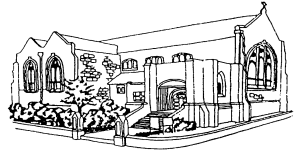


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Life

April 2005



Up to about two decades ago the name James Bond was mainly unknown and the Bond films themselves were simply unattainable in the Communist East. It was a bit later when video tapes of the Bond movies (mostly pirate and several times copied) were smuggled into the country and in some secret studio a Romanian voice-over was added that often was out of sync. Yet the secret film sessions in homes always attracted large crowds. This is my first memory encountering the famous 007. Initially the films were exciting and thrilling, but after a time they became quite predictable. James always got out of trouble regardless how hopeless the situation has been. Whether he was tied up upside down, dangling over a pool filled with vicious sharks, or being targeted by a laser beam, he always survived and accomplished his task: saving Western civilisation.

Although the films are predictable nevertheless they are quite entertaining. The tricks, the catchphrases and the technological gadgets are always appealing to boys, even if they approach forty!

So it is a great pleasure to re-watch the well known scenes and re-utter the classic phrases every Friday night in front of the television screen. It is good to have a super hero on whom you can rely, who never disappoints you. But it is a great pity that he is just a fictional character and not real.

Although we do not have a real life James Bond, but we have a real life Saviour, Jesus Christ, in whom we can have our hope that never disappoints us. He does not need tricks, or super thrifty gadgets to accomplish His purpose. On Good Friday Jesus was in a hopeless situation, arrested, flogged and brutally crucified. Even his disciples lost all hope. But Christ conquered the enemy that threatened him. He was victorious over death and Satan. And He is victorious in every situation. It is good to know the outcome that he always wins. That's why it is so important for us to remain in Him, for apart from Him we can do nothing.

May His presence and blessing make you victorious in all things you do for His glory.

With His love,

George Vidits

CHURCH REGISTER		
<u>DISJUNCTIONS</u>		
Mr & Mrs K Morrison, 2 Williamson Court, North Berwick		
<u>DEATHS</u>		
<i>Jesus said: 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'</i>		
4.3.05	Miss Mabel Clark, Blanefield House, Blanefield	4
7.3.05	Mrs Jean Steel, 28 Glasgow Road, Milngavie	55
20.3.05	Mrs Muriel Butler, 30 Campsie Drive, Milngavie	9

.Tribute to Drew Thomson who died on 13th December 2004

If there is a key to understanding Drew Thomson's character it was his compassion. It's a frequently misunderstood word but literally what it means is the ability to get alongside someone in trouble and understand something of their pain.

Drew was often intrigued, even puzzled, that people seemed to open up to him so easily. Sometimes what began with a casual conversation with someone in the village would end with Drew listening to worries and anxieties. He couldn't explain it and at first neither could I. But when you understand more about Drew and all that he went through in his life then it's not surprising that so many people found him to be a sympathetic listener.

At his funeral service, Drew's cousin, George Robertson told us of his war experiences and the challenges he faced in his personal life. It might seem that he was asked to go through more painful and troubled days than many of us experience. It was this that gave him an affinity with other people's struggles.

It was a tremendous gift for someone who was called to serve the Church as an Elder and none of us who are part of the St Paul's family will ever forget what he contributed to our witness and what he gave to us in time of need.

There could be a sharp edge to Drew, of course. He was one of those people who was totally immune to a person's status. He was never disrespectful but he believed men and women had to earn respect by their standards and integrity.

All this was important to the person Drew was but we should never forget that he was essentially a cheerful person with a ready smile and a fondness for banter.

Drew ended his life as he had lived his early years, facing the challenges and digging deep into his personal and spiritual resources. The loss of his health and more particularly the loss of Peggy often left him at a low ebb. It was remarkable, though, to see how Drew could hold things together. A lot of that had to do with the support he received from Andrew who went beyond what any parent would expect of a son and Drew was deeply grateful.

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Impact News

2005 will be another busy summer for Impact leaders and teamers.

From Alford in the north to Whithorn in the south, over the months of July and August teams of young (and not so young) Christians will be sharing the Good News of Jesus in around 20 parishes throughout Scotland.

Some missions will be run by the local congregation while other churches will be inviting in a team to run activities for the young people and children of the area.

Douglas Martin will for the final time be leading a team of around 10 young people in an outreach to the children of Downfield in Dundee. It is hoped that this final year will enable the local congregation to carry forward the work in the years to come. The mission in Downfield will run from Saturday 16 to Sunday 24 July. As in previous years there will activities for the children in the morning and evening, as well as a concert night and a congregational quiz event.

Mission teams are open to all ages (under 16s with parental consent). All that is needed is a desire to spread the Gospel to children and young people and to share in the witness of a local congregation to its parish.

If anyone is interested in being involved on an Impact mission in 2005, then you should speak to Douglas who can give details of the Downfield mission and other missions taking place during the summer. Please do remember that all teamers must complete Child Protection training and undergo the normal Church of Scotland Child Protection procedures before being allowed on a team: all applications therefore need to be in as soon as possible.

World Mission Prayer Diary for April

We would remember the Moderator, Dr. Alison Elliot as she visits Poland and the Czech Republic during the first week of April.

We would also remember Sandy Sneddon as he continues his tour with a visit to partner churches in Burma.the following week.

We pray for all who are organising events for The Global Week of action on Trade Justice which will take place from 10th to 16th. April.

Rev John Purves of St. Andrew Colombo says that his congregation are trying to assess areas in Sri Lanka that are liable to fall through the net of government and aid projects ,to try to be able to help the people in this situation . We ask God`s blessing upon their work.

Scottish Bible Society

The total sum donated to this year's Bible Sunday appeal was £612.50. When the tax has been recovered from the Gift Aid Declarations this should increase the amount to just over £700. Many thanks to everyone who supported this appeal.

Grace Rogerson, Frances Ireland

St Paul's Church Society – Summer Outing – Rosslyn Chapel near Edinburgh – Saturday 21st May

A date for your Diary!! –

Arrangements are currently underway for the above outing to the world renowned historic Chapel at Rosslyn. Further details will be in future Church Weekly Intimation Sheets, but it is expected that the Coach would depart Milngavie Station at around 12.30pm. Cost will also be notified as soon as arrangements are confirmed.

The Committee looks forward to another interesting and enjoyable visit in the company of the Society's Members and friends.

Iris T. Torbet, Secretary & Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT St Paul's Parish Church - Stated Annual Meeting 09.03.2005

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Congregational Board, I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2004. In what was an eventful year in the life of the church it may well be that, the disruption caused by the building work could be part of the reason why our General giving fell short of the budget and was below the giving for 2003. We finished the year with a slight deficit, but fortunately, our expenditure was less than expected because the building work was behind schedule or it may have been greater.

On the other hand, the giving to our local needs was exceptional, and the Congregational Board is indeed grateful for the generous response of the Congregation to the Gift Day on the 11th September 2004. They were greatly encouraged by this support when unforeseen problems arose with the drainage, rising damp under the stage area and the guttering between the Reid Room and the east wall of the church. The Board were also grateful to receive a grant of £2000 from the Bellahouston Bequest Fund. If our applications are successful, there is a possibility we may receive a further £3000 in grants. The Loan of £120000 from the Church of Scotland Trustees was not drawn down until late in December due to the work being behind schedule. The repayments will begin in September 2005 for a period of five years, payments being due twice annually in March and September each year, but we are due to pay interest in March 2005. From the giving to the 'Restoration in Faith' Appeal, by members who pledged to give over the next five years to repay the loan, it would appear at the end of December 2004 that we are generating sufficient income to satisfy the loan repayments. However, I would add a word of caution here because if we encounter any major fabric problems we may find ourselves in difficulty. Needless to say, the 'Restoration in Faith' Appeal finished up in deficit, but that was expected to happen.

The Overseas Missionary Projects Fund is in surplus having serviced our commitment to the Ferguson Support and given a donation of £2000 to the India Ministries Fellowship. There is sufficient money in the Fund to donate to Overseas Projects again this year.

On a personal note, I thank-

1. The Ministers, Kirk Session, the Congregational Board and particularly, the Finance Committee of the Board who met more often than usual last year.
2. The Conveners who help me throughout the year, Liz Traill, Barbara Lawson and Jim McQueen.
3. All who helped over the summer months to prepare for and organise the Gift Day and all who helped to provide refreshments on the day.
4. Helen Arnold and her husband Alaisdair for preparing the Power Point presentation although I believe Alaisdair this year played a consultants role.
5. Anne O'Hagan and her Staff for their help and advice throughout the year and making sure my Inland Revenue returns were correct and on time.

n behalf of the Congregational Board, I thank-

1. Anne O'Hagan of Bell Barr and Company for carrying out the audit of the Accounts on our behalf during a very busy time for her and her Staff.
2. Cathy Buchanan, Jean Ferguson and Frances Ireland for sorting the Accounts into bundles for distribution.
3. A special thanks to all the Church Visitors whose services we relied on many times in the last year for various deliveries to each home.
4. The Congregation for their support and encouragement by their giving to ensure the continuance of the Gospel here, the upkeep and development of the building and being mindful of our obligation to Overseas Missions.

As you are all aware, we had a Christian Giving Review in January this year. Over 800 cards were distributed and 176 have so far been returned. The vast majority of those returned have indicated an increase in giving. The increases have begun to kick into the system but I am unable to give a meaningful analysis until I have posted all the details for March. There has been movement in the ways of giving and an increase in the number giving through the Gift Aid Scheme. Thanks to the Stewardship Committee for their input and guidance in organising the Review and to Helen Arnold for making and printing the cards.

Throughout what has been a busy year for all of involved in 'Project 2006', there have been low dmes and high tunes, in fact there were many times when we ploughed the depths of despair which others may not have been aware of or even noticed. During the times of despair I was always encouraged by reading 1 Chronicles 29 where we learn about David's plan for building the Temple. It made me smile because I felt sure he too would have had his critics and his son Solomon would have an enormous snagging list on completion of such a splendid building. It is significant that David gave generously from his own wealth for a building he would never see and was forbidden to build. His generosity inspired others to give and the people rejoiced for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord. I have always had the feeling from the inception of 'Project 2006' that the Congregation had encapsulated some of this spirit by their giving and commitment to repay our necessary borrowing. There have been those who were enthusiastic about the Project, involved in the initial planning and contributed to the funds that sadly are no longer with us. We are grateful to them for their contribution to a future in which they would not play a part. In this respect, we are similar to those who contributed to the building of a Temple they never saw but would be a tremendous benefit to the generations coming after them.

In my Daily Bible reading notes, I have gone a little ahead of the present to a reading on Luke 16:13 where Jesus warns we cannot serve two masters. The writer points out that Jesus often talked about money. He says that how we handle money reveals much about our priorities and that is why Jesus talked so much about it One sixth of the Gospels' content, including one out of every three parables, touches on stewardship. The writer George Buttrick said, "Of all the masters the soul can choose, there are at the last only two - God and money. All choices, however small, however the alternatives may be disguised, are but variants of this choice". The question this poses for all of us, is do our accounts show that Jesus is the Master in our lives?

Congregational Treasurer

Extracts from letters received by the Treasurer acknowledging Donations

Lodging House Mission

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for the gift of £500 given for the work of LHM. Our visitors face addictions, poverty, unemployment, shame, mental health problems and struggles with low self-esteem from failing to succeed in a society that now values individual success at the expense of the community. We are able with your assistance to offer help to those who can grasp it and care to those who cannot. Thank you for your partnership with us through your generosity.

Yours sincerely - Rev. Andrew Low

Open Door Trust

Dear Angus,

It is with our most sincere and grateful thanks that we acknowledge receipt of your cheque for £500.

We not only appreciate you thinking about us, but also your kindness and generous giving to the work we are involved in with the disadvantaged people of Glasgow. May we take this opportunity again of thanking all at St Paul's Church for helping us to 'Rebuild Broken Lives'.

Warmest Regards - Hugh McKenna (Director)

Scottish Bible Society

Dear Angus,

On behalf of the SBS, I offer my thanks for your congregation's gift of £550 received via Dr Grace Rogerson. Over the past year, donations of £4911.42 were received from churches in the Bearsden and Milngavie area. Your donation is much appreciated, and could you pass my thanks to all at St Paul's Church for their continued support.

Yours in Christ - David W Jack (Treasurer)

Christian Aid

Dear Mr Maclean,

I am happy to acknowledge receipt of your donation of £3925 in response to the Asia Disaster Appeal. The support is greatly appreciated and will make a difference to the work of Christian Aid's partners. Christian Aid will work in the region for the long term - working with our partner organisations, as they rebuild for the future. Please remember Christian Aid in your prayers.

Yours sincerely - Angela German (Admin Assistant)

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India Ministries Fellowship

Dear Angus,

It was an amazing surprise on seeing the cheque for £2000 from St Paul's Church. Heartfelt thanks to all at St Paul's Church for the generous gift, which will make an enormous difference to the lives of the children in our project.

Kindest Regards - Susan Scott (Treasurer)

Tear Fund

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your gift of £2139 in response to our Sudan Appeal. Tear Fund is committed to support long-term recovery in the area and the people of Darfur will need help to the end of 2005. Thank you for joining with us to make this possible and we will ensure your gift will go to those who need it most.

Yours

Sincerely - Margery Jackson (Admin Assistant)

Feed the Minds

Dear Mr Maclean,

Thank you very much for your gift of £450. SPCK and FTM strive to meet the needs in places where Christian communication, education or publishing is hampered by disease or conflict. Your donation will make a big difference to their ability to carry out their mission. Thanks for your prayers and continued support. Yours sincerely - Sue Parkes (Director FTM)

OMF

Dear Mr Maclean,

Thank you for your donation of £2000 for the support of David and Lorna Ferguson. We would be grateful if you could pass on our thanks to all whose giving and praying is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely - John Pottinger (Finance Team Leader)

David & Lorna Ferguson

Dear Angus,

Although we intimated our thanks in the February 'Life' we write to thank you for

the gift of £2000 from the church in December. We are always greatly encouraged to receive this financial support.

Please convey our warm thanks to all with our love.

David, Lorna and the boys

THE GUILD

The Guild came to the end of another successful session with a very interesting talk on organic soap by Mr J Little of Caurnie Organics. It was followed on 12th. March with our Coffee Morning, when the total of £641 was raised. Our thanks go to all who supported the event, by attending or giving donations.

It was a very enjoyable morning.

The A.G.M.brought our session to a close, and after the conclusion of business we were entertained by our retiring President, Mrs. Margaret White, who sang a variety of songs interspersed with memories of her life with music.

The Office Bearers and Committee for 2005-2006 are as follows:-

PRESIDENT	Mrs. J. Scott
VICE-PRESIDENT	Mrs. M. Forbes
SECRETARY	Miss M. McKenzie
ASST. SECRETARY	Mrs. M. Mc Dowell
TREASURER	Mrs. M. Shearlaw
ASST. TREASURER	Mrs. H. Seath
PROJECT PARTNER	Mrs. E. Blackadder
TEA CONVENERS	Miss M. Thomson Mrs. M. Donaldson
VISITORS TO SICK	Mrs. H. Kelly
AND HOUSEBOUND	Mrs. G. Morrison
COMMITTEE	Mrs. I. Batey, Mrs. I. More, Miss A. Martin, Mrs. M. Pollock, Mrs. M. Spencer, Mrs. I. Strang

The outing to Largs is on Tuesday 31st. May, followed by High Tea at the Brisbane Hotel. The bus leaves Milngavie Station Car Park at 1 p.m.

We wish you all an enjoyable summer, and look forward to seeing all our members at the start of the new session in October.

ADVANCE NOTICE --- COFFEE MORNING FOR THE FERGUSONS SAT.MAY 21st

Please put this date in your diaries: the Sunday School and Bible Class are planning a Coffee Morning for everyone, with stalls, competitions, games and activities.

Do try to attend because all the proceeds go to the Ferguson Family in Japan.

TRADCRAFT NEWS

Traidcraft Rota

April 3rd. S.Rollings J.MacIntyre

April 10th. G.Buchanan A.Martin

April 17th. Communion

April 24th. S.Dunlop L. Cowie

May 1st. B.Frame B.Barr

May 8th. B.Watson M.Conway

FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING

We are organising a Traidcraft coffee morning on Saturday April 30th.from 10.30 to12.30

*(date & time to be confirmed)*There will be many items for sale from the wide range of goods that traidcraft offers.

We hope also to hold an informal fashion show while the coffee is being served,to illustrate some of the clothes seen in the catalogue.

CHRISTIAN AID

Make Poverty History' is a unique UK alliance of charities, trade unions, campaigning groups, faith communities and celebrities who are mobilising around key opportunities in 2005 to drive forward the struggle against poverty and injustice. To show their support many people are wearing a white wristband with the words '**Make Poverty History.**'

A supply of these is available at the back of the church and a donation of £1 would be appreciated

FUND RAISING

The Lenten Lunch on Sunday 13th March raised the magnificent sum of £460 for Christian Aid.

The Silent Auction (19th. March) raised £725

Many thanks to everyone who supported these two events.

MEMO The annual sponsored **Bridge Walk** across Erskine Bridge takes place on Saturday 23rd. April. Sponsor forms at the back of the church

Christian Aid Week– collectors required for week beginning 15th. May
Please enter your name in the form at the back of the church

BRIGADE BLETHERS

The highlight of the year for many Girls' Brigade Companies is the Annual Display, but here in the 82nd it has to be the Company weekend to Auchengillan. So - on Friday evening, 25 February, cars rolled up, doors flew open, and girls, sleeping bags and HUGE cases piled out while parents escaped down the drive leaving us to cope with 50 hyper young ladies ! We were still dealing with them at 2.30am ! If you want to see a guilty look on the faces of some of the older girls just ask them what kind of hair mousse they use.

However, Saturday morning 7.30am was pay-back time as we dragged the girls out of bed to go crate climbing, grass sledging, abseiling and jumping about on a Bouncy castle -all in glorious freezing sunshine.

Saturday evening is party time at Auchengillan and this year we had a Magician to entertain. Forget your fancy TV programmes, Pat Dougan had the Juniors (and Officers) rolling with laughter. The "biggies" were trying to act "cool" but confessed afterwards that they had enjoyed it too. Our very own "Stars in their eyes" was excellent as usual. We have some real talent in the Company.

Alex McEwan appeared as always on Sunday morning to lead us in worship then we all went for a walk down towards the Burncrooks dam. We ran out of time before we got there so it was a bit of a gallop back up to the Chalet for lunch and the big clean-up.

I seem to remember the leaders vowing, on the Friday night, that never, never, never again would we go away with 50 girls. But hey! That was a couple of weeks ago - the girls are great fun and we had a ball. Roll on Auchengillan 2006. Anne

Mozambique Memories - Stephen Buchanan

'it was a very narrow street • a ravine of tall leprous houses, lurching towards one another in queer attitudes, as though they had all been frozen in the act of collapse.'

Seventy years after publication of these words, George Orwell's narrative of a poverty-stricken Paris is all too simply transferred to a description of many parts of the world. One of these cities, Maputo, bears deep scars which have not yet healed.

The streets of this postcolonial nightmare reveal the echoes of a country raped by the west and devastated by war. Gutted buildings being used as makeshift rubbish tips; beggars with gangrenous injuries holding out their withered hands; dust covered children sleeping at the side of the road. Harsh realities such as these show that, in my opinion, one war has been replaced by a far more destructive disharmony.

The vast majority of my work revolved around a small community centre. Situated in the heart of a densely populated and lively barrio on the edge of the city, the centre served as an office, study, youth centre and health clinic. People came seeking advice, extra tuition or simply to find someone on whom they could unload a torrent of anger and frustration.

It took 3 weeks to organise sexual health classes for some of the local teenagers. While preparing, I was handed a copy of a study involving 5000 residents of Maputo. Each person was given a free blood test - 50% were found to be HIV positive. In truth, no amount of money, aid, preservatives or humanitarian intervention can neutralise this situation.

While preparing our sexual health classes, we had the opportunity to spend time with and team from young Mozambicans. Each of these children (between the ages of 4 and 14) had an exceptional amount of energy which, when harnessed, revealed a ravenous desire for knowledge. I was unsure whether handing maths exercises to these fun-loving kids would prove a successful venture. However, in the end there were never enough to go around. Encouraging as it was to see such enthusiasm for learning the standards of ability, in many cases, proved worrying. I remember spending an afternoon with a 14 year-old girl who, despite mine and her best efforts, was unable to understand the basic concept of multiplication. On the other hand I found myself useless when asked to explain '*quadratic functions*' (whatever they are) to an older friend. Generally, progression beyond High School is unlikely as only 2 of the 9 Universities in Mozambique are publicly funded. There is also the possibility of being unable to attend Primary School due to annual education fees and a lack of earnings.

The sexual health classes proved quite successful. Clearly, discussing sex, condoms and STDs with a group of young adults can prove quite awkward at first. Eventually though, most people (whether from Scotland or Mozambique) seem to become more comfortable with the subject. One discussion remains

in my mind. While explaining the clangers of prostitution to one group, a 14 year old girl left us, quite literally speechless. Essentially she made the point that selling ones body is far more profitable than the standard line of work and would easily support a family. Unable to think of a quick response to defeat this point we committed the worst sin possible in a sexual health class - we changed the subject. After 5 minutes of brainstorming we were able to respond by highlighting (again) the risk to a persons health. I could not be sure if this girl had been convinced.

Teaching everyone, not just teenagers, about safe-sex and sexual health is essential, whether at home or abroad. In 2002 statistics showed that 3 million people died from AIDS/HIV. This means that in the 2 minutes 30 seconds (times may vary) it has taken to read this article, 15 people have lost their lives to this disease.

Some sources about HIV and AIDS (there are literally thousands more)

Kedron Choir Jubilee Celebration

with Catherine Fish soprano

Saturday April 23

7pm

Bearsden Baptist Church

14 Roman Road, Bearsden

Tickets £12, concession £10

Includes Buffet Supper

From 0141 956 3230

EDITOR'S NOTE

Earlier this year, anxiety was expressed about the future of Lodging House Mission, The Well and Churches House, as funding would no longer be available from the Board of National Mission. It had been hoped to include some up to date news about this, but lack of space precludes it in this issue of 'Life'.

Japan Jottings

Dear Friends

The snow is at last on its way out, though as this is being written, we are looking out again on a white Otaru following an overnight fall of snow. It is now the school holidays here, although this time they only last for a week and a half. The new school year begins on 6th April and Calum will also be back to kindergarten then. April is always a time of change in Japan as people change job – often moved by their companies at quite short notice.

For us in the church, April also sees the start of some new things. As we said last time, our kids' work is taking on a different format with weekly English classes and a monthly kids' club. Pray that just the right numbers would come along and that there would be real opportunities over the coming year to share something of Jesus' love and the message of the gospel with all those we interact with. Many churches in Japan would have a theme for the new church year – this year ours is 'Towards Maturity! Towards the Future!' We really hope to see this year as a time of growing and building up as well as a time to look ahead to the transition to a Japanese pastor.

It has been exciting recently to see our small church building full on several occasions. We already know that a few of our people will be leaving Otaru this year so it would be great to begin to build bridges with more in the community here and see many more coming through to living faith in Jesus. Easter is not really known in Japan but the message of Easter is one we always seek to bring to the people we meet here. Pray on that many Japanese may find the peace and new life which only Jesus can offer.

With our love and thanks



FLOWER ROTAS APRIL

Donations

Mrs. Sinclair
Mrs. More
Mrs. M. Rae
Mrs. C. Mackay
Mrs. Cairns
Mrs. J. McGregor
Mrs. H. Lindsay

Deliveries

April 3	Mrs. J. Anderson	Mrs. A. Gibson
April 10	Mrs. M. Abbott	Mrs. T. Douglas
April 17	Mrs. L. Hughes	Mrs. R. Buchanan
April 24	Mrs. P. Barlow	Mrs. M. McDowell
May 1	Mrs. A. McLean	Mrs. J. Ford



CRECHE ROTA APRIL

3 April	Richell– Mcfarlane– Reid– Bolton
10 April	Baxter – Martin – MacKinnon – Hughes
17 April	MacAuley – Lawrie – Goodlet – Smith
24 April	Cockburn – Fleming – Buchanan –Richell
1 May	McFarlane – Reid – Bolton – Kerr

Dear Crèche Helper,

Please find below the rota for the coming weeks. Several people have left the rota but we do have one new helper, Mrs Jane Kerr, and two ladies waiting clearance from child protection.

For your information the toys for crèche are now being stored in the right hand cupboard in the waiting room, just outside the vestry. The cupboard is just above the high backed chairs which stay in this room.

Once again please swap your duty if you are unable to manage on a particular Sunday and thanks for your help.

NB TRAIDCRAFT ROTA ON PAGE 11

The magazine is published on the first Sunday of every month. Contributions for the next issue should be handed to the Editor or left in the box in the Waiting Room by the 20th. April (NB –this is earlier than normal) Editor– Morag Thomson, 36, Roselea Drive(956-2801) E mail mthomson@beeb.net