



St Paul's Milngavie Life Magazine September 2009

Dear Friends,

There are times in our lives when it is not easy to put our prayers into words – and in a sense it is not necessary to do so. All we can do is present our lives to God as they are in all their brokenness, pain and anguish. Paul knew what this is like. From time to time in his letters he speaks of the 'groans' which rise up from the depths of his being, expressions of his needs which words cannot express.

This is reassuring. When we find it difficult to pray God still knows what we need. All we need to do is present our lives to Him as they are.

It is also a great blessing to know that in our darkest hours we are cradled in the prayers of our Christian friends. Paul coveted the prayers of the Church and sometimes gives the impression that his ministry could not function properly without that support.

The experience of four months of illness is not an experience I would want to repeat, but the knowledge that so much prayer was being offered was especially important in the days when it was difficult to pray for myself. I am very grateful to you all and grateful to God that the way has opened up for us once again to engage in His work.

Wishing you all God's Peace,

Fergus C Buchanan.

The Very Rev. John M.K. Patterson

The congregation was informed of John's death on Sunday 9 August. Around 40 members of St Paul's attended the Service of Thanksgiving in St Giles' Cathedral on Friday 14 August.

Jill and the rest of the family are continually in our prayers.

An appreciation of John's life and ministry will appear in the October issue of Life.

Collection – Harvest Thanksgiving

20th September, 2009 IMF – India Ministries Fellowship

The Kirk Session has approved that the collection this year will again be directed towards IMF (India Ministries Fellowship).

We are invited to consider how best to support projects such as IMF that seeks to improve life for the marginalised and supporters are encouraged to engage with IMF through prayers and financial help.

There are a number of significant capital projects that need to be pursued. The challenges being faced are great but there is plenty of evidence in the 2008/2009 Report to suggest God is at work in and through IMF (copies of the Report at the back of the Church).

Please support this Ministry which has had a long and fruitful association with St. Paul's.

Special envelopes will be available at the back of the Church.

John Macpherson
Convener, Overseas Committee

Ceilidh

Following the success of the Kimo Peru Project ceilidh last year the Milngavie Churches will be holding a similar event on **Saturday 21st November**.

Tickets and more information available from Graham Mill,
g.mill@ntlworld.com
or 956 5155.



"As long as the earth endures, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

(Genesis chapter 8, verse 22)



Each year we celebrate the fruits of Harvest by having a display of flowers, fruit and vegetables in the church.

This year is no different and we will celebrate this as a congregation on Sunday the **20th of September**.

We distribute the flowers and posies to the elderly and the sick in our congregation. Elders visit those in hospital and in nursing homes. This is a valued opportunity to let people in the church know that we care and value their legacy in St Paul's. **Over the past few years some people have donated plants and these are especially welcome in the nursing homes.**

Other people chose to donate tinned food. These include soup (very popular) tinned fruit, custard, beans and these are divided between The Salvation Army and the Lodging House Mission. Other popular items for these two agencies are fresh vegetables suitable for making soup as well as dried pulses. (You know the kind of things that you make soup with.)

The church will be opened on Saturday the 19th of September to welcome your donations between 10am and 12 midday.



The Scottish Bible Society's Bicentenary celebrations in August included a 'Big Bonanza' held at Donaldson's School in Edinburgh on the 15th to raise funds for the 'Bibles and Bandages for Brazil' project. This took the form of an afternoon of dance, music and games for all the family. Also the Society was associated with four productions in the Festival Fringe, each with a biblical message at its heart. Locally, a floral display celebrating 200 years of the Society is in place in front of Boclair House in Bearsden - do look out for it when you are passing.

The annual 'Walk for the Word' sponsored walk will take place on Saturday 3rd October in Mugdock Country Park.

Sponsorship forms will be available at the back of the Church during September. If you don't want to be sponsored, you would be welcome just to come along for the walk, and enjoy the scenery and the company.

Frances Ireland

Friendship House

25th Anniversary Celebration.

Friendship House was opened by the Rt. Revd Dr John M K Paterson of St. Paul's Church on 23rd June 1984, & has for the past 25 years served the community in Milngavie. To mark this special occasion. To mark this special occasion the Association has arranged a 25th Anniversary Celebration on Friday 18th September 2009 in Allander Evangelical Church, Milngavie.

The Celebration will start at 7.00pm, gathering for an act of worship led by Rev. Ramsey Shields, followed by a finger buffet supper & a time of fellowship. It is anticipated that the evening will end by 9.00pm.

A warm welcome is given to everyone who has served as a volunteer in F.H. at any time during the past 25 years. To facilitate the catering arrangements we wish to know the numbers attending in advance.

If you were a volunteer & would like to attend may I invite you to inform **Shuna Anderson 563 7961 by Sunday 13th September 2009**



This month the group have been reading Marilynne Robinson's rather complex book called "Home". Set in the American south in the 1950's, the story centres on an elderly retired Minister; his daughter Glory who has returned from a shattered life to take care of her father; and Jack, an alcoholic who has come home after an absence of twenty years.

The book unfolds very slowly as it exposes a deep unhappiness in the main characters. As the story unfolds the reader realises that the story concerns two Christian families, one white and one black. Both fathers are ministers with very different views.

Our group discussed the book at length and although we agreed that the narrative was slow and a bit lengthy, we all found it thought provoking. A very sad book!

Our next choice is by a well established author, Doris Lessing. Set in Africa it is called "The Grass is Singing" and we look forward to reading and discussing this novel.

If you feel like joining us for a night of fellowship and a lovely supper contact the church office for the where and when. You will be very welcome.

Anne Goodlet

Kimo Peru Project

As you may have heard, those of us who went to Peru in the summer had a wonderful experience. We were working on the building site of the boys' home at Kimo which St Paul's is funding.

Photos are on display in the Large Hall which will give you an idea of what we were doing and in due course we hope to give some presentations at which everyone will be welcome.

St Paul's Holiday Fellowship - Rhine Discovery

12th-19th DECEMBER, 2010, a Viking River Cruise visiting Germany, France and the Netherlands from Basel to Amsterdam.. The cost includes full board on the ship, excursions and flights from Glasgow. Hynds Travel in Milngavie will once again be in charge of our booking arrangements.

Visits will be made to the Black Forest, Alsace (Strasbourg and Colmar), Kehl, Speyer, Heidelberg, Mannheim, Rudesheim, Koblenz, Cologne, Kinderdijk and Amsterdam.

Although this is not a Christmas Markets Tour, these will add greatly to the festive atmosphere in the towns.

Contact group organiser, Anne Ritchie, on 956 5027 if you are interested.

Brigade Blethers

Summertime is when Brigade goes off the boil and just simmers away - new plans, new ideas, new hopes for the future. For Alison, Lindsey, Nicola, Catriona and Christina however, this summer meant working towards and completing their D. of E. Bronze venture.

Well done girls, and don't worry, the sore feet and the broken backs will get better with time. Let's go for silver next year!

Talking of next year, the whole company will be going for gold because it is our 50th year as a Brigade Company. We are already thinking of "things to do" to celebrate the occasion and it looks like being a happy year.

Details of next session in the centre pages.

Flower Donations: September

Mrs Brown, Dr Conn



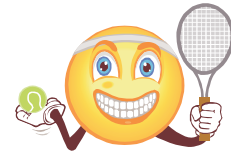
Please send donations to Mrs Wilma. Douglas, 34 Braeside Ave. Milngavie, G62 6LJ or phone 956 2630

Copy date for October

Copy date for Oct issue is Sunday 20th Sept if using the church pigeon hole or Wed 23rd if emailing. Please send to rona.dawson@go.uk.com or 123 Garscadden Road, Old Drumchapel, Glasgow, G15 6UQ. 0141 944 4198.

Badminton Club

Tuesday 1st Sept at 7.30pm in the large hall is the first night of the new season for badminton enthusiasts, when new members will be made extremely welcome. Come for fun and fellowship – we are not too competitive!



We also look forward to saying “hello” again to all our members from last season. Remember Tues 1st Sept 7.30pm in the large hall.

Cath Buchanan, Secretary

Men’s Association

The first meeting of the Men’s Association is on **Tuesday 6th October**, 2009 at 7.30pm in the Centenary Room when our speaker will be Professor David Lawson on the subject of “Spitzbergen.” This promises to be an interesting evening and the committee extend to all male members of the congregation and their friends a warm invitation to join us.

A varied and interesting programme of speakers and events has been arranged for the season and we look forward to welcoming members old and new alike to come along on the 6th and every second Tuesday evening thereafter.

Graham Getty, President.

Girls’ Brigade



The Company enrolls on Thursday 27 August and it will be good to get the girls back and hear the holiday stories. We are also looking forward to welcoming new members. So if you are aged 5 years to 18 then come along between 6.30pm and 8.00pm and we will tell you all about the things we get up to. That goes for adults too because we would be grateful for some more leaders. We do have a lot of fun in Brigade but we also have the satisfaction of bringing girls to be followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Why not come and join us?

Anne Goodlet (Tel. 956 1715)

Boys’ Brigade

The 1st/2nd Milngavie Company, which is attached to St Paul’s and other Milngavie Churches, meets in St Luke’s Church Hall. Enrolment for the new session will take place on the following evenings:

- Company Section (P7-S6): Friday 4th September at 7.30pm
- Anchor Boys (P2-P3): Monday 7th September at 6.15pm
- Junior Section (P4-P6): Monday 7th September at 7.30pm



New members welcome on these and subsequent evenings. This year we look forward to launching a new programme pack for the Anchor Boys and the new ‘Challenge Plus Pack’ for the older Boys. Further details from the Captain,

Euan McKay (956 6125).

Lunch Club.

Have you ever been to the Lunch Club?



We meet most Wednesdays during term time and we are starting up for the new session on **2nd September**.

You will find a friendly welcome and if you are on your own plenty of tables to join and people to chat to as you enjoy lunch. We serve delicious home made soup with a choice of usually four different filled rolls. This is followed by scrumptious home baking made by many of our churches expert cooks along with as much tea or coffee as you wish. All this for a very modest cost.

Following lunch there is a short worship service for those who wish, taken by one of our ministers, a time of quiet in our busy lives Do come along and join us on the 2nd September at 12-10.

Ann MacLeod

Holiday Club

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Holiday Club during the summer holidays. Your assistance has been much appreciated and all the young people who participated had a great time!



Sunday Club and Bible Class

All our groups restarted at the end of August and we look forward to another year's activities. We have restructured both Sunday Club and Bible Class and want you to know about the new arrangements.

- Pre-school and Primary 1 children are Junior Sunday Club and meet in the Centenary Hall.
- Primary 2 to Primary 6 children are Senior Sunday Club and meet in the Large Hall.
- Primary 7, S1 and S2 pupils are now the Junior Bible Class and meet in the Jubilee Hall.

All the above groups will be in Church for the first part of the service and will leave after the children's talk.

The Senior Bible Class continues to cater for S3 upwards and meets at 10am in the Centenary Hall.

All young people are welcome and are encouraged to bring their friends too.

Eleanor Easton

Huge IMPACT ! **Summer Mission is 75**



Where? - Perth North Church, Mill Street, Perth
When? - Saturday 14th November 2009 at 14.00hrs
Who? - Everyone involved with Summer Mission/IMPACT
Why? - To thank God & re-focus on Christian evangelism

What's happening –

12.00 noon Arrivals - with an opportunity to meet teamers and leaders of yesterday, today & tomorrow

13.00 Soup, sandwiches, teas and coffees available.

14.00 The Main event with very Rev Sandy MacDonald and guests.

Worship led by Ian Whyte

Our story set in His story

Interviews – film – the works

15.30 Opportunities to share the values and the vision

16.30 Time to go out and get on with living the gospel.

This is the same weekend as Biggar iMPACT and those involved we hope will want to assist with the organising and smooth running of HUGE iMPACT

Milngavie Juvenile Pipe Band is looking for new members, particularly drummers (or learner drummers) aged 10 or above to join the band next season. Practices are on Monday and Thursday nights in Corbie Ha', Ashfield Road, Milngavie. Phone Peter Maxwell if you are interested. 0141 563 8333.

Finance

The Treasurer has reported to the Congregational Board and Kirk Session that our income was below budget to the end May. Traditionally giving drops during the summer months and we will fall further behind budget.

Please give regularly and regularly review your giving. Remember Gift Aid increases the amount the church receives and a monthly Standing Order is a simple and convenient method of giving.

Christianity Explored

A new course is starting on Monday 19th October again in the Fraser Centre from 7.30pm to 9pm.

Please carefully consider inviting family, friends and/or neighbours to this course for those who wish to learn more about Christ in an informal environment.

Graham Mill, Stewardship Convener

Traidcraft

TRAIDCRAFT

The new winter catalogue is now in & has many lovely items suitable for gifts, or just for yourself.

With our interest in Peru, you will be pleased to see that there are quite a few items from the various projects Traidcraft works with in Peru.

Come & browse through the catalogue with your coffee after the morning service & see for yourself.



World Mission

Please pray for the protection and good health of all the staff and family members serving overseas with World Mission

AFRICA

Malawi: Helen Scott

Zambia : Jenny Featherstone , Colin Johnston ,Ida and Keith Waddel

AMERICAS

Bahamas: Scott and Anita Kirkland.

John and Carol MacLeod

Trinidad ; Garwell and Claudette

Bacchas

ASIA

Bangladesh : David and Sarah Hall , James and Linda Pender

MIDDLE EAST

Israel and Palestine : Antony and Darya Short , Ian and Catherine Clark, James and Nicola Laing, George and Margaret Shand, Ian Alexander

In Training

Jimmy Maxwell (Israel and Palestine)

Mission Associates

Laos; Tony and Katherine Paton

The World Mission Council is the channel through which the Church of Scotland responds to the command of Jesus

"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation"

(Mark16:15).

The Council works in many countries worldwide, usually on the basis of partnership with national churches and institutions and always with a view to involving church members in Scotland in the development of the work.

Our mission is to empower everyone to discover, experience and share the challenges and opportunities gained by connecting with the World Church.



Dear Friends

Summer has come and gone and we have enjoyed having Daniel and Matthew with us over the holiday period. They returned to India on 11th August for the start of the new school year. Calum and Alistair are also back to the longest term of the year which ends on 25th December!

Things are moving on with the new church start. We have a name – Hiragishi Izumi Church (*izumi* means ‘spring’ or ‘well’ in Japanese, the word which Jesus used when he met the woman at the well and spoke of living water). And we plan to start simple services in our house from the middle of this month. Of course we are still very small in numbers and the services will be quite informal. We also plan to distribute leaflets widely in the area in the hope that we might get in contact with those who may have some interest in the Bible. In many ways, the best form of contact-making is the relationships we make in the community so it is important for us always to be out and about and gradually getting to know people.

Someone made a cross for one of our windows and that is now visible to those who pass by our house. Have a look on our blog if you’d like to see it (<http://churchplantersdiary.blogspot.com/>). We have also been able to find a building very near us which we can use for events in the future. We are thinking about planning something there for Christmas time.

It’s great to have one young Japanese believer in our church. Her name is Sambu (which means ‘praise’ in Japanese) and we hope she will be the first to be baptised, probably at Christmas. There are many challenges and hurdles to be overcome – but God is at work! We value your ongoing prayers that many more will be added to the church over the coming months and years.

With our love and thanks

David, Lorna, Daniel, Matthew, Calum and Alistair



A picture of the house in Hiragishi with the cross in the window for passers by to see.

Keep up with the Fergusons on a daily basis by reading their blog

www.churchplantersdiary.blogspot.com

Seaside Mission is 75

1934 saw the very first Church of Scotland Seaside Mission. Seventy five years on and a couple of name changes later (Seaside Mission to Summer Mission to iMPACT), the Church of Scotland continues to engage in outreach and mission work within our land of Scotland. The way that the work is carried out may have changed, but mission teams continue in their aim of making Jesus Christ known.

This summer saw eight teams working with local congregations supporting them in their work of witness in their local communities. As I was not leading a team this summer, I was able to join mission leaders, Ross and Leigh Galloway who for the past few years have been supporting the congregation of Ayr St Andrew's in its work among children, families and young people.

This summer, 50-60 children attended a morning holiday club for primary age children. It was great to see teenagers from that church take such an active part in running the event. In the afternoon, there was a club for young people who were going from primary to secondary school; while in the evening we helped support the local youth worker, Carol, run a club for those already in secondary school. In a period when we keep hearing stories of church decline, it was a real joy not only to see around 20 people present, but to see a tremendous level of interest in the activities that they were arranged and in the Christian teaching.

Please pray for the young people that their faith will grow in the days ahead. If all that activity wasn't enough, we also had a family barbecue, a family quiz night and a strawberry tea for those in the congregation aged 80 or over.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those in St Paul's that supported this mission in prayer.

By the time you read this, we will have had the iMPACT Thanksgiving service. However on November 14 2009 at the North Church in Perth from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm, there will be a 75th Anniversary Service for Seaside/Summer/iMPACT Mission. Rev Sandy McDonald will be the guest speaker on this occasion. I know there are many people in the congregation who have fond memories of Seaside Mission and it would be great if as many as possible from St Paul's with a connection with this work could make it to Perth in November for this special event.

More details will follow in a later edition of Life.

Douglas Martin

Books and Cards

Anne Goodlet and I will be selling quality paperbacks and greetings cards each Sunday in the large hall beginning on Saturday the 6th of September. The monies raised will be divided between the Kimo Peru fund and the Girls Brigade's project for this year.

The cards and books were well received last year and we hope that customers old and new will come along and support these causes.

Alex McEwan
St Paul's Society.



CHURCH REGISTER

NEW MEMBERS

JOINED BY CERTIFICATE

Dr Rhona Raeburn, 8 Schaw House, 69 Schaw Drive, Bearsden 48

Mrs Hannah Hutchison, Flat 29 Homebrae House, Milngavie 3a

Baptism

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

Ythan Arthur Pow, 5 Beech Ave., Bearsden 43

Andrew Ross McKean, 39 Roselea Drive, Milngavie 7

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs Mary Cameron, 56 Craigton Ave., now 23

19 Oakburn Gardens 1 Oakburn Gardens, Milngavie

Mrs Jean Gibson, 32 Braeside Ave., Milngavie now 36

Lillyburn Nursing Home

Dr Margaret Harris 4 Mossspark Road, Milngavie now 15

The Firs, Moor Road, Strathblane 70

WEDDINGS

30 May 09 Joanne Cattanach, 63 Drumlin Drive and
John Keogh, 11 Moorhill Road, Newton Mearns

DEATHS

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

10 June 09 Mr Robert Whyte, 13 Crossburn Ave., Milngavie 30

14 June 09 Mrs Agnes Wright, 40 Campsie Drive, Milngavie 9

21 June 09 Mrs Nancy Black, 112 Drumlin Drive, Milngavie

Rotas

Date	Flower Deliveries	Crèche Rota	Traidcraft Rota	Vestibule Rota
6 Sept	M Abbott T Douglas	Chapman, Smith, McAulay	A Begg J McLean	Team 9 Norman Barlow
13 Sept	M McLean R Cameron	Reid, Wilson, Bolton	J MacIntyre M Fewell	Team 10 Margaret Fraser (EC)
20 Sept	M McLean R Cameron	J Deuchar, Laurie, Sillars	G Buchanan A Martin	Team 3 Elizabeth McEwan
27 Sept	J Ford C Tanner	K Deuchar, Goodlet, Cockburn	C MacKay E Izatt	Team 4 Anne Goodlet
4 Oct			No stall	Team 1 Rod Barlow (C)