



St Paul's Milngavie

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Dear Friends,

Ascension Day 2009

I am writing this on Ascension Day, which this year falls on the 21st of May. It is one of the affirmations of our Christian Creed that, following his resurrection, Jesus 'ascended into Heaven'. We might profitably reflect on what this meant for Jesus' first followers, and what it ought to mean for us still.

The first thought is **power**. The New Testament assures us that, following his lowly coming into the world and his lowly service in the world, reaching its unfathomable depth in his dying for us on the cross, Jesus was 'highly exalted' by God his Father, and given 'the name that is above every other name'. We are further assured that, exalted in Heaven, he is now our 'advocate', our representative, with the Father, and that there he 'intercedes' for us. As Eugene Peterson puts it in his translation of Hebrews 7: 25: 'He's there from now to eternity to save everyone who comes to God through him, always on the job to speak up for them'. People sometimes boast of having 'friends in high places'. If we are true followers of Jesus, then we have the best possible Friend in the highest possible place. Do we have any excuse for our Christian living or our Christian praying to be weak and ineffectual?

The second thought is **presence**. When, before his death, Jesus told his disciples that he would shortly be leaving them, they were crestfallen and dismayed. The resurrection changed all that. When, on Ascension Day, they watched his visible presence disappear from their sight, they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem 'bursting with joy'. He was gone but not gone; he was still present with them, as he is still present with us.

The third thought is **promise**. The ascension of Jesus was accompanied by two great promises. There was the promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit to empower Jesus' followers for witness and service in his name. That promise was fulfilled ten days later on the Day of Pentecost. There was also the promise, spoken by angels and still to be fulfilled, of Jesus' coming again, to bring the great work of salvation to its glorious climax. So we live our Christian lives in the reality of the first promise and looking to the certainty of the second.

There are people in the congregation who are facing great challenges, not least the challenge of serious illness. As we pray for them, and for our pastor Fergus, we can have the confidence that our prayers, uttered in the name of Jesus, are invested with the power and authority of our mighty ascended Lord.

May you all know his blessing and his peace.

*Kenneth MacDonald*

## What's On...

The mag will now take its summer break for July and August. Copy date for the September issue will be notified in the intimations nearer the time, although it will be around 20<sup>th</sup> August.

In the meantime the editor would like to thank everyone who has sent in articles and letters over the last year. It's always encouraging to receive these items. We hope you have enjoyed reading the mag over the year.

The editor would also like to extend special thanks to Helen Arnold in the church office for all her help and patience over the months in dealing with communication issues.

If you have any comments or suggestions for future improvements, regular features or anything else, please contact Rona Dawson using one of the methods below.

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### Milngavie Churches Future Events Roughshod Theatre Group

will be performing on **Saturday 13th June** in the Allander Evangelical Church at 7.30pm. this is an all age production. Donation tickets from the Church Office or at the door.

### Christianity Explored

A new course is starting on Monday 19th October again in the Fraser Centre from 7.30pm to 9pm.

Please carefully consider inviting family, friends and/or neighbours to this course for those who wish to learn more about Christ in an informal environment.

Following the success of the Kimo Peru Project **ceilidh** last year the Churches will be holding a similar event on **Saturday 21st November**.

### Note the date now!

More information on the above will be available nearer the time but if you have any questions please contact Graham Mill, [g.mill@ntlworld.com](mailto:g.mill@ntlworld.com) or 956 5155.

**Praise Gathering 09** will be held in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on Friday 12th, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June at 7.30pm each evening. Special guests Keith & Kristyn Getty. 400 singers from over 100 churches joining together for 3 evenings of praise. Tickets £14 and £10 from the Box Office (no concessions). **Not to be missed!**

Dear Mr Barlow,

Thank you for the donation of gifts from St Paul's Church towards the work of Glasgow City Mission.

This winter, we have been able to offer support to vulnerable men and women in our city with the help of your church. This donation will go directly towards supporting and caring for these individuals.

At GCM we try to ensure that we never become de-sensitised to the difficulties faced by the individuals we serve. Christmas time can be so lonely for some and acts as a reminder for us as to how challenging life is for the men and women who come through our doors.

I would like to thank the congregation at St Paul's for making sure that we were there for these individuals this winter and for the vital part you play in allowing GCM to continue the work that God has led for over 182 years.  
May God bless the church in 2009.

Yours sincerely,  
Andrew Low,  
Chief Executive.

## Sun Kids and Jump!

Sun Kids and Jump are for all children and young people at Primary School and in Secondary 1

Come along for games, food, Bible stories, songs, and much more... – come along and bring a friend (remember to bring £1.00 to cover expenses)

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2009**  
**4.30 pm to 6.30 pm**

St Paul's Church, Baldernock Road, Milngavie

For more information contact:  
Douglas on 0141-942-7184

***"It's an Adventure"***

## Jazz for Kimo

On Friday May 15th we were treated to a wonderful evening of music with the Allander Jazz Band who had entertained us so memorably during the Christmas Tree Festival. They were joined by Jeannie Maxwell, a jazz singer of note whose voice and personality made a great contribution to the success of the evening.

More than £1,200 was raised for the Kimo Peru Project, a very pleasing amount, and it was lovely to see the audience leave with smiling faces despite the unpleasant weather which would greet us outside.

We have asked the band and Jeannie to make a return visit to the Christmas Tree Festival this year, so watch this space!



Keen to learn top tips for success from Scotland's leading businesses and organisations? Look no further than the Scottish Bible Society!

For the next six months the Society will be featured in the business section of The Scotsman website where browsers can view a short film on our work. The film focuses on the challenge of reconnecting people in contemporary Scotland to a book 'that speaks as loudly today as it always has' and commends the many ways we seek to help people engage with the Bible.

We certainly pray that as readers of The Scotsman encounter our film and consider our work, they might be drawn to the Bible not to learn a few top tips, but to discover timeless truth and even find the one who is fully trustworthy. Will you join us in praying for this?

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

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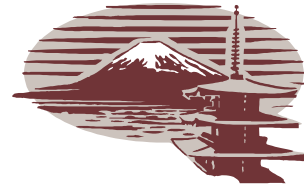
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## Japan Jottings



*Dear Friends*

We have now been in our house in Sapporo for just over two months. What we have been doing with our time, you may ask? Good question! So much of these early days is just about being out and about, getting involved in the life of the community, not least Calum's school, and gradually getting to know the area and the people who live here. At the same time, it is a period of waiting to see what the Lord's purposes are for this new church start in this area of Sapporo. As we walk around the area, we are praying for it and for God to lead us in time to people who will form the first believers in the church.

At the moment, there are no services or anything else you might associate with a church. We are hoping to start services after the summer. But this planning and waiting and praying time and these early days of contacting-making and relationship-building will, we trust, not be wasted time.

Calum and Alistair are enjoying life at the local school and kindergarten. Lorna in particular is involved as a volunteer in different school activities. David is also spending time getting to know other pastors and churches in the wider area so they we can work together and support one another. We are looking forward to Daniel and Matthew returning from India on 19th June for the summer.

Thank you for all your support for us, both in prayer and finance. We so much appreciated the gifts from the church to our support and for the sum sent to us following the Cherry Blossom Fair in February. We do value your partnership with us. For those of you who are online, you might like to have a look some time at our new blog - <http://churchplantersdiary.blogspot.com/> which we've just recently set up. Over time we want to improve it and use it to share our news with any who are interested in following our adventures.

*With our love and thanks*

*David, Lorna, Daniel, Matthew, Calum and Alistair*

## Refugee Week

Refugee Week is a UK-wide programme of arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK, and encourages a better understanding between communities.

**Refugee Week 2009** will take place from **15th to 21st June** and this year in Scotland centres around the theme of Home – whatever that means to you.

There's dancing, music, exhibitions, comedy, film, sport, theatre, workshops and community events all seeking to raise awareness of refugee issues and promote integration and understanding between communities.

[www.refugeeweek.org.uk](http://www.refugeeweek.org.uk)

### Did you know?

- There are approximately 10,000 refugees and asylum seekers in Scotland, mostly living in Glasgow. Of these, around 4,000 are asylum seekers. Asylum seekers make up less than 1% of the population of Glasgow.
- The majority of new asylum seekers to Glasgow are coming from Iraq, Iran and Eritrea having fled war, torture or persecution.
- Asylum seekers are not allowed to work and are forced to depend on state support. Many do voluntary work
- while their claim is being processed, both to benefit their community and to maintain their skills.
- The UK hosts only 2% of the world's refugee population. The majority of the world's refugees are taken care of by the poorest countries, such as Iran
- and Pakistan. There are currently 2 million Iraqi refugees in Syria and Jordan.

## World Mission

### Pray for:

- The democratic governments in Malawi and Zambia, that they may work for the welfare and development of the nation, irrespective of party affiliation.
- Those suffering from AIDS, and government efforts to combat the AIDS pandemic.
- A sufficient supply of medical personnel, equipment and drugs in government hospitals and health centres.
- Victims of floods and drought, that food production may again flourish.
- The increasing numbers of school drop-outs, street youth and delinquents, that they may find hope and meaning in their lives.
- Those affected by inflation and unemployment, that they may find work and be able to feed their families.

**World Week for Peace** in Palestine/Israel 4-10 June 2009. Churches and related organizations in more than 20 countries are taking part. The World Council of Churches-led action week is dedicated to prayer, education and advocacy for an end to a 60-year conflict. During the action week the peace prayers will be read aloud at local sites of suffering – near settlements, at demolished homes, at checkpoints, in refugee camps, and in parishes and schools in the West Bank and Gaza. Churches on every continent will also make use of the prayers. People and parishes around the world are invited to send their own prayers for peace to [Bethlehem](#) for this "World Week".



This month it is all about the Company Display. What a night!

The Explorers did what they do best ie - wave to Mum and Granny then go on to enchant everyone. The Juniors took a fit of the giggles in the middle of the keep-fit but managed to carry on with the task in hand and the Brigaders tied the show together and marched on like the super troopers that they are. The main thing is that the girls enjoyed themselves and we hope their families did too.

Our Chaplain Mr Buchanan is still unwell so the Rev Kenneth MacDonald took over as chairman for the evening. His wife Evelyn presented the prizes and our thanks go to both of them for brightening the formal part of the evening yet making it an important event for the girls.

All of the girls work hard but I like to mention those who were awarded special prizes because they went the extra mile:

- Our best Explorers are Morven Sinclair, Aisha Sarwar, Rachel Simpson and Eden Wilson. Well done girls!
- The best Junior squad was Jennifer Cockburn, Christy Grant, Jillian Hutt and Isla Robinson.
- Best keep-fitter was Chloe Drummond and the Chaplain's Cup for Sunday attendance went to Sophie Wallis.
- Jennifer Cockburn and Sophie Wallis shared the honours of best P4/5 girls and
- best P6/7 Junior was Kayleigh Galloway.

Most of the Juniors are also in our company band and they practise every week during the session. I must mention Mr Derek Norval here because he is the one who binds them all together.

This year all of the Brigaders have been a joy to work with. However, Lindsey Bennie, Alison Cockburn, Eve Cockburn, Lily Morris and Nicola Pirie made up our "best squad." Eve Cockburn was our best S1/2 Brigader and the St Paul's Trophy for the best S3+ girl went to Lindsey Bennie.

The award for the Jennifer MacIntyre Memorial cup is shared between Lindsey Bennie and Lily Morris and it is hoped to be able to share some of their thoughts in our church Dew Drops. I think I must be running off the page but I cannot sign off without thanking everyone who has given their time and talents to Brigade this year. We really couldn't do without you.

Till September, God Bless

Anne Goodlet



## The Boys' Brigade

Following their success in the Battalion Figure Marching Competition, the Junior Section took first place in the Battalion PE Competition and second place in the Battalion Sports. Well done, Boys! Congratulations are also due to the Company Section Boys for coming first in the recent Battalion Senior 5-a-Side Tournament.

At the end of April, a Company outing was organised to The Boys' Brigade Tattoo in Braehead Arena. The programme comprised massed bands, drill and gymnastics displays, Junior Section PT, Anchor Boy games and a dance display by The Girls' Brigade. The evening concluded with a parade of Colours and the Colours of both 1st and 2nd Milngavie were included in this.

Prizegivings have been held for all three Sections, with the Boys from St Paul's collecting their fair share of the awards and silverware.

At the Junior Section Prizegiving, Fraser McIntyre won the prize for the Best 1st Year Boy. The Principal Guest at the Company Section event was Niall Rolland, who is employed by The Boys' Brigade as a Development Officer. Andrew Muirhead won the McWilliams Trophy and Gordon Maclean won the McWilliams Cup for the Best All Round Boy.

The Company Section Prizegiving concluded with some promotions – including Andrew Muirhead to the rank of Corporal.

The end-of-session Service was held in St Paul's on Sunday 10th May. The parade was led by members of Milngavie Pipe Band. During the Service each Boy was presented with a commemorative Bible to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of The Boys' Brigade. The Service was attended by Professor Sir Kenneth Calman, Brigade President (UK and the Republic of Ireland), who presented President's Badges to Corporals Calum Shields and Craig Thomson.

The President also presented the recently appointed Captain, Euan McKay, with his Captain's warrant. The Service finished with the Colours exiting the Church as the organ played 'The Anchor Song' which was written by Stanley Smith (son of William Smith, the founder of The Boys' Brigade).

With the formal events of the session having drawn to a close, all that remains are the Junior and Company Section outings - the Junior Section will be having a barbeque in Mugdock Country Park and the Company Section will be visiting Lazer Planet.





## Letters

Words seem inadequate to express how much love and great support I, and my loved ones, have experienced over the sudden death of Hugh.

The way Ken guided me through this time and his wonderful tribute to Hugh gave me such strength now and for the days ahead. It was also great to have Ramsay at my side supporting me and my family.

I just feel this church family here in St. Paul's is quite unique in its love and care and I thank God for it.

Janice Archer

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Company I would like, through the pages of *Life*, to thank the Congregation of St Paul's for making us feel so welcome during our recent end-of-session parade.

Particular thanks are due to:

- Ian MacKinnon and Graham Mill for their assistance with the organisation
- Eleanor Easton and the Sunday School for vacating the Large Hall before the Service to permit the Inspection of the Company by the Brigade President
- Jean Scott and the ladies who prepared the lunch that was served after the Service
- Chris Scott for videoing the Service
- Derek Norval for indulging the Captain and playing *The Anchor Song* as the Colours left the Church!

Euan McKay  
Captain

## Kimo Peru - Finance

Just over a year ago despite assurances and endorsements from the Kirk Session, Congregational Board and the Members of the Church the Kimo Committee were a little apprehensive as to whether we would achieve our target of £60,000 in three years for the building of a Home for homeless street children in Kimo.

I am delighted to report that our fears were ill-founded as is illustrated in the tremendous response by the Congregation and beyond. The faith you have demonstrated in the project has certainly strengthened the faith and resolve of the committee and given them the confidence that we will be able to honour the pledge made on your behalf and much more.

We now hope that we will not just hand over a building but through your generosity donate necessary items that will truly make it a comfortable home. The total donated to date is **£51,833** (including a donation of £2500 from St Paul's Church) and **£47,000** has been sent to the Vine Trust with a further payment of **£4,000** to be made shortly.

There are too many donors to name individually, as are the ways they adopted to raise money. The first substantial donation to the fund prior to the Gift Day is worthy of mention though. It came from a retiring collection at the funeral of the late James Imrie. Jim passed away in his 102nd year and in the few days of his last short illness it was a burden to him what he could do for the children in Kimo. For those of us who knew him this was no surprise as he had supported and championed many Christian causes throughout his long life. It was therefore poignant and appropriate that this was the first donation of £541.30 that we



received and we thank his widow Greta and the rest of the family for this kind gesture at what was a difficult time for them.

Individual members donated money to assist the young people of the church to travel with the working party going out to Kimo at the end of June. One of our elders used his artistic talent to make and sell cards for all occasions raising over £300 for travel purposes. The youth of the church organised a 24hr games marathon, the Girls' Brigade sold second hand books every Sunday in addition to organising a quiz night, the Sunday Club contributed over £200 by filling Smartie tubes and individuals ran coffee mornings to raise money.

St Luke's Church donated their watch night service offering and a substantial contribution came from the Guild of Craigownie Church. Our thanks to many in the church and in the community for organising the Christmas tree festival. It was such a success that by popular demand we will be running one again this year.

Many contributors wish to remain anonymous and I apologise for the many I have not been able to mention but my purpose is to give you a brief resumé of events and contributions of what has been a remarkable year for the Committee and indeed for this project overall.

We again sincerely thank you for your enthusiasm and support for this worthwhile project demonstrating your faith in a practical way in the footsteps of our Master.

***"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me". (Mat 25:40).***

Angus Maclean - Kimo Peru Committee

## Rotas for July and August

### Vestibule Rota

Date	Team	Number 1
July 5th	8	Bobby Campbell
July 12th	9	Nan Cattanach
July 19th	10	Elizabeth Traill
July 26th	3	Robert Gow
Aug. 2nd	4	John McArthur
Aug. 9th	5	Bill Ponton
Aug. 16th	6	Joyce Clark
Aug. 23rd	7	Jean MacIntyre
Aug. 30th	8	Jacqueline Pirie
Sept. 6th	9	Norman Barlow

### Flower Delivery Rota

Date	Names
July 5th	J Clark, M Taggart
July 12th	P Barlow, C Buchanan
July 19th	S Anderson, R Fraser
July 26th	M Conway, M McPherson
Aug. 2nd	A Galloway, J Townson
Aug. 9th	M McIntyre, M Spencer
Aug. 16th	P Dudgeon, S Lindsay
Aug. 23rd	M Thomson, E Izatt
Aug. 30th	A Gitson, A McLeod
Sept. 6th	M Abbot, T Douglas

### Creche Rota

JULY	5	COCKBURN	BATES	RICHELL
	12	MACKINNON	WHITLEAW	WALLIS
	19	BERRY	BAXTER	CHAPMAN
	26	SMITH	MACAULEY	REID
AUG	2	WILSON	BOLTON	SILLARS
	9	J DEUCHAR	LAWRIE	GOODLET
	16	K DEUCHAR	COCKBURN	BATES
	23	RICHELL	MACKINNON	WHITELAW
	30	WALLIS	BERRY	BAXTER

### Traidcraft Rota

July	5th	M Thomson, M Ure
July	12th	A Begg, J Maclean
July	19th	J MacIntyre, M Fewell
July	26th	G Buchanan, A Martin
Aug.	2nd	C Mackay, E Izatt
Aug.	9th	L Cowie, C McKinnon
Aug.	16th	R Raeburn, H Reid
Aug.	23rd	B Watson, M Conway
Aug.	30th	M Thomson, M Ure
Sept.	6th	A Begg, J MacLean

**CHURCH REGISTER****NEW MEMBERS****JOINED BY CERTIFICATE**

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

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Mrs Jenny Morton, 20 Nethermains Road now Buchanan Lodge	40a
Dr Sheila Harrison, 19 Strathblane Road, Milngavie now 82 South Mains Road, Milngavie	4 28

**DISJUNCTIONS**

Mr Alan Cowie, 16 Milngavie Road, Bearsden	68
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**DEATHS***Jesus said: 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'*

27 Mar 09	Mr Robert Clelland, 8/1 Sinclair Street, Milngavie	14
16 April 09	Mrs Doreen McLeod, Almond Court Nursing Home	70
2 May 09	Mr Hugh Archer, 45 South Mains Road, Milngavie	29
22 May 09	Mrs Isabella Wilson, Buchanan Lodge, Bearsden	48

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Flower Deliveries</b>	<b>Crèche Rota</b>	<b>Traidcraft Rota</b>	<b>Vestibule Rota</b>
<b>7 Jun</b>	A Gibson A MacLeod	Baxter, Chapman, Smith	L Cowie C MacKinnon	Team 5 Ramsay Vallance
<b>14 Jun</b>	M Abbott T Douglas	Wilson, McAuley, Reid	R Raeburn H Reid	Team 6 Margaret B Hamilton
<b>21 Jun</b>	M McLean R Cameron	Bolton, J Deuchar, Sillars	No stall	Team 2 Elaine Adair
<b>28 Jun</b>	J Ford C Tanner	Lawrie, K Deuchar, Goodlet	B Watson M Conway	Team 7 Hamish Murrison