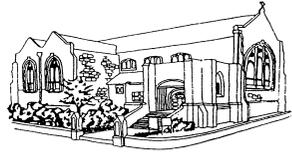


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Life



May 2005

Dear Friends,

There is a film on general release at present which tells the story of a man who has not slept for a year and who is physically wasting away. Workmates and friends see him disintegrating before their eyes and fear the worst. Is he sick? Hitting the bottle? On drugs? There is obviously something wrong and when he begins to suffer delusions his relationships with everyone close to him break down completely.

Eventually it comes to light that the man has committed a serious crime in the distant past and his physical and mental collapse is due to guilt. When he faces the truth and confesses, at last he is able to sleep.

It is not an easy film to watch but it is good that there are films around which deal with issues which touch us all and who amongst us can say that guilt is not an issue for us? We experience it in relation to other people. Those we have hurt or neglected or disappointed. And we have experienced it in relation to God. How can we ever shape up to Him in our words and thoughts and actions?

Guilt can be so wearing but God does not desire this for any of his children. The teaching of Jesus and the apostles is that God does not want any barriers of guilt to exist between people. When we know we are wrong we should face it, confess it and work for reconciliation always depending on the grace of God for our help.

Guilt in relation to God is another matter. We could be living with that every moment of every day. How can a fallen creature feel easy in the company of a holy God? This is where the Gospel touches us all at a very deep level. God's desire to keep us close to Him was so great that He was willing to sacrifice His Son to take the burden of our guilt and pay the price for it. The result is forgiveness and renewal for those who will accept Jesus as their Saviour. Paul gets to the heart of things in 2 Corinthians 5: 21 :

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us , so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Let us never cease to give thanks for this great Gospel

Wishing you every blessing,

Fergus C.Buchanan

CHURCH REGISTER

BAPTISM

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

3 /4/05 Ewan Lindsay Montgomery, 55 Galbraith Drive, Milngavie 37

Change of Address

Mrs Betty Jack, 27 Balvie Road, Milngavie now 26
45 Campsie Drive, Bearsden 48

Weddings

16/4/05 Caryl Sandra Speedie, 57 Dunellan Road, Milngavie and
Ronald Murray Stokes, 19 Blairatholl Ave., Hyndland

Deaths

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

7/4/05 Mrs Margaret Bissett, 15 Southgate Milngavie 18

PROJECT 2006 - It was hoped that we might be able to have a dedication service for the new hall development near to the start of the Summer. With a number of matters still to be attended to this is looking increasingly unlikely. We may now have to think in terms of the early Autumn.

FCB

World Mission Diary for May

Pray for the Board of World Mission at this time when they are facing many changes. They are holding a pre - Assembly consultation with partner Churches at Carberry to discuss the New Council and the future patterns of partnership. We would pray for the General Assembly and for all the commissioners and delegates from both home and abroad who will be attending. The World Mission report will be taken on Wednesday the 18th. of May. Pray also for the evening session that will launch the Mission Forum, bringing together all the sections of the Church concerned with mission.

Church without Walls – Day of National Celebration – Saturday 28 May 2005 – Edinburgh International Conference Centre

The day will include worship, a film festival, a ceilidh, storytelling, a puppet show, themed workshops, drama, several plays and a challenging presentation of where our Church might be in just a few years time if we continue to listen to what God is saying to God's people and grasp the challenges presented to us in this twenty-first century world. There will be plenty for young and old alike. Any member of the congregation interested in attending should make contact with the Session Clerk, Mr Ian Mackinnon, for more information.

LIFE&WORK

MAY ISSUE

A world at war

This month's cover story commemorates the 60th anniversary of VE Day marking the end of almost six years of hostilities in Europe.

Moderator-designate

This month's profile by Lorna Hill, introduces the Rev David Lacy, a parish minister from Kilmarnock, who will be installed as Moderator of the General Assembly later in the month.

Assembly reports

Two pages are devoted to a taster of some of the main reports to come before this year's General Assembly.

Election views

A cross-section of people in the Church of Scotland give their view on what are the important issues facing the electorate in a General Election.

National celebration

Representatives from every corner of Scotland will attend a special Church without Walls day of celebration at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre later this month. A guide to the programme and an interview with one of the keynote speakers Leonard Sweet, are featured in 'The Sweet Voice' .

A global Kirk

Many see the Kirk in decline in Scotland but Ken Ross explains why an event this month will highlight its influence over many countries.

Bibles for children

"Supporting Schools in faith' tells how a Christian charity is working to give bibles to primary schoolchildren across Scotland.

The love of Lourdes

Laurence Twaddle experiences the stillness of France's world-famous centre of pilgrimage.

AND MORE...letters, reviews ,comment, crosswords, Bible Study, finance - all for £1.50.

BOOK CLUB

The Red Tent by Anita Diamant

This is Dinah's story. Jacob had twelve sons and one daughter-Dinah. Genesis 30.21 'Some time later she (Leah) gave birth to a daughter and named her Dinah '.

Genesis 30.32 ' Then God remembered Rachel... and she gave birth to Joseph.'

Dinah and Joseph were almost the same age and considerably younger than the ten brothers. The Red Tent gives the story of Jacob and family from a female point of view. (One of the group suggested a feminist point of view) During menstruation, while considered unclean, all the women gathered in the Red Tent. What to do with Dinah? As a young girl she went with the women into the tent and listened to the 'gossip'.

We have pictures of Leah, Rachel, Laban, Jacob etc.

Read 'The Red Tent' and you will read and reread Genesis!

Anita Diamant appears to have put a lot of research into the writing of this book. The Group would have liked to know how much of the story was based on sound research, and how much was the product of a fertile story telling ability.

It's worth a read and several copies are available from members of the Book Club.

Next month we are reading Barbara's Trapido's novel 'Frankie and Stankie' Rachel Douglas

THE GUILD

This is to remind the ladies who are going on the Guild outing to Largs on the 31st. May that the bus will leave Milngavie Station Car Park at 1p.m.

Let's hope we get a good day!



COFFEE



MORNING

**Annual Coffee Morning in aid of the
Ferguson Family in Japan**

Saturday May 21st, 10-12

Freshly-made pancakes Nearly-new/Unwanted Treasures

Books/CDs/Videos/DVDs Cake and Candy

Face painting

Competitions and Activities for the Children

Donations for the stalls welcome at the Baldernock Road entrance on
Friday 20th 7.00-8.00pm

Please try to support our missionary family

Admission £1.00 for adults 50p for children



Brigade Blethers

According to my diary this should be a short chat because the Company has only met once since last month (Easter holidays.) However, our Explorers took part in a Divisional competition in Renfield St Stephen's Church. No prizes but we all had a good time.

Some of us are off to a Regional Church service in Kilsyth this Sunday, then it is the Display in Milngavie Town Hall on Thursday 28 April, to which you are all invited. This is followed by our closing Church parade to St Paul's on 1st May. It is an early finish to the session but the older girls all start Exams at the beginning of May so remember them in your prayers. It is a stressful time for them !

Anne Goodlet

ST PAUL'S CHURCH SOCIETY OUTING

The annual outing will take place on 21st. May, when the group will visit Rosslyn Chapel.

The cost, which includes admission to the chapel, and high tea at the Royal Hotel, Penicuik is £20.

The bus will leave Milngavie Station Car Park at 12.30 p.m.

Please see Iris Torbet for further details.

MAKE POVERTY HISTORY!

Following Lachie McNeil's plea to the congregation on 10th April to support the 'Make Poverty History' campaign, we hope to carry the gist of his address in the next issue of 'Life'.

Meantime, anyone who wants to lend support to the demonstration in Edinburgh on 2nd. July can reserve a place on the bus going from St. Paul's.

More up-to-date information can be found on the website for Jubilee Scotland- www.jubileescotland.org.uk



FLOWER ROTAS MAY

Donations

Miss Gardner
Mrs. Kydd
Mrs. M. Robertson
Mrs. Torbet
Mrs. Walters
Mrs. Gibson
Mrs. J. McCauchie

Deliveries

May 1 Mrs. A. McLean Mrs. J. Ford
May 8 Miss M. McKenzie Mrs. I. Reid
May15 Mrs. A. McKenzie Mrs. M. Laws
May22 Mrs. S. Anderson Mrs. K. Edwards
May 29 Mrs. M. Conway Mrs. M. McPherson
June 5 Mrs. A. Galloway Mrs. J Townson



CRECHE ROTA MAY

1 May McFarlane - Reid - Bolton - Kerr
8 May Whitelaw - Baxter - Martin - MacKinnon
15 May Hughes - MacAuley - Lawrie - Goodlet
22 May Smith - Cockburn - Fleming - Buchanan
29 May Richell - McFarlane - Reid - Bolton
5 June Kerr - Whitelaw - Baxter - Martin

Traidcraft will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday May 7th.

from 10.00 'til 12.00.in the Large Hall.

Please come & support us if you are able.

TRAI DCRAFT ROTA

May 1st. B.Frame B Barr

May 8th. B Watson M.Conway

May15th. M Thomson M Jenkins

May 22nd. A Begg J MacLean

May 29th. S Rollings J Mcl ntyre

June 5th. G Buchanan A Martin

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