

# St Paul's Milngavie Life Magazine October 2012



Dear Friends,

It was a great sadness for us all to hear of the death of Sue Vidits. Sue was a member of St Paul's during the time of her husband George's assistantship with us and she was a great enrichment to our congregational life. She was a sensitive listener and possessed a sharp intuition when it came to responding to people in need, gifts which she brought to her work as a nurse. She was also great fun conversation with her was regularly sprinkled with laughter.

Sue had a long struggle with cancer, the challenge of which was always clear to her as a result of her work with cancer patients, but her courage will never be forgotten by those of us who had any contact with her during this time. This of course was a direct result of her faith which was deeply personal and had at its centre trust in the God who is present and powerful in every circumstance.

It was an inspiration to see this reflected in the Thanksgiving Service at St Andrew's Kirk, Helensburgh where George is now minister. The Very Reverend Dr Ivan Patterson, a personal friend of the Vidits', spoke of Sue's lively personality and the impact she had on all of us. But he emphasised the most important thing about Sue and that was the perspective she had on life which spoke of God's great purpose of renewal for the whole universe. As a believer, Sue now knows the reality of this and enjoys not only rest and peace but the vigour and vitality of renewed body, mind and spirit.

Those who knew Sue will remember her great enthusiasm for sport of all kinds and so it was no surprise that the text written on the Funeral Order of Service was from 1 Corinthians 9: 25:

'Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever'.

Paul says later in the same letter that if it is only for this life we have hope in Christ then we deserve more pity than anyone but 'Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the guarantee that all those who sleep in death will also be raised.' (1 Corinthians 15: 20).

I am grateful for Sue and all those I have known who have cherished this hope to the end.

Yours In The Resurrection Faith,



## **Brigade Blethers**

82nd Glasgow Company is now open for business ! We enrolled on 30th August and started back in earnest last Thursday.

Our numbers this year are down just a few on last year but we are delighted that we will be commissioning three new officers into our team. Sarah and Alison have both come up through the ranks and Sandra is a Mum who came in to help and became totally involved. We also have four S6 Brigaders who have "volunteered" to do their officer training ready for next session. My wee steps backwards are getting bigger !

We have been planning our programme for the year and already we have completed our first task which was to produce 64 posies for the harvest service. The girls love doing them and thanks to Sheila Morley's skill and patience the posies looked beautiful.

Our badgework this year will include finding out about bees and we just happen to have an expert among the Elders who is coming along to speak to the girls. The Brigaders will be studying The Lord's Prayer and they will learn to say it in Sign. So thanks to Mr Buchanan for teaching us our first word "Father."

I'll take this opportunity to let you know that we will be having another Brigade Quiz around the middle of November so start swotting now. The Church organisations have been great supporters in the past but it would be nice to see some teams of parents as well so why not come along and have a laugh. More details next month.

**Anne Goodlet.**



## The Guild

As Life goes to press we will have opened our new session with our 125 year celebrations.

During the month of October we will be welcoming the following speakers and if anyone wishes to join us on a Monday evening at 7.30pm you will be made most welcome.

- 8th Julius Project for the homeless- Mr Alastair Cameron  
15<sup>th</sup> Angels with Beards - Mr Douglas Allan.  
22<sup>nd</sup> Ardardan Farm Shop, Tearoom and Garden Nursery- Sue Montgomery  
29<sup>th</sup> John & Peter - Douglas part 2.

Our Guild Dedication Service will be on Sunday 14th. October

On Monday 6th. November we will be welcoming the ladies from St. Luke's Guild when Dr. Roger Sturrock will be telling us about his Travels in Kenya.

A date for your diaries:

The Guild will be holding a fund raising concert on Monday 10th. November when we will be having the Salvation Army Govan Citadel Songsters. Donation ticket will be £5.00 and the money raised will be divided between our Guild Project for the homeless and the work of the Salvation Army.

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

It doesn't seem possible that we are thinking about it already, but plans are well advanced for this year's Christmas Tree Festival which will run from **Saturday December 1st till Friday 7th.**

As in previous years we hope for a large display of trees decorated by many organisations in the community and at the time of writing an encouraging number of replies has been received. This year the money raised from donations will be given to Mary's Meals, a well-known Scottish charity which helps tens of thousands of children in several poor countries by giving



them a meal when they go to school. The other charity is The Way Ahead which supports stroke victims and their carers; this is a local organisation which depends heavily on donations for its funding.

Please note the dates and think about ways in which you could help - apart from coming to see!

Nearer the time we will ask for volunteers to help with stewarding, baking and serving refreshments.

## **Men's Association**

Our programme of meetings for the 2012-2013 session commences on Tuesday 9th October with a talk from Marjorie Allison entitled "The Life of a GP in Carluke in the mid 1800's."



This will be followed by a talk on "Forensic Pathology" on October 23rd. by Dr John Clark.

We meet fortnightly on Tuesday evenings with a get together for coffee/tea and biscuits and chat at 7.15pm followed by the main speaker for the evening from 7.30 to 8.30pm. The evening ends with an opportunity to ask the speaker more about his or her subject.

We have a healthy membership of around 25 who regularly attend our meetings and would very much welcome new members from the congregation at our opening meeting on October 9th.

Finally, another reminder for the whole congregation - our annual Coffee Morning will be held on the morning of Saturday 27th October.

**Ken McIver Secretary**

## **Mrs Betty MacKenzie - One hundred not out!**

On 15<sup>th</sup>. August, Mrs. Betty MacKenzie celebrated her hundredth birthday. A long- standing member of St.Paul's, her diminutive figure was a familiar sight for many years until sadly her failing eyesight made regular attendance difficult.

The fourth child of Gilbert and Isabel Moncrieff's family of eight, she came to Milngavie when she was four, and was brought to Sunday school at the Parish Church (now St. Paul's) by her mother. And so began a association with this church which still lasts. She remembers having been tested on Bible knowledge, and also going on the picnic, children sitting on horse-drawn carts. Betty left school at 14 to look after her mother and then at 15 started work at the paper mill, where she worked as a packer. That was where she met Duncan, her husband for over sixty years.

Betty still keeps in touch with life at St. Paul's through the weekly recordings of the service, and takes a lively interest in current affairs, with the local paper's tapes. She delights in her family, and in the fact that she can still get out and about. In fact, you may well see her, pushing a trolley in Tesco's once a week, so if you do, stop to have a chat!

## Book Club



Because of illness and holidays etc it was a rather small group who met to review Frank Gardner's autobiography "Blood and Sand" but we had all found it to be a very moving book. The author, who is now the BBC Security Correspondent recounts the events which took place in Saudi Arabia in 2004 while he and his cameraman were practising filming an item for television.

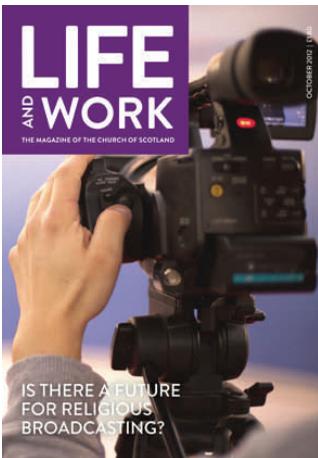
Gardner was shot six times at close range by Al Qaeda terrorists and Simon Cumbers was killed outright. The shocking thing was that after the terrorists went away, leaving Gardner bleeding to death, he got no help from the group of Saudis who then gathered round him. Eventually the Police bundled him into a car and got him to a hospital.

Astonishingly, after months in hospital and learning to cope with life in a wheelchair, he returned to his job in the BBC the following year. This shows the courage and determination of this extremely brave man.

Gardner had been fascinated by the Middle East and its people since he was a teenager. He became a fluent Arabist and held a degree in Arabic and Islamic studies and while he was reporting at a time of great political upheaval, he shows real concern and a passion for the people of those countries.

The book gives a wonderful insight into the life of a correspondent and also raises some thought provoking issues as to why the above incident happened. A great read.

## Anne Goodlet



### Life and Work— Contents October Is There a Future for the 'God Slot'?

Thomas Baldwin meets Scottish Christian broadcasters and finds cause for both optimism and concern for religion on TV and radio.

#### **Breaking Barriers**

Jackie Macadam reports from the National Youth Assembly.

#### **'Go Tell!'**

Lynne McNeil experiences a spirited Guild annual meeting.

#### **Waste Not**

Jackie Macadam discovers an Edinburgh group which harvests excess fruit.

# World Mission

## **Pakistani girl accused of blasphemy granted bail**

A Christian girl in Pakistan who has been in custody for three weeks on charges of defaming Islam was granted bail on 7 September by a judge in Islamabad, Rimsha Masih was charged with desecrating the Qur'an under section 295B of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC). Her case has attracted support from senior Islamic clerics in Pakistan, as well as a high-level of international attention.

Initially Masih, who lives near Islamabad, was accused of burning pages of the Quran among some other papers in the rubbish. Last week, however, a local cleric, Muhammad Khalid Chishti, was arrested on charges he planted the papers in her bag and Masih's lawyers cited a plan to evict up to 400 Christian families from the neighbourhood.

Masih's lawyers and members and supporters of religious minorities in Pakistan say the laws that make it a crime - possibly punishable by death - to criticise Islam, the Prophet Muhammad or the Quran holy book are misused in property and business disputes.

Masih's age and intellectual capacity have also been an issue in the case. She has been variously reported as being between 11 and 16 years old and as having Down's Syndrome or other mental challenges. Human rights advocates are saying the charges should be dropped since Masih is a minor.

This case has once again highlighted the broader concerns surrounding the

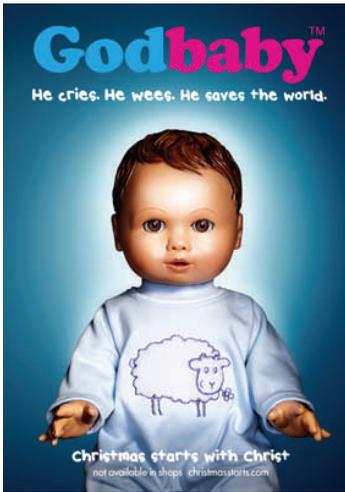
application of Pakistan's blasphemy laws – please pray that all in positions of power and influence will use the law wisely and justly.

## **International Day of Prayer 2012**

Release International have produced a range of resources that can be used by individuals, small groups and churches for this year's International Day of Prayer for persecuted Christians on Sunday, November 4th. To find out more about the Day of Prayer, visit [www.idop.org/](http://www.idop.org/)

## **Indian churches call for end to anti-Christian violence**

The National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) has expressed "deep concern" about increasing incidents of attacks on Christian churches and property across the country by anti-Christian groups. "Worship places are being vandalised, pastors and evangelists attacked, false allegations of forceful conversion are levelled against them, Christian believers are threatened, authorities of Christian service institutions are forced to follow dictates, burial right is denied," Please pray for all those who are suffering due to these attacks.



"He cries. He wees. He saves the world." It's with this honest humour that ChurchAds will be reminding Britain of the real meaning of Christmas this year.

Their long running poster campaign, Christmas Starts with Christ, will be hitting billboards and bus shelters with a striking image of a toy doll symbolising the baby Jesus.

ChurchAds says it wants to appeal to the younger generations and put Jesus at the centre of conversations.

The poster will appear on billboards and outside churches nationwide in the run-up to Christmas.

**Christian Today**

## Kimo Peru Project

In September we were delighted to welcome Mr. Billy Clark, a member of the staff of Scripture Union Peru, to tell us the latest news about 'our' home at Kimo in the Peruvian jungle. He had visited it not long before and was able to show us photos of 20 happy boys who are now looked after and loved by the houseparents, Henry and Eva.

Billy, who has lived all his life in Peru, gave us the background to the setting up of the various homes which care for boys who have been abandoned by their mothers and who have had to fend for themselves in horrific conditions. He also explained how the government has introduced more stringent regulations in the running of all such homes which has meant that the costs have risen considerably because of extra staff who must be in place.

Billy was very impressed by the large number who attended and by the wide-ranging and thoughtful questions which he was asked; it was also very encouraging to see several people from other areas who had been in work parties at Kimo. It is clear that many people are still very committed to the project and support it by giving and praying.

Thank you to you all!

### Flower donations October

October donations:

Mrs. F. Collar, Mrs. R. Fraser, Miss M. Hamilton, Mrs. A. Jones, Mrs. G. Morrison, Mrs. J. Rennie, Mrs. D. Stark, Mrs. J. Townsen, Mrs. M. Ure

Please put donations in Flower Rota pigeon hole at the back of the church or send to Mrs. Wilma Douglas, 34 Braeside Ave, Milngavie G62 6LJ  
Phone 956 2630



# Noah's Ark



A new Toddler Group is starting at St. Paul's  
Church, Milngavie

Starting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012  
Every Thursday—9.30am to 11.15am

All welcome with children up to the age of 3  
Come along and make new friendships over a cup  
of tea or coffee while your child has the opportunity  
to play and develop

£1 per child and £1.50 for two children

Registration on the day

For further information please contact Jackie at

[noahsarkmilngavie@gmail.com](mailto:noahsarkmilngavie@gmail.com)

# Japan Jottings Sept 2012



*Dear Friends*

It has been good for David to catch up with many people during his time back last month. The time for individual conversations was somewhat limited but it was great to be able to share in two services and at the prayer meeting as well as meet with the Overseas Committee. By the time you read this David should be back in Japan.

Lorna was of course busier than usual last month. Added on to all the normal activities was home schooling Matthew and Calum as they spend this term in Japan. Matthew is going to visit Hebron for a couple of weeks this month to spend some time in the classes there and see how things are progressing with his home study. It will also give him the chance to be in the dorm again and meet up with his friends there. Calum goes into the local school for some subjects, but is mainly doing study in English in preparation for starting at Hebron early next year. He is still very involved in football and hopes that he might be one of those selected to represent Hokkaido in a tournament in Korea next month. The trials are coming up soon.

Many changes lie ahead for us. David will hand over the leadership of the Hiragishi Church to our OMF colleague Richard East on the first Sunday in October. We will still be around till next March but our involvement will be much more limited as we take on the role of Field Director for OMF Japan from November. It will mean a move to Tokyo next spring but also a significant increase in responsibility as we oversee the work of OMF in Japan with our 120+ missionaries and more coming all the time. It will be much more 'big picture' stuff, setting out vision and strategy for the different works our people are doing, partnering and dialoguing with the national church and overseeing the pastoral care for the OMF workers and their families.

We will share more about this in next month's Life article to unpack a little more what the role involves so you can be praying for us over these coming months.

*With our love*

*David, Lorna, Daniel, Matthew, Calum and Alistair*

# HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Despite a rainy morning on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September our Harvest Thanksgiving service was a great success as usual. The pew posies plants and flowers in the Church soon helped us to forget all about the bad weather outside.

I would like to take this opportunity to thanks those who donated items, gave of their time and energy and to decorate the Church and to those who delivered plants, flowers and gifts to members of our congregation, and delivered food to The Salvations Army and The Lodging House Mission.

A special thanks you must be given to the Sunday Club and Bible Class for their donations and for working so hard to design the cards which are always appreciated by our members.

And once again the Girls Brigade excelled themselves by donating and creating such beautiful posies which made the Church so colourful. Well done Girls!!!

The contribution to the work of the India Ministries Fellowship was £855 with approx £150 in Gift Aid.

Once again many thanks to all those involved.

**Elizabeth McEwan**  
Harvest Thanksgiving Convenor

## St Paul's Book Café

The Book café met last month and we discussed the book 'Simply Jesus' by Tom Wright.

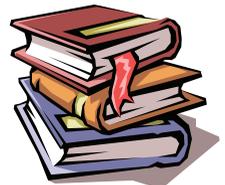
Everyone in the group decided that it was an easy and an interesting read, full of valuable information, great quotes and insight into the Life of Jesus. In fact it was so good that the consensus of opinion was that it would have to be read all over again.

The next Book Café Choice?  
Is 'Simply Christian' again by Tom Wright.

Simply Christian was originally published during Tom Wright's time as Bishop of Durham. He is now Research Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at the University of St Andrews. "Simply Christian" is essential reading for anyone who wants to consider the real fundamentals of Christianity or is intrigued by its claims about the place of justice, beauty and love in our daily lives. Written in a lively and accessible style, though rooted in solid scholarship, this book describes the exciting relevance of the Bible and the Christian story for the contemporary world.

Watch out for an announcement giving the date of the next meeting. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church if you would like me to order your book.

**Alex McEwan**



# Evacuation of the Church in an Emergency

For safety reasons it is important for everybody to know the quickest way to leave church if there were to be an emergency during a service. If we all head for the main doors there will inevitably be queues in the aisles and it will take longer to evacuate the church. Therefore, in an emergency, please leave by the exits indicated below.

## Main Doors to Baldernock Road

Use this exit if you sit towards the back of the church on the **east side** (the side where the halls, toilets etc. are), from the back pew as far forward as row 78 (centre aisle) – 45 (east aisle). Row 78 – 45 is opposite the widest pillar on the east side of the church. Once outside please assemble on the Baldernock Road pavement and roadway.

## Main Doors to Strathblane Road

Use this exist if you sit towards the back the church on the **west side** (where the choir and organist are), from the back pew as far forward as row 103 (centre aisle) – 136 (west aisle). Row 103 – 136 is opposite the widest pillar. Once outside please assemble on the Strathblane Road pavement.

## Fire Exit at Front of Church - East Transept (through the old waiting room)

Use this exit if you sit in the **East Transept** or towards the front on the **east side**, from row 79 (centre aisle) – 44 (east aisle) to the front pew. Row 79 – 44 is opposite the widest pillar. Once outside please assemble on the Strathblane Road pavement.

This is the narrowest exit and there are steps up. Should this cause a queue to form, please use the other fire exit at the front beside the organ.

## Fire Exit at Front of Church Beside Organ

Use this exit if you sit in the **West Transept** or towards the front on the **west side**, from row 102 (centre aisle) – 137(west aisle) to the front pew. Row 102 – 137 is opposite the widest pillar. Once outside please assemble on the Strathblane Road pavement.

**The above scheme is based on the assumption that all the exits will be available. Should an exit be blocked (e.g. by fire or smoke) the nearest alternative should be used. Elders will be on hand to offer assistance.**

**P.S.** It is recommended that you take a few minutes one Sunday after the service to familiarise yourself with the less-used routes out of the church.



# C H U R C H   R E G I S T E R

## DISJUNCTIONS

Mrs Diane Martin, 42 Drumlin Drive, Milngavie 38

## WEDDINGS

28.9.12 Katy McFarlane. 26 Carnock Gardens and  
Andrew Gordon Paterson, 66 Breadie Drive

## BAPTISMS

*'In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit', Matt 28.8*  
Aedan David, Sophie Emma and James Matthew Stark, 60 Clochbar Ave.,

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs E Gillick, 49 Thorn Road, Bearsden now 62a  
34 Glasgow Road, Milngavie G62 6AJ 55

## DEATHS

*Jesus said: 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'*  
24.7.12 Mr Wm Johnston, Flat 5/3 The Riggs 14  
27.8.12 Mr Wm Weir, 12 Glasgow Road  
30.8.12 Mrs Ann Hitchins, 13 Baird Drive, Bearsden  
3.9.12 Mrs Janet Lardner, 18 Oak Ave., Bearsden  
14.9.12 Mrs Mary Bell, Keystone, 3 Craigmaddie 65

**Copy date for November Life:** is Sunday 21st October if using the pigeon hole or Wednesday 24th if emailing.

**Please note new email address** [rona.dawson@drs.glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:rona.dawson@drs.glasgow.gov.uk) from 1st October.

Date	Flower Deliveries	Crèche Rota	Traidcraft Rota	Vestibule Rota
14 Oct	P Barlow S Robertson	Bates Deuchar	R Raeburn H Reid	Team 6 Elizabeth Watson
21 Oct	S Anderson M Adams	MacKinnon Cockburn	B Watson M Conway	Team 7 Jean MacIntyre
28 Oct	M Conway M Macpherson	Richell Wallis	M Ure R Fraser	Team 8 Bobby Campbell
4 Nov	A Galloway J Townson	Berry Stark	A Begg J MacLean	Tem 9 Nan Cattanach