

**POLLOKSHIELDS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, GLASGOW**

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# **NEW VISION**



When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the remnants of your harvest. Leviticus 19:9

## **Our Mission Statement:**

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

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## **SUNDAY SERVICES IN OCTOBER**

2<sup>nd</sup> Oct Harvest Thanksgiving Service

9<sup>th</sup> Oct Morning Worship, Junior Church and  
Crèche

16<sup>th</sup> Oct Guest Preacher

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct Morning Worship, Junior Church and  
Crèche

30<sup>th</sup> Oct Morning Worship, Junior Church and  
Crèche

**Copy date of the next New Vision is 23<sup>rd</sup> October**



## Message from the Manse

We continue to challenge ourselves as a congregation with new thinking about our worship and discipleship as the people of God.

Developed out of our “learning” from the *Hear I Am* series last year, we have met for four weeks thinking about what the harvest thanksgiving we share at the beginning of October means to us.

From recognising how little we have to connect us with the ideas of growing and nurturing the things that sustain us in life, like our food, we have reflected on the perennial themes of begin glad for what we have, whilst remembering those who struggle to have the most basic of diet each day.

Of all the material from various charities sent to encourage our sharing, we found the DVD made by St Andrew’s Church Malta the most inspiring, and decided to make it the centre of our thanksgiving and reflection at harvest. A retiring offering will be taken for their work among those who have sought asylum and a fresh start on that island. We also look forward to seeing the fruits from the planting and caring of seeds which Junior Church are doing as a way of them connecting with the idea that *you have to sow before you can reap*.

Perhaps one of the ways the church challenges the world is by continuing to hold harvest festivals as a reminder that you don't just "get", someone, somewhere is the creator behind every good thing we enjoy.

On a personal note can I say thank you to all who created our celebration service and lunch to mark long service and my own 25 years in ministry and thank you all for your good wishes.

**Rev David Black**

## **Doors Open Day**

We had a really wonderful response to our doors open day this year with 52 visitors through the doors.

Everyone the welcome teams spoke to seemed to be enthralled by the beauty of our church.

The Guild coffee morning began the day and as usual set the tone with stalls, good coffee and scones.

Visitors then had a treat in store with our recital from Matthew Todd, Lindsay Izzard and our former organist Matthew Hynes, it was really superb playing and singing and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Thank you most sincerely to all who gave their time and help to make our open day such a success.

**Irene Macleod**

## Giving To The Church – A Great Response So Far

In spite of the continuing tough economic times I am delighted to report that Church members have pledged to give an additional £8,125 this year as part of their regular giving.

This is a tremendous response and there is still more to come.

There are a number of congregational members who have still to respond to the Appeal launched in June and we would urge you to do so if you can. To date we have had 58 responses.

The increase is spread right across the forms of regular giving to the Church.

It includes those who give to the Weekly Freewill Offering, those who give by Banker's Order and those who make their contributions annually by cheque.

If you want to discuss additional giving to the Church or change the way you give please speak to the Appeal Co-ordinator David Hart, myself or another member of the Finance Group.

Please remember if you are a taxpayer to ask to Gift Aid your regular giving to the Church. As we said at the time of the Appeal if all our income was Gift Aided it would mean an extra £20,000 in funds for the work of the Church.

Thanks to all the members of the Finance Committee for their hard work in launching the appeal but the biggest thank you goes to all of you for your continued giving to the work of Pollokshields Church of Scotland and to the wider Church.

**Ken Symon**  
Finance Group Convenor

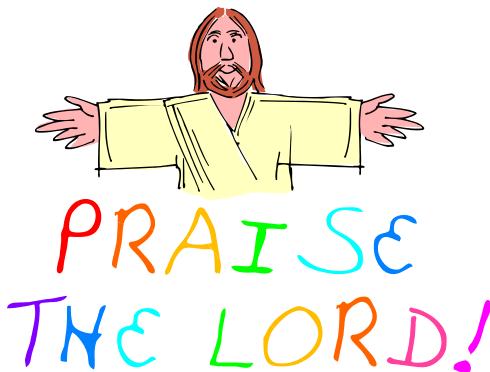
## Prayer Support Network

I would like to start this update about the Prayer Support Network with a big thank you to the whole group that have made this possible. These members agreed to add the prayer requests to their personal prayer times. The prayers we give to God are answered, not always as we expect. That is part of the joy of being followers of a living, dynamic entity that gives us what we need not always what we want.

We pray for personal requests that we get either from word of mouth, the cards in the pews or emailed. We have the Cross Reach prayer requests, and the prayer requests from Presbytery all of which are e-mailed once a week to the members of the group.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the prayer group then please talk to myself as the requests can be phoned to you once a week rather than sent by e-mail.

**Cathy Thompson**



# 11 Rules of Life

~ Bill Gates ~

This should be posted in every school or kid's bedroom.  
*Love him or hate him, he sure hits the nail on the head with this!*

Bill Gates recently gave a speech at a High School about eleven (11) things they did not and will not learn in school.

He talks about how feel-good, politically correct teachings created a generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world.

**Rule 1 :** Life is not fair - get used to it!

**Rule 2 :** The world doesn't care about your self-esteem.

*The world will expect you to accomplish something  
BEFORE you feel good about yourself.*

**Rule 3 :** You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school.

*You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.*

**Rule 4 :** If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss

**Rule 5 :** Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity.

*Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping:  
They called it opportunity.*

**Rule 6 :** If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault,  
*so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.*

**Rule 7 :** Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring  
*as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills,  
cleaning your clothes and listening to you  
talk about how cool you thought you were:  
So before you save the rain forest  
from the parasites of your parent's generation,  
try delousing the closet in your own room..*

**Rule 8 :** Your school may have done away with winners and  
losers,  
*but life HAS NOT. In some schools, they have abolished failing  
grades  
and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right  
answer.*

*\*This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real  
life.*

**Rule 9 :** Life is not divided into semesters.  
*You don't get summers off and very few employers  
are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF.*  
**\*Do that on your own time.**

**Rule 10 :** Television is NOT real life.  
*In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to  
jobs.*

**Rule 11 :** Be nice to nerds.  
*Chances are you'll end up working for one..*

If you can read this... Thank a Teacher.  
If you can read this in English... Thank a Soldier!  
And for life and everything else you have... Thank God!!

**David Hart**



**Helen Keller** is probably known to quite a number of the congregation. I however, just came across this article recently. It is an amazing story of one who overcame a childhood of severe disability and inhumane treatment. Her life story is well worth reading.

### **A life that makes a difference**

'How do you account for your remarkable accomplishment in life?' Queen Victoria of England asked Helen Keller. 'How do you explain the fact that even though you were both blind and deaf, you were able to accomplish so much?'

Ms. Keller's answer is a tribute to her dedicated teacher. 'If it had not been for Anne Sullivan, the name of Helen Keller would have remained unknown.'

Speaker Zig Ziglar tells about 'Little Annie' Sullivan, as she was called when she was young. Little Annie was no stranger to hardship. She was almost sightless herself (due to a childhood fever) and was, at one time, diagnosed as hopelessly "insane" by her caregivers. She was locked in the basement of a mental institution outside of Boston. On occasion, Little Annie would violently attack anyone who came near. Most of the time she generally ignored everyone in her presence.

An elderly nurse believed there was hope, however, and she made it her mission to show love to the child. Every day she visited Little Annie. For the most part, the child did not acknowledge the nurse's presence, but she still continued to visit. The kindly woman left cookies for her and spoke words of love and encouragement. She believed Little Annie could recover, if only she were shown love.

Eventually, doctors noticed a change in the girl. Where they once witnessed anger and hostility, they now noted an emerging gentleness and love. They moved her upstairs where she continued to improve. Then the day finally came when this seemingly 'hopeless' child was released.

Anne Sullivan grew into a young woman with a desire to help others as she, herself, was helped by the loving nurse. It was she who saw the great potential in Helen Keller. She loved her, disciplined her, played with her, pushed her, and worked with her until the flickering candle that was her life became a beacon of light to the world. Anne Sullivan worked wonders in Helen's life, but it was a loving nurse who first believed in Little Annie and lovingly transformed an uncommunicative child into a compassionate teacher.

'If it had not been for Anne Sullivan, the name of Helen Keller would have remained unknown.' But if it had not been for a kind and dedicated nurse, the name of Anne Sullivan would have remained unknown. And so it goes. Just how far back does the chain of redemption extend? And how far forward will it lead?

Those you have sought to reach, whether they be in your family or elsewhere, are part of a chain of love that can extend through the generations. Your influence on their lives, whether or not you see results, is immeasurable. Your legacy of dedicated kindness and caring can transform lost and hopeless lives for years to come.

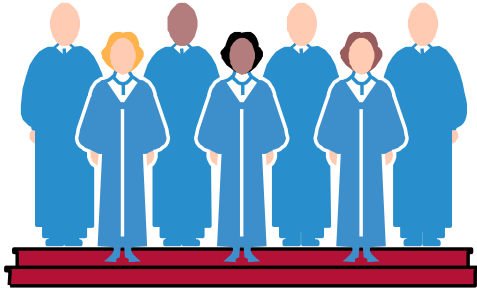
You can never overestimate the power of your love. It is a fire that, once lit, may burn forever.

Written by Steve Goodier

**Ken Campbell**

# Springfield Festival Chorus

Springfield Festival Chorus (Bishopbriggs Churches Together)



Last year the 250 strong Chorus raised £25,000 for CHAS with their Christmas Concert in the Royal Concert Hall.

This year they hope to beat that, on 20<sup>th</sup> December, again in the Concert Hall.

Tickets cost £12 upwards but it is a great night.

Bill & Liz Izzard sing in the chorus, and will be happily to organise tickets for anyone interest.

**Liz Izzard**

## New Vision Competition

Can you suggest a caption for the image below?

Best answer will win a prize.

Please give your suggestions to Ken Campbell by the  
23<sup>rd</sup> October.



## **The Guild**

The Guild would like to thank everyone who came and those who helped at their Coffee Morning on the 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Through your support the amount raised was £250.00

**Sadie Swan**

## **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

### **WEDNESDAY COFFEE BREAK**

On Wednesday 5th October we will be supporting the  
MACMILLAN WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING  
10:00am – 11:30am.

Please come along and bring your friends to support this worthy cause.

**Sadie Swan**

# The Way: Youth Group

# The way

WELCOMES YOU

SUNDAYS 6-8PM

11TH SEPTEMBER

9TH OCTOBER

6TH NOVEMBER

11TH DECEMBER

AT THE FOTHERINGAY  
CENTRE,  
FOTHERINGAY ROAD

GAMES  
PIZZA DARTS  
TABLE TENNIS POOL  
CHRISTIAN DISCUSSION  
CHAT AND BANTER  
TABLE FOOTBALL  
AIR HOCKEY  
WII



# The Guild

The Guild theme for 2011 -2012  
"Called to walk humbly with God"

- 3<sup>rd</sup>** 7:30pm "LIFE IN THE MINISTRY THUS FAR" Rev J Teasdale  
**10<sup>th</sup>** 2:30pm "BEYOND THE SITTING ROOM DOOR" Mrs J  
Henderson  
**17<sup>th</sup>** 7:30pm VISIT TO JERUSALEM Mrs E Wishart  
**24<sup>th</sup>** 2:30pm RELEASE (Voice of Persecuted Christians) Mrs L Oxburgh  
**31<sup>st</sup>** 7:30pm International Justice Mission (Guild Project)  
Mrs A Strong

New members or visitors will be most welcome at any of 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.

Be in touch!  
Send us original articles,  
Views, snippets of news-  
Anything you would like to share with  
other people

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