

# Life Magazine November 2006



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Dear Friends,

My wife returned from shopping the other day with a copy of the latest Rebus book. Nothing earth-shaking in that unless you are, like me, a Rebus fan. But this particular book is special for two reasons. First, it is signed by the author Ian Rankin. Secondly, it is dedicated to me...well, along with a few hundred thousand others. The dedication reads: 'To everyone who was in Edinburgh on 2 July 2005.'

That refers to the day of the 'Make Poverty History' march which features prominently in the book. It is obviously a significant event for Ian Rankin and it will mean a lot to those who were on the march and who admire his writing to be included in his dedication. He could never know us all personally but there are many who will experience the warm glow of recognition: 'He means me!'

I don't suppose the apostle Paul knew everyone in the early Christian communities to whom he wrote those letters which have become part of our Scriptures. But to be addressed by Paul in that very personal way and to be assured of his prayers must have been a great encouragement to them.

As things turned out, of course, Paul and the other apostles were not just writing for Christians in the first century AD. Perhaps these men were not aware of it but their writings were destined to guide, rebuke and inspire the Church in every generation. These writings became the written Word of God for the Church. Not just written by Paul and the other apostles but inspired by the Holy Spirit of God. It is because of this that they are as personal to us now as they were to the people who actually held the letters in their hands.

I have a number of books which have been signed by the authors, some with personal inscriptions. They will always be treasured possessions but how much more wonderful is it to have a Book which comes to us from the very heart of God. A Book which lays bare our greatest problem as a race, which solves that problem through a Saviour and which gives us the hope of a meaningful life now and eternal life beyond the grave.

Wishing you Good Mass,  
*Ian Rankin*

## Sins of omission and commission

Efficient as we are (not!), we managed to omit the copy date in last month's magazine, so thanks to those of you who were on the ball and sent your items in plenty of time!

We also managed to make a mess of the flower donations, for which, humble apologies to everyone concerned – both October and November's donations are printed again this month in the hope that this rectifies matters.

## Morag Thomson

Having done all of 3 issues now, and struggled with every one, we would like to pay tribute to the former editor, Morag Thomson, for her faithful service over more than six years on the job. She always appeared unflustered and well organised and her magazines covered a range of topics and features over the years, reflecting life in St Paul's. It is only now that we appreciate how much time, commitment and work went into the mag over these years.

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## Traidcraft and Tearcraft

Please note that orders for Christmas items from either of these catalogues should be in as soon as possible, so that we can order them in good time. It will be difficult to complete orders submitted after November 26th.

The catalogues are available at the back of the church & also in the large hall after the morning service.

## Book Stall

The book stall will now open in time for Christmas for some literary presents, starting from Sunday 12th November for 4 weeks until Sunday 10th December with a 10% discount on books – a great bargain for Christmas! See Glenys Ritchie at the back of the church if you are interested.



*"The church had a going-away party for the Pastor. The congregation was anxious to give him a little momentum."*



## The Guild

The new season began in Church on 2nd October with an evening of wonderful singing and tambourine entertainment by the Govan Salvation Army Songsters. This was very well attended, raising funds for our Guild project, Borderline, and the Salvation Army Homeless Unit.

Our Dedication service on 8th October was also well attended.

On Monday 9th October our speaker was Mr Alex Cordner of Torch Trust for the Blind who gave an interesting insight into the work of the Trust. He was accompanied by Mr Douglas Fraser, who has been blind since birth. He read Psalm 29 from his braille Bible and gave a light-hearted talk on his life and his faith.

On Monday 16th October, Jan Miskelly from 'Poppy Scotland' spoke of the money raised from the sale of poppies, millions of which are made during the year by disabled veterans in their Edinburgh factory. These funds help many war-veteran charities throughout Scotland.

On Monday 23rd October, Liz Carmichael from the Mitchell Library in Glasgow spoke of her 30 years' service, encouraging Guild members to visit the Library and sample its many services. A nostalgic and humorous viewing of old Glasgow photographs had many members reminiscing!

On Monday 30th October, Brian Adair will be enlightening us with Little Stories from the Courts.

On Monday 6th November, Dr James Torrens will be discussing his life from Medicine to Ministry.

On Monday 13th November, there will be a Bible Study by Rev. Fergus Buchanan.

On Monday 20th, Mrs E. Curr will be speaking to us regarding "Working with the Royals."

Molly Pollock, Secretary.



Flower donations for October and November (with apologies for the mix up last month).

Mrs Strathdee, Mrs R Hutchison, Mrs M Farquhar, Miss A F Niven, Mrs Collar.

Mrs R Fraser, Mrs J Tounson, Mrs R Gilmour, Women's Guild, Miss K Hamilton, Mrs Clark, Mrs G W Morrison.

## Church Transport

St. Paul's has for many years operated a transport system to bring people to church who might have difficulties coming under their own steam.

In recent times an increase in requests for assistance linked to a small number of drivers having to step down has meant that I now have no spare drivers if a new request is made.

The system uses teams of about four drivers who work together in a flexible rota to bring one or two of their fellow parishioners to church every Sunday morning. This of course means that one new client often requires four drivers to form a team.

If you feel that you might be able to help in this important work please give me a call or see me on Sunday morning.

Steven McFarlane 0141 563 8454



### Brigade Blethers

Most of our Brigade activities over the last month have been 'in house' i.e. getting on with badgework, and as we are trying to promote a healthy lifestyle this session we read Paul's letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 12 with regard to our bodies.

Then the leaders focused on thinking about our bones and for a couple of weeks we had games like 'Mrs Brown's shopping basket' being filled only with healthy items and girls lying on the floor making words like 'spine' or 'muscle' using their bodies for letters.

To emphasise the importance of calcium in our diet some of the older girls made and sampled Smoothies one week. The following week we had a speaker who came to air the dangers of alcohol. (I can assure the parents that we did not have any sampling that week!)

We are just a couple of weeks away from our Enrolment Service when our Chaplain, Mr Buchanan, will ask the girls to repeat their promise which is "I promise to seek, serve and follow Christ". The whole reason for Brigade is to bring girls to be followers of the Lord Jesus Christ so please pray for all of us as we try to keep our promise.

Anne Goodlet

## Centenary Updates

### **Ceilidh**

As part of the centenary celebrations we are holding a ceilidh on Saturday the 25th November from 7pm to 11.30pm.

There will be something for everyone, from a live band in the Large Hall to a film show for kids in the Centenary Hall. There will be snacks in the Jubilee Hall and a chance to buy some goodies later on. Watch out soon for Liz Traill and Jean Scott with booking forms and then the tickets will go on sale soon after.

### **Tickets are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children**

Remember and put this date in your diary folks this is one occasion you can't afford to miss!

### **Heritage Exhibition**

We are continuing to enjoy the history of St. Paul's as it unfolds in our Heritage Exhibition. For those who have missed any of the instalments there will be an opportunity to see the full exhibition on Saturday 9 December from 10am-4pm. Tea and Coffee will be available through the day.

### **Lodging House Mission**

The LHM, a project of the Presbytery of Glasgow, offers a cafe, drop-in centre, education and activity programme and Church Community for Glasgow's homeless, hostel dwelling and resettling communities.

The LHM will be collecting shoe boxes again this year for distribution to homeless people at Christmas. Please fill these with toiletries, chocolate, sweets, socks etc and label 'man' or 'woman'. Please hand these in at St Paul's before **Sun 17th December**.



### **LHM Christmas Carol Service**

This service for friends and homeless neighbours will be held on Monday 18th December at 2pm in the Mission at 35 East Campbell Street, Glasgow. All welcome. There will be a further opportunity to support the Mission on Sunday 28th January at 6pm when the Moderator, Right Rev Alan McDonald will be speaking.

For more information contact Ann Begg on 956 5551



## Scotland's Four leading Churchmen Worship Together at Church Service



The Moderator, Right Rev Alan McDonald, continued his tour of our Presbytery during October and on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> met with the leaders of three of the other main denominations in Scotland followed by worship at an ecumenical service held in Dumbarton Riverside Parish Church. Joining the Moderator were the Most Rev Mario Conti (Scottish Catholic Church), the Most Rev Idris Jones (Scottish Episcopal Church) and the Rev Andrew McMillan (United Free Church of Scotland).

On this highly successful tour the Moderator has met with as many members of the community as possible by visiting schools, hospices, churches and local businesses. These included Red Tower Rehabilitation Centre in Helensburgh; the Carmelite Monastery of the Holy Ghost in Dumbarton; Faslane Peace Camp; a Fiartrade Breakfast at Baljaffray Church; a Christian Aid meeting at Cairns Church and of course our own Guild Presbyterial Council Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> October.

Keep up to date with Mr McDonald's diary at [www.churchofscotland.org.uk](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk)



### Romanian Appeal, October 2006 & Bibleworld comes to Milngavie

#### **A Voice for Romania**

Because of recent history, the Bible is unknown to many Romanians. Although many have had easier access to the Bible since the fall of Ceausescu, it is little known in many sections of the community. The Bible Society is completing a fresh translation of the New Testament and will record it and offer it on the *Megavoice* audio player. This compact hand-held device can bring the good news to hospital patients, the visually-impaired and elderly, prisoners and young people.

*Megavoice* digital audio players are revolutionary tools and an amazing breakthrough in audio technology. Easy to use, small enough to fit into your pocket, powered by the sun and with no moving parts, *Megavoice* is rugged and water resistant and able to hold 160 hours of speech – enough for the whole Bible to be recorded.

Proceeds of the sponsored walk on 28<sup>th</sup> October will be put towards this appeal. You can find out more at the Bible Society website [www.scottishbiblesociety.org](http://www.scottishbiblesociety.org)

#### **Bibleworld SBS Studios**

The 45ft impressive mobile film-set-come-classroom which aims to present the Good News in a fresh, 21st-century way will be at St Luke's Church from **13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November** for kids from P5 to S1 age groups to find out about the Bible in a stimulating hi-tech, hands-on environment.

Speak to Frances Ireland for more info 956 1030.





## Boys' Brigade

There was great excitement among the Anchor Boy team at Kirk Street, led by Gail McGill, when 20 P3 and new P2 recruits started on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September. The Junior Section for P4,5 and 6 boys which also started that evening enrolled a total of 17 new members under Alan Dougan, Andrew Mathie and George Napier.

Unfortunately, news from the Company section was less encouraging since only a few former boys turned up for the start of the new session despite a determined recruiting campaign. The Acting Captain and Leader are keen to develop a wider programme of interest so the drumming class started last season will continue and be supplemented by bugle lessons for boys interested in music. Seamanship, dinghy sailing and canoeing is planned for the summer with onshore instruction beginning after the new year.

There is a continued search for more leaders for the Company Section and members of the congregations of all six churches who support the BB are asked to consider giving up some of their time to help out. Contact Ian Taggart, the Secretary on 0141 956 2985 for further information on what it entails.

Tesco Sport Vouchers are eagerly sought by Stuart Sharkie, 58 Castlemains Road, to purchase equipment - but hurry - the offer ends on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov!

The Company will be represented at the Remembrance Day parade in Milngavie on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Parents and friends are encouraged to make sure their boys are present. Assemble at Mugdock Road Car Park 10.15am, march off at 10.30am.

## The Book Club

The book we read this month is *Weight* by Jeanette Winterson who wrote "Oranges are not the only Fruit" among other books.

Nobody liked this book! The general opinion of everyone present was unfavourable. The book is part of the Canongate Myths series which retells myths in a contemporary way. I personally was looking forward to reading this book as I have the Canongate series called Pocket Canons which is a series of small books covering 27 of the original 80 books of the King James Bible. Each book is introduced by well known writers who provide a personal interpretation of the text. The myths series, if this book is anything to go by, is disappointing. One of the group commented that books can generally be put into two categories – "you have to read this" and "don't waste time reading this!" *Weight* definitely comes into the last category.

Next month's meeting is on Wednesday 13 December at the usual time of 8pm. We are going classical and reading *Crime and Punishment* by Dostoyevsky. Please phone Helen in the Church Office for the venue if you would like to join us.

JOYCE CLARK

## Copy Date for December Issue

Copy date for the December issue is **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November** if leaving your article in the pigeon hole in the church, or **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov** if emailing to [rona.macdonald@scotent.co.uk](mailto:rona.macdonald@scotent.co.uk) May I make a plea though: these dates are last minute deadlines – please don't leave your items as late as this each month if you can possibly send them earlier.

Where there is love and wisdom,  
there is neither fear nor ignorance.  
Where there is patience and humility,  
there is neither anger nor annoyance.  
Where there is poverty and joy,  
there is neither cupidity nor avarice.  
Where there is peace and contemplation,  
there is neither care nor restlessness.  
Where there is the fear of God to guard the dwelling,  
there no enemy can enter.  
Where there is mercy and prudence,  
there is neither excess nor harshness.

The admonitions of St Francis of Assisi

## World Mission Diary for November

### **Pakistan**

A Christian Hospital was opened in Ghaziabad on the 1st October for the earthquake victims . The government are allowing the Church of Pakistan to build four schools. There are still three million people homeless as it comes near to their cold winter.

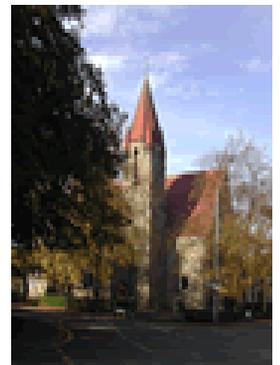
We would pray for The Church of Pakistan and other aid agencies as they continue to bring relief to those still affected - and for the people themselves.

### **Bearsden Churches Unite**

Bearsden North and Bearsden South churches have both voted to unite as from Sunday 3rd December 2006. Rev John Harris was also voted by Bearsden North as minister of the new united charge. The name of the new church will be Bearsden Cross Parish Church and the new joint congregation will meet in the building formerly occupied by Bearsden North congregation. The South building will continue to be used as a place of worship while the joint site is developed.

Bearsden Baljaffray will continue in its own right, with the minister now occupying the former North Church manse.

[www.presbyteryofdumbarton.org.uk](http://www.presbyteryofdumbarton.org.uk)



Lauriston Jesuit Centre

~~~ On Thin Ice ~~~

**The Churches and the Environment**

**Presented by Mary Colwell**

**Producer, BBC Natural History Unit**

**Friday 10 November 2006, 7.30.p.m.**

**Lauriston Jesuit Centre**

**Lauriston Street, Edinburgh**

All Welcome

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**Mary Colwell** is senior producer in TV and radio for the BBC Natural History Unit. Her TV programmes include *Europe - A Natural History*, *British Isles - A Natural History*, *Wildlife on One*, *Natural World*, and *Predators*. She has produced numerous documentaries for Radio 4. Her most recent project for TV is *Planet Earth - The Future*, and for Radio 4, a series exploring the approach of major religions to the natural world through visiting a garden that is special to that faith. Mary will be joined by Cardinal Keith Patrick O'Brien, Archbishop of the diocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, Professor Aubrey Manning, author and broadcaster and Emeritus Professor of Natural History at Edinburgh University, and Owen Dudley Edwards, historian, author and broadcaster, who will chair the evening.

## Life and Work - November Digest

Copies of L&W are available in the Church for the reduced price of £1.30 per month

- The Stem Cell experimentation debate
- Profile of Drena O'Malley – Resources Manager of Deafblind Scotland
- The Moderator's monthly column focusing on Remembrance Day
- Christian Denominations in Scotland – Episcopalianism, Methodism and Quakerism
- The National Youth Assembly
- The Impact of War on Children by Very Rev James Simpson
- Advent Art
- All the usual letters, columns, opinions and features

**Milngavie Churches**

**Prayer Breakfasts**

Breakfast 8am, Prayer 8.45am  
Close 9.30am

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup> November | Allander Evangelical  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> December | St Paul's             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> February | St Andrew's Episcopal |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> March    | United Free           |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> March   | St Luke's             |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> May      | St Paul's             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> June     | St Andrew's           |

*"We will have a Special Holiday Bingo & Dinner on Monday evening. You will be given two bingo packs, which cover all games played, and your choice of children or roast beef for dinner."*

## Friendship House

Times have changed in the 22 years that F.H. has been open. There are many more places now open for light refreshment etc but there is no other open door providing Christian outreach into our community on a daily basis involving every church. It is a haven for quite a few people.

F.H. is an ongoing day in day out, week in week out, month in month out, year in year out affair, & because of its ongoing nature there is a considerable turn over of staff.

We only close on Bank Holidays. We keep open right through all the school holidays & all through the summer. To run F.H. efficiently each day, 8 volunteers are needed - 2 in the kitchen & 2 befrienders both morning & afternoon plus of course the Day Manager, who opens up & is responsible over all. This means that we need on average 130 people to keep gong.

### **Would you consider being part of this team or at least finding out about it?**

The commitment asked for is one 3 hour shift every 4 weeks-(male or female) some people choose to do more.

To find out more please contact either Helen in the Church office or Friendship House 956 5661 or Rosemary Fraser 956 3222.

## Church Society

### Autumn Visit to Charles Rennie Mackintosh Church

This has been postponed until the spring owing to the work in the Church not being completed. Details will appear in the intimations nearer the time.

If you wish to find out more about the Church Society contact Iris Torbet 956 2164.

## Church Garden

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have helped keep the church garden in such good order throughout the year. I have been informed that there have been many favourable comments and this is due, in no small measure, to the unseen band of helpers who come down and weed, prune, cut grass, trim hedges and carry out many other tasks around the grounds.

If you regularly come in by the back door on Strathblane Road you will notice a big improvement there and we would like to thank the contractors for the donation of a few extra plants when they were working on the area.

Sheila Dickson, Garden Convenor.



## Thank You

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of you for the tremendous support and generous love you have given us throughout our time with St. Paul's and especially at the Induction on the 18th of October. It is overwhelming to know your kindness to us. Your presence was very much appreciated and greatly impressed everybody here in Helensburgh.

Wishing you all God's every blessing.

George and Sue Vidits

(Or should I write *the Count and Countess*?)

Ps. We might just 'haunt' you sometime.

### **The Commission '07**

*Scotland's Day of Challenge and Encouragement for Men*

**Saturday 10th February, 2007**

University of Strathclyde,  
Jordanhill Campus, 10am – 4pm.

Dynamic Teaching

*Speaker: Stephen Gaukroger*

Inspiring Worship

Up-building Experience

Tickets (inc lunch) £22, **£18 if booked and paid by 30/11/06.**

Visit [www.thecommission.org.uk](http://www.thecommission.org.uk) for more information



## Church Register

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| <b><u>New Members Joined by certificate</u></b>               |     |
| Mrs Mary Hiddleston, 23 Homebrae House, Milngavie             | 3a  |
| <b><u>Disjunctions</u></b>                                    |     |
| Mr James Primrose, 33 Dorchester Court Glasgow                | 70  |
| Mrs Susan Moffatt, 35 Burnfoot Drive, Hillington              | 70  |
| <b><u>Change of Address</u></b>                               |     |
| <b>Mrs Morag O'Donnell, 24 Watt Place now</b>                 | 22  |
| 42 Rosehill Road, Torrance                                    | 70  |
| <b>Mr &amp; Mrs George Gordon, 8 Ewing Walk, Fairways now</b> | 50  |
| 16 Thorn Heights, Chesters Road                               | 62a |
| <b><u>Deaths</u></b>                                          |     |
| <i>Jesus said: 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'</i>       |     |
| 19.09.06 Mrs Helen Hinshelwood, 14 Leven Drive, Bearsden      |     |
| 15.10.06 Mrs Netta Symington, 9 Fiarview Court, Milngavie     | 18a |
| 16.10.06 Mrs Frances Turner, Fairview Court, 46 Main Street   | 18a |

## Rotas - November

| Date      | Flower deliveries       | Crêche                           | Traidcraft             | Vestibule                               |
|-----------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 5 Nov     | M Conway<br>M McPherson | Hughes, Wilson,<br>Whitelaw      | M Thomson<br>M Ure     | Team 8<br>Robert Rutherford             |
| 12<br>Nov | A Galloway<br>J Townson | Kerr, Baxter,<br>MacKinnon       | A Begg<br>J McLean     | Team 9<br>Aled Evans (Eve<br>Communion) |
| 19<br>Nov | M McIntyre<br>M Spencer | Reid, Bolton,<br>J Deuchar       | J McIntyre<br>M Fewell | Team 10<br>Irene Strang                 |
| 26<br>Nov | P Dudgeon<br>S Lindsay  | Smith, Sillars,<br>McAuley       | G Buchanan<br>A Martin | Team 3<br>Linda Muirhead                |
| 3 Dec     | M Thomson<br>C Tanner   | Lawrie, K<br>Deuchar,<br>Chapman | C MacKay<br>R Fraser   | Team 4<br>Maureen Donaldson             |