

St Paul's Milngavie Life Magazine March 2013



Dear Friends

'What you get is what is written on the tin.' That's a popular phrase that is used to describe a person who has no side, is completely straightforward, is open and honest, whose face will never belie what he really is. In the wake of the recent horse meat scandal that phrase might need to be revised or even abandoned. We will be forever reminded that what is written on the tin or the packet is not necessarily what is inside.

It doesn't really matter if the meat that shouldn't have been there is not harmful to anyone. What was written on the outside did not deliver what was promised. Mind you, there will always be people for whom the phrase is entirely appropriate. What you see is what you get - by and large.

It is not given to anyone to be absolutely consistent with everything that is professed and every high aspiration that is pursued. The apostle James realised that this could be a problem with Christians. He appeals to the 'double-minded' in the Church: 'Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners and purify your hearts . . .' (James 4: 8) Whom else could he be targeting but those who have a high calling in Christ but are failing to live up to it? The writing on the tin which hides a different, darker reality.

In this season of Lent the story of Jesus' temptations is very much to the fore. Here we see an attempt by the Devil to create a division in Jesus' soul so that the One who has come to be Savior of the world becomes something less than his calling. What has been written in the ancient Scriptures of Israel is that He should save the world through His sacrifice and rising again. What the Devil wants is that He should subtly miss the mark, perhaps doing some good, but ultimately failing to deal with the sin and death which had driven a wedge between God and humankind.

Feeding the hungry, performing spectacular miracles, bringing the political powers of the world under His control. What could be wrong with this? But when the hungry are fed they may have no room for God; when people have stopped gazing at one miracle they will not be satisfied until they have seen another and another; and no law has ever ensured trust in God.

Jesus had to be Himself, completely faithful to His calling. The core problem of humanity had to be addressed and that required a Suffering Saviour who would pay the price of the world's sin. Jesus will never be anything else: 'For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.' (Mark 10: 45). With Jesus what you get is what is written in the Gospels. Our Christian journey begins in earnest when we accept Him as He is, our Saviour who has promised by Word and Spirit to lead us in His ways and to create a blessed consistency in what we profess and what we are. That must surely be one of our highest aspirations in the Season of Lent.

1st/2nd Milngavie Company ~ The Boys' Brigade ~The Anchor Boys ~



“Game-athon” Saturday, 9th March St. Luke’s Church Hall 2pm ~ 4pm.

The Anchor Boys' are going to take part in an afternoon of energetic games to raise money for The Boys' Brigade World Mission Fund and they are hoping to make enough to buy a roundabout.

The children in Malawi can play on the roundabout which makes the power to raise clean water from a well into a storage tank and on to the village tap.

Our Anchor Boys are going to play as many games as they can in the afternoon. You are welcome to come to watch and enjoy newly-made pancakes with your coffee. There will be a very informative leaflet and a sponsor form available at the end of the Service if you would like to sponsor the Boys.

1st/2nd Anchor Boys have been the proud winners of the World Mission Trophy for the last two years which was great but the important lessons are in teamwork and helping others which the Boys will remember as well as having great fun.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Margaret Russell

The Lodging House Mission

Gardening and Recycling

Lodging House Mission's gardening group has blossomed from its first tentative attempts at growing parsley in our courtyard garden to an allotment in Springburn. Our 'jungle' is being slowly tamed and the latest addition of a large potting shed provides welcome shelter, somewhere to store tools and brew a cuppa.

We plan to plant seed potatoes soon and the rest of the fruit and veg will be brought on from seed ready to plant out when the risk of frost has passed. The men and women in the group benefit hugely from working outdoors, spending time in purposeful activity, learning new skills and experimenting with cooking what they produce.

Fruitful partnership working with Langside College has resulted in the offer of an access course from Easter, covering many aspects of horticulture and hard landscaping; a shared enterprise where tutor costs are to be covered by the college and materials by LHM.

Food waste from LHM's kitchen is now deposited in a hot-composter and after passing through the machine and 'maturing' for a month in custom-built containers, the compost is ready for use; full of nutrients and virtually free. LHM aims to be the first homeless agency to comply with Zero Waste Scotland guidelines. At present Scottish Government advocate separating food and general waste however legislation is soon to be passed making non separation of paper, cardboard, cans

etc a punishable offence. We are ahead of the game in implementing procedures at this time; Glasgow City Mission and the Marie Trust have invited our recycling team to set up similar programmes in their organisations.

Watch this space!



Faith in the future: the church and our environment **Tuesday 2nd April Students' Union , Bristo Square, Edinburgh – 6pm.**

Eco-Congregation Scotland is excited to announce a special event at the Edinburgh International Science Festival

The event will be chaired by journalist Lesley Riddoch and brings together psychologists, theologians and others interested in behaviour change to discuss how religious faith can be a driver for environmental sustainability. Gordon Hudson of Eco-Congregation Scotland said: *"This event moves the debate about religion and science away from stale debates about the existence of God to the practical issue of whether religious faith can change our behaviour for the good of the environment and the future of our world."*

The event will be held in the Dining Room at Teviot Row Students' Union, Bristo Square, Edinburgh. Tickets are available from the Science Festival web site, the box office on 0844 557 2686 or from the Edinburgh Festival shop, 180 High Street, Edinburgh.



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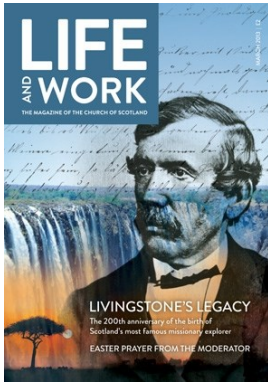
It seems amazing that the time has now come for our big move to Tokyo. Having had four great years in Hiragishi, we move out of our house towards the end of this month and a new adventure begins. Many changes lie ahead for us over the coming weeks.

Lorna had a helpful visit to India last month, meeting with a number of the teachers at the school and helping Matthew to get settled into his A Level studies. Daniel seems to be enjoying his Law course at Glasgow. Here in Sapporo, Calum is preparing for his graduation ceremony on 19th March. Despite some gentle encouragement to wear a kilt, he is not biting the bait, no doubt so as not to stick out as different in this culture where that is not the done thing. Alistair finishes school on the 25th and will then fly to Tokyo with Lorna and Calum on the 26th. David leaves a couple of days earlier to be there in time for the arrival of our stuff in Tokyo.

This month will be full of packing, throwing out, farewells and bureaucracy! We will be glad when all of that comes to an end, but we have mixed feelings about leaving Hokkaido where we have lived for 15 years and about leaving our home and church in Hiragishi which we have really enjoyed. Not long after we move we will be getting the younger two boys ready for their new schools and gradually setting up home too.

By the time you read this we will have held the last service in our house and moving to a new venue. Interestingly it is a meeting room in the local swimming pool! We don't know yet whether that will become the regular venue. As we leave the church to our OMF colleagues who are now the leaders, we trust that the many seeds sown and contacts made over these years will in time bear fruit and that the church will gradually be built up.

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



Life and Work Contents—March

“Dr Livingstone, I Presume?”

The life and legacy of David Livingstone, born 200 years ago this month.

The Big Question: which missionary has inspired you?

Easter 2013

Easter Prayer and contemplations from the Moderator, Ron Ferguson and the Very Rev James Simpson.

The Deepest Darkness: the Rev Scott McKenna reflects on the dark day which preceded the Resurrection.

A Land of Contradictions

The Rev John Chalmers, Principal Clerk to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, reflects on the lasting impressions of his first visit to the Holy Land.

If Only...

The launch of a major new campaign to tackle global hunger.

Having Your Say

Chloe Clemmons emphasises the importance of participating in the debate on Scottish independence.

First Minister Alex Salmond praises the life and work of David Livingstone

Mr Salmond expressed praise for David Livingstone's achievements, and said that Livingstone's life could be seen as a reflection of the best characteristics of Scotland; notably, *“an internationalist outlook, an ambition to succeed, a passion for education and, perhaps most of all, a strong sense of solidarity and a deep sense of compassion”*



Salmond stated that those values are completely relevant for Scots today. The First Minister called Livingstone *“a great humanitarian”* whose legacy binds together Scotland to Malawi even today. His comments are in advance of the 200th anniversary of Livingstone's birth.

Livingstone's legacy

A day conference to celebrate the bicentenary of the birth of David Livingstone on Saturday 16 March 2013, 10.00-4.30pm, at New College, Mound Place, Edinburgh, EH1 2LX

Keynote address:

“Dr Livingstone, I Presume? The Legacy of David Livingstone in Church and Society” Rt Revd. James Tengatenga, Anglican bishop of Southern Malawi. Refreshments and a light lunch provided Cost: £10 or £5 for members of the Scottish Church History Society and concessions. Booking essential: email j.reynolds@ed.ac.uk or phone 0131 650 8948.

Silver Jubilee Meal

Already arrangements are being made for the meal to celebrate Fergus Buchanan's Silver Jubilee in St. Paul's. It was felt that many people would like to be involved on the day and therefore the Lunch Committee will be asking for help in various ways. If you would like to help by preparing the dessert, the two choices decided upon are fruit pie and upside-down pudding. There will be lists for these at the back of the church at the end of this month. If you are not a baker and would like to contribute towards coffee and tea etc. please see Ann MacLeod or Jean Scott.



We also require quite a few electric rice cookers and there will be a list for people able to lend these.

We are expecting a great turnout as we celebrate the contribution that Fergus has made to our church life, worship and community over these years and are sure that everyone will want to join in our celebration.

Ann MacLeod

Congratulations - 50 years service as a Church Organist

Mr Derek Norval our Organist and Choirmaster for the past twenty one years celebrated fifty years as a Church Organist in January this year. At the morning Service on Sunday 27 January, the Reverend Fergus Buchanan paid tribute to Derek's dedicated and faithful service as a Church Organist over this long period of time and presented him with a Certificate of Long Service signed by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland together with two books of his choice.

Ian Mackinnon, Session Clerk

Editor's note

If you have any comments, criticisms or queries regarding the content of Life magazine, we respectfully request that you address them in the first instance to the editor, Rona Dawson, as she is responsible for all articles featured. Contact details on the back page.

The Guild



28th January.

Mr Steven Bell took us down memory lane with his talk on "oor wee school." Then onto the many changes in methods of teaching he had experienced in his long career, specifically the use of Storyline encouraging today's children to explore their world and environment - a method which is now operating worldwide with great success.

4th February

Sister Isobel Smyth joined us for this evening to tell us her story "Why I became a nun" We were fascinated to hear of the many changes she experienced over the last 50 years. It was interesting, informative and inspiring - an insight into another way of life.

11th February

Our President Evelyn Williams accompanied her talk by showing a selection of slides of Austria, which concluded with a trio of musicians playing music composed by Haydn. This was followed by a supper with a selection of home-made Austrian pastries. A feast for all our senses best describes this evening.

18th February

We were pleased to welcome Rev. Fergus Buchanan to the Guild for an evening on Bible Study. We were greatly challenged by the reading from Philipians and being the beginning of Lent it proved to be even more relevant and thought provoking. We were pleased to see such a large attendance from the ladies.

Margaret Macfarlan

Ian White In Concert

Flower donations—March

Mrs. M. Daniel, Miss D. Dickson, Mrs. M. Ingram, Mrs. S. Lindsay, Miss A. Ritchie, Mrs. C. Tanner, Mr. R. Bone



Please make cheques payable to St. Paul's flowers and put donations in Flower Rota pigeon hole at the back of the church or send to Mrs. Wilma Douglas, 34 Braeside Ave, Milngavie G62 6LJ Phone 956 2630

Ian White is the guest at a fund raising event for the Preshal Trust in St Paul's on Friday 19 April at 7.30 pm.

Ian is known internationally as a writer of hymns some of which have been included in church hymnaries.

He has recorded a number of CDs of Christian songs which many people have found helpful at a devotional level.

More details will be forthcoming in future intimations.

ST. PAUL'S CHOIR:



After choir practice on Thursday 10th January, the choir marked Derek Norval's 21 years as Organist and Choirmaster, and also 50 years as a Church Organist. Ramsay Valance presented Derek with a certificate and gift to mark this special achievement, and it was great that Derek's wife Lyndsay was able to join us for the celebrations. Lyndsay was presented with flowers in recognition of her support for Derek over the years.

The Choir gave a special rendition of an 'Ode to Derek' which was written by Rosemary Fraser and Betty McAlister and sung to the tune of "Deck the Halls." The also section provided delicious refreshments which were enjoyed by all. Hearty congratulations to Derek, and here's to at least another 21 years as our Organist and Choirmaster.

ODE TO DEREK

21 YEARS AT THE ORGAN

DUB-A-DUB-A-DUB-A-DU-DU-DU

LEADING US EACH SUNDAY MORNING:

DUB-A-DUB-A-DUB-A-DU-DU-DU

THURSDAY PRACTICE IS OUR, HIGHLIGHT

WE ENJOY ALL THAT YOU PUT US THRU'

HARMONY IS SOMETIMES NOT QUITE

EVERYTHING YOU HOPED AND PRAYED WE'D DO!

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DUB-A-DU, DUB-A-DU, DU-DU-DU

SHOWING OUR APPRECIATION -

ALL OUR WARMEST THANKS WE GIVE

TO YOU

Tune: Deck the Hall



Remember Make Poverty History? “Enough Food for Everyone IF” campaign backed by Bill Gates and Archbishop Tutu.

Almost a million people will experience hunger by 2025 although there is actually enough food produced for everyone to eat.

In this year when the G8 meets in the UK, the Church of Scotland has joined with more than a hundred UK charities to call on world leaders to tackle the "scandal" of hunger. *The Enough Food for Everyone IF* campaign is the biggest mobilisation to address poverty since Make Poverty History, and has received the backing of world personalities like Bill Gates and Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu.

2013 won't be the end of hunger, but it could be the beginning of the end. The campaign was launched on 23rd January, and churches are urged to get involved. The first opportunity is to take part in the lobby of MPs prior to next month's Budget. Sign up to the campaign at www.enoughfoodif.org/scotland

Brigade Blethers

No wee stories this month - just a great big "thank you" to everyone who came along to our Coffee Morning and helped us to raise the great sum of £ 705. I have to admit that on the Friday evening I really did not think that we would raise very much with the quantity of stuff we had for sale. However Saturday morning brought lots of goodies to sell, then at 10.00am about half the congregation turned up for coffee and a blether and they bought enough to raise a big smile on our faces.

The money goes towards the cost of badges and awards for the girls at the end of the session. It also allows us to subsidise the cost of our Auchengillan weekend and offer extra activities for the girls so everyone is happy.

We are now concentrating on finishing our badgework and preparing for our annual Display. It is not till the beginning of May but with three weeks school holidays over Easter it will be here before we know it. Before that we have our Company parade at the beginning of March. Mr Buchanan always makes it a family service which the girls enjoy but this year we are being joined by Sun Kids so it should be an extra lively service.

Hope to see you there.
Anne Goodlet



Tribute to Duncan Kelly.

It's always with a great sense of privilege that I am called to be with people as they go through their final days and I never felt that more than when I was with Duncan Kelly. Despite his weakness the flame of faith burned strongly; he was appreciative of the care he was receiving in St Margaret's Hospice; and his overriding concern was always for his wife Helen and the family.

Throughout his life Duncan was blessed with seemingly endless resources of energy and enthusiasm. That was apparent in his working life, not least in his work as a Manager in Environmental Health for the former Bearsden Burgh.

It also gave Duncan great satisfaction to use his gifts in the service of others. By the end of his life he was associated with many charities and was ever willing to place his organizational skills at their disposal. He received the call to the Eldership with humility and a sense of privilege but also with an undeniable excitement that he had this new opportunity to contribute to the witness of the Church. He had many happy memories of his early experience in the Church and was grateful for all those who had influenced and inspired him.

After his early work experience as a motor mechanic Duncan was 'called up' for National Service most of which was spent in Germany with the Royal Artillery. Army life suited Duncan so it was not real hardship for him to complete an extended period of three years. When he returned to civilian life he entered the Territorial Army and maintained his connection there for thirty years. He eventually became a Major, one of the first commissioned officers to rise from the ranks. Unusual as this was, it never created a distance between Duncan and the ranks. He had a reputation for fairness and once convinced of the rightness of a cause he would argue it strongly, even with superior officers.

One of Duncan's happiest duties in those years was commanding the twenty-one gun salute in honour of the Right Rev John Patterson when he became Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Our memories of Duncan's final days are dominated by his increasing debility but also his determination to live through this as best he could. The fellowship of the Church was important to him and his continued attendance at worship will always be an inspiration to us. Some of the best Christian witnesses are those who suffer much but are still open to the goodness of a loving God.

Our thoughts are with Helen and the family who gave so much in support Duncan and whose love was a strength to the end.

FCB

**KIMO PERU
COFFEE MORNING
SATURDAY 16th MARCH
10.00am - 12 noon**

You are warmly invited to our annual Coffee Morning in aid of the boys' home at Kimo in Peru when we hope to give you the latest news of the boys. Stalls will include baking, books and bric-a-brac. The cost is £2, or £1 for children, and tickets will be on sale after the Morning Service on March 3rd and 10th; it will also be possible to pay at the door.

If anyone wishes to drop off items for the stalls in advance the hall will be open from 6.30 - 7.30 p.m. on the Friday evening.

We look forward to an enjoyable morning in aid of this project which has always been well supported by St. Paul's members.

**World Mission
PRAYER FOCUS
Prayer for World Peace**

Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right.

May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred.

We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear

shall no longer lead people to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others.

Help us to devote our whole life and thought and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all people were created.

Holy Week
Services are to be held in St Luke's from Monday 25 to

Friday 29 March. The speaker is Rev James Graham.

Saturday Lenten services continue at 9.30am in St Paul's.



God's Tennis Result.

In the Abbey Church in North Berwick the Rev Dr David Graham, whom many of you know, commented at the morning service that he thought the congregation might be depleted since Andy Murray was playing in the final of the Australian Open. He then reminded us that God's tennis result was "Love all".

Anne Ritchie

CHURCH REGISTER

NEW MEMBERS

Joined by Certificate

Mrs Luella Clark, 13 Campbell Ave., Milngavie 30

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs Cathy Bell, 112 Henderalnd Road now 68

363a Albert Drive, Pollokshields 70

Mrs Mary Walters, 58 Craigton Ave., now 23

72 Clober Road 20

Mrs Rona Dawson 123 Garscadden Road now

1/1 156 Garrioch Road, N Kelvinside 70

DEATHS

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

16.2.13 Mrs Christina Maclean, Flat 25 Elm Court 40

Please note copy date (the last date for submissions) for April Life is Sunday 24th March if using church pigeon hole or Wednesday 27th if emailing. Email to rona.dawson@glasgow.gov.uk

Date	Flower Deliveries	Crèche Rota	Traidcraft Rota	Vestibule Rota
10 Mar	M MacLean R Cameron	Wilson Stark	A Begg J MacLean	Team 10 D Muirhead (EC)
17 Mar	J Ford C Tanner	Goodlet Richell	J MacIntyre M Fewell	Team 3 R Fraser
24 Mar	J Clark S Stenhouse	Bates Cockburn	R Cameron M Thoms	Team 4 D Lawson
31 Mar	P Barlow S Robertson	Deuchar Berry	C MacKay R Fraser	Team 5 G Greig
7 Apr	S Anderson M Adams	McKinnon Wallis	L Cowie C MacKinnon	Team 6 S Adair