



St Paul's Milngavie Life Magazine November 2009

Dear Friends,

On my way to Israel last year I spent some time in London with my son Mark. It was the beginning of November and poppies were being sold in the Tube and on the streets. The poppies down there are different from ours as you can see from those the news readers wear on television. They have a green leaf behind the red flower.

Now maybe someone will tell me that you can get these in Scotland as well - but I have never seen them and they are obviously not as readily available as they are in London. I wish they were and not just because they look better. The poppy itself is a sign of hope. It was seen to grow on Flanders fields after the terrible carnage of the First World War. New life in the midst of death. The green leaf, however, seems to underline that hope. While we acknowledge the deep darkness that can fall upon the world through the wickedness of humankind there is always the hope that things can be better.

If we are Christians this is more than wishful thinking. I have been thinking about Elijah lately. He was brought to the point of utter despair because God's people were turning to idols, neglecting worship and despising His Word. But God strengthened him with the promise that there were still faithful people within Israel and they would be the hope of the future. A people whose hearts had a tight connection to the heart of their God, who honoured Him in worship and who hungered for His Word.

This is not unlike the promise of Jesus who promised His disciples: 'I will build my Church and the gates of Hell will not prevail against her.' While we hold on to that promise we can never be without hope. Jesus says that the earth will never be without a witness to His cross and empty tomb which together bring the hope that life can change now and continue beyond the experience of death.

The season of Remembrance is a solemn time but it is also a time for Christian people to realise anew their responsibility to be faithful to the hope which only the Gospel can bring to a world which so often seems to be lost and in despair. The Psalmist says: 'Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man.' (Psalm 112: 4). We need to show that light by the truth we share and the quality of lives lived in Christ.

With blessings

Fergus C Buchanan

Advent Services

Our traditional Advent Services will begin on Saturday 28th November at 9.30am in the West Transept. These services last for 30 minutes and are an opportunity for us all in the midst of the busy-ness of the season to reflect on the meaning of Christ's Coming.

Prayer Breakfasts

The monthly gathering for prayer will take place in St. Paul's on Saturday 5th December. Breakfast will be available from 8am with the prayer time beginning at 8.45am. This is a great opportunity for people from various Christian traditions to gather for a time of prayer and fellowship.

Book stall

There will be a bookstall for three Sundays in November. 15th. 22nd. & 29th. With 10% off. WOW!

If anyone would like to take over the job of the bookstall I would be pleased to hear from you - It's not a huge job but I'm feeling it might be time to give someone else a go!

Speak to me at the back of the church if you are interested.

Glenys Ritchie

Holiday Fellowship

Oberammergau

Reminder that our meeting will take place on WEDNESDAY, 18th NOVEMBER at 7.30 in the Large Hall at St Paul's Church.

Please bring with you the excursions booklet and excursions booking form. Please remember the food regulations with which we must comply and remind any friends or relatives coming with you to the meeting of these regulations.

For our supper any butter or cream should be added to pancakes or scones in the church kitchen. Similarly any sandwiches should be prepared in the kitchen or bought ready made. Biscuits and traybakes are probably the easiest solution.

Anne Ritchie

New Leaf

This is an opportunity for people who are working their way through an experience of bereavement and feel that the support of others who have been there before them might be helpful.

"New Leaf is not about counselling nor is it an advice group. It is purely an offer of friendship and support which may help you to find a way forward from this difficult time."

Meetings are at Cairns Church Hall on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm.

If you would like further information phone Val on 07772030408.



1st/2nd MILNGAVE COMPANY,
BOYS' BRIGADE

The new session is now well underway. The Company Roll is presently 54, an increase of 25% from last year. The increase in the Anchor Boy roll from 10 to 17 is particularly significant. New members would still be welcome in all of the Sections. Contact the Captain, Euan McKay (956-6125), for further details.

Two of our Senior Boys, Calum Shields and Craig Thomson, are working towards the Queen's Badge. At the end of September, as part of their Community Service, the Boys organised a Macmillan Cancer Coffee Afternoon and raised over £600. The event was supported by members from all of the Churches - many thanks to those who attended from St Paul's.



The Company's Enrolment Service was held in the United Free Church on the 25th October. This was the first such Service in the UF Church for over 20 years. The Company has been pleased to welcome Rev Patrick Coltman to the Chaplaincy Team. During the Service, Euan McKay presented Mr Coltman with his Chaplain's badge. The Service included a contribution from the Anchor Boy and Junior Section 'choir' – a term which is used, on this occasion, in its loosest sense!

The Junior and Company Sections will be participating in the Annual Remembrance Day Parade to Milngavie War Memorial. After the Parade, the Company Section will be attending Morning Worship in St Paul's.

November will be a busy month for competitions: the Company Section will be participating in a number of National Competitions (including badminton, table tennis and 5-a-side football) while the Junior Section will be taking part in the Battalion Drama Competition.

Euan McKay

Saidiana Day at Balmore

Thursday 26th November – come and visit between 10.30am and 5pm!

This is a special day for Fridah Wafula's Kenyan project which supports women, unemployed and AIDS orphans. Many grannies have around 10 children to bring up as the parents have died from AIDS. Grandparents have no income other than what they make from sewing and knitting school uniforms which are compulsory in Kenya.

Come for coffee or homemade soup and see the lovely gifts and fair trade food waiting for you there! For more information or a lift phone Joan Miller 956 1967 before 26th.

India Ministries Fellowship

The Harvest Offering realised the total sum of £1,379 and was forwarded to I.M.F. with the relevant Gift Aid declarations which would allow I.M.F. to claim a further £302. This brings the total to £1,681.

Here is an extract from the acknowledgement I received from I.M.F. on the 4th October.

This is a wonderful gift and with your permission we would like to put it towards the purchase of a minibus for the project at Thiruthanni. For some years now the John Rowand School at AYI have been hoping to buy a minibus in order to allow more children from outlying areas to attend the school. Five children have had to drop out of school already this term because of difficulties with travel. The bus would also be of benefit at weekends and evenings for the boys who stay at the Gracious Jesus Home. The Trust in India have managed to raise £1358 towards the cost – a further £1642 is required.

Please pass on to the congregation our heartfelt thanks for their gifts.

Chris Scott,
Treasurer

Ceilidh

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The Milngavie Churches are holding a ceilidh in the Town Hall on Saturday 21st November. Make up a table of neighbours, family and friends!

This is a social event and all are welcome.

Tickets £10 - includes a fish or chicken supper are available from Graham Mill 956 5155 or g.mill@ntlworld.com

Lunch Club

Due to the generosity of people who attend and the many bakers and helpers who supply us with delicious home baking the Lunch Club makes a small profit each year.

This year it was decided to give half of this money to St Paul's to help with heating and other costs. The other half was divided equally between the following charities which all have links to St Paul's The Scottish Bible Society, The Salvation Army, Erskine Hospital and Maxie Richard's Foundation. Thank you all for your generosity.

Those who come to the Lunch Club enjoy a lovely lunch and are also helping various charities. Why not come along and enjoy Lunch most Wednesdays during term time from 12-15pm.

Ann MacLeod

Sponsored Parachute Jump

I have recently done my Sponsored Parachute Jump in aid of Revive MS Support, Maryhill, and would like to thank everyone within the Church Fellowship for their support and for all their generous donations.

I really enjoyed the day and we have raised around £1100 for a very good cause.

Thanks again
Sandy Marshall



The annual 'Walk for the Word' took place on 3rd October at Mugdock. Eighteen walkers from churches in the local Branch took part. We were more fortunate with the weather this year – apart from a couple of heavy showers. Perhaps the high winds kept the rain away! Several of us celebrated our dry return to the visitor centre with lunch at the Stables Tearoom. The total amount raised is not to hand yet, but the amount raised by St. Paul's was £158. Thanks to everyone who supported this event.

Frances Ireland

World Mission Prayer Diary for November

Let us remember the work of the HIV/AIDS project, the people who are involved in it and all who are in need of help

United Mission to Nepal advisor visits Scotland

The Church of Scotland HIV/AIDS Project is looking forward to welcoming Joel Githinji who will be in Scotland, visa applications allowing, during the last two weeks of November and the first week of December. Joel is a Kenyan who is currently working with the United Mission to Nepal, as their Technical Adviser on HIV and Aids. The focus of his programme's work is the prevention of HIV transmission through education and awareness raising, and improving the quality of life of people living with HIV and Aids through empowerment, care and support

Brigade Blethers

Some of us here in Brigade have been going round like peeries lately because I thought it would be a great idea to take up the Brigade Challenge this year. This is a National competition where a team of four are given 15 tasks to perform over 20 days. Our hardworking team consists of Sarah Dougall, Jennifer Cockburn, Lily Morris, and Jane Morley with me as organiser. So far the team have "Made a meal with an international flavour" and entertained Simone and Julia, two lovely German girls who are here on holiday.

Another of the challenges was to plant a tree to make our mark in history. Well, with our 50th birthday pending this was right up our street. The tree, a Mountain Ash called "Joseph's Rock" was duly planted last Sunday and we had the Rev. Ken MacDonald, our Brigade Elders and some of the congregation in attendance. If you were one of the dozen folks who pointed out that our tree was "squinty" you will be pleased to see that it is now nice and straight!

We still have loads of things to do before the end of the challenge and this Thursday we will be "leading a merry dance" ie doing a Conga round the Church Hall, making a kite selling posies and jam to raise money for our National Appeal and handing out letters about The Quiz.



I must tell you about the Quiz: Last year we held a very successful quiz to raise money for the Kimo Peru Project and lots of people have requested another one. Our quizmaster Neil Rankine was agreeable so if you fancy a challenge and a laugh, form a team, maximum 6 members, or just come along yourself on Thursday 12 November at 7.00pm. It will cost you £2 per member and the money this year will go to the Bobath Project here in Scotland. The winning team will receive a trophy and we will give you all a cup of tea or coffee. How can you resist such a prestigious event?

If you need more details phone me at 956 1715 or have a word in Church.

Anne Goodlet

Concert for Kimo

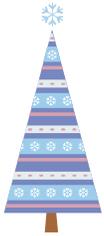
Details of the Concert are available elsewhere. Please try to come and encourage your friends too. It should be a wonderful evening and we would love to have a full Church!

Tickets are on sale at the back of the Church and in the Large Hall.

REMINDER: Before all that happens you are reminded that there will be another chance to see a presentation of the workparty's experiences in Peru last summer; this will be in the Large Hall on Saturday **November 7th** at 10.30 a.m.. Video clips and photos will be shown and there will be the chance to meet team members from other parts of the country.

Christmas Tree Festival

This year's Festival will take place from Tuesday December 1st to Monday 7th. The opening day will be from 10.00a.m. till 8.00 p.m. to accommodate those who cannot manage during the day, even at weekends. The times therefore are:



Tues 1st: 10.00a.m. - 8.00 p.m.
Wed 2nd: 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Thur 3rd: 10.00.a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Fri 4th: 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Sat 5th: 10.00 a.m. - 4.00.p.m.
Sun 6th: 1.00.p.m. - 4.00.p.m.
Mon 7th 10.00a.m. - 4.00.p.m..

Please put the dates in your diaries and try to come along - more than once!

We are planning a music programme like last year's, with school choirs, singers, organists and other instrumentalists. The Allander Jazz Band are returning on the Sunday afternoon, by popular request!



HELP is needed during the Festival!!

Can you bake / help to serve teas and coffees / be available in the Church to welcome visitors and answer questions they may have? If so we will be very grateful - and you will also enjoy the buzz of being involved more fully in the Festival!

Sign up sheets are at the back of the Church and we will be very grateful for your offers of help. Please ask any member of the Kimo committee if you would like any more information about what is involved.



Christmas Tree Festival Concert

St. Paul's Parish Church
on
Saturday 5th December
at 7.00 p.m.

hosted by
Sally Magnusson

Featuring
Cathedral Strings
Jordanhill Handbell Ringers
The Westertones
Magnus Maharg

Refreshments

Donation Ticket £5

Tickets available from all Milngavie churches, The Iron Chef, Milngavie Bookshop.

Further information from
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Huge iMPACT

takes place on Saturday **14th November '09**

To celebrate 75 years of **Summer Missions & iMPACT**
in Perth North Church, Mill Street, Perth
from 12.00 noon onwards with friends old and new -
and with praise and worship from 2.00pm till 3.30pm.

If you ever took part in Church of Scotland Summer
Missions/iMPACT as team leader, team member or someone who
came along as a parent or child

Come and join us, bringing your stories – your photos and your
faith to say

“Thank God for Summer Mission/iMPACT”

We'll be joined by Rt. Rev Bill Hewitt, Moderator of the General
Assembly of the Church of Scotland 2009, Bill Shannon, Sandy
McDonald and others.

Register with Wendy Kerr – (contact details above) and ask for
more details



How you can help

Now that the church year has begun and organisations are looking forward to the new season, and with Coffee Mornings and Christmas parties coming up, it seems a good time to look at how we can all help to keep in line with the Food Hygiene Regulations.

A Scottish Executive notice indicates that if food other than tea, coffee, juice and biscuits is being prepared at least one person with a Food Hygiene Certificate should be present in the kitchen.

A set of Food Hygiene Guidelines has been prepared and is kept in the kitchen for reference.

These give advice on all aspects of food preparation and storage, including transportation of items from shop to kitchen. A few examples are listed below:-

- Scones and fruit bread should be buttered on the premises.
- All sandwich fillings should be prepared on the premises, as close to the time of consumption as possible.
- Whipped cream must be prepared on the premises – the cream should be brought to the kitchen in the original sealed container.
- Only sausage rolls which contain cooked meat should be used.
- The correct temperatures to which food should be heated – there are recording charts for noting the temperatures reached.
- Items which require to be refrigerated should be kept cool during transit.

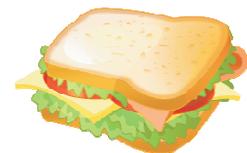


Most items, e.g. home baking etc., donated to cake stalls and Coffee Mornings are considered to be low risk so please don't be put off donating and buying.

Please remember, if you are using the kitchen, to wipe all the work surfaces with a damp J-cloth to remove tea and coffee stains before you leave. This stops the worktops becoming marked and makes our cleaners' job much easier. Also, please take away any unused milk or butter as these items end up going out of date and having to be thrown out.

On past visits we have received favourable reports from the Environmental Health Officers - please help us to keep it that way!

Frances Ireland
Food Hygiene Convener





Dear Friends

October was a busy month for us beginning with our lecture on Scottish Christianity at the Bible College in Sapporo. The students seemed to find it an interesting experience – and there was even more interest in David's full Scottish attire! Probably the first time there has ever been a kilted lecturer in a Bible College in Japan.

Just after that Lorna headed off to India for half-term at Hebron. She had a good time with Daniel and Matthew, both the first week at the school when the boys were both involved in drama, and the second week at the beach where among other things they were able to take a trip to the southernmost point of India where three seas meet.

David had his work cut out for him with Lorna being away and it was not helped by first Alistair and then Calum being off for several days due to their kindergarten and school classes being closed due to flu outbreaks. They were both well but the advance of H1N1 flu through Japan has hit many schools badly. It seems the worst is over now though.

October ended with the special service to dedicate the new Hiragishi Izumi Church. We are writing this before the event so will report more next time. But it has become quite something to prepare for as we expect to have around 100 there (double what we had anticipated!) Although the logistics are a challenge, it is encouraging that many people want to join with us and seek the Lord's blessing on this new work in Hiragishi.

Thank you as always for all your support for us here. We could not do what we do without the prayerful, financial and caring support of many back home.

With our love and thanks

David, Lorna, Daniel, Matthew, Calum and Alistair

The Book Club

This month we have been reading *The Grass is Singing* by Doris Lessing. This was the first book she wrote and it documents the life of Mary Turner who is murdered by her houseboy on the Rhodesian farm where she lives with her husband, Dick.

The story centres mainly on Mary and how she tries unsuccessfully to adapt to the harsh, relentless, almost savage land where she and her husband live and work. Her immaturity and superior attitude to both Africans and white neighbours alike is very well portrayed.

We did feel that if Mary and her husband had talked through their problems then they just might have been sorted things out. The writing is eloquent and very descriptive and evokes the relentless heat and cold of the African seasons. A surprisingly good read which finishes by coming full circle explaining the circumstances of the murder described in the opening chapters.

Next time we are meeting on Tuesday 8 December 2009 when we will be reading *The Shack* by William P Young. Please phone Helen in the Church office for the venue.

Joyce Clark

The Guild

The 2009/2010 session commenced on Monday 5th October. We were entertained by the 'A La Carte Singers', a most enjoyable evening and very well attended.

Our next meeting on Monday 12th October was a talk on 'A Place for Hope' by John Christie. He travelled to St. Paul's from Luzern, via Geneva, Heathrow and Helensburgh. He told us of the work being done by the Ministries Council high-lighting the need to work in partnership with others to resolve differences and restore relationships.

We are looking forward to a Bible Study by Rev. Fergus Buchanan and a talk on Wiltshire Farm Foods.

Our programme for November is displayed on the Notice Board at Strathblane Road entrance.



Margaret White

Flower Donations : November

Mrs E. Gray, Mrs M. Hutchison,
Miss A. Niven, Mrs M. Mackay,
Mrs J. Townson, Miss A. Ritchie

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



CHURCH REGISTER

WEDDINGS

- 26 September 09 Allison Getty, 118 Novar Drive, Glasgow and
Donald Gibb, Southmains Farm, Milngavie
- 3 October 09 Carla Boyd, 16 Nethermains Road, Milngavie and
Graham MacAllister, Newton Mearns
- 10 October 09 Jane Galloway, Flat 1/3 10 Bulldale Place, Yoker and
Thomas James, Flat 1/3 10 Bulldale Place, Yoker

DEATHS

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

- 15 October 09 Dr Catherine Campbell, 5 Cauldstream Place, Milngavie 66

Please note copy date for December issue is 15th November if using the church pigeon hole or Wed 18th Nov if emailing. Send to Rona.dawson@go.uk.com or post to 123 Garscadden Road, Old Drumchapel, Glasgow, G15 6UQ.

Please note early copy date so that all December advent arrangements are notified in plenty of time.

Date	Flower Deliveries	Crèche Rota	Traidcraft Rota	Vestibule Rota
1 Nov	M McIntyre M Spencer	Bolton, Sillar, J Deuchar	M Thomson M Ure	Team 8 Marlyn McKay
8 Nov	P Dudgeon S Lindsay	Laurie, Goodlet, K Deuchar	A Begg J MacLean	Team 9 Ken MacIver (EC)
15 Nov	M Thomson E Izatt	Cockburn, Bates, Richell	J MacIntyre M Fewell	Team 10 Graham Mill
22 Nov	A Gibson A MacLeod	MacKinnon, Whitelaw, Wallis	G Buchanan A Martin	Team 3 Michael Lang
29 Nov	M Abbott T Douglas	Berry, Baxter, Chapman	C Mackay E Izatt	Team 4 Stephen Thoms