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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MINISTER

'Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen, it gives us assurance about things we cannot see' Hebrews 11:1

Dear Friends,

I wonder do you like me find your faith being stretched to the limit at times? What do we need faith for at this moment in our lives when we are able to provide so much for ourselves through our own ability?

Sometimes we need faith for healing, and this is hard because, despite prayer and petition, not everyone gets healed. Does that mean I did not have enough faith? No, it means there are some things we just have to leave with God and trust that ultimately He will bring good out of it.

Sometimes we need faith for finances – how are we going to make ends meet, how are we going to balance the books? What does the word of God say? *'And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Jesus Christ.'* We may not have all our wants met, but God promises to meet all our needs.

When Moses sent the 12 spies on God's authority into Canaan on a reconnaissance mission, only 2 returned with a positive report. They spoke faith and encouragement to the Israelites - *'we should go up and take possession of the land for we can certainly do it.'* The other ten, however, gave a negative fear-filled report that spread amongst the people and resulted in them missing out on their God-given destiny, because they did not believe God and His promises. They did not have faith and they remained in the wilderness for forty years as a result.

Despite living in the middle of a desert, Noah was told to build an ark because a flood was coming; he believed God and did it. Everyone else around him laughed and mocked until the day the rains came.



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God can do extraordinary things through our ordinary obedience.

I read recently the story of young man living in Uganda who overcame the odds and difficulties of his life because of what his football coach told him about God, he said: *Don't tell God you have a big problem, tell your problem you have a Big God!* That's what Joshua and Caleb did despite seeing the giants and the obstacles in Canaan. They believed their God was bigger than their problems.

Do you need faith to overcome an obstacle at the moment, faith to see something you have longed for come to pass, faith to believe for your children, finances, job? Whatever the problem is, Jesus said: *'if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.'* (Matthew 17:20).

We will only ever realise the level of our faith as we are given opportunities to have it tested, for without faith it is impossible to please God. Let's get moving those mountains.

Maggie

COPPER COLLECTION – This quarter, £50 has been sent to Bluebell P.N.D. Counselling Services. The P.N.D. Services offer support for the whole family where a parent is experiencing post-natal depression.

Muriel Naylor

HOLY COMMUNION
SUNDAY 2ND MARCH 2014

10.30 a.m. in the Church

3.00 p.m. in the Sheltered Housing Lounge

6.30 p.m. at Café Church in the Church Centre

You are warmly invited to attend.

YAKK UPDATE

Well, life at times, as we are all aware, throws some spanners into the works. As a result my contribution is being penned in Canada. The lemons have been dropped off ... time to make lemonade. I will come back to that.

With regards to our amazing young people (I am biased) we have been looking at the life of King David and focusing on what it means to have “a heart after God” throughout the Christmas season and into the new year. I would like to thank Maggie, Dan, Christina, Marion, Margie and others who have pitched in to help keep things going in my absence.

On the horizon ... we have some projects to tend to. Initial discussion with the young people regarding the makeover of the youth room has begun, and hopefully we can make some headway on the plans, gain project approval from the Board and put them in place by summer. The youth group is keen to have a fun space to call its own which will ideally benefit the church as a whole. The Youth for Christ NOMAD Team are returning this spring just before Easter to work with the pupils of South Queensferry High and minister in the communities of Kirkliston and Queensferry. Please begin praying that the benefits of the NOMAD visit of last year will be surpassed. Our increased involvement with the High School came as a direct result of the NOMAD Team.

Some will no doubt wonder what on earth happened to my quick 10 day sojourn to Canada. I myself have wondered about that, if I am honest. The short version is that while preparing to head to the airport and overnight in hotel to catch my plane, I suffered a collapsed lung due to a spontaneous pneumothorax (hole in the lung). Apparently this is not uncommon in healthy tall skinny folk, but who are usually in their 20's. So I must still be young at heart ... or at least in lung. However, the issues did not stop there as the hole did not seal itself and so surgery was required to repair it. So I am now awaiting clearance to fly back to the UK and am in the midst of a waiting period following discharge from hospital.

I would like to thank you all for your prayers, love and support for myself and my family during this time. I look forward, God willing, to being back in your midst before too long.

Drew and the YAKK team

BADMINTON - Despite the appeal in the Christmas Newsletter, we still have no new members. With regret, therefore, the badminton on Friday evenings finished on 14th February. Any suggestions for next winter (e.g. days and times which might suit people better), please pass on to Joan McConnachie.

PARISH REGISTER

MARRIAGES

'Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail.' (1 Cor 13:7)

8th February 2014

Natalie Armitt & Michael Whelan
13 Duddingston Drive, Kirkcaldy

BAPTISMS & BLESSINGS

"Let the children come to me." (Luke 18:16)

15th December 2013

Emily & Chloe Irwin
Catelbock Close, Kirkliston

FUNERALS

"I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25)

8th January 2014

Andrina Reeder
6 Bridge Street, Newbridge

16th January 2014

Jeanie Arbuckle
6 Liston Drive, Kirkliston

FABRIC REPORT

Once again it is another new year and the start of another year trying to keep the three Church properties in good order. This is going to be a real test as our budget is smaller than in previous years. The biggest expenditure this year will be the alteration of the path at the Church Centre - just under £7000 is to be spent to ensure that the path is fully safe for wheelchairs. The yearly inspection of electrical appliances and the 5 yearly wiring in the Manse found no major faults. The annual inspection found that the walls and woodwork in the crush area of the Church Centre are in need of painting but this will be carried out by volunteers with only the cost of the paint to be paid for - much to the relief of the Treasurer no doubt. After significant spending on AV equipment in the Church and this year the cost of the path, let us pray that there are no more major projects round the corner.

Charles R Wright Fabric Convenor

FAIR TRADE

Fair Trade Fortnight is 24th February to 9th March, which will be the date of our March stall so look out for free samples! This year's campaign is focussing on the worldwide banana trade.

Did you know that:



- the cost of producing bananas has doubled in the last 10 years, but the supermarket price has gone down?
- the shop price is on average only 11p per banana?

All of this means that the producers are getting less. Only bananas marked 'Fair Trade' give the farmers enough money to cover their costs, making sure that their communities benefit from their hard work.

Currently a third of the world's banana sales are fairly traded, and the aim of Fair Trade Fortnight is to ask us all to **THINK 'FAIR TRADE'** when buying bananas, to make this trade fairer for all farmers.

The AGM of our supplier, the Just World Shop in Portobello, was held in January. We heard that church stalls continue to be steady, substantial contributors to the shop turnover, which has again increased. The shop has been going for 21 years and has contributed £1 million to fair trade producers! Well done for our part in that as well - at least £2,000 each year! We heard that half of the world's sugar is now traded fairly, as is a quarter of all ground coffee.

The usual monthly stalls continue on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Last year's income was a little down on the previous year but with the return to a single service this may improve again. Thanks for all support - drivers, helpers and customers - throughout the years! Onward and upward, we do make a difference to the lives of communities we may never see, but we do it in Christ's name.

Paula Roots [Tel: 0131 334 1819]

WHAT IS A CHURCH MEMBER?

Is becoming a member of Kirkliston Parish Church something you have been thinking about or would be interested in exploring? Do you have questions concerning Christian faith and what it all means? A new enquirers group will meet in the manse (43 Main Street, Kirkliston) on Thursday evenings for 6 weeks beginning 24th April to explore faith, ask questions and discover what it means to become a member of this church. If you are interested in joining this group please speak to the Minister, Rev Maggie Lane, or call her on 0131 333 3298 or email: margaretlane@btinternet.com.

SUNDAY CLUB

Thanks to all who helped to enable us to perform our “Maybe It’s A Baby” Nativity. The children really enjoyed telling the story from the perspective of the animals – and the contributions from Youth and Crèche made it a true Church Family production.

Eagle-eyed observers of the Sunday Club Noticeboard in the Church Centre will have spotted that this term we have been exploring “Creation”. We will move on to discovering more about “God’s Power”, with a few lessons telling the exciting story of Joshua.

We are considering different ways to raise funds for Sunday Club – please let us know if you have any ideas.

Once more we are looking for volunteers who would be prepared to be on a “helpers” rota. You only need to do around one session per term, no teaching or preparation is required – simply turn up on the day and help out with crafts and crowd control! Please speak to any of the Team if you could help out in this way.

Please continue to keep the young people and the Team in your prayers.

Morag, Jane, Kirsteen, Moira, Ella and Liz

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

We now have until October 2015 to make sure that everyone who is working with children or vulnerable adults in the Church joins the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme or is updated. I will be checking with organisation leaders and identifying people who have not previously been eligible to be checked by the Church, as this is being done in stages. It is not onerous, but it does mean completing a form: I need to know if you already are a member of the PVG Scheme (e.g. through work or other volunteering) or not, so that I can get you the correct form.

Paula Roots [Tel: 0131 334 1819]

KIRKY KRAFTERS

A big thank you to everyone for passing on your old Christmas cards. If you haven’t recycled yours yet, we will happily take them - or indeed any other greetings cards that you may have lying around. Do any of you have any scraps of tartan fabric, or fancy buttons I wonder? Please speak to Ann Denholm if you can help. Many thanks.

MEN'S GROUP

The men in the church are trying to be a little more organised this year with their Men's Fellowship. We plan to meet every third Saturday of the month. Every second meeting will be an outing with an activity which will be organised by anyone who has a desire and/or aptitude for a specific activity. Every other second meeting will be a men's breakfast at the church centre. We aim to keep this informal and encourage any men with any sort of affiliation with the church to come along and enjoy the company as well as have some fun.

Some of the ideas for activities that have been discussed are: ten pin bowling, walking, skiing, snooker, fishing, camping, whisky tasting, wine tasting, beer tasting [I see a theme developing here! *Editor*], karting, shooting, climbing, cycling, retreat weekend, ice skating, white water rafting and a night out for a meal.

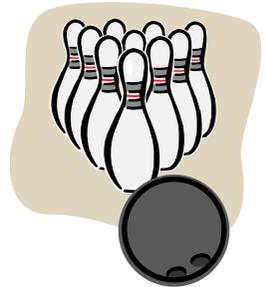
Our inaugural outing is ten-pin bowling at the Dunfermline Bowlplex, kindly organised by David Wynne. By the time you read this we will be able to tell you how many came along. Obviously prior commitment is really helpful when organising these events but we don't want to exclude anyone who can come along if they find they are available at the last minute.

Our next meeting will be over breakfast on Saturday 15th March in the Church Centre at 0930. We look forward to seeing you there for a coffee and bacon butty.

If you need any more information or have any suggestions then contact Drew Kuzma or Daniel Pearson (or any of the other men in the church who are just as involved and even more important than we are).

Dan Pearson

"The problem ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us."



Kirkliston Parish Church of Scotland (SC013924) BALANCE SHEET

	As At 31/01/2014	As At 31/01/2013
Fixed assets		
1400AV: AV Equipment	16,529.80	20,637.50
1400CA: Carpet Ch	1,174.00	1,761.00
1400PB: Praise band equipment	517.41	776.12
1400RM: Ring Main CH	1,225.78	1,530.39
1400S: Sanctuary	4,032.56	5,044.73
1450: Ogilvie Growth Fund	50,212.54	42,917.74
1460: Ogilvie Investment Fund	116,094.00	115,988.46
1465: Income Fund Reserve	11,099.00	11,088.91
Total Fixed assets	200,885.09	199,744.85

Current assets

1550: OGILVIE CofS a/c	1.20	1.20
1551: WEDDEL CofS a/c	2,463.08	2,443.05
1560: High Int A/c + cofS inv 145387	24,070.69	20,738.85
1580: Current A/C Bank 00185079	13,828.50	11,690.98
1581: Projects Fab BANK ACCOUNT	1,446.66	738.11
1583: flower acc	1,332.99	1,495.52
1584: BENEVOLENT a/c 00162362	1,283.62	1,283.11
1585: ss account	442.90	500.12
1586: KPCG A/C	807.28	838.95
1587: ACTION BUS A/C	2,459.75	980.27
1588: Genesis project	800.08	2,976.27
Z05: Accounts Receivable	—	—
Total Current assets	48,936.75	43,686.43

Liabilities

Total Liabilities	—	—
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	249,821.84	243,431.28
Reserves		
Excess / (deficit) to date	(12,501.65)	—
Z01: Starting balances	254,913.06	243,431.28
Z02: Gains and losses on investments	7,410.43	—
Total Reserves	249,821.84	243,431.28

Represented by Funds

Unrestricted	34,851.79	39,033.42
Designated	40,322.79	36,312.24
Restricted	8,339.52	9,178.22
Endowment	166,307.74	158,907.40
Total	249,821.84	243,431.28

THE GENESIS PROJECT

We began with a vision to reach more young people and their families in our community with the love of God and this developed into 'The Genesis Project' launched almost 2 years ago. Genesis is headed up by Rev Drew Kuzma, supported by a team of amazing volunteers. Under Drew's leadership we have built many fruitful relationships with children, young people and their families. The work and influence of Genesis is growing, with local and national partnerships being formed, mission, activities, pastoral support- all aimed at addressing the needs of families in our Parish and demonstrating our faith in the midst.

The two year appointment of the project leader draws to it's conclusion at the end of June, but we, as a church, would like to see this work continue and that means finding the funding to enable us to retain Drew.

Applications are being submitted to external funders to assist with this, but it also needs our financial support. Over the past 2 years the congregation has been very generous in supporting this work and we have covered all the costs ourselves, but for some in the congregation it is not possible for this to continue. In addition we also recognize that others may now welcome the opportunity to support this vision and contribute.

May I ask you therefore, to prayerfully consider if you would like to financially support this outreach project to young people and their families by making a contribution towards Genesis for the project leader's salary. It could be a one off gift, or a monthly commitment, for an agreed period of time, but this would be in addition to your normal giving not in place of it. We have no desire to burden our members beyond what is in their hearts to give, *'You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.'* 2 Corinthians 9:7.

Please do not give out of any sense of pressure - this is not our intention in making this request - we ask you to share in the vision and support Genesis through prayer and if possible by giving. If you give, do so because you believe in this work and believe it to be God's will. Pledge forms can be obtained from Brian Hepburn or Rob Brechin and are available in church. You can request one to be sent out to you by contacting me on 0131 333 3298 or email: margaretlane@btinternet.com

Completed Pledge forms should be returned to Brian Hepburn by 2nd March 2014 if possible. Thank you and every blessing.

Rev Maggie Lane

cab UPDATE

By the time you read this we will have had our yearly Ceilidh. This is our core annual fundraiser – an enjoyable evening which means that our vehicle will be secured to go on the road for another year. We interact with so many kids, some new and some who have been with us for years. We are now in the most difficult time of year when the weather is a challenge but that does not deter the children and so if they are there, so are the cab leaders. It was quite a challenge one night to give hot chocolate in such a small vehicle!! We usually use biblical references but that night we told them about the children in cocoa bean growing countries who have to work so hard for so little. We explained that our church is a Fair Trade church and what that means to people in impoverished countries. We then prayed for all the poor and hungry of the world and finished by decorating biscuits to eat with our Fair Trade hot chocolate.

The c.a.b. goes out on Friday nights and can be found in Gateside from 7-8pm. We are appealing for more volunteers as we hope to go into Newbridge in the near future. If this is something you feel called to do, please contact:

Christina Pearson 0131 333 0333 or Morag Carnall 0131 333 3420

TRANSPORT TO CHURCH ROTA MARCH - JUNE 2014

MARCH	2	Peter Marsden	0131 333 0799
	9	Keith Moss	0131 333 3779
	16	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie	0131 333 3123
	23	Helen McPhee	0131 333 2479
	30	Ann/David Denholm	0131 333 1834
APRIL	6	Anne Reilly	0131 629 1488
	13	Peter Marsden	0131 333 0799
	20	Keith Moss	0131 333 3779
MAY	27	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie	0131 333 3123
	4	Helen McPhee	0131 333 2479
	11	Peter Marsden	0131 333 0799
JUNE	18	Anne Reilly	0131 629 1488
	25	Ann/David Denholm	0131 333 1834
	1	Keith Moss	0131 333 3779
	8	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie	0131 333 3123
	15	Helen McPhee	0131 333 2479
	22	Ann/David Denholm	0131 333 1834
	29	Anne Reilly	0131 629 1488

If you would like a lift to church please contact the person on the rota for that Sunday by 9.00 am. If you have any queries contact Ann Denholm - 0131 333 1834

THE GUILD

We are continuing with our Guild theme for this session, “A Fellowship to Build”. When I last wrote we were looking forward to our theatre outing to Pitlochry Festival Theatre to see “A Wonderful Life” and what a “wonderful” trip it was. We all thoroughly enjoyed the performance followed by a delicious afternoon tea. Local talent was on show at our Christmas Evening including “Onesie Direction” - I shall leave you to figure that one out!!!

Since resuming in January, Jan and Jennifer gave an illustrated talk on their trip to South Africa and the Discussion evening included the travels of a £20 note and the very different uses to which it could have been put, whether good or bad. We are looking forward to hearing about the Julius Project, learning about Quaker Tapestries and lastly, Votes for Women. We finish with the A.G.M. on 26th March. Other dates for your diaries:

- **Friday 7th March** – World Day of Prayer – 7.30pm in St. Margaret’s Roman Catholic Church, South Queensferry
- **Wednesday 9th April** – Spring Tea with entertainment provided by Ferry Blend – watch out for information re tickets nearer the time.

Jan Wemyss

FLOWER CALENDAR MARCH TO JUNE 2014

March 3 Vacant 10 Mrs McKay, Winchburgh 17 Mrs Brown, Allan Park 24 Mrs Robertson, The Glebe 30 Vacant	April 6 Mrs Pollock, Kirkstyle & Mrs E Glass, Hillwood Terrace 13 Mrs Colquhoun, The Glebe 20 Easter Sunday 27 Mrs Chalmers, Newmains Road
May 4 Mrs McCready, Liston Place 11 Mr & Mrs Archibald, Glendinning Road 18 Miss Innes, The Glebe 25 Mrs Provan, Allison Place	June 1 Mrs Thomson, Maitland Road 8 Mrs Sibbald, Kirklands Park Gardens 15 Mr Henderson, Maitland Road 22 Vacant 29 Mrs Moss, Almondhill Road

FLOWER DELIVERY

MARCH: Mrs McConnachie, Mrs Glen

APRIL: Mrs Edwards, Mrs Woollven

MAY: Mrs Naylor, Mrs MacDonald

JUNE Mrs H MacDonald, Mrs Denholm, Mrs Rooney



1st Kirkliston Boys' Brigade

While numbers are down a little on last year, **Anchor Boys** and **Junior Section** continue a fun programme of games, crafts and award activities. The return of Susan Hepburn to the staff (and Duncan when he's at home) has brought useful skills and experience to compliment those of the other Officers. This has also released Drew to work with Company Section. As I said in the last newsletter, **Company Section** has embarked upon a new award scheme. That's bedding in, and the Boys have taken part in some "new" (to them) activities that haven't been part of our programme for some time – so they can now make burgers, sew-on buttons and iron shirts – useful skills – I hope we can try some "extreme ironing" once the weather is a bit warmer! The sleep out in November went well and was actually quite good fun! We hope to have more "nights away" (maybe with some more protection from the elements) in coming months.



Last year, we participated in **Væbnermesterskabet** – a National Competition run in Denmark by **FDF** (a kindred organisation to BB, operating in the Danish National Church). This has a large on-line component; which can be done from anywhere. We were welcomed last year with some excitement as the first "International" participants in this competition (which has been running for many years). The competition consists a number of questions, activities and challenges – some simple; some more difficult and some completely bizarre. We enjoyed taking part and decided to enter again this year. However, the organizers wrote to me in December and invited us to participate in the Final in Denmark this year. Some frantic activity over Christmas ensued to organise flights, accommodation and time away from school. 5 Boys and 2 Officers will fly to **Copenhagen** in May as the first ever International participants in this popular event. We hope to hold some fund-raising activities in the coming months to help offset the cost of this activity.

Having a larger staff makes it easier to provide a balanced, interesting and fun programme for the Boys in our care, with less reliance on individual Officers. There's still room for more to help. **Volunteering** isn't just about altruism or a sense of duty – it's a great way to get out, try something different, meet new people, work as part of a team, learn and hone new skills – or pass on your existing skills, talents, knowledge and life experience to others. If you're interested in helping us in any way, whether as a one-off or on a regular basis; please speak to the Captain.

We also have plenty of space for more Boys – we meet in the Church Centre on Monday nights. **Anchor Boys** is for Boys in P2 – P3 (or P1 if they are already 6 years old) and meets 6:30pm – 7:30pm. **Junior Section** (Boys in P4 – P6) meets 6:30pm – 8pm, and **Company Section** (P7 – S6) meets 7:30pm – 9:15pm.

Lindsay Stein, Captain