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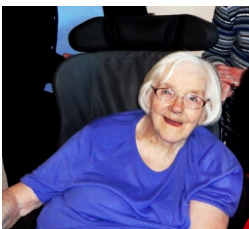
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CHURCH A.G.M.

The A.G.M. will take place on Sunday April 22nd. This will follow the morning service but will be held in the Church Centre. Lunch will be served first. After that we will move to the business. There are going to be displays by the various groups using the Centre which will give you the opportunity to find out about the many activities taking place. There are also going to be architect's drawings on show regarding structural alterations which we aim to make to the Church. Your opinion on these alterations is welcomed. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend the A.G.M. and look forward to welcoming you .

GREETINGS FROM GREENOCK



Six of us made the trip through to visit May Scott in her new home in Greenock at the beginning of February. We found her in good spirits and looking very well. She remembers fondly all her friends in Kirkliston and misses them terribly. May asked us to send her best wishes to you all.

Valerie Edwards

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MINISTER

*‘For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life.’
John 3:16*

All you need is love!

I was listening to a group of youngsters recently talking about the day that looms over all young people of a certain age in February – Valentines Day of course. Who will I send a card to, who will I secretly let know that I have a crush on them? The excitement and anticipation hides a deeper fear however– ‘does someone like or care about me enough to send *me* a card?’

Valentine’s Day will be a triumph for some and agony for others, the one day in the year when our thoughts are overwhelmingly focused on ‘Romance’, but what is it all about really? Is love really all we need?

One explanation offered is of a Valentine who lived in Rome during the third century, when Claudius was emperor. Claudius wanted to have a big army. He expected men to volunteer to join, but many men just did not want to fight in wars. They did not want to leave their wives and families, so they did not sign up. This made Claudius furious, and he had an idea. He thought that if men were not married, they would not mind joining the army. So Claudius decided not to allow any more marriages.

Valentine was a priest and despite the law kept on performing marriage ceremonies -- secretly, of course. One night, Valentine was discovered marrying a couple, and was thrown into jail and told that he would be executed for disobeying the emperor.

HOLY COMMUNION
Sunday March 4th

**11.00 a.m. in the
Church
3.00 p.m. in the
Sheltered Housing
Lounge**

**6.30 p.m. Cafe Church,
in the
Church Centre
You are warmly
invited to attend.**

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Wonderful things started to happen. Young people came to the jail to visit Valentine. They threw flowers and notes up to his window. They wanted him to know that they, too, believed in love.

One of these young people was the daughter of the prison guard. Her father allowed her to visit Valentine in the cell. Sometimes they would sit and talk for hours. She helped to keep his spirits up. On the day Valentine was scheduled to die, he left his female friend a little note thanking her for her friendship and loyalty, and signed it, "Love from your Valentine."

That note is believed to have started the custom of exchanging love messages on Valentine's Day. It was written on the day Valentine died, February 14, 269 A.D. Now, every year on this day, people remember. But most importantly, they think about love and friendship. Claudius may have tried to stand in the way of love, but love can never be beaten!

A far more important date for us to focus on every year however is **Good Friday** (6th April this year) when the greatest love story of all is remembered as the Son of God gave up his life on a cross and suffered the pain and humiliation of crucifixion to die in our place an atonement for our sins. Jesus, who was without sin, became sin for us and in so doing set us free from the penalty of sin, and made it possible for the relationship between God and man to be restored. Love can never be beaten – it triumphed over death, when Jesus rose again three days later. *'Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.'* John 15:13
 May you know the resurrection power of the one who gave his life for you this Easter, and may your lives be enriched by His love.

Maggie



<u>Income</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Offerings	52,368	48,270
Gift Aid	17,316	11,175
Investments	9,304	8,872
Hall use	2,855	4,928
Fundraising	6,255	10,773
Legacies	4,000	1,500
Weddings, funerals etc	2,692	3,076
Donations	3,262	3,211
Church groups	<u>1,504</u>	<u>800</u>
	116,895	103,882

<u>Outgoings</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Ministry & Mission	42,330	41,527
Presby	1,184	1,581
Fabric repairs	9,360	11,924
Heat, light, upkeep	11,480	9,943
Insurance	5,939	5,342
Staffing costs	10,264	11,232
Pulpit supply	933	200
Miscellaneous	<u>12,917</u>	<u>11,711</u>
	94,494	93,464



TIES AND OFFERINGS

The minister explained why it was important for everyone to put their "tithes and offerings" in the plate on a Sunday. At offering time, doing what the minister had said, seven year old Billy took off his clip-on tie and put it in the plate!

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Balance sheet (Church of Scotland)
As at: 31 December 2011

Notes	Total Funds £	Prior Year Funds £
Fixed assets		
159,152 Investments 8	159,152	150,930
Current assets		
Debtors 9	11,392	1,749
Cash at bank and in hand 10	70,904	68,414
	82,296	70,163
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year 11	1,069	1,329
Net current assets less current liabilities	81,226	68,834
Total net assets less liabilities	240,378	219,765
Represented by		
12		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	22,655	5,588
Designated		
Designated - FABRIC FUND	2,009	2,000
Designated - RESERVE FUND	58,926	53,358
Designated - OGILVIE FUND	—	—
Designated - Sunday School	360	709
Designated - KPC Guild	760	1,022
Restricted		
Restricted - BENEVOLENT FUND	1,192	1,228
Restricted - WEDDELL FUND	2,412	2,385
Restricted - OGILVIE FUND	—	—
Restricted - Flower Fund	1,387	855
Restricted - CHRISTIAN ACTION BUS	1,821	1,685
Endowment		
Endowment - OGILVIE FUND 13	148,851	150,931
Funds of the church	240,378	219,765

The accounts were presented to the Congregational Board on 01.02.2012

PARISH REGISTER

Funerals

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

28 th November 2011	Helen Smith 45 Kirklands Park Gardens, Kirkliston
1 st December 2011	William Robertson Pentland View, Kirkliston
6 th December 2011	Thomas Thomson 42 The Glebe, Kirkliston
6 th December 2011	Robert Gourlay 5 Queensferry Road, Kirkliston

COPPER COINS

Thank you to all those who continue to bring me their coppers. Special thanks to Alan who gave me the contents of a whisky bottle—all £73.73 of it!

I have sent £50 each to Mary’s Meals. Crossreach, Queen’s Bay Lodge and Threshold Edinburgh. Threshold provides support to vulnerable adults with learning disabilities in their own tenancies.

Muriel Naylor

BADMINTON

Badminton has started in The Church Centre on Friday evenings from 7.30 onwards. We have 6 members at the moment and would encourage all interested to come along for a game.



Joan McConnachie



THE GUILD

Since starting back in January our speakers have included Marion Donald giving us an insight into life in India as seen on her visits with slides to illustrate her talk. Morley Sewell spoke to us about the work of Mission Aviation Fellowship, which is one of the projects Guild funds are supporting this year, and this included slides on Madagascar. We celebrated Burns Night with a Scottish quiz accompanied by traditional haggis, tatties and neeps of course!

Future evenings include a speaker on Huntingdon Syndrome and our Daffodil Tea on April 11th when entertainment will be provided by The Grange Singers. We will also be hosting our now regular Spring Afternoon Tea for housebound and elderly when we hope to be entertained by Dalmeny Blend. We welcome all interested to come along to any of our meetings.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We will be holding a Family Beetle Drive in the Church Centre on Friday 16th March, starting at 7.00 p.m. This is a fun evening open to all age groups and there will be no charge. Coffee and refreshments will be provided.



We will also be organising a Murder Mystery Evening on Saturday 24th March, when the Winchburgh Players will be performing their latest presentation for us. This will be held in the Church Centre, starting at 7.30 p.m. There will be a buffet supper which will be included in the price of the tickets. These will shortly be available from any Social Committee member.

KIRKLISTON SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB

We are running a Spring Fling Dance on Saturday 17th March in the Church Centre. Dancing will be to James Coutts' Band. Our A.G.M. will be held on Tuesday 17th April in the Church Centre, and on this occasion, dancing will be to Jack Stalker's Band.

Suzanne Kidd—Secretary

THE PRACTICE OF BIBLICAL MEDITATION

Do you remember this children's chorus that we used to sing?
 "Read your Bible, pray every day and you'll grow, grow, grow"
 Have you discovered that the Bible is a great source of thoughts and words to use as we pray to our heavenly Father?

Most people say that they run out of words and pray the same thing over and over again, but God wants to feed us and enlarge our understanding of ourselves, others and situations which we then bring to him in prayer. So having a daily Quiet Time, sitting comfortably with our Bible open at a passage or particular verse is a special experience, as we meditate on the word of God, asking him to still us and our mind so that he can speak and we will hear him and sense his presence.

Meditating means we are lingering in his presence, not rushing through the verses, not presuming there's nothing more the Lord can teach us or give us fresh insight into. Instead we are looking to the Lord with our eyes on him. We are quietly listening and responding to him as we "me-di-ta-te" on Scripture, receiving, mulling over it, contemplating, allowing the Holy Spirit to give us understanding and application into our lives and prayer lives. It's like a cow chewing the cud, the same mouthful regurgitated over and over again, to get as much good out of it as possible!

Every thought (bad, angry thoughts too) can become Jesus led prayers one way or another for ourselves and others, as we are learning and going deeper and higher with him. Often words and phrases will be "underlined" to us, so relevant and timely for "now" and for us to store in our hearts and minds and put into action.

Psalm 1 says "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers."

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit"
 Romans 15 v 13

Sandra Black

FLOWER CALENDAR MARCH TO JUNE 2012

MARCH	4 MRS McKAY, MAIN STREET 11 MRS I POLLOCK, KIRKSTYLE 18 MRS BROWN, ALAN PARK 25 MRS ROBERTSON, THE GLEBE
APRIL	1 MRS McKAY, MAIN STREET AND MRS GLASS, RATHO STATION 8 EASTER 15 MRS COLQUHOUN, THE GLEBE 22 MRS CHALMERS, NEWMAINS ROAD 29 MRS McCREADY, LISTON PLACE
MAY	6 MR&MRS ARCHIBALD, GLENDINNING ROAD 13 MISS INNES, THE GLEBE 20 MRS McKAY, MAIN STREET 27 MRS PROVAN, ALLISON PLACE
JUNE	3 MRS THOMSON, MAITLAND ROAD 10 MRS SIBBALD, KIRKLANDS PARK GARDENS 17 MR HENDERSON, MAITLAND ROAD 24 MRS HALL, DUNDAS PLACE



FLOWER DELIVERY

MARCH	MRS MACCONNACHIE, 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

Many thanks 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. If you know of anyone who is in need of 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



DORCAS LUNCHES

Once again we had a very successful Christmas lunch on 6th December and raised the magnificent sum of £1035 which was donated to Bethany Christian Trust, Rock Trust and Edinburgh City Mission for their work with the homeless. A big thank you to everyone who helped with the lunch, those of you who donated food and money and to all of you who supported us on the day.

Our lunches continue on Tuesdays from 12-2p.m. in the Thomas Chalmers Church Centre where a warm welcome and delicious food await you. If you haven't paid us a visit yet why not give it a try.

Kirky Krafters also sell their handmade greetings cards during lunches.

There will be no lunches on 3rd April during Holy Week, resuming on 10th April and going through to our last day on 1st May.

A huge thank you to the increasing number of you who support us week by week, your loyalty is much appreciated.

Ann Denholm



C.A.B. NEWS

We are now looking forward to spring and all the children have had their mid-term holiday. With all the modern toys and technology it is surprising that the children still come out to be with us. We would like to have more space but we use God's wonderful outdoors. This means that we are at the mercy of the weather but we still persevere.

John 3:16 "God so loved the world that he gave his son to die for us". God's love is the single most important factor that we want to convey to the children every Friday night. One of our activities was Valentine's Day cards and we loved the fact that they were mostly for Mums. We have also been trying to encourage the children to care for their environment and sometimes give prizes for the most litter picked up.

It is time for our once a year fundraiser which is a ceilidh held at the Bowling Club. We aim to raise enough money to keep the vehicle on the road for another year. We are grateful for the use of the Bowling Club facilities, the ladies who do our food but, most importantly, the people who attend and donate money.

As always we are in need of volunteers, so, if you feel that you can give up an hour or so on a Friday night please call Christina on 0131 3330333.

Christina Pearson

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Does it seem to you as though everywhere we look at the moment building is going on? Kirkliston resembles a building site - North, South, East and West the ground is being turned up, foundations are being laid, new houses are appearing – new people coming into the community.

How do we as a church respond to the changes that are taking place in our midst, because change is with us as the population and shape of our village continues to grow?

It is so reassuring to know that the church on the hill which has been a sanctuary and centre of worship for over 800 years in this parish and has adapted to numerous changes during that time, continues to respond to the needs of our community offering friendship, welcome and nurture as each generation lives out the gospel message of building the kingdom of God in the midst – you see God too is in the business of building, and he is the one who promises us ‘I will build my church.’

Our vision to build the kingdom in this parish includes developing a youth and family outreach project with a ministry team who will help to develop and implement this vision. We continue therefore to prayerfully seek to appoint a youth pastor who will support the ministry we currently carry out amongst young people and their families and develop this further. We need you to pray into this vision alongside us and to support what God is doing in Kirkliston and Newbridge.

We are also hoping to make some changes within the Sanctuary, recognizing that our worship space also needs to change and adapt to offer greater flexibility and opportunities for worship. We would like to resolve any visual problems that we currently have within the Sanctuary - which is stunning, but, not an easy space for all to see and participate in. We would like to introduce a more sophisticated multi media system than we have at present, by removing the steps that surround the platform where the communion table stands thus allowing for greater safety and a more open space that is flexible and can be used in a variety of ways.

You have an opportunity to view architect’s drawings of what this space might look like, and we value listening to your comments at the social afternoon planned for Sunday 22nd April when we invite you to come along for lunch at 1pm as part of our AGM. You will have an opportunity to see what the church is doing at the moment through our various organizations and hear about our vision for building for the future.

Rev. Margaret Lane

TRANSPORT ROTA



		March 2012 - June 2012	
Mar	4	Ann/David Denholm	0131 333 1834
	11	Merridy Graham	0131 333 2286
	18	Peter Marsden	0131 333 0799
	25	Keith Moss	0131 333 3779
Apr	1	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie	0131 333 3123
	8	Anne Reilly	01506 855725
	15	Bill Paterson	01506 890628
	22	Ann/David Denholm	0131 333 1834
	29	Merridy Graham	0131 333 2286
May	6	Peter Marsden	0131 333 0799
	13	Keith Moss	0131 333 3779
	20	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie	0131 333 3123
	27	Anne Reilly	01506 855725
Jun	3	Bill Paterson	01506 890628
	10	Ann/David Denholm	0131 333 1834
	17	Merridy Graham	0131 333 2286
	24	Peter Marsden	0131 333 0799

If you require a lift to Church please contact the person on the rota for that Sunday by 9.30 a.m. If you have any problems or require any more information, contact me on 0131 333 1834.

Ann Denholm

SUNDAY CLUB

The children had a wonderful lead up to Christmas and thoroughly enjoyed performing “The Grumpy Hotel Man” – despite the technical hitches on the day! Sunday club kids also had a great time at the Children’s Party and particularly enjoyed the magician with “Stone the Crow”. We started the New Year with a “fun and games” session to blow away the Christmas cobwebs. This term we are again working with the Scripture Union material. We started by looking at God’s power and how God protects us, moving on to see how God is with us all of the time and is a gracious and loving God who provides everything for us and cares for us all. We will look at this by studying some of Israel’s kings and the way that God worked in their lives – Hezekiah, Manasseh and Josiah. We will then move on to look at some lessons from Matthew’s gospel in how to live God’s way – attitudes to follow, laws for life and ways to pray. By the summer break we will have moved back to the Old Testament to look at the experiences of Jeremiah the prophet.

We continue with “Something Different at Sunday Club” where we have one “special” event each month, including some guest speakers. In February, Paula Roots came to talk to us about her trip to Palestine. The children loved seeing photographs and maps of the places in the bible that they hear about each week. Paula also brought lots of items for the children to look at, Palestinian clothes to try on and we also had some typical “middle eastern” food. In March we are going to have a Passover baking activity.

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 – you only need to do around one session per term. No teaching is required - you only need to turn up and help out with crafts and crowd control!

We are missing Tabby Lawson but the children have done some cards and notes for Tabby and if we have a craft activity the children try to do an extra one for Tabby. We all send our love, thoughts and prayers to Tabby and her family and hope that Tabby gets well soon so that she can join us soon.

As always, grateful thanks to our willing band of helpers, to the parents and to the rest of our church family for your prayers and support and to the children for their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour each week.

Morag, Jane, Valerie, Moira, Ella and Liz



1ST KIRKLISTON BOYS' BRIGADE

The session got off to a good start, and we have seen a number of new recruits in Anchor Boys & Company Section. The Company continues to meet in the Church Centre on Monday nights, and is participating in a number of interesting activities. The Company Section has recently been swimming and is looking forward to the first of a number of activity weekends planned for the coming months.

The 1st Kirkliston Company was enrolled on 18th May 1892, so this year marks our 120th Anniversary. We hope to mark this with a special parade service and lunch in May.

Any boys interested in joining the Company are welcome to come down to the Church Centre on any of our meeting nights. We'd also like to recruit new Officers to help in all sections of the Company. For more information, please contact the Captain, Lindsay Stein.

Lindsay Stein

PRAYER ROOM

A beautiful new prayer room has been dedicated and opened in the Church Centre. This room provides a quiet space for reflection, meditation, reading, prayer and soaking in the Lord’s presence. It is an interactive and creative space – with changing prayer activities to experience and participate in.

Open: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings 9.30 – 12noon.



As seen in a school test: (original spelling included) -



THE EPISTELS WERE THE WIVES OF THE
APOSTLES.

KIRKLISTON PARISH CHURCH

STASTICAL ANALYSIS OF 11 years MEMBERSHIP

Membership on 1st January 2001 = **361**

325 Changes

+129 = 27 by Profession, 38 by Certificate & 64 by Resolution/
Reinstatement

-196 = 75 by Death, 40 by Certificate & 81 Otherwise

-67 = **Reduction of 18.56%**

interesting to know how this compares with National Figures
(me thinks Kirkliston has recorded less)

Membership on 1st January 2012 = **294**

The current position as far as I have been informed today is as follows:-

Roll at end of 2010 was **305**

31st December 2011

25 Changes in 2011

+ 7 5 by Certificate & 2 by Resolution

-18 7 by Death, 3 by Certificate, 6 Gone Away &
2 to Supplementary Roll

The Main Roll now stands at **294** (216 Homes + 4 Nursing
Homes)

51 On Supplementary Roll

Joe.W.Henderson
Keeper of the Rolls

GUIDING UPDATE FEBRUARY 2012

Rainbows

Both units are at capacity of 15 girls each. The 1st Kirkliston Rainbows have been busy keeping in touch with their pen pals from a USA unit, are working on their cooking badge and plan to learn more about healthy eating and producing some valentine themed crafts.

Brownies

Both units are sitting with 20 girls each. The 2nd Kirkliston Brownies have been celebrating Burns night and the Chinese New Year, working on the Disability Awareness badge and are involved in planning some aspects of the Pack Holiday booked for the end of May at Fordell Firs Scout Centre, Dunfermline.

The 1st Kirkliston Brownies have been busy on their Friend to Animals badge, enjoyed being a dragon and eating Chinese food to celebrate Chinese New Year and are planning Olympic and Diamond Jubilee activities during this term.

Guides

The group numbers are 25 this term. The girls have enjoyed a health themed evening, ceilidh dancing and Chinese New Year celebrations so far this term. A successful sleepover was held on 3rd Feb in the church hall with 18 girls and 4 leaders taking part. Monies raised from this venture are being donated to the Shona Smile Foundation.

www.shonasmileappeal.com

Plans for the rest of the term include ice skating, outdoor cooking, para Olympics, Diamond Jubilee activities and a camp. There are four girls working towards their Baden Powell Award and they have planned two fundraising events to help pay for their Baden Powell Adventure trip. There is a fun bingo evening planned for the 1st March and a coffee evening with handbag / shoe stall on 3rd May.

Senior Section

The group presently has seven members with older guides moving up from guides when they reach 14+. All are busy in their units helping with activities.

World Thinking Day

All units will be attending the Division Thinking Day Event on 24th Feb which is an indoor campfire to commemorate the birthday of the founder of scouting / guiding.

Recruitment

To enable guiding to be sustained and grow depends on adults coming forward to become leaders. Kirkliston district has been lucky to recruit several new leaders in training for all sections, so **thank you** to Rebecca, Gill, Elaine and Sheila.

Yours in Guiding,
Helen McPhee
Guide Leader
1st Kirkliston Guide Unit.