

Life



June 2006

Dear Friends,

As the Football World Cup is just around the corner we could witness a considerable build up for the event. A great variety of merchandise exploits the venue to profit from it, and memories of previous World Cup stories are rekindled to bring young and old into the spirit of the game. No doubt those who already experienced the excitement of the competition treasure a number of recollections, good, or bad. The present BBC series (World Cup Stories) brought these memories alive.

Although the Hungarian team did not feature prominently in the series, and I wasn't around when the 'Magnificent Magyars' lost in the final to West Germany in 1954, that game lives as a major tragedy in every Hungarian footie fan's memory, including me.

Recently we could see again the now twenty year old images of the infamous 'Hand of God' incident that smashed the hopes of England in the Quarter Finals of the 1986 World Cup in Mexico. Argentina won that game 2:1 against England, when Maradona knocked Argentina's leading goal into the net with his hand. After the game he said: *"The goal was scored a little by the hand of God, a little by the head of Maradona."* Millions of viewers clearly saw that Maradona's head was not involved, just his hand. That particular 'Hand of God' meant the end of the tournament for England.

As we celebrated the centenary of our church building, we also recalled many of the memories of the past, both personal and congregational. It is joyful to see in so many of them the Hand of God, as he guided and kept us safe, working His will out in our lives. From our own experience we can testify to the word of Scripture: *“The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.”* (Deuteronomy 33:27) He knows each one of us by name and cares for us with a special love that He revealed in Jesus Christ. It is comforting to know that He keeps us all in His hands. His hands hold us firm in times of difficulty; His hands bring us healing in our illnesses; His arms embrace us and grant us peace in sorrow.

In His mighty hands we are safe, may never let them go!

With every blessing,

George

CHURCH REGISTER

Change of Address

Mrs Sheila Morrison 58 Drumlin Drive, now
Whitefield Lodge, Lennoxtown 38

Deaths

Jesus said: ‘I am the Resurrection and the Life’

6.5.06 Mrs Constance Violet Davie, Homebrae House, Milngavie

7.5.06 Mrs Anne Stead, 9 Tambowie Crescent, Milngavie 26

8.5.06 Mr Stephen Bissett, 41 Lennox Ave., Milngavie



Centenary Service

Thanks are once again due to Jean Scott and Elizabeth McEwan for the excellent organisation of our Centenary Lunch. It was no mean feat to organise the helpers, the food and the layout of the halls. Much time and effort was expended by all and we are truly grateful.

A very happy day was made all the more memorable by the many familiar faces from the past and representatives of other Milngavie churches who were able to be with us.

We are grateful to East Dunbartonshire Council for the gift of an engraved rose bowl which was presented to Mr Buchanan after the Service by Provost Pat Steel. We also received a modern flower vase from Cairns Parish Church which was presented by Rev. Andrew Frater. Earlier in the year the Kirk Session of St. Luke's informed us that they had made a donation to Oxfam Unwrapped in the name of St. Paul's which will be used to train a Midwife in Nicaragua.

Thanks are due also to Rev. Kenneth Macdonald, Rev. Malcolm Wright and Mr Derek Norval and the choir whose contributions to the worship were truly uplifting

World Mission Diary for June

Day-by day reports come from the Middle East tell of a fresh round of reprisals in the long -running conflict between Israelis and Palestinians . Amidst the spiraling hostility , Christian churches seek to be a force for reconciliation .If the love of Christ is to be communicated, it must be through action.

We would pray for our mission partners in Israel and Palestine.They are; Malti Joshi, Clarence and Joan Musgrave , Gwen and Mark Thompson, Karen Anderson, Jeneffer Zielinski. Our partner Church is the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Enquirer's Conference

The next Church of Scotland Enquirer's Conference will be held at the Kelvin Conference Centre, Glasgow, beginning at 6pm on Friday 23 June and running through to 4pm on Saturday 24 June 2006. Overnight accommodation and meals are provided for the minimal cost of a £20 booking fee. Closing date Friday 9 June 2006. Further information from Mr Ian Mackinnon the Session Clerk.

PROM PRAISE is a delightful blend of sacred and concert music, a unique and joyful fusion of performance with worship, combining the spirit of *Songs of Praise* with the world-famous *Last Night of the Proms*.

Presented by the All Souls Orchestra under the energetic and inimitable direction of the Principal Conductor and Artistic Director, Noel Tredinnick, Prom Praise is a feast of orchestral and solo works. There is an element of celebration too when Noel and the Orchestra invite the audience to stand and join in singing some favourite hymns and worship songs.

The All Souls Orchestra is delighted to be returning to Scotland, and to be joined by Glasgow-born soprano, Marjory Watson, and long-standing friend, Fiona Castle.

Following visits to Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Perth and Ayr, Prom Praise Scotland 2006 will visit Glasgow on **Saturday 5th August** starting at 7.30pm in the Royal Concert Hall.

Tickets are available from the Royal Concert Hall Box Office.

SUMMER MISSION

Please remember the work that Douglas Martin and his team will be doing in Dalgety Bay in July. In addition to the children's work, the team aided by some willing volunteers from Newton Mearns Baptist Church will be undertaking some work with those in the congregation who are in secondary school.

Please also remember the church at Dundee Downfield now stepping out on their own after having been the recipients of a mission team over the past 5 summers.

Give thanks for those who have put themselves forward for the Core scheme allowing them to serve God throughout the summer.

Uphold Phil Wray in prayer as he supports the teams as they go out. Phil has the job of missions co-ordinator.

(A full list of the churches hosting a team or doing a home run event is available from Douglas.)

Pray that in all these events that young people may come to know Jesus as Lord. Pray that congregations will be strengthened in their life and witness through the work of Impact.

NEWS FROM CROSSREACH

'Circle of Care' the magazine of Crossreach is available now at the back of the Church. It gives an update on the work in Social Care being carried out by the Church of Scotland.

BE AWARE OF THE WORK BEING DONE BY THIS , ONE OF THE LARGEST SOCIAL CARE AGENCIES IN SCOTLAND!!



SUMMER CLUB STARTING AGAIN!

This year we have decided to restart the Summer Club which will operate for Sunday Club children during the later part of the morning services. The first day will be June 18th, Communion Sunday, when there will be a Sun Kids' Special, so all children will be very welcome in church that day; after the children's talk they should go to the Jubilee Hall for their own event.

Summer Club will also be held on June 25th, and then there will be a gap during the time most families are away. Summer Club will restart on July 30th and will continue until Sunday Club resumes at the end of August.

We hope that families will take advantage of this club to come to church together, and we look forward to seeing the children during the holidays. Please contact me if you wish to know more about these arrangements.

Eleanor Easton 943 0368

**CHURCH PICNIC
DEAN CASTLE COUNTRY PARK
17TH JUNE**



Tickets for the Church Picnic will be available in the Large Hall after the morning service on Sunday 4th and 11th June. Tickets are £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children. If paying by cheque please make it payable to St. Paul's Church.

FINANCIAL REPORT

	Actual	Budget
	1st Qtr	1st Qtr
	£	£
WFO	3634.00	3754.00
Gift Aid (Chqs)	5946.00	7800.00
Gift Aid(S/O's)	19804.00	17732.00
Gift Aid (Envs)	9903.00	10628.00
Tax Recovery	5484.00	5400.00
Open Plate	7150.00	6652.00
	51921.00	51966.00

The Average Quarterly Requirement for 2006 is £53,010

You can see from the above chart that our income at the end of the first quarter on the 31st March was virtually on target. The Congregational Board thank all of our members who have contributed to achieve this. As we approach the holiday period, a time when our giving tends to drop, I once again on behalf of the Congregational Board remind you that our commitments are ongoing and ask you to make up any shortfall in your giving on your return from holiday should this occur.

Donations: On behalf of the Congregational Board, I thankfully acknowledge the under noted: -

1. An anonymous gift of £7000 plus Tax Recovery(£8974) to pay for the security fencing, the upgrading of the Church garden and the exterior of the building.
2. An anonymous gift to pay for the installation of the new stained glass windows.
3. An anonymous donation for an oak table.
4. An anonymous donation of Display Boards for the Heritage Display.
5. A donation from The Guild for the new doors to the sanctuary at the Baldernock Road entrance.
6. A donation from the Girls' Brigade for an oak table.

Angus Maclean

Congregational Treasurer.

LIFE AND WORK

June Issue

‘Treated like criminals’

Lorna Hill investigates the issues surrounding asylum seekers in Scotland, and their constant fear of dawn raids.

Behind the lens

Award winning film-maker Norman Stone is the subject of this month’s profile. He speaks openly about his Christian faith being at the centre of all he does.

Keeping Church buildings open

John R Hume explains why the fear of closure of church buildings is demoralising many congregations in the Church of Scotland.

Windows on the world

Lynsae Tulloch, editor of the Kirk’s website, gives an overview of the revamped site and extranet facilities.

Going global

Albert Bogle describes a project which uses technology to link communities in Scotland with the wider world.

Assembly 2006

Some summaries of a selection of some of the reports to come before this year’s General Assembly.

Kist o’Karaoke

Alan Taylor examines the latest trend in church music – the digitally-enhanced church organ that doesn’t require an organist!

Complex Cash

Finance writer Simon Bain highlights a new breed for ‘hole in the wall’ fraudsters.

Celtic connections

Muriel Armstrong reflects on the delights of Northumberland – an area with strong links to Iona.

Death – enemy or friend

Tom Cuthell tackles the ‘one, great unavoidable reality in this life’.

The Last Word

Muriel Armstrong considers the Kirk’s relationship to the Westminster Confession of Faith and a 21st-century Church.

And much more – letters, reviews, news from local and national church, elders page, prayer and reflection – all for £1.60p

The Boys' Brigade. End of 2005/2006 Sessions.

The Company Churches Management Committee held its last meeting for the current BB Year on May 16th at St. Luke's Church Hall.

The Churches' representatives reviewed their work together with staff of the new amalgamated Company carried out during the months since last June and set down recommendations for the restart, in two and a half months, in August. A major Recruiting of Boys and Officers right across Milngavie, with the help of both Company elements and Church involvement is envisaged which is intended to support a programme of wider activities in attracting more Boys to the Movement. Leadership Volunteers are invited to consider coming and joining, in support of the already enlarging group of new helpers in this fine and desirable involvement in the local community.

Interested persons contact 9562985. Involvement with Anchor Boys -1 hr.per week Junior Section-1½ hrs. and Company Section-2 hrs.

Successful conclusions to end the first year of the 1 st /2 nd Milngavie Company of The Boys' Brigade have been held by the Anchor Boys working at Sinclair Street and Kirk Street Halls with exciting outings to Finnieston Bowl, Parents' Display Evenings and Awards Presentations during May.

The Junior Section held their Parents night on Monday 22nd May at Kirk Street with Families, Acting Captain and the Management Committee's Secretary present to enjoy the Boys' Figure Marching display which brought this Team to 2nd place and runners up in the Lennox and Argyll Battalion competition in April. The supporting turnout of parents also enjoyed Ball Playing Skills demonstrated by the Boys, before Good Attendance and Sports Award Certificates were presented to all eleven boys in the Section.

The Company and Junior Section boys along with their family relations are looking forward to taking part in an Outdoor Activities Taster Day on Inchcallioch, by Balmaha on Sunday afternoon 18th June to which all friends and potential new members of the Company are invited . **Contact tele. 956 2985** for more details. Senior Boys are most earnestly encouraged to return to some new duties in the new year's activities,

The new Session for 2006 / 2007 will commence at the end of August and early September and to ensure there will be a strong start-up to the second year, enthusiastic Company recruiting is encouraged by families and boys already members of the B.B, and through the help of all our local Church connections.

Ian M. W. Taggart, MBE TD.
Secretary Company Management Committee

Japan Jottings



Dear Friends

The cherry blossom has come and gone and hopefully some of you were able to see the photo we sent for the Cherry Blossom Fair. Lorna's parents have also come and gone and we had a good time together although it didn't turn out quite as expected. We mentioned last month that a member's husband who had been suffering from cancer had believed in Jesus and was baptised in his hospital room. He died a week later on the very day that Lorna and I had gone to Kyoto for some time away on our own, so David had to return to Otaru on the same day. Thankfully the funeral was two days later so that gave time for preparation - often funerals take place here the day after death. Many people attended, and for most it would have been their first experience of a Christian funeral.

A week or so later we had a similar experience. A member's father that we had been praying for some time also believed and was baptised in hospital, dying just a few days later. This time the funeral was the responsibility of a different church but again it was a bright testimony to the many non-Christian relatives and friends who are only used to the rather gloomy Buddhist funeral.

And as we write this one of our young men who has been suffering from cancer for some time is very near the end of our life so another funeral will soon be upon us. With all the different ceremonies involved, a funeral can take almost a full two days!

Many thanks for your prayers for us and for your support for us through the Cherry Blossom Fair. We really appreciate it!

With our love and prayers for you all

David, Lorna, Daniel, Matthew, Calum and Alistair

Dear Friends

TRAIDCRAFT ROTA

June 4th. C Mackay R Fraser
June 11th. S Dunlop L Cowie
June 25th. B Barr H Reid
July 2nd. B Watson M Conway
July 9th. M Thomson M Ure
July 16th. A Begg J MacLean
July 23rd. J MacIntyre M Fewell

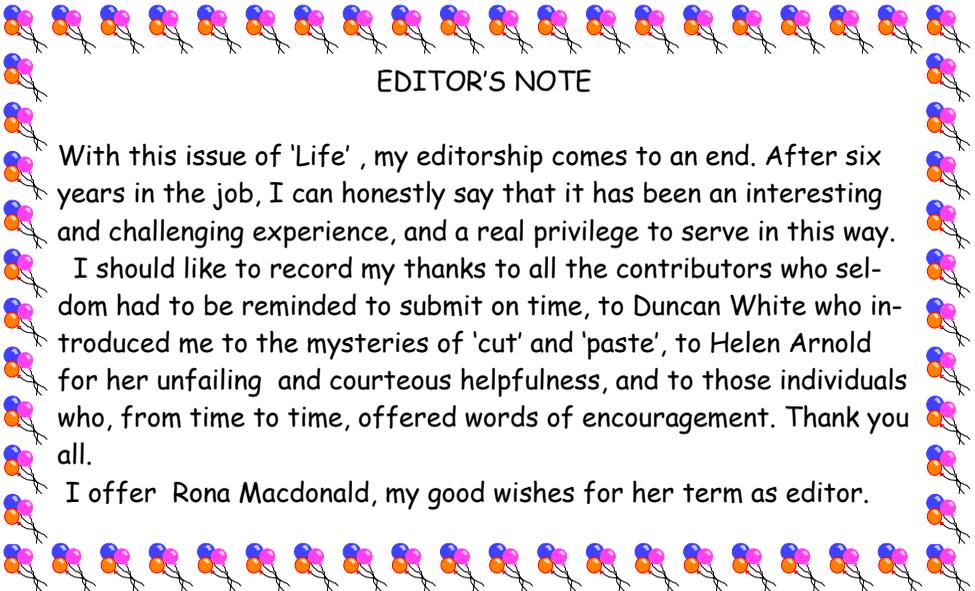
July 30th. G Buchanan A Martin
Aug. 6th. C Mackay R Fraser
Aug. 13th. S Dunlop L Cowie
Aug. 20th B Barr H Reid
Aug 27th. B Watson M Conway
Sept. 3rd M Thomson M Ure

LUNCH CLUB

Three letters of thanks have been received by the Lunch Club for donations given as follows:-

Lodging House Mission	£100
Scottish Bible Society	£100
Christian Aid	£200

Derek Thomas (Treasurer)



EDITOR'S NOTE

With this issue of 'Life' , my editorship comes to an end. After six years in the job, I can honestly say that it has been an interesting and challenging experience, and a real privilege to serve in this way.

I should like to record my thanks to all the contributors who seldom had to be reminded to submit on time, to Duncan White who introduced me to the mysteries of 'cut' and 'paste', to Helen Arnold for her unfailing and courteous helpfulness, and to those individuals who, from time to time, offered words of encouragement. Thank you all.

I offer Rona Macdonald, my good wishes for her term as editor.



FLOWER ROTAS-JUNE, JULY AUGUST

DONATIONS

June

Mrs. Canlin
Mrs. Barr
Mrs. Bain
Mrs. N. Henderso
Mrs. W. W. Douglas
Mrs. McColgan
Mrs. M. Phillips
Mrs. Finlayson
J. Getty

July

Miss F. Ireland/
Miss E. Traill
Mrs. Rogers
Mrs. C. Inglis
Mrs. B. Lang
Mrs. E. Easton

August

Mrs. A. Daniel
Mr. J. E. Henderson
Mrs. Gilmour
Mrs. M. McNeill
Mrs. J. Webster

DELIVERIES

June 4 Mrs. M. McIntyre Mrs. M. Spencer July 23 Mrs. J. Clark Mrs. M. Taggart
June 11 Mrs. P. Dudgeon Mrs. S. Lindsay July 30 Mrs. I. Torbet Mrs. P. Barlow
June 18 Mrs. M. Phillips Mrs. E. Law Aug. 6 Mrs. F. Anderson Mrs. K. Edwards
June 25 Mrs. J. Anderson Mrs. A. Gibson Aug 13 Mrs. M. Conway Mrs. M. McPherson
July 2 Mrs. T. Abbott Mrs. T. Douglas Aug 20 Mrs. A. Galloway Mrs. J. Townson
July 9 Mrs. L. Hughes Mrs. R. Buchanan Aug 27 Mrs. M. McIntyre Mrs. M. Spence
July 16 Mrs. McLean Mrs. J. Ford Sep 3 Mrs. P. Dudgeon Mrs. S. Lindsay



CRECHE ROTA- JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

June 4 Hughes, Sillars, MacAulay
June 11 Lawrie K Deuchar Chapman
June 18 Goodlet Cockburn Fleming
June 25 Richell McFarlane Whitelaw
July 2 Kerr Wilson Baxter
July 9 McKinnon Reid Bolton
July 16 J Deuchar Hughes Sillars

July 23 MacAuley Lawrie K Deuchar
July 30 Chapman Goodlet Cockburn
Aug 6 Martin Fleming Richell
Aug 13 Whitelaw Kerr Wilson
Aug 20 Baxter McKinnon Reid
Aug 27 Bolton J Deuchar Hughes
Sept 3 Sillars MacAuley Martin

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