

St Paul's Milngavie



Life Magazine
September 2008

Dear Friends,

There was a popular television show some years ago with a memorable theme song. It said that there are times in your life when we want to be 'where everybody knows your name'. There is great comfort in knowing that when we are with those who are closest to us there is no need for pretence; we don't need to watch every word; and we can be at ease knowing that we are accepted. David found that with his friend Jonathan. You can read about it in 1 Samuel 23: 7-18. David is being pursued by King Saul and has taken refuge in the Desert of Ziph. Jonathan finds out where he is and goes out to find him. We are told that Jonathan then helps David 'to find strength in the Lord'.

What do you think Jonathan did? Well, it began when Jonathan made the effort to be with David and sometimes that is the most important thing when we are going through difficult times. It's good to have friends who will make the effort to gather round. But Jonathan was able to take things further. He reminded David of the promise of God that David would sit on the throne of Israel. In a sense he shared what he knew to be true about God. It can be such a blessing to us when a friend is able to do this, to bring comforting and encouraging words to us from the Scriptures. The episode ends with David and Jonathan making a covenant before the Lord. Because of Jonathan's concern and his knowledge of the Word the friendship was made even stronger. That is what happens when two believers meet in the presence of God. He binds them closer together and makes them stronger for the days ahead.



Dear Friends,

As we write this, it's exactly four months since we landed in Scotland. We've enjoyed catching up with many friends as well as getting to know new people. We have also felt very warmly welcomed back into the fellowship of St Paul's and it's been good to be part of church life again, even though we can't be around every Sunday as we speak at different churches with which we have contact.

Daniel has now returned to Hebron School in India and has begun his GSCE courses. Matthew will stay back with us till next February and will be doing home schooling till then – a new challenge for us! Now that summer is over, we have a busy autumn schedule of church services, midweek meetings and Conferences throughout the country when we will have the opportunity to share about Japan and our work in Otaru. As we do that, we hope too to be able to encourage the churches here as they reach out in different ways with the gospel message to make Jesus known in their communities.

This month we will have the chance to share more with all of you about our work in Japan over the last four years. We will take part in services and will also hold a special meeting in the Centenary Hall on the evening of **Wednesday 17th September** when we will share more visually and let you see faces of some of the names you have read about and prayed for. Please do come if you are free.

Towards the beginning of the summer, we were quite overwhelmed to receive from the church a very generous gift towards our support. It's hard to express in words just how thankful we are for this token of love and care shown to us. We look forward to our fellowship over the coming months and getting to know many of you better.

With our love and thanks.

David, Lorna, Daniel, Matthew, Calum and Alistair

Harvest Sunday



" As long as the earth endures, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."
(Genesis chapter 8, verse 22)

Each year we celebrate the fruits of Harvest by having a display of flowers, fruit and vegetables in the church. This year is no different and we will celebrate this as a congregation on Sunday the 21st of September.

We distribute the flowers and posies to the elderly and the sick in our congregation. Elders visit those in hospital and in nursing homes. This is a valued opportunity to let people in the church know that we care and value their legacy in St Paul's. Over the past few years some people have donated plants and these are especially welcome in the nursing homes.

Other people chose to donate tinned food. These include soup (very popular) tinned fruit, custard, beans and these are divided between The Salvation Army and the Lodging House Mission. Other popular items for these two agencies are fresh vegetables suitable for making soup as well as dried pulses. You know the kind of things that you make soup with.

The church will be opened on Saturday the 20th of September to welcome your donations between 10am and 12 midday.

Do you have two hours to spare?

The very popular LUNCH CLUB is starting after the summer break on the 3rd of September where every one is welcome for a light lunch of home made soup, filled roll and home baking, at the very modest cost of £1.50.

It is a great way to meet others and enjoy a chat over your lunch. After lunch there is opportunity to attend a 15 minute service led by one of our ministers: a refreshing spiritual uplift in a busy week.

However we do need some extra helpers.

- one lady to help once every 4 weeks and
- two gentlemen to help on a alternative weeks

Can you spare two hours from 11-30am to 1-30pm some Wednesdays?

The helpers enjoy it as much as the people who come.

Home bakers are a constant need and if you can make a tray bake or scones occasionally it would also be gratefully received. If you can help in any of these ways please get in touch with **Ann MacLeod 0141 942 8339** ASMacLeod@aol.com

Church Choir



We really need extra singers!

Following the sad passing of three of our most reliable and significant singers in the last year together with long-term illness for several of our members and others moving out of this area, we need extra voices to help us lead the Sunday morning praise. Without new members the choir will have a limited life in its present form.

There is no audition!



We are looking for anyone who can sing in tune, is willing to contribute (or learn how to contribute from more experienced singers) to the choir pieces and the hymn singing. We learn a wide range of music in many styles and work hard at the Thursday practices going over the vocal parts, improving our ensemble and attempting to produce an effective, meaningful contribution for our worship. This won't go on for very much longer without new members.

Past experience is helpful but not essential. Part-time members with choral experience are welcome. We know that many singers cannot attend every Thursday night or every Sunday morning but this should not let anyone feel that they are prohibited from coming along when they have time.

We are looking for singers from age 16 upwards for all sections of the choir but especially in the Tenor and Bass sections where our numbers have been halved over the last year.

Practices are on Thursday nights, in the church, from 7.45pm until 9.15pm. Please contact the Choirmaster, **Derek Norval (0141 586 5455)**, if you wish further information or speak to any member of the choir.

You will be made very welcome.



Scottish Bible Society

The annual local branch 'Walk for the Word' sponsored walk will take place on Saturday 25th October in Mugdock Country Park.

This year the money raised will support 6 translation projects in Africa. More details in next month's 'Life' but do put the date in your diary and come and join us for fresh air, exercise and fellowship!

Frances Ireland and Grace Rogerson

Dewdrops

"Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on a new grass."

Dewdrops are a facility on the Church's website that offers a daily reading, a prayer and a thought for the day. It does not take long to read it.

Many people have enjoyed St Paul's Dewdrops and over the years some have used them in their daily lives, where they work, and in their own personal group devotion.

From Sunday the 14th of September we are re-launching Dewdrops on the Church website.

On that day we will have one weeks' study on the theme of Harvest. On Sunday the 21st September we will have one weeks on "Fish" and ending the month of September on the 28th with a week's study on Stewardship.

Watch out each month in the magazine of future themes and contributors.

If you would like any further information on Dewdrops or how you could contribute to this resource please see me or email me on alex@ashburngardens.com.

If ,on the other hand, you would like a weekly paper copy of dewdrops, a printed sheet will be available on the table at the back of the Church from Sunday 21st September

Alex McEwan

World Mission Prayer Diary for September

This month please pray for the protection and good health of all the staff and family members serving overseas with World Mission

Africa

Zambia Jenny Featherstone, Colin Johnstone ,Ida and Keith Waddell

Americas

Bahamas Scott and Anita Kirkland

Bermuda Alan and Elizabeth Garrity

Trinidad Garwell and Claudette Bacchas

Asia

Bangladesh Helen Brannan, David and Sarah Hull

Sri Lanka John and Patricia Purves

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Middle East

Israel and Palestine Anthony and Darya Short ,Colin Anderson

Milngavie churches Prayer Breakfasts

6 Sept	United Free
4 Oct	St Luke's
3 Nov	Allander
6 Dec	St Paul's

Tearfund Prayer Diary – in the Aftermath of Cyclone Nargis in Burma

"There are lots of cyclones in the area but no-one was prepared for this one. The worst thing was that in many villages there was no higher ground and nowhere safe for people to go, so they died." Pray for Tearfund's disaster reduction work that helps communities prepare better and reduce the impact of any future disasters.

1st/2nd MILNGAVIE COMPANY, THE BOYS' BRIGADE

The Company meets in St Luke's Church Hall on the following evenings:

Anchor Boys (P2-P3): Monday at 6.15pm

Junior Section (P4-P6): Monday at 7.30pm

Company Section (P7-S6): Friday at 7.30pm



New members are always welcome. With session 2008/09 being the Brigade's 125th year, the Boys can look forward to participating in a number of special anniversary events.

For further details, contact the relevant Officer-in-Charge:

Anchor Boys: Gail McGill (563-8424)

Junior Section: Andy Mathie (956-1551)

Company Section: Euan McKay (956-6125)



WERE YOU IN THE BOYS' BRIGADE?

The Boys' Brigade will celebrate its 125th anniversary on 4th October 2008 and the 1st/2nd Milngavie Company is organising a weekend of celebrations. These will include a reunion dinner on Saturday 4th October for former Boys and Officers (including ladies) of 1st and 2nd Milngavie Companies and for former Boys and Officers from any other Company who now live in the Milngavie area.

The venue will be Clober Golf Course Clubhouse and the guest speaker will be Sir William Rae, former Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police and an ex-member of the Company. We hope to include a display of Brigade memorabilia, so please contact us if you have any items (e.g. old badges, uniforms and trophies) which may be of interest.

The Annual Enrolment Service will be held in Cairns Church on the morning of Sunday 5th October. This will be combined with a Thanksgiving Service and the ex-members are invited to attend and parade with the Company. For further information, please contact Graham Mill on 956 5155 or g.mill@ntlworld.com.

If you know of anyone else who may like to attend either of these events, please ask them to contact Graham.

The Church in Georgia

With Georgia being much in the news at the moment, we are indebted to John McArthur for the following facts which may be of interest and which we hope will focus your prayers.

Since independence in 1991, interest in spiritual things and the Christian faith in particular has increased greatly. *The former Department of Atheism at the national university is now a theological faculty.* Christian groups of all expressions are experiencing growth in this nation.

CHALLENGES for PRAYER

Georgia's independence, gained with such hope has been soured by a series of inter-ethnic wars aided and abetted by Russian efforts to undermine and control the country. The lot of most Georgians is harsh due to massive unemployment and profound economic setbacks. Pray for peace, an ending of Russian interference, economic stabilization and ethnic harmony so that the nation might gain the opportunity to recover.

The Georgian Orthodox Church has a history stretching back to AD 150. Communist repression, infiltration and subversion brought both martyrdom and compromise. By 1970 only 80 congregations were still functioning. Stalin, the USSR's most cruel ruler, was a Georgian. Since Communism's collapse and Georgian independence, many have returned

to the Church of their ancestors with even the President being baptised. Pray that this return to their spiritual roots might be accompanied by spiritual life – for most it is more an expression of nationalism.

The small Protestant Church struggled for survival under Communism. Since independence there has been sustained hostility and opposition from factions in the Orthodox Church. Evangelical ministries have been repressed, their work maligned as sectarian. They have had problems in acquiring buildings and the necessary permits for holding meetings. There have been incidents of meetings broken up, sometimes violently, and materials confiscated. Pray for religious freedom and an acceptance of the validity of diversity of beliefs which this implies.

The spiritual need of ethnic minorities. Georgian believers are best placed to reach the ethnic minorities but need sensitivity and encouragement in doing so. There is some outreach to Muslims. Lack of resources and expectations of foreign funds hold back local initiatives. Pray for these believers and their burden for Muslims, Jews, Ossetians and Chechens many of whom live without the opportunity of hearing the Good News.

We are really encouraged by the way the project is progressing and are very grateful for the enthusiastic support of so many members of the congregation. You will read elsewhere in 'Life' about the money already raised for the project; this is, of course, in addition to the £2,500 handed over on Mission Sunday from the Overseas Mission Fund.

Various fund-raising activities are planned and we would urge you to put the dates in your diary and to try to support them. More details will be available nearer the time for the later events.

CAKE SALE **Sunday 14th September** after the Morning Service, in the Large Hall. Bring and buy, and also bring a bag to carry home all your purchases!
For more information please contact Margaret White (563 8573) or Linda Cowie (931 9008)

CALENDAR We are in the process of preparing a calendar using photos of Peru. It is hoped that it will be available by late September at a cost of £6.

CEILIDH Saturday November 15th 7.00 p.m.- 11.00 p.m.
in Milngavie Town Hall.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL in St. Paul's.
December 3rd – 9th. A new idea!

LIFE:WORK



This month's edition cover

Available by subscription at a reduced rate through St Paul's. Little room for list of contents but two articles may spark your interest:

Follicly Challenged

Ron Ferguson explores the link between baldness and a grotesque Bible story

What Makes a Good Hymn?

Douglas Galbraith gatecrashes another General Assembly to find out.

Please send all donations for Church flowers to Mrs Wilma Douglas, 34 Braeside Avenue. Tel 956 2630



Donations for September Dr Conn and Mrs Brown

I was always taught that if you make a mistake, you should own up and try to put things right. Well I made a mistake at the end of our last Brigade session and I missed the entry for the June issue of Life. This meant that the girls who had worked hard all session and received awards didn't get a mention! Sorry girls - I'd like to put that right.

All of our Explorers were "Best Girls" but four of them took 3rd place in a Regional Collage Competition. Jennifer Cockburn, Chloe Simpson, Morven Sinclair and Sophie Wallis.

From among the Juniors our best Keep-fit girls were Kayleigh Galloway in P4/5 and Lindsay Macleod in P6/7.

Christy Grant was Best Girl in P4/5 and Alexandra Taylor was Best Girl P6/7. From the Brigaders, Alison Cockburn again won the Chaplain's Cup for best Sunday attendance, and Eleanor Thomson won the Jennifer MacIntyre Memorial Trophy. Our Best All Rounder S1/2 was Lily Morris and S3+ was Nicola Pirie. It takes only a few minutes to type the names but it takes the girls months to achieve the awards. Well done girls.

So Brigade is back and we have lots of plans for this session. Our theme for badgework this year will be "Plants" in all shapes and sizes. If you think that you could come along one evening and talk to the girls or teach them a new skill then we would love to hear from you. One Dad has already come up with a couple of great ideas and he has even volunteered to help put them into practice!

So if your daughter is aged 5 to 18 then why not send her along on a Thursday evening. The times are in the intimations each week.

And as always, please pray for the work of the Company.

Anne Goodlet.

Date	Flower Deliveries	Crèche Rota	Traidcraft Rota	Vestibule Rota
7 Sept		Berry, Baxter, Smith	A Begg J McLean	Team 9 Duncan Kelly
14 Sept		Wilson, McAuley, Reid	J McIntyre M Fewell	Team 10 Irene Strang (EC)
21 Sept		Bolton, J Deuchar, Sillars	G Buchanan A Martin	Team 3 Jean IC Scott
28 Sept		Lawrie, K Deuchar, Goodlet	C MacKay R Fraser	Team 4 Maureen Donaldson
5 Oct			Communion	Team 1 Rona Dawson (C)

Notice Board

Stewardship Questionnaire

Thanks to all who completed the questionnaire. The information is being collated and will shortly be available to help further God's work in St Pauls and the local community.

Graham Mill, Stewardship Convenor

Church Picnic

On Saturday 31st May almost 100 people had a very enjoyable visit to Dunfermline. A base was quickly established on the lawn in front of Pittencrieff House and a series of games and challenges were undertaken before our picnic lunch. The afternoon was an opportunity to visit some of the many attractions in the town including St Mary's Cave, the Abbey and Royal Palace with very welcome refreshments at the Abbot's House. As the weather was perfect many stayed in the park; the new children's playground was a big attraction as were the formal gardens and glass-houses although football on the lawn was as popular as ever. After the group photo in front of the House we boarded the busses for the return home, many saying the day had passed too quickly and that they intended to return.

The bookstall did well in June and together with the sale of Rosie cards and bookmarks (found at the back of the church) the sum of £40 has been given to The Vine Trust. Many thanks to those of you who support the bookstall either by the purchase of cards and books or by recommending your favorite titles. The next bookstall will be in November in time for Christmas Pressies!

Glenys Ritchie.

Are you interested in joining a regular fortnightly Bible Study group on a Tuesday morning?

If you would like more information, please phone Morag Thomson 956 2801
e-mail morag-t@ntlworld.com or contact the Church office 956 4405
e-mail stpauls@btconnect.com

To all our friends in St. Paul's –

My family and I would like to express our grateful thanks for the prayers, sympathy, kindness, and support shown to us throughout the months of Ronald's illness and after his death.

Fergus and Ken, your visits to Ronald at home and in hospital were very much appreciated – thank you. Ronald thoroughly enjoyed the joke books sent to him and which he had great pleasure in recalling! Our prayers are with you all.

Cathie Buchanan

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David Ogilvie and family were delighted with the presence of the congregation at the church service and also the committal service at the crematorium for Morag. Thanks to each and every one.

Thanks also for the collection for the British Heart Foundation which amounted to the sum of £443.45. Please accept our grateful thanks.

David and Rhoda Ogilvie.

KIMO PERU PROJECT Finance

The Committee wish to record their thanks to all who made a contribution on the Gift Day and since then, and are grateful for the interest and enthusiasm the Project has generated among the members of the Congregation.

The amount contributed so far is as under noted:

Gift day	£19,532.00
Donations	2,255.00
Tax Recovery	5,233.00
Total	27,020.00

From the amount donated on the Gift Day **£18552** was Gift Aid and makes a Tax Recovery of **£5,233** possible. The sum of £20,000.00 has been forwarded to the Vine Trust to allow the initial work on the Project to commence.

A Support Pledge Form is enclosed with this magazine and I would be obliged if all those supporting the Project would return them by **30th September 2008** as this would greatly assist in getting the Fund up and running by October 2008. Once you have returned the form we will be in touch with you regarding your chosen method of contribution. The preferred method of contribution would be by Standing Order and I make this plea as an ex-treasurer. The Standing Order method, once we are organised, makes the budgeting more accurate and predictable for projection purposes and I would recommend this method to you. We will of course be grateful to accept any of the options you wish to choose as a method of payment.

Other Fund Raising events will be taking place and they will be addressed in other reports but in the meantime I would ask you to consider giving regularly to the Fund.

Angus MacLean

The Guild

The Guild recommences on Monday 6th October 2008. Our opening meeting is a musical evening with the Oliverians.

President Marion Shearlaw and her committee warmly welcome old and new members and any friends who would like to join them for what will surely be an enjoyable start to an interesting and varied season.

Tea will be served following the meeting.

The 2008/09 syllabus is on the Guild notice board and Church notice board at Strathblane Road entrance.

Isobel Lyle.

International Christian College

This coming academic year ICC will celebrate its 10th anniversary and details of various events can be found on the college website www.icc.ac.uk.

The first event is the Commissioning Service on Friday 10th October at 7.30pm in Martyrs' Church (next to the College). All are welcome to join staff, students and friends of the college at this annual service.

The College are planning another in the popular series of Monday Classes this winter which are open to all.

The collection from the Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 21st September will go towards the work of IMF and we are pleased to print short extracts from their recent newsletter about the work it will support..

By Malcolm Duff

I have been chairman of IMF for the past 21 years. In 1986 when I first visited Thiruthani, the boys were working, eating and sleeping in a one room building with a thatched roof and a cement floor, using the nearby field as a toilet. Today the AYI campus has much better (though still simple) buildings, with houses for staff and visitors, proper toilets and showers, a playpark, and a beautiful new kitchen and dining room block, where the large open windows catch the breeze and cool you down. In addition to that there is now a wonderful centre in Kolar Gold Fields, providing training in midwifery, theology, tailoring and computing, as well as a small health centre and a nursery school, and another centre in Madhavaram on the outskirts of Chennai.

Members of AYI staff and local committie with Malcolm Duff (front row right), Siga Arles (centre) and new chairman Hector Williams



New Chairman

Earlier this year the trustees invited Hector Williams of Aberdeen to become chairman. He has accepted our invitation, and I believe that his particular gifts and experience will take IMF to a new level. Hector has worked in business management and is currently researching a PhD in theological approaches to addiction. Furthermore he was born in Hyderabad in South India, and his fluency in the Telegu language of Andhra Pradesh enables him to communicate directly with several IMF staff and students.

As I hand over to Hector I want to thank you for your support over the years, both personally and in the work of IMF. It has not been easy to start and sustain a small ministry in an age of expensive equipment and large scale mission operations, but IMF has proved its worth many times over. Firstly it has shown personal commitment to the children. At all the projects there is great sense that IMF is a family, and visitors (uncles and aunts) are welcomed lavishly and prayed for regularly. Secondly it has provided practical training for both boys and girls, with the KGF tailoring and midwifery projects making a huge difference to the daily lives of the girls involved, and thirdly Christian pastoral care has under-girded all that has been done. Not all are Christians, but several have committed their lives to Jesus Christ, and have found dignity and direction in his service.

May God bless the ongoing work of IMF, and use it in advancing Christ's Kingdom in South India.

SUNDAY CLUB

Sunday Club is back again after the holidays, and we are looking forward to seeing all of last year's 'regulars' and hopefully some new faces too!

Preschool and primary children should meet at the front of the Church for the service at 11.00 and then go off to Sunday Club after the children's hymn. Those up to Primary 3 meet in the Jubilee Hall while Primary 4-7 meet in the Large Hall.

We plan to have one or two new activities this year but at this stage we want to tell you of two which will help other children who have so much less than ours do. The children have each received a leaflet from Blythswood Care which they should keep as a reminder and then a guide to filling a shoebox with gifts to be sent to Eastern Europe in time for Christmas. We need to have the boxes by the end of October to enable Blythswood Care to organise their transport in time.

We have also given each child a tube of Smarties; when it is empty we would like the tube to be filled with coins and this money will be given to the Church's Kimo Peru project which is raising money to fund a children's home for street children.

HOLIDAY CLUB

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who helped in organising activities for the children during the summer months; this has been much appreciated by the children, their parents and also the Sunday Club teachers who have enjoyed their break. Holidays do occur with remarkable frequency, however, and we would be grateful for offers of help for the September weekend and the October week. If you feel you could help, or would like more information, please get in touch.

BIBLE CLASS

This year we are making a change and having 2 groups. S1 and S2 will meet in Church at 11.00am and then go to the Centenary Hall after the children's hymn; S3 and upwards will continue to meet in the Centenary Hall at 10.00am as before. All secondary pupils are very welcome!

Eleanor Easton
943 0368



Badminton Club

The new season begins on Tuesday 2nd September at 7.30 pm in the Large Hall. New members will be made most welcome. If you would like to learn to play badminton or are thinking of coming back after a break do come and join us. If you would like more information please contact Cathie Buchanan (956 2995) or Frances Ireland (956 1030).



ST PAUL'S HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Although we have exceeded our minimum numbers for our group holiday to Austria and the Oberammergau Passion Play in June 2010, we have been allocated a few more DOUBLE rooms. If anyone would like further details for themselves, family or friends, please contact Anne Ritchie, Group Organiser, on 956 5027 or at milganne@yahoo.co.uk Details are available on the church's website.

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT!

A new venture is proposed for 2009, offering a four-night break (Mon-Fri) at the Grand Hotel in Torquay on the English Riviera. This is a lovely Victorian/Edwardian hotel on the coast, overlooking the sea with two outdoor pools, one for children, an indoor pool, a gym, a private tennis court, large lounges and dining room with sea views and a library.

DATES 6th-10th July, 2009

ACCOMMODATION for four nights, dinner, bed and breakfast:

Inland single room NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	£380	
Inland double room	£380 pp	£760
Seaview double	£420 pp	£840
Inland family room	£380 pp	£760
Child 9-15 years, sharing parents' room		£100
Child 4-8 years sharing parents' room		£60
Child under 3 years sharing parents' room		FREE



TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

You will have a choice of travel arrangements:

Glasgow-Exeter by plane and onwards by train or coach, depending on numbers

By rail (Penzance Express)

CARRY MY LUGGAGE can collect and deliver cases to free you from carrying luggage.

COSTS FOR NEXT JULY NOT YET AVAILABLE.

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES

Paignton-Dartmouth Steam Railway; River Dart cruise; Coach Tour from Torquay on Tuesdays to Dartmoor (Widecombe and Buckfast Abbey); Coach Tour from Torquay on Thursdays to the Eden Project; ferry from Torquay to Brixham; sandy beaches; double-decker, open-top bus tour of the area; Exeter by rail; Agatha Christie trail; Babbacombe Cliff Railway, model village Victorian street; Living Coasts, Quaywest Water Park.

A deposit of £50 per person (£20 per child unless free) is required to hold the booking. Please make out cheques to The Grand Hotel and send it to me at 18 Castlemains Road, Milngavie G62 7QQ BEFORE THE END OF SEPTEMBER, 2008.

Anne Ritchie

956 5027

milganne@yahoo.co.uk



Ronald Buchanan

Ronald had the blessing of a very happy childhood. He was the second son born to Peter and Helen Buchanan of Strathblane Road, Milngavie. From all accounts he and his older brother Sandy got on very well together. When Ronald's grand-daughter Ruth was researching Ronald's life for a school project she was able to say that the two hardly ever had any arguments. They both went to school locally where Ronald shared a classroom with one Catherine Watt who remembers 'a round faced, red-haired little boy ' who she never imagined would one day be her husband.

After school Ronald was apprenticed to David Carlaw and Sons of Finnieston as a Mechanical Engineer but with that behind him he had to undertake his National Service with the Royal Engineers. This was something that most men of his generation just wanted to put behind them but Ron made the most of it and could look back on this time as being one of some achievement. He was promoted to lance-corporal; he won the drill stick for being best drilled Sapper; and he achieved a discharge certificate which said that he had shown himself to be 'honest and trustworthy and of sober habits.'

After spending some time in the Middle East, his discharge came in April 1952 and the following year he was married to Cathy who obviously had got over her first impressions of him in Milngavie Primary. By this time, Ron had seen that his future career lay with the family business alongside his brother Sandy so the wind was set fair for the future. In the course of time Alistair arrived, then Colin, Ronald and Jane. They can all look back to many happy memories particularly in the activities they shared together, not least times spent on a succession of family sailing vessels.

The family would agree with me that they were always conscious that they were part of a wider family circle. Just before Ronald's funeral an email was received from Ronald's nephew in Australia, Sandy Watt. Sandy describes Ron as 'a true gentleman in every sense of the word who I can always say with some pride was 'My Uncle''. That's an appreciation that we can all share, not least those of us who were involved with him in the work of St Paul's. As a district elder, Ron was a conscientious and sympathetic visitor; as Deputy Session Clerk he was faithful in every task that fell to him; as a brother in Christ he supported us in our difficult days and shared our times of achievement.

Ron always gave a sense of being on an even keel, rarely flustered, and always able to face life's challenges with a steady-eye. Even when it was becoming clear where his illness was leading was quite clear that he was not afraid to die. That is what we must celebrate more than anything else, that a man who was rarely knocked off balance by anything could maintain that attitude even in the face of death. That quiet confidence is what you call faith.

CHURCH REGISTER

BAPTISM

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

Carrie Jane Smith, 45 Milverton Ave., Bearsden 62

Abigail and Rebecca Carrick, 44 Drumlin Drive, Milngavie

NEW MEMBERS

JOINED BY CERTIFICATE

Sir Roy and Lady Margaret Cameron, 64 Nasmyth Ave.,
Bearsden

67

Mrs Elizabeth Whyte, 12 Dumbrock Road, Milngavie

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs Kate Edwards, Flat 8b, Balfray Court, now 70

26 Abercrombie Drive, Bearsden 67

Mrs Irene Goodson, 63 Crossveggate, Milngavie now 56

13 Park Ave., Milngavie 17

Mr & Mrs Pollock, 12 Switchback Road, Bearsden now 68

27 Ellangowan Court, Milngavie 14a

DEATHS

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

20.5.08 Mr James Maxwell, 39 Carbeth Road, Milngavie 34

23.5.08 Mrs Jean Morrison, Quayside Nursing Home 70

28.5.08 Mr William Kempton, 25 Dougalston Ave, Milngavie 2

15.6.08 Mr James Imrie, 1 Fairview Court, Milngavie 18a

23.6.08 Mr Andrew S Lawson, 42 Campsie Drive, Milngavie

26.6.08 Mrs Clare Cameron, Abbotsford Nursing Home 29

7.7.08 Mrs Morag Ogilvie, 36 Lennox Ave., Milngavie 17

14.7.08 Mr Donald McAlpine, 8B Victoria Place, Milngavie 55

28.7.08 Mr Gordon McKay, 4 Killermont Ave., Bearsden

30.7.08 Mr Ronald Buchanan, 7 Cairns Drive, Milngavie 16

10.8.08 Mr Ian Mackie, 32 Glasgow road, Milngavie

11.8.08 Mrs Agnes Campbell, Strathblane Nursing Home

14.8.08 Mrs Williamina Bunce, 28c Mugdock Road, Milngavie

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