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NEW VISION



Our Mission Statement:

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

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Church House Development

I feel like asking the editor simply to reprint the opening paragraph of last year's update – as once again we take one step forward and two back. Actually, its more like we take one step over a hurdle and find it lands us with an even bigger hurdle to surmount.

By December 2011 we thought we were in a position to utilise grant funding from the General Trustees to employ an architect to draw up the necessary plans to move ahead.

We even had plans for a summer café as a pilot project to demonstrate how we see an upgraded building be more open to the community as well as more suitable for our own worship and social needs.

A timetable which was planned in January has however been revised three times so far, each time as new information causes us to reassess, as events beyond our control “move the goal posts” for us..

All this is hard work and taxing on the team who are putting in many hours work seeking to move the project forward and they need your support, patience and your prayers as work develops.

However, it is not all bad news, by the time you read this we will have had another new “let” of the hall established and an open evening on election day, so small steps towards our overall goal are being taken even if the giant leap forward has yet to materialise.

Meanwhile talks continue.....

Rev David Black



Message from the Manse

Once again May brings with it elections, the possibility of change in local government, and questions about the future and how we play our part in helping to shape it.

In the church, our Planning for the future shape of the Presbytery has become a more open listening to the views of congregations, and what emerges, whilst no doubt difficult to accept for some, at least will have been the digest of the hopes and aspirations of the many.

Yet no church or city or nation can be run by everyone voting on every issue, and if there is a current theme to the crises running through the whole fabric of our society it is that of a lack of trust and leadership, or at least a lack of trust in our leadership.

Do we trust those charged with running our country? Opinion polls suggest not very much, that politicians serve themselves and their group rather than the nation as a whole.

Do we trust those who “run” the church? Do we even know who “they” are? As the General Assembly meets this year with proposals for fewer to attend its deliberations in coming years, how are “views from the pews” heard by those who shape its thinking and policy making if there is no forum in which such views can be expressed?

Over the years the Assembly itself has changed a great deal, focusing as much on celebrating the national

church's life as well as shaping its policies. Whilst this year's Assembly is likely to be the "quiet" one between two years of major reports on the Issue of Same Sex Relations, it will help promote the church nationally with a major event in Princes Street Gardens called "Heart and Soul", celebrating the life of the church across all its diversity in Scotland.

Rev David Black



Jubilee Lunch

There will be a Congregational Lunch on Sunday 3rd June after the Morning Worship.

It is hope that you are able to stay for the lunch.



The Lodging House Mission

Many thanks to those who contributed to our total of £45 for the Easter Egg pound appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Elva Carlisle



My Garden an allegory

*"Do not leave anything alive that breathes. Completely destroy them...as the Lord your God has commanded you."
(Deut 20: 16-17)*

Why?

I love my garden.

Some particular plants do I especially love.

I give them special care; they are my own.

I love them and in return they give me joy.

I prepared a bed for them;

I dug it, raked it and fertilized it,
a bed with all that they could need for growth.

There were other plants;

some colourful like dandelions and willow herb,
some rank and unattractive, like mares' tails, brambles and
docks.

Some of them invaded my chosen bed.

I will exercise my sovereign right

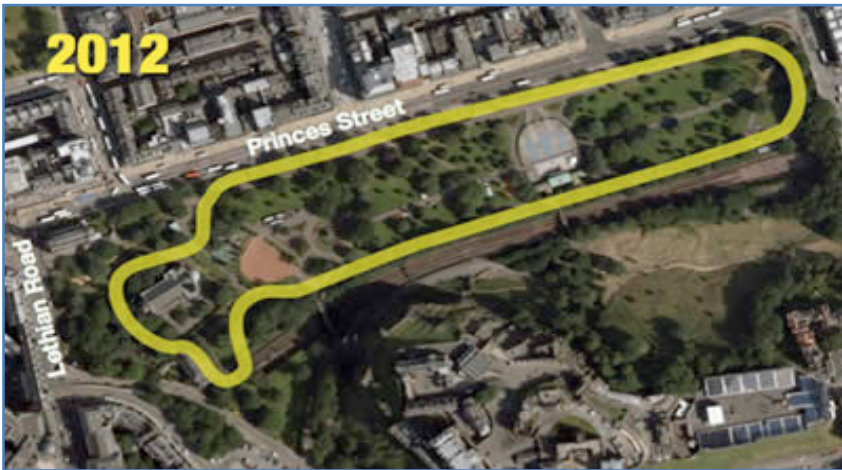
and destroy these weeds, utterly.

with flame thrower, weed killer and fork

Am I unjust to nourish and care for only my own chosen
plants?

Am I cruel to eradicate the other plants to make room for
my chosen ones? Why do you question my right to love
those whom I love, and hate those whom I hate?

Why?



In Princes Street Gardens in less than ten weeks, we'll be celebrating the life of the Church at ***Heart and Soul 2012***, Sunday 20th May, 1pm – 6pm.

Come and tell your congregation's 'Heart and Soul' story

As you'll see from the bird's eye view of the Gardens above, we've booked the whole of West Princes Street Gardens. Why? In this additional space we'd love you, as congregations from all over Scotland, to come and tell your own story of what's happening in your church and community. Steel framed marquee protection will be provided for you. From this base you'll be able to illustrate in what ways your congregation aspires to be, or perhaps already is, the 'Heart and Soul' of your local community. It'll be a wonderful opportunity for us all to learn from one another, to see what others are doing and pick up new ideas. For more information and to fill in an application form, visit the event website:

www.heartandsoul2012.org.uk

The programme is full of fun and variety...

Robin Mark, a singer songwriter, best known for "Days of Elijah" and "The Wonder of the Cross" will feature with his band on the main stage along with the much loved Fischy Music and the Scotland African Choir. There will be two other outdoor stages: one especially for the young with a clown, a magician, storytelling and Battle of the Bands; the other will host a range of music from orchestral to jazz interspersed with comedy and fascinating interviews. In St Cuthbert's Church, explore everything from reflective worship 'soul space', through panel discussion on creative and alternative approaches to worship, the Edinburgh Revelation Gospel Choir, and a series of seminar topics including economic matters, the theory and practice of messy church and discovering community locally and globally. The BibleWorld bus will be there; there'll be a labyrinth, face-painting, stomp verse drama and more!

Get involved in key elements of the event:

Visit the website and enrol for:

- **The Massed Choir** - for closing worship
- **Battle of the Bands** – secondary school age
- **Youth Football** – 12-17 year olds
- **Vote for a song** – choose one of the songs for closing worship

Bring a Stone – connect hearts and souls!

We've heard of many churches that have been supporting and praying for one another since *Roll Away the Stone* – just by bringing a stone, and then going away with a different one. So bring a fist-sized stone. Write your church name and an email address in permanent marker on the stone, or attach a label. We'll build it into the labyrinth.

Stewardship



Opposite is a letter the Church has received from the Central Church regarding our Mission and Mission contributions.

It is important that we are all aware of these figures and the leaflet mentioned, which gives slightly more detailed information, is available from Mary Morrison.

Other Money Matters

On the subject of money, I thought the following information on just two items of regular monthly expenditure which total £2,000.00 per month may be of interest to all members.

Heat and Light costs approximately £1,100.00 per month and Insurance costs approximately £900.00 per month.

Janice Teasdale (Treasurer)

2012 Budget

A copy of the budget is on page 8

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS 2012

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you for supporting the worship, mission and service of the Church through the money you give in your offering. It is important that you know what happens to this money. This letter tells you how your congregation's Ministries and Mission Contribution is used to enable the work of the Church.

Congregation:	Contribution
GLASGOW: POLLOKSHIELDS	£65,242

Ministries (86%)	£56,108
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This provides over 1,000 ministers and other parish workers in communities throughout Scotland and in the Presbytery of England, and supports the costs of recruitment and training. The 2012 cost of a parish minister at the top of the stipend scale is **£39,895** (stipend plus employer's national insurance and pension contributions).

Mission (14%)	£9,134
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This supports the Church's work in resourcing congregations for Christian education and outreach, in caring for the most vulnerable in society, in partnership with Churches in some of the poorest parts of the world, and in providing a Christian perspective on the issues of today. It also provides financial, legal, safeguarding and other services for congregations and committees, and supports the cost of the General Assembly and the Moderator.

Please note that Ministries and Mission Contributions only provide part of the total funding required for the work of the Church listed above. A fuller picture is given in the leaflet *Ministries and Mission 2012*, which is available free to all congregations.

I hope that this helps you to understand Ministries and Mission Contributions and shows you are enabling the sharing of the gospel through the money your congregation sends through the Church Offices to all parts of Scotland and beyond.

Yours sincerely

Gordon D Jamieson

Head of Stewardship

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2012 Budget

	<i>Summary</i>	<i>Budget</i>
<i>Income</i>	<i>For 2011</i>	<i>For 2012</i>
Voluntary Income	£74,400	£85,000
Gift Aid Recovered	£14,772	£16,000
Organisations (donations & transfers)	£1,656	£3,000
	£90,828	£104,000
<i>Other income from:</i>		
Use of Premises	£14,949	£10,000
Investments	£2,928	£3,000
Weddings & Funerals	£1,300	£1,000
Other		£1,000
	£19,177	£15,000
	£110,005	£119,000
<i>Expenditure</i>		
Ministry & Mission Allocation	£60,243	£65,297
Presbytery Dues	£3,256	£3,407
Other ministry costs	£2,000	£2,500
Salaries	£5,666	£5,750
Fabric Repairs & Maintenance	£15,020	£20,000
Council Tax	£3,778	£3,778
Insurance, Heat & Light	£18,961	£22,000
Church Office	£1,730	£2,000
Organ Expenses		
Other Expenses	£3,965	£4,000
	£114,619	£128,732
Surplus/Deficit on Normal Transactions	-£4,614	-£9,732
<i>Extra Ordinary Income</i>		
Gift Day		
Surplus / Deficit on General Fund	-£4,614	-£9,732

Report from: The Way Youth Group

It has been a privilege to serve God in The Way over the past year and a half. The past two sessions have seen 31 different young people come to The Way with average numbers on any one night around 10. I have particularly enjoyed working together with up to 8 different leaders from different churches in Pollokshields. We have had great fun enjoying all the activities and special events which have proved to be popular with our members. Julian Guse has provided pizza, food and drink each time and this has been a fantastic way to socialise with the young people and discuss the Christian message in a relaxed format. The facilities in the Fotheringay Centre are also an excellent resource for us. Most of the topics we have covered have been in answers to the young people's own questions. I believe that as a result we have discussed what is relevant to them and shared what God's word has to say. It's our prayer that they will have been drawn closer to God as a consequence.

Some particular highlights for me personal have been to renew contact with two sets of brothers who came to faith through Scripture Union (SU) holidays but had stopped coming along to the weekly SU group. I was also touched by the twins saying that they had benefited and valued The Way & SU so much that they had decided to commit to always being there whenever they could, even when often they had been invited to other things. They have been

faithfully attending these groups for 4 years now. In the first year it was great to have 3 Asian girls along who I think heard about The Way through the Holiday Club.

My hope for the future is the PCT will appoint a youth worker who will be able to build upon these foundations.

Colin Macleod



Solas Festival

Solas Festival is now in its third year and will be running again from 22nd - 24th June. Scotland's answer to England's Christian Greenbelt festival, Solas is a fantastic family friendly festival with music, art, debate and discussion, film, literature and events for children as well as having its roots in the broad Christian tradition. You can go for one day or camp and stay for the whole weekend, more information and tickets are available on their website www.solasfestival.co.uk or speak to Shona Morrison shonahmorrison@hotmail.com or 07950263987

Shona Morrison

The Guild

The Guild will be hosting an evening session in the form of a Songs of Praise on Tuesday 22nd May at 7:00pm in the Assembly Hall Edinburgh. (see poster below)

This will also mark the end of the 2009-2012 Partnership Projects. This will allow them to give thanks for the strategy, to reflect upon it and to acknowledge the success of the Partnerships.

You do not need a ticket or have to register just go along to the hall and help make it a memorable evening.

It will be a chance to start the 125th anniversary year when more celebrations are planned, culminating in an event at the General Assembly of 2013.

All are welcome to join us for an evening of celebration and thanksgiving for the Guild's strategy and partnerships over the past three years

*What does the
Lord require of
you?*

SONGS OF PRAISE IN THE ASSEMBLY
HALL, TUESDAY 22 MAY 2012 at 7pm



Church Music

iam will be playing the following music on the
Organ in May. The music will be in English

Sunday 6th May:

ffertory: *Salut d'amour* – Elgar

ecessional: *Sarabande for the Morning of Easter* -
Howells

Sunday 13th May:

ffertory: *Forlana* - Finzi

ecessional: *Voluntary in D* – Stanley



Sunday 20th May: Guest Organist Scott Blackwood will
be playing

Sunday 27th May:

ffertory: *Rondeau* from *Abdelazer* Purcell

ecessional: March: *Crown Imperial* - Walton



The Osiligi Warriors

The Osiligi Warriors from Kenya will join
us in the Church on Friday September

14th at 7 p.m. as part of their 2012 tour of the UK to
raise funds for their villages and for Christian Aid. The
evenings are terrific fun, with singing, dancing, audience
participation, the lot.

Please put the date in your diary now and tell all your
friends.

www.osiligiwarriors.co.uk/troupe.html

The Guild

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

This Session of The Guild has finished. If you wish more information please contact the President Miss Marjory Swan via the Web Site.

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.

Copy date of the next New Vision is 20th May

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

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