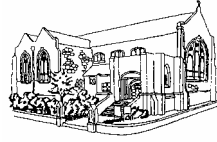


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Life

January 2006



Happy New Year

'On Friday, 12th January, 1906, the second Milngavie Parish Church was dedicated at a special service, the sermon being preached and the "hallowing prayer" offered by the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Right Reverend Andrew J. Milne, LL.D., Fyvie, and the Presbytery holding a special meeting thereafter to declare the new building the church of the parish.'

These are the facts as recorded in our congregational history and this year we celebrate the centenary of the dedication of our building. It promises to be an exciting year with many special events planned which I hope will not merely concentrate on the past but inspire us to carry our witness forward into the future.

The first of these will be our January celebration of the Lord's Supper which, falling as it does on 15 January, is close to the actual day of the dedication. I am delighted that Rev Emily Campbell will preach the sermon that day. Emily is remembered with great affection by all who knew her and benefited from her ministry in St Paul's so her return will give our centenary celebrations the best of all possible starts.

It is not usually the case that tea and coffee are served after the service on a Communion Sunday but our new halls accommodation has now made this possible so we will have the opportunity to have further fellowship with Emily.

I trust you have had a happy Christmas and New Year and that the services have been a help to you in bringing the reality of Christ to your heart. It is because of Him and His love for us that we continue as a living witness here in Milngavie. May He sustain us and empower us in the year ahead.

CHURCH REGISTER

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs May Jenkins , 25 Ladywood, Milngavie	6
now 34 Fairview Court, Milngavie	18A
Mrs Gayle McKean , 17 Whitelee Gate, Newton Mearns	70
now 39 Roselea Drive, Milngavie	7
Miss Jill Hamilton , 97 Station Road, Milngavie	3
now 8 Roman Drive, Bearsden	45

DEATHS

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

8.12.05 Mr James Allison, 12 Craigielea Crescent, Milngavie 34

Editor 'Life'

The June issue of 'Life' will be the last under the present editor - ship. Applications for the post should be addressed to the Session Clerk, Mr. Ian Mackinnon.

This is a challenging , but not time-consuming position. Computing knowledge is useful, but where this is lacking, assistance can be given in acquiring word-processing skills.

Upright Piano, Ritzmar , reasonable condition, good tone – available free to a good home. Also substantial single pedestal desk, size, 5'8" x 2'8", surplus to Church's requirements interested?

Apply to Church Office ☎956 4405

World Mission Diary for January

During the month of January may our World Mission prayers will be concentrated on the work that is being done in Malawi, especially through the Church of Scotland HIV/AIDS project. A video called "What can I do ? " was sent to all the partners in Africa . In Malawi it has been used in the Chigodi Women`s Training Centre where it has been used to try to change the behaviour of people and therefore reduce HIV transmission.

The Moderator Rev David Lacy and his wife Joan are visiting Malawi from the 5th. to 11th. January . They will visit projects in Blantyre Synod and also Livingstonia Synod. We would pray for them as they carry out these visits.

We would pray for Malawi, its people and government , the problems they face including instability and the threat of hunger.

SCOTTISH BIBLE SOCIETY

Thanks to everyone who supported the sponsored walk organised by the Bearsden and Milngavie Branch at Mugdock on 8th October. All those who took part enjoyed the fellowship - and the exercise! We were fortunate to have a dry and sunny morning - a real window in the weather as it rained both before and after the walk. The total sum raised by the Branch was £528 which will be used for the Society's work with children in Romania..

Frances Ireland

COFFEE AND MINCE PIES

The sum raised at this event was £424 which has been donated to The Disabled Trust for Scotland.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event - especially to those who served the tea and coffee and who worked in the kitchen. Thanks also to the Praise Group whose playing contributed to the festive atmosphere and was much appreciated.

Liz Traill and Frances Ireland.

**CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS
AUCTION OF TREASURES & GIFT DAY
SATURDAY, 11TH MARCH 2006**

As part of the Centenary Celebrations, and as many Members of the Congregation may well know, an Auction of Treasures and Gift Day is being held in the Large Hall, Baldernock Road, Milngavie on Saturday, 11th March 2006. There will be a professional Auctioneer, Mrs. Anita Manning of Great Western Auctions Limited, Glasgow, who will conduct the Auction.

When delivering the Communion Cards for the January Communion, Elders will be delivering to Members an intimation about the Auction and along the bottom of that intimation there is a tear-off slip to enable Members to donate items for the Auction and to make arrangements with their Elder for the uplifting of these items. A further copy of the tear-off slip is enclosed with this magazine.

In order to enable all Treasures to be properly indexed and catalogued prior to the Auction, it would be helpful if all Members of the Congregation would make arrangements with their Elder for these items to be uplifted before 28th February 2006 and these will then be engathered and properly indexed and catalogued timeously for the Auction.

It is anticipated that there will be a viewing of the items for Auction between 10.00am and 12.00 Noon on Saturday 11th March and the Auction itself will take place between 1.00pm and 3.00pm. All Members of the Congregation are warmly invited to attend and to bid the highest possible prices (!) to enable a substantial fund to be raised for the benefit of the Fabric Fund.

Any Member who feels they have no Treasure to donate, can, on the day, make a cash donation and Angus McLean the Congregational Treasurer will be available on the day to receive such cash donations.

(Please use form on the following page)

I have the following items which I will donate and would like uplifted.

1.
Possible Reserve Price

2.
Possible Reserve Price

Name:
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BB NEWS

From :- The Secretary of the Company Management Committee
Ian M. W. Taggart, 7. Tannoch Drive, Milngavie, G62 8BA To:- Church Newsletter
Editor/Secretary of Supporting Churches.

Press Material from the 12th Milngavie Company. The Boys' Brigade. Dec. 2005.

Dear Sir/Madam,

As part of the support this committee can give our new amalgamated Company, I believe that keeping our congregations informed is the most important. I shall endeavour to provide helpful, interesting and encouraging news periodically as this becomes available.

The Company will be most grateful if you will pass on our news and encourage recruitment of young boys within your congregation to the following Sections:-

Anchor Boys (P2 & P3). Teams meet in the BB Hall in Sinclair Street and St Lukes Church Hall, Kirk Street.

Junior Section (P4, P5 & P6). Meet in St Lukes Church Hall, Kirk Street. **Company Section** (P7, S1, S2, S3 & S4). Meet in St Lukes Church Hall, Kirk Street.

A Senior Section has formed for older boys of S5 & S6, which we hope will be the foundation for W/O training, leadership experience and ultimately officer promotion to support the present loyal and hard working staff.

I have attached a leaflet giving full information on the above sections which can be attached to your notice board.

B.B Hews¹.-

Boys of all sections of the 1st/2nd Milngavie Company have been putting in steady regular attendance during the past autumn session with good turn out also to their Founders Day Service of Dedication and Enrolment at St Lukes Parish Church. The Company Section also attended the parade to the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday and took part in the wreath laying along with the other organisations.

The company has excelled in the sports field with two Senior Section boys taking 1st and 3rd places in the Annual Lennox and Argyll Battalion Autumn Golf Tournament. A team from the Company Section came in 2nd in a battalion football tournament held at Knightswood in December. A week later attending a B.B. Scottish National 1st Round stage took 4th place and go forward to the 2nd Round in Kirkcaldy in the New Year. We wish them much success in this stage. The Company Management Committee supported by all the Milngavie Churches, St Pauls, St Lukes, St Andrews, Allander, United Free and Cairns has got down to work in handling matters in administration and any matter which enables the active staff of officers and instructors more time to devote hands on working with their sections, (currently Baldernock Parish Church and St Joseph's have supported our school recruitment programme and hopefully, in due course, other areas also.

We would like to think that district elders and congregational members will spread the good news of the revival of the B.B. and will encourage sons and grandsons to become members of this " Finest Club for Boys ever Created".

The Management Committee are organising a Jumble Sale to be held in the B.B. Hall, Sinclair Street, on Saturday 25th February 2006. Management Committee Members are interested in receiving Jumble now. Any members of the congregation who wish to donate items can deliver them to the B.B. Hall and for opening times please phone Mr Ian Ferguson 956 3963 or Mr Alex McEwan 956 5712.

Finally, while the Company continues to grow in all its aspects, recruitment of instructors, leaders and other officer staff is most essential for further growth of an exciting programme and handling further intake of new boys. Church members with B.B. boy, officer or helper experience are earnestly invited to participate in training now in preparation for next sessions programme commencing September 2006. Mr Stuart Sharkie, this years Acting Captain, 956 2027 and Rev Ramsay B. Shields, this years Chaplain, 577 9171 will be very pleased to meet any willing volunteer, lady or gentleman, who is prepared to serve on the staff of this new company and enjoy the privilege and experience of keeping young with our enthusiastic band of boys and in leading them in the Object of the Boys' Brigade.

Ian M.W. Taggart. Secretary, Company Management Committee.

Enrolment for the new amalgamated Milngavie Company is still open for year 2005/2006, for boys of all groups from P2 to S4 class ages. A successful start in early September with experienced B.B. staff and parent helper instructors has ensured continuity of The Boys' Brigade locally.

COME NOW AND JOIN THE BOYS' BRIGADE

ANCHOR BOYS at St. Luke's Church Hail 6.15-7.15

For P2 & P3 Boys - Every Monday Evening

ANCHOR BOYS at B.B. Hall. Sinclair Street 6.15-7.15

for!

JUNIOR SECTION at St. Luke's Church Hail 7.30-9.00

For P4, P5 & P6 Boys - Every Monday Evening

COMPANY SECTION at St. Luke's Church Hail

For P7, S1, S2, S3 & S4 Boys - Friday Evenings

Parents of boys of these age groups are invited to encourage their sons to come, join and be *part of the finest boys Club ever.*

OBJECT: THE ADVANCEMENT OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM AMONG BOYS AND THE PROMOTION OF HABITS OF OBEDIENCE, REVERENCE, DISCIPLINE,

Japan Jottings

Dear Friends

Having said last month that not much snow had fallen, we are now more than amply supplied! The boys are of course delighted. Daniel, Matthew and Calum go to a 15 day ski school during the winter holidays (which last here until 17th January).

As we write this, our Christmas celebrations are not yet over but we have held our Family Christmas to which around 80 kids came – and probably 60 of them were boys. It was very lively! Yet while they all bubbled over with life at the fun games and interaction time, they listened very well when the message of Christmas was presented to them. We hope that the seeds sown will in time bear fruit and also that a good number will want to come back to our monthly Sun Kids.

We held special Christmas celebrations too for the Kids' English class and the Mums and Kindergarten Kids' English group. It was a joy to be able to share the Christmas story simply with so many kids and mothers who know nothing of what Christmas is really all about.

Another joy was the baptism of 74 year old Mr Sasaki on 18th December. To hear his testimony and witness the change in his life already was a great encouragement to our church. We trust and pray that many more will come through to faith here in Otaru over this coming year. Please pray with us.

*May you know God's leading in the coming year
David, Lorna, Daniel, Matthew, Calum and Alistair*

ST. PAUL'S HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Details of our first holiday to MONTREUX in SWITZERLAND 17th-24th JUNE 2006 are now available at the back of the church or from Helen in the church office. Please note that completed forms should be returned to Anne Ritchie by SUNDAY, 15th JANUARY. No deposit is required at present. A minimum of 15 participants is needed for the holiday to take place.

Anne has just received dates for the River Rhone cruise in France on the MS Viking Burgundy : 5th-12th NOVEMBER,2006. Further details will be available soon

The Guild

Our Christmas Dinner on 5th. December was a great success. Both the meal and entertainment were excellent.

On 12th. December we had an evening of readings and carols, after which the 'bring and buy' sale raised £147 for our funds.

We begin our the New Year on 9th. January, with Dorothy Dobson exercises led by Helen Robertson. On 16th. January, we welcome back the Rev. Ken McDonald, speaking to us about 'life after St. Paul's'.

On 23rd. The community policeman , John McCabe comes on 23rd, and on the 30th. , our Home Night, we are having a selection of Scottish music and dance. Please come and join us on any of these evenings when you will be made most welcome.

Church of Scotland Enquirers' Conference The next Church of Scotland Enquirers' Conference will be held at the Scottish Police College, Tulliallan, beginning at 6pm on Friday 10 February and running through to 4pm on Saturday 11 February 2006. Spaces are limited, booking is essential with the closing date Friday 13 January, 2006. Further information can be obtained from the Session Clerk, Mr. Ian Mackinnon.

LIFE&WORK

JANUARY EDITION

Retail Religion

This month's cover story features the growing number of chaplains whose mission is to bring faith alive for shoppers and staff alike in Scotland's shopping malls and city stores.

A personal challenge

Lorna Hill meets Dr Mona Siddiqui, the Pakistan-born head of the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Glasgow University.

Pouring balm on tragedy

The Rev Dr Graham Monteith charts the growth of 'civil religion' "Whenever we have a crisis, basic religious beliefs come to the fore and occupy the minds of the majority that neglect the church Sunday after Sunday." he says.

Art and architecture

In the first of a six-part series John R Hume, convener of the Kirk's Committee on Art and Architecture, offers a practical guide to the reordering of church interiors.

Pilgrims together

The Rev Tom Cuthell and Cardinal Keith O'Brien describe how a journey to Assisi has brought a greater understanding between Christian denominations.

The silent epidemic

The Rev Lezley Kennedy describes the work and hope of a Sierra Leone clinic which treats women stigmatised by a treatable condition arising from childbirth.

A tolerant faith?

Tony McLean-Foreman examines the concept of intolerance.

The poverty plan

Financial columnist Simon Bain explains why banks are being encouraged to offer services in the world's poorest countries.

The Last Word

Muriel Armstrong considers the issue of 'difficult' people in congregations of the Kirk.

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BRIGADE BLETHERS

This is our last wee blether this year and I am pleased to report that it's all good news!

Lots of you came along to our *Coffee Evening* and we raised over £300. This goes to the Meningitis Intensive Care unit at Yorkhill. Many thanks everyone. Our Brigade Elders bravely attended that night and wished us well among the "happy" chaos ! By the way, Alex McEwan won the cake and Fiona Norval won Emily, the doll.

Our Explorer/Junior Christmas parties were at the beginning of December and Moira from Open Doors Trust came to collect the presents which the girls' families had handed in. She spoke to us about the needy families which are helped by the Trust and asked us to remember them in our prayers. We had another visitor that night! Santa came along and gave the girls their gifts to a very loud rendering of Jingle Bells. Our final Brigade meeting was held in one of the local Restaurants which had been chosen by the Brigaders for their party. No smartie parties for our young ladies these days! The *Officers* joined in and we had a great night out. We are already looking forward to our first night back which, as always, is our outing to the Panto.

Meantime everyone in Brigade would like to wish you all n very blessed Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Anne Goodiet

NEWS FROM CROSSREACH

The 'Braveheart Challenge' organised by Crossreach to raise funds for the Church's work with people in need, will take place on September 8 – 10 September.

Please note that this is a change from the original date in May. If you want further information about the Braveheart Challenge please see the Editor.



FLOWER ROTAS- JANUARY

DONATIONS

Mrs. Choat
Mrs. Gerrard
Mrs. Cooper
Miss Forbes

DELIVERIES

Jan 1 Mrs. J. Anderson Mrs. A. Gibson
Jan 8 Mrs. T. Douglas Mrs.M. Abbott
Jan 15 Mrs. L. Hughes Mrs. R. Buchanan
Jan 22 Mrs. M. McDowell Mrs. P. Barlow
Jan 29 Mrs. A. McLean Mrs. J. Ford



CRECHE ROTA- JANUARY

1 Jan No Creche
8 Jan Hughes, Sillars, MacAulay
15 Jan Lawrie, K Deuchar, Chapman
22 Jan Goodlet, Cockburn, Fleming
29 Jan Richell, McFarlane, Whitelaw
5 Feb Martin, Kerr, Moffatt

TRAIIDCRAFT

Jan. 1st. None
Jan 8th. A Begg J McLean
Jan. 15th Communion
Jan 22nd Jean MacIntyre Marion Fewell
Jan 29th Gabrielle Buchanan Aileen Martin
Feb 5th Chris Mackay Maureen Forbes

A NEW EDITOR IS REQUIRED FOR THIIIS MAGAZINE!!
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