

CHURCH REGISTER

NEW MEMBERS

Joined by Certificate

Dr Margaret Hutton, 26 Blane Drive, Milngavie 8

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr & Mrs Terry May, 10 Nethermain Road now 40a
Mugdock Care Home, Stockiemuir Rd., Bearsden

DEATHS

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

2.8.13 Mrs Laura Collins, 2 Garwhitter Drive, Milngavie 1
7.9.13 Miss I Buchanan, 3 Baldernock Road, Milngavie 1
9.9.13 Mr Douglas Shaw, 59 Ellangown Court, Milngavie 14a

Copy date for November issue is Sunday 20th October (quite early) if using church pigeon hole or Wednesday 23rd if emailing. Please keep sending to rona.dawson@glasgow.gov.uk until advised otherwise

Date	Flower Deliveries	Crèche Rota	Traidcraft Rota	Vestibule Rota
13 Oct	M MacIntyre M Spencer	Goodlet Richell	L Cowie C McKinnon	Team 6 Jean Scott
20 Oct	P Dudgeon S Lindsay	Wilson Sillars	R Raeburn H Reid	Team 7 Barbara Lawson
27 Oct	E Izatt F Ireland	Tracey Bates	B Watson M Conway	Team 8 Ann Begg
3 Nov	A Gibson A MacLeod	McKinnon Berry	M Ure J Mill	Team 9 Helen Arnold

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Dear Friends,

There are some strange stories in the Bible.

Just today I was speaking to a group of ministers from 1 Kings 13 which tells the story of an unnamed prophet who condemns a King of Israel for his idolatry, pronounces the judgement of God on him, and predicts the disintegration of idolatry in the land.

It emerges that this prophet is under instruction from God that on this mission he is neither to eat nor drink and not to return home by the way he came. He is faithful to this commission so far but then, deceived by another prophet on his way home, he accepts hospitality and as a consequence comes under the judgment of God.

His death is rather gruesome but he receives an honourable burial because it is accepted that despite his ultimate failure the message he delivered to the King was true and the fate of the idolatrous religion would be realised.

Strange . . . but in a way encouraging. None of us have perfect moral judgement; none of us are completely faithful to God's Word; few of us have the most acute spiritual intuition. But it is still possible, by the grace of God, for each one of us to make a contribution to the building up of the Kingdom of God that will have an eternal significance.

George Herbert was a Church of England minister in the seventeenth century and also the composer of arguably the finest poetry in the English language. In one of his poems he writes:

'Lord, how can man preach thy eternal word?
He is brittle, crazy glass.
Yet in thy temple thou dost him afford,
This glorious and transcendent place,
To be a window through thy grace.'

This truth stands not just in relation to preaching but to every aspect of Christian service. By the grace of God we can be the means through which the eternal values of love, justice and peace can touch the lives of others and strengthen the progress towards the Kingdom.

Yours in Christ,
Fergus C Buchanan

Ian M. Mackinnon.

The Kirk Session meeting of 3rd September saw the end of Ian Mackinnon's time as Session Clerk. During his ten years in office we saw outstanding service from him, bringing all his gifts to bear on the welfare of St Paul's and the glory of His Lord. His administrative skill kept the business of the Session on a steady course; his ability to organise a wide range of individuals to a common purpose was an inspiration; and his natural warmth and pastoral concern was an encouragement to his brother and sister elders in times of personal challenge.

The past ten years have seen changes in the organisation of the National Church and fears expressed for her future but it is leadership like that of Ian

Mackinnon with faith at the centre and openness to the individual which will carry us forward with hope.

We wish Ian, his wife Joan and all the family health and happiness in the years ahead.

FCB.

Graham Mill.

Graham has served as Deputy Session Clerk in recent years and now takes on the job of Session Clerk. We wish him every blessing for the work ahead and assure him of our prayers.

We are grateful that Ken Maciver has agreed to take on the job of Deputy Session Clerk.



Harvest Thanksgiving

Despite a rainy start to the day on the 22nd September our Harvest Thanksgiving Service was a great success. The poises on the pews, plants and flowers in the Church helped us to forget all about the weather outside.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who donated items, gave up their time and energy to decorate the Church, deliver plants flowers and gifts to members of our congregation and to deliver boxes of food to the Salvation Army and Preshal Trust. This year the Lodging House Mission did not want pasta, rice and other items we had.

A special thank you must be given to the Sunday Club and Bible Class for their donations and for working so hard to design the cards which are always greatly appreciated by our members. Once again the Girls Brigade donated and created the beautiful pew poises which made the Church so colourful. Well done girls and officers!!

The contribution to the Vine Trust for Tanzania Project was £ 1450 including Gift Aid with perhaps more to come.



MAF event in November. 'Every picture tells a story'

St Paul's will be hosting an exciting fund raising event between 4th and 10th November for Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF).

The event will centre round MAF's photographic exhibition called 'Every picture tells a story' which will be set up in the large hall. The main aim is to raise much needed funds for MAF's 'Fuel for Life' campaign, to help with the escalating cost of fuel essential for their work. The cost in 2011 was a staggering £6 million.

During the week we will be open for local schools to attend the exhibition and a representative will lead the young folk through the display. They will take part in poster design competitions and the winning entries will be displayed at the exhibition. Participating schools will also be encouraged to plan fund raising activities.

On Friday evening the event will be officially launched by inviting people such as MSPs, councillors, local business people, head teachers and Milngavie church leaders. Refreshments will be provided.

Saturday is a Coffee Morning and Open Day from 10am till 2pm. For those who have always wished to fly a plane, MAF will be providing a flight simulator for anyone brave enough to

try! There will be no entrance fee, but folk attending will be encouraged to donate the cost of a gallon of fuel.

Volunteers for baking

The list for volunteers for tray bakes for the Saturday Open Day of the MAF event on 9th November is now available at the back of the church. Please add your name if you are able to help. Many thanks.

Prayer pointers for MAF

- Organisation to go smoothly and the committee to know God's guidance
- Invited guests to come along and be challenged and inspired by work of MAF
- Publicity to be received well by community and good attendance at Open Day and Sunday service
- Generosity and support for the work of MAF
- Our congregation to be actively involved and willing to volunteer
- Andy and the other MAF personnel involved in event for wisdom, grace and sensitivity.
- Protection for MAF pilots in their daily and often dangerous flights in troubled lands
- For God's blessing on the plans and events and that his name would be honoured and glorified.
- That many would come to know God's love and good news of salvation and the hope he alone can give.

Thank you

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all my friends in St. Paul's for the many cards, letters, flowers and prayers you have sent to me and my family on the death of my son Colin. They have greatly sustained us at this sad time.

Cathie Buchanan.

Flower Donations— October

Mrs. F. Collar,
Mrs. R. Fraser,
Miss M. Hamilton,
Mrs. A. Jones,
Mrs. G. Morrison,
Miss A. Niven,
Mrs. D. Stark,
Mrs. J. Townsen, Mrs. M. Ure,
Mrs. E. White



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

Cheques should be made payable to St. Paul's Flowers

The Annual Christmas Fair

The fair will be held in Milngavie Town Hall on Saturday 2nd November from 10 am until 3pm.

As usual stalls will be available from which to purchase cards, wrapping paper, calendars and other Christmas goods.

Milngavie Churches Christian Aid Committee will again have a stall.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Gordon Campbell.

Scottish Bible Society Sponsored Walk

The annual Sponsored Walk to raise funds for Scottish Bible Society projects will take place on **Saturday 12th October** at 10am in Mugdock Country Park, meeting at the Visitor Centre.

Sponsorship forms will be available at the back of the church. If you would like to come for the walk, but would prefer not to be sponsored, please feel free to join us for the fresh air and fellowship.

This year the projects being supported are in India, Cambodia and



Life Magazine New editor required

It seems that there are a rash of retirements taking place just now in St Paul's and the Editor is adding her name to the list. She has moved away from Milngavie and after nearly 30 years of membership, and six editing the magazine, has decided to find another church as well.

A new editor, therefore, is required as soon as possible. The minimum requirements are: Excellent spelling and grammar, an eye for detail, ability to work a computer with email/internet access and to work very much on own initiative to a deadline. Articles are submitted by members and organisations but occasional content writing may be required.

This is an interesting job ideal for an active member of the congregation in touch with events and does not involve a huge time commitment—it's always a last minute dash at the end of the month!

For an informal chat regarding practical aspects of the job (unpaid by the way!) please contact Rona Dawson 07775714649. More formal expressions of interest to Mr Buchanan via the church office.

On a personal note I would just like to thank all the loyal contributors for their articles over the years—without you this would all have been unthinkable—and particular thanks to Helen Arnold for her unfailing patience and good humour when I was being unreasonable, disorganised and having IT problems! RD



Once again thanks to all those involved
Elizabeth McEwan Harvest Thanksgiving Convener

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.

World Mission Prayer Pointers

South Sudan

Continue to pray for South Sudan where high unemployment, corruption and lack of public services are affecting the population. President Salva Kiir is facing growing dissent from the streets and from inside his ruling party. Ethnic tensions and insecurity also continue to affect some areas of the country.

Syria: Help us have peace

Dr Mary Mikhael from our partner the National Evangelical Synod of Syria urges us to continue praying for an end to the war that is crushing Syria and its people. She asks us to, 'Help Syria have life. God for sure loves the peace-makers. Help us have Peace.' Read more from Mary on the CofS World Mission website pages and please help Syrians refugees by getting involved with "Place at the Table" initiative. It's as easy as setting an extra place at your table and giving the money you would have spent on that meal to help feed a family in Syria.

HIV Programme news

Maria Silo from Ekwendeni Hospital AIDS Programme in Malawi will be visiting Scotland from 14 to 28 October and has a busy round of engagements.

Pakistan

More than 540,000 have been affected and 118 people have died following heavy monsoon rains and flooding in various areas across Pakistan. Our partner, Church World Service has been distributing food packages and relief items to some of the worst affected areas.

Please join with us in praying for our partner church in Pakistan, The Diocese of Peshwar, as they mourn the loss of lives after a bomb attack on All Saints Church. We are deeply shocked and saddened by this news and our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have been affected. This is a tragedy which has impacted not only those in Pakistan but Pakistani people here in Scotland. All Saints is the family church of one of our Church of Scotland ministers, the Rev Aftab Gohar, who has tragically lost his mother, a niece and a nephew in this attack. He has flown to Pakistan to be with his family.

More than 75 have been killed and 120 injured. The two bombs exploded after the service in the courtyard whilst people were leaving the morning service. A group linked to the Taliban has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Kenya

Following the attack on Westgate Centre in Nairobi, Kenya and the subsequent siege, we ask you to join with us in praying for all those who have been affected. We have been in touch with Rev Edwin Kibathi who is minister of the PCEA congregations in both London and in Glasgow.

He shares, 'We are still waiting to hear more. There is little communication coming through. It is important that people pray for the injured. It is important to pray, this is affecting so many people. Pray for those who have lost loved ones. Pray for wisdom for all those involved. Other businesses are fearful and afraid to open in case the

Brigade Blethers

The Company enrolled for our new session on 29 August and alas our numbers are down a bit yet again. We have tried all the usual publicity ideas without much luck but we are all still praying hard. Never mind, the girls we do have are a happy bunch and are enthusiastic about all we have planned.

Our first task was to make 60 posies for the Harvest Service and with a "little" help from Sheila Morley the posies were lovely. We hope that everyone who received one of the posies enjoyed them and knows that we are thinking of them. The girls certainly enjoy making them.

By the time you read this we will have attended our Enrolment service and the Company will have two new young officers. Both women have come up through the Company and I know that they will be a real asset to Brigade.

We have set a date for our annual quiz which will take place in the large hall on Thursday 28 November. Invitations will be sent out at the beginning of November and we look forward to seeing all our supporters there. The £2.00 entry fee will go to M.A.F. this year and one of their representatives will be coming to speak to the girls, and any friends who would like to join us, on Thursday 7th November. I'm sure we will manage a cup of tea during the evening so please come along if you can.

Meanwhile please pray for all our endeavours to bring girls to seek, serve and follow Christ.



Anne Goodlet

The Guild

The new session of the Guild starts on Monday 7th October at 7.30 p.m. We extend a very warm welcome to all who wish to join us on our open night, when we will be entertained by the Exalt Choir under the leadership of Mrs. Esther McColl. This promises to be a most enjoyable evening – not one to be missed!

FUTURE DATES:

14 th Oct.	Morrison's Supermarket:	Mr. Scott Balfour
21 st Oct	Balmore Trust:	Mr. John Ritchie
28 th Oct	Guild Project Night:	Passage from India
4 th Nov	No Meeting	
5 th Nov	Visit to St. Luke's Guild	

Margaret Stirling

