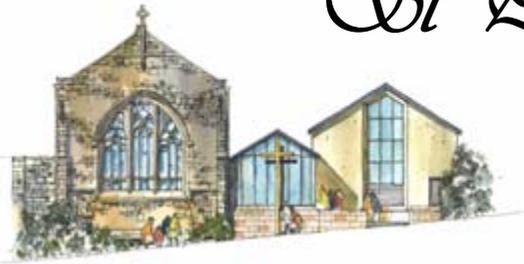


St Paul's Milngavie



Life Magazine
November 2007

Dear Friends,

There was a throw-away comment made on a radio programme recently which stayed with me. It was said that after the First World War there was barely a family in the UK who had not lost a member or at least someone who was within the circle of friendship. The statistics are not precise but there were close to 1 million deaths recorded from the British Empire. Waves of suffering which flooded into the homes of rich and poor and left a permanent sense of loss.

The extent of it is staggering and yet in a way it was merely a prelude to the bloodiest century of all. It is estimated that during the 20th Century between 160 million and 216 million people were killed in wars and genocides.

The Season of Remembrance is an opportunity for us all to focus on the consequences of war and to remember that the lives which make up the statistics were men and women who were loved and valued by others. My mother always found Remembrance Sunday difficult because she lost a brother in the Far East. A Milngavie lady quietly thanked me after a service at the village war memorial because as well as remembering husbands and fathers who were lost I had also mentioned boyfriends.

There are so many stories and so much pain. That's why the Season of Remembrance has also to be a time of commitment that we will work and pray until the day dawns when in the words of the paraphrase we will 'study war no more.' That will only be when the Prince of Peace returns and His voice commands peace in the midst of all human conflict. But He will recognise His own as those who have been instruments of peace.

BOB



Bring On the Bible

Please contact St Paul's church office -
956-4405 or st.pauls@btconnect.com
to register your child. There are
limited spaces!

*This day will be filled with games,
crafts, singing, quizzes, dressing up,
museum, challenges, activities, Bible
teaching, food, and LOTS LOTS more.*

Saturday 17th
November

10am until 3pm

St Paul's Parish
Church, Milngavie,
G62-8DP

Primary Age

£3

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issue - Sunday 18th
November if using the
pigeon hole or Wed 21st
November if emailing.
Publication date 2nd Dec for
Christmas so remember all
your festive items!

Bookstall Returns

The bookstall will be back for 3
Sundays starting the 18th.
November up to and including
2nd. December. All books will
have 10% off so buy now for
Christmas!

Church Website

The website features scripture
readings and meditations,
"Dewdrops," which change daily.
Could you help contribute? Could you
offer any other help keeping the site
up to date?

If so contact John MacArthur at
webmaster@stpaulsmilngavie.org.uk



Dear Friends

David is now safely back from his trip to India. Both Daniel and Matthew have had a good half-term and of course enjoyed the break at the beach with dad. Now they are looking forward to the long winter holiday when they will return to Japan for lots of skiing. Matthew has settled well in his first couple of months at Hebron School but there are lots of adjustments to make, not only getting used to dorm life but also to classes in English! We are very impressed with the set up at the school and the caring and loving atmosphere.

Over the next month or two we will gradually begin to hand over more responsibility to Pastor Ishihara as we take a lesser role in Otaru. At the same time, we will also be able to devote time to discuss and prepare for our next work when we return to Japan after home assignment in spring 2009.

We hope to lead up a new church start in Sapporo and at the moment are thinking and praying just what that might look like. By the time we reach Christmas (a busy time of year here too) we need to begin the task of clearing out and packing up for home assignment – not a task we look forward to!

With that in mind, our thoughts also need to turn to our time in Scotland next year. We are planning to visit Daniel and Matthew on our way home and spend time with them at the half-term break in April so will probably be back towards the end of April.

And this time too we need a house! God provided in an amazing (even miraculous) way the last time. Please pray with us for a suitable place – and let us know if you hear of anything that might be available for us for the year we are back. Daniel and Matthew will remain at Hebron School but be back for the long winter and summer holidays. So most of the time there will be four of us, but for part of the time we also need to fit in another two bigger boys.

Looking forward to seeing you all again next year!

**With our love and thanks for all your support
David, Lorna, Daniel, Matthew, Calum and Alistair**

Flower Donations - November

Mrs M Hutcheson, Miss A F Niven





As everyone will be aware, the Fergusons are into their last 6 months as our missionary partners in Japan. They are in the process of handing over responsibilities to Pastor Ishihara in Otaru so pray for him – for strength and clarity of vision as he seeks to lead his flock. Pray that he is led by the Lord in all that he does

Pray also for David and Lorna themselves, still immersed in running Sun Kids and other activities while they prepare for home assignment and for the two elder boys at school in India. You can read more about their work in the overseas pages of the Church website at www.stpaulsmilngavie.org.uk/overseas.htm

Gemma Stoddart our youth worker also needs your prayers – as she prepares for children's addresses in the Sunday services and other activities such as school assemblies.

World Mission diary for November

Two church-run hostels in Maharashtra in **India** are giving children from poor farming families the chance of an education and future employment choices. Although there is free education up to the age of 14 in Maharashtra, attendance in rural areas is low and literacy in rural communities is just 36 per cent.

Children from all faith backgrounds can apply for a place at the Church of North India's hostel for boys or hostel for girls in Ahmednagar. They are fed and cared for and sent to local schools. At the end of their time at the hostels some return to help on the family farm while others go on to further studies and vocational training, becoming teachers, nurses, clerks and even artists.

The Church of **Bangladesh**, although very small in membership, numbering only 16,000 in a population of around 140 million, provides through its Social Development Department a huge social outreach to people of all faiths, in the fields of education, healthcare and training.

One such project run by the Christ Church Trade School (CCTS) is the Mobile Vocational Training programme. This provides opportunity for young people in rural Bangladesh to gain skills in a trade such as carpentry, metal work, electrics and motor mechanics, to a standard where they can find employment on completion of the course. The course is taught not at the main college site but right in the heart of the community where the young people are, thus saving on expensive travel and living costs.

Please pray for

The spread of pioneering projects such as the hostels being run by the Church of North India and the valuable work being carried out by the Church of Bangladesh's CCTS, aiming to help children break the cycle of poverty through education and overcome gender inequalities and provide opportunities for all. The success of the Trade Week of Action in drawing attention to unfair global trade practices that disadvantage some of the poorest people in the world.

Milngavie Churches Prayer Breakfasts

Start time 8am for Breakfast, 8.45am Prayer

3rd Nov Allander Evangelical

1st Dec St Paul's

2nd Feb St Andrew's Episcopal

The Guild



The Guild began the 2007 session with an evening of music from local singing group Melody Box, who entertained us with humorous poems, stories, and a range of songs from many of the shows. There was a large attendance, with some new (and very welcome) members joining us.

On **Monday 15th October** our speaker was Mr Donald Morrison from Glasgow International Airport, who gave a great insight into the running of the Airport which has almost 9 million passengers passing through it annually and over five thousand staff!

On **Monday 22nd October**, local MP Jo Swinson gave an enthusiastic talk about the many varied aspects of her work as a Parliament representative for East Dunbartonshire and at Westminster.

On **Monday 29th October** there was a Bible Study by Rev. Fergus Buchanan.

Please note – there will be no Guild meeting at St. Paul's on Monday 5th November. All members are kindly invited to St. Luke's on Tuesday 6th November.

The **Dedication Service** for Guild members will be held on Sunday 18th November at 11am. This is also the start of Guild Week which runs from 18th to 24th November.

On **Monday 12th November** we shall be hearing of Mrs Jean Tait's Trials and Tribulations as a Tourist Guide!

On **Monday 19th November** Miss Eileen Ward will give In Depth Studies into 'Borderline'.

On **Monday 26th November** there will be a cake demonstration by Top Tier.

Molly Pollock

Crossreach

The latest edition of **Crossreach** is available at the back of the Church. It gives up to date news of activities and events organised by the Kirk's Social Responsibility Committee.

Catalogue

The catalogue of Christmas stationery and gifts is out. A few copies are available for uplift and more can be ordered.

Calendar 2008 is also available and can be ordered directly from the catalogue or from Morag Thomson (956 2801)

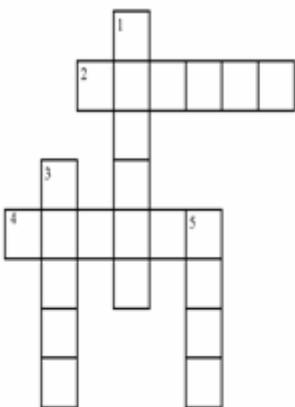
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providing a caring future

www.crossreach.org.uk

St Paul's Children and Youth Page

Welcome back.....I've been expecting you!

Creation Crossword



ACROSS

- 2. On the _____ day God made the sky.
- 4. God separated the _____ from the sky.

DOWN

- 1. He called the sky _____
- 3. He called the land _____
- 5. He called the waters _____



I hope you had a good October especially since you had a week's holiday.

Last month I was saying how much I am enjoying autumn, and I still am. However sadly I have not been able to get on many walks! In the few walks that I have been on God has been teaching me how incredible His creation is. In my weekly Bible study group we are looking at the creation story (this is found in the first book of the Bible called Genesis). [To help you with the crossword read Genesis chapter 1] The creation story tells us how God made the world and everything in it. It shows the power of God that He is so big that He could create the world just like He wanted it. He also created us just like He wanted, but more than that He created us just like Himself. STOP. **God created you just like Himself.**

The Sunday Club have been learning about Jeremiah. There is a story in the book of Jeremiah in the Bible which says that God wants to mould us, just like a potter does with clay.

God has created us. But He wants to change us, everyday of our lives God wants to make us more and more like who He wants us to be.

I pray that you allow God to change you today.....and for the rest of your lives.

With love and blessings,

Gem

What's on in NOVEMBER?

Children:

Sunday club – Primary age
During morning service (11am)
Church halls

Girls Brigade – primary age
Thursday – 7 - 9pm
Church halls

BOB – Bring on the Bible
Saturday 17th November
10-3pm Full details on page 2

Young People:

Bible Class – S1-S5
10-11am
Centenary Room

Joining Together – S1-S6
Sunday 25th October – 8.15-9.30pm
Centenary Room

SU Bible Study – S4-S6
Monday 12th and 26th November
8-9.30pm 6 Balfleurs Street, Milngavie

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

Crèche

We would like everyone involved to know that as from October 07, we are jointly taking over the Crèche responsibilities from Diane Martin.

We are very grateful for the continuing support to help to look after the babies and toddlers. Helping out in the crèche can be great fun and provides an opportunity to meet and get to know other people in the church. If you know of anyone who is willing to help out with crèche, please let us know as it helps to lighten the load.

Should there be an occasion when a helper does not turn up for duty, please let one of us know, as it would help to keep our records up to date.

Finally if you have any issues/ideas about crèche which you feel would help please do not hesitate to contact us - it would be much appreciated.

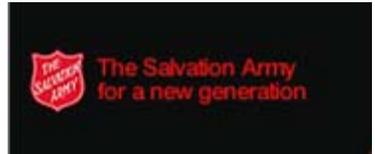
Louise and Jackie

Louise Wilson
587 7357 louise.wilson1@sky.com

Jackie Sillars
956 7589 jacqueline.sillars@ntlworld.com



Thank you



Dear Rev Buchanan,

Thank you very much for your kind donations of produce from your church harvest festival service. It is at times like this that we appreciate that our work with the homeless has a much wider support than we realise, and we appreciate that we are considered in your thoughts and givings.

Please thank your congregation for their support as it is appreciated by all who benefit from your generosity.

Yours sincerely
Gilbert Esson, Centre Manager,
Wallace of Campsie House,
Salvation Army.

Govan Salvation Army Band
Christmas Carol Service
18th December at 7.30pm - £4 entry
For info go to
www.salvationarmy.org.uk/glasgowwest
Or phone 0141 959 3039

As you have no doubt seen in the intimations, the winter catalogue is now to hand and full of wonderful items for your Christmas shopping - anything from Christmas cakes & puddings to a luxurious alpaca throw. There are also fairly traded wines but these must be ordered direct to your home as we are not allowed by law to resell them.

We have many items already in stock on our stall - teas, coffees, dried fruit, 3 types of sugar all ready for that cake making and many, many other items. We sometimes even have bargains, if the article is nearing its sell by date & you are good at bartering, we never turn down a good offer!!

Who needs to go trailing round the shops when we are here to take your order & deliver it to your door?



So please visit the stall **this week**, take a catalogue, BROWSE, then order. If you are on the web you can view all the items in stock as traidcraft has a very good website - www.traidcraftshop.co.uk - however, ordering direct incurs a delivery charge unless the order is over £120.00, so let us order for you. For more information or to place an order phone or see Rosemary Fraser 956 3222

Friendship House

As I am sure everyone is now aware, F.H. has had to shut its doors for the first time in 23 years, owing to flooding caused by a fractured joint in the kitchen. As this happened after closing on a Thursday, the water gushed out from the mains all night so that by the morning the whole of the downstairs was completely saturated.

The drying out process has taken some considerable time, but we are hoping that we can now proceed with the refurbishment. We shall of course contact you as soon as we have an Opening Date. Meantime we are printing out the Rotas for the coming year for all our Befrienders & 'T' ladies/gentlemen, in faith that we shall be back in business again before Christmas.

Rosemary Fraser

Another month, another deadline!

This session seems to be rushing past and we still have a lot to do before we break for Christmas.

The real high spot in our Brigade calendar has been Heather Strang's wedding. We had been asked to form a guard of honour and our girls were so excited! When Heather moved to work in Livingston she joined 6th Edinburgh and Lothian GB as an officer and 10 of their officers and girls came through to be part of her guard of honour. The sun shone on the bride and groom, the girls were all on their best behaviour and we had a bit of a party in the hall before the Edinburgh girls headed back home. Apologies to the Sunday Club is the hall still smelled of pizza and sausage rolls!

We are still going ahead with our chocolate evening on Thursday 8th November. The proceeds will be split between Children in Need and Riding for the Disabled so please come along to support us. Home made chocolate goodies will be on sale!

Once again Janet Cockburn has offered to organise the issue of Avon catalogues for Christmas buying and she will donate 20% of the money to our own Brigade funds. If you are interested in a catalogue please speak to either Janet or myself.

Anne Goodlet



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported our fundraising events for Leukaemia Research.

The coffee morning, plant sale and sponsored cycle raised the magnificent sum of **£3,633.75**.

Alex and Scott successfully cycled from Bishopbriggs Sports Centre to the Falkirk Wheel in early June and this event alone raised over £1,000.

Thank you to everyone for their wonderful support.

Maureen Mackay.

The editor apologises for communication difficulties which prevented this article being printed earlier. What a great result though!

Remembrance Sunday

The usual service of Remembrance will take place at the village war memorial beginning at 10.45am.

Rev. Jim Marshall, Interim Moderator of Milngavie United Free Church, will preside.

St. Paul's morning service on that day will be at 11.30am.



Thanks to Chris Scott for the donation of this poem found in the pew of a church he was visiting.

If, after church you wait awhile
Someone may greet you with a smile
But if you quickly rise and flee
We'll all seem stiff and cold, maybe
The one beside you in the pew
Is perhaps a stranger too.
All here, like you, have fears and cares,
All of us need each other's prayers.
In Fellowship we bid you meet
With us around God's mercy seat.

Easy E-ECO Ideas

Feed the World: Check out www.freerice.com – select the meanings of words from a list and donate 10 grains of rice for each correct answer to the UN World Food Programme. This could become addictive!

Surf and Give (as advertised on Christian Aid website) Change your broadband provider to Surefish and for every 1,000 customers, they will donate £84,000 to Christian Aid which could buy a lot of supplies for those in need around the world
www.surefish.co.uk/internetaccess

Ecotricity switch electricity supplier to this green supplier and invest in renewable power sources and research for the future.
www.ecotricity.co.uk/landing/?partner=CA3 Christian Aid also get a donation.

Buy **Fairtrade** items from the Church stand on a Sunday or Tearfund gifts from their Christmas catalogue.

Convert unwanted household items into Bibles through the Scottish Bible Society's **Operation Family**. For the full list of eligible items see their website
www.scottishbiblesociety.org/donate/index.php

Don't print out emails unless you really have to – add the following message to your email signature to encourage others to do the same



SAVE PAPER - Please do not print this e-mail unless absolutely necessary

Editor's note

Being slightly short of material this month we were searching out information online and found the following events which may be of interest:

Oxygen Event – 16th and 17th November

Oxygen is a vision to see people across Scotland unified through events which allow people to experience God in a real and relevant way. Over the years, Oxygen has run events in venues throughout Scotland that help to develop your life journey and build relationships. We wish to encourage spiritual growth in people, by helping them realise their need to rely on God in all things.

Where: Lenzie Union Parish Church, Lenzie

Speaker: Chris Kent

Music: Rex Allchurch Band

Cost: Free tickets (donations) from Wesley Owen Shop

Or see www.oxygenevents.org.uk

or phone Laurie MacKinnon 07886 825375



For other Christian events around Scotland see www.eventsguide.org

Christianity Explored

Earlier this year the churches in Milngavie organised a joint Christianity Explored course in the Fraser Centre. It proved to be a well attended event and resulted in several attendees making a decision to join a local church.

We learn from the Allander Church website that a further course is being planned early in the New Year – so keep it in mind in case you know anyone who would like to go.

If you'd rather check it out online first try out this website:

www.rejesus.co.uk



The Way Ahead – A Stroke Club for Bearsden

We have featured the Club before, but here's a reminder of who they are and what they do.

It's a registered charity run by the Association of Bearsden Churches and meets every Thursday afternoon 1.15pm – 3.45pm in Killermont Church Hall. Each week members enjoy exercise, table games, carpet bowls and putting with afternoon tea and occasional entertainment. Two paid physiotherapists also attend.

The Club is in need of more drivers who are willing to convey members to and from meetings one Thursday a month. If you think you could help in this way – or indeed as a volunteer at the Club please phone the co-ordinator Anne Wightman 942 4052 for more information.

CHURCH REGISTER

Change of Address

Mrs Diane Baldwin, 32 Kirkhouse Road, Strathblane 70
now
10A Craigharnet Road, Milngavie 66a

Weddings

13.10.07 Heather Strang, 78 Strathblane Road, Milngavie and
Bryan O'Neil Robertson, 21/1 Pirnie Field Bank,
Edinburgh

Deaths

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

3.9.07 Mr Max Mowat, 56, Ballater Drive, Bearsden 68
2.10.07 Mr Eric Burns, Forthbank Nursing Home, Stirling

Please remember to send all your Christmas and early 2008 items for publication in the December issue. Copy date(s) 18th/21st November, publication date 1st December.

Date	Flower Deliveries	Crèche Rota	Traidcraft Rota	Vestibule Rota
4 th Nov	S Anderson R Fraser	Whitelaw, Baxter, Reid	M Thomson M Ure	Team 8 Bobby Campbell
11 th Nov	M Conway M McPerson	Bolton, J Deuchar, Wilson	A Begg J MacLean	Team 9 Nan Cattanach (Eve Comm)
18 th Nov	A Galloway J Townson	Sillars, MacAuley, Lawrie	J MacIntyre M Fewell	Team 10 Elizabeth Traill
25 th Nov	M McIntyre M Spencer	K Deuchar, Chapman, Goodlet	G Buchanan A Martin	Team 3 Robert Gow
2 nd Dec	P Dudgeon S Lindsay	Cockburn, Richell, MacKinnon	C MacKay R Fraser	Team 4 Elizabeth Bragg