



## St Paul's Milngavie

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November 2008

Dear Friends,

There was a throw-away comment made on a radio programme recently which stayed with me. It was said that after the First World War there was barely a family in the UK who had not lost a member or at least someone who was within the circle of friendship. The statistics are not precise but there were close to 1 million deaths recorded from the British Empire. Waves of suffering which flooded into the homes of rich and poor and left a permanent sense of loss.

The extent of it is staggering and yet in a way it was merely a prelude to the bloodiest century of all. It is estimated that during the 20th Century between 160 million and 216 million people were killed in wars and genocides.

The Season of Remembrance is an opportunity for us all to focus on the consequences of war and to remember that the lives which make up the statistics were men and women who were loved and valued by others.

My mother always found Remembrance Sunday difficult because she lost a brother in the Far East. A Milngavie lady quietly thanked me after a service at the village war memorial because as well as remembering husbands and fathers who were lost I had also mentioned boyfriends.

There are so many stories and so much pain. That's why the Season of Remembrance has also to be a time of commitment that we will work and pray until the day dawns when in the words of the paraphrase we will 'study war no more.' That will only be when the Prince of Peace returns and His voice commands peace in the midst of all human conflict. But He will recognise His own as those who have been instruments of peace.

## Kimo Peru Update

As you know we had a very successful **Cake Sale** in September which raised £538.57 with which we were delighted. Again our thanks to everyone who supported this effort – we will do this again !!!



Our next event is our **Fish 'n' Chip Ceilidh** in the Milngavie Town Hall on Saturday 15th November from 7.00pm – 11pm with the Haggis Chasers Ceilidh Band(!!) Tickets cost £10 for Adults and £5 for Children and are available at the back of the Church and in the Large Hall after both services. There will be an interesting range of items for auction – please bring your wallets or cheque books.

We have also produced a **Calendar** with a wide range of photographs from Peru. A sample copy will be on display in the Church and on the board at the back of the Large Hall. The cost is £6.00 and the Calendar will be on sale each Sunday. This will make a great Christmas gift for your friends and family, far and near. It is a good way to spread the word about our Project.



In December we are organising a **Christmas Tree Festival** – what is that? We have asked other Churches, Schools and Organisations in the community to pay for a Christmas Tree in a pot with a set of lights; they are then free to decorate it as they wish and all the trees will be on display in the Church. We will have groups and individuals providing music to entertain us as we look at the display, and tea and coffee will be available in the Jubilee Hall.

If you would like to be involved either by serving tea and coffee or by baking please sign the sheet at the back of the Church. We are also looking for volunteers to be on duty in the Church during the Festival – again a sign-up sheet is available.

The Festival will take place from Wednesday 3rd December – Tuesday 9th December from 10.00am – 4.00pm every day except Sunday when the times will be 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Volunteer duties will be from 10.00am – 1.00pm or 1.00pm – 4.00pm. Please support this novel event, a first for Milngavie, and tell your friends about it too.

## Book Review

### **From There to Here: 16 True Tales of Immigration to Britain**

#### **Synopsis:**

In February 2007, Penguin Books asked people from any background to send in their true personal accounts of immigration to Britain. The response was significant, and the range of entries overwhelming. Six judges - including Shami Chakrabarti of Liberty and the novelist Kate Mosse - selected the best, most illuminating and most powerful entries to be published in this book. The result is the widest-reaching contemporary survey of the immigrant experience published in many years. In these pages you'll discover sixteen very different voices, each one presenting a very different point of view. In taking us around the world, each account shows a new side to the most complicated journey of all: finding a place to call home.

*"The dozen or so immigration stories that make up From There to Here are full of such human details we rarely see in the mainstream media. Encompassing varied true-to-life experiences of immigrants to the UK (from Ugandan exiles to Turkish-Cypriot Muslims), the anthology paints a vivid picture of an ethnically diverse Britain at odds with itself. At times inviting, at others prejudiced and hostile, the reactions of the natives are as fascinating as those of the newcomers."*

**Yo Zushi, New Statesman**

**More of the same at**

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

## The Guild

The Guild recommenced on the 6<sup>th</sup> October with a very entertaining and enjoyable evening with the musical group the Oliverians. The selection of songs suited all and they were very popular.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> October we had a talk on Buchan old fashioned sweets. It brought back memories and we had the opportunity to sample and purchase. We are looking forward to a Bible study with Rev Fergus Buchanan and a talk on Birds of New Zealand coming soon.

Mrs Rosemary Fraser will be selling Traidcraft goods on the last Monday of each month.

Our November programme is as follows:

3<sup>rd</sup> – Cloth of Heaven with Issy Sanderson

10<sup>th</sup> –Japan with the Fergusons

16<sup>th</sup> – Church dedication service – start of Guild week

17<sup>th</sup> – Jane Austen with Patricia Bascom

24<sup>th</sup> – Music in hospitals with Alison Fraser

## Work Party Information for Kimo

On Monday 29th September a group from the Church attended a meeting in Falkirk to find out more about what is involved in going on a work party with the Vine Trust.

We discovered that age is no barrier, nor is physical fitness (or lack of it!). Everyone does what they can and they seem to have great fun doing it. We heard from young and not so young about their experiences last summer and how they plan to go back next year!

We plan to take a work party next summer, probably at the end of June, for a fortnight, though the date is negotiable if that is inconvenient.

The cost is approximately £1,500 which includes all flights, accommodation and food. There will be the option of a day trip to Machu Picchu, which is a stunning experience.

For students among us, there will be the possibility of help to fund the trip as some members of the congregation have indicated their willingness to provide sponsorship since they are unable to go themselves. (Would you like to help in this way? – please consider this prayerfully).

If you would like further information please contact Eleanor Easton on Tel. No. 943 0368 or John Macpherson (our Overseas Committee Convener) on Tel. No. 942 4550.

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## Help!

I make blankets for Oxfam and would be grateful for any spare wool. Any colour, any ply is welcome.

Margaret Maclean

956 4971

## More Help!

I shall shortly be making the new Traidcraft rota for 200.

If anyone in the congregation would like to help with the stall & be added to the rota, please let me know –

Rosemary  
Fraser 956  
3222

## Brigade Blethers

Since our last bleth<sup>5</sup> back in September we have been very busy: enrolling new girls, planning a weekend to Auchengillan, producing 40 posies for harvest, attending the leaders' annual training session, planting spring bulbs and of course getting started with our Sunday book sale.

People have been very generous with their donations of second hand books which means that we will be able to put out a different selection each week. After only 2 weeks we have banked £78 for the Kimo Peru Project.

The Brigaders have agreed to man the stall and we hope to continue the sales till the end of the session. Please come along and support us!

As promised, our fundraising evening on 27 November will take the form of a General Knowledge Quiz. This is being organised by one of the Dads and we are looking for about 20 teams of five adults. Each competitor will pay £2 to take part in this prestigious event and, as well as a cup of coffee to sustain you, we will even have a trophy for the winning team!! So how about it? Why not ask four others to join you in a team? It will be good fun and all of the proceeds go to the Kimo Peru Project.

Keep an eye on the intimations for further information or speak to one of the leaders.

Yours, Anne Goodlet



### **Traidcraft**

Have you checked out our fairly traded goods recently? You don't like the coffee?

There are now many more varieties to choose from, Instant freeze dried, or ground coffee at 5 different strengths—'Machu Pichu' ticks all the right boxes if you like a strong coffee.!

Didn't like the tea last time you tried it?

Once again there are more varieties to choose from, benefiting many more producers. The new autumn catalogue is now available in which you can see all these products & we, on the Traidcraft stall are very willing to order what you would like.

The catalogue also has many 'gift' ideas and of course a complete range of Christmas cards

## Book Club Event

The Book Group went to Milngavie Library on Tuesday 21 October to an author event, which was a new venture for us.

The author was Rodge Glass and he talked about a few of his books and in particular his book about Alasdair Gray called "A Secretary's Biography". Although he is not working full time for Alasdair Gray at the present time, he was his Secretary for 10 years and during this time he took on the task of writing a personal profile of the author and artist. Rodge read extracts from the book and then answered our questions.

The evening was extremely interesting and we hope Milngavie Library will organise more evenings with this format in the future.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 25 November at the usual time of 7.45pm when we will be discussing The Grass Arena by John Healy which has been held over to our next meeting due to our library visit. Helen as usual as the venue if you would like to join us.

Joyce Clark

## Balmore Coach House

There will be a special day at the Coach House on Tuesday 18th November in aid of Saidiana Kenyan women's self-help group.

10.30 - 5.00pm. Come for coffee, Christmas cards (great selection) homemade soup, gifts from all around the world, etc etc!

If you need a lift, phone 953 1967- before the 18th please.

Saidiana is run by Fridah W/afula ---- a minister's wife who came to Iona and got inspiration to start this.

If you would like to know more, ask Joan Miller 956 1067.

**Copy date for December issue is Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov if using church pigeon hole or 26<sup>th</sup> if emailing to [rona.dawson@go.uk.com](mailto:rona.dawson@go.uk.com)**  
**Posted articles to 123 Garscadden Rd, Old Drumchapel, G15 6UQ please.**

## Mens' Association

The Mens' Association began its session on the 7th October when one of our own members, Malcolm Boyd, gave a very interesting and humorous presentation and talk on what happened "After the Mutiny", leaving us with a mystery as to what happened with Fletcher Christian. Malcolm had obviously carried out a lot of research into this subject and gave us a great opening night. Two weeks later, our speaker was Eleanor Easton who spoke on the Kimo Peru Project with an excellent presentation outlining the cultural differences in Peru. Eleanor's talk had a great impact on us all and raised several questions about the Project.

Our speakers in November are on the 4th Alan Devereux who is a well travelled individual and will be speaking on "Alan's Journey" and on the 18th Roy Burden will whose talk is entitled "Art meets Science - Science meets Art" - an intriguing title indeed!

New members are always welcome to join us at 7.30 p.m. in the Centenary Room.

## India Missionary Fellowship

"On behalf of the Trustees of I.M.F. we thank the congregation of St. Paul's for the generous Harvest Thanksgiving Offering of £983 sent to the work in India. We are deeply grateful for your continued support and interest in the work amongst the children. The Trustees hope to meet in early November and hope that updated news will be available although the following is noted :

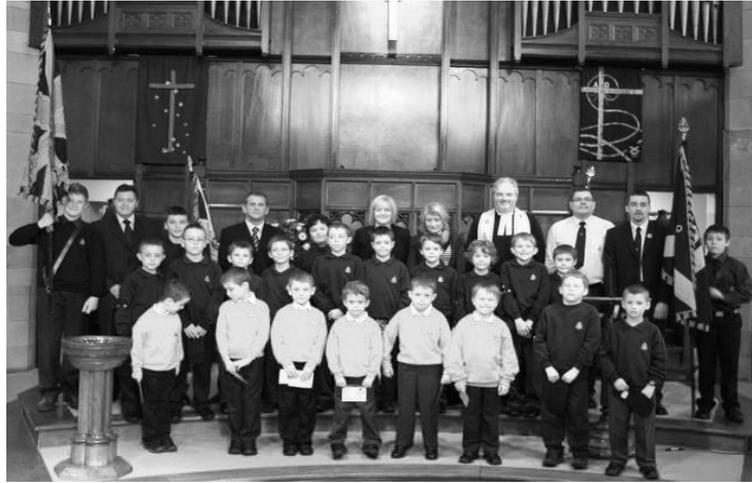
Kolar Gold Fields - New buildings are now completed and a tailoring unit is being set up to provide income for some of the girls. A two year Lab Technician course has also been set up and 17 boys and girls have enrolled for this.

Ayi - The new toilet block for the school has been completed and 65 children are enrolled in the school with 3 teachers and a helper. They also have a tailoring unit which was started in July and is self-supporting.

Madhavaram - All repairs carried out. 150 children attend the Tuition Centre in the evening. A one year Nursing Course started in July and a new classroom facility upstairs is needed for this. It will eventually be self-supporting but requires funds for equipment.

Please convey our thanks to all concerned"

**1st/2nd  
Milngavie  
Boys Brigade  
Company  
after the  
Enrolment  
and  
Thanksgiving  
Service**



**Coming soon!**

**Project X – Are you up  
to the Challenge?**

Are you secondary school age? Are interested in learning new skills and becoming part of a great new team in the Church? Be part of a team designing a new web site, learning presentations skills and other exciting challenges.

### **Young people's efforts for Kimo Project**

We are very grateful to the members of the Girls' Brigade for their Second-Hand Bookstall each Sunday after the Morning Service; they also have other ideas to raise money so we are looking forward to finding out about them!

At the beginning of the year each member of the Sunday Club was given a tube of Smarties; once the tube is empty it should be filled with coins of any value: we are not too fussy! And, of course, there is no reason why it should not be filled more than once..... Some children have already brought back their money but it would be good if all the tubes could be returned by the beginning of December. Many thanks!

## Boys Brigade 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



The 1st/2nd Milngavie Company recently held a weekend of events to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the founding of The Boys' Brigade.

On Friday 3rd October, a Birthday Party was held for all members of the Company (from Anchor Boys through to the Company Section) and their parents. The evening included games, lots of food and, of course, a 125th Birthday Cake!

On the Saturday evening a Reunion Dinner took place in Clober Golf Course Clubhouse. The Dinner was attended by ex-members from 1st and 2nd Milngavie and 16 other Boys' Brigade Companies. The guest speaker was Sir William Rae, former Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police and an ex-member of both 1st and 2nd Milngavie. Sir William spoke of how being a member of The Boys' Brigade had helped prepare him for his career. The second speaker was our own Minister, Mr Buchanan, who spoke of his memories of his time in 208th Glasgow Company. Finally, looking to the future, Euan McKay, Officer-in-Charge of 1st/2nd Milngavie, spoke of the strengths and opportunities for the Brigade in Milngavie in 2008 - although the present Company Section is small in number, the Junior Section is particularly strong and should result in an increase in the strength of the Company Section in future years. A display of memorabilia had been arranged for the evening and this provided an opportunity for the ex-members to reminisce.

The Company's Annual Enrolment Service was held in Cairns Church on the Sunday morning. This was combined with a Thanksgiving Service and was attended by the ex-members. During the Service, Rev Andrew Frater (Company Chaplain for 2008/09) spoke of the vision of Sir William Alexander Smith (founder of The Boys' Brigade) and his ability to think 'out of the box'. As part of the act of enrolment, all of the Boys were presented with a membership card. The Service was, for many, a memorable and emotional occasion which finished with the Colours exiting the Church as the organ played 'The Boys of the Old Brigade'.

The weekend was thoroughly enjoyed by all who had participated. The aim had been to ensure that there was something for everyone – from the youngest Anchor Boy through to the oldest ex-member.

The Boys' Brigade was founded in Glasgow on 4th October 1883. By 1900 the Brigade had begun to spread throughout the world and a Company had been established in Milngavie.

The present Company is attached to St Paul's and other Milngavie Churches. It meets in St Luke's Church Hall on the following evenings: Monday - Anchor Boys (P2-P3) and Junior Section (P4-P6) and Friday - Company Section (P7-S6). For further information contact Euan McKay (956-6125).

## Book Stall

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There will be a bookstall for three Sundays in November: 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. If there is a book that you particularly want, ask Glenys and she will be happy to order it for you.

## Sunday Club - Beginners

As from next Sunday the Beginners will meet in the Large Hall at the same time as the Adventurers; each group will be in a clearly defined area. We will revert to catering for both years of pre-school children in Beginners, as we have in the past, rather than asking the younger age group to go to the crèche.

We hope that this will be a more satisfactory arrangement for the Beginners and that they will settle down quickly in their new home.

## Sun Kids and Jump

The next Sun Kids event for children in P1 to P5 and Jump for those P6 to S1 will be on Saturday 22 November 2008 in the church halls from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm.

Please encourage all children and their friends to come along. This is a great opportunity for the church to build on the work that already goes on with our young people and to reach out into the community.

More publicity information will be available nearer the time.

Sun Kids and Jump can always do with lots of people to help ("up-front" things like leading the singing, doing the Bible story or "behind the scenes" activities like preparing the food, registration). Please consider volunteering your services.

Please contact Douglas Martin on 942-7184 about any aspects of Sun Kids and Jump.

## Flower Donations - November

Please send all donations for Church flowers to Mrs Wilma Douglas,  
34 Braeside Avenue. Tel 956 2630

Donations for November: Mrs M. Hutcheson, Mrs C. Allison, Miss A.F. Niven, Miss A. Ritchie, Mrs E. Gray.



Tom Hamilton was one of those men for whom the word 'gentleman' seemed perfectly fitted. He was courteous and respectful to everyone; an attentive host in his home; faithful in every task he undertook; and always smartly dressed for every occasion.

To be in Tom's company was always a pleasure. He had a fund of funny stories drawn from his rich life's experience but having served for many years in the police force and gone through the experience of war Tom had reflected deeply on the more serious side of life and from that emerged opinions which he would state very clearly but never with any intent to cause offence.

It is amazing to think that Tom lived through most of the twentieth century. He was born on 14 December 1915 and was destined to be the only child of Robert and Sarah Hamilton.

The family lived in the small Lanarkshire village of Netherton where there was a strong farming community. It wasn't an easy life and there were periods of unemployment but that didn't stop Robert and Sarah doing their best for Tom and when the time came they made sure he was properly dressed for his first job in an accountant's office in Glasgow. Apparently he was very proud of his brand new hat and probably could not believe the 2/6d he had in his pocket for his bus fare.

Eventually, though, Tom entered the police force where he made his mark and became widely known in his 25 years of service. Tom's career was interrupted by the war in which he served in the Royal Navy. As was the case with many of his generation this was not something that Tom spoke of very much although the fact that he eventually became a Chief Petty Officer says volumes about the quality and commitment of his service

With the war over Tom returned to the police and but with his 25 years service completed Tom embarked on a career change. He gained a qualification in Business Studies which enabled him to secure a teaching post in Anniesland College then in its early days. Tom brought a wealth of experience in administration and people management to the work and it was no surprise when he was eventually made Head of Department.

At this time Tom was a member at Anniesland Parish Church where he had been ordained an elder. As we might expect, he brought his natural dignity to the calling as well as his strong sense of duty and warm-heartedness

It is as an elder in St Paul's that most of us here today will remember him. He became known to us through his marriage to our own Margaret McNaughton who had been a life-long member here. Tom was admitted to the Kirk Session and as well as being a conscientious district elder he brought all his administrative gifts to bear on the work of Treasurer.

We give thanks to for Tom's faithful service to God and his love for God's people.



## Dear Friends

Now we are in November, our return to Japan in March doesn't seem very far away! These past couple of months have been busy ones and it continues that way this month as we have opportunities, both in St Paul's and elsewhere to share and meet with people in different ways and places. We have really been so encouraged as we have gone round churches and other groups.

October saw Lorna and Matthew visit Daniel in Hebron School in India. It gave Matthew the chance to join in with school and dorm life for a week before everyone headed down to the beach for a week's holiday. Daniel is doing well and Matthew is now looking forward to joining him again when second term begins in February. Up to then, he'll continue with home schooling here.

Last month was also special for us in that we had a visit from Ryoko Sasaki of Otaru Church. Her husband died a couple of years ago from cancer at a young age. She was able to see and taste a bit of Scotland and also thank and meet people who have prayed for her and Akio.

For those of you who like to get things in your diaries well ahead of time, we are planning to hold a Japanese Evening in the Large Hall on Saturday 31st January, late afternoon into early evening. Like last time (five years ago!), this will again hopefully be a time of fun, food and fellowship for all the family. More details will follow.

With all the uncertainty in the financial world, the knock-on effects will hit Japan too. There will be openings for the church there to help people in their pain, but so too opportunities to reach out with the gospel message. The small group of believers in that land of many millions certainly value the prayers of their fellow Christians in Scotland.

**With our love and thanks.**

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

**Dewdrops**

During the month of November, the dew drops will be focusing on the book of Psalms.

Some of the congregation have found difficulties tracking down the latest paper issue. Because of this, inside the November 2nd issue there is a supplement to complete, this will ensure your personally addressed copy gets to you!

Alex McEwan

Lord, may I never take the gift of freedom for granted. You gave me the great blessing of freedom

of  
spirit. Fill my spirit with Your  
peace and  
Your joy.

Your death on the cross has set me free.

I can live joyously and freely  
without fear of death.

Your mercy knows no bounds.

I remind myself that I am in the  
presence of the Lord.

I will take refuge in His loving  
heart. He is my strength in times  
of weakness. He is my comforter  
in times of sorrow.

From [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie)

**Milngavie churches**  
**Prayer Breakfasts**

3 Nov	Allander
6 Dec	St Paul's
7 Feb	St Andrew's

World Mission Diary for November

Let us focus our prayers this month upon Christians in India who are being persecuted for their faith..

The World Council of Churches' Executive Committee has called on the Government of India, and State authorities, to take steps to prevent the continuing violent attacks against the Christian minority in Orissa. The Committee expressed concern at the growing communal violence and religious intolerance in India and noted that the violence was spreading to other states, including Kerala, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh. The Executive Committee urged the central and state governments to begin rehabilitating those who have been forced to flee from their homes. It called on government, civil society, religious groups and political parties to work toward 'peace and reconciliation among people of different faiths in affected areas.'

Let us pray

**For comfort and courage for those persecuted for their faith especially in India**

**Healing for wounded bodies and crushed spirits caused by conflict and strife.**

**For the grieving, for families torn apart, homes destroyed and businesses no longer functioning.**



<b>CHURCH REGISTER</b>	
<u>NEW MEMBERS JOINED BY CERTIFICATE</u>	
Mrs Elma Cunningham, 40 Buchanan Street, Milngavie	3
Mrs Suzanne Robertson, 59 North Grange Rd., Bearsden	48
Dr. Iain Stewart, 48 Buchanan Drive, Bearsden	46
<u>CHANGE OF ADDRESS</u>	
Mr & Mrs Bill Ponton, 4 Craighton Gardens now 147 Clober Road, Milngavie	24
Miss Fiona Marshall, 1 /2 9 Kennoway Road, Glasgow now 37 Turret Road, Glasgow	70
Mrs May Jenkins 34 Fairview Court, Milngavie now 18a Canniesburn Nursing Home	
<u>DISJUNCTIONS</u>	
Mrs Sheila Carr, 9 Cairns Drive, Milngavie	16
Mrs Lynn Bowie, 37 Dumgoyne Ave., Milngavie	27
Mrs Grace Mowat, 2 /3 8 Chesterfield Ave., Glasgow	70
Mr & Mrs John Finch, 72 Maxwell Ave., Bearsden	68
<u>WEDDINGS</u>	
27 September Morven Macpherson 6 Beech Ave., Bearsden and Alan Taylor	
11 October Kirsty Carduff, 47 Moorfoot Way, Bearsden and Richard Stewart, Maxwell Lane	
<u>DEATHS</u>	
<i>Jesus said: 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'</i>	
16 October 08 Mr Alex Lamb, 48 Strathblane Road, Milngavie	

Date	Flower Deliveries	Crèche Rota	Traidcraft Rota	Vestibule Rota
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	S Anderson R Fraser	McAuley, Reid, Bolton	M Thomson M Ure	Team 8 Douglas Rogerson
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	M Conway M Macpherson	J Deuchar, Lawire, Sillars	A Begg J MacLean	Team 9 Margaret Macpherson
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	A Galloway J Townson	K Deuchar, Goodlet, Bates	J MacIntyre M Fewell	Team 10 Ian MacIntyre
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>	M McIntyre M Spencer	Cockburn, Richell, McKinnon	G Buchanan A Martin	Team 3 Ian Ferguson
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	P Dudgeon S Lindsay	Martin, Whitelaw, Wallis	C Mackay R Fraser	Team 4 David Lawson