

**St Paul's Church
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Dear Friends,

At one time we were all encouraged to have heroes, people who modelled excellence in their personal lives and in their chosen field. Nowadays it seems that biographers of the famous are intent on emphasizing the negative aspects of their chosen subjects and raising questions about the value of their work. You can understand the feelings of one politician who remarked that it is only the 'Judases' who write biographies.

All of this came to mind when my eye lighted on a verse in the Psalms which in the New Living Translation says: 'The godly people in the land are my true heroes! I take pleasure in them.' (Psalm 16: 3) There were many people of status, power and ability in Israel at the time of David the Psalmist but he chooses to celebrate the lives of ordinary people in whom he sees the grace of God working.

I think I know how David felt. I am constantly impressed by the patience, the courage and the faith which people in our congregation show when they are up against life's greatest challenges. Although we are called to strive for the Kingdom of God, to use our time and energy to His glory, it is also a blessing at times to stand back and watch what God is doing in the lives of His people.

There is no doubt that He provides the resources that are needed for the times of testing and those people are blessed who can live their lives in that faith. Paul once said: 'I can do all things through him who gives me strength.' (Philippians 4: 13) It is a tremendous witness when this ceases to be merely an idea but is actually practised. May God give us all grace to be His heroes in our day!

*Wishing you God's Blessings,
John Z. Buchanan*

Friendship House

FH has become seriously under staffed recently. We urgently need new volunteers both for the kitchen & for serving / befriending. We believe that F.H. fulfils a need in Milngavie which is met by all the churches sharing in this work. All visitors who come in are assured of a warm welcome, a listening ear, & some needed refreshment !!
The commitment is for 3 hours (10am-1pm or 1pm-4pm) once a month. Please consider very carefully if you could help in this way.

To find out more contact-

- Rosemary Fraser -in church (or at the traidcraft stall) or phone 956 3222
- Shuna Anderson - in church or phone 563 7961
- Helen Arnold (church office 956 4405 a.m. week days only)

DON'T DELAY-PHONE TODAY!

Coffee and Mince Pies

Thank you again to everyone who supported this event on Christmas Eve. The following letter of thanks has been received.

Dear Miss Ireland,

I am writing to confirm safe receipt of the cheque for £517 which is made out to the Colorectal Surgery Fund at Gartnavel General Hospital. I am very grateful for the time and effort that has gone into collecting money for this fund. The money will be used to support colorectal cancer surgery services at Garnavel and the Western Infirmary. Specifically we use the money for small items of equipment and also to fund training and attendance at specialist courses, particularly for nurses.

With kind regards and best wishes,
Richard G. Molloy F.R.C.S., M.D.
Consultant Surgeon

World Mission Diary for February

Please pray for

- The ongoing good work of Christian Aid and its partners to help people affected by the 2005 earthquakes in Pakistan rebuild their homes and lives
- The people of Bangladesh that the latest developments in the ongoing electoral dispute enable them to enjoy free, fair and peaceful elections later this year. Pray also for the safety of our ecumenically appointed Mission Partners, James Pender, Helen Brannam and David & Sarah Hall in these unstable times.
- The Christian community in Himachai Pradesh state in northern India that they may be freed from persecutory laws and live in tolerance with other faith groups.
- Courage and vigilance on the part of the judiciary in Kerala state in India to continue to uphold the rights of the Christian minorities in the state.

Brigade Blethers

If you ever feel that winter is grey and boring then take yourself off to a good pantomime! 45 of us did just that on 4th January and we all came home with big smiles on our faces. In these days of high technology it is good to see wee girls can still enjoy the glitz of live singing and dancing.



It was company night as usual for the younger girls, but on the 11th but the Brigaders were out celebrating the last of Christmas at a local Chinese restaurant. It's back to badgework again, however, and plans for our annual display. First, though, we have a jumble sale looming. We are sticking to a coffee morning format with a good bookstall, priceless bits of bric-a-brac and the popular cake and candy stall.

The girls have started making things to sell and by the time you read this I hope they have all been sold and you enjoyed your cup of coffee!

We are always very grateful for the support we get from our church family so thank you in advance.

Anne Goodlet.

What now?

Over the past 12 months the Centenary Committee have organised various events to mark 100 years since the opening of our magnificent building in January 1906.

The Stewardship Committee would be interested to know your views for 2007 and beyond. The auction, picnic and ceilidh etc. were well supported as special events in the centenary year but should they be repeated?

Have you any other suggestions for congregational events?

Please let us know your views by contacting Graham Mill (956 5155) g.mill@ntlworld.com or c/o the Church Office).

Paddy was in New York.

He was patiently waiting and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing. The cop stopped the flow of traffic and shouted, "Okay, pedestrians." Then he'd allow the traffic to pass.

He'd done this several times, and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk.

After the cop had shouted, "Pedestrians!" for the tenth time, Paddy went over to him and said, "Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?"

Lunch Club

The Lunch Club and Mid-Week Service have been in existence for about 25 years, and are still going strong, but we would be very glad if they were even stronger.

Anyone who is free on a Wednesday from 12.15pm, is welcome to come every week or just occasionally, to either or both of these events. The service starts at 1.15pm and lasts just 15 minutes.

At the Lunch Club you will get a plate of home made soup with a well filled roll, and a cup of tea or coffee with a selection of home baking. All this is provided for just £1, because we are anxious to provide a friendly meeting point especially for people who are no longer in full time employment. We also welcome children from the local primary school, so if you know any youngsters bring them along!

We have a group of willing and able helpers. Some prepare home baking on a rota once or twice each quarter, some help prepare things in the kitchen before the serving starts, while others serve at the tables and talk to the customers.

We urgently require further assistance for putting out the chairs which is usually the men's job while more donations of homebaking (once or twice a quarter) would also be much appreciated.

If you can give us this wee bit of help, then please get in touch with Alastair or Ann MacLeod, at church or phone 942 8339.

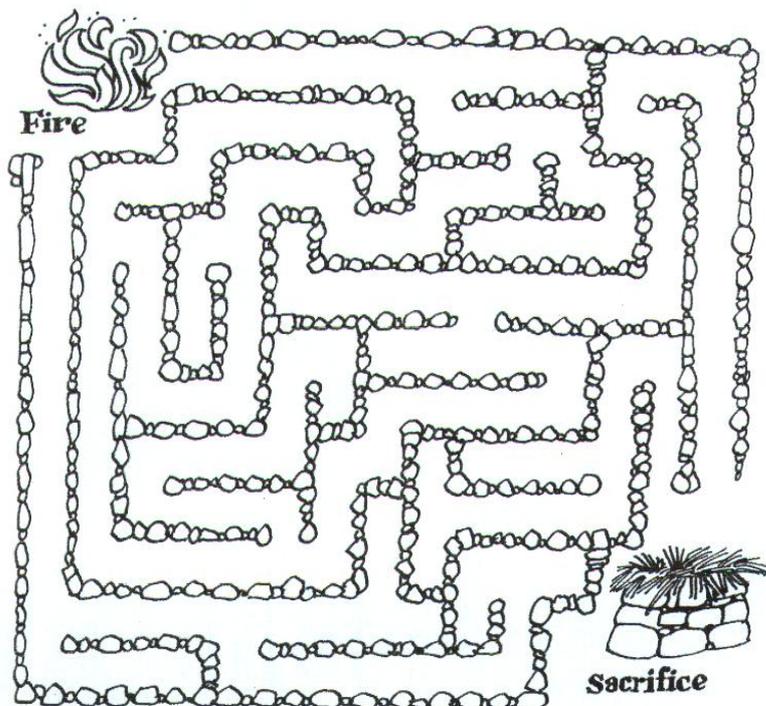
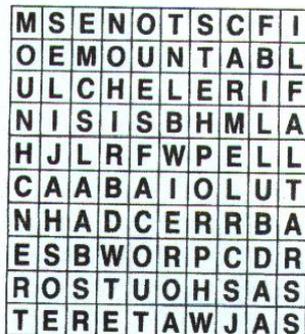
Can you unscramble the verse below?

WHO NOLG LIWL OUY VEWAR TEENWBE OWT SPONNIIO?

Now find it in 1 Kings 18

Word search

ALTAR	MOUNT	SWORDS
BAAL	PROPHETS	TRENCH
BULL	SACRIFICE	WATER
CARMEL	SHOUT	WOOD
ELIJAH	SPEARS	
FIRE	STONES	



Bible Sunday

Bible Sunday is on 25th February 2007.

This year we will again be supporting the work of the Scottish Bible Society in Romania. For many years the Romanian people were not allowed to have a voice. During the Ceausescu regime, voices were cruelly silenced and spirits crushed. Champions for their cause have now come forward and they are being heard. Their plight will take many years to improve and we are being given the opportunity to help.

The Society's project is to work alongside the Romanians, helping them to provide the Good News of Jesus in a modern translation on Megavoice – a hand held audio player which we featured in the November issue of *Life*.

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.

Find out more at www.scottishbiblesociety.org

Grace Rogerson.



St Paul's Church Society

A few dates for your diary...

- The Society's AGM will be held on **Saturday 24th February** in the Centenary Room, with coffee in the Large Hall at 10.00am, prior to the commencement of Meeting.
- The postponed Outing to the Charles Rennie Mackintosh Church at Queen's Cross has been finalised for the afternoon of **Sunday 25th March**, when it has been arranged that the Church will be opened and a guided tour given for the Society and friends. Further details in next month's 'Life' magazine.
- A Lenten Daffodil Coffee morning with hot cross buns will be held following the Lenten Service on **Saturday 10th March**. It is hoped that the proceeds will clear the small outstanding amount due for our Centenary Project. More information to follow.

Thank you for your continuing support; the Committee looks forward to seeing present and new Members at all (or some) of these events.

Iris T. Torbet, Secretary/Treasurer



The Guild

Our 2007 Session opened on Monday 8th January when President Jean Scott and Mrs Margaret White gave a tribute to Mrs Evelyn Law, Margaret speaking of the friendship they had formed over the past 9 years and of their mutual love of music. Evelyn had played the piano at our Guild meetings for over 22 years and was a dedicated and much respected member of the Guild. Thereafter, Dr Maggie Stockwell gave an amusing and interesting talk on her work as an anaesthetist and the development of anaesthesia over the past centuries.

On Monday 15th January, the Men's Association joined us as Dr David Lawson gave us a talk on one of his very interesting hobbies - Scottish birds, along with a very colourful slide show of the many varieties of birds to be 'spied' in Scotland.

On Monday 22nd January, Mrs Jean Clark, an optometrist, gave a very interesting talk on her return to Bangladesh where she (and a team) visited a number of villages seeing hundreds of patients, assisting with eye care and distributing glasses (many of them 'old' glasses donated by members of the public) as there are no opticians in that country. **If any member of the congregation has any old glasses lurking in cupboards or drawers, would they please hand them to any member of the Guild committee.** Jean will see that they are passed on to Mrs Clark for future use.

- Monday 29th January - Home Night, when members will be entertained by the Guild Committee and served with a light supper.
- Monday 5th February - Mrs Audrey Lee from Body & Mind in Milngavie.
- Monday 12th February - Bible Study evening, given to us by Rev. Fergus Buchanan.
- Monday 19th February - Sue & George Vidits talk about their Trek to Iceland.
- Monday 26th February will be a talk on this year's Guild Project, Borderline - Homeless Scots in London.



Flower Donations for February

Mrs Clarke, Mrs Wilson, Mrs T Hamilton,
Mrs Morrison/Knagg/Pirie/Adair, Mrs E Farmer, Mrs J Ferguson

The Congregational Board

This month sees the start of a mini series in *Life* focussing on the members and work of the Congregational Board, with a barely disguised ulterior motive of encouraging or inspiring some (or even one) reader to consider giving their time and talents to help with the general running and upkeep of the church.

The Board is the congregation's representative body which any full communicant member is entitled, nay encouraged, to join at least once during their life. The Board manages the financial affairs of the congregation and the maintenance of church premises, halls, manses and gardens. It meets on the last Wednesday of each month and vacancies arise annually, as a proportion of its members retire each year at the stated annual meeting in March.

The model adopted by St Paul's church means that elders and lay members are equally represented on the Board and meetings are chaired by the minister. It is structured into the following teams for which new members can express a preference according to their own interests:

- Church and Hall Fabric
- Manse Fabric
- Furnishings
- Garden
- Communications
- Health and Safety, Security
- Environmental Health

And also has Halls Letting, First Aid and Insurance representatives.

The Board has authority to act on behalf of the congregation and is therefore not necessarily answerable to the Kirk Session, except on matters which touch the sanctuary - the elders' representatives ensuring that the Session is fully aware of what is planned and that Board activity is in line with the best interests and direction of the church as a whole.

Perhaps you are new to St Paul's and would like to get to know some more people; perhaps you are a practical person and would like to offer your talents as an expression of faith; perhaps you're just plain nosy and would like to find out more about how things happen – whatever the reason, if you are interested in any of the areas outlined above (and you certainly don't have to be an expert in anything), please get in touch with Gordon Hamilton, Clerk to the Board, who will be pleased to fill you in. 956 3738.

Gordon's interview appears in the following pages and we apologise to readers for the small size of the text – it is necessarily an abbreviated account of our discussion, but there were many points of potential interest and we have tried to include as much material as possible.

It's always best to start at the top when considering any organisation, and although the Board is a very democratic body, the two people who hold it all together are the Clerk, Gordon Hamilton and the Treasurer, Angus MacLean. We interrogated both these gentlemen on your behalf and profiles of all the convenors will (hopefully) follow in future editions.

Gordon took early retirement from a consulting business after a long career as a senior manager with Barr and Stroud. He has a wealth of experience in people and project management which he puts to good use in guiding the Board's activity and direction.



RM: What does the Clerk's job entail – does the C of S give you a job description?

GH: No. I was told, "Oh it's just a case of writing a few letters." But that's the least of it! I see my role as a facilitator – to make sure that things happen. I try to make a point of operating by delegating to the Board's committees. It would not be efficient for all matters to come through the Clerk – nothing would get done – so it's important to use the existing structure to pass matters to the right people.

It also wouldn't be fair if the minister had to deal with everything – his realm is spiritual and pastoral – that's his area of expertise, and he should not be expected to lead on practical matters of fabric too. That's the Board's role and mine to chivvy and challenge as the Clerk.

RM: And how long have you been Clerk?

GH: I've been doing it over 10 years now.

RM: So tell us a bit about what the Board gets up to.

GH: The main requirement of the Board is to look at the money, buildings, fabric – in broadest terms the business aspects of St Paul's, not the spiritual activity which is dealt with by the Session. That's the advantage of having the elders on the Board – everything we decide has their backing.

Much of our recent activity has been driven by the increasing influence of legislation such as Health and Safety, Food Hygiene and the Disability Discrimination Act along with our responsibilities as an employer – and our duty of care as Christians.

For example if a Church employee had to change a light bulb and had an accident climbing a ladder, they could sue the Church if we hadn't provided proper equipment and training in how to use it. So we have to be aware of the risks and make sure that the equipment provided is well maintained and that the person knows how to use it. The old lighting system in the Church was a nightmare – it involved ladders perched over the pews from which a tall person could just reach up and change the bulb. In today's environment that's completely unacceptable even if someone was willing to do it.

So my role is to make sure these things are considered at least.

RM: So the day to day stuff of being Clerk – that must keep you quite busy?

GH: Well, yes typing up the minutes takes a good couple of nights – the agenda is more or less self-perpetuating, but they have to be an accurate record, particularly of the finances. The Clerk at one time was just a scribe and only did the minutes and letters etc, but it's much more than that now. It's a communication thing and it's a decided advantage to be an elder, because the Clerk has to report the Board's decisions to the Session each month. There are a few folk on the Session who think we have too much power! But I don't think they really want to spend their time talking about fabric matters – the meetings would go on until midnight.

RM: So you must know quite a lot about planning and building procedures by now!

I am not an expert in everything – or anything for that matter – and I take it as a management concept that a manager is probably better not being an expert because it can lead to the "well we've always done it that way" mentality when tackling problems and sometimes we need a bit of lateral thinking.

While we are by nature reactive, I also want the teams to think pro-actively, to anticipate future needs and not wait till something goes wrong before tackling a problem. I have to nag people to make sure this is happening which doesn't make me very popular, but I hope they never cross the road when they see me coming!

I get a lot of complaints as well – people come to me and tell me everything that's wrong and I do pass these on to the conveners or bring the matter up at the Board myself. Handrails was a recent big topic that went on for several months.

I also try to encourage people by thanking them when I see a job that's been done which is also important. Although sometimes I don't always know who has been working away quietly on their own time, the day to day jobs that they do are always appreciated.

I keep coming back to the remit that the premises must be suitable for the current and future needs of the congregation. For the 2006 project we did a questionnaire which came back with some very optimistic responses. For example the youth group wanted rooms and facilities to "chill out" in – but a year later the particular group was defunct. Now, was that because we didn't provide the right facilities, or was it because of lack of leadership or other interests getting in the way? So that momentum was lost and we just have to move on and try something else. We still have hopes for a revival of the Youth Fellowship, but what I'm sure they don't need is older people telling them what they want and need – they have to do it for themselves.

The Board can't be a catalyst for all this, but we can make sure that we are not a force that dampens enthusiasm or prevents things happening owing to lack of resources. So we have purchased a video player, laptop, projectors, screens, computers and so on so that we have the capacity to do anything that's expected of us.

The taped ministry is another thing for which the Board have to make sure the equipment to record and reproduce the tapes is there. However this ministry is being held back because there aren't enough volunteers willing to sit at the desk each week – probably down to a lack of knowledge and fear of what is, in fact, very simple technology. Previously Norman Reid did the reproduction, a great example of how a personal commitment kept the service going, but this too has been transferred to Helen in the Church office. It's not a hard job, it is not outwith the times of the ordinary services, there's training on offer – it just means taking up a different seat and making sure things run smoothly. There's always someone on hand to help out if need be.

RM: We always seem to be looking for volunteers.

One role of the Board which I don't think we do all that well is to tap into the expertise of the congregation for practical skills such as joiners or electricians and so on. It's harder and harder to find people willing to help in this way and we find ourselves having to use contractors.

RM: Why do you think that is?

GH: Lack of time, other priorities and also these health and safety issues that we've already discussed. We did start a database of members but it ran into a few problems: instant enthusiasm waned when help wasn't required immediately, data wasn't kept up to date and people moved, others were reluctant to take the lead on projects. So it's a difficult thing to manage and you often rely on the same trusty volunteers each time. It was a really good idea but with some practical difficulties.

It's also a question of communication with the members – it's easy to ignore the pages of this magazine – and often the help is needed more quickly than copy dates will allow. Apart from announcing it in the intimations on a Sunday morning I am not sure how this is to be done.

RM: Well, hopefully hearing about the range of things the Board does will inspire someone to step forward. There are obviously lots more examples we could discuss, but thanks very much for telling us just a little bit about the "inner workings" of the Church.

Sun Kids

How did it start?

Sun kids started as a follow-up to the last Easter Holiday Club we held here in St. Paul's.

Who is it for?

All primary age children.

When do we meet?

3 or 4 times a year on Saturday, early evenings.

Why do we meet?

To allow the children to have fellowship with other children in the congregation, whilst learning more about God's Word.

To give them the opportunity to bring friends along to a church activity so they can share Jesus with others.

What do we do?

We have crafts, games and food with a central bible message

WE NEED EXTRA VOLUNTEERS

At the last few meetings Sun Kids has had between 35 and 40 children present. For this reason, and to enable the group to expand and thrive we are looking for extra helpers.

Please think carefully about this.

We need people who are willing to get messy with the crafts or help organise team games. Rosemary Fraser, who has been preparing the food for us, would also welcome anyone who has a food hygiene certificate to help in that department.

If you feel this might be something you could help with, even on an irregular basis, or if you would like more information, please phone me.

Sue Rollings tel: 956 7298



Thanks

James T Imrie (Jimmy) wishes to thank the large number of fellow members of St Paul's Church for all the greetings cards congratulating him on the occasion of his hundredth birthday. This includes one from the Session Clerk.

Many more members have whispered in my ear words of encouragement and blessing. How wonderful it is to be a member of such a loving and caring Christian family!

Thank you.

Sins of Omission and Commission

The editor apologises to members of the Traidcraft rota for not reading the information we were provided with regarding dates and got it all mixed up, we hope this did not cause too much confusion.

Rev Kenneth MacDonald

The Kirk Session is delighted to announce that Rev. Kenneth MacDonald will be joining us once again on a part-time basis to assist with the preaching and pastoral work of St. Paul's. He will begin his time with us on Sunday February 4th.

Lenten Services

Our traditional services during the season of Lent will begin on Saturday 24 February at 9.30am in the West Transept and every Saturday thereafter until Saturday 31 March 2007.

Services last for thirty minutes and seek to provide a relevant focus for challenging issues around the topic of Christian Discipleship.

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**This 8 week course helps to explore
what Christianity is all about**

Come and make the Ultimate Discovery

You won't need to know anything about the Bible!

You won't be asked to read aloud, pray or sing!!

A course will begin Monday 5th February 2007

In Fraser Centre, Milngavie at 7.30pm

This invitation is open to everyone.

Please come and join us.

<u>Milngavie Churches</u>	
<u>Saturday Prayer Breakfasts</u>	
Breakfast 8am, Prayer 8.45am Close 9.30am	
3 rd March	United Free
31 st March	St Luke's
5 th May	St Paul's
2 nd June	St Andrew's

Church Giving

Some members of the church choose to give by putting money into a coloured envelope each week which goes into the offering bag. This is known as the weekly freewill offering.

During 2006 there were no new entrants to the WFO scheme and the total number of envelopes in use decreased from 216 to 183 (a drop of 33). The various causes for this are shown below. The main reason was people transferring to standing order payments which, for the church, has many obvious benefits. For example if you don't attend each week, do you always make up the missed payments? What about when cash is tight at Christmas – do you sometimes put in a bit less than usual? If so, this makes it very hard for the treasurer to forecast weekly income and to write a meaningful budget based on known figures, not just guesstimates and crossed fingers. Please think about transferring to standing order – ask Angus McLean for a simple form to take to your bank. Also if you pay tax and haven't signed a gift aid form please do so as soon as possible – without increasing your own offering, the church can recoup an extra 28p in the £ from the Inland Revenue. One form does for all future giving.

Church Visitors and W.F.O. Envelopes - Advance Notice

The new W.F.O. envelopes for the coming year will be available at the back of the Church on Sunday 4th March and the W.F.O treasurer would be grateful if the Church Visitors, as in previous years, would deliver them along with Life.

Cause	Blue & White	Pink & Yellow	All Envelopes
Deaths	4	1	5
Disjunctions	2	2	4
Transfer to Standing Order	3	16	19
Long term illness and infirmity	1	1	2
Husband and wife combining envelopes	0	0	0
Discontinued	0	0	0
Lapses	2	1	3
Transfers between colours	0	0	0
Total drop in envelope numbers	12	21	33

Finance Report

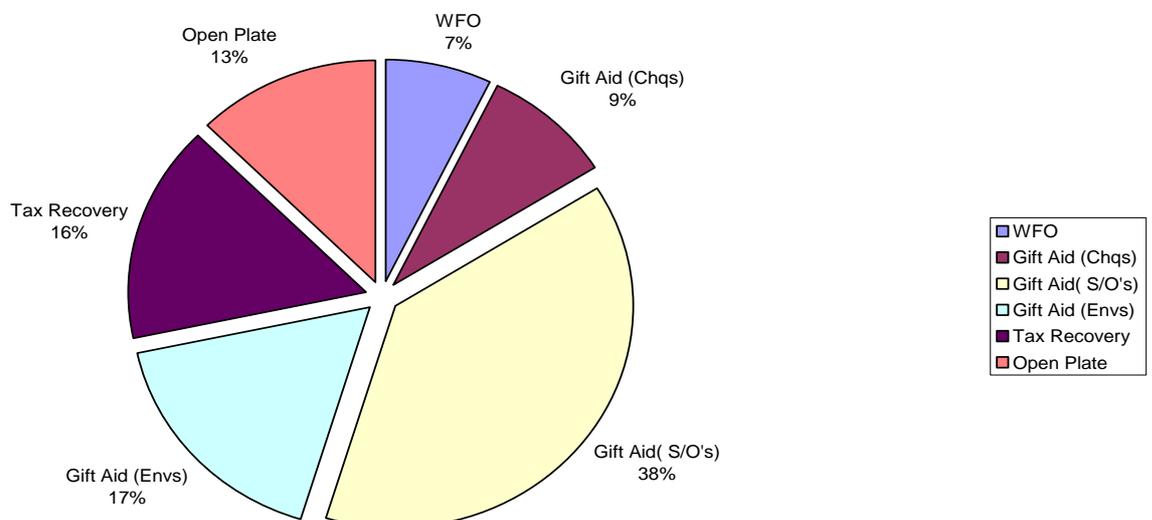
We concluded the year 2006 with a modest surplus so thanks to all members of the Congregation who made this possible.

Although we had a surplus, there was no real increase in our giving and the surplus was due to other reasons that I will explain at the Stated Annual Meeting on the 14th March 2007. To meet the budget requirement for this year we need an increase of 2.4%. While that increase will be sufficient for this year, please bear in mind as you review your giving that early in 2008 there will be a substantial increase in the demand on our resources at both local and national level.

We now have a form available to make it easier to change Standing Orders and you can get them from Liz Traill (956 1479) or me (956 4971).

You can see from the chart below how important Gift Aid Donations are to us. The Tax Recovered amounts to 16% of our income. I appeal to any members who are paying Income Tax to consider this method of giving as the Church benefits at no extra cost to you the member.

Income Analysis 2006



Angus Maclean
Congregational Treasurer

Dear Friends

If you were to go into any Japanese supermarket just now, you would see large displays selling all sorts of nuts and dried beans. Why? Because on the 3rd of February it is what is known as Setsubun no Hi.

Although in Hokkaido we are still in the middle of winter, Setsubun no Hi is the day when spring traditionally starts. On that day, many Japanese throw dried beans or nuts shouting, "Out with the demon! In with happiness!" The belief is that, by doing so, evil spirits will be banished from the house. We long for many people to know that it is Jesus who has defeated evil and bring true happiness.

We have enjoyed having Daniel back with us for around six weeks. Term starts for him again at Hebron in India from 1st February. Lorna will visit him with Matthew in April for the spring break. For the other boys, school and kindergarten have started again after the long winter holiday. Unusually for us here there is very little snow this year, but still enough for the boys to enjoy their skiing on the local mountains. This year even David has braved it onto the slopes with Daniel giving him a lesson!

At the moment in the church we are again in the process of calling someone to be the pastor of the church. If things work out, he will join us in April and we will work together for a year, gradually handing over responsibility. Please pray that this time we would know God's leading and be able to move forward together in faith. This is a very big step for any Japanese church, not least when most churches are small and it can be quite a burden to support a pastor.

Hopefully we can tell you more about this in our next letter.

With our love and thanks for all your support for David, Lorna, Daniel, Matthew, Calum and Alistair



The Playgroup

Playgroup's places are now all filled, but the waiting list is open for 2007-08. Places will be available for children between 2½ and 4 years. If anyone is interested in finding out more, please contact Ann Shields on 0141 577 9171 or annbshields@ntlworld.com or feel free to pop into playgroup one morning if you would like to have a look at our group.

Dear Friends of Evelyn,

On the 22nd December 2006 Evelyn Law lost her long struggle against leukaemia and sadly passed away. Evelyn's 3 year battle was punctuated by complications and side effects. The basic disease was particularly debilitating with the other additional problems resulting in further detrimental and lasting difficulties.

Throughout her illness, as many of you will testify, Evelyn seldom complained but on the contrary, in the words of the doctors and nurses, she always fought on, believed in the treatment and "bounced back." How she did it was the oft asked question of friends and doctors alike.

Having been at the centre of the day to day changing events along with Evelyn, we were both aware of the support and strength flowing towards her on those occasions – for that we were deeply humbled to think that so many people from the congregation of St Paul's and many I say, many friends beyond the immediate family circle of St Paul's were continuing to pray for Evelyn and sending messages of support and encouragement.

We often spoke of the feeling of support we were experiencing and now when it comes to this time of expressing the thanks of our family, the written words of "thank you for all your prayers and support" do seem so inadequate.

The large attendance at the funeral reflected the affection show towards Evelyn – thank you for attending and sharing in the thanksgiving for her life. Thank you also for the many cards, letters and messages of sympathy received by both Maureen and me since her death.

Evelyn chose the hymns and music for both services and as we sang *To God be the Glory* I was reminded of the last time I heard her play that hymn – on her last night after 22 years of service as the Guild pianist in March last year.

At this time, I would include in my thanks the pastoral care both of us received from Fergus and George. Their visits to home and hospital were very regular and very supportive. It was during one of these visits last summer that Evelyn asked George if he was prepared to share in her funeral service. In this connection, I will always be grateful to Fergus for structuring the two services to include George. I am sure, like myself, you were all pleased to see George with us again. The two services were very personal and clearly reminded and assured us of God's promises. I therefore thank both Fergus and George for their ministry to us.

Finally, many of you have said Evelyn was an inspiration and an example to you as individuals and I thank you for that tribute.

May you all continue to support each other in the future in the way you supported Evelyn in the past.

For the Law Family,

Bill Law.

CHURCH REGISTER

Deaths

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

22.12.06	Mrs Evelyn Law, 5 Blane Drive Milngavie	8
12.01.07	Mrs Margaret Caldwell, 18 Park Ave., Milngavie	
17.01.07	Mrs Lilian Wood 1 Keystone Road, Milngavie	51

Rotas

Date	Flower Deliveries	Crèche	Traidcraft	Vestibule
4 th	S Anderson R Fraser	Cockburn Richell Hughes	C MacKay R Fraser	Team 4 David Lawson
11 th	M Conway M McPherson	Wilson Martin Kerr	L Cowie C McKinnon	Team 5 Margaret McDowall (EC)
18 th	A Galloway J Townson	MacKinnon Whitelaw Baxter	B Barr H Reid	Team 6 Joyce Clark
25 th	M McIntyre M Spencer	Reid Bolton J Deuchar		Team 7 Bill Gilchrist
4 th Mar	P Dugeon S Lindsay	Smith Sillars MacAuley	M Thomson M Ure	Team 8 Ann Begg

Copy date for March issue is Sunday 18th February although emails can be accepted up to Wednesday 21st – but please don't stress out the editor this month by leaving it until this last date, she'll be stressed enough with her impending nuptials!

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