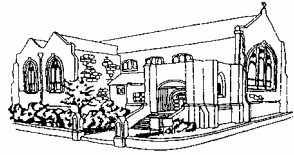


# Life



*September 2005*

Dear Friends,

I don't know how you feel about your Summer holidays. Mine seems a long time ago now but I hope yours was just as refreshing and relaxing.

We have a lot to look forward to at this point in the life of St Paul's. The dedication of our new halls development has to do with more than fabric.

Obviously it is good to have the new facilities and I am deeply grateful to those who have put so much time and energy into the project, not least Bill Dudgeon our Church Fabric Convener. But it is the opportunities which have now opened up to us which are particularly exciting.

For the first time all our Sunday Club departments can meet at the same time. This is more convenient for a number of families and it means we can have the children in Church for the first part of the Sunday service. I am hoping that this will develop to the extent that the children themselves will be taking more of a part, e.g.. reading the Scriptures and perhaps leading prayer. This will undoubtedly increase our awareness of the Church as the whole family of God.

It is also the case that due to the new kitchen facilities there will increasing opportunities for what used to be called 'the fellowship of the table.' There was a time when we as a congregation met regularly for family meals at various times in the Christian year. This was curtailed by the new guidelines for health and hygiene but the way is now open for us to be considering this again.

The other benefits were set out in my June letter: an office which is better equipped to meet the needs of a congregation our size; better disabled access and toilet facilities; and a new minister's room which even now has been a convenient venue for small meetings. (The minister, by the way, is enjoying it very much.)

I believe that the project has enabled us to face the future with more confidence but our greatest asset will always be our faith as a people. Hopefully, our sanctuary and halls will be a blessing to future generations but this cannot happen unless there is a living witness within our walls which will flow out into the community and, indeed, the nation. I hope and pray that in the Church year which lies ahead that this will be the reality of our life as a Christian people.

# CHURCH REGISTER

## BAPTISM

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

3 July 2005 Ruaridh Allan McIntyre, 41 Breadie Drive, Milngavie	41
7 Aug 2005 Chloe Murray, 65 Argyll Ave., Dumbarton	70

## NEW MEMBERS

### Joined by Certificate

Miss Elizabeth Izatt, 17 Lynn Drive, Milngavie	11
Mrs E Govan, 70 Strathblane Road, Milngavie	5
Mr & Mrs Douglas Shaw, 59 Ellangowan Court, Milngavie	14
Mr & Mrs I W Farmer, 31 Braeside Ave, Milngavie	36

### Joined by Profession

Miss Anne Ritchie, 18 Castlemains Road, Milngavie	61
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### Change of Address

<b>Mrs Isabella Wilson</b> , 25 Jedworth Court, Manse Road now Buchanan House	48
Mrs A Cleary, 14 Ballagan Place, Milngavie now	59
Camelot, Main Street, Killearn	70
Mrs Jean MacIntyre, 32 Montrose Drive, Bearsden now	48
11 Oak Ave, Bearsden	44
Mr Donald Crawford, 37 Lynn Drive, now	10
66 Ellangowan Gardens, Milngavie	14
<b>Mr Thomas Douglas</b> , 77 South Mains Road now Buchanan House	29
<b>Mr &amp; Mrs Robert Rutherford</b> , 12 Clochbar Ave, Milngavie now	57
46 Keystone Quadrant, Milngavie	42
<b>Mr &amp; Mrs Donald Fleming</b> , 15 Ballagan Place, Milngavie now	59
5 West Chapleton Drive, Bearsden	69
<b>Mrs Lisa MacKinnon</b> , 36 Sidlaw Road, Bearsden now	62a
3 Caird Terrace, Bearsden	62
<b>Mrs Jan Marie Murray</b> , 56 St. Andrew's Drive, Bearsden now	62
65 Argyll Ave, Dumbarton	70
<b>Mr &amp; Mrs D Cameron</b> , Burnside, 1A Highland Road now	14
76 Ellangowan Court,	

### Weddings

8.7.05 Emma-Jane McMinn, 3 Achray Place, Milngavie and Benjamin John Hopkin, 214 St. Margaret's Street, Dunfermline	
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### Deaths

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

16.5.05 Mrs Ann Liddell, Flat 4, The Picture House, Gt. Western Rd.	70
17.5.05 Miss Nan Dunnachie, Canniesburn Nursing Home	12
10.6.05 Mrs George Good, 27B Balvie Road, Milngavie	26
11.6.05 Mr George McGeachie, Canniesburn Nursing Home	17
11.6.05 Mrs Jean Collins, 17 Crossveggate, Milngavie	56
6.7.05 Mr Robert Liddell, Flat 4, The Picture House, Gt. Western Rd	70
19.7.05 Mrs Betty Elder, Blanefield House	3a
19.7.05 Mr Norman MacLeod, 6 Lynn Drive, Milngavie	
30.7.05 Mrs Mary Potti, 51 Mill Crescent, Torrance	
8.8.05 Miss Jean Paul, 50 Campsie Drive, Milngavie	10
10.8.05 Mrs Constance McColl, 4 Homebrae House, Milngavie	3a

## **Vestry Hour**

I have decided that for the time being I will no longer have a Vestry Hour on Wednesday at 6.15pm. There are a number of reasons for this but if it becomes clear in the months ahead that it is better to have a Vestry Hour then I will be willing to revert to former practice.

In the meantime anyone who wishes to speak to me about Weddings or Baptisms or any other matter should feel free to phone the manse or the church office.

## **CH4**

Many of you will be aware that the new Church Hymnary is now available. For the time being I would like to continue with our present practice which is to draw on a variety of hymn books for our Sunday Worship and to have them printed in our Order of Service. The Kirk Session is happy with this as is our Organist, Mr Norval.

Over the past few months we have been including hymns from CH4 in our Worship and we will continue to do so in the future.

F.C.B

### **Service of Dedication 11 September 2005**

Rev. David Munro will preach at the Service on the morning of 11 September and carry out the act of Dedication. As many of you will know Mr Munro is an old friend of the congregation. He was Interim Moderator during the vacancy when Rev. John Peat was translated in 1969 and again in 1983 when Dr. John Paterson was Moderator of the General Assembly. He has always had a keen interest in St. Paul's and has been a valued friend and counsellor to our own Minister. He retires as Presbytery Clerk in September and we are grateful that before he takes his ease he will be with us in yet another landmark in the history of St. Paul's.

There will be a family lunch in the halls after the Service which we hope will be attended by as many members as possible.

### **World mission Diary for September**

In our prayers this month we would remember the peoples of Africa. We would pray that The Make Poverty History campaign will continue to influence leaders who have power to bring change to this poverty stricken land. In Malawi we would pray for Bruce Ritchie of the Zomba Theological College . This is his final year of service there. The financial position has improved greatly thanks to generous friends . There are thirty five new students being trained as ministers in Malawi We pray for them and the lecturers . Bruce is also grateful for the second hand computers and books that have been sent from Scotland and Ireland . We pray that this will be a blessing to the students as they study. we also pray that these practical means of help will continue to be sent.

We would remember the Girls Brigade Company associated with Ektivindini Girls` Secondary School in Malawi and their leaders especially Helen Scott

### **Letter from Stewart Matthews**

Mr Ian Mackinnon  
Session Clerk  
St Paul's Parish Church

Dear Ian,

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Kirk Session for both your kind regards and the cheque that I received on my last Sunday with you. It was most unexpected and greatly appreciated. As Fergus will know, I have as yet bought few Bible commentaries. I hope you will agree that this sum will be well used in this regard.

May I also take time to thank the congregation for the warmth of their welcome. Fergus and George for their wisdom, patience and encouragement in ministry. I have learned much from my time spent with you. I hope that you will continue to praise God with your singing, warmly welcome the stranger and in the words of the Apostle Paul "that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ." Philemon 1: 6

Yours in Christ,  
Stuart Matthews

### **THE GUILD**

The new session of the Guild begins on Monday 3rd. October at 7.30 p.m. in the Large Hall, when members will be entertained by the Miltones, led by Margaret White and Sue Scordia.

We warmly welcome 'old' and new members and any friends who would like to join us for the evening.

The Guild's dedication service is on Sunday 9th. October at 11 a.m.

*“You will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8)*

Our church’s website officially began to appear on the World Wide Web on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2004. The purpose of the website was to offer spiritual assistance and information to those who are seeking God, inner peace, guidance or encouragement. Initially we did not realise how wide the web called internet really is and how amazingly God can use such an effort to reach people!

In these ten months about 4,000 visits were paid to the site, literally from all over the world, from more than 70 countries!

In the middle of June we noticed a sudden and amazing increase in the interest for the site (the number of unique visitors of the record 287 of May was superseded by the 826 of June)! And the increased interest is still continuing! We are not quite sure what caused this remarkable growth, was it an outpouring of God’s Spirit that moved people to search for Him, or was it a technological improvement that opened up new opportunities? In either case the important conclusion for us is that there are massive crowds out in the world who are hungry and thirsty for God, and the Lord blessed us with the privilege to have such a far reaching facility as the website to satisfy them.

It is exciting to be involved in such a ‘global’ ministry. A number of our members contribute to the running of the site by regularly updating the pages and submitting meditations to the daily inspirational page (Dewdrops).

If you did not visit the site yet, why don’t you try? Just type in the address ([www.stpaulsmilngavie.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsmilngavie.org.uk)) and surf the pages. If you wish to get involved or contribute to the site, have observations, ideas please get in touch with the webmaster by e-mail ([webmaster@stpaulsmilngavie.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@stpaulsmilngavie.org.uk)) or by simply dropping in a note to the church office for the Website. If you feel that you don’t have the necessary skills for such an involvement, please be our partner in praying for the site to reach people, and for the contributors in their work.

#### **Scottish Bible Society**

**The Bearsden and Milngavie Branch of the Bible Society is organising a sponsored walk on Saturday 8th October to raise funds to help with the distribution of Bibles and Scripture activity books to orphanages in Romania. Also many children in Romania are abused by traffickers and paedophiles - some 5,000 are infected with HIV. Churches offer counselling, and would like appropriate Scriptures to give to these children.**

**The walk will take place in Mugdock Country Park. Last year we had a beautiful day and everyone who took part enjoyed both the exercise and the fellowship. Hopefully the sun will shine on us again this year.**

**If you would like to take part, information sheets and sponsor forms can be collected from the table at the back of the Church.**

# Heritage Appeal

As you all well know next year is the Centenary Year of our church building. We would like to celebrate this special occasion with thanksgiving to God for His faithful guidance through the decades. As part of the celebration we would like to organise a special Centenary Display/Exhibition and produce a Centenary CD/DVD. Therefore we appeal to the members of the congregation to contribute towards these projects with the memorabilia they possess which describe the life and service of St. Paul's in the last one hundred years.

We kindly ask you to send in memorabilia of such kind as:

- 1 Church Magazines, Sunday School Magazines, Magazine articles, etc.;
- 2 Certificates, Documents (Baptismal, Wedding, Guild, Elders, etc.);
- 3 Girls' Brigade / Boys' Brigade badges, uniforms, etc.;
- 4 Photographs:
  - o Church events, activities (outings, picnics, missions, etc.);
  - o Activities of the church organisations (Guild, Sunday School, Bible Class, Youth Fellowship, Church Society, Kirk Session, Congregational Board, etc.);
  - o Church building, the area;
  - o Members' involvement in charity events, missions, etc.
  - o Great events in the life of the congregation (e.g. building projects, etc.).
  - o Graphic images, sketches;
  - o Artefacts made by church members that testify to the great variety of talents and gifts of the congregation (embroidery, paintings, drawings, wood-work, etc.).

Items of all the decades of the past one hundred years are welcome. The items will be exhibited on the Centenary Display, and photographed or scanned so they might be used on the Centenary CD/DVD. Following this they will be handed back to their owners. Your help would be greatly appreciated. However, please note that not all submitted material can be displayed due to the limit of space, especially if there should be an influx of items, which we sincerely hope there will be. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact Liz Traill (956 1479), or George Vidits (956 3370). Please fill in and sign the enclosed form, and send it together with the particular item(s) you would submit to the appeal. This is important in order that later we will be able to hand back the received objects to their rightful owners. If the owners do not wish particular item(s) returned we are happy to keep them as part of a permanent display. On Sundays there will be a box at the back of the church for collecting the items. Please indicate on the package / envelope that it is for the Centenary Heritage Appeal. Alternatively, on weekdays items can be handed in to the church office

## **1/2 Milngavie Boys' Brigade BB**

It is with great pleasure we can report that newly formed 1/2 Milngavie Boys' Brigade is up and running, and the first meetings of the new session are about to commence under Captain Stuart Sharkie.

The combined company will accept boys from all the schools in Milngavie. Meetings will take place in St. Luke's Church hall for the Junior and Company Sections, and in both the BB Hall and St Luke's Church Hall for the Anchor Boys.

### **Anchor Boys**

There will be two sections of the Anchor Boys – one will meet on Monday evenings at St Luke's Church on Mondays from 6.15pm – 7.15pm, and the other at the BB Hall on Friday evenings at the same time. The first meetings will be for enrolment on the 29<sup>th</sup> August and the 2<sup>nd</sup> September respectively. Boys in P2 and P3 are more than welcome to join us.

### **Junior Section**

The Junior Section starts a new session on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2005. Boys in the primary 4,5, and 6 age ranges are welcome to come along.

The JBB meets on Monday evenings at 7.15pm and finishes at 9.00pm. The first meeting will be for registration and games, so uniforms are not required on this first night. We will be delighted to see existing members, promoted anchor boys, and anyone who wants to give the BB a try.

### **Company Section**

The Company Section starts a new session on Friday 2nd September 2005. Boys in primary 7, and S1-S6 are welcome.

The Company Section meets on Friday evenings at 7.30pm and finishes at 9.30pm.

Further information can be obtained from any of the officers, or by emailing [milngaviebb@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:milngaviebb@hotmail.co.uk)

Yours Sincerely,  
Ramsay B. Shields

Company Chaplain



## FINANCE REPORT

### General Fund

I am pleased to report that, with the exception of three Sundays our offerings were pretty near on target during the summer months. From the evidence of the Offering on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2005 it would appear that those who have been away during this period are making up for the weeks they were absent. My thanks to all of you for continuing to support the commitments of the church. I am also delighted and thankful to report that we were in surplus at the end of June, and we will be in surplus at the end of August as opposed to a deficit for the same periods last year.

### Niger Appeal

The final total collected was £2094. Include in the total there was a Gift Aid element of £1450 making a tax recovery of £408.97 possible. This brings the total going to the Appeal via Christian Aid to **£2502.97**. Forty members took advantage of the Gift Aid Scheme and you can see the benefit this has been to the final total. Please note that we now have Special Envelopes for those wishing to make their donations through the Gift Aid Scheme in emergency appeals of this nature, and all cheques should be made payable to “**St Paul’s Parish Church**”. Thanks to all who contributed to the Appeal.

**Angus Maclean**

Congregational Treasurer

### Girls’ Brigade

The Girls’ Brigade has restarted and meets on Thursdays at the following times :-

**EXPLORERS** (P1 – P3) 6.30p.m.– 8.00p.m.

**JUNIORS** (P 4–P 7) 6.30p.m.– 8 p.m.

**BRIGADERS** (S 1 + ) 7.30p.m.-9p.m.

NEW MEMBERS WOULD BE MADE VERY WELCOME

# *Japan Jottings*

## **Dear Friends**

Our summer holiday has now come and gone – but Daniel and Matthew were delighted that their school holiday had to be extended because of some asbestos problem in the building. They should be back by the time you read this. We enjoyed having different visitors over the summer, including Lorna's sister's family. There were no earthquakes when any of our visitors were here but there have been two or three big ones recently in different parts of Japan. It's amazing though how little damage was caused.

Last month, after weeks of great weather, we came to the day for our outdoor worship and barbecue. A bit like Scotland, the day itself turned out to be cloudy so we had the worship inside but we were able to have the barbecue outside just before the rain came crashing down. It was great to see an overflowing church with members having invited friends and family.

Our children's work is underway again. We were pleased to see around 90 children at our Sun Kids Festival in June. Each week we have a group of 11 kids coming for English, and another day a Mums and Pre-School Kids English class. The last half hour of that class sees the mums meeting separately to talk about childcare and other issues and in time this will have more of a Bible focus. It has been encouraging to see the mums sharing so openly.

Please do pray for the folks here in Otaru – a number are still struggling with serious illness and other problems. We remember you all too and thank you for all your support, not least for the financial gift received in July.

**With our love and prayers for you all**

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

### **THE WAY AHEAD GROUP(A STROKE CLUB FOR BEARSDEN)**

**This group is looking for volunteers to help in various capacities – as drivers and helpers. Further information can be had from :-**

**Mrs. Anne Wightman ( 0141 942 40520 or Mrs. Greta Paterson(563 7938)**

**There will be more details about this group in October's 'Life'**

## **MEN'S ASSOCIATION**

The first meeting of the Men's Association will be on Tuesday 4th October. We extend a warm welcome to any men in the congregation who would like to join us. We meet at about 7.15 for tea and our meeting starts at 7.30.in the Jubilee Hall.

Chris Scott

## **BOOK CLUB**

Our first meeting after the summer took place recently when we discussed *The Murder Room* by P D James. Set in a museum where the Murder Room displays exhibits from the most notorious cases of the inter-war years, the murders uncannily reflect the cases on display. Everyone had enjoyed the book and although some of us had read previous books by Baroness James, this latest offering did not disappoint in its use of language and gradual build up of expectation and suspense. This particular book had been televised not long after it was published and you couldn't help seeing Martin Shaw in the role of Adam Dalgliesh as you read the book! If you like a good read, this is the one for you!

Our next meeting is at 8 pm on Wednesday 21 September 2005 at the Manse when we will be discussing *Pompeii* by Robert Harris.

Please come along and join us for coffee and a chat - we will be delighted to welcome new members to the group.

JOYCE CLARK

## **BADMINTON CLUB**

THE CLUB WILL RESTART FOR THE NEW SEASON  
ON TUESDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.30 P.M.  
IN THE LARGE HALL  
NEW MEMBERS WILL BE MADE VERY WELCOME

C. BUCHANAN (SECRETARY)

*THE BOOK STALL* will reopen at the beginning of September. Mrs. Glenys Ritchie will be glad to speak to anyone looking for a particular book

*USED STAMPS* can now be handed into Mrs May Phillips, who takes over this duty from Mrs. Doreen Greig. The Kirk Session would wish record its thanks to Doreen for her work over the last nine years



# FLOWER ROTAS- SEPTEMBER

## DONATIONS

Mrs. E. Law  
Mrs. Brown  
Mrs. M. Reid  
Mrs. Brown

## DELIVERIES

Sep.4 Mrs.A. Galloway Mrs. J. Townson  
Sept. 11 Mrs. M. McIntyre Mrs. M Spencer  
Sept 18 Mrs. P. Dudgeon Mrs. S. Lindsay  
Sept 25 Mrs. M. Phillips Mrs. E. Law

Oct.2 Mrs. J. Anderson Mrs. A. Gibson



# CRECHE ROTA- SEPTEMBER

11 Sep	Reid, Bolton, J Deuchar
18 Sep	Kerr, Whitelaw, Might
25 Sep	Baxter, MacKinnon, Hughes
2 Oct	MacAulay, Lawrie, K Deuchar

## TRAIIDCRAFT

Sept.4th.	M Thomson M Jenkins
" 11th.	A Begg J McLean
" 18th.	S Rollings J MacIntyre
" 25th.	G Buchanan A Martin
Oct. 2nd.	Communion Sunday?)
" 9th.	S Dunlop L Cowie

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