



## Kirkliston Church of Scotland Newsletter February 2011

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### Message from your Minister

*“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:40)*

Dear Friends

We arrived back from a glorious holiday in Jamaica at the beginning of December where we had been enjoying beautiful warm days in the Caribbean. Our flight was delayed and finally re-routed to Aberdeen as Gatwick and Edinburgh were both closed. From Aberdeen we managed to hire a car and make our way through an unbelievable snowstorm to finally reach Kirkliston, which looked like it was going through a new Ice Age! Schools were closed, cars were abandoned, what on earth had happened while we were away, I had never seen such snow – not Christmas card beauty either but rather paralyzing, freezing and dangerous!

How on earth were people coping, especially the elderly and families with young children stranded at home? The doorbell rang and there was someone with a pot of soup, some fresh groceries and home-bakes to welcome us home, our drive had been cleared to allow us access in and out of the manse unbelievable kindness.

As the days progressed and the weather continued to deteriorate, the snow got deeper, the roads and pavements became gridlocked and immovable and I marveled as community spirit took over.

Neighbours checked in on others, taking in fresh milk and bread to those who needed it most. Clearing drives, pushing cars or digging them out, making sure people had sufficient heating on and so on, as this forced hibernation went on for several weeks and people began to feel imprisoned in their homes. It certainly was not the journey towards Christmas I

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		God bless you all

**Maggie**



## **The Boys' Brigade 1<sup>st</sup> Kirkliston Company**

I love the snow! I love snowboarding, skiing, sledging – and just the look of everything covered in a soft white blanket of snow. But I think I've seen enough of the stuff this year! On 28<sup>th</sup> November – the night the snow started to fall, we were excitedly preparing for a night's rough sleeping. Yes; you read that right – the older Boys in the Company spent the night in the snow, sleeping on the pavement on George Street. In doing so, we raised £780 for The Rock Trust; a charity who do great work with homeless young people in Edinburgh and West Lothian.

We missed a couple of weeks in December due to the weather; but managed to join the C.A.B. Christmas Party before the holidays.

Christmas is now just a memory, and we're dashing on towards Easter; and the summer beyond. This is the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Camping in The Boys' Brigade, and in July, we're returning to FDF Camp in Denmark. The Captain and a group of Boys will be joined by Captain Borland and some Boys from 2<sup>nd</sup> Broxburn Company and will meet up with our friends at FDF Storvorde-Sejflod, and travel to FDF Landslejr 2011 on Loch Julsø in Jutland. As the camp approaches, we hope to run a number of joint activities with 2<sup>nd</sup> Broxburn; to involve as many Boys as possible.

We've started fundraising to help with the cost of camp, and recently held a Soup Lunch after Church. We were delighted to raise the sum of £538; and it was great to see so many of our friends enjoying soup and fellowship in the Church Centre. The Captain, and older Boys were also involved in the morning Service; and we sang some old BB hymns.

The Company Section Boys will travel to Carronvale House in Larbert (BB National Training Centre) for an Activity Weekend with Boys from all over West Lothian in March. This is always a great weekend; though I don't think sleep features much!

On Monday Nights, badgework, crafts, games and other activities continues. All sections are small this year; but we join together to play games. We've a number of new helpers signed up to help on Mondays and with special activities, and always have room for new recruits. Anchor Boys is for Boys in P2 & P3; but Boys in P1 can join from Jan – May. Boys in P4,5,& 6 can join Junior Section, and Company Section is for those in P7 and older.

Lindsay Stein  
Captain



## **MY TESTIMONY**

As Maggie continues to encourage us all to spend time daily reading our Bibles, learning memory verses and using Word for Today, I'd like to share my recent and ongoing experiences on the subject.

Since making a conscious decision to make time each day, (not only whenever I remembered or made a little time) to set aside part of the day for reading, praying and asking God to lead me each day wherever He will, my life has changed.

The normal stress of family life, working life etc. cause us all worry and concern all the time, some times more than others, and those concerns won't be taken away from us. However, since spending my daily time on Bible studies and prayer, my experience is that I can handle all problems, ordinary everyday minor upsets, and more serious events, in a much calmer, serener way.

Stress won't be taken away, but letting God guide us on how to deal with the problems makes for a much calmer life, and we find so many examples in our daily Bible reading. Stress levels in my life have been greatly reduced—thanks to my readings and time given each day to listening to and speaking with God. You, too, can have a calmer life!

Joan McConnachie

## **CHILD PROTECTION**

The Safeguarding Regulations are changing. New rules and procedures start on 28th February, but we may not get new paperwork until later in March. We will keep everyone up to date as it changes, but for now, **no** disclosure checks will take place until the new system is here. Any new volunteers wanting to work with children should check with Paula Roots (0131 334 1819) in the meantime.

As usual, our list of volunteers is presented to Presbytery in March, so we will be checking it for accuracy before sending it off.

Look out for Paula with her list!!

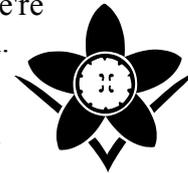
Paula Roots



## THE GUILD

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another session. Our Christmas party had to be cancelled due to atrocious weather conditions but we certainly made up for it with our New Year/ Burns Night celebrations. We have two more meetings left, on 23rd February and the 9th March and then it's the AGM on 23rd March. Dates for diaries are 4th March, when the World Day of Prayer service is hosted by the Priory Church, and 6th April when we hold our popular Daffodil Tea. This year we are delighted to welcome the Edinburgh People Theatre. We're also hoping to enjoy an evening Ten Pin Bowling later in April.

We are very grateful for all the support we have been given by our hard-working committee as we couldn't do it without them.



Maureen and Joan

## DORCAS LUNCHESES

The weekly lunches held in the Church Centre on Tuesdays between 12 noon and 2pm are being reasonably well supported after our long enforced break due to the snow.

It was unfortunate that we had to cancel the Charity Christmas Lunch, however we have arranged to have a Spring Charity Lunch on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon. The cost will remain at £7.50 for a 3 course meal plus tea & coffee. We hope you will make this a date for your diary and that no adverse weather conditions will come in the way.

If you have not tried our weekly menu please do consider coming along. All proceeds go into our own Church Funds. Thanks to all our regular supporters and to all who help in any way.

**Please remember the Spring Lunch on 5<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon.**

Eileen Brown  
Convenor

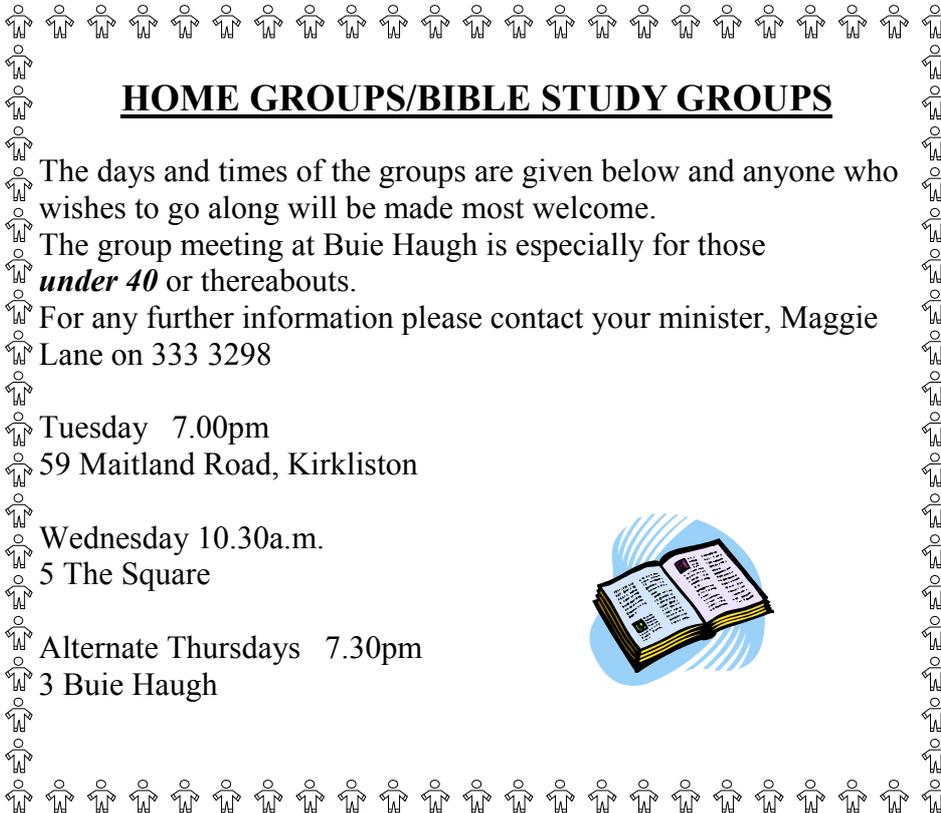


## GUILD OF ST. LUKE



Our health and healing group meets in the Church Centre on the second Monday of the month, for prayer and to update our prayer list. If you, or someone you know, would like prayer for healing, please use the cards on the Church pews and leave them in the boxes provided at each door of the Church.

Linda Moss



### HOME GROUPS/BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

The days and times of the groups are given below and anyone who wishes to go along will be made most welcome.

The group meeting at Buie Haugh is especially for those ***under 40*** or thereabouts.

For any further information please contact your minister, Maggie Lane on 333 3298

Tuesday 7.00pm  
59 Maitland Road, Kirkliston

Wednesday 10.30a.m.  
5 The Square

Alternate Thursdays 7.30pm  
3 Buie Haugh



## THE C.A.B. VOLUNTEERS

Our c.a.b. team are always happy to have a chance to give you an update on our time spent with kids as we know that you are always interested in all we do.



Instead of the children celebrating Halloween, we had a "Light Party" and, although difficult, we still had a good time. We enjoyed a Christmas Party in the Thomas Chalmers church hall with a professional entertainer and this was very successful.

Our team of three leaders (2 female and 1 male) still go out on Friday nights.

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ing the really bad weather when the snow was deep, we could not take the c.a.b. around the village, but some of the team still went out on foot to meet the kids. We were even sledging with the children one night and it was fun for the kids and adults alike.

Out times are 7 – 8 pm at Gateside and 8.10 to 8.50 at the Leisure Centre.

Christina Pearson

## COPPER COLLECTION

I have sent £50.00 to Mary's Meals - £9.00 feeds a child for a year in many deprived areas of the world – and £50.00 to Cunningham House in Edinburgh, which offers up to twelve weeks accommodation for twenty men and 3 women who are homeless and have additional support needs. Please continue to let me have your coppers. Thank you.

Muriel Naylor



**FLOWER CALENDAR**  
**MARCH—JUNE 2011**

MARCH            6 MRS McKAY, MAIN STREET  
                     13 VACANT  
                     20 MRS BROWN, ALAN PARK  
                     27 MRS ROBERTSON, THE GLEBE



APRIL            3 MRS McKAY, MAIN STREET AND  
                     MRS GLASS, RATHO STATION  
                     10 MRS COLQUHOUN, THE GLEBE  
                     17 MRS CHALMERS, NEWMAINS ROAD  
                     24 EASTER

MAY              1 MRS McCREADY, LISTON PLACE  
                     8 MR & MRS ARCHIBALD, GLENDINNING ROAD  
                     15 MISS INNES, THE GLEBE  
                     22 MRS McKAY, MAIN STREET  
                     29 MRS PROVAN, ALLISON PLACE

JUNE     5 MRS THOMSON, MAITLAND ROAD  
                     12 MRS SIBBALD, KIRKLANDS PARK GDNS  
                     19 MRS HENDERSON, MAITLAND ROAD  
                     26 MRS HALL, DUNDAS PLACE

**FLOWER DELIVERY**

MARCH MRS MAC CONNACHIE, MRS GLEN, MRS GRAHAM  
APRIL MRS EDWARDS, MRS SHADE  
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 the flowers in the past months. 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 in any way please tell me or the ladies who are on the flower deliveries.

JOYCE BROOKS  
Flower Convenor Tel: 0131 333 3710

## **FABRIC REPORT**

Major work carried out over the last couple of months is as follows:

### **Church Centre :**

The hall floor has now been marked out for badminton and a few more indoor games. My nice water feature that I had at the foot of the steps has disappeared after numerous complaints about people getting their feet wet when it was raining. A drain has been installed, so one problem less.



### **Church :**

A radiator working off the central heating has been put in the counting room to make it warmer for the counters on a Sunday morning.

### **Manse:**

Double glazed windows have been installed in the lounge and dining room as well as a radiator working from the central heating in the lounge. Does somebody know that this is going to be a cold winter ?

Nearly £12000 has been spent in 2010 in repairs, renewals and annual servicing in trying to keep the 3 Church properties in good order. My thanks go to the members of my Fabric committee and also Rob Brechin who do a power of work doing lots of jobs which helps in keeping costs down.

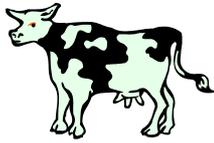
Charlie Wright

## **BADMINTON**

If anyone is interested in badminton on Friday afternoons/evenings, please contact me—I am willing to organise it if enough are interested.

Joan McConnachie





## STEWARDS FOR ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW

Volunteers are required to help steward the Churches tent at this years Highland Show from 23<sup>rd</sup> June to the 26<sup>th</sup> June. Stewards will be required to be on duty for the whole day with breaks during the day. One stipulation is that all volunteers will be required to attend a training morning on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at Perth, part of which will be training in fire fighting. Anyone interested please contact me by phone 0131 333 3115 or speak to me at Church on a Sunday

Charlie Wright

### **Jesus is .....**

The Bread of Life  
 Water of Life  
 Light of the World  
 Cornerstone  
 Sun of Righteousness  
 Hidden Treasurer  
 Life  
 Door  
 Great Physician  
 Good Teacher  
 Lily of the Valley  
 Rock of Ages  
 True Vine  
 Righteous One  
 Pearl of Great Price  
 Wisdom  
 Word  
 Shepherd  
 Alpha and Omega  
 Truth

### **So That ...**

bakers  
 plumbers  
 electricians  
 architects  
 astronomers  
 bankers  
 biologists  
 carpenters  
 doctors/nurses  
 educators  
 florists  
 geologists  
 horticulturists  
 judges  
 jewellers  
 philosophers  
 actors  
 farmers  
 scientists  
 politicians



CAN UNDERSTAND

SAVIOUR

EACH ONE OF US

CAN HAVE A PERSONAL  
RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM

## TRANSPORT TO CHURCH

### MARCH—JUNE 2011

<b>MARCH</b>	6th	Bill Paterson
	13th	Ann/David Denholm
	20th	Merridy Graham
	27th	Bill McKay
<b>APRIL</b>	3rd	Keith Moss
	10th	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie
	17th	Anne Reilly
	24th	Bill Paterson
<b>MAY</b>	1st	Ann/David Denholm
	8th	Merridy Graham
	15th	Keith Moss
	22nd	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie
	29th	Anne Reilly
<b>JUNE</b>	5th	Bill Paterson
	12th	Ann/David Denholm
	19th	Merridy Graham
	26th	Keith Moss

If you would like to help with transport, need help getting to church or require any more information, please contact Ann Denholm on 0131 333 1834





*girls in the lead*

## **KIRKLISTON RAINBOWS, BROWNIES, GUIDES AND SENIOR SECTION UNITS**

**January 2011**



All units are back after the Christmas break and busy planning their programme of activities for the term.

The two rainbow units continue to run at full capacity and have started the term touring the world in preparation for Thinking Day in February, enjoying activities from different countries each week.

The brownies have been away to Pack Holiday at Fordell Firs near Dunfermline and had a great fun-filled busy weekend.

Guides have started the term going 'nutty' making bird food balls and having a Burns supper. Congratulations are extended to Katie, Katie and Lauren who have completed their Baden Powell Award by attending a BP Adventure weekend in York with guides from West Lothian. All three are joining Senior Section and taking up roles as Young Leaders with units.

Senior section continues to meet regularly under the guidance of Cat Whitley and have a full programme organised for the term.

Please look out for our District wall-hanging being displayed in the church hall in the not too distant future. It celebrates guiding in Kirkliston and marks the past centenary year at a local level. All units were involved in the design and some of the sewing.

Yours in guiding.  
Helen McPhee

## K.S.C.D.S.

We recommence our club nights on Tuesday 11th January 2011 at 7.30pm with dance technique and from 8pm until 10pm learning dances which may be new to our members or dances that we require to brush up on for forthcoming dances. The club is running a Scottish Night Dance on Saturday 26th February when we will be dancing to James Coutts' Band and will finish the season on April 12th with our AGM and dancing from 8pm to Jack Stalker's Band.



Suzanne Kidd  
Secretary

## HEALING ROOMS

Our Healing Room in Kirkliston has been running for almost a month now in the Thomas Chalmers Centre.

We are open for healing prayer between 12 noon and 1.30 pm every Tuesday.

A Healing Room is simply a private place where people can come to receive healing prayer for any condition physical, emotional or spiritual. All matters prayed for are treated with complete confidentiality.

We are blessed with a very committed prayer team and when you visit you can expect to find a warm welcome. On arrival you will be offered a cup of tea or coffee and given a short form to complete with your prayer request before going for prayer.

No appointments are necessary.

Katie Marshall 07768 530 800

“He sent forth His word and healed them;“ Psalm 107 v.20

## **SUNDAY CLUB**

Happy New Year everyone! By this time the festive season will be a distant memory. Since the beginning of November our main focus was preparation for Christmas. During November, we told the story of Jesus' birth .... which led us neatly to the Nativity Play! Rehearsals were very thin on the ground [unlike the snow!] but I am sure that you will agree that the children did a marvelous job on the day, singing beautifully, moving where and when they should and telling the lovely tale of "The Star Who Couldn't Twinkle". Our Christmas party was a great success as always – although the fun was tinged with sadness as we said good-bye to Mrs Moss. The children enjoyed all the traditional games, it was lovely to see them all in their party outfits and of course they loved the party tea which was kindly provided by the team - thanks to them for this. The highlight of the afternoon was the arrival of Santa, and Santa was really in good form – he even said that he had been upstairs in the church earlier that day, watching the Nativity play!

Sunday Club started back on the 9th January and this term we are again working with the "Go Teach!" material, looking at Jesus' early life and then moving on to focus on the Easter story. We have introduced "Something Different at Sunday Club" where we hope to have one "special" event each month, including some guest speakers. January's event was a study of "The loaves and the fishes" which included having a picnic on rugs in the church centre, making bread rolls and baking shortbread in the shape of fish! If you feel that you would like to volunteer to talk to the children about a hobby or a favourite character or bible story, do please let me know. We would also be happy to have names of folk who would be prepared to be on a "helpers" rota – we have amalgamated the under-5s group with the main Sunday Club so a few more hands to help would be very welcome. We now only have 7 teachers for all of the children – please contact me if you would like to join our team. You only have to lead a lesson once every couple of months and working with the children is great fun. As always, grateful thanks to the parents and the rest of our church family for all your support and to the children for their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour each week.

Morag, Jane, Valerie, Moira, Ella, Liz and Peter

## **GLOBAL DAY FOR BURMA - 13TH MARCH 2011**

Although the Global Day of Prayer for Burma is on March 13th, please remember the people of Burma every day in your prayers. The Burmese Army continue to oppress the ethnic minorities in Burma, killing, raping, and burning down their villages and crops, and the Internally Displaced People of Burma are constantly on the move in the jungle, hiding from the Army.



The following is an article from one of the relief teams in Burma:-

"While on a recent relief mission, the Burma Army moved to attack five villages. We divided our teams and moved between the Burma Army and the villagers. There were already thousands displaced and our teams had just buried a man decapitated by the troops. I prayed for three things: first, by God's power the Burma Army would turn back; second, that the villagers and our teams would not be hurt and third - this I did not want to pray, but felt led to - that the Burma Army would not be hurt and just go back. I was angry at the Burma Army and I also wanted to have a part in stopping them, but I knew I should pray for them. For four days we kept moving to keep between the Burma Army and the villagers as the Army kept changing course until they went back to their base. No shot was fired and no one was hurt. All we did was pray, move and stand with the people."

For more information about the work of the relief teams, the Free Burma Rangers and the Good Life Club which provides packs for children, please take time to read the "Global Day of Prayer for Burma" magazine which is in the Church Centre, or look online at [www.prayforburma.org](http://www.prayforburma.org) and please PRAY FOR BURMA.

Linda Moss

### **Survival of the fittest**

Student Fraser McKay in Edinburgh was handed a flyer by the university's Christian Union, which is holding a talk on "Has science buried God?"



He noted that it was being held in the Darwin Building.

## *Roll Away The Stone*

On General Assembly Sunday, 22 May 2011 from 1pm till 6pm, the Church will take over a large area of Princes Street Gardens in Edinburgh for a time of **Celebration, Inspiration** and **Discovery**.

### **How's the programme developing?**

At the Ross Bandstand, in the picturesque avenue and fountain areas, and in St Cuthbert's Church at the west end of the Gardens there will be space for worship, praise and singing; there will be children's and youth areas, picnic space, places to eat and chat, displays and stalls representing the whole breadth of the Church's life and witness. Some of the major items include: the New Scottish Arts chamber orchestra and soloists, Fischy Music, the Scotland African Massed Choir and a rock gospel band. You will see scenes from the Easter Play, clowns, puppets; you will hear organ recitals by young organists, drumming workshops, school choirs, interviews, stories, comedy and much, much more. Entry to the event is completely free. You'll find lots more information and how to register your congregation for the event on our website [www.rollawaythestone.org.uk](http://www.rollawaythestone.org.uk)

### **Music**

Does your church have a choir, or singing group? Our finale will feature a massed choir - and you can take part. Simply register on our website, and in the weeks to come you'll be sent some music to practice. There will be a short rehearsal on the day with all the participating churches and then you will lead us in worship around 5.00pm. It will be a fantastic sound!

### **5-A-Side-Football**

Join us in a national football tournament. We'd like to invite junior and senior 5-a-side teams from your church to take part in regional heats around the country finishing up with the finals being played at this special church event. If you're interested then register at our website and we'll send out some more information soon.

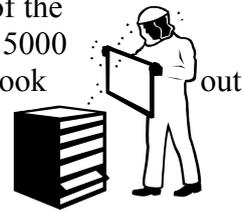
With best wishes

**Rev John Chalmers**  
**Principal Clerk**

## FAIRTRADE

On Monday 24th January, the Annual General Meeting of the Just World Shop was held. As usual, it was an interesting evening—stalls like ours now contribute two thirds of the shop's income. Turnover is now over £67000 per year, a slight increase from last year.

We are reminded that Fairtrade supports over 370,000 of the world's poorest people: including 330,000 tea growers, 5000 crafters, 5400 bee-keepers and 2500 Kenyan farmers. Look for their products on our monthly stall every second Sunday after morning worship.



Paula Roots—0131 334 1819

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

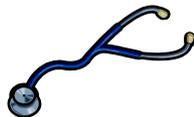
The Social Committee will be holding a Family Beetle Drive in the Church Centre on Friday 11th March at 7.00 p.m. There will be refreshments served and there will be no charge for this event. Come along and enjoy a noisy evening—how can you get excited about a game of Beetle Drive, you ask—well, come along and see!!

Joan McConnachie



## **AS SEEN IN AN ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.



## **CHURCH ACCOUNTS**

The Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 have been prepared and will be presented to the AGM in March

In 2010 the weekly costs of our Church activities (including what we pay to Church of Scotland as our Ministry contributions) and what it costs to maintain our buildings were:

£840 Ministry & Mission

£231 Management and administration (including Organist, Caretaker at Centre etc)

£536 Energy and maintenance costs

£190 Other costs (printing, janitorial supplies etc)

### **£1797 Total weekly outgoings**

In 2010 we were fortunate to see a 10% increase in giving, which, allied to a higher level of Gift Aided offerings has seen us finish the year on a positive note. Weekly income was:

£1145 Weekly Offerings of which £219 came via bankers order and £697 was gift aided

£215 Income Tax recovered through the Gift Aid scheme

£62 Donations

£170 Investment income

£104 Fundraising (including Dorcas lunches and Teas)

### **£1998 Total weekly Income**

That the financial year has ended on a positive note is most welcome but, as a number of `one off` donations are included in the givings it cannot be assumed that income will stay at this level



**The following monies were raised by the congregation as Special Collections for Other Charities in 2010 (Total £10,657)**

Poppy Scotland	248
Christian Aid	2476
Christmas Appeal (shared by The Rock Trust, EMMS	805
Chest, Heart, Stroke Scotland	423
Cancer Research UK	61
Crossreach	713
Marie Curie	593
Waterworks for Pakistan	1050
Leprosy Mission	60
St John's Hospital	3009
Parkinsons	304
Alzheimers	261
EMMS	58
Rock Trust	47
Scottish Bible Soc	56
World Mission Council	235
Guild projects	258

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 and disbursed according to the wishes of the relatives.

Rob Brechin Treasurer

**Kirkliston Parish  
Church of Scotland**

**PARISH REGISTER**

**Funerals**

**Minister**  
Rev. Margaret Lane  
The Manse  
Main Street, Kirkliston  
TEL: 333 3298

**Session Clerk**  
David Buchanan  
21 Allan Park  
TEL: 333 3393

**Clerk To Board**  
Janet Wemyss  
TEL: 333 4228

**Treasurer**  
Robert Brechin  
TEL: 333 3252

**Roll Keeper**  
Joe Henderson  
TEL: 333 3309

**Gift Aid Convenor**  
Brian Hepburn  
TEL: 333 1656

**Organist**  
David Denholm  
TEL: 333 1834

**Website, Newsletter,  
Orders of Service**  
Karen & Bill McKay  
TEL: 333 3659

**Fabric Convenor**  
Charlie Wright  
TEL: 333 3115

**Halls Bookings**  
Gill Davidson  
TEL: 333 2214

26th November  
Ethel Beren, 15 High Street, Kirkliston

13th January 2011  
George Cockburn, The Glebe,  
Kirkliston

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011  
Jean Frater, Pentland Nursing Home, Ed-  
inburgh

**KIRKLISTON LOCAL OFFICE SERVICES**

All went to plan when, the Local Council Office & Registra-  
tion services at 19 Station Road, Kirkliston, closed on Wednesday  
26 January 2011 and the services transferred over to the library at  
16 Station Road. It was business as usual on Thursday  
27 January 2011. The building at 19 Station Road is now under  
offer and we await the finalisation of the sale.

The joint facility opened on the 27th January with opening hours for  
the Library and Local offices as follows:-

Library opening hours:-

Monday & Wednesday -1pm - 8pm

Tues & Thurs - 10am - 5pm

Sat - 9-1pm

Local Office

Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm

Friday 8.30am - 1pm, 2pm - 3.40pm.

Rent & Advice Surgery

Every Monday by Appointment or drop in 9.00am - 1.00pm

Homeless/Housing Advice & Options Surgery

Every Wednesday by Appointment or drop in 9.00 - 1.00pm

The feedback we have had from customers using the library and  
local office services have been very positive.

We value your comments /suggestions please contact -

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