

CHURCH REGISTER

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs Fiona Dorrall,	91 Ashburn Gardens now 19 Dougalston Gardens North	33 52
Mr Tom Scott,	51 Ellangown Court, Milngavie now Thornburn Manor Nursing Home, Colinton Edinburgh	14a
Mrs Barr	9 Elm Court, 97 Main Street now Eckling Grange Residential Care Home, Norwich Rd., Norfolk	40
Mrs Christine Dougan,	64 Breadie Drive now 130 Hillhouse Drive, Kelvindale	41 70
Mrs Jean & Maxine McColgan,	Dinneidwg House, Mugdock now 8 Baldernock Road	65 1

DEATHS

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

22.5.13 Mrs Jean McNeill, Buchanan Hse Care Home, 5 Grampian Way	53
23.5.13 Mr Andrew Fenwick, 14 Nethermains Road	40a
28.7.13 Mrs Martha (Mattie) Robertson, Canniesburn Care Home	47
02.8.13 Mr George Rutherford, 56 Southgate	18

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Date	Flower Deliveries	Crèche Rota	Traidcraft Rota	Vestibule Rota
15 Sept	P Barlow S Robertson	Bates Tracey	J MacIntyre M Fewell	Team 3 Duncan White
22 Sept	S Anderson M Adams	MacKinnon Berry	R Cameron M Thoms	Team 4 Elizabeth Bragg
29 Sept	M Conway M Macpherson	Chapman Wallace	C MacKay R Fraser	Team 5 Gordon Hamilton
6 Oct	A Galloway J Townson		No Stall	Team 1 Janice MacLean (Communion)

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Dear Friends,

For the last few years the Summer months have been an opportunity for me to spend some time on Easdale Island where at least three generations of my father's family were quarry workers. I have never gone there without gathering some new information and this year was no exception. The strange thing is that my father never said very much about his ancestors. There could be many reasons for that but having checked the records of Inveraray Jail I am assured that there were no major scandals.

Every family has its story to tell, however, and from what I have gathered the nineteenth century Easdale Buchanans had their days of celebration but also moments of drama and, sadly, times of tragedy. Babies died, injuries were sustained at the quarry, money was often scarce. In that they were no different from many other families but it was their own unique experience.

It was God's will that all His people would have a story to tell. Not just about the twists and turns of their personal lives but what He had done for them in calling them to be His people, in liberating them from slavery in Egypt, in staying with them through their years of rebellion and unfaithfulness. Israel would have a story to tell about her God and there is a constant refrain throughout the Old Testament that it was the responsibility of each generation to pass that story on to the next. This is the Psalmist: 'One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.' (Psalm 145: 4)

The Bible is a testimony to the power of words not least the spoken word. Words strengthen, inspire, empower. And this was the purpose God had in the telling of His people's story. It was not just a way of remembering but a way of experiencing the continuing presence of a loving Heavenly Father.

I am writing this on 28 August 2013 the 50th. Anniversary of Martin Luther King's great speech at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, better known as the 'I Have A Dream' speech. These are words which have come down the generations to inspire those who believe that the world doesn't need to be under the pall of injustice, violence, poverty and greed. There is a better world not just to dream of but to work for.

Retiral and Appointment of Church Officer

Our Church Officer, Mrs Edith Blackadder, retired on 30th June 2013, after over 15 years committed and faithful service. In recognition of Edith's contribution to the life and work of St. Paul's over this very long period of time, the Reverend Fergus Buchanan warmly thanked her at the morning service on Sunday 30 June and, on behalf of the congregation, presented her with a cheque and a bouquet of flowers.

Our new Church Officer, Mr Hugh McGorm, was appointed on 24 June and has settled well into the post. Hugh resides locally and we wish him every success as our new Church Officer.

Ian Mackinnon
Session Clerk

Elders – Presentation of Long Service Certificate and Bible

At the Kirk Session Meeting on 4 June 2013 the Rev. F C Buchanan presented the Church of Scotland Long Service Certificate signed by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, together with the gift of a bible to Mr Graham Mill in grateful appreciation of thirty years dedicated service as an Elder.



Ian Mackinnon
Session Clerk

St Paul's Holiday Fellowship. 6th-10th October, 2013. Trip to ROME



We look forward with great anticipation to this city break, a new venture for our group. We are booked with McCabe Pilgrimages who took us to Oberammergau and have the advantage of an Italian Tour Manager and local guides to accompany us. We fly directly from Glasgow to Rome with Jet2. Our hotel is very central, so most visits will be on foot and we eat together in the evening in a local restaurant.

After lunch on arrival, we visit the great basilica of St Peter and the crypt. During the three full days we cover Classical Rome, the Vatican and the Early Christians with one free afternoon to visit other sites or shop or people-watch!

Warm, dry weather would be the icing on the cake!

Anne Ritchie

East Dunbartonshire Doors Open Day Sat 14th September

St Paul's will be one of several buildings throwing its doors open in Milngavie this year. Other venues include Corbie Ha (home of the pipe band), Mugdock Castle, Milngavie Heritage Centre (within the Town Hall), Lillie Art Gallery, Allander Church and Douglas Academy



Badminton Club



The new season started on Tuesday 3rd Sept in the Large Hall at 7.30pm

New members are made very welcome so come along for fun, exercise and friendship.

Cath Buchanan
Secretary



Prayer pointers for MAF

- Organisation to go smoothly and the committee to know God's guidance
- Invited guests to come along and be challenged and inspired by work of MAF
- Publicity to be received well by community and good attendance at Saturday Open Day and Sunday service
- Generosity and support for the work of MAF
- Schools to be actively involved and pupils and teachers inspired and challenged.
- For continued interest and support after the event by many.
- Our congregation to be actively involved and willing to volunteer
- For a good atmosphere at all the events
- Thanks for Andy Martin and his vision and enthusiasm for God's work
- Andy and the other MAF personnel involved in event for wisdom, grace and sensitivity.
- Protection for MAF pilots in their daily and often dangerous flights in troubled lands
- For God's blessing on the plans and events and that his name would be honoured and glorified.
- That many would come to know God's love and good news of salvation and the hope he alone can give.



MAF event in November. 'Every picture tells a story'

St Paul's will be hosting an exciting fund raising event between 4th and 10th November for Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF).

MAF is a global umbrella charity which operates light aircraft worldwide in 35 countries, flying vital supplies to some of the poorest parts of the world providing clean water, education, medical aid and spiritual hope to some of the world's most vulnerable people.

The event will centre round MAF's photographic exhibition called 'Every picture tells a story' which will be set up in the large hall. The main aim is to raise much needed funds for MAF's 'Fuel for Life' campaign, to help with the escalating cost of fuel essential for their work. The cost in 2011 was a staggering £6 million.

During the week we will be open for local schools to attend the exhibition and a representative will lead the young folk through the display. They will take part in poster design competitions and the winning entries will be displayed at the exhibition. Participating schools will also be encouraged to plan fund raising activities.

On Friday evening the event will be officially launched by inviting people such as MSPs, councillors, local business people, head teachers and Milngavie church leaders. Refresh-

ments will be provided.

Saturday is a Coffee Morning and Open Day from 10am till 2pm. For those who

have always wished to fly a plane, MAF will be providing a flight simulator for anyone brave enough to try! There will be no entrance fee, but folk attending will be encouraged to donate the cost of a gallon of fuel.

A representative from MAF will be our visiting preacher on 'Fuel for Life' Sunday 10th November. There will be a soup and sandwich lunch after the service and all will be made most welcome.

This is a very significant event for our church and has required considerable forward planning which started early this year.

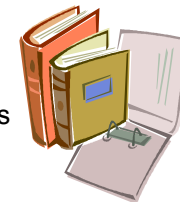
It is really important that members of the congregation become involved as much as possible. Please consider volunteering at the event. This will include

- folk to be available each day of the event
- helping with catering.

There will be lists at the back of the church for volunteers in early October.

The organising committee is Sheila Harrison (coordinator), Jean Scott, Marilyn Ure, Jennifer Turner, Bill Marshall, Eleanor Easton and Jackie Pirie. If you wish more information please speak to any of us. We would value your prayers as we finalise arrangements for this event not only that it benefits the work of MAF, but also shows the local community God's love at work in the world.

Book Club



Owing to the break over the summer, there are two reviews this month.

The first book, which we read back in June, was **Leaving Alexandria: A Memoir of Faith and Doubt** by Richard Holloway. The book has now been awarded this year's Pen/Ackerley Prize which is the only literary prize dedicated to memoir and autobiography. The committee awarding the Prize stated that it was because of its "searching self-analysis, its admission of fallibility, its questioning of authority, the wide ranging literary references and the high quality of its prose". There were mixed reactions to the book as you would expect and a lively discussion followed!

We have just finished reading **Capital** by John Lanchester. The group felt the book was realistic and believable and an interesting insight into the mix of backgrounds in a London suburb. The book tells the story of one street in London and the lives of four of the residents who lived there. The link between them is provided by an anonymous postcard stating, "We want what you have" coming through their doors with a photo of their house. We felt that the story could have been better had the author made more of this but although the book was not particularly challenging, it was a good book to read over the summer months.

Next time we are reading **Nathanial's Nutmeg** by Giles Milton and we are meeting on Tuesday 8 October 2013.

JOYCE CLARK

Noah's Ark



Noah's Ark has started again & on the first morning we registered & welcomed 54 babies & toddlers along with their parents - or in some cases grans & grandads.

Our kitchen team dispense high quality snacks for both adults & children, which are very popular!

During the summer break the toys & equipment were sorted out & we are very grateful for the many gifts of toys given by the congregation. We are now pretty well equipped.

We would like to hear from any one else who would like to be added to our rota of helpers. Come in and see us on a Thursday morning.

Rosemary Fraser

Kimo Peru Project

It is now over five years since we first heard of Kimo and it has been thrilling and humbling to be part of such a project. We are immensely grateful to the whole congregation for your generosity which means that we have sent over £90,000 to the Vine Trust for the building and maintenance of 'our' home in the jungle.

The home now supports twenty boys who would otherwise have been living on the streets and in the sewers surviv-

ing in unthinkable circumstances, but now experiencing love and security.

I am very excited to be able to go and see the home with the boys living there and look forward to my trip with a small group in October - the 10th to the 25th.. Please pray for safety in travelling and for a really good time with the boys at Kimo and also at another home near the Atacama desert. I hope to tell you all about it when I return.

Eleanor Easton

Lodging House Mission— summer update

The Lodging House Mission is a Glasgow based charity dedicated to providing care and support to homeless, vulnerable and socially excluded people.

Established over 100 years ago, we understand how easy it is to hit rock bottom and how difficult it is to get back on the right path. Our education and activities programmes are designed to help build confidence and promote independence as well as to discover hidden talents and interests.

We'd like to thank the tutors and volunteers who work hard to make classes relevant, interesting - and fun.

Planting was completed in the allotment and we're now seeing good crops of tomatoes, potatoes, onions and beans. Our men's group are studying King Lear, our women's group craft production team are planning their fes-

tive range to bring to your 2013 Church Christmas fairs and sales have been so successful that plans are underway for a girls' caravanning weekend.

Other courses continue to attract those interested in gaining accreditation in IT, Core skills Literacy & Numeracy, DIY and Employability Skills. A Hard Landscaping programme run by Langside College taught how to lay slabs, build decking and erect fences - practical, transferable skills of immense value when competing for work.

Pictured: Colin planting onions earlier in the season at our Springburn allotment



Brigade Blethers

The Brigade enrolled on 29th August and we are all looking forward to lots of fun and games this session. Particularly games, because our badgework this year will be centred on the Commonwealth Games. We hope to try some of the more prestigious sports like running round St Paul's big hall and hurling a haggis etc.

Our meeting times will remain the same. ie

- P1 to P3 meet every Thursday from 6.30pm till 8.00pm;
- P4 to P7 meet at the same time but tackle different badgework and
- S1 to S6 meet from 7.00pm till 9.00pm and we encourage them to take part in the planning of their activities.

It's not all badgework because we manage to include a couple of parties, a visit to a pantomime and a Company weekend at Auchengillan. So if you would like to come and join us we would be happy to welcome you in. Why not give us a try? If parents have any queries please phone me at 956 1715 or speak to me in Church.

Before I finish I have to say a big thank you to Edith Blackadder for all her support and kindness over the years. She always seemed to be able to supply the help we needed. Only thing she couldn't do was reach up to any great heights, but it looks like the new Church Officer won't have the same problem. Nice to have you aboard Hugh.

Anne Goodlet

The Guild

The New Session of the Guild starts on Monday 7th October at 7.30pm and we would be delighted to welcome anyone who wishes to join us on our opening night.

October Diary

- 7th Exalt Choir under the leadership of Mrs. Esther McColl
- 13th Dedication Service
- 14th Morrison's Supermarket: Mr. Scott Balfour
- 21st Balmore Trust: Mr. John Ritchie
- 28th Guild Project Night.



Margaret Stirling

Harvest Thanksgiving

This year Harvest Thanksgiving will take place on Sunday 22nd September. Donations can be delivered to the church on Saturday 21st September between 10am and 12 o'clock or on Harvest Thanksgiving morning. As usual donations of flowers, plants and posies will be delivered by elders to the elderly, housebound and sick members of our congregation and food items will be delivered to the Lodging House Mission and Salvation Army.

Any donations are most welcome. Fresh vegetables, fruit, tinned goods, dried goods such as rice, pasta and soup mixes are always welcomed by the Lodging House Mission and Salvation Army.

Envelopes will be available in the pews for those members wishing to contribute to the work of the Vine Trust—see details below.

Thank you
Elizabeth McEwan
Harvest Thanksgiving Convener



The Harvest offering this year will go to a project of the Vine Trust in Tanzania called the 'Jubilee Appeal'. Most of you will know the Vine Trust for their work in Peru creating homes, such as Kimo, for disadvantaged children. In addition, they operate boats called Amazon Hope 1 & 2 which provide medical care to remote places on the Amazon.

The Vine Trust also works in Tanzania. They now have an ex-Royal Navy ship, at present located in Greenock Harbour where it is being fitted out as a medical and dental floating clinic courtesy of BAE Systems. This includes renewing radio and navigation equipment, providing accommodation for volunteer medics and crew, outfitting with medical equipment and other improvements for a total cost of £80,000.



The cost for Dental surgery equipment of £15,000 has already been met.

Once completed, later this year, it will sail 8,000 miles round to the coast of East Africa to Mombasa, Kenya, taking approximately 9 weeks. There it will be partly dismantled (in as few pieces as possible!) and taken 520 miles overland to Lake Victoria.

Lake Victoria has about 150 remote islands which have no access to medical care. The Vine Trust plans to provide primary health care to 100,000 people annually on these islands. This cause seems especially appropriate this year, the 200 year anniversary of David Livingstone's birth. He struggled to find his way to Lake Victoria

Please consider supporting this extremely worthwhile cause.
Sheila Harrison

World Mission Prayer Pointers

Egypt has declared a state of emergency after people were killed when security forces broke up protest camps in Cairo. Violence erupted on the streets of Cairo and in other cities, hundreds of people have been injured or killed. Please pray that the situation will calm down, for wisdom and tact for the police and the army, for the safety of all churches and congregations, and that all in Egypt would be safe.

Syria: What began with protests in March 2011 has escalated into a full scale conflict that has claimed the lives of tens of thousands of people, destroyed homes, infrastructure, cities, and has left millions homeless. In a rapidly changing situation pray for wisdom and guidance for world leaders as they contemplate military intervention.

The Church of Scotland HIV Programme is very excited at the prospect of a visit to Scotland by Maria Silo, the lady whose smiling face beams out from its poster. Maria works for the Ekwendeni Hospital AIDS Programme in Malawi, and she will be in Scotland from 14 to 28 October.

Reflection on the Lord's prayer Matthew 6: 9 -13
'Give us today our daily bread'

Food is more than just fuel, it is a gift and a blessing from God upon which we all depend.

St Paul's Lunch Club

Autumn is here and the Lunch Club starts again on Wednesday 4th September in the large Hall. We serve a Lunch of homemade soup a selection of rolls and delicious cake all for a modest cost of £2-50. We have a small play area for tiny tots so that Mums can enjoy lunch peacefully. We are open most Wednesdays during term time and lunch is served from 12.00 until 1.00pm.



The Lunch Club makes a very small profit each year thanks to our many

helpful bakers and this we divide with half going to St Paul's to offset heating and other costs and the remainder divided equally between local Christian Charities such as Maxie Richards foundation or Preshal and national charities such as OMF or Christian Aid.

Come along and enjoy an inexpensive lunch with good company and friendly service each week.

We are always grateful for people who can help with occasional baking or helping to set up the hall, serve or prepare food. We especially need an extra helper to prepare food. If you can help please see **Ann MacLeod** 942 8339 or **Gordon Campbell** 563 0377

Japan Jottings



Dear Friends

Here in Tokyo we have been enjoying some 'cooler' weather over the last few days – it has even got below 30 degrees at times! And during the night it has on occasion gone a few degrees lower! Thankfully the humidity seems to have lessened now. It is more the humidity than the temperature which makes doing anything in these summer weeks quite an effort.

During August we enjoyed a break in the mountains in Nagano prefecture, around a 2.5 hour drive from where we live. OMF has a holiday home there and it was a great place for a break and for us to explore a different area. We then spent another week or so at home but that gave us the time to visit places in Tokyo and do some fun things together. The boys don't go back to school until right at the beginning of September so it has been a long summer holiday.

Daniel should be back in Glasgow mid-September for his second year and Matthew is already back at Hebron for his last year there. He has a main part in his year's play in the Drama Festival in October so will be kept busy for the coming weeks.

September sees a lot of travel for David. The beginning of the month has a visit to the tsunami-devastated area for some important discussions about the future of OMF's work there which has now been running for over two years. Then there will be time in Sapporo meeting with the large number of

new workers we have in OMF Japan and spending time with them. Finally there is a trip to Singapore for a gathering of all the OMF Directors from different Home and Field sides which takes place every three years.

Many thanks for all your support for us and in particular for the financial gifts to our support in August. We could not be here sharing the good news of Jesus in Japan were it not for your partnership with us.

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

Blythswood Boxes

This year we are again asking members of the congregation to fill shoe boxes to send to countries in Eastern Europe and Pakistan through Blythswood Care, a Christian charity. The boxes go to people living in desperate poverty for whom these items bring great joy and pleasure.

Forms with more information are available at the back of the church. We ask that you bring the boxes to church by Sunday November 3rd at the latest, so that we can take them to the depot.

There will be reminders in the Sunday intimations nearer the time. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Men's Association

Our programme of meetings for the 2013 - 2014 session commences on Tuesday 8th October.

The president and committee have organised what we feel sure will be an enjoyable, interesting and thought provoking programme of talks and visits starting with a talk on " Bees " by one of our elders Ian Ferguson at our opening meeting and followed by an insight into " Family History " on October 22nd.

We meet fortnightly on Tuesday evenings with a get together for coffee / tea, biscuits and chat at 7.15 pm followed by the main speaker for the eve-

ning from 7.30 to 8. 30 pm. The evening ends with a question session when members have an opportunity to ask the speaker more about his / her subject.

We have a healthy membership of around 25 who regularly attend meetings and would very much welcome new members. There are no age limits, upper or lower, to attending and we look forward to welcoming "new faces" at our opening meeting on October 8th.

Finally, a note for the diaries of the whole congregation: our annual Coffee Morning will be held on the morning of Saturday 26th October.

Ken McIvor

Flower Donations— September

Mrs. M. Brown,
Mrs. M. Taggart,
Mrs. E. Watson



Please 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

Cheques should be made payable to St. Paul's Flowers

Scottish Bible Society Sponsored Walk

The annual Sponsored Walk to raise funds for Scottish Bible Society projects will take place on **Saturday 12th October** at 10am in Mugdock Country Park, meeting at the Visitor Centre.

Sponsorship forms will be available at the back of the church. If you would like to come for the walk, but would prefer not to be sponsored, please feel free to join us for the fresh air and fellowship.

This year the projects being supported are in India, Cambodia and Malawi.



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.