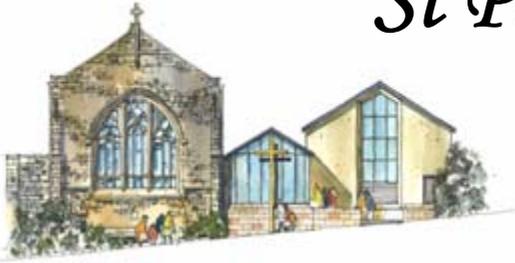


# *St Paul's Milngavie*

## *Life Magazine*

*May 2008*



Dear Friends,

I recently heard someone described as a person who was nostalgic for any time before he was born. I wasn't sure what to make of that at first but it's probably a symptom of a condition which we all share to some extent. In the face of perceived problems in the present the past takes on a golden glow, a time which was less complicated and where there was a greater sense of responsibility, duty and honour.

This probably goes deeper than nostalgia. The writer of the Book of Ecclesiastes tells us that God has put eternity in the hearts of men and women. There is something within us all which yearns for a higher existence which is better than our experience of the world as it is. There is a danger that this can become distorted to the extent that we become so focused on a life beyond this life that we fail to face the problems of the present which demand to be challenged and changed.

A true Biblical perspective on life will never allow this. From the earliest day Christians have been called to live their lives as if they were part of the Kingdom of God, to embody the values of the Kingdom, and oppose values that work against the Kingdom. In a sense we are to show that we are a people who will be at home when the reign of God is finally established in all its fullness throughout the whole of creation. As we have worked and prayed for justice and peace and as we have lived our lives under the control of love so we will rejoice to see the ultimate expression of all these things when the Kingdom comes.

There is much good that we can gather from the past but our focus as Christians must always be on the world we have been called to live in and the future hope of a creation transformed and renewed under the loving hand of our God.

Wishing you God's Peace,

## KIMO PERU PROJECT

After hearing about the work of the Vine Trust among the abandoned boys of Peru we have decided to launch an appeal to the congregation for money to build a home to be run by Scripture Union Peru. They already have several other homes and this one will be in Junin Province in the Andes Mountains to the south-east of Lima, the capital. The site for the home itself is about ½ acre but it is part of a much bigger area owned by S.U.. A campsite with permanent buildings has been in use for several years near a beautiful man-made loch and the Chanchamayo River.



The home will house 40 boys, the normal size for the S.U. homes, and will accommodate boys from the nearby towns and the surrounding countryside. They will go to school in one of the neighbouring towns.

We hope to send a work party next year – anyone over 18 years is welcome! The work will involve anything from mixing cement to folding branches for the roofs, also some carpentry work and clearing the land for building.

The cost of building the home will be approximately £60,000. We plan to start our fund-raising with a Gift Day on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>. Please note the date and try to come. All contributions will be very much appreciated!



**Friendship House, Park Road**, continues in its outreach to the community. It is open daily from 10am 'til 4pm for light refreshments & a friendly chat. A short service is held each morning upstairs which on a Thursday is led by one of the local ministers. There is also a wide selection of greetings cards.

There is always a need for more volunteer staff--some of us are getting past our 'sell by' date' !! If you **could** commit 3 hours once every 4 weeks please get in touch. **R Fraser 956 3222 or S Anderson 563 7961** or pop in to F.H. & talk to whoever is on duty.

Flower Donations - May

Mrs Gardner, Mrs M Robertson, Mrs I Torbet,  
Mrs J McCaughie



# Church Outing

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008

Pittencrieff Park - Dunfermline

Tickets: Adults £ 8 Children £4 Family £20

## Things to do

For Children:

3 Play Areas : Adventure Playground

For Adults:

Pittencrieff House Museum (No charge), Formal Gardens,  
Greenhouses, Lily Pond

Due to Environmental Health restrictions please bring your own picnic.

For your enjoyment good old fashioned games will be organised!!!

**BUSES WILL LEAVE THE RAILWAY STATION CAR  
PARK AT 10.00 A.M. RETURNING APPROX. 5.00 P.M.**

Please complete booking form and place in the box at the back of the Church by 11th May or hand it to Liz Traill (956-1479) , Jean Scott (956-5251) or Jackie Pirie (956 1790) who will answer any queries you may have regarding the Outing.

Tickets will be available on Sundays 18th & 25th May in the Large Hall after the morning service. Cash or Cheques made payable to St. Paul's Parish Church.

Name .....

Tel. No. ....

No. of adult tickets

No. of Family tickets

(2 Adults and up to 3 Children)

No. of child tickets

Total No. of Seats on Bus

# Book Group



We have been reading *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini who also wrote *The Kite Runner* which some of you might have read. Those of us who had read both of his books thought this one was the better of the two although the fate of this second marvelous book is probably always to be compared to the first one. This book comes highly recommended (5 stars!) and gives some extraordinary and alarming insights into the lives of two women in Afghanistan who by various tricks of fate are married to the same man.

The prose is eloquent, the style haunting and the story contains an almost unspeakable sadness. Khaled Hosseini has managed to write convincingly from a woman's point of view and depicts the horror of every day life in Afghanistan and the friendship these two women, who were from different generations, found in each other. Their story is played out against the background of a war-torn country, first under the Russian occupation and then the Taliban where women are not even considered to be third rate citizens. It is, against all the odds, a story of hope and survival. It left us all thinking of other cultures and how grateful we were for the choices we were able to make. Please read it!

Next time we are reading *Nobody's Child* by Kate Airdie. We are meeting on Tuesday 17 June 2008 at the usual time of 7.45pm. Please phone Helen in the Church Office for the venue. New members are always welcome.

JOYCE CLARK

## **WOMEN'S 10KM RUN IN AID OF THE VINE TRUST PROJECT**

I have decided to put on my running shoes again (after 19 years!) in order to raise money for the boys' home which we are planning to build in Kimo, Peru. This is a very worthwhile project about which you will be hearing much more in the future. I should be grateful if anyone would like to sponsor me for the run which takes place on Sunday May 18th.

A form will be on one of the tables at the back of the Church if you would like to contribute, or you might prefer to sign up on-line at

[www.justgiving.com/kimoperuproject](http://www.justgiving.com/kimoperuproject)

Thank you in advance!

# St Paul's Children and Youth Page

I went shopping last week with my list in hand but something went wrong! As soon as I walked through the door all the beautiful fruit faced me and I ended up buying lots more fruit than was on my list. There are so many different kinds of fruit in our supermarkets all different colours and tastes. It is just great!



**Did you know the Bible talks about fruit?** Not apples and bananas.....but what is called fruit of the spirit.

The fruits of the spirit are LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS and SELF-CONTROL. You can find out more about them in Galatians 5:16-26

God wants all His people to be LOVING, JOYFUL, PEACEFUL, PATIENT, KIND, GOOD, FAITHFUL, GENTLE and SELF- CONTROLLED. By ourselves that would be impossible but God gives us the Holy Spirit to help us.

Just like fruit in the supermarket has had lots of help from farmers to grow, we have the Holy Spirit to help us grow.

## Fruit of the Spirit Crossword

### What's on in MAY?

Children:

**Sunday club and Holiday Club**– Pre and Primary age

During Sunday morning service  
All Halls

**Sunkids** – Primary one to Primary five

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> – 4.30pm till 6.30pm  
Large Hall

**Girls Brigade** – Primary and Secondary age

Thursday – 7 till 9pm

Young People:

**Jump** – Primary six to Secondary one

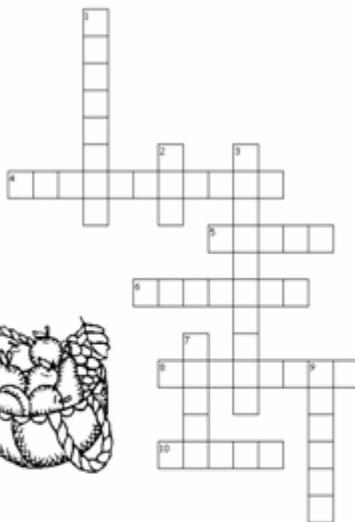
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> – 4.30 till 6.30pm  
Jubilee Hall

**Bible Class** – S1-S5

Sunday morning – 10 till 11am  
Centenary Room

**Joining Together**– S1-S6

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> – 8.15pm till 9.30pm  
Centenary Room



#### Across

1. This fruit of the spirit is a bit like faithfulness or being dependable.
2. God will give us these fruit or \_\_\_\_ if we ask and work on it.
3. Just like real fruit, the fruit of the Spirit also makes us this inside.
4. This is another word for gentleness.
5. If we try to \_\_\_\_ by reading the Bible we will understand how to become more fruitful.

#### Down

1. Having this fruit means you will turn away from bad choices.
2. This fruit of the Spirit is about being more than just happy.
3. When we have more fruit of the Spirit we become more \_\_\_\_.
4. Being full of this means that you don't worry but believe God to take care of things.
5. This part of God helps us develop the different fruit in our lives.

For information about anything to do with the Children or Youth Work in St Paul's please don't hesitate to contact me (Gemma Stoddart) on 07751477583.

## Brigade Blethers

Our Company display is just a few weeks way and the preparations for it are taking over our lives at the moment.

I have just been drawing up a list of the special awards which the girls will receive and note that two of them will receive eleven year service shields and one will receive a thirteen year shield for company service. All are regular attenders and often volunteer to help where needed outwith the company. No mean achievement when you consider the pressures of school work, weekend jobs and all the other recreational opportunities on offer.

Lots of us moan about the lack of commitment shown by young people these days but I wonder if we are too busy listening to the media to look around and appreciate our own young folk who have to face and deal with difficult situations all the time.

Please remember all the girls in your prayers.

Anne Goodlet



## Thank you

Margaret and Harry Laws would like to thank all friends at St. Paul's for the many cards and telephone calls received while Harry was in hospital.

We are happy to say that Harry is now home and making a steady recovery.

## Milngavie Churches Prayer Breakfasts

Start time 8am for  
Breakfast, 8.45am Prayer

3<sup>rd</sup> May  
7<sup>th</sup> Jun

St Paul's  
St Andrew's

## Traidcraft

Thank you very much for your support over the past year at the stall.

I have recently received a letter from TRAIDCRAFT detailing our sales figures & talking about the great support that is given to many of the poorest & most underprivileged people in the world. Your support when buying their products means simply that they can be paid a reasonable wage for their work and have enough to invest in more equipment & crops etc. The total raised from St. Paul's outlet from April '07 to March '08 was £2139.40.

When you say to us 'keep the change', that money goes into the little yellow box on the stall & is then forwarded to 'TRAIDCRAFT EXCHANGE' which is Traidcraft's sister charity & is responsible for the development work.

Here is an excerpt from the letter I received from the Sales Manager Susan Scott

***'Looking ahead this year, we understand that the marketplace is ever more competitive. It is vital for our continued work that the additional benefits of buying a Traidcraft product are communicated wherever possible. Please help us by doing everything you can to encourage your customers to buy their fair trade products through you & so help us in our mission to fight poverty through trade'***

Please keep on supporting us.--with thanks to and from all your Traidcraft Team.

Rosemary Fraser

## **ST PAUL'S HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP**

**AUSTRIA AND THE PASSION PLAY IN OBERAMMERGAU, 2010.**

**DATES :** 9-16th JUNE, 2010

**OUR HOTEL:** Schutzenhof Hotel in Fuschl, Austria

**FLIGHTS :** Direct return flights Edinburgh-Munich

Coach transfer from Milngavie to Edinburgh

**TOUR LEADER :** Anne Ritchie

Many of you in the Guild will have heard the excellent talk on a visit to the Holy Land. The company which organised that trip, McCabe Pilgrimages, is also offering a visit to Austria and the Passion Play in Oberammergau in 2010. Since booking for the play opens this Easter, I have already taken an option on **25** places.

Our chosen holiday, including the 2010 Passion Play, can be found in the "Salzburg and its Lakes" section of the brochure. We shall stay for 5 nights half-board in the Schutzenhof Hotel, Fuschl, in Austria, ideally situated on the lakeside close to the village centre. Outside the hotel is a lakeside café and a boat-hire station. Fuschl is less than an hour's drive from Salzburg. A programme of excursions, costing approx. £120, will be organised in the surrounding area, including an evening Mozart dinner concert in Salzburg.

The final two nights of our trip will be spent in Oberammergau where full board, local transportation, entry to the play and museum and a play book are included in the cost. The duration of the performance is five hours with a three-hour break for dinner in the middle.(2.30-5pm, interval, 8pm-10.30pm.) Seats are under cover and there is under-floor heating.

**THE COST** of the trip is £1095. Single room supplement in the Schutzenhof Hotel is £95. There are very few single rooms available in Fuschl and none in Oberammergau. I have chosen the option of hotel accommodation in or around Oberammergau which will allow our group to have better seats at the play. This option will cost an extra £100, and we shall be informed later if this request has been granted. Large deposits reflect the early payments the company is required to pay to the organisers of the play in Oberammergau.

**INITIAL DEPOSIT** is £200 per person and is due **with completed booking form** by **FRIDAY, 16th MAY, 2008**. A travel insurance policy is also offered for £34. There is flexibility with cancellations and name changes until July, 2009. After July, 2009, clients would claim refunds from the insurance company if they cancelled.

**A SECOND DEPOSIT** of £300 is due in **JULY, 2009**

**TO MAKE A RESERVATION**, please send the completed booking form and cheque for the deposit (and insurance if required), made payable to McCabe Pilgrimages, to Anne Ritchie, 18 Castlemains Road, Milngavie G62 7QQ by 16th May, 2008. (Tel 956 5027 E mail [milganne@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:milganne@yahoo.co.uk) )

Do come and join us for what is a unique experience.

**BROCHURES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

## World Mission Prayer Diary for May

During this month let us focus our prayers on the country of Kenya. There has been a great deal of violence and death in this land during the election process. A new prime minister and cabinet have been sworn in . There are concerns that the cabinet is very large and may cause more infighting over power.

However, the establishment of the coalition government comes as a relief for most Kenyans. Few people had expected the extent of the post-election violence and have been keen for life to return to normal.

Please pray for the people of **Kenya** during the continuing uncertainty and violence resulting from the current political impasse and that Kenya may achieve restoration of peace, hope and political stability for its people ,families and communities as swiftly as possible.

### Plant Sale – in aid of Leukaemia Research

Many thanks to the large number of friends in St Paul's who responded to my request for flower pots. My greenhouse is bulging with plants to such an extent that I have accepted the kind offer from a lady to use her greenhouse as an overflow – and it too is now overflowing.

I have more plants and an increased variety this year of petunias for bedding and baskets, delphiniums, mimulus in display pots, antirrhinums, geraniums (5 different colours) the usual selection of fuchsias, salvia and other bits and pieces.

The sale itself is on **Sat 17<sup>th</sup> May** and the venue is the driveway of my house at **5 Blane Drive from 10am** till all plants are sold. If you are coming, please do not attempt to park too close or block any of my neighbours' driveways in Roselea or Strathblane Rd.

I am looking forward to enjoying the company that the plant sale attracts and the banter we have come to expect on these occasions.

Bill Law.



## Hospital Bus Service



Members may have seen a recent article in the M&B Herald regarding the Evening visitor bus service, but we are indebted to Sheila Dickson for bringing this to our attention.

Some people find difficulty getting to and from hospitals for visiting in the evening by public transport and a special bus called the Evening Visitor Service has been set up to help anyone, particularly elderly or disabled folk to visit loved ones.

The service is funded jointly by East Dunbartonshire Council, NHS Greater Glasgow, Twechar Day Car and Strathclyde Transport to ensure that evening visiting is simple and FREE.

You can book the service to pick you up at your door by phoning 0845 128 4027 between 1 and 4pm Monday to Thursday or 2-3.30pm on Fridays. You will be asked to register and some information will be collected to monitor who uses the service. Priority is given to elderly and disabled people but the service is generally open to all. Your pickup time will be confirmed by phone. It operates between 6-10pm on weeknights and covers the Royal Infirmary, the Western, Gartnavel, Stobhill, The Victoria and the Southern General.

Kathleen McGill of Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership said, "We are delighted this service is working well because we know how important it is for hospital patients to have regular visits. It is reliable, safe and one less worry for people visiting friends and family in hospital at night."

## St Paul's Church Society Outing

The summer outing of the Society is on Saturday, 10th May - coach leaving Milngavie Station Car Park at 12.30pm

We will visit Kippen Parish Church where we will have a guided tour followed by tea and coffee, etc; then we go on to Balquidder Church and will have time in Callander, before a 2 course dinner and coffee. We return to Milngavie at approx. 7.30pm.

The cost of the Outing is £25, and we hope to have a full coach as usual.

The committee ensures a warm welcome to all members and friends of the Society.

Iris T. Torbet, Secretary & Treasurer.

## CHURCH REGISTER

### New Members

#### Joined by Resolution

Mrs Amy Jones, 10 Homebrae House, Milngavie 3a

#### Disjunction

Mrs Alison Wilson, 4 Castlemains Road, Milngavie 61

#### Baptism

*'In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit', Matt 28.8*

Catriona Rowan MacKinnon, 3 Caird Terrace, Bearsden 62

#### Deaths

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

26.3.08 Mrs Agnes Etherington, 47 Clober Road, Milngavie 20

26.3.08 Mr Gordon Smith, 20 Queen's Court, Milngavie

**June Life Publication date: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June – this is the last edition before the summer recess, so if you have anything you wish to highlight happening in July and August, please take this opportunity.**

**Copy date – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May if using pigeon hole or Wed 21<sup>st</sup> May if emailing. [Rona.dawson@go.uk.com](mailto:Rona.dawson@go.uk.com)**

Date	Flower Deliveries	Crèche Rota	Traidcraft Rota	Vestibule Rota
<b>4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	S Anderson R Fraser	Baxter, Wilson, Smith	M Thomson M Ure	Team 8 Steven McFarlane
<b>11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	M Conway M McPherson	McAuley, Reid, Bolton	A Begg J McLean	Team 9 Aled Evans (EC)
<b>18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	A Galloway J Townson	J Deuchar, Lawrie, Sillars	J McIntyre M Fewell	Team 10 Douglas Muirhead
<b>25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	M McIntyre M Spencer	K Deuchar, Chapman, Goodlet	G Buchanan A Martin	Team 3 Rosemary Fraser
<b>1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	P Dudgeon S Lindsay		C McKay R Fraser	Team 4 Stephen Thoms