

St Paul's Milngavie Life Magazine, September 2006

Welcome to this special Harvest edition of St Paul's Church magazine. The regular magazine is published on the first Sunday of each month and contributions for the October issue should be put in the **new pigeon hole at the back of the church** by Sun 17th Sept or emailed to Rona at rona.macdonald@scotent.co.uk or posted to 6 Garrioch Crescent, North Kelvinside, Glasgow, G20 8RR. 0141 946 8624.



Minister Fergus Buchanan

Dear Friends,
I hope you have all had a good summer!

It's not the case that Summer is always a relaxing and care-free time. The usual challenges of life continue to confront us at home and abroad. In fact, it almost seems that Summer is the time for international crises. Whatever our experience of this time, it is good to know that God's good purpose is unfolding through all the circumstances of life.

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Church Website

Have you checked out the St Paul's website yet? We modestly think it's one of the best around and can be found at www.stpaulsmilngavie.org.uk

- Missed a Sunday sermon? Listen again on MP3 format
 - Dewdrops – take a few minutes at the beginning of the day for a reading and meditation
 - Find out more about the history of the Church in the heritage section, also featuring centenary celebrations
 - Download copies of the magazine
 - Keep up to date with the Ferguson File
 - Find useful contact details for all church organisations and office bearers
- ...and much more. .

The congregation is encouraged to contribute by contacting John MacArthur
webmaster@stpaulsmilngavie.org.uk



New Logo

The 2006 centenary celebrations have led to some small changes updating the church's "image!" One of those is the use of the above illustration as our new logo. It's taken from the wonderful centenary scroll presented to St Paul's by Mr Stewart Hume which is displayed in the new foyer.

You may have heard by now that Rev George Vidits is *sole nominee* for Helensburgh: St Columba Parish Church. We will all be sorry to see George and Sue go, but it's good to know that they will still be within our Presbytery.

I hope you like this glossy edition of the magazine. All being well, there will be an occasional issue in this format. We are grateful to Rona Macdonald for taking on the editorial work. I trust you will support her with your prayers and contributions.

This new Church season promises to be busy once again. The traditional organisations are all ready to go and, who knows, maybe a full new things will be happening.

Wishing you Gods Peace,
Fergus Buchanan

World Prayer Diary – September

Pray for justice, for peace and for healing in the Middle East
Pray for the safety of the hundreds of thousands of displaced people from Lebanon and for the courage and determination and wellbeing of those bringing relief to them. Please also pray for the continued safety of the Church's partners, colleagues and friends in Israel, Lebanon and Palestine.

In Galilee you calmed a storm,
gentling fear and overcoming nature.
May the northern Lake and hills know peace again.

Lord of beauty who brought lushness to Lebanon,
Where trees stood tall and green.
Forgive us for scorching earth and flesh,
polluting the sea.
Help us re-build bridges where people meet
and new life blossoms.

In Jerusalem you turned power up-side down
and overcame death.
May the power-centres of the world
resurrect your powerlessness
and new hope.
Amen.

Mitri Raheb and Jane Barron, taken from World Mission Update

Harvest Thanksgiving 2006

Harvest Festival this year is on Sunday the **17th of September**. As usual we are looking to the congregation to contribute flowers, plants and foodstuffs to be distributed on the Sunday following the service. These gifts and cards will be delivered to the elderly, sick and housebound by our elders.

Last year we delivered foodstuffs to the Lodging House Mission and to the Salvation Army and they have reminded us that the most popular foods for them to use are tea, coffee, cereals, tins of soup, tins of fruit, spaghetti etc.

Because of the Flower Festival in the Church, donations can be handed in from **1.30pm on Saturday 16th**.

Reviews and Activities over the Summer

Book Club

This month we have been reading *Labyrinth* by Kate Mosse (also recommended by Richard & Judy's Book Club). The book moves between two time lines – 1209 and 2005 – and tells the story of Alais/Alice and the mysteries uncovered by a book full of symbols and the discovery of two skeletons in the French Pyrenees. This is an inter-connecting murder mystery and although the pace is good, the book is a bit long and drawn out. The general feeling was that the author would have been better to stay in just one time zone rather than jump between two.

The verdict: looked promising but was disappointing.

The next Book Club meeting will be after the summer and we have a choice of two books this time – read one or both! The books are *The Lincoln Lawyer* by Michael Connelly and *We Need to Talk about Kevin* by Lionel Shriver.

Please contact Helen in the Church Office on 956 4405 for the venue. The date for your diary is **Tuesday 29 August 2006** at 8pm.

Now is the time to come and join us at the beginning of a new session if you have been following our reviews and have tried some of the books for yourself. Come and tell us what you think and enjoy the coffee and chat! We will be delighted to see you.

JOYCE CLARK

Letters

Open Door Trust Glasgow wish to convey thanks to all the people at St Paul's Church who donated tea, coffee, sugar etc during the period of Lent earlier this year. These gifts are very much appreciated and help to continue the work with people on the streets of Glasgow where there are so many people struggling in their day to day living. We thank you for your continued support and your prayers throughout the year.

Dear Friends

This note is to thank all in St Paul's who sent cards and flowers and kept in touch with me while I was unwell earlier in the year. The kindness shown me was, and is very much appreciated. I hope to be fit in time for the new session of The Guild in October and feeling 'good as new'.
sincerely, Anne Easton

Hobnobbing with royalty



Touch the hand that touched royalty!

Anne Goodlet pictured outside Holyrood Palace with Cat Harvey

Anne Goodlet is no stranger to Holyrood (the palace not the parliament) having attended a number of Duke of Edinburgh Award ceremonies with girls from the Milngavie Girls' Brigade in the past. This summer, however, it was a bit different, as she was invited to be the special guest of Catriona Harvey (Cat of Real Radio fame) herself a former Milngavie Company GB member. This made the occasion all the more special for Anne – and a quite different experience from being on duty. Anne said she had quite a wee blether with Prince Philip and enjoyed the day immensely. Not content with that though, she was back at another palace (in London this time) to accept a certificate on behalf of GB Scotland as part of the celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

Anne was keen to point out that while she can help and guide the girls, it takes a great deal of hard work and discipline on their own behalf to get to the stage of earning a Gold Award and it's always a proud moment when they do make it.

Book Stall

The book stall sits at the back of the Church every week and will be open again from October. It might save you a trip into Glasgow if you can buy a book or Bible study aid on a Sunday. The stall is organised by Glenys Ritchie who would be delighted to take orders. Email glenysoliver@tiscali.co.uk or speak to Glenys on a Sunday.

Traidcraft

Our congregation supports Traidcraft. This is a Christian based organisation that believes passionately in Fair Trade. Fair trade differs from standard trade in five principal ways:

- As an organisation committed to fair trade, Traidcraft
- focuses on trading with poor and marginalised producer groups, helping them develop skills and sustainable livelihoods through the trading relationships
 - pays fair prices that cover the full cost of production and enables a living wage and other fair rewards to be earned by producers
 - provides credit when needed to allow orders to be fulfilled and pays premiums to be used to provide further benefits to producer communities.
 - encourages the fair treatment of all workers ensuring good conditions in the workplace.
 - aims to build up long term relationships, rather than looking for short-term advantage

We often feel helpless in the face of mass poverty, & we wonder how one or two people can possibly make a difference. The good news is that we **can** make a difference by buying, when possible, fairly traded goods. These are available in our own Church Hall, after the morning service and also in many of the local shops -Tesco, M&S & the Co-op to name but a few.



Fairtrade logo

Centenary Update

We are now nearly three quarters of the way through our centenary year celebrations and thanks to the hard work of many people there have been some memorable moments so far – and more still to come! The building work on the new halls is complete and we now have a modern well equipped facility to carry on the witness for another hundred years. Keep up to date with what's going on here:

At the June meeting of the Kirk Session it was agreed to establish the post of church archivist in order to build on the extensive research undertaken for the heritage exhibition to celebrate our centenary. I am pleased to advise the congregation that Mr Chris Scott, a member of the current heritage committee has agreed to be our archivist. Details of the post are included in the Church Directory 2006-07. **Ian Mackinnon, Session Clerk.**

Young at Heart... Youth Fellowship Grand Reunion

Were you in the YF in former years? Why not catch up with old friends at the reunion on **18TH NOVEMBER 2006.** 6.30 FOR 7 pm. We expect the cost to be £15 per head to include a 2 course meal. Please contact Robert and Hilary Rutherford at rockyrutherford@hotmail.com before Friday 8th September if you (and your partner) are interested in coming. PLEASE FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO INVITE ANYONE THAT YOU ARE STILL IN TOUCH WITH FROM THE YF.

Flower Festival

As part of our centenary celebrations, the preparations for a Festival of Flowers is underway and we would like to invite you and your friends on any of the above dates to see the many flower arrangements presented by our organisations within the church. These displays will illustrate the life of St Paul's, by highlighting the various organisations' aims and objectives. The Festival will be held in the sanctuary on **Thursday 14th & Friday 15th September** from 10.00am–12noon, and 2.00pm–4.00pm, and on **Saturday 16th September** from 10.00am–12.00noon only. Entry is free, and tea and coffee will be available in the halls. The Committee is very much looking forward to this opportunity to meet you, your family and friends.

Youth Gathering

St Paul's Time Travel is going to be a fun packed day to help primary school children to get involved with the centenary celebrations in St Paul's. This will run all day on **Saturday 28th October** in the church. Please put this date in your diary and we look forward to see your children there. **Gemma Stoddart** gstoddster@yahoo.co.uk

St Andrew's Night Family Ceilidh To be held on Saturday 25th November – more details in October issue.

Centenary Pens

The centenary committee have ordered some pens which are engraved "St Paul's Parish Church, Milngavie" and which include the web address. They will be on sale at £3 each in the Large Hall after the morning service or contact **Graham Mill** 956 5155 g.mill@ntlworld.com while stocks last!

Japan Jottings

Dear Friends,

This time we thought we'd do an update profile. So here goes:

Who? We both used to be lawyers but joined OMF in 1998 and moved to Japan to begin language learning. We're far from fluent yet! Our four boys have grown somewhat since we were last in St Paul's in March 2004. Daniel (12) has just started at Hebron School in India, a Christian school set up primarily to provide a place of education for missionaries' children. Matthew (10) is in 4th grade at our local primary school. Calum (6) is in his final year of kindergarten (school starts later here). And Alistair (3) keeps us on our toes!

Where? We live and work in Otaru, a city of some 140,000 people on the northern island of Hokkaido. It's a great place for us as a family – sea, skiing and sushi (not that all of our boys are too keen on the latter though!) But it is also a place filled with temples and shrines and many Shinto festivals during the summer months.

What? We work at a small (and only) church in an area of around 30,000 people. We are involved in preaching, teaching and caring for the believers (a mixture of ages with a good number of couples and families). But much of our focus is on outreach – aiming to share the gospel with the Japanese people through all sorts of weekly activities and special events.

Why? We have come here simply to share the good news of Jesus with the people of Japan. So many need to hear. And there are so many needy people. The Japanese are not poor, malnourished or lacking in the necessities of life. Yet spiritually so many have nothing – but they are longing for something. Christians number less than 1% of the population. The task is huge but with your prayers and support we can together make a difference.

**With our love and thanks for your partnership with us,
David, Lorna, Daniel, Matthew, Calum and Alistair.**



Sunday Services at St Paul's

Sun 3 rd Sept	11am – Baptism, 7pm
Sun 10 th Sept	11am, 7pm
Sun 17 th Sept	11am – Harvest Thanksgiving, 7pm
Sun 24 th Sept	11am, 7pm
Sun 1st Oct	11am & 3pm Communion, 7pm – Praise Group

Flower donations

Many things in St Paul's happen quietly, behind the scenes without any fanfare. One of these is the provision and arrangement of flowers every Sunday to beautify the sanctuary. Margaret Gerrard and her trusty helpers Mrs Dudgeon & Mrs Douglas make a great job of the displays and would welcome anyone with an interest in flower arranging to join them – to find out more contact Margaret on 956 2388.

Equally important are the generous flower donations from members which are noted below.

Donations for August

Mrs A Daniel, Mr J E Henderson, Mrs M McNeill, Mrs J Webster

Donations for September

Mrs E Law, Dr N Conn, Mrs M Reid, Mrs Brown.

National Youth Assembly

National Youth Assembly 2006

The Church of Scotland annual Youth Assembly is for young adults who have a connection to the Church aged between 16 and 25. Youth workers are welcome to attend the event with their young people if they want to support them through the experience. The Youth Assembly 2006 will take place from 8-10 September to at the City Quay Hotel, Dundee. Cost is £50 per person. **For more information, email Steve Mallon at smallon@cofscotland.org.uk**

St Paul's Holiday Fellowship

It is again the time of year when our next holiday has to be planned. For this trip we are staying in Scotland and plan to visit MULL and IONA for four days, staying on Mull on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis from 4th-7th May, 2007. We plan to visit Tobermory, Torosay Castle and Gardens, Duart Castle and Iona. The visit to Iona will be on the Sunday and we shall arrive in time for the service at the Abbey.

Brightwater Holidays are organising the trip for our party alone and the coach will leave from the church.

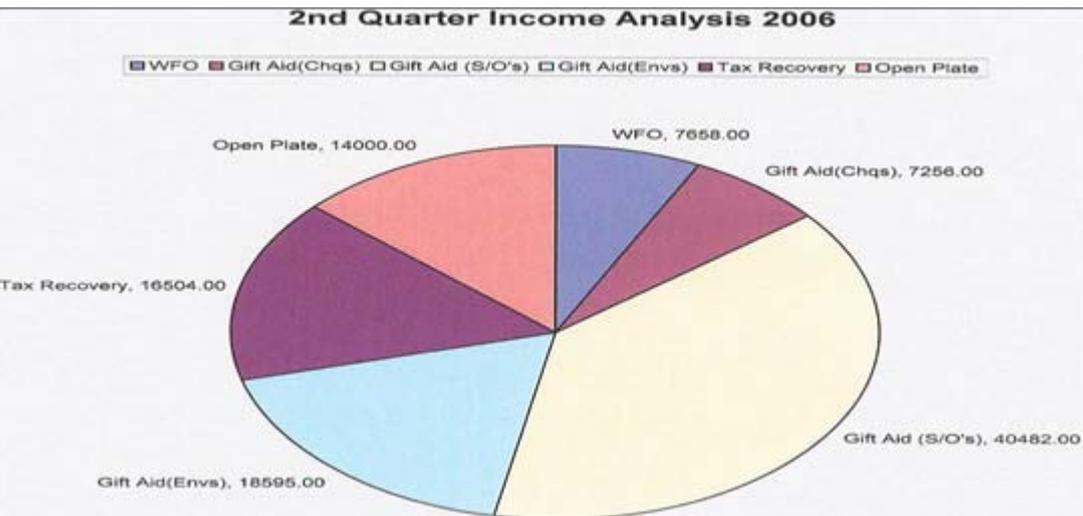
Further details are available at the back of the church. Completed booking forms should be returned to Anne Ritchie by 29th September, 2006. Places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. We do hope that this trip will be well supported.

Anne Ritchie milganne@yahoo.co.uk

Finances – as at end July 2006

We are very much on target at the half-year stage although July, as is historic, shows a fall in income but I am confident that the members who have been on holiday will make up for the weeks they have missed.

Offerings		Expenditure	
Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
£106982	£106201	£104256	£105627



The above chart shows the sources of our income but I have not included donations from other sources as they are not consistent nor can we depend upon them as guaranteed income. I appeal again to **all members who are paying Income Tax** contributing via WFO and Open Plate and have not yet taken advantage of the Gift Aid Scheme to consider doing so as any contribution you make can be enhanced by 28p for every pound you give at no extra cost to you the member. As you can see from the above chart Tax Recovery amounts to 16% of our income and I remain convinced that we could do better than that.

Angus Maclean, Congregational Treasurer

Organise yourself... what's on in St Paul's

St Paul's offers a wide range of activities for all ages, both spiritual and social - everything from the Sunday Club to the Men's Association, the Badminton Club to the Prayer Group. New members are always welcome, especially at this time of year when things are getting going again after the summer. Now is a great time to join up, so here's a wee reminder of what they do, when they meet and who to speak to:

The Guild

The new session of the Guild begins on Monday 2nd October 2006 at 7.30 pm in the Church, when we will be entertained by the Salvation Army Govan Songsters.

This meeting will be open to all members of the Congregation. Tickets, priced £3, will be on sale from Guild committee members. All proceeds from the ticket sales will be divided between the Govan Songsters and the 2006/7 Guild project.

We warmly welcome old and new members and any friends who would like to join us for what we feel sure will be a very enjoyable evening.

The Guild's Dedication Service is on Sunday 8th October at 11 a.m.

The Men's Association

The Men's Association meets on alternate Tuesday nights from October to March in the Centenary Room at 7:15 for tea, biscuits and fellowship. We have a varied syllabus and we would be delighted for any of the men in the congregation to join us – age is no barrier – and you would be made most welcome. Our first meeting is on Tuesday 10th October. when our speaker will be Rev. William Shackleton and his topic will be "Keeping it Cheery." Contact Chris Scott for more information on 956 5251.

The Playgroup

Playgroup meets in the large hall on Monday - Friday mornings 9.30am - 12noon, and is open to children from 2½ - 4 years of age. The hall is split into various areas such as numeracy, language, physical, construction, crafts, music and snack. The children are free to move from one area to another throughout the morning and are also encouraged to participate in a smaller group time for a short time.

Staff are qualified in "early years education and child care" as required by the Scottish Social Services Council. Children are entitled to a funded place from the term after the third birthday; otherwise the charge is £6.00 for a 2.5 hour session. If you know of anyone who is interested in a place for their child, please encourage them to come along and have a look one morning. Contact Ann Shields 577 9171 or by email annbshields@ntlworld.com

Networking at St Paul's N@SP

Networking at St. Paul's (N@SP) is a fellowship for those aged 18-40. We seek to build each other in faith, supporting and encouraging one another in prayer and enjoying Christian fellowship as we explore to live out our faith more efficiently. Outings are organised on an ad hoc basis, so if you are interested, contact Sue Rollings 956 7298 or Gayle Cattanach 956 1557 for details.

The Praise Group

Always glad of new members! We are a mixed bunch of musicians and singers and we play at the evening service on the 1st Monday of each month. We have a practice from 5.30pm on the day itself, so there is no huge time commitment involved. If you would like to join as either singer or player, please contact Rosemary Fraser on 956 3222.

Next meeting Sunday 3rd September at 5.30pm.

Boys' Brigade

Enrolment of all local boys in the 1st/2nd Milngavie Company for Session 2006/07 will commence as follows:

ANCHOR BOYS P2 and P3 ages at 6.15 – 7.15pm on Monday 28th August at St Luke's Kirk Street Church Hall. Contact Mrs Gail McGill (563 8424)

Sinclair Street ANCHOR BOYS also for P2 and P3 will also commence enrolment at 6.15 – 7.15pm on Friday 1st September in the B.B. Hall. Contact Mr Ian James (570 0955)

JUNIOR SECTION meets Monday evening from 7.30 – 9pm in the Kirk Street Church Hall will restart enrolling on 28th August. Boys of P4, 5 & 6, former boys moving up from P3 and new recruits most welcome to attend. Contact Mr Alan Dougan, Leader (956 1908)

THE COMPANY SECTION meets Friday evenings from 7.30 – 10.00pm in the Kirk Street Church Hall of St Luke's Church will recommence on Friday 1st September. New P7, S1,2,3,4, and 5 and those moving up from P6 will all receive an enthusiastic welcome. Contact Mr Stuart Sharkie, Acting Captain (956 20270)

Boys' Brigade aims to introduce children and growing youth to the finer aspect of life by the promotion of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline and self-respect and all that tends toward a true Christian Manliness.

Sunday School & Bible Class

The **Bible Class** is for S1-S5 and meets in the Centenary Hall from 10.00 till 10.50am on Sundays. Other activities are organised during the year for the members.

The **Sunday Club** children (from pre-school up to Primary 7) meet at the front of the Church in time for the service at 11.00am; after the children's hymn they leave for their classes in the various halls.

This year it has been decided that there will be activities for the Sunday Club children each Sunday including holidays when there has been nothing in the past. We hope that the children will feel welcome in Church every week.

This year we also plan to organise a collection of shoe boxes with presents to be taken by the Blythswood Trust to Eastern European countries for Christmas.

Contact Eleanor Easton for more details on 943 0368 or eleanoreaston@yahoo.co.uk

The Badminton Club

The Badminton Club meets in the Large Hall on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm from the beginning of September to the end of April. Play is social but competitive!
If you would like to come back to badminton after a break, or learn to play this enjoyable sport, do come and join us for an evening. You will get some good exercise – and a cup of tea!

Club membership is open to players aged 16 or over.
For further information contact Cathie Buchanan (956 2995) or Frances Ireland (956 1030).

Bible Society Sponsored Walk

The annual Bible Society sponsored walk will take place on **Saturday 28th October**. In previous years this has been a happy occasion and we have been fortunate with the weather. Why not come and join us for the fellowship and exercise – even if you don't want to be sponsored. More details from Grace Rogerson 956 5165.

The Girls' Brigade

The GB continues to meet on a Thursday evening and are happy to welcome any new girls. Explorers (P1-P3) and Juniors (P4-P7) meet 6.30-8pm and Brigaders (S1-S5) from 7.30-9pm. In among this the company band have a music practice from 7-7.30pm. We hope to try out some new ideas this year which means learning new skills and possibly calling on new folks from the congregation to come and show us how. If you felt that you could offer an evening or two to share one of your interests with the girls, then we'd love to hear from you. Speak to one of us in Church or phone Anne Goodlet on 956 1715.

Prayer and Praise in St Paul's

The power behind any congregation of God's people is prayer. As Christians we believe that God wishes us to communicate with Him in prayer, that he listens to our prayers and answers our them – not always as we would wish but always for our ultimate good. The prayer groups meets on a Thursday night at 8pm and is always open to new people to join.

Church Register

BAPTISM

'In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit', Matt

28.8

Sarah Louise Smith, 140 Henderland Road, Bearsden 68

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs Kate Edwards, 26 Abercrombie Drive, Bearsden now 67

Flat 8b, Balgray Court, 33 Cleveden Drive, Kelvindale 70

Mrs Sharon Smith, 12 Drumlin Drive, Milngavie now 39

45 Milverton Ave., Bearsden 62

Mr Bill Scott, 61 Craighend Drive, Milngavie now 24

21 Park Ave., Milngavie 17

Mrs Jan Murray, 65 Argyll Ave., Dumbarton now 70

8 St. Andrews Drive, Bearsden 62

WEDDINGS

10.6.06 Heather Jane Stewart, 12 Cheviot Gardens, Bearsden, to Warren David Tracey

DEATHS

Jesus said: 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'

06.6.06 Mrs Ellen Cooper, Station Road, Milngavie

12.6.06 Mrs Dinah Frame, 4 Shaw Road, Milngavie 39

18.6.06 Mrs Hilary Cusker, 16 Roselea Drive, Milngavie

30.6.06 Mrs Helen Hunter, 1/9 Iddesleigh Ave., Milngavie (Cairns Church)

05.8.06 Mrs Robina Fyffe, 7 Strathblane Road, Milngavie

10.8.06 Mr Robert Hutchison, 8 Balvie Road, Milngavie 26

Date	Flower Deliveries	Crèche Rota	Vestibule Rota	Traidcraft Rota
3rd Sept	Mrs P Dudgeon, Mrs S Lindsay	Sillars, MacAulay, Lawrie	Team	M Thomson M Ure
10th Sept	Mrs Morag Thomson	Deuchar, Chapman, Goodlet	Team 9 Ken MacIver	A Begg J Maclean
17th Sept	Mrs J Anderson, Mrs A Gibson	Cockburn, Martin, Richell	Team 10 Sheila Harrison	J MacIntyre M Fewell
24th Sept	Mrs T Abbot, Mrs T Douglas	Wilson, Whitelaw, Kerr	Team 3 Rosemary Fraser	G Buchanan A Martin
1st October	Mrs L Hughes, Mrs R Buchanan		Team 1 Rod Barlow (C)	Communion