

POLLOKSHIELDS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, GLASGOW

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NEW VISION



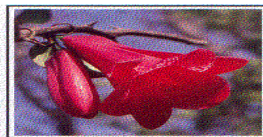
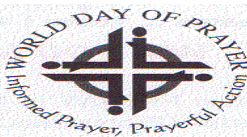
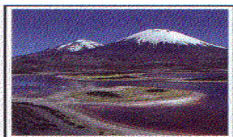
Our Mission Statement:

‘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 March

- 6th March Morning Worship
13th March Sacrament of Holy Communion
20th March Morning Worship
27th March Morning Worship



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, 4th March 2011

Written by Christian women of Chile

How Many Loaves Have You?

Will YOU join us?



'Where 2 or 3 are gathered together in my name ... there I will be also'

Will YOU join us?

Every year on (or near) the first FRIDAY in MARCH, Christians around the world (Protestants, Roman Catholics, Orthodox, Evangelicals), all ages (women, men, YP and children) gather in small groups and large congregations using the same basic form of worship, written by women of a different country each year on a theme given by the WDP International Committee.



'Lord teach us to pray'

This year we pray with women of Chile for

- refugees
- victims of natural disasters
- the hungry
- those who are abused
- women who are powerless
- children who need help
- women and children who are trafficked
- those affected by HIV or AIDS
- local concerns

In Chile, bread is central to their daily life – sharing bread is also a universal sign of hospitality. In this service, we are called to reflect on the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, and to answer the questions:

How many loaves have you? What are your gifts? What can you share?

For more information:

A warm welcome awaits you at your local service:

In St. Ninian's Episcopal Church, Albert Dr.

At 2.00 p.m.

M Anderson 0141-637 2791



Message from the Manse

Over February we have thought a lot about the teaching of Jesus collected in “the sermon on the mount” and how his vision of the kingdom of God is the promise of a much bigger society, a fairer, more just society than any of the visions politicians can offer us.

Given we are about to enter a period of political reflection, and choice and possibly change with elections in May, perhaps it is not a bad thing to remind ourselves that the Jesus we follow was crucified as a threat to the social order of his day, as someone who challenged the stereotypes and the power seekers in both the religious and political community.

As we look ahead to the period of Lent and preparation for our Easter Celebrations, why not try the alternate Wednesday Lent Study Group – it builds on the success of our Hear I Am series last year allowing exploration of the Bible and faith in different ways, asking us what it means to put the teaching of Jesus and his idea of the kingdom come as the first call on how we live and act and interact with our neighbours in the world..

Join us too for our Communion celebrations and for our Annual Stated Meeting which we hold again on a Sunday after worship this year. We’ll be sharing our hopes and vision for the year ahead: the Budget will be presented and our desire to see the one off generosity of 2010’s Gift Day turned into regular giving explained. We’ll let you know about our progress on the issue

of what to do with Church House, and how Presbytery Strategy and Planning may affect our future.

Its a future we want all of you to share with us, plan with us, celebrate with us, as we follow Jesus in our living day by day.

David Black

Christian Aid Roadshow
Partick South Church
Tuesday 1st March
at 7:00pm



There will be a
Stall of Groceries & Goodies
in the Church Hall
Sunday 6th March
& 13th March

Lies, Damned Lies and Statistics

I have of late been analysing the statistics in the most recent Church of Scotland Year Book, and have been coming up with some interesting facts, which I would like to share in the following table.

Presbytery of Glasgow
Analysis of Income for 2009

Income Bands	No. of Churches	No of Members	Income £'s	%
Zero of £50K	60	7,102	1,725,919	16.6
£50k to £100k	51	14,888	3,905,210	37.5
Over £100k	31	18,305	4,771,801	45.9
Totals	142	40,295	10,402,930	100.0

Included above, there are 35 Priority area churches, who have been allocated 67 ministers, or full time equivalents. They are almost all in the first band.

The middle band represents churches that are struggling but are pulling their weight. The 31 churches in the bottom band are clearly supporting the church, and any attempt to alter them would be counter productive.

I am glad to note that our church falls into the bottom band. While average givings per member per year in Glasgow is about £260, our givings come to a very commendable £465.

**Pollokshields
Church of Scotland**

THE GUILD



**COFFEE
MORNING**

Saturday 12th March

10am - 12noon

Ticket £1.50

Little People who have made a Big Impression

The Leper who Returned

There were ten of them. Afflicted with what might well have been leprosy they were shunned by society. Whatever their disease, people regarded them as highly infectious and as people to be kept apart from. They even had to ring a warning bell and shout "Unclean!" With no company but their own, no wonder they wandered around in a sad little band, with no hope and no future.

Imagine then when a healer came and greeted them without fear or reserve. They knew him by name, and presumably by his reputation as a healer, and called out, "Have pity on us!" Wonder of wonders he healed them and restored their ravaged flesh.

With what joy they ran off to see the priest and get an 'F.F.I.' (known to most

servicemen as short for 'Free from infection'). At last they could rejoin their families, have friends and again lead normal lives.

One of them however turned back to Jesus, and praising God thanked him.

For that one little of expression of gratitude 2,000 years ago he is still remembered today.

Do we remember to thank God daily for all he has done for us? We thank those who do us a great favour, or give us a costly present. But what about the little kindness or courtesy from our neighbour or the stranger we meet in the streets? Or the continuing support of our friends? Or do we take these for granted?

Gratitude costs so little but may mean so much.

Douglas Miller

Life and Work

What did you think of can do it from your armchair.

February's Life and Work's cover? A member of the congregation thought it looked like a 'Big Issue' magazine cover.

The cover was to introduce an article on the Church's work with addicts. In the article it says that lots of people look down on drug and alcohol addictions-but an addiction is so incredibly complex, so intensely gripping.

The internet has good uses. It can be used to watch TV, listen to the radio, watch DVD's, and talk to anyone live anywhere in the world. Or you can use it for recreation and education.

The downside to it is that on web pages adverts are shown for all types of things that some people find hard to resist. Through this some people will get into debt that they can not pay. Now you don't need to leave your home to gamble you

Rainbow House is run by CrossReach, the Social Care arm of the Church of Scotland. It can house up to 17 residents. Rainbow House reaches its 25th anniversary this year.

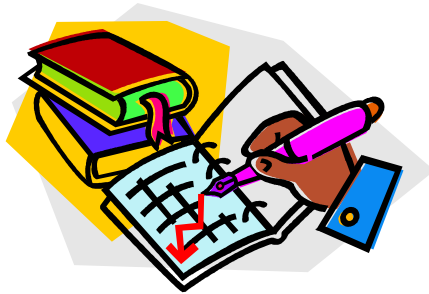
An addiction is not by choice it always serves a purpose and fills a need, and anyone can be affected.

Rainbow House works through a six month detox programme using group therapy as well as individual counselling, with experience counsellors. The residents soon move into independent flats where they have to budget, cook, clean and look after themselves.

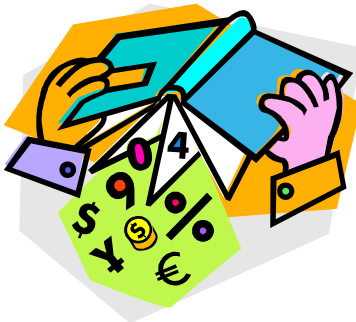
The whole article can be read in the Life and Work and it shows how easy it is to become addicted to anything.

"There but for the Grace of God goes I." **Elizabeth McKissock**

Pollokshields Church of Scotland, Glasgow



Stated Annual Meeting
will be held on
20th March 2011
after the Morning Service at
12:30pm



Date for your Diary

'Roll Away the Stone' is an event that the Church of Scotland is hosting in Edinburgh. It is a free event and everyone is invited to attend.

A Special Event for the whole Church
in Princes Street Gardens on Sunday May 22, 2011, 1pm - 6pm

Roll Away the Stone

Celebrating the 'Life of the Church'

Easter Play Scenes	Church Stories	Picnic
Storytelling	Fischy Music	Comedy
Massed Choirs	5-a-side football	Puppets
	Interviews	Discussion
	Youth and Kids	Bands
		Orchestra

- **Celebration**
- **Inspiration**
- **Discovery**

How can we take part? see over.

www.rollawaythestone.org.uk

For more information contact: Principal Clerk's Office, 0131 225 5722

THE GUILD

The Guild theme for 2010 - 2011
"Called to Love Mercy"

March Meetings

MONDAY 7 th	7:30pm	Speaker: Shona Morrison
MONDAY 14 th	2:00pm	Speaker: Rev Stephen Pacitti
MONDAY 21 st	7:30pm	Guild Project: "A NEW HUNGER"
MONDAY 28 th	2:00pm	Sadie & Marjory: "CRUISING THE RHINE"

Visitors are always welcome at all our meetings

Rainbows

Rainbows meet on Tuesday 6:00pm – 7:00pm for ages 5 – 7 years in the Hall. Rainbows play games; do craft work and have lots of fun. They then progress to Brownies at the age of 7 years.

Brownies

Brownies meet on Wednesday 5:30pm – 7:10pm for ages 7 – 11 years in the Hall. Brownies are involved in badge work, games and have lots of fun.

They progress to Guides at the age of 11 years.

Guides

Guides meet on Wednesday 7:30pm – 9:00pm for ages 11 – 15 years in the Hall. Guides play games, learn to cook and work towards Guide badges.

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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