



St Paul's Milngavie

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Dear Friends,

This week, I have been appointed by Presbytery as Interim Moderator at St Paul's Church here in Milngavie. Many of you will know that the Rev Fergus Buchanan has been unwell for a number of weeks, and for the last month, has been signed off. It is usual practice in the Church of Scotland, when a minister has been off work as a result of illness, to appoint an interim moderator, and that is what has happened in this situation. We wish Fergus every blessing at this time and pray that the Lord would uphold him, and Gabrielle, and the family at this time. We pray that his health would be restored.

As a result of this appointment, the responsibility for ministry at St Paul's falls on my shoulders. I will be ably assisted by the Rev. Kenneth Macdonald, your Auxiliary Minister here at St Paul's, who will be able to share some of this load with me.

Be assured that at St Luke's, we are upholding you at this time. For a congregation to have their pastor "signed off" as being unwell is not an easy time (as we ourselves know from earlier on in the year).

I did enjoy the Holy Week services this year. For me Easter is a glorious celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. I found the Holy Week services too to be a great time of blessing, and I would take this opportunity to thank all of the members of St Paul's who attended and participated in the worship.

With best wishes.
Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ,

Ramsay B. Shields

Church Without Walls Party –
Fri 22nd May 09

It's been 10 years since the inception of the work of Church with Walls, which began in 1999 with the creation of the "Special Commission" of the General Assembly.

As part of reporting back to the General Assembly this year with a review of some of our work, we'd like to share it with you as well - even if you're not a commissioner to this year's Assembly.



So, you're invited! We do hope that you can come to our special evening's reception at the exciting **Our Dynamic Earth** venue, **Holyrood Road, Edinburgh** (just next to the Scottish Parliament). We'll feature a chance to chat and share with each others, enjoy live light entertainment and hear some great testimonies from folks who have got involved with Church without Walls over the years. It's also a chance to meet its new convener, Rev David Cameron who takes over from Rev Albert Bogle after this year's Assembly.

The event is **free**, but places are limited due to the size of the venue so book your place online in advance at www.cwwresources.org.uk .

Church without Walls, a report accepted by the General Assembly in 2001, aims to provide a 'big vision' for the Church, relevant to every part of the Church and over many years.

St Paul's Society Summer
Outing 6th June 2009



This year the Society will once again, visit one of Scotland's little known 'gems' – the Parish Church of Burntisland; which is both historically and spiritually interesting; built in 1592 it is the first post-Reformation church built in Scotland, still in use. In 1601 the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland met in this Church with King James VI in attendance, and a new translation of the Bible was approved.

The arrangements are now complete. The cost will be £26 which includes return coach travel; afternoon tea en route at Dobbie's on the outskirts of Edinburgh; a guided tour of the church; high tea at the Kingswood Hotel and all gratuities.

The coach will leave Milngavie Station at 12.00noon returning to Milngavie at around 8.00pm. A list for names and choice of meal will be at the back of the church from Sun 3rd May and all members and friends are assured of a warm welcome and an interesting and enjoyable day.

It would be appreciated if all payments could be made by 30th May

Iris T. Torbet, Secretary/Treasurer

Letters of Love



This year's World Mission Stamp Appeal will raise money to support an outreach programme among the Roma people organised by our partner church in the Czech Republic.

The Roma people are a minority who live on the edges of society. They are a subset of the Romani people, sometimes known as "gypsies." Ethnically they originally came from South Asia but have lived in Europe for centuries. They live primarily in central and eastern Europe and they are subject to various forms of discrimination and prejudice, suffering from a lack of educational opportunities and poverty. Despite some efforts by the government since the "Velvet Revolution" of 1989, the United Nations says that the Roma's situation in the Czech Republic is getting worse.

Our partner church is the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren, a protestant church formed by a union of the Lutheran and Reformed Churches in 1918. Since 2003, as part of their outreach programme for the Roma, they have run projects for children and young people (pre-school education and a drop-in centre); for parents (evening classes & social events); and for older people (a home care service). They wish to strengthen and develop these outreach resources.

You can help the church show Christ's love to the Roma people simply by collecting your used stamps, which are sold to raise money. Send your stamps to: World Mission Stamp Project, Church of Scotland, 121 George St, Edinburgh, EH2 4YN.

Used stamps are gathered in, sorted and sold to collectors. Administration costs are minimal as the work of preparing and selling the stamps is undertaken by teams of homeworkers. The success of the scheme depends on the support it is given by congregations, organisations and individuals throughout Scotland who regularly send in packets of used stamps.

If you would like further information, phone 0131 225 5722 or email world@cofscotland.org.uk Information will also appear on the Church of Scotland's website at www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worldmission.

Margaret Hamilton and May Phillips.

Scottish Bible Society Bicentenary



A special edition of Songs of Praise to celebrate the Bicentenary of the Society is being broadcast on Sunday 10th May. This will feature an interview with Elaine Duncan, Chief Executive of the Scottish Bible Society, footage of children attending Bibleworld Experience and SBS Studios and the service recorded in Linlithgow.

Also - look out for the Bicentenary floral displays at Boclair House and in Victoria Park over the summer.

Klimb for Kimo

Reminder:

Sponsored climb of Ben Lomond in aid of the Kimo Peru Project will take place on Saturday 9th May.

This is for all the family and should be a great day out! Even if you think you can't get to the top you will be very welcome to come and do as much as possible. Sponsorship forms and more information available now at the back of the Church.

Please join us!

Thanks

Kimo Peru 24 Hour Games Marathon

I would like to thank everyone who supported the recent 24 Hour Games Marathon. It was an enjoyable and sociable occasion where we not only had the opportunity to raise money for the Kimo Peru Project, but got time to chat and share fellowship.

Sponsor money is still coming in and a final total will hopefully be available in the June edition of Life.

Douglas Martin



Don't forget...

**Christian Aid week is
10-16 May. Help required!
See Gordon Campbell or
sign the sheet at the back of
the church.**

Traidcraft Coffee Morning

Thank you all very much for all your hard work in making the event such a success and so very enjoyable I thought you might like to know that we raised £492.00 in total.

Of this total, £250.62 was Traidcraft goods bought from our stall which is fantastic and the rest was ticket money or the sale of plants and home baking etc.

All the ticket money raised will go to Traidcraft Exchange which is the organisation that sets up new projects thus enabling more people to 'work' themselves out of poverty.

If anyone else would like to help with Traidcraft in any way, please let me know.

Rosemary Fraser

Tea Party

I am holding a tea party on Sat 9th May 2009 from 2-6pm at 8 Schaw House, 69 Schaw Dr, Bearsden.

This is to raise sponsorship for Marie Curie Cancer Care....four gorgeous girls are doing a sponsored cycle ride in August from London to Amsterdam (with a combined age of about 200!), and we each need to raise £1300.

Tickets for afternoon tea will be £5, and there will be some "must have" items on sale....see you then?

Rhona Raeburn

To sponsor one of us go to

www.justgiving.com/teamgorgeousness



Established in 1979 as a Christian response to poverty, Traidcraft is the UK's leading fair trade organisation. Its mission is to fight poverty through trade, practising and promoting approaches to trade that help poor people in developing countries transform their lives.

Cooperativa Campesina Apicola Valdivia (APICOOP)

Chile has a diverse variety of flowers of native species, one of which, Ulmo, stands out due to its pure white flowers, with extraordinary melliferous qualities. These flowers are pollinated by bees that use the nectar to produce miel de Ulmo, (Ulmo honey) a speciality of northern Patagonia. For the 120 members of Apicoop located in the Andes foothills, this is a precious natural resource that allows them to provide a sustainable income for their families. Founded in 1998, Apicoop stemmed from the Diocese Valdivia which promoted rural development.



The fact that the church was the supporting body was particularly important during the military dictatorship, when self-help groups, trade unions and farmer organisations were persecuted, and many of the activities that had, until then, been carried out by these organisations could be continued only under the patronage of the church.

The Apicoop honey is used in Geobars which are now familiar products on our supermarket shelves. Producers Sonia Chicao and her husband Guido Guenupan, featured on the Honey Nut Geobar box, are amongst the beekeepers: "I have no doubt keeping bees was a good decision," said Guido. "Everything you see here has been earned by the bees. With the beekeeping we have enough money to give our kids education."



Traidcraft has been working with Apicoop for 10 years and has also helped the group diversify into blueberry production. Traidcraft made a grant to Apicoop to help them plant the blueberry bushes and assisted them in obtaining a loan. The resulting fair trade blueberries will be used in the Mixed Berries Geobar when the first crop is ready next year.

Flower Donations - May

As always contact Wilma Douglas on 0141 956 2630





Brigade Blethers

In the middle of all the wind and rain at the end of March we headed off for Auchengillan and guess what? The sun shone for two days ! The girls tackled all the activities on offer and they had a great time. Favourite with the Brigaders was the team building. That had them building a "raft" of branches and carrying someone across a swamp. The mud started off knee deep and just got deeper. It was so bad that the instructors had to hose the girls down (with cold water) when the game was finished. We are very ladylike in Brigade! We also had crate climbing, grass sledges, gyro carts and loads more. This year we received a grant from The Allander Youth Activities Charitable Trust and this paid for the bulk of the activities. We are all very grateful for this grant as it allowed the girls to have a go at lots of new activities.

This month also saw the last of our bookstall. Since September the stall has raised over £ 360 for the Kimo Peru Project so a big "Thank You" to all our regular customers. The remaining books are going to a good home at the Christian Aid Sale next week.

Our next BIG thing is the Company Display which is in two weeks time. Tell you all about that next time.

Anne Goodlet.

Book Group



We have been reading the Secret Scripture by Sebastian Barry which is set during the period of the Irish Civil War in 1922 together with World War II. The story moves between Dr Grene, a psychiatrist in a soon-to-close mental hospital, and one of his patients, Roseanne who is 100 years old. Roseanne has decided to write her life story and hide it beneath the floorboards in her room. The two stories run parallel with Dr Grene writing in the present and Roseanne writing in the past. Barry's writing is almost poetical at times and although the book is slow to start, all of the group enjoyed it. The ending was a surprise for some and guessed early on by others! In case you want to read it, we won't reveal the final chapters. The book gives us an insight into the history and religious politics of Ireland and the effect on one woman's life. Life is hard if you are a woman in Ireland at this time in history and the details of Roseanne's day to day struggle with living are sometimes breathtakingly difficult to understand. A good read and a well balanced story.

Next time we are reading Running with Scissors by Augusten Burroughs and we are meeting on Tuesday 16 June 2009 @ 7.45pm. Please telephone Helen for the venue.

Joyce Clark

PASSION PLAY SCOTLAND

Reminder of Glasgow dates

The Life of Christ

A production of The Easter Passion Play

'The Life of Christ' is to be staged by

The Cutting Edge Theatre Group in

Kelvingrove Park on

Friday 15th May – 10.30am and Saturday 16th May – 2pm.

More info at www.easterplay.org

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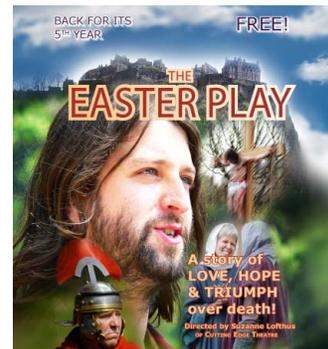
www.cuttingedgetheatre.co.uk

Passion plays were started in the Church in Medieval times, and were used as a means to communicate the Gospel to the general public and were known as Mystery Plays, telling the Bible stories from Genesis onwards. The plays then began to take on an educational stream and began to introduce moral teaching, becoming known as Morality Plays and so Theatre in Education was born!

Today there are many plays around the world continuing this tradition of both teaching the Gospel and of course, Theatre in Education has continued in Schools and throughout the world.

Church Outing

Chatelherault Country Park, Hamilton Saturday 30th May 2009



We will depart from Milngavie station at 10.15am returning 5pm. Booking Forms are available at the back of the Church and should be placed in the box on completion.

Chatelherault Country Park, a five star visitor attraction, was once described as a Jewel in the Landscape. The restored buildings house the exhibitions gallery, displays, gift shop, café and information desk. The Main House will not be open due to a wedding. Central to Chatelherault is the River Avon which has cut an impressive gorge into the 350 million-year-old sandstone since the end of the last Ice Age. There are 10 miles of walks through the ancient woodland.

Please see the display in the Large Hall for more information.

The outing is for everyone we hope you will join us.

ALL WELCOME

Further information from Graham Mill (956 5155) g.mill@ntlworld.com

Please Sponsor
Sandy Marshall
Tandem Parachute Jump
Summer 09

revive



In aid of

Revive MS Support
Therapy Centre
Maryhill

**To sponsor: Sandy will be in the Large Hall after the service
or phone on 0141 570 0580**

Persecuted Christians around
the World

The reality of the cost of discipleship has been driven home for me recently through a couple of events. Last August a young Saudi woman who had come to faith through internet discussions was martyred, by her own brother. Fatima knew that her time was short when, after proclaiming the gospel to her family, she was locked into her bedroom while they discussed how to deal with her. She was able to post a final message on the internet, a poem she had written, just before they came in and took her life. One line reads, *'And we for the sake of Christ all things bear...Oh history, record! And bear witness Oh witnesses! ...In the path of Christ we tread.'* Many brothers and sisters throughout the Arab world have been touched by her testimony, and her impassioned call to witness.

Please remember these dear believers, many who are isolated and fearful, and pray for their encouragement, wisdom and boldness as they 'for the sake of Christ all things bear.'
for God to be glorified through their lives.

From "a sister working in a difficult country"

Milngavie Prayer Breakfasts

8am breakfast, 8.45am prayer

2nd May St Paul's

6th Jun Allander

Global consultation on human trafficking

The Church of North India hosted a global consultation of human trafficking in Delhi last month. The consultation was organised by the Council for World Mission's (CWM) South Asia Regional Council. 31 delegates from India, Australia, Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal, and Hungary affirmed that "Together we unite in solidarity as we stand with our brothers and sisters in the worldwide faith community and we declare that trafficking should occur from Nowhere to Nowhere."

The consultation called on all churches to recognize human trafficking as modern slavery, and went on to say; "In light of our calling as God's people we seek to uphold the dignity of God's creation and strive for ways to offer prevention, protection, and restoration to those who are vulnerable in our society." In issuing its call to action the consultation recognized the responsibility of the whole church, at global, national and local level, "to be prophetic in every way as we seek to bring healing to our tired and broken world."

Following the global consultation the diocese of Durgapur organized a two day conference with women from all over the diocese taking part. At the end of the meeting the women said; "sheer participation in discussions is not called for, what we, as Christians, are called for today is to act to combat trafficking.

Let us pray this month for victims of human trafficking which is a modern form of slavery.

The Allander



Concert

St Paul's Church, Milngavie

Fri 15th May 7.30pm

in aid of
The Kimo Peru Project

Donation tickets £5

Japan Jottings



Dear Friends

Greetings from Sapporo! As we write this, it's exactly a month since we arrived here. Our journey back turned into something of an adventure as we almost missed our flights in two places, which in both cases saw David dashing through the airport at great speed to make it to the gate on time. But we made it and were glad to have a few days in the OMF Guest Home before moving into our new home. It's really a great place – you can see a photo of it in the online version of last month's Life magazine. It really is amazing how the Lord has provided this place for us – may it be a home we can use for his purposes as we wait to see what lies ahead for us here.

Calum has started school (just a few minutes walk away) and is enjoying that so far, making friends and also getting involved in a local football team. Alistair has started at a local kindergarten and is also happy there. Things don't properly settle down into a routine until after the beginning of May. Lorna will then have different opportunities to get to know other mothers at school events and meetings.

David was in India for the first two weeks of April for the Hebron School half-term. Daniel and Matthew are both doing well and it was good to spend time with them. Lorna meanwhile had to attend to lots of bureaucracy here, filling in countless forms as we settle into life here again.

Pray for as we are out and about in the area and getting to know people. There are many things to think through, talk through and pray through, not least with our co-workers. This month we will know whether we will have another family to join us here. We really appreciate your partnership with us as we start this new work of spreading the gospel in Sapporo.

With our love and thanks

David, Lorna, Daniel, Matthew, Calum and Alistair

The church register for April will be updated in the next issue of the magazine, with apologies for the delay in posting the information.

We publish instead a list of the guest preachers for forthcoming services:

3rd May Morning - Rev David Munro
Evening - Rev Phil Steed

10th May Morning - Rev Ramsay Shields (Family Service and BB Parade)
Evening - Rev Ramsay Shields

17th May Morning - Rev David Munro
Evening - Rev Ken Macdonald

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Please remember that the June issue has to feature all activities happening in July and August so please make sure you think ahead and send them in plenty of time.

It is also normal practice to feature the summer rotas in this issue so could those of you who make up the rotas below please make sure I have all dates up to the end of August in plenty of time. Electronic copy preferred if possible.

Date	Flower Deliveries	Crèche Rota	Traidcraft Rota	Vestibule Rota
3 May	M Conway M Macpherson	McAuley, Reid, Bolton	M Thomson M Ure	Team 8 Lachlan McNeill
10 May	A Galloway M Townson	J Deuchar, Lawrie, Sillars	A Begg J MacLean	Team 9 Angus MacLean (EC)
17 May	M McIntyre M Spencer	K Deuchar, Goodlet, Bates	J McIntyre M Fewell	Team 10 Maureen MacIntyre
24 May	P Dudgeon S Lindsay	Cockburn, Richell, McKinnon	G Buchanan A Martin	Team 3 Gordon Campbell
31 May	M Thomson E Izatt	Whitelaw, Wallis, Berry	C Mackay E Izatt	Team 4 Elizabeth Bragg
7 Jun	A Gibson A MacLeod	Baxter, Chapman, Smith	L Cowie C McKinnon	Team 5 Ramsay Vallance