

Stonelaw Church Magazine



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Letter from the Minister...

Last month 700 of us met in General Assembly in Edinburgh. Discussions were positive and wide-ranging, but there was no getting away from the Church's finances. The Council of Ministries delivered the news that the number of ministries in Scotland must be cut by nearly 20% to around 1,000. That has huge implications. Glasgow Presbytery will have to cut the number of posts by about 26 – and I suspect that will mean that, in the next few years, our area of Rutherglen will probably drop from the current three ministers to two.

But need it be so depressing?

During this year's Assembly, we celebrated the anniversary of the first ever General Assembly 450 years ago. On December 20th, 1560, our ancestors assembled in Edinburgh. There were only 42 commissioners. Included among them were not only famous ministers like John Knox, but a town councillor from Linlithgow, some lairds, a 'common clerk' from Dunbar, a student from St Andrews, and a poulterer from Leith. During that Assembly they organised the new church, and authorised some 30 people to preach: including a teacher, a secretary, and a chorister.

The questions for me: why, when an Assembly of 42 people reformed Scotland in 1560, did we need nearly 700 attending the General Assembly in 2010? Why, when Scotland was transformed by so few preachers in 1560, do we worry about having *only* a thousand total ministers in 2010? Perhaps the scandal is not the low level of ministry posts, but the low level of vision. Jesus, after all, began with only twelve.

In fairness, the Council of Ministries does have a vision. The vision is to see a church where ministry is shared - where all God's people play a part. That

vision might see all sorts of ministries, full time, part time, or spare-time. Strangely, that's at the heart of both the Biblical and the Reformed vision of church – it's "the ministry of all believers", where preachers and teachers, fishermen, carpenters and secretaries all build the Church. Could it be that the financial crisis is forcing us to do what we ought to have been doing anyway? Could the Holy Spirit be moving us through financial necessities?

So if there are any preaching poulterers out there, I am waiting to hear from you.

With best wishes

Alistair

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Church Diary

Services at 11:00am and 6:30pm, conducted by Rev Alistair May unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 6th June

11:00am Holy Communion (Genesis 6)
6:00pm Alternative Evening Service
(Evening communion will be held on 13th June)

Sunday 13th June

11:00am Morning service (Genesis 9)
6:30pm Evening service, with communion

Sunday 20th June

11:00am All age service (Genesis 6-9)
6:30pm Evening service

Sunday 27th June

11:00am Rev John Collard
6:30pm Rev John Collard

Alternative Evening Services: 'child-friendly'

With a growing number of children at Stonelaw, we've decided to experiment with an alternative Evening Service (singing, storytelling, and NO LONG SERMON!). This alternative service will be designed for all worshippers from age 0-99 (I'm sure lots of older folk will appreciate a short service too). It will start at 6:00pm and last about 45min or less - so we can all be away by 7:00pm for bedtime! The second of these will be on June 6th, and we'll start again on the first Sunday of each month from September. The monthly evening communion moves to the second Sunday.

Shared Summer Evening Services

Over the months of July and August, we've agreed to share our evening services with Burnside Blairbeth Church. So, through the month of July, the services will be in Stonelaw at 6:30 and most weeks Rev William Wilson will be preaching. In August, evening services will be in Burnside Church at 6:00, and Alistair will be preaching most weeks. In September, we'll return to our own services, kicking off with the Alternative 'child friendly' service on the first week.

Cafe Church is back!

From Tuesday June 22nd, Cafe Church will be held in the Meeting Place at 7:30. Do join us again this summer - for even a few evenings if you possibly can.

June

22nd Relationship and Supply
29th Rest and Refreshment

July

6th Healing
13th Guidance and Purpose
20th Testing and Protection
27th Discipline

August

3rd Hope
10th Abundance
17th Blessing, Security, Eternity

Cartoon Club with Coffee!

Our last monthly Cartoon Club of the session will be on June 5th between 2 and 3:30pm. There will also be an opportunity to have tea / coffee and cake at the monthly Coffee Morning in the Meeting Place between 10:30 and 12:30. The Fairtrade shop will be open and you can also bring any unwanted household items you have for Starter Packs Glasgow.

Adult (Sunday) School – on a Thursday in the meeting place at 7.30pm.

June 3rd – Overview of the gospel of Matthew ~ June 10th – Overview of the gospel of John.

Wednesday Morning Prayer Meeting

We will meet throughout June in the Session Room every Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30am with tea and coffee from 10:00am.

There will be no meeting of the Prayer Group during July and August; it will reconvene on Wednesday 1st September. However, the Prayer Chain will be in operation and anyone wishing prayer during the summer months can contact **Greta Doig** on **0141 634 4888** or **07917161692**.

Business Matters

Kitchen Safety and Hygiene

The two bread knives found in the kitchen have been returned to their owner. This is a reminder that there is a policy of 'no knives' in place throughout the building and any such utensils brought in for specific use must be removed immediately the need is over.

The mould-ridden pizza found in the fridge was NOT returned to its owner as there is no known 'Marguerita'.

Any food not labelled with owner / organisation's name will be removed from the fridge on Sunday mornings, as will any cake tins, tomato sauce bottles etc found lying on the work surfaces.

Anne McLintock

This is summer

With the arrival of the good weather (?) and the light nights will all hall users please make a determined effort to switch off lights when not required?

Your co-operation in keeping our energy costs as low as possible would be greatly appreciated.

Gus Smeaton

Treasurer's Report - Cash Summary April 2010

Income	Month	Year to Date		Surplus / (Shortfall)	
	Actual	Actual	Budget		
	£	£	£	£	
Free will offering	8,284	33,530	34,024	(494)	
Tax recovery	1,831	8,443	8,552	(109)	
Donations and other income	933	3,409	3,308	101	
Total Income	11,048	45,382	45,884	(502)	-1%
Expenditure					
Ministry, mission & wider work	8,416	22,446	22,446	0	
Local staffing costs	1,688	6,925	6,960	35	
Building costs					
Rates, water, insurances, cleaning	(306)	2,650	2,511	(139)	
Power	0	2,628	3,280	652	
Repair costs	444	7,003	6,800	(203)	
Other local costs					
Reachout Trust	0	0	0	0	
Printing and stationery	0	287	424	137	
Organ & piano	0	0	0	0	
Other	1,234	1,873	2,065	192	
Total Expenditure	11,476	43,812	44,486	674	2%
Income less Expenditure					
Surplus / (shortfall)	(428)	1,570	1,398	172	

Figures relating to the Development worker fund are excluded.

No account for power was received in April.

Please ask the treasurer for clarification or information on any financial matter.

Organisation News....

TUESDAY CHAT GROUP

Thank you to all who came to the Heritage Loch for the walk despite the weather. We all enjoyed the exercise. On returning to the church we all welcomed the tea, coffee and baking that was waiting there, thanks to Janice.

Our June meeting will be a little different. We are going to get you all in the 'holiday' mood. Come and join us on Tuesday 8th June at 7:30pm in the mid-hall for a Greek-themed evening to watch and join in with the singing in the movie Mamma Mia. We will also have some 'Greek' nibbles to enjoy courtesy of Lesley and Arlene. If you wish, come dressed up in your summer outfit. Hope everyone will enjoy the film. Look forward to seeing you all there.

This will be our last meeting till September. Have a good summer break.

Alison McCartan (secretary)

2nd RUTHERGLEN GUIDES, BROWNIES, GUIDES AND RANGERS

Friday the 21st May was our joint Parent's and Friends' Evening where we welcomed around 80 visitors. Entertainment on the night was provided by girls from all sections. The Rainbows sang a few animal songs, and showed off the animal masks they had made. The Brownies performed a 'Glee' routine with pompoms, as well as telling us about the history of the Guiding movement over the last 100 years. Then the Guides paraded some Superhero costumes they had made as part of a 'Big Brother' sketch.

After a coffee break there was the usual presentation of many badges and awards signifying the hard work that the girls in all sections had put in throughout the year. Three Brownies were welcomed into the Guide Company as part of a 'flying up' ceremony (they flew up in a tree!). There was also a presentation by the Brownie Pack, as they said goodbye and thanked Hazel Johnston and Heather Brown, who after nine years of leadership are retiring. Next year the Pack will continue under the leadership of Christine Valente and Diljeet Bhachu, with help from Hazel Sheridan.

Special long service awards were presented by our County Commissioner, Irene Laird, to Guiders who had reached landmark years of service. The most impressive was Jan Morgan, our District Commissioner and Guide Leader who has accrued a remarkable 40 years' service!

Time was also taken to acknowledge the 36 years of service given by Jane Britton (Jan's Mum) who has reluctantly retired as District Treasurer this year.

The Rainbows have just over a month left of meetings before the holidays, including their annual Sports Evening in the park. Brownies are looking forward to a few trips including ice skating and 'Shrek 3'. And the Guides are going on their Centenary trip to London, which will include watching the changing of the guard from inside the courtyard at Buckingham Palace!

The Section Leaders would like to thank the congregation of Stonelaw Church for their continued support throughout the year.

Helen Paulsen

6th RUTHERGLEN GIRLS' BRIGADE EXPLORERS

The girls really enjoyed their trip to Signature Ceramics on 8th May and some real masterpieces were taken home.

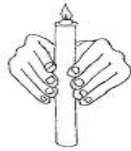
Our year finished on May 20th with Parents' Night. This year the Explorers performed a routine to Ian White's song 'He is so great'. The song encompassed five of the six shapes we had been thinking about through the year and reminded us of just how great God is. Once again, the girls came up with a lot of the actions themselves. In terms of awards, this year we had no one with perfect attendance. The best girl award was very closely contested and even after the Easter holiday, there were four or five girls in contention for it. In the end, Hannah May and Ella Reilly jointly finished up the year with the most points.

We're now recruiting for next year and anyone with a daughter who will be in primaries 1 to 3 in August and who is interested in them joining Explorers or who would like more information should contact me. The entire Explorer programme has been revised and the new programme looks fun and exciting and I'm looking forward to using it.

Elaine May



FAIR TRADE SHOP & COFFEE SHOP



HOPE



And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause. As the scripture says, "he gives generously to the needy; his kindness lasts forever." And God, who supplies seed to sow and bread to eat, will also supply you with all the seed you need and will make it grow and produce a rich harvest from your generosity.

2 Corinthians 9:8-10

Summer at Stonelaw 2010

Café Church @ The Meeting Place - The 23rd Psalm

All Are Welcome - 7:30pm - Every Tuesday. See details on page 2 for full programme.

Coffee & Crafts @ The Meeting Place

All Are Welcome - from 7.30 - Every Wednesday

The Meeting Place is extended to all who can sew, quilt, knit, crochet, cross stitch, needlepoint, paint, make cards, make jewellery and all those cannot, why not come along and be taught?! We would love to see you, bring your friends too.

The Meeting Place

Thursday Café for Senior Citizens @ The Meeting Place

All Are Welcome - from 2pm - 4pm

June 10th & 24th, July 8th & 22nd, August 5th & 19th

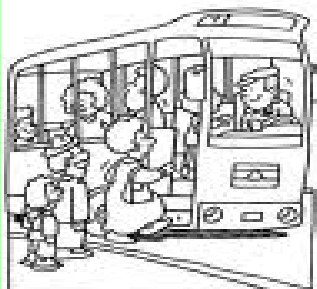
Whatever your interest there will be something for you. From Scrabble, dominoes, many board games, Bridge (and other card games) to jigsaws..... the sky's the limit! Come along have fun and enjoy fellowship with one another. For more information call Therese on 643 0606.

Stonelaw Church Summer Outing

Saturday 7th August

A trip to Ayr -

leaving Stonelaw at 10am returning 6pm.



If you would like to join us on a church outing please sign up on the sheets available in the Meeting Place and Transept Corner. More details on costs etc will be available in the next few weeks.



The Meeting Place



FAIR TRADE SHOP & COFFEE SHOP

Thursday Drop-in Youth Café @ The Meeting Place

All Are Welcome - from 7pm - 9pm

Stepping Out 2010

I am really excited as we head into the second year of our Drop-in Youth Café. We plan to operate our Youth Café in The Meeting Place every Thursday commencing 24th June for eight weeks, in partnership with The Reachout Trust, The DEN (NHS Initiative) and the South Lanarkshire Community Police.

We are delighted to be working again this year with Ross Murray, Youth and Schools worker with The Reachout Trust, Caroline Dewey, Youth Health Development Officer who will be operating The Den which is a Young People's Health & Wellbeing Drop-in Service across the road in the Health Centre and PC Susan Deanie and her Colleague PC Jayne Rowley, our local Community police. Our services intertwine; we shall work closely to encourage the young people in all aspects of what is on offer each week.

Together we can make a difference to young lives in our community, together we are saying, we are here, we care. We believe that by working together in this way we are in a position to develop the spiritual, physical and mental wellbeing of our young people. However, as always your prayer support is vital.

Prayer

As last year I would like to ask you to pray for our team. I am taking the liberty of naming them (*something I would not normally do*) as I feel it is essential that you pray for each of them by name, and for their families, thanking God for them, asking Him to guide them, enable them to hear what is being said behind the 'bravado', grant them patience in all situations and keep them safe. Pray for all young people in Rutherglen asking God for a rich harvest.

Prayer please for Summer Youth Team

Ross Murray	Caroline Dewey	Alistair May	Stuart Menzies
Shona Baird	William Baird	Susanne McCabe	Hazel Mairs
Margaret Waterson	John Willoughby	Marlene Galt	David Finlay
PC Susan Deanie	PC Jayne Rowley	Heather McDonald	and me, Therese

Be A 'cracked pot' for Jesus



Ministry & Outreach Opportunities - Could this be you?

Driver on Thursdays - dates below

Afternoon Café for our 'Senior Citizens' Thursday (fortnightly) 2pm - 4pm
June 10th & 24th, July 8th & 22nd, August 5th & 19th

Are you available to collect and/or return home those with no transport? Could you help with any of these dates? If you would like to be involved in this vital ministry and outreach of our church, please phone or email me, I would love to hear from you.

The Meeting Place - two volunteers needed for **Wednesday mornings fortnightly** from 10am - 1pm as of July, could this be YOU?

Therese x (*My contact details can be found on back of this magazine*)

A little dip into Therese's world...

Here's a look back to some of the things that Therese has been involved in over the last few weeks and also a look at some of the exciting things that she has coming up in future months. If anyone is in any doubt as to what Therese gets up to, hopefully this will give them some insight. And remember, all of this is over and above the day-to-day events in which Therese is involved in our own church.



JAFFA (Joint SU Event): Outing to Calderglen Park - Saturday 15th May 1:30pm - 6:30pm

To celebrate the end of term, the JAFFA kids from Calderwood and I joined with Ross Murray, Karen Stangoe and the SU groups from Burnside and Spittle Primary. A fun-filled day was enjoyed by all.

Platform 4 - A Day @ The Beach: Sunday 16th May 12.30pm - 6.00pm

It is with great delight that I report on Platform 4's excursion to Ayr to complete their prayer topic. Shona & Hazel have been looking at Prayer with our young people for a few weeks now. They bought a tin, the kind that looks like a saving bank and you cannot open it without a can opener. Over the weeks they have encouraged our young people to look at the strengths and weaknesses of themselves, their friends, their families, their community, their world community and each week they have written prayers of supplication, praise and confession to God and placed them all in this tin, unseen by anyone but God himself.

So on Sunday the 16th of May we headed off to Ayr to finish this topic. However, when we arrived in Ayr we didn't actually know the way to the beach...! So we wandered around for 45 minutes looking for it and that was ok too. Because we did find it, took our shoes off and walked into the water. Out came our tin full of prayers, and as we stood in the water we reflected on the almighty power of God, the mighty power of his oceans, yet the gentleness of waves around our feet. As we filled the can with water we thought of all the prayers inside, each one known only to God and the author. We visualised the prayers, the paper absorbing the water, being soaked by God's grace; we visualised the paper being washed clean, as each prayer of confession was heard and forgiven, each plea for the plight of ourselves, our families, our friends, our community and world was heard and absorbed by God, such is his almighty love for us. Thanks to Shona and Hazel for their prayerful and thoughtful preparation of the work they put into this topic.

Stonelaw Pre-school Mum's Group: Swishing & Pampering Party

£500 was raised at our recent event in aid of The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice. On behalf of Julie Kershaw and myself I would like to thank most sincerely all who supported this very worthy cause.

Baby & Child First Aid: I organised a visit from a St Andrew's First Aid instructor who demonstrated essential life saving CPR procedures that are specific to babies and young children. This event was open to Pre-school and Toddler Group mums. There is a six-hour fully certificated Baby and Child First Aid course available, which I am happy to organise if there is a demand. If this is something you feel you would like to do later in the year please give me a call.

And coming up in June...

Stonelaw Toddler Group

Outing to Heads of Ayr - Friday 4th June 9:15am - 5:00pm

Calderwood Primary School

Summer Fete - Saturday 5th June 10:00am - 2:00pm

Platform 4

Barbecue - Sunday 6th June 3:00pm - 5:30pm

We at Platform 4 are delighted to be hosting a summer barbecue for local Youth Fellowships from Burnside Blairbeth church, Baptist Church, URC and the Helensburgh Churches Youth fellowship, who are bringing with them their praise Band 'Abstract'. Please pray for God's Son to shine on all who gather to celebrate being united through His almighty love for us.

Calderwood Primary School

It's your move - Transition from P7 - S1 Monday 7th June 1:30am - 3:00pm

Calderwood Primary School

Personal Search Day - Monday 14th June 9am - 3pm

David Geddes, Ross Murray and I work together as the Chaplaincy team to Calderwood primary school. We go into the school weekly to run our JAFFA Group on a Tuesday and fortnightly two of us lead the assembly. The new head teacher Lisa Quinn is a Christian (which is a real answer to prayer) and has welcomed and encouraged our input. We are delighted to have been invited to take over the whole school for a full day, yes, all 11 classes for a Spiritual Health Day. We are currently meeting to plan our programme; please keep this day in prayer.

Stonelaw Toddler Group

Picnic in Overtoun Park - Wednesday 23rd June 9:30am - 11:30am

Calderwood Primary School

End of Term Service - Thursday 24th June at 9:30am in Stonelaw Church

Calderwood Primary School

School Chaplaincy Review - Friday 25th June at 9:30am

Friends of Overtoun Park - Youth Music Festival in Overtoun Park

Saturday 14th August from 2pm - 6pm

I am delighted to announce the date for the Youth Music event to be held in Overtoun Park this summer. Elaine Devlin and I are continuing to work on the Park Events Steering Group along with the other organisations who were involved in The Stroll in the Park event. If you have a heart for community and would like to help out on the day we would love to hear from you. If you use Overtoun Park and are interested in the park being used for more community events then please look out for the date of the next meeting in our church announcement sheet.

Church Directory

Additions - by Certificate of Transference

Mrs Rosalind Black, 2 Southhill Avenue to Netherlee Parish Church on 16/5/10

Mr David McTaggart, 97 Westcoats Road Cambuslang from Kirkmuirhill Parish Church on 16/5/10

Mrs Dorothy McTaggart, 97 Westcoats Road Cambuslang from Kirkmuirhill Parish Church on 16/5/10

Removals - by Certificate of Transference

Ms Eileen Hunter, 37 Corroul Road Newlands on 16/5/10

Miss Kirsteen Bryden, 82 Reid Street on 16/5/10

THANK YOU

My sincere thanks for all your prayers, cards, flowers and good wishes over these last few months.

Morag Bennett

Local Interest....

LODGING HOUSE MISSION ANNUAL CYCLE EVENT

This year the LHM Cycle Event will be on Saturday 26th June over the familiar route from Kelvingrove Park, along the canal to Clydebank and back into the city. As in recent years, some members of the National Mission Team (along with others from the congregation) have permission to **walk** for the LHM, rather than cycle. Fortunately, our route is a bit shorter, starting at Clydebank, and finishing at the SECC.

If you would like to join us, we would be delighted to have your company. It's an easy walk, with no hills, and can be completed comfortably in under two hours. Please let **Margaret Waterson** (647 2285) know as soon as possible as she is coordinating our entries. Please note that there is an entry fee of £6 to take part (£3 for under 16s). For this you will receive an LHM T-shirt and a goodie bag from Greggs the Bakers!

Sponsor forms will be available in Transept Corner and in the Meeting Place shortly. We hope that members of the congregation will sponsor us to help raise as much money as possible for LHM funds.

Janis Neil, Convenor (634 1901)

A THANK YOU FROM TRAIDCRAFT

Bill Stark received a letter of thanks from Traidcraft for the work done by the Fair Trade team in Stonelaw. This is a short extract of the letter; if you wish to see the full text, please speak to Bill.

I am writing to thank you for all your hard work for Traidcraft over the past year. Your total purchases from April 2009 to the end of March 2010 amounted to £6,789.95. This has made a real contribution to our work and to the livelihoods of our producers around the world.

As well as giving my thanks directly to you, please pass on our gratitude to all those who have supported you in making our work possible. You really have made a difference.

In these demanding economic times our producers need our help more than ever and your support for Traidcraft means that the benefits of your trade sales get ploughed back in to the mission of working for a fairer world where all can flourish and enjoy the fruits of their labour. With your ongoing efforts and prayers behind us, we are confident that Traidcraft will continue to achieve great things and begin to change the way the world works.

With all good wishes.

Paul Chandler, Chief Executive

A TOMB WITH A VIEW

Get out the diaries folks! Here's some advance notice of Rutherglen Rep's next full-length play - 'A Tomb with a View' by Norman Robbins. The comedy thriller, featuring your friendly neighbourhood FWO Treasurer, is being performed at Rutherglen Town Hall on Friday 3 and Saturday 4 September 2010. A family of oddballs gather to hear the reading of the last will and testament of Septimus Tomb - but not all will survive...

It'll probably begin at 7.30 (though that particular detail is not confirmed yet), and ticket prices are similarly not confirmed. However, if you want such further information as is available, call Iain Morrison on 569 3609, or go to the Rep's website (www.rutherglenrep.org.uk) where details should be posted soon!

Big Bike Day

CHATELHERAULT COUNTRY PARK, HAMILTON

Sunday 20th June 10am – 4pm

This event is being organised by Marie McKeown, Physical Activity Development Officer, South Lanarkshire Leisure. This event is a FREE for cyclists of all abilities. Families, groups and beginners welcome.

- Short, Medium & Long Road Rides
- Cycle Orienteering
- Explore the Local Countryside
- 'Connect 2' Sustrans Cycle Route
- Vintage Bike Display
- Stalls & Information

CYCLE MAINTENANCE

Helen Reid, one of the mums who come along to our Coffee @ Stonelaw Group is organising a cycle maintenance session with Universal Connections in Rutherglen.

Helen has 5 children of her own and wants them to learn about bike maintenance. She is also trying to organise something for the young boys that she sees round Toryglen where she lives. They are keen on their bikes but know nothing about how to look after them. She is very concerned about them as they are cycling on the main road in and out of traffic.

Helen has also been in touch with the Community Police and they are happy to come along with their bicycles and support this summer project. Sorry, the dates have yet to be confirmed as the magazine is going to press. If you are interested in Cycle Maintenance Summer Project for yourself or your own children, more information will be made available through our announcement sheet or please contact Helen Reid on 562 4582.

Therese

Some quotes

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

The grace of God is getting what we don't deserve.

To get into Heaven, it's **who** you know that counts.

A man with a full stomach has many problems but a man with an empty stomach has but one.

New Quiz Programme called:

Who wants to be the Prime Minister?

The only catch is you have to use your 50/50 because you have already asked the audience and you have no friends to phone.

John Borland

SUNDAY MORNING TEA DUTY ROTA: JUNE - AUGUST 2010

June	6th	Morag	Taylor	569 8385	10
		Richard	Taylor	569 8385	10
	13th	Kay	Kelloch	647 1335	11
		Kit	Young	647 2740	11
	20th	Alison	McCarten	646 2338	12
		Fiona	Peters	647 7137	12
	27th	Anne	Stewart	647 3422	13
		Bill	Stewart	647 3422	13
July	4th	Janice	McInnes	569 0229	14
		Isobel	Wilson	570 3712	14
	11th	Carolyn	Kennedy	643 0321	15
		Helen	Paulsen	643 1929	15
	18th	Malcolm	Doig	634 4888	16
		Greta	Doig	634 4888	16
	25th	Cathie	Baillie	583 5591	17
		Moirra	Baird	647 1382	17
August	1st	Elizabeth	Minnely	631 4511	18
		Norma	Churchill	631 2812	18
	8th	Sheena	Goldie	641 8764	19
		Irene	Munro	01698 822525	19
	22nd	Moirra	Shaw	569 8344	20
		John	Shaw	569 8344	20

If you are unable to attend on the date prescribed please contact another volunteer.

In emergency phone John Shaw on 569 8344 or 07885 508130.

1. Check that water heater has been switched on before the service. Switch off after.

2. Please use mats under hot kettles to protect tables.

3. First named volunteer to bring 1 litre milk. (Leave excess milk in fridge in kitchen for evening.)

SENIORS' CORNER

'HANDS ON' PROJECT

This is an independent charity presently funded by the Big Lottery. The project provides practical assistance for the elderly and disabled within the Rutherglen and Cambuslang area. Volunteers carry out tasks which may have become difficult to manage on your own, such as turning the mattress, fitting towel rails, changing curtains, light bulbs, etc. This help is completely free and the project also offers a befriending service.

Leaflets giving full details are available in the Meeting Place or call 641 5169 for more information.

'MAKE A DIFFERENCE' PROJECT

This project is funded by the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund and is administered in the Rutherglen and Cambuslang area by Lightburn Elderly Association Project (LEAP).

Energy efficiency measures which could be implemented include: fitting foil behind radiators, setting room and boiler thermostats, fitting draught proofing, loft insulation and cavity wall insulation. Are you interested in a home energy efficiency survey, which is available to all households and is free to householders over 70 years?

Leaflets giving full details are available in the Meeting Place or call 641 5169 for more information.

Adele Molloy

DOOR DUTIES FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS

DATE	NORTH AISLE	DRYBURGH AVE	SOUTH AISLE	FLOATER
13/6/10	P Howitt	M Ewing	A Stewart	J Robertson
20/6/10	P Finlayson	B Wilson	L Nisbet	B Stewart
27/6/10	M Baird	C McKechnie	I Wilson	J Baird
4/7/10	G McKechnie	J Neil	M Willoughby	I Munro
11/7/10	J McInnes	J Shepherd	L Gibson	J Menzies
18/7/10	M Doig	J Miller	J Hoey	E Minelly
25/7/10	M Moore	B Liggat	B Shields	J Paulsen
1/8/10	M Shaw	J Shaw	M McDougall	M Taylor
8/8/10	A Stewart	J Robertson	P Howitt	M Ewing
15/8/10	B Stewart	L Nisbet	P Finlayson	B Wilson
22/8/10	C McKechnie	J Baird	M Baird	I Wilson
29/8/10	J Neil	I Munro	G McKechnie	M Willoughby
5/9/10	J Shepherd	J Menzies	J McInnes	L Gibson

Pause for Thought

THE CHURCH CARES FOR PEOPLE

When you see a rainbow, remember God is love. That line from a simple Sunday School song tells a profound truth, which naturally goes over the heads of the youngsters who sing it.

A rainbow is beautiful precisely because each of the seven spectral colours has its place and its chance to shine. A rainbow is seven differences in one and all the more attractive because of it.

Some folks today may have been fans of the TV show which aimed to find a 'Dorothy' for the Wizard of Oz show. The contestants sought fame and fortune which they believed would change their lives. Yet the fear of people, the fear of failure and fear of rejection, can tempt you to bury your gift. Don't do it unless you have the courage to start.

Fear of persecution caused the disciples to forsake Jesus in His darkest hour, caused Peter to deny Him three times. Refuse to let fear stop you. How you use your talents is a matter of the utmost importance. I remember reading about Ray Charles, the popular American pianist, singer and composer whose style had been influenced by Gospel music. Being blind, he once said "Most people take their ears for granted, I can't, my eyes are my handicap, but my ears are my opportunity. They show me what my eyes can't. They tell me 99% of what I need to know about the world. Because of my ears I can communicate naturally and freely with people everywhere."

Time and time again I hear inspiring stories about people with physical handicaps. Their determination and inner strength not only enables them to overthrow their own disability, but add a new dimension to their life by the giving of themselves to others. For some people the idea of belonging to the Church is as dull as a foggy winter morning. It doesn't have to be! And that's certainly not God's idea of Church. In Luke Chapter 13, Jesus paints a picture of those who will be in Heaven – the place to which that aspires, 'People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the Kingdom of God!'

Here is a picture of an international, multi-coloured, multi-lingual Church, where people raise their voices to their Heavenly Father in their mother tongue. It really is a superb image. Not only does it immediately dispel prejudice, but it offers each of us the chance to belong.

I am not talking about belonging to one particular denomination or congregation but to the Church –

the fellowship of believers who share faith in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. The freedom to be different is one of God's great gifts to the human race. The Church is God's family made up of individuals each with a place to fill and a voice to be heard. Like all healthy families, the Church includes space for disagreements and for people who are at varying stages of academic, technical and social ability and spiritual understanding.

When we come to realise the inclusive, all-embracing nature of God's family, we also come to realise that we have, by definition, permission to join. The Church is not perfect. It never has been perfect, and this side of Heaven it never will be. (How can it be when there's a place for you and me!) It is though, at its best, a reflection of God's nature – welcoming, tolerant, forgiving and loving. Being in God's family is a wonderful opportunity to belong. As a church poster said, "You ain't too good to stay out, and you ain't too bad to come in!"

Ours is a world of suffering, disaster, unfairness, trouble, mistakes, hurts, losses and grief. It is a world of self-centredness, a world of deceit and pain. Children are being abused. People are sleeping on the streets. There are diseases for which we have no hope. However, our hope is in Jesus. He said, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full".

So what are you waiting for? A change in the weather? Fewer family commitments? The chances are that by the time these things happen there will be some other reason for not doing that good turn. Let's remember the advice of Anne Frank, the young Jewish girl who perished in the Holocaust, "How wonderful it is," she wrote, "that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

Today if your road has been long and dark – don't get dismayed and don't quit. The answer is on the way. God always honours faithfulness, and when necessary He even sends angels.

Yes, the Church cares for you, do you care for the Church? David said, "In Thy presence is fullness of joy," so begin to spend more time with God.

You only get to make the journey once, so enjoy it and make it count. Don't wait for things to get easier and demands less arduous! Take up the cross – we are the disciples of the One who hung there.

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