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Sunday 23rd Sept if using the
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Dear Friends,

A visit to Strathyre during the Summer saw me pausing at the memorial to Dugald Buchanan, the eighteenth century poet, evangelist and Gaelic scholar. The inscription describes him as 'A true poet, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures.'

When I read that I began to wonder what it takes to be described as 'mighty in the Scriptures'. Well, I was awarded my gold Scripture Knowledge badge in the BB and I had to pass Bible exams when I was training for the ministry – but somehow I don't think that qualifies me as 'mighty in the Scriptures.' If you are interested enough and have a good memory then you can gain the reputation of 'knowing your Bible.'

A bit more is demanded. Perhaps you need to understand the message the Bible is trying to convey? That would certainly be progress but it is possible to understand ideas without them making much difference to your life. I can understand the arguments for vegetarianism but that has not as yet led to a change in my eating habits. I can understand the arguments for pacifism but I personally cannot embrace that as a personal discipline or a political imperative. I can understand the arguments of various politicians without being moved to vote for them.

Surely being 'mighty in the Scriptures' means knowing the God who has 'breathed out' the Scriptures, receiving the truth in those Scriptures, applying that truth to our own lives and being willing to share that truth whenever we have the opportunity. Whatever hopes and aspirations we have for this Church 'season' let's pray that we can become a community which is 'mighty in the Scriptures.'

Wishing you God's Blessings,
John MacArthur



Dear Friends

It seems a long time since our last Japan Jottings as so much has happened since the beginning of June. Daniel has come and gone again, this time with Matthew joining him.

We had a great Sun Kids Festival at the end of June. We had the joy of adding one more to God's kingdom as Mrs Kudo was baptised in July. Then we had a family holiday, this time being able to go as far as Singapore and Malaysia. We are just back and getting used to being a family of four with two younger kids (mum and dad aren't getting any younger though!)

Daniel and Matthew seem to be doing well so far at Hebron School in India. Both have made good friends and enjoying life in their respective dorms. We are very impressed with the set up at the school and the care which is taken of the children. Of course, there will be 'down' times too – we value your prayer for the boys as they are so far away from us.

This month there is a big event in Otaru in which we are heavily involved. One of the best-known baseball coaches in Japan manages the Sapporo team. He is American and a Christian. He will come to Otaru on the 20th and we hope that many people will come and hear him simply sharing his story and his faith. It's a big opportunity.

We constantly face many challenges here in this society where, although outwardly people are happy and blessed materially, inwardly there is so much pain and hurt as well as so many who have tensions within their families and peer groups. The Japanese are a people who so much need the gospel – by your prayers you partner with us in that task.

We have received in our support a tremendous sum from the Cherry Blossom Fair in May. Our grateful thanks to all who helped and gave at that time.

With our love and thanks for all your support
David, Lorna, Daniel, Matthew, Calum and Alistair



Girls' Brigade

It seems quite a while since our last blather but the only thing to report is a wonderful day out to Loudoun Castle Theme Park in June.

The sun shone all day and there were so many things to do that time just flew! Have a look at the photographs on the board in the big hall.

Now it is back for the start of a new session and this year our badgework theme is "Animals". It always interests the girls if we have a speaker, so if anyone in the Church feels they have a special story to tell please have a word with me and we will be delighted to have you along one Thursday.

The badgework includes games, crafts, dancing, talk-time and whatever we think will appeal to the girls, but through it all we remember our motto which is to "Seek, serve and follow Christ."

We are always happy to welcome new members so if any girls would like to come and join in the fun just come along. We meet every Thursday and work in sections according to age. These are:-

Explorers (P1 - P3)	From 6.30pm to 8.00pm
Juniors (P4 - P7)	From 6.30pm to 8.00pm
Brigaders (S1 Plus)	From 7.00pm to 9.00pm
Brigade Band	From 7.00pm to 7.30pm

Anne Goodlet (Captain) Tel 956 1715.

Book Club

We have been reading the Testament of Gideon Mack by James Robertson. All of us were very enthusiastic about the book. More than just a good read, this book really makes you think. We did have a particular interest on this occasion as our minister had been in contact with the author on more than one occasion and was therefore able to give us a deeper insight into the thinking behind the text. The plot concerns the life of a Church of Scotland minister who does not believe in God, has a near death experience and meets the devil. The book can be taken on more than one level - the main questions being does he or does he not actually meet the devil and has he or has he not gone mad? As Gideon's testament unravels we are shown a portrait of somebody who is questioning his beliefs, relationships, passions and ambitions. The book ends with an intriguing epilogue leaving readers to decide the final outcome for themselves. If you read the book one of the questions you will want answered concerns the devil's trainers! Highly recommended by us all. Next time we are reading The Glass Palace by Amitav Ghosh Please phone the Church Office and Helen will tell you the venue if you are interested in joining us).

Listeners to BBC Radio Scotland's Radio Café on August 6th may have heard some familiar voices. Three members of our Book Group, Joyce Clarke, Ann Goodlet and Grace Rogerson were sharing their views on the monthly BBC book group choice which was Venus As A Boy by the Scottish writer Luke Sutherland. Quite a challenging read by all accounts but all three came over extremely well helped by the ever charming presenter Clare English.

Badminton Club

The 2007-8 season begins on Tuesday 4th September at 7.30pm in the Large Hall.

The club has vacancies for new members. If you would like to learn to play, or come back after a 'rest' do come and join us.

Further information from Cathie Buchanan (956 2995) or Frances Ireland (956 1030)

The Guild

The new session of the Guild will begin on Monday 8th October 2007 at 7.30 pm when we will be entertained by local singing group Melody Box.

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 session.

Tea will be served following the meeting.

Scottish Bible Society

Walk for the Word

The annual sponsored walk organised by the local branch of the Scottish Bible Society will take place on Saturday 6th October in Mugdock Country Park, starting at 10am. Sponsorship forms will be available on the table at the back of the church.

Even if you do not want to be sponsored do come along for the exercise and fellowship - it's a very enjoyable way to spend a Saturday morning!

Further details from Grace Rogerson or Frances Ireland.

Holiday Club & Sunday Club

First of all a big "Thank you" to everyone who helped to run the holiday club throughout the summer!

We are grateful for the way so many volunteered to take part; the children enjoyed the variety of activities and also seeing new faces. We must remind you, however, that we need more volunteers for Sundays later in the year when the holiday Club will be running eg The September Weekend and October holiday week. If you feel you could help, please speak to one of the teachers.

Sunday Club has started again and we are delighted to see the children for more organised teaching. Please remember tht new members are always welcome, and also that we are happy to answer any queries that you may have.

Eleanor Easton, 943 0368

Friendship House

The House has been open all the summer & we have been pleased to welcome many of you.

Our menu remains fairly constant with the addition of Fair trade Cafetiere Coffee, millionaire's shortbread and delicious home made Gingerbread, to complement the ever popular fruit loaf - made to a recipe never yet divulged - and all at very reasonable prices. There is also a great selection of greetings cards for every occasion (well, nearly every occasion!!)

So, if you are Down & Out (that is Down in the village & Out shopping), please pop in for a cuppa, & a chat. You will also be made most welcome at the 15 minute service held every day in the 'Upper Room.'

LADIES' NIGHT

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, FRIENDSHIP & FOCUS
TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2007.30 – 9.30 P.M

Following on from the enjoyment of last year's meal I am delighted to confirm that Jeanne Ware and Lori Byrd will be visiting again from America and would love us to host our ladies night, to carry on from where we left off:

The 5 aspects of who, why, and how God made us as women!

Jeanne & Lori have a real passion to serve Christian women and help them cope with the many challenges they face. The theme for the night will be delicious desserts, baked by Cranberries in Glasgow, tea & coffee, followed by the talk. I hope you can join us for this great night! More details to follow once the venue confirmed, will be held locally.

I would be delighted to hear from you if you are interested in attending.

R.S.V.P: gayle_cattanach1@hotmail.com or tel: 0141 956 1557 mob: 07740 467235 **Ticket price: £5.00**

Garden Appeal

Sounds like it should be something to do with Blue Peter, doesn't it?

In fact it's just to say thank you to all the people who donated garden tools for the new garden box. We now have all the tools needed to maintain the church garden.

I would also like to thanks again all the folk who have, and are continuing, to maintain the garden and warmly welcome those who have joined our small band – there's still room for more!

Sheila Dickson, 956 1675

Friendship Circle

The information below is from an article by Betty Delvin which appeared in St Luke's Church magazine and seems to have been doing the rounds, however we make no apology for repeating it here. Anyone wishing further information should contact Jennifer Donald 956 1273 or Hugh Archer 956 3877

Friendship Circle was set up 13 years ago and has gone from strength to strength. There are over 30 members who meet every Wednesday in Milngavie Town Hall. Some members are housebound and come in wheelchairs in the bus provided by Social Services. Others are ferried to and fro by a team of volunteer drivers. These volunteers are mainly from Cairns, St Luke's and St Joseph's and don't all attend every week.

Most members are referred to the group by friends who are already members, by home helps and by doctors. When the application form is returned, a member of the committee will visit to assess that the circle will be suitable for them. If this is so, and they live in Milngavie, their name will be added to the waiting list.

On arrival at 10am the group has tea, toast and scones, followed by a time to chat to one another and maybe have a game of dominoes. A proper three course lunch is provided by Social Services and enjoyed by all. The afternoon programme is quite varied and may include quizzes, singing, even dancing and sometimes guest entertainers. Afternoon tea with home baking provided by yet another team of volunteers is served before the members leave at 3.30pm. There are several outings planned in the course of the year.

Members pay £2.50 each week to cover the cost of food. Other than this, we depend on donations and any available grants.

Male helpers are urgently required – able bodied men who are retired (or otherwise able to help for a few hours on Wednesdays) should give serious thought to this worthy form of community service.



A date for your diary

The date for this year's Harvest Festival is Sunday the 16th of September.

Once again we welcome your donations of Plants and Flowers, dried goods and tinned food.

As you know the food goes to The Lodging House Mission and The Salvation Army so ideally they would like tins of Soup, Beans, Spaghetti, Fruit and Custard. Tins of soup are especially welcome. Last year we received feedback that the fresh vegetables were great for making home made soup, a favourite at the Salvation Army Hostel so Carrots, Turnip and Leeks are the order of the day.

Remembering that all of the food is going to the homeless everything is greatly appreciated.

Of course we need plenty of donations of flowers and plants. Last year the plants were very popular and of course they last longer than the flowers and sometimes are just as cheap!

On the Sunday before Harvest you will find envelopes on your pews and any money donated will go directly to India Ministries Fellowship. If you would like to make more of your money and give by Gift Aid, envelopes for this can be found at the back of the church or alternatively speak to the Church Treasurer Angus Maclean.

Any enquiries about the Harvest Festival can be made to Alex McEwan on 0141 956 5712 or alex.mcewan3@btinternet.com



Thank you!

Yet another bus pass birthday!

A big thank you to Rachel and the "girls" for the excellent lunch party and many very acceptable gifts. Fortunately as yet I have no need for the STERADENT! (Thanks you Aileen?) A wonderful day and a good laugh was had by all.

Thanks,
Glenys.

Thank you too

David Ogilvie takes this opportunity to thank staff, Helpers and all concerned with St Paul's Lunch Club for the book token and card received in respect of his 25 years' service with the Club. Grateful thanks – much appreciated.
David

Church website – can you help?

Help wanted!

The website is updated regularly to reflect the life of St. Paul's Church. The sermons are added after each service. The diary and intimations are updated weekly. The Life Magazine is added monthly. The daily meditations (Dewdrops) are collected from contributors and added at frequent intervals. If you wish to help in any way with the tasks of updating the website on computer please speak to John MacArthur or Chris Scott for further information.

Editor's note:

Please note that the editor has moved house and any correspondence/articles etc can now be posted to 123 Garscadden Road, Old Drumchapel, G15 6UQ. Email remains the same at rona.dawson@scotent.co.uk and articles can be placed in the pigeon hole at the back of the church at any time. (Email is the preferred option because it is simply a matter of cutting and pasting text – not re-typing long articles).

The editor would also like to thank Helen Arnold in the Church office most sincerely for her patience and good humour during this stressful time – moving house has proved to be far worse than getting married. Copy date next month will be Sunday 23rd September for the Church pigeon hole or by Thurs 27th if emailing.
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TRIBUTE TO THE LATE ARCHIE MCKENZIE

One of the words which was used most frequently about Archie was the word 'gentleman'. People have their own ideas of what that means but in Archie's case there was no doubt that he communicated a sense of gentleness and graciousness that the world often lacks. Archie would stand when a lady came into the room; he had the knack of giving children his undivided attention; and he could make a point effectively without giving offence or being in any way disrespectful. Like the Sunday after the morning service when he pointed out to me that I had forgotten the Lord's Prayer.

It could be also said that he was a Presbyterian gentleman. The Church of Scotland was one of the great passions of his life, and he had an amazing grasp of her history and traditions. He read historical tomes that had defeated many a Divinity student, and the result was that he was deeply convinced of all that Presbyterianism had contributed to the Nation and to the World. But having said that, Archie could never be said to be narrow or exclusive in his churchmanship. He cherished a spirit of brotherhood towards all the followers of the Lord, and some of his happiest memories of Kildrum Primary School were the earliest days where he had a close association with Father Jaconelli, the local priest.

That's why we can say above anything else, Archie was a Christian gentleman. He was always at his best when engaging with people and his attitudes were firmly set on the highest values of the faith. Memories of Archie will always include his patience, his tolerance and his compassion. All of which combined to make him a conscientious elder who supported his people through difficult times, and who generously entered into their times of celebration.

Archie knew about both these extremes on a personal level. His early teaching career was interrupted by the war, where he saw action in North Africa among other theatres of conflict. Like many of his generation he spoke very little about his experiences, but there can be no doubt of the intensity of it all.

On the positive side he could look back on a distinguished teaching career, culminating in the Head Teachers post at Kildrum, but more especially his family life that was built with his relationship with Gladys. They were married in 1960 and the arrival of Gregor and Rhona made the family complete. The circle grew wider though with Gregor's marriage to Anne, and a new experience for Archie followed when he became grandfather to Michelle, Sean and Sarah. And the expansion didn't end there. There was double blessing when Rhona's Rachel and Rebecca were born.

It is to all of them, those who were closest to Archie, that our hearts go out. Their sense of loss is the greatest, but we can all share with them the hope of the Gospel which meant so much to Archie himself.

St Paul's Lunch Club and Mid Week Service – by Alastair MacLeod

When? When did it all start? I believe that it was about 25 years ago that a group of enthusiasts in St Paul's had the idea to start the Lunch Club.

Why? The Club was meant to serve two groups especially, in the church and community. One was the elderly people who would enjoy a get together over a light lunch in the church hall. The other was the children from the local Primary school, who would enjoy a change from School Lunches – and also might find their way to the church in a broader sense.

What? The meals served have changed a bit over the years, but the basic idea has remained pretty constant. Of course the new kitchen allowed greater enterprise than was possible in the restricted area previously available, and Environmental Health requirements have brought complications which in the early days were not dreamed of (even in nightmares). The idea has always been to provide a light lunch, and we serve home made soup of a variety of kinds and tastes, a very well filled roll with varieties of cold meat, salmon, egg, cheese, as well as salad for those who wish it. Then there is a buttered scone or pancake and several kinds of tray-bakes to choose from. Not to mention the cup of tea or coffee. We usually manage to meet the needs of special diets, especially if we know about them beforehand.

The children get something rather less, more to their liking and at less cost.

Where does it all come from? Not only are there a group of ladies and gentlemen who give their time to come and arrange things and serve on Wednesdays. But there is another group who give time and talents in making the scones and tray-bakes, giving their services free, possibly about once or twice a session, by arrangement.

Cost? Well, there's an interesting question. If you went into a tea shop, you certainly wouldn't get this amount and quality for less than £5, and you may well pay up to £10. We don't exactly charge, we suggest a donation of £1. That's all! And 80p for the children. Considering that the Club opened so many years ago and said 50p, maybe it's time we charged more. It's an interesting question, because already we give about £400 each year, to the church itself or to church supported charities.

All this is because of those mentioned above who give free services. So you see the coins come into the box when our "customers" and the "helpers" pay for their lunches, but there is a real sense that the charitable giving also comes from those who bake and work in the Hall for free.

Charity? In fact the Lunch Club is a Charity in two ways. In a sense it is a charity for the children and the elderly. In another sense it is a money earner for external and internal charitable givings. This is why I am divided on what we really should now be suggesting as a donation. We would hate to put off anyone, but on the other hand, looked on as a provider of charitable givings, are we undercutting? Of course there is absolutely no reason why helpers and customers should restrict their givings to £1 – some give more already anyway. It's really a question of what we should suggest.

Help? Yes we always need help. A few years ago when we ourselves joined the helpers, there were a number of others who joined also. But folk are always ageing, and we now need others to join us. Some helpers are there every week, but it is also good if two people arrange that the one or the other will be there every week. Ladies who can do an occasional tray bake; Ladies who can work as a member of the team in the kitchen; Ladies who can serve at the tables and chat to the "customers"; Gentlemen who can put out the tables, and help to set the tables if necessary; Gentlemen who will serve the children and perhaps ensure that order is kept (although that has hardly ever been a problem).

Other places? There are several other lunch places in Milngavie. They all provide something different and so we do not wish to be regarded as competing. We do something which is rather unique and which many people like.

You? I wish to put it to you that this is a very worthwhile enterprise, and it is worthy of your support. Don't take the attitude that you are letting yourself in for something. Rather take it as a wee opportunity, which you will be able to enjoy. If you would prefer a specific area then we will arrange that. If you just want to help somewhere, then we will talk to you about the areas of greatest need at present.

Mid week Service? Why have I left this to the end? That really is all wrong. I myself finally decided to help at the Club because it had this service following. It's short (15 minutes), to the point and if one of the ministers takes it, as is usual, then its very worthwhile. Not everyone comes to the service, but from time to time I try to mentioned it, just in conversation.

Customers? Yes there's lots of room, and we look forward to welcoming many new "customers" this year. Do please consider joining the fellowship, and enjoying the lunch. And we are also glad to see people who are not elderly or children, perhaps on a day off work or if they are working locally.





World Mission News:

Bumper Harvest - Encouraging Times in Malawi

After years of neglect and food shortages, Malawi is enjoying a rise in maize production of 33.7%. This is good news for many - the more maize there is, the lower the prospective market price, making food more affordable for many

WCC General Secretary meets with families of Korean hostages

In a gesture of support toward the families of the Korean hostages being held by the Taliban in Afghanistan, Rev. Dr Samuel Kobia, general secretary of the World Council of Churches (WCC), visited them while on a trip to Korea. Of the 23 Christian humanitarian workers who were taken hostage on 19 July, two have been killed by their captors, while two others were released yesterday into the care of the international Red Cross and Red Crescent societies

Please pray for

The continuation of good harvests in **Malawi**, and that the benefits from it are felt by all members of society.

The great many aid workers across many agencies who are responding so diligently to the needs of those most affected by the flooding in **Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan**.

The safety and wellbeing of the 19 **Korean** hostages that remain in the captivity of the Taliban. Pray that they are released unconditionally and unharmed soon

Information from world mission Update

Milngavie Churches Prayer Breakfasts

Start time 8am for Breakfast, 8.45am Prayer

1 st Sept	United Free
7 th Oct	St Luke's
3 rd Nov	Allander Evangelical
1 st Dec	St Paul's

The Thursday night prayer group is fed by testimonies and stories of Christians around the world and we repeat in digest a recent excerpt from Frontline – Open Doors Magazine:

Dr Rebekka Zakaria, Ratna Bangun and Eti Pangesti were released from Indramayu State Prison in West Java on 8 June 2007 after serving two years out of a three-year sentence imposed for running a Sunday School attended by local Muslim children.

They were freed at 6am, three hours earlier than scheduled, to avoid confrontation by Muslim radicals who had planned to wait outside the prison. Tears were shed by the other female inmates as they said goodbye to the ladies, who they will miss greatly.

Outside the prison gates many people waited to welcome the three mothers, who proudly displayed their release papers amidst great jubilation. The ladies will be on parole until February 2009, and until that time have to report to Cirebon prison administration office every month. They must be very careful not to be accused again of the same charge.

Thank you for praying in the run-up to our three sisters' release (Open Doors was told). Would you please continue to pray for them? They ask you to pray that they will adjust to family life again and that their families will stand strong in the Lord. Please also pray that their church congregation will find a place to conduct its worship services.

Pray also for our local community, teachers and Sunday school teachers as kids flock back for the new session, for our ministers and new youth worker, Gemma Stoddart as they seek to bring Christ's teachings to us all.



Church Picnic

On Saturday 2nd June three buses headed east along the Antonine Wall to Callander House and Country Park in Falkirk. A base was quickly established on the lawn in front of the House and a series of games and challenges were undertaken before our picnic lunch. The weather was kind and in the afternoon several people went for a walk in the extensive parkland around the House. The 600 years of Scottish history on display in Callander House was appreciated by young and old alike. Highlights included the working kitchen of 1825 with its roaring fire and wonderful aromas, a display of the famous people from the area and the world renowned Cannon Iron works. The shop and tearoom also proved popular as usual. Later in the afternoon football and cricket were played on the lawn while the arrival of a wedding party at the House attracted the fashion conscious ladies.

All too soon it was time for a group photo in front of the House then on to the busses for the short run home. If you missed the outing the photographs have been on display in the large Hall throughout the summer and we hope you will join us next year.

Destination.... WATCH THIS SPACE !



St Paul's Children and Youth Page

NewsFlash

I am now working for St Paul's as their 'children and youth co-ordinator'!!

Hello and welcome to the first EVER addition of 'St Paul's CYP'. I hope you will enjoy reading this page. They are geared for children and youth, so if you are 'an adult' and are reading this but have children who might enjoy a read please pass this page on to them!

My name is Gemma, and I have been coming to St Paul's for ten years! This was the first time I had attended a church and loved it. I met lots of people my own age, who wanted to follow God like I did. For the last four years I have been a student in Glasgow University, studying theology (the study of God). I loved my time at university but am very excited about starting to work for St Paul's. My role in the church will include helping out in most of the organisations which happen throughout the year (see below). I will also be involved in Sunday morning services. This role is only part time so I will not be around all week but when I am I hope to meet you all.

With my love and God's continual blessing,
Gem

Children:

Sunday club – Primary age

During morning service (11am)

Sunkids – primary age

(specific dates to follow) – 4.30pm till 6.30pm

Girls Brigade – primary age

Thursday – 7 till 9pm

Bring On the Bible – primary age

Saturday 27th October – 10am till 3pm

Young People:

Bible Class – S1-S5

Sunday morning – 10 - 11am

Joining Together – S1-S6

(Specific dates to follow) – 7 - 9.30pm

Milngavie and Bearsden S.U Bible Study – S4-S6First

Monday of every month – 8-9.30pm



How is school going?

Starting back at school after the summer holidays was for me always a time of mixed feelings. I always seemed to be nervous about whether this year's work will be harder than the last, what friends will be in my class and what my teachers will be like. But I was also really excited about getting back down to learning new things and spending lots of time with my friends.

I don't know what this year has in store for you, but what I do know is that God has awesome plans for you. *Jeremiah 29:11 – "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."*

For information about anything to do with the Children or Youth Work in St Paul's please don't hesitate to contact me on 07751477583.

Gemma Stoddart – St Paul's new Youth Co-ordinator tells us a bit more about herself...

Who are you, and where are you from?

I am Gemma Stoddart, and am twenty four years old. I have been attending St Paul's for nearly ten years. For the last four years I have studied in Glasgow University for a BD, which I got on the 4th July. I am living with my parents in Bearsden.

How and when did you become a Christian?

I became a Christian when I was ten years old, at an Easter Holiday Club in Bearsden Baptist Church. I started seriously following God when I started attending St Paul's when I was fourteen. This was where I began to learn how to actually live like a Christian everyday.

Have you had specific training - if so, what?

As I mentioned above, I have an honours degree in theology. I also attended the International Christian College for one year, to study their degree in Youth Ministry.

However I do have many years of experience in children and youth work. I worked for Milngavie Churches @ One and the Scottish Bible Society. I am currently involved locally with chairing the Scripture Union Action Group, which I have held for four years. I have also organised many holiday clubs, children's event, youth groups and volunteered at residential camps.

What age groups will you be working with?

My title is St Paul's Children and Youth coordinator, which means I will work with all children and young people. The age range will be all children who attend school, both primary and secondary.

We've had various short lived youth projects over the last few years - what's your plan to make this one more sustainable?

I believe the nature of youth work is that many things can be perceived to be short lived. However this does not have to be negative. Teenage years are when changes happen constantly; with every week that goes by there are new fads and trends. This fact means that many projects which are popular one year with a group of young people can take a dramatic turn the next year. Nevertheless I believe we have to continue to reach out and nurture young people. Employing me will help to do this, as there will be a constant person for the young people to know and relate to within St Paul's, which will hopefully lead to the building up of good relationships.

How do you plan to engage with the teenage group especially?

Initially I will try to get to know the young people who already attend St Paul's. A monthly youth event for local churches is planned to start in the autumn. This will enable our young people meet other young people who are attending different churches. In the future this task will, I hope, be addressed more specifically.

Have you got any specific events lined up yet?

A similar event to Timetravel will run in October, called BOB (Bring On the Bible). However I will be around most of the groups that already meet in the church (see 'St Paul's CYP for more information).

International Christian College

The College are planning another in the popular series of Monday Classes this winter which are open to all. Each term there will be three topics, the first from 10.15 to 11.15, the second from noon to 1.00pm and the third in the evening from 7.30 to 9.30pm.

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

The dates are:-

Autumn term from 22nd October to 26th November,
Spring from 21st January to 3rd March and
Summer from 21st April to 9th June.

More details will be in the October edition of "Life".

Further information and to book contact the College on 0141 552 4040.



Flower donations for September

Dr N Conn
Mrs Brown

Holiday Fellowship – New Year on the Danube.

I have had a cancellation for the above trip and offer the single or double cabin in the hope that someone else might wish to accompany us. Please contact me by e mail at milganne@yahoo.co.uk if you are interested.

Anne Ritchie



BIG – Business in Glasgow

BiG – Business in Glasgow would like to write and thank-you for your prayer and financial support and interest in BiG, as we reflect on all that BiG has achieved over the last 4 years, since its inception.

BiG as you know, is here to serve all who work in the businesses and offices in the city centre, primarily by putting on monthly lunchtime talks of a high standard. We have earned a good reputation, and have many people to thank for this - from our own team of Trustees, consultants and practical helpers, through to our gifted speakers who have given their services for free. Most of all, we have to thank people like you, for spreading the word about our services, making it along to our lunchtimes and bringing their colleagues with them, which we are so grateful for.

BiG's aims for the coming year is for more people to be aware of our talks and the benefit they may bring, together with forming connections with these people as we draw alongside them. We would also like to encourage Christians to bring along friends, clients & colleagues as a way of befriending and supporting them too!

The workplace has become an important place to witness to Christ through word, deed and friendship! Often the people, who know us best, work at the next desk and as Mark Greene said:

“We fish in pools & puddles, when in our workplace we are sitting by an ocean.”

Our next series of lunch-time talks which are guaranteed to be informative are:

4th September	Developing as an Individual	Janice McNicol
2nd October	Developing as a Team player	Ben Williams
6th November	Developing as a Leader	Paul Valler

We will also be hosting an evening seminar with Paul Valler, entitled “Integrating Work & Life, at Renfield St Stephens on the evening of Tuesday 6th November 6.00 – 9.00 p.m. Ticket price £15.00 including buffet on arrival. All our talks are given by Professional Christian Speakers, experts in their field and full details, including location of seminar, as they do change, are on our web-site www.businessinglasgow.net , or alternatively e mail gayle@businessinglasgow.net , mobile: 07740 467235 or call Alison McKay at the office on 0141 332 4293. All we ask is a donation to cover the sandwiches & refreshments and we suggest £5 a head.

We thank you for taking the time to read the above, your ongoing support and very much look forward to seeing you soon at one of our forthcoming seminars!

**With every Blessing Gayle Cattanach
Trustee of Business in Glasgow**

CHURCH REGISTER

BAPTISM

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

Andrew Robert McFarlane, 28 Spiers Road, Bearsden 46
Alex James Douglas, 6 Manderston Meadow, Newton Mearns 70

Change of Address

Mr & Mrs J White, 44 Campsie Drive, Bearsden now 48
34 Ellangowan Court, Milngavie 14a
Mr & Mrs W Dudgeon, 15 Baldernock Road, Milngavie now 1
11 Craigmillar Ave., Milngavie 6
Mrs Helen Clark, 21 Nethermains Road, Milngavie now 40a
3 Fairview Court, Milngavie 18a
Mrs Rona Dawson, 6, Garrioch Crescent, N. Kelvinside now
123 Garscadden Road, Old Drumchapel, Glasgow, G15 6UQ. 70
Mrs Sally Hatton, 43, Dumbrock Road, Milngavie now 66
16 Shaw Road, Milngavie G62 6LX 39
Mrs Mary Hutchison, 8 Balvie Road, Milngavie now 26
Flat 1L, 3 Moor Road, Milngavie G62 7TA 6

Disjunctions

Mr John Bett, 56 Campsie Drive, Milngavie 10
Mr & Mrs John Anderson, Balwearie, 41 Scott Brae, Kippen 70
Mrs Rona Cassidy, 38 Keystone Ave., Milngavie 49

Weddings

2.6.07 Lynsey Beattie, 259 Milngavie Road, Bearsden and Ian Turner
18.8.07 Gillian Frew, 8 Peter D Stirling Road, Kirkintilloch and Alan Stevenson

Deaths

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

28.5.07 Mr John Gordon, 11 Drumcarn Drive, Milngavie 28
29.5.07 Mrs Jessie Boyd, 45 Allander Road, Milngavie 13
12.6.07 Miss Elizabeth Stephen, Buchanan House, Bearsden 2
19.7.07 Mr David Ritchie, Buchanan House
26.7.07 Mrs Gorman, 32 Southgate, Milngavie
30.7.07 Mr Donald Crawford, 66 Ellangowan Court, Milngavie 14a
5.8.07 Dr Chris Macritchie, 70 Falloch Road, Milngavie 63

Date	Flower Deliveries	Crèche Rota	Vestibule Rota	Traidcraft Rota
2 nd Sept	P Dudgeon S Lindsay	K Deuchar, Chapman, Goodlet	Team 8 Jim McQueen	M Thomson M Ure
9 th Sept	M Thomson E Izatt	Cockburn, Richell, Hughes	Team 9 Morag Thomson (evening communion)	A Begg J MacLean
16 th Sept	A Gibson A MacLeod	Martin, Wallis, Kerr	Team 10 Maureen McIntyre	J MacIntre M Fewell
23 rd Sept	M Abbot T Douglas	Whitelaw, Baxter, Reid	Team 3 Gordon Campbell	G Buchanan A Martin
30 th Sept	L Hughes R Buchanan	Bolton, J Deuchar, Wilson	Team 4 (tbc)	C MacKay R Fraser