

St Paul's Milngavie Life Magazine October 2011

Dear Friends,

It has been a bad month for losing things. First of all, it was my favourite gloves, discovered lost after a meeting at Cathcart Old Parish Church. Then it was my reading glasses, discovered lost after a visit to the cinema. It is not an experience that I like, scrabbling around in pockets, in bags, underneath car seats and then having to come to terms with the fact that this is beyond my power to put right. The gloves/glasses are lost and the only thing left is to hope that someone can restore them to you.

It is even more serious when you lose something that is part of your soul. You can lose respect for a friend, lose trust in politicians, lose interest in work, lose motivation for a once cherished project. And, of course, people talk about losing their faith. That was the experience of a First World War army chaplain I heard about recently. His name was Rev. Montmorency 'Monty' Guilford. His terrifying experiences on the Western Front led him to doubt the beliefs passed on to him by his missionary parents. The battles of the Somme and Cambrai, the constant flow of funerals running to the thousands, the loss of family members - all of this became an almost unendurable strain on his faith in a loving God.

After the war, however, Guilford did not abandon the Church. A place was found for him in charge of a boys club in a London church and he still participated in services. It was as if he wanted God to touch his soul and draw him near once again. I wonder if he had reflected on the words of the Psalmist:

Though you have made me see troubles, many and bitter, you will restore my life again; from the depths of the earth you will again bring me up. You will increase my honour and comfort me once again. (Psalm 71: 20-21).

Once we have known the reality of God in our lives we have the motivation to hang on in faith through the experiences that threaten to disturb our relationship with Him. In my younger days whenever I was fretting about a lost book or key or item of clothing my mother would say: 'It will be where you left it.' There is a sense in which God is always where we left Him. Just like my gloves, sent through the post by the minister of Cathcart Old and my glasses handed in at the cinema.

If we have known God to be loving and good that never stops even in the most

horrendous circumstances. Sometimes we are called to hang on in the faith that the God we know through Jesus Christ will never leave us or forsake us.

*Yours in Christ,
Fergus C Buchanan*

Christmas Tree Festival 2011

Yes, it's that time of year again! This year's Christmas Tree Festival is being organised once more by the Association of Milngavie Churches and will be held in St. Paul's. The money raised will be divided between St. Margaret's Hospice and Tearfund, both of which are well-known to our members.



As before we will be asking for volunteers for stewarding, baking and serving in the tearoom, so please consider helping if possible.



The usual varied musical programme is being planned and we can give you advance notice that the Jordanhill Handbell Ringers will be performing on Sunday afternoon, the 4th.

Next month's copy of 'Life' will have more details but please put the dates in your diaries.

Note from the Editor

The editor appeals to more members of the congregation to consider writing a short article for Life magazine. We are always delighted to hear about what members of St Paul's are doing – whether it be visiting other churches, or taking part in charity events or a note of things you have heard about happening locally.

Sometimes it can be a bit daunting to do this for the first time and a useful guide is first to set down the basics: who, what, where, when, why/how and then flesh it out with a bit of detail and

perhaps some personal thoughts. Don't worry too much about spelling, punctuation and grammar – that's what the editor's job is all about.

If you're still toiling, I don't mind if you want to give me a phone, tell me the details and I can put together an article on your behalf. (Contact details on back page)

We look forward to receiving some interesting items.

Ed

Mistake Dammit

We apologise most sincerely to the Guild whose article we managed to omit last month giving details of their first night. This was entirely down to editorial incompetence and we hope that the night will still be a success attracting lots of attendees without the publicity generated by the magazine.

Ed

Harvest Thanksgiving

Many people worked hard over the Harvest Thanksgiving weekend and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed items, helped prepare the church and distributed items.

Thanks must also be given to the girls of The Girls Brigade who donated and spent time making the pew posies. To the boys and girls of the Sunday Club for their donations and their hard work in designing such beautiful Harvest Cards. All of these things were great appreciated by the many members of our congregation.

Both the Lodging House Mission and The Salvation Army were very pleased to receive our gifts and over £600 will be sent to India Ministries Fellowship.



Well done everyone!

Elizabeth McEwan, Harvest Convenor

BLYTHSWOOD BOXES

Once again we are asking the members of the Sunday Club and Bible Class to fill shoe boxes which will be taken to Blythswood Care and then distributed to needy families in several parts of Asia and Eastern Europe. As before, we would be delighted if other members of the congregation would like to be involved too. Leaflets are available at the back of the Church with all necessary details and information. The date for bringing the boxes is Sunday 30th October and there will be reminders as the date approaches.

**The Glasgow Passion
Thur 6 October, 7.30pm
George Square.**

**It's free, but you need to
book a ticket online at
www.glasgowpassion.co.uk**

**Full report on how it
went next month!**



Japan Jottings



Dear Friends,

Last month Rona kindly put together some excerpts from our blog and one part related to our trip in July to one of the areas devastated by the tsunami. It was quite sobering to be there but we were glad to be able to do even a little to help those who in an instant lost so much.

From September an OMF couple is now based in a small city in one of those areas to begin a two year relief project. So many are living in temporary housing but with no sense of community. The physical needs are vast but so too is the need to care for the people and listen to their stories – ‘care for the heart’ as it’s put in Japanese. The couple who have been appointed to this new work were the Directors for OMF in Hokkaido and we have now taken on that role temporarily which means for a busy life! Our main work is still with the church plant in Hiragishi but David aims to spend two days a week at the OMF Centre in Sapporo to give leadership to the work here as well as guidance and care for the many missionaries we have in Hokkaido.

In Hiragishi we are looking forward to another baptism later this year. We will share more about that next time. Lorna continues with her English classes which always have a Bible time at the end. Just now Lorna is looking at the opening chapters of Genesis which is interesting as all the children here are only taught evolution in school. It’s good that many of the children are listening to these times and we trust that seeds will be sown.

Our co-workers (JP and Nora from Germany) will be having their first child early next year. This is giving Nora the chance to go to an ante-natal group which gives a good opportunity to meet other young mums-to-be. So much of what we do as we are in the third year of this church plant is still getting to know people, opening up conversations and hopefully beginning to build friendships which in time lead on to people having an interest in the gospel.

**With our love and thanks
David, Lorna, Daniel, Matthew, Calum and Alistair**

The Guild

The new session of the Guild commences on Monday 3rd October when we will be holding a Harvest Supper. Our President, Evelyn Williams, Office Bearers and Committee extend a warm invitation to all ladies in the Church who would like to join us on a Monday evening throughout the session. All our meetings begin at 7.30 p.m. and we have a varied programme planned for this year and during the month of October our guests will be :



- 10th Mr. David Wilson – A Rolling Stone Mason Gathers no Moss.
- 17th Mr. John Phillips – The Happiest Days of My Life
- 24th Rev. Fergus Buchanan – Bible Study

There will be no meeting on the 31st as on Tuesday 1st November we will be visiting St. Luke's Guild.

If you would like to know more about the Guild please speak to any of the Committee whose details are below.

Guild Office Bearers and Committee 2011/2012

Hon. President :	Mrs. Gabrielle Buchanan
President :	Mrs. Evelyn Williams
Vice President :	Miss Morag Thomson
Secretary :	Mrs. Margaret White
Asst. Secretary :	Mrs. Jean Scott
Treasurer :	Miss Elizabeth Izatt
Asst. Treasurer :	Mrs. Eva Marshall
Project Partner :	Mrs. Diane Hamilton

Tea Conveners :	Mrs. Jean Ferguson
	Mrs. Mairi Spencer

Committee :	Mrs. Margaret McFarlan
	Mrs. Irene More
	Mrs. Molly Pollock
	Mrs. Helen Seeth
	Mrs. Marion Shearlaw
	Mrs. Betty Thomas

Visitors to Sick & Housebound :	Mrs. Shirley Dunlop
	Mrs. Margaret Kilcullen
	Mrs. Isobel Lyle
	Mrs. Margaret Stirling

**St. Paul's Men's Association –
2011-2012**

From the Arctic to Partick

Another stimulating and entertaining season of the Men's Association is almost upon us.

This year our themes embrace travel abroad, including the Arctic, taking the train to Partick to visit the new Transport Museum and a trip through the tunnel to Govan to lunch with the Preshal Trust. We shall also be looking across the Atlantic to hear about the American Presidency, having a nostalgic interlude with vintage Scottish culture in the Music Hall and a gentle saunter through the villages of old Glasgow.

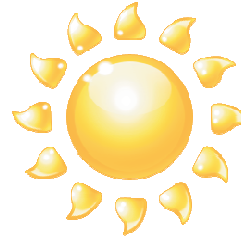
Along the way this will be interspersed with challenging contributions from our minister Rev Fergus Buchanan who will reflect on the influence of popular music on faith, Brian Adair will regale us with tales from the courts, and we shall stop under the shimmer of the old blue lamp with the history of Glasgow police.

Added to this will be our very popular Coffee Morning our distinctive Christmas Party and a new look Burns Evening.

The programme runs every second Tuesday from October to March. Most meetings start at 7.15 p.m. for 7.30, apart from some day time visits and events. Look out for regular details of the programme in the weekly intimations.

So if you have some time to spare on a Tuesday and are looking for an interesting and convivial evening – then come and join us. You will be most welcome!

Roy Cameron



Sun Kids

Thank you to all who helped with the first Sun Kids of the session on Saturday 10 September. Reminders will be given closer to the time, but here are the dates for Sun Kids for 2011-12:

- Saturday 12 November 2011
- Saturday 28 January 2012
- Saturday 17 March 2012
- Saturday 19 May 2012

We are considering running an event over the Easter holidays in 2012, but more information will be given on this in the New Year.

**Ross Deuchar
Douglas Martin**

**Those who know God the best
are the richest and most powerful
in prayer. Little acquaintance
with God, and strangeness
and coldness to Him,
make prayer a rare and feeble
thing.**

E. M. Bounds

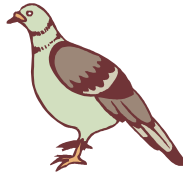
**Is prayer your steering wheel
or your spare tyre?
Corrie Ten Boom**

We couldn't resist the following item in the **Herald Diary**...

A READER heading for his train in Central Station watched as an agitated woman went up to a chap on the concourse and angrily complained that a pigeon had used her jacket as a toilet, and would the rail company pay for her dry cleaning.

The chap calmly answered that the pigeon was an interloper from Queen Street Station, but nevertheless he would shoot it for her.

What made the scenario even more amusing for our reader was the fact that the chap, although wearing a dark suit, was not a member of railway staff but was merely heading for his train as well.



The Way Ahead Group (a Stroke Club for the Local Community)
Club meetings have re-started!

Members meet every Thursday in Killermont Church Hall from 1.15pm until 3.45 pm for a social get-together, physiotherapy, games and tea. The Committee is now finalising Club activities for Autumn/Winter 2011 and planning our Christmas party. If anyone is interested in helping/driving one Thursday afternoon each month, please contact Anne Wightman (942 4052) or Mary Munro (942 7961).

For your information, the Way Ahead Group was established about 14 years ago by the Association of Bearsden Churches and has members mainly from the Bearsden/Milngavie area. It is staffed by volunteer helpers and drivers and we pay physiotherapists to attend each session. For some members, it is the only outing of the week and may be the only respite for carers. Members pay a nominal weekly subscription and we rely mainly on charitable donations for our funding.

Safeguarding

As some of you may know, I have recently taken a new job 'down south' and will in all likelihood be moving to the Preston area in the foreseeable future.

The Kirk Session has agreed that I continue in post as Safeguarding Coordinator until a new appointment is made to this position and that individual has undergone the required training. It will mean that my work as Coordinator, to use the common phrase, will be done 'remotely'.

If you need to contact the Coordinator as a matter of urgency over, for example, some child protection issue, then I can be contacted in the first instance by email on wdmartin@btinternet.com or by mobile phone on 0781-7086012 where messages can be left. I will arrange with the leaders of the relevant organizations on an individual basis how best to deal with processing forms for new volunteers.

Douglas Martin
Safeguarding Coordinator

Church Transport

St Paul's has for many years operated a transport system to bring people to church who might have difficulties coming under their own steam

In recent times an increase in requests for assistance has meant that I now have no spare drivers and a short waiting list of those needing help.

The system uses teams of about four drivers who work together in a flexible rota to bring one or two of their fellow parishioners to church every Sunday morning. This of course means that one new client often requires four drivers to form a team.

If you feel that you might be able to help in this important work please give me a call or see me on a Sunday morning. Please remember that if we do not get sufficient volunteers some of our members may be unable to join with us in worship.

Steven McFarlane
0141 563 8454



St Paul's Church Society

The details of our Autumn Outing have not yet been confirmed as Life goes to press, but arrangements are in hand for the Society to visit New Kilpatrick Church Bearsden, (our 'Mother Church'), on either the afternoon of Sunday 30th October or early November.

Office Bearers at New Kilpatrick will be on hand to provide guided tours. The Church has numerous beautiful and interesting stained glass windows, lovely pulpit falls and embroideries, impressive Church furnishings, plus a well loved Church yard, which has great local historical interest.

Further information will be given via the Church Intimation sheet when arrangements are confirmed, and sign-up Sheets available at the back of the Church for names of those wishing to attend, plus the names of those who would be willing to provide transport.

Iris T. Torbet (Secretary & Treasurer)

Stewardship

The General Assembly in May instructed all Presbyteries to instruct their congregations to participate in the National Stewardship Programme. Dumbarton Presbytery held a meeting to explain the programme at the end of September and our Kirk Session discussed the matter at its meeting in October.

Details will be available in the new year but as 2011 draws to a close I pray each member will review their own giving of time, talents and money and adjust as necessary.

Graham Mill
Deputy Session Clerk

Rev. Kenneth MacDonald - Farewell Lunch Sunday 16th October 2011

The Rev. Kenneth MacDonald retires from St. Paul's at the end of September. It has been agreed by the Kirk Session that there will be a Farewell Lunch in the Large Hall after the morning service on Sunday 16 October. All members of the congregation are invited to attend when there will be an opportunity to personally thank Ken for his dedicated ministry here in St. Paul's.

Mrs Ann MacLeod has agreed to make the necessary arrangements for the lunch and will be seeking assistance from members of the congregation to provide cakes or tray bakes or help to serve on the day. Look out for the sign-up sheets at the back the Church.

World Mission Diary for October

Joel Githinji is currently working for the Church of Scotland as a Mission Partner based at the United Mission to Nepal where he is integral mission advisor for HIV.

Joel has asked us to pray for

- Children who are infected and affected by HIV
- Migrant workers that God will protect them
- Female community health volunteers who are supporting the needy children
- Communities to protect the rights of children

People living with HIV in Nepal face many challenges as most of them are from low caste and can only do very low paying jobs which can not sustain their families. Women whose husbands have passed away bear the extra burden of taking care of children.

Milngavie Churches Ceilidh Saturday 12th November 2011

Milngavie Town Hall

**Tickets £10 includes Indian
Snack Supper**

**Contact Graham Mill,
956 5155 g.mill@ntlworld.com**

Flower donations—October

Mrs Collar, Miss A Niven, Miss M Hamilton, Mrs R Fraser, Mrs D Stark, Mrs G Morrison, Mrs J Townson, Mrs J Rennie, Mrs A Jones.

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



Divine Write

The King James Bible and Scotland: An exhibition to celebrate the 400th Anniversary

The King James Bible (known later as the 'Authorised Version') was first printed in 1611 and was an outcome of the Reformation. For centuries this translation has had a powerful impact on Scotland, her people, her culture and her religious life.

The legacy of the King James Bible is pervasive and enduring. It has influenced English speaking culture more than any other book.

Many familiar English expressions originate from this Bible, for example ;-
"the skin of my teeth," "fall flat on your face," "filthy lucre," "the powers that be."

The Divine Write exhibition is a unique opportunity to view together in one location:-

- Two different copies of the original 1611 edition of the King James Bible
- Almost all of the pre-1611 English Bibles
- Medieval Latin Bibles produced by hand before printing was invented
- The first published Greek text of the New Testament
- The first complete Scottish Gaelic New Testament
- The original Rheims-Douai Bible – the Catholic rival version to the King James Bible
- Post 1611 bibles printed in Scotland.

The exhibition will be in the Mitchell Library until 14th January 2012.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their support and help which allowed me to make my trip to Venezuela in the early part of the summer. It was an unforgettable experience to a stunning country.

Everyone was wonderful, both the in country staff who helped the expedition go with very few hitches and the people of the Warao tribe who welcomed us to their village. The tribe is currently being re-sited to a location with a more readily available source of fresh water, we helped by digging irrigation ditches and assisting with the building of the new school. The Warao people were very appreciative of our aid and the small gifts which we had taken with us.

We had some gruelling days which sometimes ended in tears through exhaustion but, these were far outweighed by the times that we were left in awe of this most amazing country. Thank you again for all your prayers and support.

Alison Maclean

**St Paul's Holiday Fellowship
VENICE AND BEYOND
16th-22nd MAY, 2012**

Join us for a most interesting journey to Venice, its islands and along the River Po, visiting Chioggia, Padua, Verona, Ferrara and Bologna, organised by Noble Caledonia. You can pick up the itinerary from the church office or from the back of the church.



Our base for the week will be the MS Michelangelo, refurbished in 2011. All cabins are en suite and have a large window, air conditioning, satellite TV, a safe and hairdryer. There is a swimming pool on the sun deck.

The price includes a 10% group reduction, direct flights on Jet2 from Edinburgh (subject to availability and change), 6 nights full board, shore excursions as described (Bologna is optional), house wine and soft drinks with lunch and dinner, cruise director, guest speaker, taxes and gratuities.
Not included : travel insurance

Double/twin cabins reserved on MAIN deck : £1345.50 per person
Single cabin on MAIN deck : £1525 .50. Very few available.

Should you wish to book a cabin, please complete the form below and return it to me with a cheque for deposit for £75 each, made out to Noble Caledonia. Cabins can be held for a short time only.

Kind regards

Anne Ritchie, 12 Norwood Park, Bearsden G61 2RF
956 5027. Mobile 07811973375.
E mail milganne@yahoo.co.uk

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I/We would like to book a double/twin/single cabin on MS Michelangelo. (delete as necessary)

NAME(s)

ADDRESS (inc postcode)

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Brigade Blethers



It is good to be back for another session and to welcome all the new faces. However we do miss the older girls who have moved on to University and College and we wish them God's blessing for the future.

Already we have had our first officers' meeting to plan our programme and it looks like being a busy year. The girls seem keen on "cooking" things this session (we will try not to set the kitchen on fire) and the younger Brigaders produced scones last week. This week the girls will turn their skills to making 60 posies for Harvest Sunday. Also on the cards is our Quiz in November so start brushing up on your general knowledge now.

These are only a few of the things we have planned but we are always looking for new ideas. So if anyone would be prepared to give up a few Thursdays to share their talents with any of the sections please just get in touch. Meantime, as always, remember us in your prayers.

Anne Goodlet

Copy date for November Life is Sunday 23rd October if using church pigeon-hole or Wednesday 26th if emailing. Email to rona.dawson@go.uk.com or post 123 Garscadden Rd, Glasgow, G15 6UQ.

BTW—It's not a mistake, there is no church register this month!

Date	Flower Deliveries	Crèche Rota	Traidcraft Rota	Vestibule Rota
9 Oct	M MacLean R Cameron	McKinnon Richell	L Cowie C McKinnon	Team 5 Iris Torbet
16 Oct	J Ford C Tanner	Whitelaw Wallis	R Raeburn H Reid	Team 6 Shuna Anderson
23 Oct	J Clark S Stenhouse	Berry Wilson	B Watson M Conway	Team 7 Scott Adair
30 Oct	P Barlow C Buchanan	Chapman McCreadie	M Ure R Fraser	Team 8 Leslie Johnston
6 Nov	S Anderson M Adams	Reid Lawrie	A Begg J MacLean	Team 9 Duncan Kelly