

CHURCH REGISTER

DEATHS

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

23.09.13 Mrs Joan McCallum, 1 Park Ave.,

13.10.13 Mrs Betty Harrison, 6 Kersland Court

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| Date | Flower Deliveries | Crèche Rota | Traidcraft Rota | Vestibule Rota |
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| 10 Nov | M Abott K Hagart | Chapman Wallis | A Begg J MacLea | Team 10 Bruce Shearlaw (EC) |
| 17 Nov | M MacLean R Cameron | McCreadie Stark | J MacIntyre M Fewell | Team 3 Gordon Campbell |
| 24 Nov | J Ford C Tanner | Goodlet Richell | R Cameron M Thoms | Team 4 Anne Goodlet |
| 1 Dec | J Clark S Stenhouse | Wilson Sillars | C MacKay R Fraser | Team 5 G Fairbrother |



St Paul's Milngavie Life Magazine November 2013

Dear Friends,

I am sure, like me, you have been staggered by the sight of thousands of refugees streaming from Syria to neighbouring countries where they believe they can find some security for the future. Some of these countries are small and not best able to respond to need on such a large scale. As often happens, however, at times of great crisis the best in humanity can emerge to bring hope.

I attended a meeting recently organised by Tearfund which was addressed by one of its workers just recently returned from the Middle East. She had been in various countries where Syrians had sought refuge, one of which was Lebanon. In one town she came across a Syrian family - mother, father and four children - who were living in a derelict building. They had had a fairly good standard of living in their own country but were now having to live day to day. Circumstances were made all the more difficult by the attitude of the local Mayor. He had made a statement to the effect that no Syrian refugees should be given any help. Apparently, there have been strained relationships between Lebanese and Syrians in the past.

A small Christian congregation was not prepared to accept this, however, and were providing the family with food, clothes and any other items they may need. This is all the more impressive in that the family are Muslims.

In this season of Remembrance when we are conscious of the things which divide humanity and cause hostility we need stories like this which show how barriers can be broken down by compassion. This was part of Jesus' ministry as he responded to those in need without regard for their nationality or religious background. He rejoiced to see the greatest example of faith in a Roman soldier; he responded to the pleas of a pagan woman for the healing of her daughter; he used the character of a Samaritan, always suspect in the eyes of a Jew, to teach responsibility for anyone bruised and battered by life's road.

Jesus has warned us that there would always be 'wars and rumours of wars' but he also proclaimed the growth of His Kingdom throughout the earth and that that would be strengthened as we learn to love our God and our neighbour in need.

Yours,
Fergus C Buchanan

The Guild

7th Oct. We were delighted to open our new session with an excellent choice of song and verse by the Exalt Choir, conducted by Ruth Dean and accompanied by Esther McColl. It was a splendid evening and greatly enjoyed by all.



14th Oct Mr. Scott Balfour of Morrison's Supermarket (Annie'sland) gave us a brief history of the Company, followed by Ann of Personnel on employment opportunities and training. Departmental managers of Produce, Bakery, Meat and Fish then spoke stressing freshness and customer care. They brought samples of special bread and a mouth watering supply of cup cakes which was greatly enjoyed with our cup of tea by members and our guests from Killermont Guild.

21st Oct. Mr. John Ritchie gave us an interesting talk on the work of The Balmore Trust and the importance of Fair Trade, which enables groups and individuals to become self reliant in creating a market for their goods.

Diary Dates

- Nov. 4th No Meeting
" 5th Visit to St. Lukes Guild
" 11th Bible Study – Rev. Fergus Buchanan
" 18th Open Night – Matt Ramsay-Govan Salvation Army
" 25th 'Ur ye Dancin' - Mr. Robert Marshall
Dec. 2nd Allocation of Funds, Bring and Buy, Bluebell Wood Demo
" 9th Christmas Dinner & Entertainment.



Margaret Stirling

Boys' Brigade

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You will be delighted to hear that 1st/ 2nd Milngavie Anchor Boys have come up tops and won the World Mission Fund Trophy again.

Of course, it was not only the Boys who raised the cash They were greatly supported by kind people in the various congregations and the Brigade staff would like the news to be spread so that the sponsors will hear the news, too.

The Presentation is in November and the Boys who are still in Anchor Boys and who were involved will go that evening.



THE BOYS' BRIGADE
WORLD MISSION FUND
(CHURCH OF SCOTLAND)



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

As previously intimated, 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.

Friday evening—launch event for local businesses, councilors, teachers etc.

Saturday—Coffee Morning and Open Day from 10am till 2pm with 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.

Sunday 10th—Guest preacher from MAF with soup and sandwich lunch after the service.

All week—exhibition open

Historic Church Linked with Paisley Witches to be Restored

Vital work has begun to preserve a historic church linked to the notorious Paisley witches. Kilallan Kirk, which lies between Houston and Kilmacolm, dates back to the 11th Century and In 1697, 11-year-old Christian Shaw, daughter of the Laird of Bargarran, complained of being tormented by a number of local witches.

James Hutchison, the minister of Kilallan at the time delivered a sermon, placing great emphasis on the presence of witches' marks on the bodies of the accused and cast doubt on the natural explanations of those marks offered by some physicians. The jury found all of the accused guilty and they were burned at the stake.

The kirk was last used in 1771 when the parishes of Houston and Kilallan were merged in 1760 but the graveyard was still in use until 1856, and the original manse is reputed to be one of the oldest inhabited houses in Renfrewshire. The trustees have now organised the repair of the building, which has been made possible by grant support and donations of £210,000 from a number of public and private bodies. In addition to the preservation works, the wider project includes the delivery of an extensive community activity programme aimed at breathing life into this ancient scheduled monument.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Over the past few weeks I have collected envelopes and cash for the Vine Trust – Tanzania Project which was the chosen charity for Harvest. The total amount collected was £1,461.50 and Gift Aid on £758 will bring in a further £189.50 bringing the total to £1,651. Thanks to everyone for their donations.



The Vine Trust Project in Tanzania is building small homes for vulnerable families in the Kilimanjaro Region. The homes are being built in partnership with TAWREF which is a Women's Research Foundation which supports the most vulnerable children they identify through their research. 10 homes had been completed at the end of July and it is hoped that a further 6 will be completed by the end of the year.

It is encouraging to see that our offering is being put to good use and is making a huge difference to the lives of children less fortunate than ourselves.

Chris Scott, Treasurer

Flower Donations— November

Mrs. E. Gray,
Mrs. M.
Hitchison, Miss
A. Ritchie, Mrs.
M. Taylor, Miss
E. Watson, St.
Paul's Guild



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

A BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL

Life has been a bit fraught at the Blackadder household since the birth of Harris, our first grandchild.

I'm fairly certain, however, that he was sent to keep us all busy and on our toes and your prayerful support and words of encouragement are helping to carry our whole family through an extremely challenging time.

My retirement at the end of June seems a lifetime away now, but, I really need to thank you all for your gift and many good wishes—it was very much appreciated.

God bless you all.

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.

Life Magazine New editor required

Please pray for a volunteer to come forward to take over the Editor's job for Life mag. Or better still, could you consider taking it on yourself?

The current editor has agreed to carry on until Christmas but after that a new person really is required to take on the role.

The magazine goes to every household in the parish and is published on the church's website.

It's not a hard job – it does require good spelling and grammar, computer literacy, an organised approach and

patience (usually from everyone else round about in the current case!)

There is a pool of regular contributors and articles usually start arriving about a week before copy date and come in right up to (or beyond) the deadline. These then have to be assembled and arranged together to best fit the available number of pages which, as you can see is either 8 or 12.

Rona will provide a full hand-over and ongoing assistance (if wanted/needed) and will be pleased to answer any questions from anyone interested. Please phone her on 07775714649 for an informal chat.

Book Club

Our book this time is *Nathaniel's Nutmeg* by Giles Milton.

The publicity on the back cover says, "Nathaniel's Nutmeg is the extraordinary story of nutmeg, the spice trade, the island of Run and an heroic English adventurer".

The majority of the group struggled to finish this book. Some of their comments included – no interesting characters, not in chronological order, no main characters, and not even a lot about nutmeg, but the main issue was with the fact that the title character is mentioned in only 30 odd pages in total. We had all been hoping to hear more about nutmeg and spices in general but were disappointed and read instead about 30 half-starved men and their blood thirsty adventures keeping the Dutch at bay for 5 years – but as a result of our journey into the world of nutmeg, one of the group has started putting nutmeg in her soup!

Next time we are reading 84 Charing Cross Road by Helene Hanff and our next meeting is on 19 November 2013.

JOYCE CLARK



ARRIVEDERCI ROMA.

St Paul's Holiday fellowship group had a fabulous stay in Rome. Our 3 star hotel was situated in a lively little narrow street very close to St Peter's Basilica. We became well-known in the local coffee shops and restaurants and felt part of Italian life rather than tourists.

We had a delightful, knowledgeable guide and a helpful Italian Tour Manager. As a result, the programme ran like clockwork. One had to pinch oneself as we drove along the Appian Way, crossed the Tiber innumerable times and walked from the Colosseum to the Roman Forum. Lists of Roman Emperors and Popes floated before our eyes. We were glad to have visited St Peter's in the relative tranquility of Sunday, since the crowds approaching the Sistine Chapel during our official visit were almost overwhelming.



Our final day was spent outside the walls visiting the catacomb of San Sebastian, an early Christian burial chamber, and the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls, certainly a highlight of our visit. It was felt to have great significance for us. Its airy cafeteria and well-stocked shop added to the enjoyment. We tasted panini and pizza such as they are never made in the UK. Strolling in short-sleeves again and then dodging the monsoon downpours were part of the fun. It was a most delightful swan-song for me.

MY SWAN-SONG

Having organised trips for the St Paul's Holiday Fellowship for eight years, I have decided that it is now time to hand on the baton to someone else.



When I thought of the places we have visited, even I was surprised at the number: Provence, the Rhine, Oberammergau, Austria, Switzerland, Prague, Dresden, Vienna, Budapest, Bratislava, the Netherlands and Rome....and some of you have done most of them with me!

Brigade Blethers

October is an "on and off" month in Brigade. We are just back from the September weekend then we are off again for school holidays. Then by the time you will be reading this we will be heading for the Quiz with Christmas parties coming up fast.



But let's put Christmas aside for the moment and concentrate on the quiz. In case you did not read about it last month the quiz is scheduled for Thursday 28 November with all proceeds going to MAF. We look forward to seeing all our "regulars" and hopefully some newcomers too.

The Company's depleted numbers are still giving us cause for concern. With only twenty enthusiastic girls we keep looking for new ways to increase our numbers so if you can point some girls in our direction we will be grateful. But hey! Jesus said that wherever even two or three are gathered in His name He will be among us so we will go on trying to seek, serve and follow Him. Please keep praying for us.

Anne Goodlet

Celebrating the bicentenary of the birth of Dr David Livingstone

The 19 March 2013 marked the 200th anniversary of the birth of David Livingstone; explorer, writer, missionary, medic and anti-slavery campaigner.

Join us for an ecumenical service of thanksgiving to celebrate David Livingstone's bicentenary and his Christian faith. Participating in this special event will be local Blantyre school children, Scottish Christian leaders and the Voice of Hope choir. Members of the public will be warmly welcomed.



- Location: Glasgow Cathedral
- Date: 13 November 2013
- Time: 4pm
- Entry: Tickets are free
- Contact: livingstone@nts.org.uk for reservations

This event is jointly hosted by Church of Scotland, David Livingstone 200, EMMS International, and Scottish Bible Society. It will be followed by a debate, hosted by EMMS, entitled 'What would Livingstone be doing now?' The event is free, but by ticket only.

World Mission Prayer Pointers

PAKISTAN

Please pray for those in parts of Southern Pakistan where a powerful 7.7 Magnitude earthquake struck last month. Sources confirmed that more than 350 people were killed and over 600 sustained injuries, while nearly 300,000 people have been affected across six districts. The National Disaster Management Authority shares an estimated 21,000 houses have been damaged.

BANGLADESH

At least 9 people were killed at a clothing factory near the capital Dhaka and many more injured. Sadly, this is not an isolated incident as safety standards in Bangladesh factories are very poor. The World Mission Council have joined with other to raise awareness of this issue and to advocate for justice and better conditions for factory workers.

AFRICA

The World Health Organisation has reported that three girls in South Sudan have contracted wild polio type 1 virus. All three girls had previously been immunised with oral polio vaccine. The Horn of Africa region is currently experiencing an outbreak of this virus.

CYCLONE PHAILIN

Please pray for all those affected by Cyclone Phailin which hit the east coast of India this week. Many have been left homeless, without food and supplies; homes, crops and infrastructure have been destroyed up to 25km inland. Christian Aid partners on the ground

are helping to meet needs. An estimated 12 million people are likely to have been affected.

Pray for those affected by Cyclone Phailin in India. For those who have fled the storms, not knowing if their friends, family or homes will be rescued and restored.

May the Lord give strength to his people. May the Lord bless his people with peace.

Psalm 29 v 10

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'We Shall Not Forget'

Remembrance reflection by the Rev John Chalmers, two and a half years after his son was injured in Afghanistan. Jackie Macadam meets the Church of Scotland minister who helps injured service personnel look to the future.

Guild urged to 'keep taking risks'

Lynne McNeil reports from the 2013 annual meeting of the Church of Scotland Guild.

The God Question

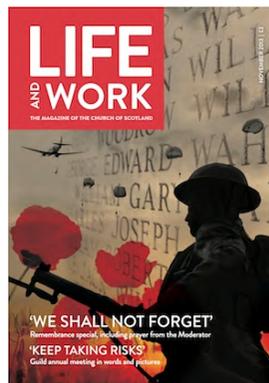
Lynne McNeil learns more about a new resource in the science v faith debate

A Fife Success

John R Hume focuses on a new church in Dunfermline

Changing Church

Thomas Baldwin discovers a Dundee



There are special memories for me :

- the bells tolling as people walked from all directions in silence towards the theatre in Oberammergau for the beginning of the Passion Play,
- thick snowflakes falling in Cologne as we approached the Christmas markets,
- fireworks and church bells in Vienna, as we brought in the New Year on the Danube,
- Van Gogh's paintings brought to life in Arles,
- the breathtaking beauty of the items in the green vault in Dresden,
- Room 321 in the Hotel della Conciliazione in Rome (ask Wilma and Elizabeth)

Problems also had to be dealt with : Broken arm, wrist and shoulder, (not on the same trip!) flights having to be rebooked on the spot as a result of strikes, ice and technical problems on aircraft, missed connections resulting in last-minute hotel room bookings, whole sections of the river cruise being missed because of too little, or too much, water.

I found nothing but helpfulness from officials on these occasions, especially when I explained that we were a church group. My medical vocabulary in the languages improved greatly!

The abiding memory for me will be the kindness, patience, tolerance and friendship of those travelling with me. Thank you all. Nothing would give me greater pleasure than if someone else was prepared to continue the organisation of the holidays.

Anne Ritchie

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Plans are well advanced for our Christmas Tree Festival which will run from **Saturday 30th November – Friday 6th December**



We have been encouraged by the number of replies we have received from schools and organisations in the community who wish to decorate a tree. This year the money raised from donations will be given to 4 charities. They are Help for Heroes, Alzheimer Scotland, Revive (Multiple Sclerosis Unit in Ruchill) and Friendship Circle.

Within the next few weeks we will be asking for volunteers with stewarding and baking and serving refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there!!!

Japan Jottings



Dear Friends

This month sees us complete one year in our role as Field Director for the OMF work in Japan. It's certainly been a year full of new challenges, new learning and many new opportunities – but more about all of that in a moment.

Last month Lorna was in India visiting Hebron for half-term. Matthew was starring in his final Drama Week playing one of the characters in an adaptation of Dickens' Tale of Two Cities. He was very pleased to pick up the award for Joint Best Actor. He is in his final year and wondering whether to apply for university next year or take a gap year. Meanwhile in Glasgow, Daniel is getting into the finer points of Scots Law and even followed in his parents' footsteps by attending a Day Conference by the Lawyers' Christian Fellowship (we first met at such a Conference many years ago!)

Back in Japan, we have been reflecting on this first year in our new role. It is great to see so many new missionaries continuing to come and to apply to come with OMF to Japan. Our team of around 130 (plus around 50 children) is growing all the time. We could add another 15 just over the next year alone. While all of that is encouraging, it does give us challenges too as our team is getting younger and less experienced, and that in a land where age and years of service counts for a lot.

Many of you will remember the devastating tsunami of March 2011. OMF has been involved in a relief project there since that time and we plan to finish the work in its present phase next May. At that point we would like to transition the work to the Japanese church to continue. Some relief work will continue but there will also be more of an emphasis in starting a church (maybe more in the form of smaller groups) among the people in those areas. Even today, many continue to live in the temporary houses as the physical recovery has been slow. Do please keep praying for people in those needy areas.

With our love

David, Lorna, Daniel, Matthew, Calum and Alistair

St Paul's Traidcraft

The Traidcraft stall is still going strong in the large hall after the morning service. Babs Frame, myself and the team have now been actively working at the stall, promoting fairly traded goods since 2001 & the Bible Class have also been involved. There will be another opportunity in November to purchase the very popular Kilombero rice & meantime we still have a good stock of the chutneys. The winter catalogue is available & we will take orders for Christmas up till December.

I shall be making up the stall rota for 2014 and would be very pleased to include a few more volunteers. It only involves one Sunday morning every couple of months, so please consider joining us.

Rosemary Fraser 956 3222



The Milngavie Churches Salvation Army Carol

Service will take place on Sunday 1st December at 7 pm in St Paul's Church. Always an excellent evening at start of Advent.

Noah's Ark

celebrated its 1st birthday last month.



We could hardly believe it! We celebrated with a birthday cake with a lovely rainbow, which all the adults & children enjoyed—not the babies though! There are 60 babies/toddlers registered for this term and a few on the re-opened waiting list. Just lately there have been 35 to 40 youngsters coming each week—sometimes more—so it is a fairly busy morning.

The top quality coffee and snacks for both children and adults are really appreciated and it is great to see friendships being made or renewed during the morning. Thanks to you, we have a goodly supply of toys but we do buy new items from time to time and certainly had to invest in large floor mats (for babies) & slides. We have had help from 'toy' mover volunteers, at the beginning and ending of each session which is a great blessing.

No report would be complete without a plea for more helpers in all aspects of this work—kitchen, toy mover, occasional morning helper, renovator of equipment etc.

Please get in touch with us any Thurs. morning in the large hall between 9am & 11.15am or phone

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or Rosemary Fraser 956 3222
or Chris Scott 956 5251