



St Paul's Milngavie

Life Magazine
October 2008

Dear Friends,

Most of you will be aware that I am taking part in a sponsored bike ride to support the Nazareth Hospital which has been run by the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society for the last 140 years. It is probably the oldest hospital in Israel.

I will be part of a team of 25 riders most of whom are from the UK but there will be a group of riders from the Netherlands and one Israeli doctor from the Nazareth Hospital.

I always thought I would visit Israel one day but I never thought it would be this way. I will not be following the usual tourist route but with overnight stops at various kibbutzim and traveller's inns, not to mention one night in a Bedouin tent, there will be a unique opportunity to meet the people and to listen to their stories.

I have been overwhelmed with the financial support I have received from the congregation and it looks as if the other riders have been doing well too. To date the whole team has raised over £20,000 and this will of course rise over the next month or so. If you haven't already made a contribution there is still time!

Latest reports say that the region is peaceful at present and therefore there should not be much change to our plans. That of course could change very quickly. There are constant tensions in the Middle East which can very easily break out and disturb the whole world. It is important that the people and their governments are held very firmly in our prayers.

With every blessing,
Fergus Buchanan.



Dear Friends

Time really flies past – it’s amazing to think that in less than six months we will be back in Japan to begin the new work we have been asked to take on, setting up a church from zero in an area of Sapporo with lots of people but no church. We will share more about that in the months ahead.

It has been good to have times of sharing in services as well as at Sunday Club and Bible Class during last month. These next couple of months are busy as we speak at different places around Scotland. But it’s really encouraging for us to go around and share about what God is doing in Japan and we always come away blessed. One or two have said to us that they were sorry to miss the presentation we did last month and we are happy to do this again at a convenient time for those who wish to see it – do let us know if you’d like to come.

We’re not around much on Sundays in October so best to call 956 6321 or e-mail DavidLorna@omf.net. We are also planning to hold an informal Japanese Evening like we had last time we were back in the Large Hall some time in the New Year – details to follow.

Next month OMF will hold their annual Glasgow Day Conference at St Paul’s on **Saturday 1st November** from 10am to 1pm. More details are on a notice elsewhere in the magazine. This is open to anyone and is a chance to meet people who work in different areas of Asia and hear about what’s going on.

This month Lorna and Matthew head to India to visit Daniel for half-term and also to give Matthew a chance to be back in the school again for a week before everyone heads down to the beach for a holiday. Over in Japan, another Prime Minister, Taro Aso (interestingly, a member of the Catholic Church) has just been appointed and an election may follow soon. Please keep praying for that land, for wise leaders and for many to hear the good news of Jesus.

With our love and thanks.

David, Lorna, Daniel, Matthew, Calum and Alistair

Dewdrops

Have you ordered your dewdrops yet? At the moment the dewdrops are going like hotcakes from the back of the church each week, but don't miss out and if you would like to see a regular copy of dewdrops put your name on the sheet at the back of the church. If you forget call the Church office and give your name to Helen.

This coming month's dewdrops:
 Week beginning Sunday 5th October
 "Hannah a modern woman?"
 w/c Sunday 12th October "Paul the traveller"
 w/c beginning Sunday 19th October
 "The doubter of all -Thomas"
 w/c Sunday 26th October "Wine"

Are you interested in contributing to dew drops?

It is not as difficult as you think and if you are scared to try why don't you come along to a short meeting in the Church and hear how easy it is and the plans to make it even easier. We are meeting on **Wednesday 22nd October** for one hour.

Now even if you are comfortable doing dew drops but want to contribute come along anyway and see how you can help.

Please let me know if you are interested just in case I need to book the town hall!
 Alex McEwan. 0141 956 5712.

**World Mission Prayer Diary for October**

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

Africa

Zambia Jenny Featherstone, Colin Johnstone, Ida and Keith Waddell

Americas

Bahamas Scott and Anita Kirkland

Bermuda Alan and Elizabeth Garrity

Trinidad Garwell and Claudette Bacchas

Asia

Bangladesh Helen Brannan, David and Sarah Hull

Sri Lanka John and Patricia Purves

Middle East**Israel and Palestine**

Anthony and Darya Short, Colin Anderson

Milngavie churches
Prayer Breakfasts

4 Oct	St Luke's
3 Nov	Allander
6 Dec	St Paul's
7 Feb	St Andrew's

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 2009 is also available and can be ordered directly from the catalogue or from Morag Thomson 956 2801.

Men's Association

The Men's Association meetings will resume for the new session on Tuesday 7th October at the usual time of 7.15 pm.

We look forward to a variety of interesting talks, and as always we will have a Burns Supper in January. We extend a warm invitation to any of the men in the congregation (age is no barrier) to come along and join in our fellowship.

25th October 10am - 12noon - Coffee Morning with the usual stalls.

Hope to see you there

Chris Scott
President

The editor apologises for not including this in the September issue and hopes that all members found out about meeting dates in time for the start of the season.

Flower Donations - October

Please send all donations for Church flowers to Mrs Wilma Douglas,
34 Braeside Avenue. Tel 956 2630

Donations for October: Mrs. R Fraser, Mrs M Clark, Mrs J Townson,
Mrs F Collar, Mrs M Hamilton, Mrs G Morrison, The Guild,
Mrs D Stark





As we noted in last month's issue, dewdrops is a valuable daily devotional feature which started out on the church website and was re-launched last month. The project is being led by Alex McEwan and we asked him to tell us a bit more...

R: So what's the background to dewdrops?

A: I believe, although I am not too sure, that George Vidits started the dewdrops. He asked me a couple of years ago to contribute to them and that started me off. I then started to contribute regularly.

R: Who contributes now?

A: Well nobody at the moment? People have offered, and a lot of people have said they would love to, but they don't have the confidence to.

R: So you are doing the dewdrops on your own?

A: Well for the time being I am, but people are now coming forward to volunteer. I should say that there were some regular contributors last year but between one thing and another that has all fallen by the wayside.

R: What can we do to help?

A: On the 22nd of October I am having a short meeting for one hour to tell people how we can all help to make dew drops easier and more appealing to the congregation. At the moment we have paper copies at the back of the church for those who don't have access to the internet. That's about 50 copies each week and it is going up every week.

R: Is it a lot of work?

A: It can be, but if three people decide to share one week that would mean they would only have to do two or three dewdrops.

R: What are your plans for the future for the dewdrops?

A: Well we are asking some local ministers and some past ministers to make guest appearances on dewdrops. That would be interesting to see their contribution.

R: For the time being then what can we do to help?

A: That's easy. If you want a paper copy regularly let me know. If you have any ideas on subjects in the bible you would like to see, let me know that too and we will see what we can do. But to make life really easy you could come along on Wednesday 22nd and find out how we can all make dewdrops a useful part of the ministry of St Paul's Milngavie.

www.stpaulsmilngavie.org.uk/dewdrops. A 90 second daily bible study

As mentioned in last month's 'Life' our local Branch sponsored 'Walk for the Word' will take place on Saturday 25th October at Mugdock Country Park, leaving the Visitor Centre at 10am. The route takes you through Mugdock Wood and along the West Highland Way to Carbeth before returning via the upper woodland track to Mugdock.

Sponsorship forms are available at the back of the Church. Even if you do not want to be sponsored, you are welcome to join us for the fresh air, fellowship and exercise!

The money raised from the Walk will be used to support 6 translation projects in Africa:

- in Malawi, to provide local speakers of *Yao* and *Lomwe* with God's Word in their 'heart' language for the first time! Also a *Chichewa* Study Bible for pastors and those in teaching ministries;
- in Mozambique the *Lomwe*-speaking people will at last receive the full Bible. (At present they use a 1930 missionary version of the New Testament, and try to follow the Old Testament in a completely different language);
- in Sudan, to make the Bible available in two local languages.

The outcome – millions of people having access to God's Word in their own 'heart' language.

Frances Ireland and Grace Rogerson



Kimo Project – Fish & Chip Ceilidh

The next event will be our **FISH'N' CHIP CEILIDH** on **Saturday 15th November** in the Milngavie Town Hall from 7pm -11pm.

The cost will be £10 for adults and £5 for children. Please bring your own bottle – **soft drinks only** - you're sure to be thirsty!

Music will be provided by a live Ceilidh Band.

An auction will be held with a variety of items to raise funds for our boys' home in Kimo. Tickets will be on sale at the back of the Church and in the Large Hall after each Service from Sunday 12th October, or from the Church Office during the week.

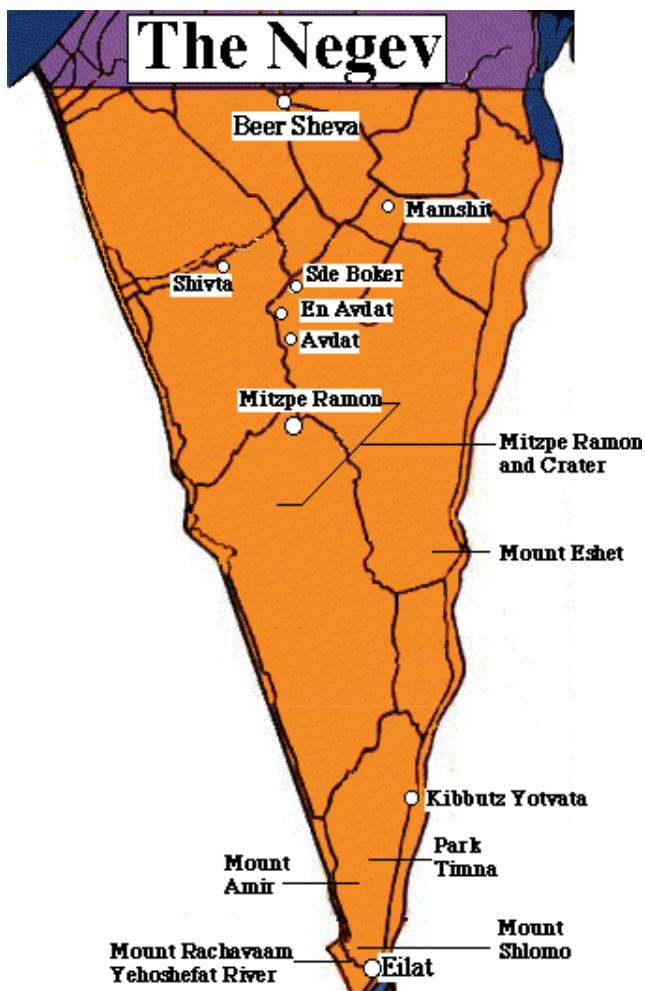
Contact Eleanor Easton (943-0368) or Jean Scott (956-5251) for more details.

This is a community event so please encourage your friends and family to join us!

DO TRY TO COME ALONG

KIMO PERU PROJECT - CAKE SALE

A **BIG** thank you to everyone who supported our Cake Sale on Sunday 14th September when the magnificent total of £538.57 was raised.



Itinerary

1-9 November 2008

The Negev Desert is a fascinating part of Israel and has within its borders the Ramon Crater – a natural phenomenon, with fossils dating back 180 million years. The ride passes by Beersheva, the southern extent of the old kingdom, crosses the Ramon Crater and takes us down to Eilat on the shores of the Red Sea.

Day 1: Saturday 1 November

Overnight flight from London to Tel Aviv

Day 2: Sunday 2 November

An early morning arrival in Tel Aviv, then it's a 2 hour transfer to Nazareth by coach. A visit to the Nazareth Hospital is planned with a chance to see the project for which we are raising funds.

We transfer south via the Dead Sea where we will have the opportunity to swim/float in the sea. We travel along the shores of this famous sea, the lowest point on the earth, and pass Qumran, site of the discovery of the Dead Sea scrolls through Ein Gedi, and Massada, famous fortress built by King Herod as a possible retreat in case of defeat in battle. Although he never used it, Masada became the last Jewish stronghold where some 900 zealots decided to commit suicide rather than be taken into slavery by the Romans. We transfer to Arad for bike fitting and after an evening meal together we hear more about the challenge ahead from the guides who will accompany us for the week.

**Day 3: Monday 3 November Arad -Dimona -
Yerucham - Mashabe Sade 85km**

We start our journey cycling westward on the main road to Beersheva for about 10kms, then head south towards the desert town of Dimona. Continue to Yerucham through the Negev to our night stop at Kibbutz Mashabe Sade.



**Day 4: Tuesday 4 November Mashabe Sade – Avdat
– Mitzpe Ramon 62km**

We begin the ride on the main Beersheva – Eilat road and pass ancient monuments en route. Our first port of call is Sde Boker, established in 1952 at a time when there was not road or water supply, just vast plains. Our route takes us to Avdat, through an area where the Nabatean traders once ruled. The large buildings we see perched on top of the Acropolis dominate the surrounding plain. From Avdat we make our way to Mitzpe Ramon through the wilderness of Zin. Where the tribes of Israel wandered three thousand years ago on their way from Egypt to the Promised Land. Our overnight stop is at the Ramon Inn. In the evening there is a chance to visit the observatory, where we can hear an explanation of the unique geological features of the area.



**Day 5: Wednesday 5 November Mitzpe Ramon –
Ramon Crater 45km**

Today we circle the Ramon Crater which has yielded rare fossils dating back over 180 million years. This is an unusual and difficult terrain. Legend has it that this was one of the stages where the tribes of Israel rested during their desert journey. The whole area is a nature reserve where pistachio trees, white wormwood (used as a remedy by Bedouins in their tea for stomach pains and colds) and desert rhubarb grow. If we keep our eyes open – we may also glimpse some of the wildlife. We stay overnight in a Bedouin camp in the crater.



**Day 6: Thursday 6 November Ramon Crater –
Paran – Shacharut 94km**

Today is our longest cycling day. First we cross the crater to the valley of Paran where the Israeli army started its Sinai campaign in 1956. From paran we continue towards Beer Manucha and the plain of Arava, dominated by the mountains of Edom rising in the distance. We continue south towards the Gulf of Eilat for our overnight at Shacharut.



**Day 7: Friday 7 November Shacharut – Timna – Eilat
64km**

Our last day of cycling takes us due south towards the Red Sea via Timna and the pillars of King Solomon. This area contains ancient copper mines – the earliest mining appears to have taken place around 1153BC. We finish our ride on the shores of the Red Sea in Eilat.

Day 8: Saturday 8 November Eilat – Free Day

A free day in Eilat, where you can relax on the beach, or take one of the optional excursions.

Day 9: Sunday 9 November Travel day

Internal flight from Eilat to Tel Aviv to connect with the international flight to the UK for our flight back to the UK.





International
Day Conferences

Step into Asia

Glasgow 1st Nov

St Pauls Parish Church, Milngavie

Edinburgh 15th Nov

Faith Mission Bible College

Gerard & Sarah Charles
David & Lorna Ferguson
Andrew Goodman
Sandra MacDonald

Conferences run from 10 till 1pm

Tea, Coffee & Lunch* will be provided by **both** venues! However if you plan on staying for lunch at either venue please let us know!

To book for lunch and for more information please contact us at:
0141 959 41 80 scotland@omf.org.uk

**Life After Iraq
Exhibition**

Much attention has been given to the conflict in Iraq, but much less to the resulting humanitarian crisis facing the Iraqi people. Since 2003 when war broke out, at least 4.7 million Iraqis have been forced to flee their homes. Around half of the displaced remain in Iraq, while more than 2 million have crossed borders into Syria and Jordan.

Commissioned by Scottish Refugee Council, Life After Iraq is an exhibition of work by award-winning photojournalist Angela Catlin and writer Billy Briggs, who travelled to Syria to document the lives of some of the millions of ordinary Iraqis living there after fleeing their homeland. The exhibition also gives an intimate insight into the lives of Iraqi refugees who have come to Scotland seeking safety.

10am – 5pm (Mon – Thur & Sat)
11am – 5pm (Fri & Sun)

**St Mungo
Museum
of Religious
Life
& Art,**
2 Castle St,
Glasgow,
G4 0RH

Open until
26th October
2008



The new autumn catalogue is now available.

This includes the range of items we always have on the stall in the Large Hall and also many new gift items suitable for Christmas.

The lovely ceramic & glassware items are very popular & sell out quite quickly, so get your order in early to avoid disappointment.

There is also a good selection of wines which can be ordered. We obviously cannot re-sell these, but they can be delivered to you direct.

To check out any of the items go to the website www.traidcraft.co.uk.

Make Poverty History must not be allowed to lose its momentum & by buying ethically produced goods we are making a small contribution towards that goal.

Have you tried our Geobars?

They are delicious cereal bars, which even passed the fussy grandson test!! There are 3 varieties, apricot, cranberry or chocolate and the ingredients are all derived from fairly traded sources around the world, benefiting growers & producers in places as diverse as Chile, Ghana, Malawi, Pakistan, Paraguay & South Africa.

Come to the Large Hall after the morning service; enjoy a refreshing cup of tea or coffee (fairly traded, of course) & further fellowship.

Want to know more? Want to help? Just chat to any one at the Traidcraft stall.

Rosemary Fraser

21st September, 2008

A big thanks to all the boys and girls, mums and dads and everyone in the congregation who made Harvest Sunday another great success. Many gifts, posies, plants and flowers were distributed to people in the parish as well as those in Nursing homes and hospitals.

A big thanks to all the people who helped set up the Harvest table on the Saturday and helped bag, box and wrap the gifts for the elders to collect them for distribution. Without you all Harvest would not have happened!

You can see below the lovely range of donations along with some of the lovely helpers.

Alex McEwan



Dorothy has been helping with the harvest display for many years and stands here beside the lump of coal which has been making an appearance for more than 40 years.

Elaine Adair, Jean Scott and Elizabeth McEwan just some of the many helpers who helped organise the Harvest celebration.





Impact Mission

<http://www.impactscotland.org.uk>

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members of the congregation who have supported Impact in prayer over the summer.

I was involved in leading a team at Dalgety Parish Church in Fife over the second week of August. I was very grateful for the prayer support, encouragement and interest that St Paul's showed in the mission.

This was the third summer that Dalgety Parish had had a visiting team. It has been good to see how things have developed year on year.

Our activities this year included a children's holiday club (the Starship Discovery Club) which was attended by around 40 children and a youth club for some of the folks who attend the church's Discoverers group. The team also took part in a congregational quiz night and organised a family game show night.

In addition to myself, Sandy Marshall from our congregation was also on the Impact team. Sandy had not been a mission team before, but really enjoyed her time in Dalgety Bay. We would encourage anyone with a heart for sharing the Gospel with children and young people to join a mission team next summer.

Douglas Martin

Long Service Awards

At the Kirk Session meeting on 3rd September 2008, the Rev Fergus Buchanan presented Church of Scotland Long Service Certificates signed by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, together with gifts of bibles from the members of the Session to Mr Alex McEwan and Mrs Elizabeth McEwan in grateful appreciation of 30 years' dedicated service as elders.

Ian McKinnon, Session Clerk.

The following article should have been printed in September's Life but owing to editorial incompetence it was omitted. We trust that it is still of interest.

We have been reading
Nobody's Child by Kate Aidie.

This book is semi-autobiographical and deals with the problems faced by adopted children in coming to terms with the fact they have little or no history and their struggle to fit into a "normal" family situation.



As you would expect from the author, who herself was adopted, this book is extremely well researched and covers the historical side of adoption very thoroughly. The book was generally enjoyed by the group but it was felt that perhaps it would be more meaningful if you were actually an adopted child and could relate more to the situations which could arise. A thought provoking read.

This month (August) we have been reading Phillip Yancey's book **The Jesus I Never Knew**.

The book was very well researched and read like a study/teaching book. Indeed some of the group are now re-reading it and using it for personal devotions. Philip Yancey goes back to the gospels for his portrait of Jesus and if you think of Jesus as being a gentle, rather harmless character with long flowing hair, this book will definitely make you think again! Any preconceived ideas were stripped away and we were back to the basics. Jesus is portrayed as a real person, full of energy, strong emotions and wholly human. This book offers a fresh perspective on what we already know as Christians. The chapters on the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes were especially thought provoking. Phillip Yancey takes an in depth look at the life of Jesus here on earth and analyses the person, His ministry and His work for the kingdom. Jesus asked Peter "Who do you say that I am?" – this book is a challenge to all of us to answer that question and really makes us think about our answer.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 21 October 2008 at 7.45 when we will be reading **The Grass Area** by John Healy.

Please contact Helen in the Church Office for the venue.
We look forward to welcoming new members.

Joyce Clark

This coming academic year ICC will celebrate its 10th anniversary and details of various events can be found on the college website

www.icc.ac.uk .

The first event is the Commissioning Service on Friday 10th October at 7.30pm in Martyrs' Church (next to the College).

The autumn series of Monday classes runs from 20th October to 24th November in the the College at 110 St James Road, Glasgow (near Glasgow Cathedral).

The sessions are:-

10:15 – 11:15am

The Psalms for Today

Rev Dr Geoff Grogan

12:00 – 1:00pm

Human Suffering

Rev Dr David Smith

7:30 – 9:00pm

Engaging with Faith in the Workplace

Rev Jack Quinn

7:30 – 9.00pm

Plumbing the Depths: Studies in Jonah

Rev Dr Tony Sargent

Coffee will be available from 9.50am and there will be the chance to join the college worship between the two morning classes.

The dates are:-

- Autumn term from 20th October to 24th November,
- Spring from 19th January to 23rd February and
- Summer from 20th April to 8th June

The Guild recommences on Monday 6th October at 7.30pm.

Our opening meeting is a musical evening with the Olivarians. President Marion Shearlaw and her committee warmly welcome old and new members and any friends who would like to join them for what we are sure will be an enjoyable start to an interesting and varied sessions. Tea will be served following the meeting.

Future meetings:

13th October

Clickman old fashioned sweets

20th October

Rev Fergus Buchanan

27th October

1000-2000AD Birds of New Zealand

The syllabus is on the Guild notice board and the church notice board at Strathblane Road entrance.

Isabel Lyle

Sins of Omission and Commission

The editor wishes to apologise to all the people and organisations whose articles & information got missed out last month. This was entirely down to incompetence and we hope to improve performance in future. **Copy date for November issue is Sunday 19th October** if using the pigeon hole or during the following week (by Wed 22nd please) if sending by email to rona.dawson@go.uk.com

CHURCH REGISTER

BAPTISM

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

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Miss Agnes Rudge, 33 Fairview Court, 46 Main Street now Hillview Nursing Home, Dalmuir 18a
Mr Peter Robertson, 34 Glasgow Road Campsie View Nursing Home, Kirkintilloch 55

DEATHS

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

31 July 08 Mr Andrew Johnston, 5 Breadie Drive 41
6 August 08 Mrs Margaret Gerrard, 12 Breadie Drive 41
23 August 08 Miss Moira Ness, 61 Park Ave., Milngavie
24 August 08 Mr Calum Rarity, 2 Hillcrest Street, Milngavie
29 August 08 Mr Tom Hamilton, 17 Nethermains Road, Milngavie 40a
3 September 08 Mr Allan Wilson, 13 Dumbrock Road, Milngavie
10 September 08 Mr Randolph (Roddy) Aitken, 17 Blane Drive 8
12 September 08 Mr John Liveston, 9 Woodlands Street 15
15 September 08 Mrs Christina Henderson, 21 Southgate 18

Date	Flower Deliveries	Crèche Rota	Traidcraft Rota	Vestibule Rota
5th Oct	M McLean R Cameron	Bates, Cockburn, Richell	No stall	Team 1 (C) R Dawson
12th Oct	J Ford C Tanner	McKinnon, Martin, Whitelaw	L Cowie C McKinnon	Team 5 D Martin
19th Oct	J Clark M Taggart	Wallis, Berry, Baxter	B Barr H Reid	Team 6 G Blackadder
26th Oct	P Barlow	Chapman, Smith, Wilson	B Watson M Conway	Team 7 B Gillchrist
2nd Nov	S Anderson	McAuley, Reid, Bolton	M Thomson M Ure	Team 8 D Rogerson