



Kirkliston Church of Scotland Newsletter May 2010

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A Message From Your Minister

‘I follow Paul, another, ‘I follow Apollos’; another, ‘I follow Cephas’; still another, ‘I follow Christ.’ (1 Cor 1:12)

At the time of writing this message Britain is going through a period of political unrest and uncertainty. A General Election has taken place but the outcome is still not clear. No one party has the majority required to govern outright so deals and counter deals are being made in an effort to resolve this situation. Prime Minister Gordon Brown has fallen on his sword and announced he will stand down as leader of the Labour Party by September for the good of the country and in the hope that this will enable his party to remain in power albeit through a coalition with others. Will they come to some sort of an agreement, a sharing of power, just imagine a coalition of various political parties working together with hopefully one common goal – finding the best way to steer Britain out of the quagmire of debt we find ourselves in.

It was great while it lasted, instant gratification, credit available everywhere – buy now, pay later, the problem is we really do have to pay later and later has arrived.

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Communion 30th May 2010

Church 11am

Kirklands Sheltered Housing Lounge 3pm

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Whatever anxieties we may have over the future, whatever doubts over the which party has the ability to lead us through this difficult time, the word of God holds us together in unity to remind us that as followers of Christ we belong to a kingdom that cannot be shaken (Hebrews 12:28) and when we are unsure of the way ahead Jesus promises, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life.’ We must place our trust in Christ alone and pray for our politicians and our government that God would show them the way.

Your friend and minister
Maggie Lane



1st KIRKLISTON BOYS BRIGADE COMPANY

We have had quite a busy time this session.

In February we took four of our junior section boys to an indoor fun day, organised by the West Lothian Battalion in Livingston. We had a fun packed afternoon, trying out new sports and indoor games and meeting up with the other companies.

In March, junior section had another day out, when they were invited to join the 2nd Broxburn Company on a skiing trip. There were many aches and pains the next day, but all agreed it had been great fun.

We spent the weeks leading up to Easter creating a frieze of holy week.

Each week we would complete the section relating to that weeks story. We seemed to have a problem with our thirty pieces of silver, although we started off with 30, every week more disappeared, and had to be replaced. The finished article is still on display in the church centre, but please don't count the coins!

On our last night before the Easter break, the older boys went swimming at South Queensferry, while the anchor boys had a wii night.

We are now preparing for our parents night on 4th June.

Because of our smaller numbers we are trying a new format, let's hope it works!

After the display we will be out of uniform until the end of term, and will be hoping to enjoy some outdoor games. Weather permitting.

Valerie Edwards
OIC Anchor/Junior section.

COPPER COLLECTION

The most recent £100 collected was distributed equally between Crossreach for Perth Prison Visitors Centre, InterFaith Support and Sunflower Garden Project, Maggie's Meals and Christian Aid.



Twins!!

Jane and Ian Edgeler became Grandparents in April, to Hannah and Fraser. Both babies were good weights.



COFFEE MORNING **THOMAS CHALMERS CHURCH CENTRE**

SATURDAY 29TH MAY

10.00 – 12 NOON

TICKETS - £3.00/£1.50

TO INCLUDE REFRESHMENTS

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES HAND-MADE CARDS
TOMBOLA

GARDENING BASKET M&S GROCERY BASKET
TOILETRIES BASKET

TICKETS MAY BE BOUGHT AT THE DOOR OR CAN BE
HAD THROUGH THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Pressing need?

"Apple is releasing a gadget exclusively for women," said the loudmouth misogynist bore in the pub the other night. "It's called the iRon."



Kirkliston Scottish Country Dance Club

The Club restarts on Tuesday 14th September up until Tuesday 7th December 2010. We commence at 7.30pm with dance technique for half an hour and dancing commences at 8pm until 10pm. If you are interested and know the rudiments of Scottish Country Dancing then you will be most welcome.



We are having a Harvest Home Dance on Saturday 30th October with dancing to Alan Ross's Band and on Friday 31st we are holding our usual Ceilidh. Any enquiries can approach myself on 01506 854325.

Suzanne Kidd (Secretary)



The Guild

It is incredible how time passes and the Guild season is at an end. Since we last wrote, we have had several interesting and entertaining evenings, including Rob Brechin who spoke to us of his work as a vet – Rob should have been on the stage as he kept us in absolute fits of laughter over some of his exploits. We had an excellent speaker from the Vine Trust who brought us up to date with what is happening on Amazon Hope 1 and 2, a talk on the work of Childline in Scotland and then our Annual General Meeting, when we enjoyed a Cheese and Wine supper following the business.

We all met again a fortnight later for our Daffodil Tea and were well entertained by a Barber Shop Chorus – The Rolling Hills. The group were superb and all who were at the evening thoroughly enjoyed it. At the time of writing this, we are looking forward to our outing, which this year is to Aberlady Parish Church. Christine Clarke, who was our Locum Minister during the Vacancy was inducted there last year, and several of us had gone to the service. We thought it was an interesting building and Christine invited us to visit to hear of its history.

As is usual at the end of a Guild year there are comings and goings on the Committee. This year, Gill and I step down as Co-Convenors – where the three years have gone defeats me, but we have both enjoyed our time leading the Guild and would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee and the members of the Guild for all their support during our time in office. Joyce, who was our Secretary, and Nancy have also stepped down from the Committee.

Joan McConnachie and Maureen Glen have kindly agreed to take over as Co-Convenors and Jane Edgeler is now Secretary. We would like to give them our best wishes for the future.

Look out for information nearer the time regarding the start of next session and please do come along and join us when the new season commences. You would be most welcome.

Jan and Gill

Newsletter Deadlines remaining for 2010 are:-

August 8th & November 7th

Please respect these deadlines. Late entries risk being omitted.

Child Protection is important to the Church of Scotland and this affects all organisations working with children under 16. Getting a Disclosure check done is really a pain free and simple process - don't let it put you off volunteering. There are some new ventures in the church and we already have a lot of people who are cleared and able to assist in 'Church Activities'. There is still no news of a catch -up with some folk not yet checked because they were working in organisations prior to the system coming in. If you are in this position, it'll come, just not yet! And still no news of repeat checks.. Any enquiries or names of new volunteers to Paula Roots 334 1819 - happy to help get it sorted!

**CLAN Gathering 2010: 24-30 July,
Madras College, Kilrymont Rd, St Andrews**

Further information from the CLAN Gathering office
on 01771 637 962
e-mail: june@nwscotland.org .CLAN Gathering, PO
Box 11458, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire AB43 6YA
Scottish Charity No:



KIRKY KRAFTERS

Many thanks to all of you who gave us your old Christmas cards etc. to recycle. Also thank you to all the folks who have given us lots of bits and pieces to use for our card making, it will all be very useful, and is much appreciated.



We continue to meet on alternate Monday mornings in the Thomas Chalmers centre, where we make our cards, some for ourselves and some to sell. We could still accommodate a few more crafters, if you are interested give me a call on 0131 333 1834.

Please come along to the coffee morning on 29th May in the church centre and have a look at what we do. Our cards will be on sale and as always, all our profits go to church funds.

Ann Denholm

Global Day of Prayer 2010—The Final Gathering

Blackford Hill, Edinburgh , 23rd May

This year will see the final world gathering of the Global Day of Prayer. For 10 years the day of prayer has seen increase with more and more countries joining and here in Scotland we desire to finish well! Our songs of praise and words of prayer will rise from the top of Blackford Hill and we want to invite you to be there. Our focus this year will be the 5 world continents and we are lining up local believers from each continent ready to take part.

We are excited that we are going to be able to gather as the Church from the city (and indeed region) in a colourful, diverse and yet united fashion to praise God and pray together for our city, the nation and the whole world

This is an event not to miss, so please put this date in your diary and encourage your church to come and be part of the world's largest prayer meeting!

More details to be seen at www.edinburghprayer.org

Blessings from Marjory Morrow on behalf of the Global Day of Prayer (Edinburgh) organising group

The C.A.B. volunteers are often challenged and things can be a little scary at times but the things that make it all worthwhile are the smiles and hugs from the kids we meet on our nights out.

They are all good kids and they are always happy to listen to us adults when we tell them of Gods love for them. We are looking forward to the kinder weather as that means we can be outside having fun and as we struggle with space in the van, it is bonus.

We are very short of men on our team especially during the holidays and if any one can help please speak to a c.a.b. member.

I take this opportunity to thank our dedicated team especially the ones who have had health issues.

If you have any queries about cab please contact us on 0131 333 0333 .or 0131 333 3420



Queensferry Quench

Coffeehouse discussions for today

Coffeehouses have long been sites for debate and discussion. Queensferry Quench follows in that tradition. It's an opportunity to discuss issues over a cup of coffee in an informal and accessible way.

What's happening? Our church, together with other churches in and around South Queensferry are planning to run a series of coffeehouse talks on current issues this spring.

How will it work? We start with a talk of up to 30 minutes introducing the subject; 40 minutes or so of questions and general discussion follows this. Anyone can ask a question. No question is too simple or too hostile!

Who are the Speakers? They are people who have experience or in-depth knowledge of the areas they've been asked to introduce. As Christians, they will answer questions from that perspective.

Where and when? The Orocco Pier Hotel on the waterfront in South Queensferry. Coffee/tea and pastries will be served from 7.15pm and talks will start at 7.30pm.

What talks have you missed ?

Monday 29th March: You Can't Be Serious! – Is there any evidence that Jesus rose from the dead?

- Alistair Donald

Monday 3rd May: True Freedom? – Can we enjoy life without God?

- David Robertson

What talks are left ?

Monday 31st May: Haiti! – How do you make sense of suffering?

- Alex McLellan

Who should come? Anyone is welcome, and there is no charge (although you will have to buy your own coffee!)

What should I do now? Please pray for Queensferry Quench. Plan to come and to invite friends, relatives and neighbours - especially those who are not Christians. These talks are designed for them.

For more information, visit this website: www.qquench.org.uk/

ABSTRACT of ACCOUNTS

Kirkliston Parish Church

1st Jan 2010 -30 April 2010

Charity No. SC013924

Congregational Account

INCOME

Balance B/F from 2009	£	2,642.00
Offerings plate	£	2,174.51
WFO Non gift aid	£	3,406.03
WFO Gift Aid	£	7,263.20
Offerings by bank S.O. NGA	£	586.00
Offerings by bank S.O. GA	£	3,126.00
Weddings/Funerals	£	450.00
Legacy	£	1,000.00
Donations	£	967.39
Charites Aid	£	200.00
Investment Income	£	3,166.20
Interest on deposits	£	2.27
Life & Work sales	£	384.00
Equipment collection	£	3,100.00
Tr fr Centre	£	343.89
	£	28,811.49

EXPENDITURE

Nat Stipend Fund	£	14,747.70
Less Endowment Income	-£	2,289.60
Organist + organ maint	£	1,082.52
Travel Expenses	£	509.60
Heat & light	£	396.13
Telephone & M Expenses	£	151.86
Pubs & Stationery	£	1,558.91
Cleaning	£	596.40
Life & Work	£	325.58
Rates	£	1,048.28
Insurance	£	780.00
Church Officer	£	60.00
Miscell Church/cour fees	£	1,539.40
Fabric Maintenance Ch	£	1,785.00
Fabric Maint Manse	£	-
Pulpit supply	£	50.00
Tr to Reserve	£	2,890.12
Balance in Gen a/c	£	3,579.59
	£	28,811.49

Thomas Chalmers Centre

Dorcas	£	1,491.38
Centre Teas	£	335.79
JHM & Thurs Dance	£	108.00
Kirkliston Scottish Dance	£	588.00
Hall Use Playgroup	£	522.00
General Hall Use	£	387.50
Hall Donations Non Gift Aid	£	408.00
Hall Donations Gift Aid	£	153.00
Donations	£	331.00
Tr from General	£	4,324.67

Heat & Light	£	1,432.75
Insurance	£	511.79
Tel 4088	£	58.99
Caretaker	£	1,277.53
Provisions	£	222.77
Fabric CC	£	238.71
Misc centre	£	238.24
Tr to Gen		343.89
	£	4,324.67

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Congregational Account

INCOME

Insured Values at May 10

Church	£	3,635,846.07
Thomas Chalmers Centre	£	3,190,415.78

Fabric Fund

Income		
Balance B/F	£	1,217.43
Retiral Collections	£	177.26
Donations	£	53.54
Interest	£	0.20

EXPENDITURE

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Expenditure		0
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balance c/f	£	1,448.33
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Money Donated For Other Purposes

Parkinsons Disease Ass	£	304.34
Cancer Research	£	60.69

EMMS	£48.02
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Church Benevolent Fund*

Balance B/F	£	1,117.54
Interest	£	0.25
	£	1,117.79

Expenditure		
Outgoings	£	-
Balance	£	1,117.79

Balance In Other Accounts

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

Reserve Fund	£	51,689.88
Cof S Trust + res bank		

Fixed Assets	£	159,998.80
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* Protected Funds (By Original Donor)	£	163,469.80
Available Funds	£	56,717.80

Total Equity	£	220,187.60
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Rob Brechin 30.04.10
Treasurer

AN INVITATION FROM YOUR MINISTER

**ALPHA
FOR OUR CONGREGATION**

Sunday evenings 6.30pm

CHURCH CENTRE until 4th JULY 2010

Maybe we think we know all there is to know about the Christian faith, maybe we could do with a refresher.

This Alpha course will enable us to go back to basics, to ask the questions we have not asked in a long time and help us to reconnect with what it is we believe as Christians.

We start by having a meal together, there will be a short talk before we have group discussion and some time for worship. It will be fun, let's commit to this ten-week course together as a church family and see what God has in store.

Maggie



A Tom McLaughlin, in Australia, tells how a pal, a fellow Scot, was doing some volunteer work in a Salvation Army soup kitchen in Brisbane.

Says Tom: "Clearing up on a particularly busy Saturday night, he was having difficulty convincing stragglers to leave.

He recalled how bar staff did it in Scotland, so he clapped and shouted, 'Come along now. Have ye no homes to go to?'

"He wondered why his supervisor was looking at him in a reprimanding way before the penny dropped."

450th Anniversary of The Scottish Reformation

There will be a special session of the General Assembly to mark the 450th anniversary of the Scottish Reformation. This will be held in the Assembly Hall from 4 pm to 6 pm on Sunday 23 May and will include worship, drama, special music with Hyndland School choir and orchestra (where the Moderator was school chaplain), historical input and reflections on the Reformation legacy today.

It will be an open session of the Assembly and visitors will be very welcome.

Fair Trade is still a great way to support the farmers in developing countries, as they keep the profits - and not the huge multi-national firms. In world coffee markets, the big companies often pay less than it costs to produce the beans - hence poverty and illhealth for farmers. By contrast, fair trade guarantees a fair price, which farmers use to provide health care and education in their communities, benefitting others. Our fair trade stall is held every 2nd Sunday of the month, after morning worship. Do come and try! Last year again we raised over £2,500 for farmers around the world. We always hope for more volunteers to help on the monthly stall and to collect our supplies from the Just OWrld Shop in Portobello - always a nice trip out!

Thanks for all support over the years.

Paula Roots 334 1819



Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section

girls in the lead

All units continue to enjoy activities connected to the Guiding Associations centenary celebrations. It has been great to see the daffodils flowering in the church centre garden which were planted last autumn by guides but I don't think all 100 have survived.

Senior section group continue to meet on a regular basis and the hope is that this group becomes more established over the coming months. All the girls are Young Leaders with units and their contribution greatly appreciated.

Guides held a fun night at the sports centre to raise funds for sports relief and sponsor money has yielded over £400. Twenty guides joined in the centenary guide event held at Ratho Climbing Centre and enjoyed a variety of activities with other Edinburgh units such as a pampering session, dance class and of course climbing.

Four guides joined others from around Scotland at a camp held on Mull taking part in drama, trail round Tobermory, backwoods cooking, pioneering and tree planting, leaving a permanent memory of their visit on Torosay estate.

Brownies are taking part in their centenary event on 9th May when with many other units they are taking over Edinburgh castle. They have also been busy finishing their Toymaker badge and been working on a Number fun badge as well as enjoying an Easter egg hunt.

Rainbows have also been sporty at the leisure centre, been busy planting sunflower seeds to chart their growth and taking part in some Adventure 100 activities by collecting 100 pennies each for charity. The girls will also be taking part in their centenary event by attending a Fairy party at the Assembly Rooms in June.

Yours in guiding,
Helen McPhee
DC Kirkliston

At the last Congregational Board meeting, a warm welcome was extended to three new Board members, namely.....

Jane Edgeler, Merridy Graham and Gordon McConnachie.

GUILD OF ST. LUKE

Our prayer ministry continues and we pray every day for all those on our prayer list.

If you ,or someone you know, would like prayer for healing, please use the slips you will find on the pews in the Church, and place them in the boxes provided at each entrance to the Church.

If you would like to join us in our prayer ministry, please come along to the Church Centre on the second Monday of the month from 7pm to 8pm.



Linda Moss

SUNDAY CLUB

When we resumed, after Easter, we did a series of lessons on Daniel, emphasising his trust in God and his faithfulness. We will end our year on Sunday 13th June, and we plan to have “fun and games” on that day.

Our prize giving will be held in the Church on Sunday 20th June, when books and bibles will be given for Sunday Club attendance.

Sunday Club will resume in August on the Sunday after the children go back to school.

Linda Moss



Extracts from a church bulletin at Holy Name Church in Mansewood, Glasgow, reveal younger members of the congregation have a perfect understanding of the institution of marriage. When asked: “How do you decide who to marry?” one 10-year-old answered: “You don’t, God makes the decision and you find out later who you’re stuck with.” And in response to the poser: “How can a stranger tell if two people are married?” an eight-year-old answered: “You’ll know if they’re both yelling at the same kid.” He may have a point.

Parish Register

Funerals

- 12th March **Jean Lawson**
9 Canal Court
Threemiletown
- 25TH February **George Ian Gavin**
35 Kirklands Park Crescent
- 29th April **Donald Whyte**
4 Carmel Road
- 30th April **Tom Shearer**
26 Maitland Road

Baptisms

- 14th March **Adam Andrew Archibald**
39 Glendinning Drive
- 10th April **Findlay Campbell Jamieson Blain**
Logan Jamieson Blain
Burnbank Cottage
Overton Farm
- 2nd May **Abby Isabella Maisie Gilmour**
6 Kirklands Park Crescent

Infant Blessing

- 7th March **Louis Russel Cameron Murray**
11 Almondhill Road

Weddings

- 10th April **Fiona Jamieson &**
George Campbell Blain
Burnbank Cottage
Overton Farm

Transport to Church
Drivers Rota
June 2010 — September 2010

June	6	Keith Moss
	13	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie
	20	Anne Reilly
	27	Bill Paterson
July	4	Merridy Graham
	12	Bill McKay
	18	Keith Moss
	25	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie
August	1	Anne Reilly
	18	Bill Paterson
	15	Ann/David Denholm
	22	Merridy Graham
	29	Anne Reilly
September	5	Bill Paterson
	12	Bill McKay
	19	Keith Moss
	26	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie

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



The **SOCIAL COMMITTEE** are planning a possible Rainbow Whist in the Autumn, and a Treasure Hunt is also being considered. Keep an eye out for these later in the year.



DORCAS LUNCHES

We are at the end of another session of lunches and we would like to thank everyone who has supported us on either a regular or occasional Tuesday.

We maintain a fairly good turnout but would love to see more of you come along and enjoy the friendship, chat as well as lunch.

We are always looking to recruit new helpers or soup makers, so if you feel you would like to help in either capacity please let me know and I will answer any questions you may have. We meet every Tuesday from the end of September until Christmas lunch on the second Tuesday in December. We resume in the middle of January until the end of April. There is a rota in place so you are not asked to help every week, so please give helping us your consideration.

There was lunch on Christian Aid Sunday the 9th May which was quite well supported and the money raised was divided between Christian Aid and our own Church.

Thanks to all who supported the lunch in any way.

Lastly I would like to give my own thanks to everyone who helped on the Dorcas rotas, and as this is purely voluntary, without you all the lunches would not happen.

I hope everyone has a well earned rest and an enjoyable summer, we hope with lovely weather!

Please put the 28th September 2010 in your diary, the start of the Dorcas Lunches, 12 noon in the Church Centre.

Eileen Brown



Mixed marriages refer, of course, to a combination of religions rather than races. A correspondent, now in America, tells about her marriage in Glasgow where the guests were both Catholic and Church of Scotland. She said: "The best man commented on the fact that during the wedding ceremony no-one knew when to stand up, sit down or kneel. "He said it was like watching a Mexican wave."

EASTER SNAPSHOTS—ALLISON PARK

Further selection of pictures available on the website
(via the 'chick' link on the Events Page)



Forth Bridge Sponsored Walk for Christian Aid



This year's walk took place on Saturday 24th April when five guild ladies took part, 'Kirky Pirates', raising £670. Thanks to all who sponsored us.

Joan McConnachie

**Kirkliston
Church of Scotland**

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**Congratulations
Joe & Jean**

Joe & Jean Henderson celebrated another milestone in April, with 55 years of happy married life now notched up. Warm congratulations to both and best wishes for many more.



The c.a.b. needs more men to help over the next few months to cover holidays and vacant slots while people are away, and to support others. Please prayerfully consider how you might help, and contact Christina in response.

Christina Pearson Tel. 0131 333 0333

And Finally, to finish as we started, with an election theme....



Fair offer

THE General Election has of course generated considerable interest abroad. After seeing the crowds unable to vote in Sheffield and Manchester, Zimbabwe president Robert Mugabe has offered to send election observers to the next count to ensure fairness.

And

Is it true that when you are admitted for a head injury in A&E departments, you are no longer asked who is the Prime Minister? ('cos nobody knows yet!)