



St Paul's Milngavie Life Magazine December 2010

Christmas and Advent Worship at St. Paul's

Saturday 27 November	9.30am	Advent Service Advent Attitudes: Accepting - Stephen Thoms
Sunday 28 November	11.00am	Morning Worship
	7.00pm	Evening Worship
Wednesday 1 December	10.00am	Tree Festival Commences
Thursday 2 December	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting
Saturday 4 December	8.00am	Prayer Breakfast
	9.30am	Advent Service Advent Attitudes: Waiting - Robin Easton
Sunday 5 December	11.00am	Morning Worship
	7.00pm	Evening Worship
Monday 6 December		Tree Festival ends
Thursday 9 December	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting
Friday 10th December	7.30pm	Christmas Praise Service Allander Evangelical Church
Saturday 11 December	9.30am	Advent Service Advent Attitudes: Journeying - Douglas Muirhead
	10.00am	Advent Coffee Morning (St. Paul's Church Society)
Sunday 12 December	11.00am	Gift Service with the Sacrament of Baptism
	7.00pm	Evening Worship with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Thursday 16 December	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting
Saturday 18 December	9.30am	Advent Service Advent Attitudes: Birthing - Fergus Buchanan
Sunday 19 December	11.00am	Morning Worship followed by Coffee & Mince Pies
	7.00pm	Christmas Readings and Music
Monday 20 December	7.30pm	Douglas Academy Christmas Concert
Friday 24 December	4.30pm	Carols in the Precinct
	7.00pm	Christmas Eve Family Service
	11.30pm	Watchnight Service
Saturday 25 December	10.30am	Christmas Morning Celebrations at St. Luke's Parish Church
Sunday 26 December	11.00am	Morning Worship No Evening Worship
Sunday 2 January 2011	11.00am	Morning Worship No Evening Worship



Dear Friends,

I've just finished putting the Christmas diary together which you can see at the front of the magazine. Yes, it's that 'busy time' again with plenty of opportunities for us to sing the carols, listen to the story and enjoy times of celebration with family and friends. It should be remembered though that if a season of the Christian year is to be helpful in any way then we should emerge from it refreshed in our souls and with a better understanding of the event we have been celebrating. For too many of us it is one thing after another and little time for quiet reflection.

Recently I was reading about the pressures on President Obama and how he struggles constantly to keep on top of all the issues that demand his attention. One of his great heroes is Abraham Lincoln but as one professor of American history points out: 'Lincoln had time to think. That kind of down-time just doesn't exist anymore.'

There has to be 'down-time' for the soul. I am sure the Magi thought deeply about the evidence before them before they made their journey to Israel. Joseph had many issues to think through before he married Mary. And Mary herself, in face of all the events leading to Jesus' birth and after, 'pondered them in her heart.'

If our diary of Christmas events is to mean anything then it is an opportunity to reflect on 'this most tremendous tale of all', as John Betjeman described it. I hope something of the wonder in these words from the Letter to the Hebrews dawns upon our souls:

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

On behalf of the Men's Association I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

The first session of our programme concludes with our Christmas Party on 14 December when a right merry time is guaranteed for all. We have had a very enjoyable and successful year with an excellent showcase of young musical talent courtesy of Derek Norval and pupils of Douglas Academy Music School, a cultural evening of a different sort at Glengoyne Distillery, an uplifting presentation on Erskine Home with hardworking fundraiser Susan O'Neill, a return to old haunts for some of our members on a visit to Dumbarton Sheriff Court (in the strictest professional sense of course), and a stimulating Bible Study contribution from Rev Fergus Buchanan on "The Creation".

In addition we held an extremely successful coffee morning during October and we are very grateful to everyone who supported the event. We are especially indebted to wives and friends of wives of committee members whose expertise made things possible. Rubbing up a scone is not yet within every committee member's field of compe-

tence! We also managed to field a team for the Girl's Brigade Quiz, which did quite well, although University Challenge is perhaps a little beyond our range at present.

Attendances have been very good throughout and we appreciated the interest of our visiting Session Elders during November. There is always room for more and if you fancy coming along of a Tuesday evening you will be very welcome. The atmosphere is relaxed and the topics interesting.

Treats ahead in the New Year include a presentation on Seagull Trust Cruises a charity which operates canal barges for people with special needs, our famous Burns Supper with excellent speakers and entertainers, an insight into Court Life from our own hometown Sheriff Brian Adair, plus presentations on Rwanda, the Kibble Palace and the new Riverside Museum – and all that for the price of a cup of tea on a Tuesday night.

So why not join in the fun and fellowship? Watch out for details of these coming events in the Church Diary.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Roy Cameron, President

FERGUSON SUPPORT

There are some members of the congregation who are continuing to give through the Mission Japan Fund to David and Lorna Ferguson's missionary work in Japan. This account was set up for anyone who would like to continue to contribute towards the Fergusons' work in Hiragishi. We understand that OMF, like many organisations, are experiencing some financial difficulties at the present time. If you would like to contribute to the Mission Japan Fund, more details and/or information can be obtained from the Treasurer, Chris Scott.

"Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved" Ps 80

Japan Jottings



Dear Friends

As we write this we are still looking out on the last of the leaves on the trees. This year the colours around here have been quite spectacular. However, by the time you read this we may be looking on no colour but white!

We are looking forward to Daniel and Matthew retuning from Hebron on 18th December for the winter holiday. This year the younger two do not have school on Christmas Day (like last year) but it will be a Christmas with a difference as Calum has been selected as one of 16 players to represent the whole of Sapporo in a football tournament in Yokohama from the 24th to the 27th! He is so excited about going.

Before that we will be having various outreach events in what is always a time when people are drawn to church. Lorna is planning something simple in our house for some ladies on the 3rd and then on the 11th we will again rent the building beneath our house for a Family Christmas event to which we will invite the local children and parents. Our Christmas worship on the 19th will also be an opportunity for us to invite friends and folks we know in the area and then on the 23rd (a public holiday here) we may again hold something in our house for our neighbours like we did last year. In all of these ways we can share about the meaning of Christmas with people who have very little, if any, understanding of what it is all about.

We now have our church website up and running. It won't mean much to you (unless you can read Japanese!) but if you are interested do have a look here – www.hiragishiizumi.com. If you click on some of the tabs you will find some photos and also a page where there is a link to the St Paul's website.

We wish you all a Happy Christmas and every blessing on the coming year.

With our love and thanks

David, Lorna, Daniel, Matthew, Calum and Alistair

Prayer is not the least you can do for someone, prayer is the most you can do for someone. **Billy Graham**

Christmas Tree and Sanctuary

It has reached that time of the year again when volunteers are required to help erect the tree and decorate the Sanctuary.

It is pleasing to report that another generous donor has offered to provide the sum required to allow us to have the usual magnificent tree in the Church. Also sufficient holly has been identified and, assuming the mistle thrush stays away, there should be a plentiful supply of red berries.

All helpers, whether young or old, whether novice or experienced are invited to be at the Church at 9.30am on **Friday 10th Dec 2010** when the erecting of the tree will take place, followed

by its decoration. The holly and the candles will also be put in place during this time.

Members will note the date is changed to a Friday (reminder Friday 10th Dec) to enable the tree to be erected and decorated without interfering with the Advent Service on the Saturday.

If anyone feels moved to be next year's generous donor, perhaps he or she would have a word with either the Minister or **Brian Adair** (956 3070)



Coffee and Mince Pies—Riding for the Disabled

Our annual Coffee and Mince Pie event will take place after the morning service on **Sunday 19th December**. This year the proceeds will be donated to Riding for the Disabled. Do come and join us for festive fayre and fellowship.

As usual donations of mince pies and shortbread will be most welcome.

Frances Ireland (956 1030) and Liz Traill (956 1479)

The Glasgow Group Centre at Sandyflat was officially opened in 1988 and has stabling for 20 horses, an indoor and an outdoor arena. There is also a

short trail through some trees which leads to the Kelvin Walkway. It provides daily riding and driving tuition for youngsters from special needs schools and evening classes for adults. The aim is to help disabled people gain a dynamic, motor and sensory experience where self esteem and self discipline can be raised.

Classes accommodating over 200 riders are run from 10am to 9pm on weekdays and on Saturday mornings.

Currently there are 16 ponies which require to be fed, kept warm with blankets and re-shod regularly (about every six weeks) and any monies raised will go to help with these costs.

Nobody gets saved unless someone prays. Lee Thomas, "Praying Effectively for the Lost"

Book Group



We have been reading *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy. It is the story of a father and his young son walking alone through post-apocalyptic America trying to survive in the face of absolute destruction. Nothing moves in the ravaged landscape save the ash on the wind. Their destination is the coast although they don't know what, if anything, awaits them there. They have nothing but a pistol to defend themselves against the lawless bands that stalk the road, the clothes they are wearing, a cart of scavenged food and each other.

This is an unforgettable book. Lots of adjectives come to mind when trying to describe it – relentless, harrowing, dark, hopeless, and profoundly moving. The father and son are heading for the sea where they hope for better things. Lawless bands wander along the road and they have to be constantly on their guard against attack. Civilisation has reverted to cannibalism to survive. The author's description of the burned out houses and lack of amenities is very vivid. He describes a future without hope and highlights the best and worst of our human nature. The only good thing in the world seems to be the boy. He still cares for the people they find along the road and tries to help them as best they can. There is something almost spiritual in the character of the boy – the light and the hope of the world.

Don't be put off by the description of this book. It is amazing and one of the best books we have read in a long time. The use of language is inspired. Please read it.

Next time we are reading *Mornings in Jenin* by Susan Abulhawa. Our meeting is on Tuesday 14 December @ 7.45 and if you would like to come along, please phone Helen in the Church Office for the venue.

Joyce Clark

Did I read that sign right?

In an office:

Toilet out of Order—Use floor below

In a Laundromat:

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: please remove all your clothes when the lights go out.

In a London department store:

Bargain Basement Upstairs

Whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. John 16:23

The Guild

November in the Guild saw us warmly welcoming Very Rev. Dr. Sandy MacDonald, former Moderator of the General Assembly telling us about the Houses he has lived in. This was a great night, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone including our friends from St. Luke's Guild who joined us on this evening.

The following week we heard from Mary Black (Rona Gilmour's daughter) who is a midwife in Aboyne, Aberdeenshire. Mary told us of her visit to China to visit various baby hospitals and homes and learn of their culture. Again, this was a very interesting evening.

We also heard from Maureen McRobb who spoke on Voice from the past.

World Mission Diary for November

As we make preparations for Christmas let us remember Christians who live in minority situations in the biblical lands of Israel, Palestine and Iraq. In 2009 it is estimated that 176,000 Christians in Iraq have lost their lives as a result of their faith. Last month in The Church of Our Lady of Salvation in Baghdad many were killed when an attack was made during a service in the Church. On the 3rd October Israeli militant settlers burned a Mosque in the West Bank village of Beit Fgar near Bethlehem. The Council of Religious Institutions of the Holy Land have called upon people of all faiths to refrain from any assaults on places of religious significance.

Let us give thanks for

- For all who work to bring conciliation and peace in these lands
- Let us pray for
- A lessening of political unrest and terrorism
- Elected political leaders to be concerned for all people
- Strength for Christians who are in a minority situation and are persecuted for their faith

This was stories about various "old" Scottish entertainers and their music.



As Life goes to print we are looking forward to a Rodgers & Hammerstein evening, our Allocation of Funds and a presentation from two of the ladies who were at Oberammergau with the Holiday Fellowship, and we end this half of the session with our Christmas Party on 6th December and the Dumbarton Presbyterial Council Carol Service in Helensburgh on the 8th December.

We meet again in the New Year on Monday 10th January when we will be hearing about Mary's Meals.

Jean Scott



Nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8:39



Finance

As we are nearly at the end of the year, I would like to give you a short update on our financial position. The budget which was set at the beginning of the year has proved relatively accurate in as much as our income has dropped as expected and the expenditure has not been as much as predicted. In saying that, the Congregational Board at their last meeting, agreed to put in place a major re-roofing of the Jubilee Hall and Waiting Area which has been giving cause for concern for some time. The cost is expected to be in the region of £12,000 depending on what is found when work commences.

From the current situation we are likely to show a small surplus at year end in line with the budget figures.

Next year, however, other factors will affect both our income and expenditure. VAT will increase in January by 2.5% and in April we will see a decrease in the Tax Recovery on the Gift Aid offerings of 2%. Since the introduction of the yellow envelopes on the pews we have been able to claim Tax on any monies donated by this method. However, if anyone in the Congregation wishes to contribute by standing order or Gift Aid envelope then please contact either Liz Traill or myself for further information.

I will keep you up to date with our financial position, but if anyone wishes to discuss any matters regarding finance, please speak to me at Church any Sunday or you can contact me by phone on 956 5251 at any time.

Chris Scott, Treasurer

Volunteer Required

The team who look after the sound system on a Sunday in the Sanctuary are looking for a volunteer to join them. This is a vital service allowing the minister to be heard by the congregation and also by the people who listen on the web or to the recording at home.

You would be on a rota, so it doesn't involve attending every week and you don't have to have any previous experience—training will be provided.

If you are interested in finding out more about what's involved, don't be scared—contact Stephen Thoms or Colin Cooper at the sound desk on a Sunday morning.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

A new **Christianity Explored** course will run on Monday evenings in February through to Holy Week and is designed to answer the questions new or prospective Christians, often ask or struggle with - many of whom have no current Church connection. Publicity material will be available shortly and you are asked to invite family members, neighbours, colleagues etc who may be interested to the introductory evening on Monday 7th February 2011 at 7.30pm in the Fraser Centre.

If you have any questions or would like further information please contact Graham Mill 956 5155 or g.mill@ntlworld.com.

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. James 5:16

Brigade Blethers

Our enrolment service has now come and gone and Mr Buchanan has put a new word into the Brigade vocabulary. Suddenly everything is "mingin"! The wee ones are not too sure if it is a compliment or not but they just smile and pass it on to someone else.

We had our annual fancy dress party at the end of October. I have yet to hear of anyone drowning while dooking for apples but to comply with health and safety warnings we just put a wee bucket up on a chair and let the girls drop forks into the apples. They also enjoyed trying to eat sticky doughnuts tied along a string. Treacle seems to have gone out of favour these days. Some of the older Brigaders organised the party and a good time was had by all.

Our Elders came to visit at the beginning of the month when the girls were

busy making things to sell at our Quiz. The replies for that are coming in and I am pleased that we will have teams from other Churches taking part.



November, of course, means Remembrance Sunday and we had a very good turn out of girls. Young folk do realise the sacrifices that were made and we can only pray that as they get older they don't lose sight of that fact.

By the next Blether we will have had our Quiz and should be involved in the Tree Festival. So with Christmas coming up so fast we would all like to wish you a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Anne Goodlet.



Flower donations—December

My thanks to everyone who has made a donation towards the flowers for the church this year, they are much appreciated by those who receive them. New donations are always welcome. To the team of arrangers, thank you so much for all your help, there are always great comments from the congregation.

Donations this month, Mrs R. Douglas, Mrs R. Gilmour, Mrs M. MacKay, Mrs E. Watson, St. Paul's Sunday School.

Please send to Mrs. Wilma Douglas, 34 Braeside Ave, Milngavie G62 6LJ
Phone 956 2630

God does nothing except in response to believing prayer. **John Wesley**

Traidcraft Rota

This is the time of year that I renew
the rota for helpers at the stall.

If you would like to help with this,
please talk to me or someone on
the stall.

The duty comes around roughly
every 8th week.

Rosemary Fraser
956 3222

**Sow a thought and reap an act,
Sow an act and reap a habit,
Sow a habit and reap a character,
Sow a character and reap a des-
tiny,
Sow a destiny and reap a legacy**

Author not known

Christmas Tree Festival Wed 1st—Mon 6th December

This year's Festival is almost here! We are looking forward to another wonderful display of trees and to welcoming hundreds of visitors to enjoy the visual experience, the beautiful music which will be performed by a wide range of musicians of all ages from the community and the very special atmosphere of this event.

The Festival is organised this year by representatives of all the churches in the community under the auspices of the Association of Milngavie Churches. Our friends from all the other churches will be involved in stewarding and working in the tearoom.



We are raising money for two charities: Bobath, based in Glasgow, which supports children from all over Scotland who suffer from Cerebral Palsy is the only such charity in Scotland and provides much-needed help in a variety of ways to many families. The other charity is the Maxie Richards Foundation; Maxie is a committed Christian who lives in Bearsden and for over 20 years has invited into her home people who are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol. She supports them in breaking the habit and then helps them to learn skills and to be integrated into the community. Both are very worthy causes and more information about them will be available at the Festival.



Please try to come and encourage your friends to do so too! Fliers with more information and full details of the Musical Programme are available at the back of the Church. Please use them to advertise the event. (The Musical Programme is to be found elsewhere in this magazine.) As before tea, coffee and home baking will be available in the Jubilee Hall to which all are invited.

Satan trembles when he sees the weakest Christian on his knees. William Cowper

2010 Christmas Tree Festival Music Programme

Wed. 1st

- 11.30 St. Paul's Playgroup
- 12.00 David Crooks : Classical Guitar
- 1.30 St. Joseph's Primary School Choir
- 2.30 Jordanhill Handbell Ringers

Thurs. 2nd

- 10.45 Clober Primary School Choir
- 1.30 Gordon Rutherford : Organ
- 2.30 Group from the Milngavie Choir

Fri. 3rd

- 10.30 New Kilpatrick Ceilidh Band
- 11.30 St. Paul's Playgroup
- 11.45 New Kilpatrick Ceilidh Band
- 1.00 Gordon Rutherford : Organ
- 2.00 Hugh MacDonald : Organ

Sat. 4th

- 10.00 St. Paul's Church Choir
- 11.00 Eilidh Munro: * Clarsach
- 11.30 Robert Rutherford & Douglas Muirhead : Guitar
- 12.30 Rachel Rutherford : Clarsach
- 1.00 Ossian Green * & James McAuley: *
Violin & Cello : Traditional Scottish
- 1.30 Serena Whitmarsh * & Lucy McCrory * : Violin & Piano
- 2.00 Penny Watson *, Konrad Bucher`* & Alwin Bucher: * Piano & Cello
- 2.30 Donald Robinson: * Cello
- 3.00 Mary Walker * & Laura Ayoub: * Voice & Piano

Sun. 5th

- 1.00 David Gibson : Flute
Ian Gibson : Trumpet
- 2.00 The Westertones
St. Luke's Church Choir & Music Group

Mon. 6th

- 11.00 Milngavie Primary School Choir
- 1.30 Donald Macleod & Esther McColl : Violin & Piano
- 3.00 Group from the Milngavie Choir

* All Pupils at Douglas Academy

ST PAUL'S HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Rhine Discovery Cruise
12th-19th December, 2010

We shall be travelling from Basel to Amsterdam on a relaxing pre-Christmas cruise on the above dates, visiting Switzerland, France, Germany and the Netherlands. All the details have been sent out to those travelling with us. Any late queries, telephone 956 5027.

STOP PRESS

A new holiday is planned for 27th March-3rd April, 2011. Accommodation is being held for a limited time only. Details are available from the church office or at the back of the church. Don't delay!

Anne Ritchie

Church Garden

It's that time again when the small band of helpers who do the church garden take a well earned break. There have been many comments made on how nice the garden is looking and this is down to the hard work of the people who look after it. May I thank them all and look forward to their help in the coming year. It would be nice if a few more people would come forward to assist us and lighten the load. Please get in touch if you feel you can spare some time to help.

Sheila Dickson
Garden Convener



Life and Work Contents December



When Seeing is Believing

Dr Donald Smith explores the roots of the nativity play; Alison Spencer and Colin Dempster debate the merits of traditional and 'alternative' nativities; Christmas reflections from the Moderator and the Very Rev Dr James Simpson. Gordon Herbertson offers a meaningful Christmas encounter.

'A Vibrant Part of the Church'

Andy Bathgate, chief executive of Scripture Union Scotland, talks about the organisation's mission to bring children into the church community.

HIV: A Time of Challenge

The Rev Dr Robin Hill reports on a bold aim which needs the church's vigilance and action.

A Barrier to Reform?

The Very Rev Dr Finlay Macdonald reflects on the history of the Barrier Act and asks if it should be updated.

A Flexible Future

Laurence Wareing considers whether the Methodist model of ministry could provide a solution for the Church of Scotland.

AN UPDATE ON CHRISTIAN AID'S WORK IN HAITI



The Haiti earthquake in January 2010 left thousands of families without homes. Many of those left homeless have sought shelter with family members or friends living in rural areas in Haiti. Homes are being shared, and families devastated by the impact of the disaster are helping one another to rebuild their lives.

Christian Aid supports families forced from their homes in places as varied as the Thailand-Burma border and Sudan. This Christmas, we are asking you to give generously to support their work with people displaced by conflict or natural disasters, all over the world.

Christian Aid in Haiti

Christian Aid is working with seven partner organisations across Haiti to support vulnerable families who have lost everything following the earthquake. They are providing food and shelter for those left homeless; healthcare and counselling for those injured and traumatised by the disaster; and they are distributing seeds and fertilizer to poor farmers, to allow them to take advantage of the planting season and provide food for their families. Thanks to your generous donations we are reaching thousands of the most vulnerable families in Haiti and giving them the support they need to rebuild their lives.

Families Reunited

When the earthquake struck, Rosemund Ernest was at home, several hours from the epicentre of the quake. Although she was so far away, she saw her home collapse. Afraid of aftershocks, she slept in the open for many nights afterwards. A friend has now loaned Rosemund a room, which she shares with her five children and seven grandchildren, ever since they arrived from Port-au-Prince several days after the quake.

As a member of a local women's organisation, Rosemund received cash grants from Christian Aid partner KORAL, and this allowed her to buy food for her family members. 'When I received the money, it was like paradise. The cash allowed me to feed my family. I can't send them to school yet, but at least we can eat.'

Please give to our Christmas appeal to support families forced from their homes all over the world.

£5 could pay for food for a refugee on the Thailand-Burma border for a month.

£20 could pay for materials necessary to prepare a shelter for a family on the Thailand-Burma border.

£49 could pay for one blackboard for a school in southern Sudan.

£100 could pay for a child displaced by the earthquake in Haiti to return to school, providing school fees, uniforms and books.

www.christianaid.org.uk/christmas-appeal

He who created us without our help will not save us without our consent. **St Augustine**



Romans 8:26

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

As noted last month, we are taking the call to pray for the Church seriously and urge all members to do similarly.

How long is it since you attended the Thursday evening prayer and praise group? Could you give up an hour a week for corporate prayer?

Is it a co-incidence that **Billy Graham** has the Church in Scotland in mind at this time of crisis? We saw the following daily devotional on his website on 11th November which gives us insight into the way we must pray for the Church in our own day.

“John Knox, with an all-consuming soul-concern for his country, prayed, “Give me Scotland, or I die!” His earnest travail was rewarded with a spiritual rebirth in his land. This is what is termed “praying in the Spirit.” It is the manifestation of a deep spiritual concern for others, and it is instilled by the Spirit of God.

This kind of prayer can leap over oceans, speed across burning deserts, spring over mountains, bound through jungles, and carry the healing, helping

power of the Gospel to the object of prayer.

That “the Spirit Himself makes intercession” indicates that it is actually God pleading, praying, and mourning through us. Thus we become co-labourers with God, actual partners with Him; our lives are lifted from the low plane of selfishness to the high plane of creativeness with God. John Knox travailed, and the Church in Scotland broke into new life.”

Overseas News

As you will know from the article last month, the offering from the Christmas Watchnight service is be sent to Mission Aviation Fellowship to help towards the purchase of a set of Iridium satellite phones.

The present flight-following system used in the MAF aircraft in Chad, which uses the High Frequency radio, is unreliable and if a pilot does not make contact with the ground operations team during a flight, the team does not know whether there is an emergency or if it is the fault of the communications system. Obviously this is a serious situation for MAF and a solution needs to be found so that the pilots are not out of touch with the ground operations team.

This type of satellite phone which is proposed has a proven track record, as it is used in MAF programmes in Madagascar and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The satellite phones will provide a vital back-up, particularly during times of political unrest.

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Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies. Mother Teresa

So you will know just exactly where our Watchnight contribution will be used, the cost of providing satellite phones is as follows:

£1,890.00	Iridium 9555 handset x 2
£225.00	Passive Marine Satellite Antenna
£65.00	Antenna Satellite Adapter
£55.00	Leather Case
£52.64	In-car Charger
£15.00	Shipping to U.K. address
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<u>£2,782.64</u>	Total Cost

It is hoped that the offering from the Watchnight service will go some way towards the cost of the satellite phones

**1st/2nd MILNGAVE COMPANY,
THE BOYS' BRIGADE**

The Company's Enrolment Service was held on Sunday 31st October in Allander Church. It was a significant morning because it was the first time the Company had paraded to Allander. John Neil OBE, Brigade Honorary President (UK and Republic of Ireland) was in attendance. Mr Neil inspected the Company on arrival at the Church and, during the Service, presented President's Badges to L/Cpl Craig Anderson and L/Cpl Stewart Malcolm. The Service was conducted by Rev John Macleod, who appropriately chose The Anchor as the theme for his address. The Anchor Boy Choir provided its own unique contribution to the Service!

On Remembrance Sunday the Company and Junior Sections attended the Service at the War Memorial. The Company Section Boys also attended Morning Worship in St Paul's.



November has been the month for Battalion Competitions, with the Company Section Boys participating in 5-a-sides, Badminton and Table Tennis. Congratulations to Danny Stephen for taking 1st place in Intermediate Badminton and 2nd place in Table Tennis. At the end of November the Boys will travel to Port Glasgow for the first round of Masterteam – a national quiz organised by Boys' Brigade Scotland. The Junior Section Boys have been preparing their entries for the Art Competition, which is themed this year on the story of David and Goliath. Both Sections will be participating in the Swimming Gala on 30th November.

It has also been a busy time for the Anchor Boys. They recently enjoyed an outing to the West Highland Gate restaurant and are looking forward to a visit from a crew from Milngavie Fire Station. The Boys have already started making the decorations for the Association of Milngavie Churches' Christmas Tree Festival.

Euan McKay, Captain

C H U R C H R E G I S T E R

DISJUNCTIONS

Miss Aileen Laws, 50 Douglas Muir Drive 66a

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs Rowena MacKinnon, 2 Montrose Garden, Milngavie now 15

Ashley House, 18 Perth Road Milnathort KY13 9XU

Mrs Ellen Murphy, 36 Drumcarn Drive, now 28

9 Homebrae House 3a

DEATHS

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

22.10.10 Mr Lewis Sinclair, 38 Lennox Ave.,

23.10.10 Mr George Balmer, 28 Lynn Drive

Copy date for January Life— 19th Dec for the pigeon hole or up to Wed 22nd if emailing. Please send to rona.dawson@go.uk.com or 123 Garscadden Road, Glasgow, G15 6UQ.

Folding will take place 1st week of the new year and the mag will be ready for distribution on 9th January.

Date	Flower Deliveries	Crèche Rota	Traidcraft Rota	Vestibule Rota
5 Dec	S Anderson R Fraser	Sillars Lawrie	L Cowie C McKinnon	Team 5 Brian Adair
12 Dec	M Conway M Macpherson	Deuchar Goodlet	R Raeburn H Reid	Team 6 Margaret Hamilton (EC)
19 Dec	A Galloway J Townson	Cockburn Bates	B Watson M Conway	Team 7 Barbara Lawson
26 Dec	M MacIntyre M Spencer	No creche	M Ure C Tanner	Team 8 Lachlan McNeill
2 Jan	P Dudgeon S Lindsay	No creche		Team 9 Angus MacLean
9 Jan	M Thomson E Izatt	McKinnon Whitelaw		Team 10 Maureen MacIntyre