



St Paul's Milngavie Life Magazine

Dear Friends

I am sure that one of the things which will always be remembered about Albert Bogle's time as Moderator is the way he conducted worship at the beginning of each day's business. His enthusiasm for the Gospel and his gifts of music and communication meant that we went into the business refreshed in Spirit and focused on the work of Christ's Kingdom.

Every day Albert made the point that devotions were not the 'bookends' of the business but a living thread that was woven into everything that was discussed and decided. As another colleague said: 'He made the whole of the Assembly a worship time'.

At the beginning of one day's business Albert expressed disappointment that the press did not attend the Assembly worship. Quick to focus on dissension and disturbance, the press were not present when the Church was together honouring her Saviour. It is that togetherness under Christ which will be an emphasis for Albert in the year ahead and we are never more together than when we are at worship.

That was a theme taken up by Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, when he addressed the Assembly. In an impressive address he challenged us with these words: 'When the Church is at worship does it look as if it is listening to and for a call from elsewhere? Does it look as though it is itself looking through an open door, the open door in heaven of Revelation 4?'

That is a vision for worship that was dear to the heart of the Apostle Paul. He wanted the stranger who wanders in off the street to be so impressed by the worship that he himself falls down and worships exclaiming: 'God is really among you!' (1 Corinthians 14: 25).

It is encouraging when people come to St Paul's and remark on the building, the attendance and the friendliness but more than anything else we need to be a people who are 'listening to and for a call from elsewhere', a people whose hearts are orientated to the eternal, a people who believe that the God we praise is pleased to be present with His people. Martyn Lloyd-Jones once wrote:

'I can forgive the preacher almost anything if he gives me a sense of God, if he gives me something for my soul, if he gives me a sense that, though he is inadequate himself, he is handling something that is very great and very glorious, if he gives me some dim glimpse of the majesty and the glory of God, the love of Christ my Saviour, and the magnificence of the gospel.'

It's not all down to preachers of course! In worship we are called to be a people who give 'a sense of God.' This is where our witness begins.

Fergus C Buchanan

Summer Rotas

Date	Flower Deliveries	Crèche Rota	Traidcraft Rota	Vestibule Rota
1 Jul	J Ford C Tanner	Bates Chapman	M Ure R Fraser	Team 8 Grace Rogerson
8 Jul	J Clark S Stenhouse	McCreadie Goodlet	A Begg J Maclean	Team 9 Morag Thomson
15 Jul	P Barlow S Robertson	Deuchar McKinnon	J MacIntyre M Fewell	Team 10 Bruce Shearlaw
22 Jul	S Anderson M Adams	Cockburn Richell	R Cameron M Thoms	Team 3 Duncan White
29 Jul	M Conway M Macpherson	Berry Reid	C MacKay E Izatt	Team 4 Anne Goodlet
5 Aug	A Galloway J Townson	Wilson Sillars	L Cowie C MacKinnon	Team 5 Brian Adair
12 Aug	M MacIntyre M Spencer	Wallis Stark	R Raeburn H Reid	Team 6 Joyce Clark
19 Aug	P Dudgeon S Lindsay	Chapman McCreadie	B Watson M Conway	Team 7 Hamish Murrison
26 Aug	M Thomson E Izatt	Bates Goodlet	M Ure R Fraser	Team 8 Lachlan McNeill
2 Sept	A Gbson A MacLeod	Deuchar MacKinnon	A Begg J Maclean	Team 9 Angus Maclean

Fergus Buchanan will be on holiday from Monday 16th July until Monday 6th August. Any pastoral concerns during that time should be referred to the office or Mr Ian Mackinnon, Session Clerk.



Refugee Week Scotland 18-24th June 2012

Every June the week long UK-wide festival of arts, cultural and educational events celebrates contributions refugees have made to the UK, and promotes understanding about why people seek sanctuary.

Refugee Week is all about having fun, broadening horizons and breaking down barriers.

Each year the festival evolves and expands, making its mark on the cultural calendar. And this year is no different – there is an exciting programme based on the broad theme of spirit

- **Spirit of survival and the individual** – the determination needed to flee persecution and rebuild your life
 - **Community spirit** – the connections between refugees and local communities
 - **Scotland's spirit** – the cultural diversity of Scotland today
- Glasgow has a large refugee population and this year's festival will have a wide range of events for all ages, *just a few of which will pop up in these pages wherever there's a wee space!*

Find out more at
www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Happy Hundredth

Mrs Helen Jones, a faithful member of St Paul's who sang in the choir for many years had her 100th birthday on 6th May. The occasion was celebrated with family and friends at an afternoon tea at the West Highland Gate. Amongst the many cards Helen received was one from the Queen which was on display beside her lovely birthday cake.

Brainteaser



1. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?
 2. A clerk at a butcher shop stands five feet ten inches tall and wears size 13 sneakers. What does he weigh?
 3. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?
 4. How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?
 5. What word in the English language is always spelled incorrectly?
 6. Billie was born on December 28th, yet her birthday always falls in the summer. How is this possible?
 7. In British Columbia you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?
 8. If you were running a race and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?
 9. Which is correct to say, "The yolk of the egg is white" or "The yolk of the egg are white?"
 10. A farmer has five haystacks in one field and four haystacks in another. How many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in one field?
- (answers on page 11)**

Japan Jottings



Dear Friends

Last month we enjoyed the chance to beam into the Large Hall via Skype during the annual Cherry Blossom Fayre. Once again, we want to say a big thank you to all those involved, whether in the planning, helping on the day or attending. This annual event is always a great encouragement to us in our work here in Japan.

This being June, we always look forward to welcoming Daniel and Matthew back from Hebron. They are busy with A Level and GCSE exams but will both be back by the end of the month. Next month David is planning a further visit to one of the areas devastated last year by the tsunami and Daniel and Matthew hope to join him and a few others to form the team.

Another thing happening in July is a camp for the children who attend Lorna's English classes. We did this last year, hiring the building just below our house which we have often used before for events. They all enjoyed it last year and seem to be eagerly looking forward to this year's camp already. It is a great opportunity to spend time with the children, have fun together and share the message of the Bible with them through story, acting and other activities.

In September this year Daniel will start university (assuming the exams go well) and he hopes to study Law at Glasgow. Partly to help Daniel settle in and partly to touch base again with family, friends and churches at home, David will spend time in Scotland during September. He will be at St Paul's for the morning service on the 9th and the evening service on the 16th. It will be great to catch up with many of you then.

With our love

David, Lorna, Daniel, Matthew, Calum and Alistair

Refugee Week Football Tournament

- Saturday 30 June, 11am – 3pm
- Firhill Sports Complex, Hopehill Road, Glasgow, G20 7HH
- FREE

Men and women from all backgrounds are invited to join with AfroScots United to enjoy playing football with people from countries around the world. There is a trophy awaiting the winners and don't worry if you've never played before, AfroScots will be holding coaching sessions in the lead up to the tournament.

Info: Julo006@hotmail.com



Book Club

This time we have been reading **Twenty thousand Streets under the Sky** by Patrick Hamilton. Patrick Hamilton was a prolific writer completing 5 novels, beginning with Craven House in 1926, 2 trilogies and 6 plays, the most famous of which is Rope which was made into a film by Alfred Hitchcock in 1948. He wrote and published at the same time as Graham Greene.



Although well written and very descriptive, this classic story of unrequited love was slow and a bit laborious. Using the vehicle of three novellas. The author delved into the layers of each character's personality, which made for slow reading and was, sometimes, we felt unnecessary. The story is set in a seedy pub in the east end of London and the three characters are the waiter, Bob; the barmaid, Ella; and a prostitute called Jenny. We all agreed that the most interesting of the three characters was Ella as she seemed to have more of a story to tell. The book was made into a TV mini series in 2005.

We came to the conclusion that this was a "book out of time" and although it was probably very well received when it was written, fiction has changed radically since then and it did seem a bit long and heavy on description.

Next time we are meeting on 19 June when we will be discussing The Story of Beautiful Girl by Rachel Simon.

JOYCE CLARK

1 Thessalonians 5 v 18 *No matter what happens, always be thankful for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.*

I would like to give my thanks for all the love and support I have had from my St Paul's family after my recent accident. For all the cards, letters, prayers, flowers, phone calls, visits both at home and while in hospital. With special thanks to Fergus and Edith. I am happy to say that I am now on the mend.

Thanks for every kindness shown.

Betty Watson.

The Lunch Club Recipe books

were a great success and we sold all the copies in the initial printing and of late had to make a few extra copies. Hopefully everyone has been enjoying the tasty recipes which many people submitter. A total of £505.00 was raised and we had a lovely note from David & Lorna Ferguson expressing their appreciation for this help.

Thanks are due to the many people who helped in so many ways to make the book possible. Many of the delicious treats can also be enjoyed at the Lunch club which meets most Wednesdays at 12.15pm until the 13th June and restarts at the beginning of September.

Ann MacLeod



THE COMMISSION – Blending In, Standing Out
Saturday 1st September, Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow

The day event for men will run from 10am (registration from 9.30am) to 5:30pm and will include Seminars and an early evening "celebration" for all the family commencing at 6.30pm. This celebration is open to all and will include praise led by Pete James and his band.

The main speaker at the conference will be Terry Virgo founder of *Newfrontiers*. In the afternoon you can choose from one of three seminars on *Homosexuality; Grace and Truth* by Jonathan Berry, *New Atheism – new Opportunities?* by David Robertson or *Reclaiming Worship* by Pete James - something for everyone.

It is not often men get a chance to meet together in such circumstances, why not get a group together?

Tickets £28.00 book online at www.thecommission.org.uk or contact Graham Mill

Refugee Week Opening Concert
King Creosote (solo) with friends
The Pictish Trail
Randolph's Leap

- Monday 18 June 2012, 8pm
 - Old Fruitmarket, Candleriggs, Glasgow, G1 1NQ
 - Standing - Ages 16+
 - Tickets: £15 full price (£12)
- Box Office: 0141 353 8000 www.glasgowconcerthalls.com

Refugee Week—Spirit Photography Exhibition

- 8 Jun – 22 Jul
- Tuesday – Saturday, 10am – 5pm, Sunday Midday – 5pm
- Trongate 103, Glasgow, G1 5HD

Spirit is an exciting photography project with refugees at its beating heart. Working in partnership with Street Level Photoworks, 7 refugee photographers have spent time photographing and interviewing different refugee communities about what spirit means to them. The *Spirit* project culminates in an inspiring exhibition at Glasgow's Trongate 103.

You can get involved too! Join us in celebrating *Spirit* by sending us your pictures and short video clips about what spirit means to you. Add clips and photographs of yourself, friends, family or community to our growing online gallery.

www.spiritofrefugeeweek.org.uk



Picture Calum Gordon

Words for Life

There will be fresh month's supply of Words for Life available in the usual places in the Church from Sunday 3rd June. This month along with the usual Internet Inspirations there will be a look at some of the Proverbs in the Old Testament.



Words For Life

St Pauls Parish Church Milngavie

Are you interested in contributing to the Words for Life? In this new edition we have some contributions from Mary Hutchieson as well as Dorothy Sherrat. If you have an interesting article that you want to share with other readers there will now be a box beside the monthly copies that you can leave your contribution.

Good News is that the Words For Life will be available on the website from Monday 4th June.

St Paul's Book Café.



Due to an unforeseen delay in getting the book "Simply Jesus" by Tom Wright the book café date will be rescheduled. Thanks

for your patience - this is too good a book to miss, you will enjoy it and if you want to join the queue to wait for the book see Alex McEwan.

There are still places for the book priced £6:90

Flower donations— Summer

June : Mrs. A. Barr, Mrs. K. Canlin, Mrs. W. Douglas, Mrs. E. Easton, Mrs. A. Jones. Mrs. J. McColgan, Miss A. Martin, Mrs. M. Phillips, Mrs. M. Reid, Mrs. I. Torbet

July: Mrs. J. Getty, Miss F. Ireland, Miss E. Traill

August: Mrs. M. McNeill



Please put donations in Flower Rota pigeon hole at the back of the church or send to Mrs. Wilma Douglas, 34 Brae-side Ave, Milngavie G62 6LJ
Phone 956 2630

Refugee Week Film—The Colour of the Ocean (15)

(d. Maggie Peren, 2011, 95mins)

- Wednesday 20 June, 6pm
- Glasgow Film Theatre, 12 Rose Street, Glasgow, G3 6RB
- £7 (£5.50)

The struggle to do the right thing for Zola and his son Mamadou, who are among the survivors of a refugee boat washed ashore in the Canaries, places issues of responsibility, compassion and moral duty at the heart of an utterly compelling human drama.

The screening is preceded by Refugee Survival Trust's short animated film, Destitution, narrated by A.L. Kennedy and followed by a discussion.

Info: 0141 332 6535 www.glasgowfilm.org

Lodging House Mission

Here are a few notes from the Lodging House Mission AGM held on Monday 23rd April:

Food services are still at the core of the LHM and there is a steady increase in numbers averaging 140/day, although it has reached 180 at times. There were 120 at the Christmas Day lunch which can be a very emotional time when people have no home or family to go to. Accessing cheap food allows engagement with the visitors which can lead to social and spiritual support. Thanks were extended to the 35 volunteers who help throughout the week in the kitchen, the office or with education.

The Work Placement Initiative began on 20th February where visitors are taking on a working role within the LHM. It is hoped to find work for nine people in due course. We heard from the three who are currently employed and how they appreciated the structure to their daily lives, the satisfaction of commitment to work and the resulting increase in confidence. One of them had just heard that her application to college to study social care had been accepted.

The chaplain described the spiritual growth at the LHM. A Tuesday service started recently is more informal than the Sunday service with fellowship afterwards. It has attracted 20 visitors, half of whom do not attend Sunday service. The LHM aim to get visitors more involved in their local churches. This can mean accompanying them to services.

A three month project with Scottish Op-

era to develop singing, acting and writing skills resulted in a successful production. It is hoped a video of this will soon be on the website.

Ann Begg
Congregational Rep

World Mission Prayer Diary—June

During June and the summer months let us remember the Church of Scotland mission partners:

Joel Githnji, his wife Agnes and their two children live in Nepal. Joel is based at the United Mission to Nepal, where he is integral Mission advisor for HIV.

Ida and Keith Waddell - Zambia
Keith is a teacher and his wife Ida is a nurse. They support work in the Mission Hospital and School in Mvandi. Keith is helping to expand the school to a High School.

David and Rebecca Morton - Malawi.
They work in partnership with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian David who is a doctor in Nkoma Hospital in Malawi supervises primary health care and HIV/ AIDS programme. Rebecca works with AIDS orphans.

Colin Johnston is the Associate minister at Tiberias in Israel/ Palestine

George Sands is the minister of Scots Memorial Church Jerusalem with St Andrews Church Tiberius.

Brigade Blethers

I know we do not have a Brigade Blether as such this month but the Brigade will enrol for next session on **Thursday 30 August**. I will put a note in the Sunday intimations nearer the time, but please put the date in your diaries now.



We meet in the large Hall. It is enrolment only that night so we ask everyone to come any time between 6.30pm and 7.30pm

Anne Goodlet.

ICC Graduation

St. Paul's have been asked to host the International Christian College Graduation on 16th June. St Paul's has a close association with ICC, our minister teaches a few classes and we have the former principal as an occasional guest preacher. I am sure that we will be able to show good Scottish hospitality to the many foreign students and their families.

We need people to set up the hall about 12-00am, serve on the day from 2-30pm and donate baking for the event. Baking which should be unbuttered, not have cream or uncooked eggs in it, may be left in hall before 1-00pm on Friday or from 12-00am to 2-00pm on the Saturday. Lists will be available at the back of the church for those willing to help. If you are not a baker but would like to help, donations towards tea, coffee etc may be given to Ann MacLeod or Frances Ireland

Ann MacLeod

Stamp Appeal

Last year's stamp appeal raised just over £3740 for the Mount Olivet Boys' Home in Jamaica. A big thank you to everyone who helped contribute to that excellent total.



This year's World Mission Stamp Appeal will raise money for a project which, for more than a decade, has helped Palestinian refugees in Southern Lebanon to "live off the land" by teaching them agricultural skills. Since the year 2000 the Joint Christian Committee for Social Services in Lebanon (JCC) has run courses for the inhabitants of three camps near the city of Tyre. Many of the 45,000 refugees have no prospects by the JCC's training centre provides them with the basic skills and knowledge to farm the land for fruit and vegetables. They would now like to extend that help by offering them the opportunity to raise chickens which in turn will also provide a small additional income.

Please help JCC realise their ambition in this very worthwhile caseu by continuing to collect and donate your used stamps.

Margaret Hamilton and May Phillips.

Scottish Bible Society



On 3rd May I attended a reception in the Garden Lobby of the Scottish Parliament to celebrate the People's Bible. The event was organised by the Scottish Bible Society and sponsored by Dave Thompson MSP.

The speakers at the event included Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Fiona Hyslop MSP, the Culture Secretary and Elaine Duncan, Chief Executive of the SBS. A short video of the production of the hand-written Bible during the nation-wide tour in 2011 was shown.

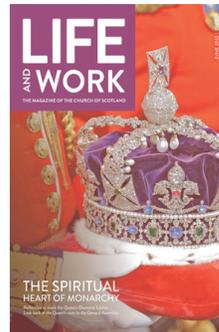
During the journeys of the Scribe Pods round Scotland and England 43,131 verses were written – enough to produce the complete King James Bible and a New Testament.

Elaine Duncan presented the bound, hand written copy of Genesis, chapters 1 – 26 at the service in Westminster Abbey on 16th November which marked the completion of the project.

During the visit of the Scribe Pod to Milngavie in September just over 200 people each wrote 2 verses – at times there was even a queue!

The video can be viewed at www.thepeoplesbible.org

Frances Ireland



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The Spiritual Heart of the Monarchy

As the nation celebrates the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Rev Dr Ian

Bradley reflects on the spiritual influence of the Church of Scotland on the monarchy.

A Decade of Change

Ten years on from the publication of Outside Verdict, his controversial critique of the CofS Harry Reid reflects on the church today and looks to the future.

Twenty Years of the Glasgow Gospel

It is 30 years since Jamie Stuart first conceived the Scots Gospel and 20 years since his Glaswegian version made him famous. Jamie and his friend Dr Donald Smith tell Thomas Baldwin how it all started.

A Time of Crisis and Opportunity

Michael Gunn reports on an uncertain future for Christians in Egypt.

Christian Aid Week

At the time of going to press has raised £10,000 but there is still a lot of money to come in and Gift Aid to be added so the final total will be announced later.



Many thanks to all the collectors and those who assisted at the count. Your help and support for Christian Aid is always great appreciated.

Gordon Campbell

Whisper or Brick?

A young and successful executive was travelling down a neighbourhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something.

As his car passed, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the Jag's side door! He slammed on the brakes and spun the Jag back to the spot where the brick had been thrown. He jumped out of the car, grabbed the kid who was standing there and pushed him against a parked car shouting,

"What do you think you are doing, boy?"

Building up a head of steam he went on, "That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money. Why did you do it?"

"Please sir, please. I'm sorry, I didn't know what else to do," pleaded the youngster. "I threw the brick because no one else would stop..."

Tears were dripping down the boy's chin as he pointed around the parked car.

"It's my brother, sir," he said. "He

rolled off the kerb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up."

Sobbing, the boy asked the executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair, sir? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me."

Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. He lifted the young man back into the wheelchair and took out his handkerchief and wiped the scrapes and cuts, checking to see that everything was going to be okay.

"Thank you and may God bless you, sir," the grateful child said to him. The man then watched the little boy push his brother toward their home.

It was a long walk back to his Jaguar...a long slow walk.

He never did repair the side door. He kept the dent to remind him not to go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention.

God whispers in your soul and speaks to your heart. Sometimes when you don't have time to listen, He has to throw a brick at you.

It's your choice: listen to the whisper...or wait for the brick.

Answers to brain teaser

1. Johnny.
2. Meat.
3. Mt. Everest. It just wasn't discovered yet.
4. There is no dirt in a hole.
5. Incorrectly (except when it is spelled incorrecktly).
6. Billie lives in the southern hemisphere.
7. You can't take a picture with a wooden leg. You need a camera (or iPad or cell phone) to take a picture.
8. You would be in 2nd place. You passed the person in second place, not first.
9. Neither. Egg yolks are yellow.
10. One. If he combines all his haystacks, they all become one big stack.

CHURCH REGISTER

DEATHS

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

7.4.12 Miss Agnes Watt, 5 Wheathill Close, Milborne, Dorset	71
30.4.12 Mr Wm Pollock, 116 Strathblane Road	
2.5.12 Mr Wm Wilson, 76 Rowan Drive	45

Copy date for September magazine

The magazine will take a break for July and August and we will advertise the copy date for September nearer the time—it'll be towards the end of August.

The Editor would like to thank all the regular contributors for being so faithful in sending their items regularly and promptly—especially to those of you whom we have called on at the last minute for items. Big thanks to Helen Arnold for putting up with us again this year and finally to everyone who has prayed about the mag—we do appreciate it and hope that to some extent your requests have been met. Feel free to provide feedback!

If you have enjoyed taking part in a church activity or an event that you think the congregation should know about please think about writing a short article about it. If you don't feel up to writing it yourself we are happy to speak about it and offer some help—or provide the bare bones and we'll do a write-up.

Ed—Rona Dawson 0141 944 4198 rona.dawson@go.uk.com

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3 Jun	A Gibson A MacLeod	Cockburn Deuchar	L Cowie C MacKinnon	Team 5 Gordon Fairbrother
10 Jun	M Abbott R Douglas	Richell Reid	R Raeburn H Reid	Team 6 Margaret B Hamilton
17 Jun	K Hagart K Edwards	Berry Wallis	No Stall	Team 2 (Comm) Kate Hagart
24 Jun	M Maclean R Cameron	Sillars Wilson	B Watson M Conway	Team 7 Barbara Lawson

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