was fierce. The Anchor Boys had more energy than I did It turned out to be my only Christmas event, as the dreaded flu bug hit me soon after and I totally missed Christmas.

Our first night back on the 5th January, we had a snow themed night with indoor sledging and snowball fights (pretend snow only!). It was a good way to burn off all the extra calories from the holidays. We now have 4 anchor boys on the roll, which is wonderful news for Fraser, who was very lonely at the start of the session, but we can still accommodate a few more! We are continuing with the new format of both Anchor Boys and Junior Sec-

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DORCAS Lunches



It seems quite some time since we celebrated our Charity Christmas Lunch at Dorcas, but I would like to thank everyone who so generously supported this event. Thanks are also given to those who donated their time, talents and gifts to make this a success.

Bethany Christian Trust and Fresh Start were this year’s beneficiaries to the sum of £468 each. It certainly would bring some Festive Cheer to the homeless in December.

We are still enjoying regular Tuesday Lunches, but there is still room for more, so why not come along and sample the food and fellowship provided from 12 noon until 2pm.

We continue to meet in the Church centre until the end of April, so give it a try and enjoy a tasty snack.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Eileen Brown, Dorcas Coordinator



Child Protection

A New Year and a new term for our children's organisations! I'm always happy to screen new volunteers who want to help in the church. This term I will as usual be checking with leaders that my list of volunteers is accurate, and would remind leaders that no new staff should be working with the Church until Disclosure checks and references have been done.

Thanks and well done for having such thriving children's activities.

Paula Roots 334 1819

KIRKLISTON PARISH CHURCH
Keeper of the Rolls Report
31st December 2008

The Main Roll stands at 321, (234 Homes + 4 Nursing Homes)
 51 on Supplementary Roll

21 changes have taken place in 2008
 (+2 by certificate, +1 by resolution)
 (-5 by certificate, -8 by Death & 5 Gone Away)

Communion Attendance 2008
 February 153 May 177 August 137 November 138

Joe W. Henderson
 Keeper of the Rolls

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TRUST IN THE LORD AND YOUR PLANS WILL SUCCEED

Our c.a.b. goes out each Friday night
 And we are always full of hope – that
 With God behind us life is bright
 And the children will be surrounded by God's own light.

Gateside, Glebe and all places we stop
 Our prayers are always answered – and
 When we pull in and our anchor we drop
 We find as always God is our rock.

It's just so good to be called to share
 To spend a little of our time – and
 Our teams are always kind and fair
 The children definitely know we care.

ATTENTION KIDS FROM 10 -15 YEARS

Our c.a.b. can be found every Friday night at:
 7.00 – 7.40 PM Gateside
 7.40 – 8.20 PM The Glebe
 8.20 – 9.00 PM Leisure Centre car park
Christina Pearson (0131 3330333)

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tion meeting together as it has been working well.

As a celebration of the 125th Anniversary, The Boys' Brigade is staging a Tattoo at Braehead Arena in Glasgow on 25th April. Officers from West Lothian Battalion are arranging a Junior Section display item for this event, and our Junior Section has been invited to participate. We'll find out more in due course.

The Company Section started back without Barry Wallace, who's stepped down from the Company Staff. Barry will be sorely missed, and his departure leaves the Company Section very short staffed. As Rognvald is often away on business, the Captain has been organizing the programme, assisted by two Staff Sergeants. We're delighted that Gordon MacConnachie has stepped in to assist, and are grateful for his enthusiasm and warm manner. The Company hope to participate in World Vision's 24 hour Famine in February – watch out for Boys looking for sponsorship (and if you've still to pay Sjhone & Andy for their sponsored activities at the Climbing Centre, can you do so quickly please?! The P7 & S1 Boys are heading off to Carronvale House in Larbert for an activity weekend in March – those who went last year have been looking forward to that since September; and we are investigating the feasibility of camping in Denmark this summer with FDF Storvorde-Sejlfloed.

As always, it would be good to see some more Boys to boost our numbers (currently at 13) – but it would also be great to offer some more activities. If you feel you could share a hobby or an interest, and have some time to give (no more than 20 mins on 1, 2 or 3 Monday evenings), please contact the Captain.

The Anchor Boys (P2 & P3) and Junior Section (P4 - P6) meet on a Monday night at 6.30pm in the Church Centre, with a 7.30pm finish for Anchor Boys and 8pm for Junior Section. The Company Section (P7 – S6) meets on Mondays from 7:30pm – 9:15pm (and informally on the 2nd Sunday of the month for the evening Service followed by games until 9pm). We look forward to seeing you.

Valerie Edwards(OIC Anchor/Junior section)

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

LETTER FROM THE INTERIM MODERATOR

Dear Friends,

It's a good few months since I first got involved with you all. And I'm just as excited today as I was way back right at the start.

Early on, in meeting, I think, with the Kirk Session, I read from the Bible a passage which I believed then was 'prophetic' for your situation.

It spoke of the way that Barnabas travelled north from Jerusalem to the city of Antioch. The guy was a lovely believer, by all accounts, the sort of person who's always so good to have around. Full of encouragement. But astute and clued in as well.

The first thing he did was simply to watch. Keep his eyes open. See what was going on. And in particular, suss out what the Lord himself was doing. He saw a lot that made it pretty clear to him that God was significantly at work.

So the next thing he did was prayerfully figure out who was the person best able to take things forward from there in Antioch and further the purpose of God. He made the connections and brought Saul from Tarsus. And, well, the whole course of history changed.

Your Nominating Committee have done a similar job. In a similar sort of way. And, I trust, with a similar sort of result. You made a wise choice in electing them to serve on this committee. They have been terrific people to work with and they have, all of them, together done you proud. They've been patient and painstaking, thorough and diligent, prayerful, expectant and wise. It's been a huge big privilege to share with them in what they've had to do.

Which has been pretty much the Barnabas thing. Discerning what God is about. And discerning the person the Lord has been raising up to follow that work of God through.

Their nominating Maggie Lane was the end result of a lengthy, careful process: and the conviction with which they make their nomination is strikingly matched by the sense of call to Kirkliston which Maggie herself has affirmed. It's for all of you now to drive this process forward. You're all caught up in a work of God in this place, and you all have your part to play.

There's the 'election' itself, of course: and then, more vital still, the signing of the call. For any new, incoming minister, the call is a crucial thing. It's great to know you enter on a ministry surrounded and supported by so many different folk.

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CHURCH REGISTER

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

24/12/08: Helen Rarity 26 Toddshill Road, Kirkliston
 29/12/08: Jane Batty 10 Bowling Green Road, Kirkliston
 13/01/09: Ina Bolan, 12b Sighthill Road, Edinburgh
 19/01/09: Margaret Robertson, 36 Riverside, Newbridge
 27/01/09: David Fyfe, Middleton Hall Care Centre, Uphall
 03/02/09: Sandra Johnston, Spain, (formerly Kirkliston)

BAPTISMS: "They brought young people to Jesus"

07/09/08: Jack William Andrew Reid and Jessie Annie Ellen Reid, 13 Buie Brae, Kirkliston

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

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

The man was filled with relief and said, "Thank you Lord," and he did as he was told.

Upon entering the other room, he saw many crosses; some so large the tops were not visible. Then, he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall.

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

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

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

Transport to Church

Drivers Rota

March 2008 — June 2009

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| MARCH | 1 | Wilson Marshall |
| | 8 | Bill McKay |
| | 15 | Peter Melville |
| | 22 | Keith Moss |
| | 29 | Maggie/Gordon McConnachie |
| APRIL | 5 | Ann Reilly |
| | 12 | Bill Paterson |
| | 19 | Ann/David Denholm |
| | 26 | Wilson Marshall |
| MAY | 3 | Bill McKay |
| | 10 | Peter Melville |
| | 17 | Keith Moss |
| | 24 | Maggie/Gordon McConnachie |
| | 31 | Ann Reilly |
| JUNE | 7 | Bill Paterson |
| | 14 | Ann/David Denholm |
| | 21 | Wilson Marshall |
| | 28 | Bill McKay |

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



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And beyond the call, a future full of many opportunities now beckons large. Make sure that you're a part of that. Be part of it right from the start! For if the pattern of what went on long ago in Antioch is anything to go by, although the past has been good, there's more, by far, that the Lord is intent on doing in days to come!

Enjoy the ride!

Jeremy Middleton

Interim Moderator

Traidcraft

The Just World Shop in Portobello, who supply our fair trade goods for the monthly stall, held their AGM and party on Monday 26th January. My husband and I collected May Scott from Queen's Bay and the three of us attended. As always it was an interesting and fun evening: we consider the accounts etc but the emphasis is on a nice spread of food and some party games with a fair trade theme.

Despite increasing numbers of stalls in churches around Edinburgh, the shop's turnover for 2007/8 was down, as were profits. This is not seen as a problem, but a result of the success of fair trade. More and more of the large shops carry fair trade lines, especially the Co-op who now pride themselves on being the biggest supporter of fair trade.

Another factor is that passing trade at the shop has gone down and the hunt is on for new premises nearer Portobello town centre. The surplus made by the shop as usual was allocated to third world charities. The balance brought forward from previous years is mostly held in a Shared Interest account - that is, where borrowers from developing countries can use it for small capital sums, e.g. to buy seeds or breeding animals.

We continue to do well in Kirkliston, so please support the monthly stall (2nd Sunday of each month) - the new rota for helpers is in the Church Centre - or buy fair trade at the Co-op!

Thanks and happy new year to all
Paula Roots Tel:334 1819

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2009



The date for this year's Christian Aid week is 10th - 16th May, when we will be doing the usual door to door collection round the village. As more houses have been built in Kirkliston, it has not been possible to cover every street, and more Collectors are desperately required. Please prayerfully consider if you could spare a couple of hours to collect during Christian Aid Week. This is a small amount of time, but makes such a huge difference to lives of millions of underprivileged people throughout the world. If you are able to help, please contact me on 333 3779.

Linda Moss
Christian Aid Organiser.

Queensferry Care

The Hopetoun Present Event before Christmas raised over £1750 thanks to the generosity of so many and in particular the Hopetoun Trust.

Teso can collection raised over £700 thanks to volunteers and donors. A silent auction event will be held in the Haven on Friday 27 February. This will be a fun evening. Tickets available from Jan or Christine Tait.

Cadenza, an excellent choir of over 50, will sing in Queensferry Parish Church on 25 Aprilkeep this date free in your diary.

The annual golf competition at Dundas will be held on 11 May.

Wilson Marshall



The Guild

Christmas and New Year are well behind us now and already we can see the days beginning to stretch little by little. It never ceases to amaze me how time seems to fly. By the time you read this, we will be well into this part of the Guild year. Already we have had a talk on one of our Guild Projects – The Lydia Project – which was set up to encourage women in Eastern European countries to work together for the good of their communities. We have had a more informal evening - A Scots Night – when Margaret Masterton entertained us with poems and stories and she also brought along a set of country dancers who demonstrated their talents. We are going on to have talks from the Edinburgh City Mission, the Butterfly Trust, the RSPB and then, on 25th March, our A.G.M. when we will also be enjoying a fish supper! Forget calories that night!!

A couple of dates for your diaries – Friday 6th March is the World Day of Prayer and is being held this year in St. Margaret's R.C. Church in South Queensferry.

Wednesday 22nd April is the Daffodil Tea when the entertainers will be our own, our very own, Peter and Liz Woollven along with guests who are joining them. Listen out for intimations regarding this event nearer the time.

Please remember you are more than welcome to join us on these evenings. If you've never been, you can be assured of a warm welcome. As per usual, Gents, that includes you.

We hope you have a happy, healthy and peaceful 2009.
Jan and Gill

GLASGOW-BORN historian and television presenter Niall Ferguson, interviewed about his upbringing replied: "I supported Partick Thistle. They were the atheists' team."

And what was his explanation? "You couldn't believe in God and support Partick Thistle."

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| Bluebell Trust | 500 |
| British Liver Trust | 104 |
| Epilepsy, W Lothian | 500 |
| Retiral | 1193 |
| Healing Rooms | 56 |
| Bethany Christian Trust | 468 |
| RSPB | 1290 |
| SANA | 1300 |
| Total | 10981 |

100% of all monies raised were disbursed to the charities listed.

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. The above includes retiral collections from funerals which were collected by the Church & disbursed according to the wishes of the relatives

Rob Brechin Treasurer

SUNDAY CLUB

We resumed in January after the Christmas break and we were delighted to welcome two new children who came to Church and Sunday Club as a result of visiting the C.A.B. on Friday evenings. It is really encouraging to see results from the outreach work that the C.A.B. is doing.

We have planned our syllabus until the 29th March, when we will stop for the school Easter break. Sunday Club will resume on 26th April.

Please note that Sunday Club still runs on Communion Sundays, when the children can come straight to the hall at 11a.m.



The Fabric Convenor's Report

The manse is practically finished, at time of writing this report the outstanding jobs being the papering of the porch and the possibility of extending the worktop in the utility room. My only wish now is that the new minister finds the manse to his or her liking. There should be no need to spend any more money on the manse this year apart from normal maintenance expenditure.

The electrician has completed testing all the electrical items in the Church and Church Centre (total 70) with no failures this year.

The Fabric committee carried out the annual inspection of Church property on 10th January. Having spent a large amount of money on the manse and the stonework on the Church last year, we can not afford to spend money on major projects in the next 12 months.

To finish my report there are various items of lost property in the Church and Church Centre-gent's overcoat, children's clothing, umbrellas etc- that will be disposed if nobody claims them.

Charles Wright, Fabric Convener

NEWS, VIEWS, AND POINTS OF INTEREST TO THE EDITOR:
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NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 10TH MAY 2009

NO LATER THAN MID-DAY ON THE DEADLINE PLEASE



Church Without Walls

Our small group meets monthly and at our meeting on 20 January we reflected on the 6.30pm Family Christmas Eve Service where over 250 adults and children from our community gathered firstly in the church and thereafter in the Square for worship and fellowship. It was considered to be a success but there is always room for improvement and small changes particularly with the candles. Bellevue West Community Church contributed greatly in this Service and we are most grateful for their support.

A design will be considered at our February meeting on our church Easter card which will be distributed to 1700 homes and shops within the parish.

Our joint working with our friends in Bellevue West Community Church is ongoing and we have invited BWCC to join us in another outdoor Easter Day Service in Allison Park in the afternoon.

The Evening Services in the Church Centre on the second Sunday in every month are regularly attended and you are warmly invited to join us to hear the Message from members of our own church and invited speakers.

We still hope to build a larger Praise Band and if you are interested please contact Lindsay Stein if you wish to use your musical talents.

Wilson Marshall

In Good Faith

Archaeologist Dave Henderson, in Edinburgh, remembers being on a dig in Haddington where a farmer uncovered an early-Bronze-Age burial site. A local reporter who trudged out to the field asked when it dated from.

"Maybe 2500BC," he was told.

"So was she Christian?" the reporter continued. "The clue's in the B," he was told.

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by standing order. 21.2% of total offerings are now paid in this way. Numbers of Gift Aid donors are about the same because new donors have come on board as others have ceased.

Cost of heat & light rose by 8.5% despite efforts to control usage

Ministry costs rose by 6.7%

Staffing costs fell by 3%

Depreciation on assets fell by 7.6%.

A number of generous donations to the Benevolent Fund ensured the availability of funds to disburse in cases of need.

Total expenditure was 32% greater than last year but, if Fabric expenditure is removed from the equation, then we saw a 3.5% rise in costs - the inflationary figure! This 3.5% rise in costs has not been matched by a similar rise in income and if costs continue to rise at a similar rate, then the Church faces a challenge in the future if the books are to be balanced. Much thought & innovative thinking will need to be given to this dilemma over the next few months.

The Weddell Fund provides for the maintenance of the stained glass window in the church but, under the terms of the original legacy, we were able to use £1500 from the fund to repair/renew the windows in the bell tower at the same time as the stonework was re-pointed.

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

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| 2008 Earl Haig (retiral) | 304 |
| International Rescue | 90 |
| Christian Aid | 3234 |
| Christmas Appeal | 812 |
| (Shared by The Rock Trust, EMMS) | |
| Chest, Heart, Stroke Scotland | 384 |
| Cancer Research UK | 187 |
| Mission for Seamen | 103 |
| Fresh Start | 468 |

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Financial Report

The Annual Accounts will be presented at the General Meeting in March but this report gives an analysis of the financial position of the Church.

This year the Christian Action Bus account (a restricted fund) appears in the Church Accounts for the first time. A grant from Church of Scotland to the CAB Project ensures that this Outreach Project in the village can go forward with a positive bank balance.

- 65% of our income came through direct giving including tax recovered from Gift Aid
- 12.75% came from interest & investment income
- 6.5% from hall use income
- 9.5% from other fund generating activities, the main ones being the Dorcas lunches, Sunday Teas and use of the Church for weddings and funerals. No legacies were received this year.

The value of the units held in the CofS Growth & CofS Income fund show a marked reduction in line with present market conditions. It is expected that, in the longer term, these funds will regain their former position in the market.

Our total Funds at the end of 31.12.08 show a decrease of 5.01% over the position at 01.01.08 whilst our available cash reserves have dropped by 16% over the same period – This was due to repayment of our loan to Church of Scotland, (the remainder of the loan will be repaid in 2009), the purchase of fixed assets (rewiring of the Manse), the planned expenditure on stonework repairs to the Church and upgrading works carried out at the Manse prior to a new minister being appointed. To help offset this expenditure, fundraising events were organised which resulted in extra income of £3282

Weekly offerings showed a decrease over last year of 1% Gift Aid (which makes up 8.5% of total income), was 4.3% less than last year. This is mainly due to the loss of several major donors over the last year and the reducing base rate on which payments are based. It is expected that 2009 Gift Aid donations will fall even more sharply as the base rate is reduced further.

There is a gradual increase in the number of people who give their offerings

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Prayer before Morning Service

A number of us meet at 10.30am in the counting house upstairs in the Church for a short time of prayer before the Morning Service.

We pray for our Church, Minister, Congregation and Community and many other current issues, and would warmly welcome anyone who might like to join us.

' Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you'

Thessalonians Ch.5 v 16 - 18

PARTNERS IN MISSION

Mike, Jane, Rachel and Aylie have been planning for the time that they will be back in the UK for their home assignment. Interserve Scotland, who employ them, want them to benefit enormously from time away from Thailand. Mike and Jane have been particularly busy over past months, and Interserve are very anxious to make sure that when they are on home assignment this time that they will find plenty of time for rest and recharging their batteries. Steps have been taken to try and help them lessen their workload now, but with the accumulation of work over months and years it is clear that they need more than just an easier workload. They need quality family time and rest.

This means that during this next home assignment emphasis will be on the Fucella family and their needs, and thus they will not be giving a lot of time to deputation meetings.

They will only be doing three half day conferences, in Oxford, Aberdeen and Edinburgh.

Please, therefore, make an effort to be at their half day conference on 9th May at Liberton Northfield Church, Edinburgh, where you will be able to meet them and hear about the valuable work that they do.

Linda Moss

Flower Calendar

March 2009 to June 2009



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| MARCH | 1 | Vacant |
| | 8 | MRS McKAY, MAIN STREET |
| | 15 | MRS KING, THE GLEBE |
| | 22 | MRS BROWN, ALAN PARK |
| | 29 | MRS ROBERTSON, THE GLEBE |
| APRIL | 5 | MRS GLASS, RATHO STATION |
| | 12 | Easter |
| | 19 | MRS COLQUHOUN, THE GLEBE |
| | 26 | MRS CHALMERS, NEWMAINS ROAD |
| MAY | 3 | MRS McCREADY, LISTON PLACE |
| | 10 | MR&MRS ARCHIBALD, GLENDINNING ROAD |
| | 17 | MISS INNES, THE GLEBE |
| | 24 | MRS McKAY, MAIN STREET |
| | 31 | MRS PROVAN, ALLISON PLACE |
| JUNE | 7 | MRS THOMSON, MAITLAND ROAD |
| | 14 | MRS SIBBALD, KIRKLANDS PARK GARDENS |
| | 21 | Vacant |
| | 28 | MRS HENDERSON, MAITLAND ROAD |

FLOWER DELIVERY

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| MARCH | MRS MacCONNACHIE, MRS GLEN, MRS GRAHAM |
| APRIL | MS SMITH, MRS EDWARDS, MRS SHADE, MRS GRAHAM |
| MAY | MRS COLQUHOUN, MRS NAYLOR, MRS EDGLER |
| JUNE | MRS H MacDONALD, MRS M MacDONALD, MRS DENHOLM, MRS ROONEY |

Thank you to those who have helped with arranging, delivering and donations to the flowers in the past months. A special thank you the ladies who helped with the Christmas display. There are some vacancies in this quarter, if you would like to supply the flowers on 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

Healing Rooms

A Healing Room will be opening on 23 February in Queensferry within the Haven, 25b Burgess Road and will be open each Monday evening from 7pm - 9pm.

A Healing Room is simply a place where anyone can come and receive Christian prayer for healing for any condition, physical or emotional.

The Queensferry Healing Room team is made up of trained Christian volunteers who come from local churches in the area, and is part of Healing Rooms (Scotland), a registered charity and the International Association of Healing Rooms.

For more information speak to Katie Marshall 07768 530800

'the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them'

Luke Ch.4 v 40



Service of Commemoration Remember and Give Thanks

This is a service with times of reflection and a particular emphasis for those who have suffered bereavement

Wednesday 4th March 7pm

Church Centre

Kirkliston Parish Church

If you have lost someone close to you please come and join us.

Or if you know of someone who would benefit from coming along please let them know so they can come too.