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And still the penguins dance away
Practicing their moves to break of day
Careless of unkind words that come their
way

The time was past to stave aff or plough-
ter

And despite the advice of every doubter
I bought the picture of Penguins Dancing
And set my ain heart a-prancing
As now it hangs in my own wee roomy
Tae lift ma spirits nae matter how gloomy

And though some still canny see the art
In Breakdancing Penguins that light ma
dark

Yet still the penguins dance away
Practicing their moves both night an' day
Appreciating now, the love
that comes their way.



2009 Shoebox Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Shoebox Appeal, either by donating money and items for the boxes or by filling a shoe box.

129 well-filled shoeboxes were dispatched to Romania at the end of November. This was a tremendous effort & the folk at Blythswood care are most grateful for our support.

This was our best ever response to the great need in that country.

Special thanks to all the ladies who helped sort the boxes for final dispatch.

Margaret Brechin co-ordinator



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A Message From Your Minister

Dear Friends

What a winter!

To quote from an old Rod Stewart song '*the coldest winter in almost 14 years*'. I cannot remember so much snow for many a year and although enticing and very beautiful at first - I was out on day one before Christmas photographing the village but by the third week I'd had enough. Many of us were stranded at home keeping the head down and the heating up during a period of self imposed hibernation.

The thing about the snow and the cold is it can be great fun, especially if you are a child, but sustained periods of cold begin to have an effect on us all. Symptoms begin slowly, our ability to think and move become clouded we get weary and just want to sleep it out, but it is a sleep we may never wake up from. Sometimes we don't even realise we need help and once we are cold it is difficult to get warm again.

As I write I can see that Spring, is on its way, there are signs of life pushing through the frozen ground in the garden and my thoughts are turning towards Easter but this winter has made me wonder if the church in the broadest sense is suffering from a kind of spiritual hypothermia? And I wondered how do we heat up again once the cold has set in?

In Revelation the word of God comes to the apostle John for the seven churches in Asia, and there is a harsh warning for the church in Laodicea. They are accused of being neither hot nor cold but rather *lukewarm*; and God says because of this he will spew them out of his mouth. '*You say I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing. But you do not realise that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind*

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Thanks for Alpha!

Thanks for Alpha!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Maggie and Morag, and all their dedicated helpers on the recent Alpha course held in the Church centre. I used to pass signs saying 'Alpha Course' and in my ignorance thought it was for people with learning difficulties. Stupid person that I am—how far from the truth was I.

If you, like me, don't know, the next time the Church is having an Alpha course, go along. I was made most welcome and over the ten weeks had my eyes opened to quite a few things.

The best experience was the away day. I will not forget it in a long time. I would also like to take the time to thank the members of the congregation who have made me feel like one of a large family.

Grace Smallman

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and naked. (Rev 3:17) Clearly being lukewarm about church is not a viable option.

As we leave winter behind and journey together during Lent let us determine to stir up afresh our passion for God, for life, for the church, and for service.

Nothing about Jesus Christ was lukewarm, he always attracted a passionate response one way or another and this Easter we are invited to examine our response to what Jesus Christ achieved for us on a cross at Calvary. 'Wake up O sleeper, rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.' Ephesians 5:14).

New life awaits for those who place their trust in Him and follow his example wholeheartedly with passion.

Maggie

Hi folks

Time to send an updated prayer letter as promised: I so appreciate your faithfulness in prayer...it really does make a difference.

Give thanks for;

- Safe arrival here with baggage intact
- Health-chest infection cleared
- 8 assignments already completed with Holy Spirit's leading opportunity to see Jen again and work with her on the CCC projects
- Staff at the Community Care Centre who are so dedicated.
- A warm welcome from folks I met here last time..and Sunshine!!!:-)

Pray for:

- Family of Sunita Shaw 25yr old mum of 3 who died after setting fire to herself. She felt unable to live with her HIV positive status. Husband, kids and mum-in-law very traumatised and living in dire poverty. CCC hopes to help him with seed money to set up business as a street vegetable vendor.
- Rita, 22yr old who went to Mumbai seeking work to support her parents and 3 siblings, was trafficked into sex trade and became HIV infected. She left when she discovered her status and came to CCC for help/counselling. CCC are sending her for 3months training at a Christian handcraft centre which works to rehabilitate trafficked women and children by teaching them crafts thus allowing them the dignity of earning a wage outwith the Red Light area.
- Further 7 assignments for me this coming week, with Youth groups, school assemblies, family groups and support group that the Holy Spirit would enable all.
- Rupee exchange rate has fallen dramatically..a rise would be good
- Have been left with a residual cough and my asthma is reacting badly to Kolkata pollution.
- Good break for Jen and me in Delhi from 19th -22nd Feb.
- Safe, hassle-free homeward journey for me on 25th Feb.

Bless you all for your prayers, I've felt really supported since I left Glasgow.

Ballo tak ben
Marion

Keeper of the Rolls Annual Report 31st December 2009

Roll at end of 2008 was 321

The main Roll at end of 2009 was 314
(230 Homes + 5 Nursing Homes)

49 on Supplementary Roll

43 movements took place in 2009
(a turnover in excess of 10%)

+ 18 (5 by certificate, 4 by confession, 9 by restoration/resolution)
25 (5 by death, 2 by certificate, 16 to Supplementary Roll, 2 Gone Away)

Joe Henderson



DORCAS LUNCHES

I know it seems a long time ago but I would like to thank everyone who supported our annual Christmas Charity Lunch which raised the magnificent sum of £1010. This would go a long way to give the Homeless of Edinburgh area a hot meal, something we all take for granted. Although the weather has not been too kind of late we still have good support for our weekly Tuesday Lunch. We do hope you can manage to come along and see what is on offer. The food is simple but the chat and friendly atmosphere is first class. Thank you all for your continued support. All monies raised goes to our own Church Funds which is a great help to our treasurer. Hope to see you soon and why not bring a friend and enjoy someone else doing the cooking.

Eileen Brown
Dorcas Newsletter Feb 2010

GUILD OF ST. LUKE

We continue to meet on the second Monday of the month from 7 - 8pm in the Church Office to update our prayer list and pray for those on it. Our numbers have now risen to six people, but we would welcome anyone else who would like to join us in our prayer ministry.

Linda Moss



1st KIRKLISTON BOYS BRIGADE COMPANY

The company celebrated its 20th anniversary last September, as it was restarted in 1989 as the 27th Edinburgh company, changing back to the 1st Kirkliston in 1998, when Edinburgh and Leith Battalions merged. We have seen many changes in staff, uniform and awards, through the years, but the motto remains the same "sure and steadfast".

We visited the primary school in November and invited the primary 2 - 7 boys along to a couple of film nights in the church centre. As a result we have two new anchor boys and two new junior section boys.

On the 21st December, the whole company headed to Livingston for ten pin bowling. We had mixed teams of officers and boys and competition was fierce.

It was Helen Shades last night with the company and after our meal, the boys all said their goodbyes and we presented Helen with flowers and mementos of her time with the company. Helen has been an officer for seven years, but was involved as a parent helper from the early nineties, when she would transport the boys all over Edinburgh for various competitions, including the football almost every Saturday. She was also involved in fundraising for the company as head of the parents and friends association. Helen will be a big miss to both the boys and staff and we wish her a happy retirement.

We are taking the junior section boys to Livingston for a games afternoon with West Lothian Battalion in February, and it is hoped we will have the opportunity of more outings throughout the session. We are always looking for new recruits, so if you think you might like to join us, details of contacts and meeting times are available on our website at 1kirkliston.boys-brigade.org.uk

Valerie Edwards
OIC Anchor/Junior section.

KIRKY KRAFTERS

Have you recycled your old Christmas cards yet? If not, why not let us do it for you, we would be delighted to have them. Please hand to me or any member of the group. Many thanks.

Ann Denholm





Development Opportunities Coming Up

Training provided by the Council of
Mission and Discipleship

If these are skills that would benefit your service in pastoral care
please speak to Rev Maggie Lane 0131 333 3298.

Worship Leading for Worship Bands

St Andrews Parish Church Bo'ness 27th February

Prophecy Conference

Holy Trinity Wester Hailes 19-20th March

Leadership development—Forum

Premier Inn, Haymarket 6th March

Bereavement Visiting & Funerals

Carberry, Musselburgh 23rd-25th April

(Charges apply for all trainings)

24 December 2009

THANK YOU!

Dear Miss Wemyss

This is a huge THANK YOU for all the wonderful gifts your Guild donated to the Centre at HMP Perth. All the children have gratefully received these and for some of them it will be the only gift they have this year at Christmas time.

We have a lot of families in poverty and it is a joy for us to know that you remember them—especially at this time of year.

A high number of the children are very creative with art and love drawing and using colouring in books—I am very grateful for this donation.

I will keep in touch with your church over the coming months as we are being supported by The Guild and once I have bookmarks made with the theme for this year “Dreams for The Children” I will send you some.

With thanks again and may you all have a peaceful 2010

Yours sincerely

Elaine (Vaugh)

Co-ordinator

perth.visitorcentre@crossreach.org.uk

Transport to Church

Drivers Rota

March 2010 — June 2010

March	7	Keith Moss
	14	Ann/David Denholm
	21	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie
	28	Anne Reilly
April	4	Bill Paterson
	11	Bill McKay
	18	Ann/David Denholm
	25	Keith Moss
May	2	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie
	9	Anne Reilly
	16	Bill Paterson
	23	Ann/David Denholm
	30	Bill McKay
June	6	Keith Moss
	13	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie
	20	Anne Reilly
	27	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



There are two kinds of people:
Those who do the work
And those who take the credit.

Try to be in the first group—
There is less competition there

Indira Gandhi
Courtesy of John Thomson

Parish Register

Baptisms

27th December Calum Diaz Tait
6 Liston Road

Funerals

8th December Alex Grieve
Pentland Home
Nursing Home

20th January Lillian Milne
Woodlands
Nursing Home

There were several errors printed in the last edition of the newsletter relating to the names of people who were listed as having become members of the church since April 2009. This was down to an administrative error on my part and I would like to apologise to all those who were hurt or upset by this.

Your friend & minister

Saying Grace In A Restaurant

Some time ago a family took their children to a restaurant for a meal and one of them asked if she could say grace and here is what was said - God is good, God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if Mum ordered us ice cream for deserts.

Along with laughter from nearby tables a woman was heard to remark – That`s what wrong with this country. Kids today don`t even know how to pray. Asking God for Ice Cream!

Hearing this the child burst into tears and asked Mum, “did I do wrong? Is God mad at me” As she assured her she had done a good job and God was certainly not mad at her, an elderly gentleman approached their table and said to her “I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer” Then in an artificial whisper, he added (indicating the woman who had made the remark) “To bad she never asks God for ice cream as a little of it is good for the soul sometimes”

After the ice cream had been served up to the children for their deserts one of them picked up theirs, without a word, walked over and placed it in front of the woman and with a big smile told her “Here this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes, and my soul is good already”



The Guild

Christmas and New Year are well behind us now and already we can see the days beginning to stretch. What a Festive period it was with the snow and ice. Lovely to look at certainly, but after a few days it became very taxing and made going out anywhere so difficult. Indeed, as you are aware, we had to cancel our first meeting of the year because of the weather.

We commenced therefore, on 27th January with a talk on one of our projects which concerns Crossreach. People gave so generously (over 120 parcels) to the Kirkliston Guild appeal for Christmas presents for the children of prisoners and we received a very grateful letter in return. Crossreach is endeavouring to have Family Centres at each of the prisons in Scotland, having already established one at Perth. This is one of the Projects the National Guild is supporting over the next three years.

Next will come a talk from our very own Rob Brechin which is entitled “It Did Happen to a Vet!” and we are very much looking forward to hearing what Rob has to say about his work, no doubt delivered in his own inimitable style. Other talks involve the Vine Trust and Childline Scotland. We finish with our A.G.M. on 24th March and will enjoy a cheese and wine supper that evening.

Two dates for your diary –

- Friday 5th March will be the World Day of Prayer, hosted in our area this year by Dalmeny Church
- Wednesday 7th April, the Daffodil Tea, when we will be entertained by the Rolling Hills Chorus, a group of men who enjoy Barber Shop style singing. Listen out for intimations re tickets for this event nearer the time.

Please remember you are more than welcome to join us on any of our 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 2010.

Jan and Gill

EDINBURGH MUNICH TWINNING VISIT

by Jenny Martin

SEPTEMBER 2010

We have an exciting programme taking shape for next September 4th to 11th, when we entertain a party of about 30 friends from the Bavarian Lutheran Dekanat (Presbytery)

This is part of the long twinning arrangement between Edinburgh and Munich, and the visits have been going on very successfully every other year for nearly 30 years. The Presbytery of Edinburgh oversees events at this end.

We will be staying for a few days at Kinnoull House, near Perth, a former monastery with a stunning garden and view, and will have a conference on the theme "For God's Sake". We hope the speakers will include Cameron MacKenzie, Andrew Dick, Eirig Scandrett and Kathy Galloway.

In our spare time, we plan visits to Perth, Scone Palace, and other local places of interest where we will show our German friends around. The emphasis will be on Christian sites in the area.

Back in Edinburgh, we have a number of events like a reception at the council chambers, a visit to Edinburgh Castle including we hope one of the "Margarets" who look after St Margaret's Chapel to tell us about their work, and the war memorial. We should be able to catch the Festival Fireworks on the first night of the visit.

If you would like to know more, get in touch with either Suzette Bell (Secretary) on 0131 334 5241 or Niall Martin (Treasurer) on 0131 467 8468. Suzette, and Niall have been involved since 2000 when they both went to Germany and haven't missed an exchange visit since. A number of friends from South Leith Church are also involved, and the exchange is open to anybody living in the area of the Edinburgh Presbytery

ACCOMMODATION REQUEST

We are also looking for accommodation for our guests with hosts during the few days they stay in Edinburgh, that is the nights of Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th September, then Friday and Saturday 10th and 11th. If you are able to help with this, please get in touch with Niall or Suzette, above. You will find it a lot of fun and have the opportunity to come to our events in Edinburgh if you wish.

If you don't understand German, you are not alone. Most of our visitors are fluent in English, and there is always an ongoing translation at talks and discussions.

BREAKDANCING PENGUINS by Sandy Chalmers, Linlithgow (abridged)

*Poetry inspired by the art exhibition
in the Church at Christmas*

We happened on Kirkliston Church
Fayre

And wi' time on our hands we
wan'ered there

With stalls a-plenty with mony a
thing

And a choir of kiddies there to sing
Raffle tickets and a Tombola too
It was busier than feeding time at
the zoo

And though at first I was snooty
And failed to see the treasure and
cheap booty

By time we'd sorted tit from tat
We'd bought near half the bric o'
brac

And then with penniless purse and
weary wallet

We sat for tea to ease the pallet

And we saw the note upon the table
runner

Tempting us to tarry langer
"Art fair in the church upon the hill
Come and see us for today's visual
thrill"

Now artistic pretensions has ma wi-
fie dear

Though, in truth, Picasso has nae
much tae fear

Well, this was an invitation we
could'na squan'er

So up the slope to the spire we
wan'er

And the Church greets us with such
colour and style

With dozens, nay a hundred paint-
ings of varying guile

And I wandered through the aisles

Marvelling at the various styles

Then I spied an image just to the right
Lit by a tiny shaft of golden sunlight
The funniest thing that iver I've seen
And I've seen mony in the places I've
been

Of Breakdancing Penguins on a field
of blue

My eyes were held as if stuck by glue

"Now there a fine piece" I was brave
to venture

Nae expectin such vehement censure
"A' right for a kiddie's nursery"
Says this man aside me with a glance
so cursory

Even I could do better says his
daughter

Wi' haughty nose and disdainful
laughter

"You must be joking" says my son
Lifted from teenage boredom to poke
some fun

Now some they canny see the art
Of Breakdancing Penguins that light
the dark

And still the penguins dance away
Practicing their moves to break of day
Careless of unkind words that come
their way

"Come and see the ither paintings"
directs the wife

Clearly happy to add to my strife
There the bass rock in the bay
Caught in the sunlight at break of day
And here in Autumn's raspberry flush
A Dormouse paused ... soon tae rush

And for a' those worthy works o' art
It was the Breakdancing Penguins
that stole my heart
And some they canny see the art
Of Breakdancing Penguins that light
the dark

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Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section

girls in the lead

There are many celebrations planned for 2010 as this is Guiding's 100th Birthday.

To celebrate Thinking Day [22nd Feb], the birth date of Lord Baden Powell and his wife, all sections are planning to have a joint birthday party on the evening of the 25th February.

In Kirkliston guides have planted 100 daffodils in the church garden and hope that they have survived the winter and give a cheery show in spring.

All units are involved in planning and sewing a wall hanging for the church centre which depicts present day local guiding in action. This should be ready for September.

A second Rainbow unit has opened due to demand and leaders Lee Marshall and Marisa Fensom are working towards their adult leadership qualification.

Brownies have been busy sewing robins and working on their toymaker badge and the unit is doing well under the guidance of leaders Sandra Tulloch and Anne Maitland.

Guide numbers have increased to 32 and have a full programme of activities planned for this term. Two new leaders have joined the team following Fiona McPhee's move to Leicester and Jean, Helen and Anne will support them through their Leadership programme. Four guides are joining guides from all over Scotland at a weekend camp in Mull as part of the centenary celebrations, at the end of April.

A senior section group has started allowing girls to remain within guiding following their time at Guides. This fledgling group is being led by Catriona Whittley. Many of the girls in this section have Young Leader roles with the units and their input is much appreciated by all the leaders.

Yours in guiding, Helen McPhee, Guide Leader.

SUNDAY CLUB

We began the new year by learning the Lord's Prayer and we are now continuing with the "Go Teach" material, with lessons on Esther, Jeremiah, Daniel, Jesus' miracles and Easter.



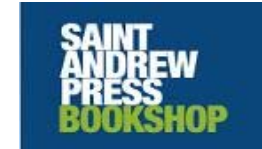
Our numbers have remained steady and the children as enthusiastic as ever.

GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR BURMA

This year's Day of Prayer for Burma is on 14th March. The suffering still goes on, with the Myanmar army burning villages and crops, raping and killing women and children, and hunting down those who flee from them, and hide out in the jungle.

However, thanks to the work of the Free Burma Rangers, a Christian group who work with the internally displaced people, the oppressed people of Burma know that there are people in the outside world praying for them, and so this gives them hope.

Please don't wait for the Global Day of Prayer to pray for Burma, please remember them every day and pray that one day there will be a democratic government in Burma and an end to all the suffering there.



The **new** Saint Andrew Press website is now live.

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When you buy on the website, simply log in or register and select our congregation from the drop down menu at the bottom of the form.

From then on, 20% of everything you spend will go automatically to our Kirkliston congregation and can be used for any of our projects or needs.

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Kirkliston Scottish Country Dance Club

We have now started our classes again on Tuesday evenings. At 7.30pm we have dance technique and from 8pm our dance class starts. Each evening we are taught dances from programmes of forthcoming dances.



On Saturday 20th March we are holding our Spring Fling Dance in the Chalmer's Hall commencing at 7.30pm with music by Alan Ross and on Tuesday 20th April we have our AGM with dancing afterwards starting at 8pm to Jack Stalker's Band in the Chalmer's Hall.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to drop me a line.

Many Thanks
Suzanne Kidd (Secretary)



Flower Calendar

March to June 2010



MARCH	7	MRS McKAY, MAIN STREET
	14	MRS KING, THE GLEBE
	21	MRS BROWN, ALAN PARK
	28	MRS ROBERTSON, THE GLEBE
APRIL	4	EASTER
	11	MRS GLASS, RATHO ST'N, MRS McKAY, MAIN ST
	18	MRS COLQUHOUN, THE GLEBE
	25	MRS CHALMERS, NEWMAINS ROAD
MAY	2	MRS McCREADY, LISTON PLACE
	9	MR&MRS ARCHIBALD, GLENDINNING ROAD
	16	MRS McKAY, MAIN STREET
	23	MISS INNES, THE GLEBE
	30	MRS PROVAN, ALLISON PLACE
JUNE	6	MRS THOMSON, MAITLAND ROAD
	13	MRS SIBBALD, KIRKLANDS PARK GARDENS
	20	MRS HALL, DUNDAS PLACE
	27	MRS HENDERSON, MAITLAND ROAD

FLOWER DELIVERY

MARCH	MRS MAC CONNACHIE, 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 DEN-
HOLM,	MRS ROONEY

Thank you to those who have helped with arranging, delivering and donations to the flowers in the past months. Many thanks to the ladies who helped with the Christmas display. If you would like to put flowers in the Church on any Sunday please let me know, there is always room for another vase.

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

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Ultimately we were challenged to consider where the Spirit was leading our church. New forms of church are needed and are beginning to emerge - God guides us on our journey as a church. Traditionally Presbyterian churches call a minister, elect elders and have an AGM - the future however requires a high level of involvement from the congregation.

Do we have true OUTREACH or do we have INDRAG within our churches today in Scotland?

There was much to think about throughout the day but the main message we took away from this training seminar was that change is essential if we wish to build our church for the future, and how elders operate appears to be flexible under church law.

Wilson Marshall



We continue to get on average twenty kids at the Gate-side area, a few at the Glebe and about a dozen at the leisure centre.

As you can imagine we have to vary our format with each group and meet their needs in different ways. It is a challenge but rewarding. We as leaders are blown away as the children show how much they love us being there.

Our van could not make it out when the weather was so bad but our faithful leaders pulled on their warm hoodies and went out on foot. One night we should have had a camera as the sight of Dan sliding down a slope on a child made sledge was a hoot.

Gateside residents group are using our church hall as a venue for their fun weekend and we are delighted that they want us to be part of it.

It is God at work as he has a hand in bringing us all together.

Christina Pearson

Someone reported travelling on the London Underground recently when the young girl opposite, wearing glasses, expressed admiration of her pal's contact lenses. When her pal suggested that she, too, should have some, the girl replied: "I can't. I've a stigmata in my eye."

Emerging Church & Eldership

Daniel and Christina Pearson and Katie and I took up the offer of eldership training and attended a discussion on the future of eldership organised by The Church of Scotland in Glasgow on Saturday 23rd January.

Key note speakers included David Currie Development Officer for Emerging Church and Doug Gay a lecturer in practical theology at Glasgow University. There were several pertinent points for us to consider including: Emerging Church discussions have been ongoing for almost 8 years within the Church of Scotland and the General Assembly has debated an elder's role within the modern church. Historical patterns of eldership within the Presbyterian Church have been examined as part of this discussion and as a result radical questions such as 'are Kirk Sessions necessary' in today's church have been asked.

Traditionally the Kirk Session and Eldership had a responsibility to discipline members of the congregation who were not seen as living Godly lives. It is widely regarded that this is no longer an applicable practice. The question therefore remains how should an elder function in this post modern era? What is the role of the Elder in the emerging church of the 21st Century? Also the ordination of Elders has traditionally been for 'life' - is this appropriate today? Further discussion centred around what elders actually do and what they are being asked to commit to at ordination. Calvin believed the term of an elder was not to be fixed for all time.

The 19th century model of church was elder led, but the Emerging Church is one that makes room for and encourages lay ministries, the emphasis is on using the congregation's gifts and this is bringing a new energy to the church. One of the foundational principles of the Church without Walls report was that the church should be shaped by the gifts of God's people this includes lay and ordained ministries. We might ponder therefore - how should we go forward into the future in building the church here in Kirkliston?

We heard about 'menu churches' and also the need to create opportunities for the whole congregation to come together as a church family though not necessarily at the *same* worship service at a set time on a Sunday morning - a moving away perhaps from a one size fits all church to a more mixed economy model of church that provides a varied diet of worship.

With the rapid changes that have taken place in society and shrinking congregations is it feasible or even desirable for a Session of Elders to continue to sustain the demands of the parish system? Does the Session exist for the parish or the congregation? The old model was like an electoral district for a council with elders representing different areas of the parish.

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c.a.b. Fund Raising Ceilidh 27/02/10

There will be a ceilidh on Saturday 27th February 2010 to raise funds for the c.a.b. (our outreach Christian Action Bus) at the Bowling Club, Kirkliston, from 7.30pm till midnight, to include a buffet supper.

It will be an adults only event, with dancing to the ceilidh band "Canongate Cadgers". Tickets at £8 each are available now from members of the c.a.b. team. A raffle will take place, and prize donations would be appreciated.

Numbers are restricted and these nights are generally very popular, so ensure you get your tickets as soon as possible.



TRANSPORT TO CHURCH

Do you drive to church on a Sunday? Would you be willing to give a lift to some of our elderly and infirm members occasionally? If you think you may be able to help, please speak to Ann Denholm who will give you more details

Reminder

The Weekly News Sheet (which includes the order of service), the Newsletter, and the Church website are the primary places for you to communicate with our members *and* the wider community. Some helpful reminders for your information follow:

- Intimations for the weekly news sheet need not always be Church related (should go to Karen no later than Thursday 6pm)
- The newsletter deadlines for 2010 are: 9th May, 8th August, 7th November (but send to Bill earlier if possible)
- Articles received after the deadlines will be edited at the discretion of the editors to fit remaining space available
- Any diary dates related website information will be removed by the webmaster as soon as possible after the date unless requested to keep
- Any out of date website information may be removed at the discretion of the webmaster if no updates are received
- Articles for the above should be in the form of email text, Microsoft Word or Excel (.doc or .xls only please, cannot open the most recent versions)

ABSTRACT of ACCOUNTS

Kirkliston Parish Church

1st Jan 2010 -31.01.10

Charity No. SC013924

Congregational Account

INCOME

Balance B/F 2007	£	2,642.00
Offerings plate	£	600.49
WFO Non gift aid	£	1,070.90
WFO Gift Aid	£	1,574.50
Offerings by bank S.O. NGA	£	299.00
Offerings by bank S.O. GA	£	1,303.00
Weddings/Funerals	£	-
Donations	£	1,270.00
Charites Aid	£	50.00
Investment Income	£	-
Interest on deposits	£	-
Social Committee	£	-
Life & Work sales	£	-
Equipment collection	£	-
Fund Raising events	£	-
	£	8,809.89

Thomas Chalmers Centre

Dorcas	£	305.00
Traidcraft		
Centre Teas		
JHM & Thurs Dance	£	-
Kirkliston Scottish Dance	£	-
Hall Use Playgroup	£	-
General Hall Use	£	-
Hall Donations Non Gift Aid	£	32.00
Hall Donations Gift Aid	£	36.00
Guild + KCDC dons	£	-
Donations	£	-
Tr fr Gen a/c	£	683.02
	£	1,056.02

Insured Values at May 09

Church	£	3,635,847.07
Thomas Chalmers Centre		£3,190,415.78

EXPENDITURE

Nat Stipend Fund	£	-
Less Endowment Income	£	-
Organist + organ maint	£	208.43
Travel Expenses	£	-
Heat & light	-£	66.93
Telephone & M Expenses	£	-
Pubs & Stationery	£	6.54
Cleaning	£	140.33
Life & Work	£	-
Rates	£	277.00
Insurance	£	390.00
Church Officer	£	-
Miscell Church/cour fees	£	1,279.00
H&S Maintenance	£	-
Fabric Maint Manse	£	-
Fabric Maint Church	£	255.00
Pulpit supply	£	-
Tr toCentre	£	683.02
Balance carried fwd.	£	5,637.50
	£	8,809.89

Heat & Light	£	469.59
Insurance	£	186.99
Tel 4088	£	-
Caretaker	£	301.94
Provisions	£	70.51
Fabric CC	£	-
Misc centre	£	26.99
Maint of grounds		

Manse	£	310,941.01
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ABSTRACT of ACCOUNTS (Continued.....)

Fabric Fund

Balance B/F	£	1,217.43
Retiral Collections	£	-
Donations	£	-
Interest	£	-

Balance £ 1,217.43

Money Donated For Other Purposes

EMMS	£	48.02
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Church Benevolent Fund*

Balance B/F	£	1,117.54
Interest	£	0.14

Expenditure

Outgoings £ -

£ 1,117.68

Balance £ 1,117.68

Balance In Other Accounts

Ogilvie Bequest*		
C of S Trust	£	1.20
Weddell Memorial Fund*		
C of S Trust	£	2,352.01

Reserve Fund

Cof S Trust + res bank £ 48,521.95

Investments £ 159,998.80
(Ogilvie Endowment)

* Protected Funds £ 163,469.69
(By Original Donor)

Available Funds £ 55,376.88

Total Equity £ 218,846.57

Rob Brechin
Treasurer 31.01.10

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2010 - 9TH - 15TH MAY

I have been Christian Aid Organiser for the past 14 years and during that time have seen collections rise from £1300 to over £3000. I am always amazed at the generosity of the people of Kirkliston. Although I will still be collecting during Christian Aid Week, I will no longer be Christian Aid Organiser and I am happy to say that Kate Magumise has agreed to take this on. The success of the collection each year is due to the commitment of those collectors who give up their time to deliver and collect the Christian Aid envelopes and I hope that you will give the same support to Kate as you have given me over the years.

Linda Moss