



# St Paul's Milngavie Life Magazine February 2012

Dear Friends,

Walking in the village the other day an interesting print caught my eye in one of the art shops. It was a copy of the original poster designed to promote the Bennie Rail-plane. I wasn't long in Milngavie before I heard the story of this revolutionary form of transport. It was designed to run above a conventional railway and deemed faster because it did not carry freight only passengers. The prototype was tried out over a 130 yard stretch of rail at Milngavie and drew a lot of attention but the inventor, George Bennie, was unable to secure funding for further development and he went bankrupt in 1937.

So many bold and imaginative projects have ended like this. The intentions have been good, the benefits to others unquestionable, the commitment inspiring, but in the end the dream has not become reality.

I often think of Paul's opening words to the Christians at Phillippi. He expresses appreciation of their witness and then he writes: 'I am confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.' To God each Christian is a personal project. Through His Spirit He is working to produce the qualities He has shown in Jesus and He will persevere with this until the final day when we will stand with the risen Jesus as brothers and sisters in the Eternal Family. Whatever God starts He will finish.

This is something to remember in the difficult days when we might be tempted to think that God has withdrawn from us. The witness of Scripture is that His work still continues and it may be that that the qualities He cherishes for us are more surely brought out. It was in this faith that Paul wrote:

'We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.' (Romans 5: 2-5)

These are powerful words which people will react to in different ways but as the season of Lent draws near it is good for us to consider how God works in ways pleasing and painful, dark and light. Always, however, He is looking to finish the new creation He has begun.

*Yours in Christ, Fergus C Buchanan*

**Coffee and Mince Pies**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee and Mince Pies event on 18th December and a special thanks to the musicians whose playing helped to create the festive atmosphere.

The sum of £593.50 was raised for Alzheimer Scotland for their work in East Dunbartonshire.

**Frances Ireland and Liz Trail**

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Annual coffee and mince pies event – Alzheimer Scotland

I would like to express our sincere thanks for the kind gift of £593.50 which was raised during the annual coffee and mince pies event. This truly is an extraordinary amount of money to raise and we are so pleased that the congregation chose to donate it towards our services in East Dunbartonshire.

Over 1800 people are affected by dementia in this area and it is our hope that our new Resource Centre at 49 Milngavie Road, Bearsden will provide lifeline services to those in need of vital dementia support services. Alzheimer Scotland believes that no-one should go through dementia alone and thanks to this donation we can make this a reality!

The money will be used to support and expand the services we can offer in the resource centre and also enhance the activities and special events offered at our day services. We also aim to expand the opening times to include evenings and weekends.

We currently hold monthly drop-in clinics to provide information and support for anyone concerned about dementia or worried about a relative or friend. These clinics are facilitated by our Dementia Adviser and attended by Community Psychiatric Nurses from across the region. These clinics are held on the first Thursday of every month in the Resource Centre. Forthcoming dates as follows

Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 1-3pm	Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> March 1-3pm
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> April 1-3pm	Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 1-3pm

Again, many thanks for your generous donation.

Yours,  
*Alastair Black, Service Manager.*



**Joint appeal for BIBLEWORLD in Scotland and Peru.**

This project is so very close to home for so many of us, as some of the children visiting **BIBLEWORLD** could well be our nieces, nephews or grandchildren.

### **SCOTLAND**

Kylie hasn't heard of a book called "the Bible". She lives in a home where "Jesus" is a swear word. Her parents have never been to church and although her Gran used to go to Sunday school, she only now visits one for funerals.

Sadly today, Kylie's situation is more common than we might think. Many of our young people know very little about the Bible and even fewer are attending Sunday schools than ever before. If we are serious about wanting our young people to find out about this life changing book, we have to do this where the opportunity is greatest – **and this is at school.**

**BIBLEWORLD mobile** addresses this need in an innovative way that is proving very successful. Since the beginning of 2010, over 18,000 children have been introduced to the Bible through **BIBLEWORLD mobile.**

### **Words for Life**

The February edition of Words For Life is available at the back of the church (table at the Strathblane road door) and outside the office window.

As last month was the first month of this new lay out , extra copies were made available and at least 50 of you picked up a copy. There will be extra copies this month and should they run out, don't worry they will be replenished.

Thanks  
**Alex McEwan**  
[alexjmcewan@gmail.com](mailto:alexjmcewan@gmail.com)

### **PERU**

In 2007 after the Earthquake left **t h o u s a n d s** homeless, and again in 2010 following the floods, Scottish Bible Society supporters generously donated to help the people of Peru.



Now in 2012 we are asking for your support to help the Peruvian Bible Society develop their own version of **BIBLEWORLD**. They have ambitious plans for this project.

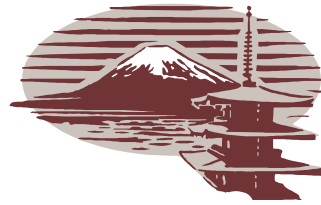
*"Our prayer is to reach 50,000 young people over the next five years and engage them with the Bible through the creation of BIBLEWORLD"* says Pablo Gurierez, programme Director of the Peruvian Bible Society.

**We urgently need your help to introduce more children, in both Scotland and Peru, to the Bible**



**Words For Life**  
St Pauls Parish Church Milngavie

## Japan Jottings



### Dear Friends

January was a busy month. Daniel and Matthew had plenty studies to be done in preparation for exams which take place as soon as they get back to Hebron. Term there starts on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Daniel is also in the process of applying to universities for entry later this year. We have had the fun of dealing with all that is required to prove home student status and so far things have worked out positively, though we know it can vary from place to place.

Here in Hiragishi we are anticipating a number of changes which will take place over the coming months. Richard and Catherine East will become the new leaders of the church later in the year but before that their second child should arrive (due early February). Our present co-workers (the Kochs) are expecting their first child soon too and will go for their first home assignment to Germany in May. We are glad that they will return here next year. Before they go we hope that Wataru, a young man who has been studying the Bible with us for over a year and who believed in Jesus towards the end of last year, will be baptised. We should have more on that next month.

Lorna continues each week with her English classes. It has been encouraging to see many of these children come to events we have held over the past two years. Each time there is a short Bible story (in Japanese) at the end and generally the children listen and engage well with this. We never know what seeds are being sown.

The church is growing slowly but steadily. Over the coming year there are a number of matters we want to think about, not least finding a suitable place for our Sunday worship to be used after we have moved out of our present house. Richard would also like to find a small office in the centre of Hiragishi which could be a place for inviting people and holding meetings as well as a work space. We appreciate your continued prayers for the work here in Hiragishi.

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

## 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> Milngavie Company, The Boys' Brigade

All three sections of the Company are in good heart with steady numbers and regular attendances. There are 12 Company Boys, two of whom are working hard towards gaining their Queen's Badge this year, 18 Junior Section Boys and 30 Anchor Boys.

They are led by 5 Lieutenants and several regular helpers. The Company were delighted that Mrs Linda Todd has recently completed her training and is a fully fledged Lieutenant, serving mainly with the Anchor Boys. The Staff work hard and, along with the Chaplain, Rev. John Macleod, make a good team.

The weekly activities are many and varied, all well-planned and interesting for each age group. There is plenty of time for fun, too, as well as badge work and games.

The Junior Section and Anchor Boys enjoyed the pantomime at Mugdock and the Company Boys enjoyed a riotous visit to Laser Planet. The Anchor Boys chose and sent lovely personal messages with their Christmas Gifts for the Preshal Trust in Glasgow. They also made and decorated the B.B. Christmas Tree at St. Paul's Festival and were very serious about the private prayers they put on the tree.

A highlight of 2011 was the presentation of the Boys' Brigade (Church of Scotland) World Mission Fund Trophy to our Anchor Boys for their outstanding efforts in raising £1055 for the Amity Foundation which is involved in China in environmental green projects and working with very

poor people in China.

The 2012 Project is already planned and the main activity will be in St. Paul's Church on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 2 p.m. This is a big day when the Anchor Boys have their sponsor event, "The Spring Walk," and there are displays about the Project and the week-by-week life of the Boys' Brigade and Afternoon Teas to be enjoyed.

A very warm welcome is extended to everyone who is interested in the B.B. to come and support us again. Many thanks to all who helped last year.

Now to the future. The Junior Section is looking forward to their Annual Burns Supper. All sections are getting ready to take part in the many Battalion activities and competitions which are planned in the coming months, ranging from Bible Knowledge through Sporting activities to Model-making and Drama. The Company Boys had a super time at the Battalion Camp in the summer and another is planned for this year.

All in all, this is an extremely busy group of people. The Boys, growing and developing;

The Staff and Helpers along with the Representatives' Committee, caring for our young boys as they grow towards Christian manhood; the Parents whose support is so necessary and much appreciated and St. Luke's, whose accommodation of all Sections is so generously given.

1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> Milngavie Company is thriving.



## Chanan Trust

During the period of Lent over the past few years the Congregation of St Paul's have collected tea, coffee etc. for Organizations who feed the people on the streets of Glasgow, also giving support.

This year it is intended to continue this during the period of Lent beginning on Sunday 26th February, 2012 for five Sundays. Boxes will be placed at the back of the Church for anyone who wishes to make a contribution.

This year it is intended to give the contribution to Chanan Trust who would appreciate donations of rice, pasta and pasta sauces. Please pray for this work on the streets of Glasgow and in Barlinnie prison.

### Norman Barlow



### Flower donations—February

Mrs. H. Kelly, Mrs. J. Ferguson, Mrs. E. Farmer, Mrs. M. Hiddleston, Mrs. P. Knaggs, Mrs. J. Pirie

Please put donations in Flower Rota pigeon hole at the back of the church or send to Mrs. W. Douglas, 34 Braeside Ave, Milngavie G62 6LJ



Phone 956 2630

## World Mission Diary for February

This month our prayer diary is focused on Nigeria

From the 1st of January the Nigerian government has removed fuel subsidies. The government says that this will allow 8 billion dollars to be used for projects to benefit the poor.

The fuel increase has a knock-on effect on the price of food. The Nigerian people have been holding strikes and demonstrations that have caused disruption in the country.

The Presbyterian Church of Nigeria's spokesperson says that there is also religious violence both to Christians and Muslims in the north of the country and people have been killed.

Please pray for the government of Nigeria, The Presbyterian Church of Nigeria and for peace to reign.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 2ND MARCH 2012

UNITED FREE CHURCH, MILNGAVIE AT 10.30am

"LET JUSTICE PREVAIL"  
written by the Christian  
women of Malaysia

**SPEAKER:**  
**REV. KATHY GALLOWAY**  
Scottish Director of Christian Aid

## The Guild



The Guild started off the New Year with a musical evening when our guests were The 3 Crows. They entertained us with their ukelele playing and singing and some jokes in between. The following week we were delighted to welcome Captain Lucy Mann from the Salvation Army. Lucy told us a little of the work she is involved with in Greenock with alcoholism and drug addiction and then led us in a challenging talk from Ezekiel telling us how God could help us breathe life into the driest soul. Then we had a wonderful Scottish evening with the New Kilpatrick Ceilidh Band, Dancers and soloist. As Life goes to print we look forward to hearing about "Who would be an Organist" and our programme for February is as follows :

- 6<sup>th</sup> Alison Higham – Scottish Mountains
- 13<sup>th</sup> David Carson - The Clydebank Blitz
- 20<sup>th</sup> Rev. Fergus Buchanan – Bible Study
- 27<sup>th</sup> Rev. Lachie Macleod MBE – Something for Romania.

We know that some of the men from the Men's Association will be joining us to hear about the Clydebank Blitz, so please do come along on any of the evenings if you would like to hear any of the speakers.

**Jean Scott**

### Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning on the **17th March** after the lenten service i.e. from 10am till 12noon.

The price of the ticket will be £2 and it is in aid of Glasgow Pregnancy Crisis Centre.

There will be a white elephant stall and a baking stall.  
If there are any enquiries I can be contacted at 942 1972.

**Marilyn Ure**

### Ouch!

The attendance on Sunday morning speaks of how popular is the church.

Sunday evening numbers reflect the popularity of the preacher.

The mid-week prayer meeting is a measure of how much people look to God.

### 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.

## Do you remember Great Heart?

When I attended Sunday School at St. Columba church in Helensburgh, we were regularly given an A4 sized magazine-type leaflet, called Great Heart, to take home. On the back page was a small section headed "Do you want a pen-pal?" I responded that I would like to write to an Australian girl of about my own age.

So in November 1951 I sent my first letter to my new pen-pal Jan in Sydney. Within three weeks she had replied, and we have been corresponding (by letter, and now email) for over 60 years! Fortunately we have also met a few times, mostly in Scotland.

My only visit to Jan was in March, 2010, when I revelled in the sights of Sydney and surrounding areas. I also went to morning service with her at her church, St. James' , Episcopal. Jan had been a Methodist when we first started corresponding, but changed to St. James' when she married.

Last April, 2011, Jan visited our home in Milngavie and worshipped with us on Easter Morning at St. Paul's. Jan and I said how thankful we were that, through our childhood churches, and Great Heart, we have such a warm and lasting friendship.

**Judith Townson**



## KOFFEE FOR KIMO

We are planning to hold a Coffee Morning in aid of the Kimo Peru Project on SATURDAY 24th MARCH from 10am - 12noon.

Latest news from 'our' home in Peru will be shared then. Please note the date and try to come. There will be fuller information in next month's 'Life', but if you think at this stage that you would like to help, please contact **Jean Scott** (956 5251) or **Eleanor Easton** (943 0368).

## Church Visitors and W.F.O. Envelopes - Advance Notice

The new W.F.O. envelopes for the coming year will be available at the back of the Church on Sunday 4th March 2012, and the W.F.O treasurer would be grateful if the Church Visitors, as in previous years, would deliver them along with Life.

**Jim McQueen**

## “Life and Work” Subscriptions

Please note that subscriptions for 'Life and Work' are now due. The cost for 12 issues during the year is £17.40 – a reduction of 35 pence per issue on the cover price of the magazine.

It would be appreciated if the money could be given to Church Visitors by the **end of March**, if possible. If paying by cheque please make it payable to St. Paul's Parish Church.

**Frances Ireland**



## Biblical Puzzle – can you find all 24 books mentioned below?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. Someone is said to have found it in a seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. One man from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his boat. Roy Clark studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Vinets mentioned it in her column once. One woman judges the job to be so involving she brews a cup of tea to calm her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot...that's a fact. Some people will soon find themselves in a jam especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalised. The truth is, from the answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have. Those able to find them all will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation may help; books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Punctuation or spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete. Remember there are twenty-four books of the Bible lurking somewhere in these paragraphs.

*We are assured that there are 24 books here but so far have only found 23. If anyone can identify them all, please apply to the editor and we will print answers next month!*

## Brigade Blethers

As always ,our first night back was a visit to the pantomime at the Kings and again, as always, it was great. The only complaint from the girls was that "the man didn't throw the sweeties high enough". In other words they didn't manage to catch any. Better luck next year.

By the time that you read this our Coffee Morning cum Jumble sale will be upon us so we hope that you will manage to come along on Saturday 11 February from 10.00am. We'll be grateful for any donations of jumble or home baking to sell on our stalls but we dont "do" clothes or electrical things any more. The Big hall will be open on the Friday from about 6.30pm to 8.00pm if you do have any treasures you want to part with.

Thursdays are now spent working out what we will get up to for the Display at the end of April. The badgework goes on as usual of course and I am glad that the Brigaders are tackling cooking projects because I get to be one of the official tasters.

Planning is well on the way for our Company weekend to Auchen-gillan in March but more about that next month.

**Anne Goodlet.**



## Global Poverty Prayer Movement 2012

At Tearfund we've got a couple of useful tools in our box. The sharpest of these is prayer - and we depend heavily on it. That's why we're hoping you'll join the One Voice Global Poverty Prayer Movement 2012.

Around the world, Christians and churches will be praying with one voice, about things that disturb God: poverty, injustice, corruption, children dying for lack of food...

Between **26th February and 4th March we'd love it if you'd pray with us** - and make ripples with those you know (friends, small group, church...) to get them on their knees with you!

See our website to find out how you can get involved. Let's pray our part. Let's depend on God.

### Get involved

Gather people to pray from **Sunday 26 February – Sunday 4 March 2012**.

In partnership with **Glasgow House Of Prayer** (GHOP) and **24-7 Prayer Scotland**, we are delighted to invite you to, **One Voice 2012: 24-hours**, exalting Jesus, praying for justice.

Come and unite with hundreds of Christians across Scotland at this dynamic 24hr prayer and worship event, as we gather together with One Voice in worship, prayer and praise.

Round the clock worship, celebration, intercession and reflection will be led by GHOP and worship teams from different churches in Scotland. A justice prayer room will be run concurrently by 24-7 Prayer Scotland, so there will be a style to suit all! We will also have a cafe and chill-out area to keep you refreshed (and awake!). We'll be launching the event on Friday 24th February. Come for as much or as little as you want.

### Details

**What:** 24 Hours of prayer and worship

**When:** Friday 24th February – Saturday 25th February, 8pm – 8pm

**Where:** Queen's Park Baptist, 20 Balvicar Dr, Glasgow, G42 8QS

For further information call 0141 332 3621

[www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org)

*"Prayer is where the action is"*  
**John Wesley**





## Milngavie Heritage Centre

The Milngavie Heritage Centre has been established for just over two years. During the very successful Heritage Week in August 2011, held in the former Court Room of Milngavie Town Hall, there were over 550 visitors including many children from the local schools. East Dunbartonshire Council has since granted M.H.C. the use of the Court Room for limited permanent displays and future scheduled exhibitions.

The next exhibition will be during the national **Local History Week, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2012**, (closed Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup>), with the theme for the event this year being "Sport". The Centre is hoping to make this Exhibition a worthwhile one for everyone to visit and enjoy and would be pleased to accept for display any items or photographs of significance and relevance to "Sport" from the community. To run the Exhibition, the Centre will need many volunteers to offer assistance in stewarding for a few hours and we would be pleased to hear from you if you can help.

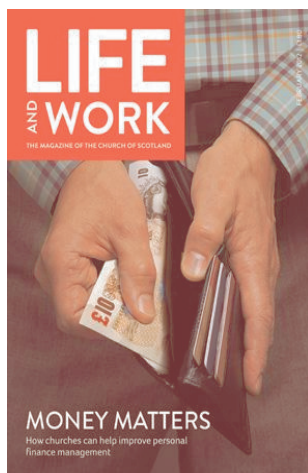
Please contact **Jim Russell at 956 2743** for the provision of display items or to volunteer assistance.

The Centre is a great place to lend or donate any items on any aspect of Milngavie which you would like to share.

Further information about the Exhibition and the M.H.C in general can be obtained from our website, [www.milngavieheritage.org](http://www.milngavieheritage.org)

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### Life and Work magazine—contents for February



#### Money Matters

- How churches and charities are helping people manage their money.
- A group from Glasgow learn financial lessons from an Indian model.
- The Director of Stewardship introduces the new national stewardship programme.
- The Big Question: What's the best piece of financial advice you have received?

#### Justice for the Poor

Tearfund's One Voice week of prayer and highlights how congregations can be involved. Plus, the campaign to have Scotland recognised as a Fair Trade Nation.

# CHURCH REGISTER

## DEATHS

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

25.12.11 Mr John Webster, Ash Grove Residential Care Home	71
4.1.12 Mrs Mary Thomson, 32 Allander Rd	13
5.1.12 Mr John Goldie, 40 Braehead Ave.,	
11.1.12 Mr Sam McCormick, Flat 22, 1 Oakburn Ave.,	23
12.1.12 Mr J W Baird, Erskine Nursing Home	41
22.1.12 Mrs Margaret Macfeat, Campsie View Nursing Home,	51

Please note copy date (the last date for submissions) for March Life is Sunday 19th Feb if using church pigeon hole or Wednesday 22nd if emailing. Email to [rona.dawson@go.uk.com](mailto:rona.dawson@go.uk.com) or ph 944 4198.

The Editor apologises to anyone who may have sent an article that hasn't appeared in this edition—our computer server died during the week before printing and some information was lost. We tried to track down some of the items but as you may imagine, but it was a bit fraught at the last minute. If it's still relevant for the March issue please send again.

Date	Flower Deliveries	Crèche Rota	Traidcraft Rota	Vestibule Rota
<b>5 Feb</b>	M Conway M Macpherson	Wallis Berry	L Cowie C McKinnon	<b>Team 5</b> Douglas Martin
<b>12 Feb</b>	A Galloway J Townson	Reid Lawrie	R Raeburn H Reid	<b>Team 6</b> Shirley Dunlop (EC)
<b>19 Feb</b>	M McIntyre M Spencer	Wilson Chapman	B Watson M Conway	<b>Team 7</b> Robert McGowan
<b>26 Feb</b>	P Dudgeon S Lindsay	McCreadie Sillars	M Ure R Fraser	<b>Team 8</b> Douglas Rogerson
<b>4 Mar</b>	M Thomson E Izatt	Goodlet Deuchar	A Begg J MacLean	<b>Team 9</b> Graham Getty