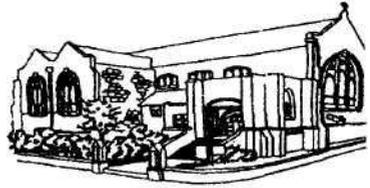


Life



No 22 October 2004

Dear Friends,

It was a privilege for me to take part in the funeral of George Russell of the Allander Evangelical Church. George had been a good friend to me throughout my time in Milngavie and his sudden death was a great shock.

It was a measure of the esteem in which George was held and the extent of his influence that people came from all over the world to be present at the service. One such was Luis Palau the Evangelist and a close friend of George's. I spent some time with him and recalled his Kelvin Hall mission in the early 1980s when a number of people in St Paul's made a profession of faith. I told him that I had been present at several of the meetings and remembered many things he had said. One snappy one-liner in particular I have often quoted: 'It's back to the Bible or back to the jungle!' 'Oh,' said Luis, 'I got that from Billy Graham!'

It was a lovely moment which made me feel a lot better. Apparently I am not the only plagiarist in the world! But within the framework of that particular day it said something more about the nature of the Christian life and how we depend upon one another so much. We need one another for encouragement and support; we need one another for comfort and strength; and we need one another for ideas and stimulation.

This is part of what it means to be the Church. Not an institution or organisation or club but a living organism, the Body of Christ. Paul explores this image in several of his letters and makes it clear that just as each part of the body has some role to play in the well-being of the

whole body, so each Christian person has something to give to others. Read 1 Corinthians 12 and see how this co-operation and inter-dependance are crucial to the health of the Church. Every one of us is a giving and receiving person.

I am grateful for everything that God has given me to give to His people but I am even more grateful for all that His people have given to me. Many of them have now passed on to the eternal world but what they have left will be forever cherished.



Roger Z. Jackson



**Milngavie Churches at Prayer
Prayer Breakfast**

8.00am Breakfast
8.45 am Prayer
9.30am Finish

On the following Saturdays

November 6

St Andrew's Church
2005

February 5

United Free Church

March 5

St Paul's Church
Community Prayer

Breakfast

Saturday 27 November

8.30am to 10.30am

Details to follow



CHURCH REGISTER

NEW MEMBERS

JOINED BY PROFESSION

Shona Gibson, 24 Thorn Drive, Bearsden
Naimh Black, 129 Mugdock Road, Milngavie



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BAPTISMS

"In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit", Matt 28.2

Alan Kenneth Buchanan Deuchar, 5 Drumbeg Terrace, Milngavie
Lucy Morrison Sillars, 28 Craigton Road, Milngavie
Jane Wilson, 33 Craigash Quad, Milngavie



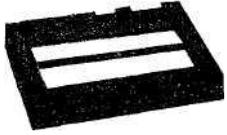
CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs. Jean Sinclair , 79 Clober Road, Milngavie now 23 Homebrae House, Milngavie	20 3a
Mr & Mrs A Dickson , 14 Doulasmuir Gardens, Milngavie now 14 Campsie Dene Road, Blanefield	66a 70
Mrs Gillian Wallis , 16 Muirlees Crescent, Milngavie now 7 Dunellan Road, Milngavie	61 66a
Mrs. Elizabeth Dougall , 66 Dougalston Gardens South now 74 Ellangowan Court, Milngavie	54 14
Linda Gow , 4 Marr Drive, Bearsden now 3 Cherry Place Bishopbriggs	45 70

DEATHS

Jesus said: I am the Resurrection and the Life'

21 Aug 04 Mrs Agnes Ness, 10 Southgate, Milngavie	
1 Sept 04 Mr Alexander Rutherford, 94 Carbeth Road, Milngavie	34
1 Sep 04 Mr John Hossack, Homebrae House, Milngavie	
14 Sep 04 Sir Donald Campbell, 27 Tannoch Drive, Milngavie	6
14 Sep 04 Mr George Williamson, 9 Crossveggate, Milngavie	



Tapes of Evening Services

We have tapes of all evening services from the beginning of this year up to the present time. These include the series of 11 sermons on:-

1st Timothy:- from the period mid-April up to mid-July. Also, we expect that the present series on the prophet **Micah** will be near completion by the time this is being read.

We can provide a tape of any one of these sermons for the normal price of £1.50, but if you would like the full set of 11 sermons on **1st Timothy**, then we are offering them for a total of £6. We commend these tapes to you and/or your friends.

To order tapes please speak to Alastair MacLeod or whoever is operating the Public Address and Recording system in the East Transept.

Tapes of recent morning services can also be obtained by ordering from Helen Arnold in the Church before or after the morning service, or in the Church Office on week day mornings.

Traidcraft Catalogue

The winter catalogue is now in, with quite a few attractive gifts, and items for the Christmas season.

The Traidcraft catalogue is also to hand, so if you wish to order any items, please do so in good time.

Rosemary Fraser 956 3222
e-mail rmfraser@holloway541.fsnet.co.uk

G.B. BLETHERS

Greetings from the Brigade down at Milngavie Town Hall! We started our new session here a few weeks ago and although it is not like 'home' we are being well looked after.

Our numbers are much as before (which is good) But we would still be delighted to welcome new members.

So what have the old members been up to over the summer? Fiona Shaw completed her Duke of Edinburgh Award Exploration at Gold level; the Officers helped to organise a Crystal Maze Competition and run a late night Cafe at the International G.B. Fonomarae in Glasgow; Audrey McLean and Sarah Gibson have started their Basic Officer training; and Niamh Black has delighted us by becoming a Communicant member of St. Paul's Church family.

We have lots of plans for the new session and are off ten pin bowling next week so things are looking good! However please remember us in your prayers as we work to bring the girls to become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Anne Goodlet

World Mission Prayer Diary

Let us pray for people of Nigeria

PROCMURA- The Programme for Christian - Muslim Relations in Africa , is one attempt by people of goodwill to overcome tensions and enable people of different faiths to live and work together. Pray for the work of this group in Nigeria.

Little notice is taken of oil spills in Nigeria but every day oil spills are ruining crops and drinking water in Nigeria Pray that these problems will be overcome

BOOK CLUB

For the first meeting of our Book Club for this session we discussed the book by Penelope Lively called The House Unlocked. Everyone seemed to enjoy the ambiance of this book which, although it appeared to be the history of a house, often side tracked into social comment - particularly with regard to the decline of churches and even fox hunting!

We have a choice of three books to discuss at the next meeting which will be held on Wednesday 13 October 2004 and these are:-

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
The Speckled People by Hugo Hamilton
Stay of Execution by Quintin Jardine

Why not choose one that interests you and come along and join in the discussion? Helen in the Church Office will have a note of the next venue.

JOYCE CLARK

Church Choir

New members for the choir are needed if the regular contributions to church services are to be maintained. We need singers in all sections but we are especially keen to find extra Sopranos. If you are interested and able to attend at least some of the practices on Thursday nights at 7.45pm, you will be most welcome. Further information is available from the Choirmaster, Derek Norval (586 5455).

Douglas Academy's Concert for St Paul's

Pupils from Douglas Academy are to provide a concert in aid of St Paul's 'Project 2006'. The programme starts at 7.30pm in the church on Tuesday 26th October and tickets will be on sale from the church office or at the end of Sunday services from 3rd October with a suggested donation price of £5.00 (or £2.50 for concessions).

Taking part in the concert will be the school's First Orchestra, Senior Choir, Wind Band and soloists from the Music School. The Senior Choir has recently been particularly successful as winners of two competitions at the Glasgow Music Festival and winners of the Saltire Society's contest for school choirs from throughout Scotland. The First Orchestra and Wind Band will perform well-known pieces including music from "Harry Potter" and "Lord of the Rings", and a range of works from Verdi's 'Nabucco' Overture to 'Penny Lane' by the Beatles. Please help us to make this event a sell-out by coming along to hear these talented young musicians and by letting your friends know about this special, fund-raising concert.

Board of Social Responsibility News

The latest congregational mailing from the Board of Social Responsibility has produced a number of interesting items. The magazine, Circle of Care, available from the back of the church, provides news on the wider work of the Board. Please feel free to pick up a copy.

The Board's prayer letter is also available. It gives a prayer topic for each day from October to December 2004 allowing the church at large to pray for each of the Board's projects. This booklet is vital in that we are all encouraged to bring to God the Board's concerns through the work of prayer.

Circle of Care calendars 2005 and Christmas cards are available for purchase once again. The ways to order are noted on the poster in the church entrance vestibule. Alternatively please contact Douglas Martin on 942-7184 and a bulk order can be placed for church members who wish to order. The congregation will also see various other posters produced by the Board's Fundraising department that may be of interest to those who shop on-line and for those with mobile phones. Details on the Ministry of Healing Conference to be held 15 to 17 November 2004 at the Apex City Quay Hotel and Spa, Dundee are also to be found in a leaflet on one of the church notice boards. Please note that during the period of building renovation, most of the posters for Board activities will be placed on the notice boards in the main Strathblane Road vestibule.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Please note that all contributions for the November edition of Life should be sent to the Office or to Betty McAllister, 27 Lynn Drive, Milngavie. (956-2983) e-mail:- betty@p-mcallister.freemove.co.uk

Japan Jottings

Dear Friends

The other week Hokkaido was buffeted by the most powerful typhoon to hit here in living memory. It only lasted a few hours but the winds were strong enough to cause considerable damage to roofs, trees and electricity cables. We watched a roof flying off a house just below our apartment. The boys of course found it quite exciting! Actually it's not just the typhoons which have been powerful this year - recently there have been quite a few earthquakes and volcanic eruptions in different places in Japan. It's a reminder of just how vulnerable this country is to these natural phenomena. The earth might shake - but our longing is that people's hearts would be shaken so that many might open up to the gospel.

October is a busy month for the church. We have our retreat on the 10/11th when we will have time together to share, pray and have fellowship in a big log house in the mountains (no snow yet!) We have a church wedding on the 16th (another new experience for David) and then an outreach concert on the 22nd.

We have a few delicate situations in the church just now - some involve serious illness, others are family or relationship issues. These need wisdom and sensitivity and of course operating in another language adds to the difficulty. Do pray for daily wisdom and grace as we reach out the Japanese people.

Thank to all who support us so generously - we very much appreciated the monetary gift from the church in July. May you all know God's blessings on you as a church and in the work of taking the gospel to the people of Milngavie.

**Many thanks for all your support for us
David, Lorna, Daniel, Matthew, Calum and Alistair**

COURSES AT INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

The autumn series of morning and evening classes at International Christian College runs from 25th October to 29th November.

Two morning classes are offered.

Starting at 10.15 Dr Tony Sargent, Principal of the College, will lead a course entitled *The Atonement -Have we "lost the message of Jesus "? An interaction with Steve Chalke's controversial book.*

At 12 noon Elizabeth Clark an Associate Lecturer at ICC will lead a course entitled *The Minor Prophets, Major Themes* a study of Joel, Micah, Hosea, Zephaniah, Haggai and Malachi.

In the evening at 7.30pm there will be a course on *Effective Pastoral Care and Visiting.*

These courses are open to anyone who wants to be challenged to think about their faith more deeply, or to study subjects which they may not have had a chance to explore before. No qualifications are needed in order to attend. To book or for further information contact the College 0141 552 4040.

The Book Stall

Many thanks to all who supported the Bookstall last year. It raised £45 which was sent to support of Mercy Ships. The Bookstall will reopen once the refurbishment of the church is finished.

Glenys Ritchie

LIFE & WORK

THE MAGAZINE OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

A Lasting Union

The Very Rev Dr. Finlay Macdonald reflects on the 75th. Anniversary of the union between the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church and examines its legacy for the modern Kirk.

The greatest soap of all

Ron Ferguson shows how the Bible has more relevance for contemporary society than people believe.

Faith for today

This month sees the launch of a major new series examining contemporary Christianity. Contributors include Elizabeth Templeton and the Rev. Dr. Francis Macnab of Melbourne.

Letter to America

Doug Campbell explains why the sudden arrival of his second daughter reminded him of his priorities in life.

A new beginning

The Moderator, Dr. Allison Elliot urges readers to put the controversies regarding our new parliament and its building behind us. 'We need to pray for it and give it our backing, as well as criticizing what it's doing when necessary

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DONATIONS

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 Mrs. J. Townson Mrs. G.W. Morrison
 Mrs. R. Gilman The Guild

DELIVERIES

Oct. 3 Mrs. J. Anderson/Mrs. A. Gibson
 Oct 10 Mrs. T. Douglas/Mrs. M. Abbott
 Oct 17 Mrs. L Hughes/Mrs. R. Buchanan
 Oct 24 Mrs. M. McDowell/Mrs. P. Barlow



CRECHE ROTA OCTOBER

Oct 3
Oct 10
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Oct 31

Richell McFarlane Reid Bolton Baxter
 MacAuley Robertson Knaggs Revie
 Martin Paterson Whitelaw Watson
 Wilson MacKinnon Lawrie Goodlet
 Cockburn Moffat Smith

Traidcraft Rota.

Oct. 3rd. Communion—no traidcraft
 Oct. 10th. M.Thomson M.Jenkins
 Oct. 17th. A.Begg B.Barr.
 Oct.24th S.Rollings J.McIntyre.
 Oct. 31st. G Buchanan A. Martin
 Nov.7th. C.Mackay R Fraser

I am about to make up the rota for the coming year, so if anyone would like to be added to it, please contact me at the Traidcraft stall.

The magazine is published on the fbrst Sunday of every month. Contributions for the next issue should be handed to the Editor or left in the box in the Waiting Room by the 22nd. October Editor-Morag Thomson, 36, Roselea Drive(956-2801) Email mthomson@beeb.net