

POLLOKSHIELDS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, GLASGOW

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NEW



*Have an
egg-cellent
Easter!*

Our Mission Statement:

*Showing forth the love of Christ in
a Multi-Faith Community*

Minister: The Rev David Black 423 4000
Session Clerk: Mrs Mary Morrison 632 1659

Services in April

3rd April Mothering Sunday

10th April Morning Worship

17th April Palm Sunday

21st April Maundy Thursday

(Service will be held at

Pollokshields Church of Scotland, Glasgow)

22nd April Good Friday

(Service will be held at Sherbrooke St Gilbert)

24th April Easter Sunday

(Short Act of Communion after Morning Worship)



The Way – 2011
Teenagers Youth Club



Dates for the next few meeting of The Way in the Fotheringay Centre at 6:00pm on Sunday evenings are 17th April, 15th May and 19th June.

All teenagers are welcome.



Message from the Manse

Resurrection, the great Easter cry “The Lord is Risen”, is the hope of our faith, our church, our witness to the world around us.

It is not new life, the spring return of flowers or blooms, nor lambs and bunnies, but changed life, transformed life we celebrate at Easter.

It is God living, dying and rising again to overcome the sin of the world.

It is Jesus, God made flesh, dying yet in death made something altogether new, who rises, and, having revealed his new life to his disciples, ascends back to God.

At a time when the church faces difficult choices in how it will relate itself to the world in which we live, we need to reaffirm our faith in the fact of Jesus death and resurrection.

For this is the unique element which our faith proclaims.

It is what makes Jesus more than just a great prophet or preacher. That he dies but lives again.

And we live in the light and faith and hope of His resurrection and the promise of our own. This offers us a perspective from which to view the world and all its striving for goodness and glory, from which to view all its suffering and loss, of which there has been so much recently.

That the risen Christ will one day be the returning Christ and his kingdom be the place of peace and justice and salvation for all people is what we look for and work for as we put our hope in Him.

**Best wishes for a Happy Easter.
David Black.**

CHARITY RUN

Valerie Henderson is running the Paris Marathon On the 10th April for **HEADWAY** (brain injuries) And **CHAS** (children's hospice). Sponsor sheets are on the Notice board (one for each charity) or go to her directly. All contributions will be gratefully received.

She is also accepting Blister Patches!!

God So Loved The World

(Sung to the tune of Danny Boy)

"For God so loved the world I find it written,
In verse sixteen, John's gospel chapter three,
He gave his son, who was for sinners smitten,
To nail upon the cross at Calvary.

Such wondrous love, it passes human knowledge,
For Jesus died that we might ever live,
Eternal life so none need ever perish,
To all believing souls he now will give.

From Helen Ang
of Malaysia

THERE'S ALWAYS A RAINBOW

There's always a rainbow,
Though sometimes it hides,
Clouded by sorrow,
Blown away by our sighs.

The hope and the joy
Buried deep in our heart
Need some space to emerge,
And then we can start
To see the bright colours
That light up our path.

When you can't see the rainbow,
Just be still, and ask.

Erica Wishart

6.8.04



HAPPY EGG HUNTING

Can We Give More This Year?

The Church's Annual Stated Meeting on Sunday 20th March agreed a budget for the coming year that had been recommended by the Finance Group and Session.

Putting it in blunt terms we need to increase our regular giving from the around £73,000 of 2010 to £93,000 in 2011.

Increasing our offerings to that level plus increasing other income and keeping our outgoings down as much as possible will allow the work of the church here in Pollokshields to continue and grow.

The Finance Group will be coming back to the congregation within the next two or three months with further ideas on how we plan to encourage giving, but you can make a start now.

Can you please examine what you give and see if you can increase it by say £2 or £5 a week or more if you can?

I know what I am asking given all the economic and financial circumstances but this is what we need to fully pay our way to continue the work of the church as it is today in Pollokshields.

We would also ask anybody who is giving regularly to Gift Aid their donations which means that the church will get money back from the taxman on what you do contribute. Can you please speak to David Hart if you want to do this or need to learn more about it?

A huge thank you to everyone for what they do give to the church. Together let us take up the challenge to do more.

Below is a summary of the income and spending in 2010 and what we have budgeted for in 2011.

Ken Symon. Finance Convener

Pollokshields Church of Scotland, Glasgow SC013690

**Summary of Unrestricted General Funds for year to 31 Dec. 2010
and Budget for Unrestricted General Funds for year to 31 Dec. 2011**



	<i>Summary For 2010</i>	<i>Budget For 2011</i>	
Ordinary Income			
Offerings	£73,019	£93,000	
Gift Aid Recovered	£14,008	£18,000	
Organisations (donations & transfers)	£866	£2,500	
	£87,893	£113,500	
Other income from:			
Use of Premises	£8,979	£8,000	
Investments	£3,412	£3,000	
Weddings & Funerals	£330	£500	
Other	£4	£1,000	
	£12,725	£12,500	
	£100,618	£126,000	
Expenditure			
Ministry & Mission Allocation	£61,815	£60,249	
Presbytery Dues	£3,693	£3,250	
Other ministry costs	£2,094	£2,400	
Salaries	£5,230	£6,600	
Fabric Repairs & Maintenance	£19,029	£30,000	
Council Tax	£3,433	£3,500	
Insurance, Heat & Light	£15,755	£16,000	
Church Office	£695	£2,000	
Other Expenses	£3,542	£1,200	
	£115,286	£125,199	
Surplus/Deficit on Normal Transactions	-£14,668	£801	
Extra Ordinary Income			
Gift Day	19,210		
	19,210		
Surplus / Deficit on General Fund	£4,542	£801	

THE DILEMMA

Most of us will be aware that the Presbytery of Glasgow is in deep trouble. They are required, by the Wise Men of The East to shed 31 ministerial places, or FTEs, that is Full Time Equivalents. At the moment there are 139 congregations in Glasgow. some of which have more than one minister. Glasgow has been allocated 133.7 FTEs, to be divided up as follows:

39 Priority Areas will get 60.1 FTEs
100 Other congregations will get 73.6 FTEs.

This means that 26 congregations will lose the right to have a minister but many of the Priority areas will be allowed to call 2 ministers.

Obviously the selection of those congregations who will lose the right to call a minister is going to be a difficult and bitter Process. The Presbytery has come up with a method which they believe will be fair. Every church is going to be visited and assessed for 5 criteria.

They are:

1. Population covered by the Parish.
2. Parish needs, that is roughly Poverty and Unemployment.
3. The size and strength of the congregation.
4. The amount of mission and ministry contributions
5. The outward looking focus of the congregation.

These 5 points will be assessed and each point will be given a figure, and these figures will be multiplied together to produce an Index. This Index will then determine their priority.

The problem is I do not see how we are going to persuade those churches who do not have a full time minister that they ought to still contribute financially to support the Priority Area Churches who have 2 ministers.

Kenneth G. Ross

Lent Study Group on Prayer.

Our study group utilised the workshop in "*Friends and Enemies*" by *Ruth Burgess* on Haiku Prayer to help us write some prayers of our own.

The earthquake and tsunami in Japan and the loss they brought was very much on our minds.

The result was these two prayers, in the longer 31 syllable Haiku style.

1. Give hope to Japan
In grief and desolation
God calls us to pray
For families torn apart
For a nation healed again.

2. Sudden death and loss
horrific devastation
out of fear comes calm
Communities made homeless
God wrap your arms around them.

We offer these to you to use in your own prayer time.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF GOVAN

presents

'SPRING into EASTER'



A celebration of music provided by the Govan Salvation Army Band

Songsters and Soloists

in

Sherbrooke-St. Gilbert's Church

240 Nithsdale Road, Pollokshields

on

WEDNESDAY 20th April at 7.30p.m.

Tickets : £5 (£4 concession) available from :

Ronald Grant : 0141 427 3669

Seona Maguire : 0141 427 0902

Duncan McLean : 0141 882 6983

In aid of local charities including ~ The Preshal Trust
and Forrest House, Residential Care House, Albert Drive.



THE GUILD

The final meeting of The Guild takes place on Monday April 4 at 7.30pm. This will be the A.G.M.



Many thanks to all who supported the Coffee Morning on Saturday August 12, despite the inclement weather. To all who attended and all who donated to the stalls, you helped us raise a total of £420.

S.Swan



There are a number of activities coming up for Christian Aid. The first is a lunch which is to be held on Sunday 27th April, after the service in the church hall. This will fit into the national Christian Aid fundraiser 'Super Soup Sunday'.

We'll also be distributing handy collection boxes for you to fill with loose change and donations, these will be collected at our special Christian Aid service as part of Christian Aid Week on Sunday 8th May. This is a bit of a change to how we do things as we won't be using the traditional envelopes but we have plenty of boxes to go round for all members of the congregation and any willing friends!

It was great to get different people from the congregation involved with activities for Christian Aid last year and we'd love to hear from anyone who has ideas or wants to get involved with things this time around.

Please email shonahmorrison@hotmail.com for more info, to get involved or for more collection boxes.

Shona Morrison

ACTIVITIES held at OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY

10:15am	Church Choir	(Church)
11:00am	Junior Church	(Church + Hall)
11:00am	Crèche	(Church + Session Room)
3:30pm	Scottish Asian Christian Fellowship	(Hall 1 st Sunday in month)

MONDAY

12:00–1:00pm	Lunch Club	(Session Room)
2:00pm or 7:30pm	The Guild	(Alternate Weeks)

TUESDAY

6:00pm–7:00pm	Rainbow Guides	(Ages 5-7 years)
7:30pm	Kirk Session	(1 st of month)
7:30pm	Bible Study	(2 nd & 4th of month)

WEDNESDAY

9:45am–10:00am	Midweek Service	(Session Room)
10:00am–11:45am	Coffee Break	(Hall)
5:30pm–7:10pm	Brownies	(Ages 7-11 years)
7:30pm–9:00pm	Guides	(Ages 11-15 years)
7:15pm–8:15pm	Church Choir	

THURSDAY

12:00– 1:00pm	Lunch Club	(Session Room)
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FRIDAY

10:00am – 12:00	Parent & Toddler Group	(Hall)
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