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CHRISTIAN AID BRIDGE WALK

Valerie Edwards, Joan McConnachie and Liz Woollven took part in this year's Christian Aid Bridge Walk. At the time of printing the total they have raised is £385.

Congratulations to them all on a great effort.

For your diaries:-

The remaining Newsletter Deadlines for 2011 are:-

- July 31st
- October 30th

Please get your contributions for the newsletters to Jan Wemyss in good time for meeting these deadlines.

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MINISTER

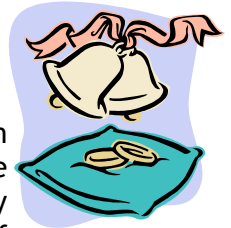
Dear Friends

Were you, I wonder, along with an estimated 2 billion people worldwide watching the royal wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton last month? I was glued to my television from early morning watching as the events of the day unfolded. I found myself praying for this young couple and was reassured by the Christian content in the service which opened with one of my favourite hymns 'Guide me O thou great Jehovah.'

2 Billion people worldwide! I find that quite staggering. 24.5 million tuned in in the UK alone. It was, granted, a splendid day of ceremony, pomp and pageantry the like of which is rarely seen outside the UK. We do put on a good show for such occasions. There were thousands of street parties, a public holiday was declared, the mood was one of prevailing hope and this is the key to why so many tuned in and wanted to be a part of this day of celebration.

Ordinary people being interviewed for television were asked to give their impressions of the day. "It's lovely to celebrate with everyone, it reminds us of who we are, the values we still believe in." "It is great to share this happy occasion with people especially when everything in our world and society is so difficult at the moment," were just a couple of the responses.

The Royal Wedding provided a welcome respite from the troubles many of us are going through at this time. Just for a day it could all be forgotten as we celebrated with neighbours and strangers alike in sharing hospitality and rejoiced in being the kind of community we used to be. Undergirding all of this was the hope that this couple might have a happy ending, that love would triumph over the adversity that has so afflicted this family, a new beginning, a fresh start. Yes hope was the order of the day.



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This wedding took place within a few days of Easter Sunday, the greatest day of hope for mankind ,when Jesus overcame death and the weight of our sins, to rise and live forever. Because of the cross and the resurrection we can have hope, a fresh start for our families, the mistakes of the past washed away and forgiven. How many tuned in to hear that good news across the world I wonder?

Let me tell you a story about an American businessman who discovered hope in the most unlikely of places.

He commuted daily to work from his home in suburban Chicago. Every day, on the way home, a conductor would shout to the passengers, “next stop Calvary! Anybody for Calvary?” Calvary was a town that long ago had been left behind. Nobody seemed to live there. Looking out of the window, the businessman saw broken-down houses and dirty streets. No one ever got off at Calvary.

Then one day, when the conductor asked if there was anyone for Cavalry, a man stood and

gathered his belongings to get off the train. The businessman was amazed. He didn’t think anyone lived in this town that has looked dead for so many years.

The passenger got off the train and walked past the battered beaten buildings, and beyond them. The businessman looking out of the window saw that there was a house up on a hill with lights on the porch. And, standing on the porch were three little girls waiting for their father to come home.

The businessman realised his mistake. There was another side to Calvary. He had always looked in the wrong direction. He had seen only the dirt, the darkness and the death of the town. He hadn’t seen the other side where there was life and vitality and a loving family waiting to express its love.

So many people are acquainted only with the dead side of Calvary. They are filled with darkness and despair, and do not lift their eyes to see light and love. The royal wedding was a wonderful occasion, filled with love and hope of a better future for the royal family, but if your hope is for your

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code) as at 30 April 2011

Nominal code	Total	Last year
1450 : Ogilvie Growth Fund	44863.02	39999.82
1460 : Ogilvie Investment Fund	106067.70	119998.98
1550 : OGILVIE CofS a/c	1.20	1.20
1551 : WEDDEL CofS a/c	2385.06	2352.01
1560 : High Int A/c + cofS inv 145387	58736.01	51689.88
1580 : Current A/C Bank 00185079	3193.83	3604.69
1581 : Projects Fab BANK ACCOUNT	2179.59	1448.33
1583 : flower acc	855.91	797.82
1584 : BENEVOLENT a/c 00162362	1228.26	1117.79
1585 : ss account	709.16	1011.14
1586 : KPCG A/C	942.07	613.25
1587 : ACTION BUS A/C	1281.56	142.89
6699 : Agency collections	0.00	(40.11)
Z04 : Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
Z05 : Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00
Totals	222443.37	222737.69

Represented by

Unrestricted - General	3113.83	3564.58
Designated - Fabric	2179.59	1448.33
Designated - Reserve	58736.01	51689.88
Designated - Ogilvie	0.00	0.00
Designated - Sschool	709.16	1011.14
Designated - Guild	1022.07	613.25
Restricted - Benevolent	1228.26	1117.79
Restricted - Weddell	2385.06	2352.01
Restricted - Flower	855.91	797.82
Restricted - Cab	1281.56	142.89
Endowment - Ogilvie	150931.92	160000.00
Totals	222443.37	222737.69

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Accounts for the period from 01 January 2011 to 30 April 2011

	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources		
activities for generating funds	3,583	6,432
investment income	3,377	3,168
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities	986	934
Voluntary income		
Offerings	20,687	16,755
Offerings centre	323	561
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	—	—
Legacies	4,000	1,000
Donations	443	1,529
Contributions from Church Groups	156	—
Total incoming resources	33,558	30,381
Resources used		
Cost of Generating Funds		
Offering envelopes	—	—
Charitable Activities		
Ministries & Mission Allocation	13,161	12,458
Dues to Presbytery	—	—
Fabric Repairs & Maintenance CH & M	3,534	1,785
Fabric Repairs and Maintenance Centre	2,184	238
other building costs	2,829	2,394
other building costs centre	2,890	1,944
local staffing costs	1,785	2,131
local staffing costs Centre	1,300	1,277
Pulpit Supply	314	50
Local costs	2,426	3,497
Local costs Centre	453	281
Total resources used	30,880	26,059
Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfer	2,677	4,321
Transfers		
Gross transfers between funds - in	21,377	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	(21,377)	—
Net incoming / outgoing before other gains / losses	2,677	4,321
Other recognised gains / losses		
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—
Net movement in funds	2,677	4,321
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	219,765	215,443
Total funds carried forward	222,443	219,765

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family the greatest demonstration of love any of us can ever know is the empty cross of Calvary. This is where

God expressed his great love for us, and gave us the promise of light after the darkness. Let's lift us our eyes to see the light and love of the Father - now that's worth celebrating.

God bless you all

Maggie

BEST WISHES



We all send our very best wishes to Maggie and look forward to having her back with us whenever she feels able. It is such a relief to know that she has been returned safely to her family and to Kirkliston Parish Church. Prayers are indeed answered. Good wishes are also sent to Brian and Stan.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will take place as follows—



Sunday May 29th

11.00 a.m. in the Church

3.00 p.m. in the Sheltered Housing Lounge

You are warmly invited to attend.

PARTNERS IN MISSION

Jane, Mike and the girls are coming home next month on furlow and Marie Littlejohn from South Queensferry Church is organising a Family Ceilidh on 18th June in the Scout Hall, Port Edgar, which they will attend. This will be an opportunity for people from the congregations of Kirkliston and South Queensferry to come along and meet the Fucellas. The proceeds from the Ceilidh will be split between Queensferry Churches Care in the Community and the work of the Fucellas in Thailand and it is hoped that both congregations will support this. Tickets for this will be on sale soon and can be bought from Linda Moss or Janet Wemyss.



THE GUILD

The last few months of our year were busy months. Some of our ladies took part in The World Day of Prayer at The Priory Church and as usual Kirkliston was very well represented, with Guild members and some from the congregation.

At our A.G.M. all committee members agreed to stay on, and after the business we all enjoyed a light supper and quiz.

The Daffodil Tea was very well attended and the entertainment, provided by The Edinburgh Peoples Theatre proved so popular that our Guild Trip this year will be to see their show in May. We have a full bus going to see Move Over Mrs Markham.

Our session ended with a night at Ten Pin Bowling, which was most enjoyable.



Once again we are holding our Afternoon Tea for Housebound and elderly but everyone is welcome along. We have a concert party coming along to entertain that afternoon.

Maureen and Joan thank all committee for their support and all Guild members who in true Guild style have helped out this year. We will begin the new session in September. Enjoy the summer weather, everyone.

Joan and Maureen

GOD STILL ANSWERS PRAYERS

Thank you all, both our Minister and all Church members, for your prayers, encouragement and kindness shown to me while in hospital, and at home during my recent illness. I went into hospital on the 24th November 2010, and have been in and out of hospitals until 24th February 2011. However, it was through your prayers, that I praise God, I'm feeling much better and hope very soon to join with you all at Kirkliston Church in the Sunday services, also fellowship which I did miss very much. Thank You. "God still answers prayers". May I share with you these thoughts of "my Thanks":

People everywhere in life, from every walk and station
From every town and city, and every state and nation
Intangible and near

I couldn't begin to count them all or even make them clear ---

I only know I owe so much to people everywhere
And when I put my thoughts in verse it's just a way to share
The musings of a thankful heart, a heart much like your own
For nothing that I think or write is mine and mine alone

So if you found some beauty in a word or line
It's just your soul's reflection in proximity with mine

John Thomson





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

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

HEALING ROOMS

Our Healing Room in Kirkliston is open in The Thomas Chalmers Centre every Tuesday from 12 noon until 1.30 pm . Healing prayer is offered by a team of trained volunteers in a relaxed and comfortable environment .This prayer can be for physical , emotional or spiritual issues. You will be made to feel most welcome and no appointment is necessary .

“ He sent forth His Word and healed them”
Psalm 107 v20

TRY PRAYING INITIATIVE **24 HOURS OF PRAYER ON THE 9TH APRIL.**

A huge thank you to all who joined in the 24 hours of prayer in the Thomas Chalmers Centre on the 9th April and also on the 22nd March at Kirkliston Community Church.

Over 70 churches in the Edinburgh area were involved in some way with the Try Praying initiative and the 40 days of Lent were covered continuously with prayer.

It was a new experience for all of us at Kirkliston Parish Church, but I am sure that everyone who was involved in it would agree that it was an amazing 24 hours and God's presence was very evident.

Many people felt that an hour slot was not long enough and they would like to repeat the experience in the not too distant future.

“If my people who are called by my name ,will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and forgive their sins and will heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7 v 14

Katie Marshall

PARISH REGISTER

Funerals

8th February 2011 *Anne Reeder* 19 Liston Drive, Kirkliston
4th May 2011 *Lexie Whyte* 28 The Glebe, Kirkliston

Baptisms

3rd April 2011 *Kai Morgan* 141 Belsyde Court, Linlithgow

TRIP TO ISRAEL

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Maggie and Stan for organising the trip to Israel, and also the kindness shown to us by the Marshalls, Pearsons, and the other pilgrims. Our days were filled with amazing trips to wonderful churches and sites—a sail on the Sea of Galilee, Communion on the shore of Galilee and in the Garden of the Tomb, the fourteen Stations of the Cross, the site where the Disciples had the Last Super, Jaffa, where the whale swallowed Jonah, the Great Synagogue of Jerusalem and the Wailing Wall, where we left messages. We also visited the Church of the Annunciation, where, it is claimed, the angel came down to Mary and the Church of the Ascension, where Jesus ascended to Heaven. Every day was a learning point and made you feel very humble.



We are glad we are all home safely and thank the Lord for making us all stronger for the experiences in Tiberias, Jerusalem and Eilat.

Thank you.

ON A SUNDAY MORNING

Chorus:

Come with me to the church near you,
find a seat or perhaps a pew
Have a look around tell me who is who
on a Sunday morning

Rob's on duty at the door,
He's never smiled so much before
I wonder if his cheeks get sore
On a Sunday morning

Chorus:

Keith is always sure to say -
"How many sleeps til Christmas Day?"
The parents wish he would go away
On a Sunday morning

Chorus:

Baby Kirsty's in the aisle,
Sunday's when she crawls for miles
Chewing hymn books with a smile
On a Sunday morning

Chorus:

Christina leads the Cabbie Band,
Singing, dancing, raising hands
With youth groups she's in demand
On a Sunday morning

Chorus:

Lots of folk to get to know,
God gave church to help us grow
When we meet His Spirit flows
On a Sunday morning

SUNDAY CLUB

Sunday Club have been having great fun learning about Jesus' life. Our "Something Different" in February involved pancake-making and in March, Merridy Graham came to talk to us with some very entertaining stories about growing up in Africa. The children also had a great time hunting in the Church Centre garden for slips of paper which, when put in the correct order, made up a lovely Easter Sunday poem.

During the summer term we are going to be studying Abraham – God's Friend. Sunday Club will close for the summer after the Family Service on 19th June and will resume on Sunday 21st August.

The children all seem to be continuing to enjoy participating in Sunday club activities and always throw themselves into drama, craft activities and singing. They really enjoyed singing "On a Sunday Morning" on Palm Sunday – we have noted the words below – to the tune of "Donald Where's Your Troosers" if you want to have a sing yourself!

As always, 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 us know. We would also be happy to have names of folk who would be prepared to be on a "helpers" rota – 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.

Thanks for your continued support and prayers. We all hope that you all have a lovely summer in the glorious weather that we are expecting!

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

THE C.A.B. VOLUNTEERS

Summer is upon us and hopefully good weather. This means we are able to have some quality time outside. As I have said in the past we really need a bigger vehicle and so we pray that that will come about in the not too distant future. We continue to go out to Gateside and the Leisure Centre every Friday night.

We thank you all for your continued support and much needed prayers.

Christina Pearson



Joel 1 v3

Tell it to your children and let your children tell it to their children and their children to the next generation.

..... On Healing

Lord we thank you for your gift of healing.

Healing not only of our bodies,
Although that is precious too.

Healing of our spirits
Helping us to realise that by your grace there is forgiveness
And taking from us the guilt that eats away inside us.

Healing of our minds
Helping us to realise that you have created each one of us
That each one is special, with something to give, if not always 'key' in
the eyes of those who value themselves higher than others

Healing of our relationships
So that old hurts are made well again
Barriers broken down
And new bonds made strong

Healing that makes us new again
New and whole
A person at peace in body and mind and spirit.
A person at peace with self, with others and with God.

FLOWER CALENDAR

JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2011

JUNE	5	MRS A THOMSON, MAITLAND ROAD
	12	MRS M SIBBALD, KIRKLANDS PARK GARDENS
	19	MRS HENDERSON, MAITLAND ROAD
	26	MRS J HALL, DUNDAS PLACE
JULY	3	MRS L MOSS, ALMONDHILL ROAD
	10	MRS M NAYLOR, ALMONDHILL ROAD
	17)	MRS M DRYSDALE, ALMONDSIDE
	24	MR J MURRAY, THE GLEBE
	31	MISS M INNES, THE GLEBE
AUGUST	7	MRS A BAIRD, NETHERSHIEL
	14	MRS H GILCHRIST, ALAN PARK
	21	MRS J SIBBALD, DUNDAS PLACE
	28	MRS C TAIT, NEWLISTON ROAD
SEPTEMBER	4	MRS S NUTLEY, MAIN STREET and MRS M PATERSON, WINCHBURGH
	11	MRS J ARBUCKLE, LISTON DRIVE
	18	MRS M RITCHIE, LISTON ROAD and MRS K MACKAY, MAIN STREET
	25	MRS B HAMILTON, THE GLEBE



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FLOWER DELIVERY

JUNE	MRS M MACDONALD, MRS H MACDONALD, MRS A DENHOLM and MRS M. ROONEY
JULY	MRS M CHALMERS, MRS J FYFE, MRS H SHADE and MRS J EDGLER
AUGUST	MRS A REILLY, MRS L WOOLLVEN and MRS A THOMSON
SEPTEMBER	MRS S NUTLEY and MRS A DENHOLM

Thank you to all who have helped with the flowers over the past few months. Please let me know if you could lend a hand at any time with flower deliveries. Even if you can only deliver on one Sunday it would be a great help and I can assure you it will be much appreciated. 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. Phone me on (333-3710).

JOYCE BROOKS

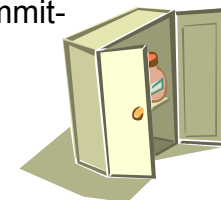
FABRIC REPORT

CLEAR OUT

This is to remind everybody who is in charge of an organization that has any storage space in the Church or Church Centre property that on Saturday 4th June starting at 9-30 am, there will be an opportunity to clear out all items that are no longer required.

If you cannot appear that morning, please contact me to make other arrangements, otherwise the Fabric Committee will use their discretion and tidy up for you.

Charles Wright, Fabric Convenor—333 3115



The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'

The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'