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NEW VISION



LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND.
IT DOES NOT ENVY, IT DOES NOT BOAST,
IT IS NOT PROUD.
IT IS NOT RUDE, IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING,
IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED,
IT KEEPS NO RECORDS OF WRONGS.

1 COR. 13:4-5

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

SUNDAY SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

- 2nd 11:00 Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche
3:30 Scottish Asian Christian Fellowship
- 9th 11:00 Sacrament of Holy Communion, Junior Church
& Crèche
- 16th 11:00 Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche
- 23th 11:00 Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche
- 30th 11:00 Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche

Celebrity Organ Recitals:

7:00pm

Friday: 7th June 2013

Ian Hare

Friday: 27th September 2013

John Scott Whitely

**Liam Devlin
Organist**

Copy date of the next New Vision is 23rd September



Message from the Manse

The summer break is over and September sees the pattern of our church year begin again as groups and organisations re-establish themselves, details of which you'll find on other pages.

Not that we have been idle for the summer, what with the opening of the church on Thursday evenings and the creation of a new Book Club called "Bookworms" which will continue to meet on a Thursday afternoon once a month.

Equally, it has been heartening to see how many people have joined in with our Bible Book of the month reading scheme. Whilst our Philippians picnic had to be held in the hall due to the weather, that didn't spoil our light hearted reflection on the things we had learnt from taking a whole month to read that letter of Paul's. Indeed it inspired us to tackle the much weightier letter to the Romans and by the time you read this we'll have marched down our "Romans' road" answering the questions we have come across along our journey through that book in August.

In all these things we are trying to find different ways to encounter God's Word so that we hear it afresh for ourselves and find its relevance for our daily living as we experience it in the 21st century.

But strengthening our own faith is only part of what it means to be church, and this month we have three special opportunities to welcome others to our church at the Guild Coffee morning, Osiligi Warriors' concert and Doors open Day events. These are for congregation and friends and neighbours so all can grasp the truth of the hymn "all are welcome in this place".

Rev David R Black



The Tale of a Dog

There was once the suggestion that if you were to call a dog's tail an extra leg, then the dog would have five legs. An Act of Parliament could be passed making this legal. Then dogs would have five legs and nobody could deny this.

If this were to be done, the question then arises. How many legs does a dog have? The answer is four. You couldn't alter a fact by calling it something different, even if you make it legal by passing an Act of Parliament.

This is true of Marriage. Marriage is the union of a man and a woman. Anything different does not make sense. Anything different is like a dog with five legs.

KGR

ORGAN CENTENARY CONCERTS

The organ celebrates its 100th birthday in 2013. It received its inaugural recital on September 27th 1913 from Sir Frederick Bridge, organist of Westminster Abbey. To mark the centenary, the Church is hosting a series of lunchtime concerts from October 2012 until March 2013 followed by two Celebrity Organ Recitals, in June and September 2013.

2012

Sunday 7th October 1.15 p.m. Music for Organ and
Chamber Orchestra

Sunday 4th November 1.15 p.m. Music for Organ,
Soprano and Trumpet

Sunday 2nd December 1.15 p.m. Music for Organ and
Choir

2013

Sunday 6th January 1.15 p.m. Music for Organ and
Cello

Sunday 3rd February 1.15 p.m. Music for Organ and
Brass

Sunday 3rd March 1.15 p.m. Music for Organ and
Chamber Orchestra

Admission is free to all concerts, which will last about an hour. A collection will be taken up for charity at the end of each event.

Liam Devlin
Organist

The Guild

This year is one in which the Guild will have a great deal to celebrate.

In May 2012 we reached the 125th anniversary of our organisation. Ever since the General Assembly of 1887 agreed to the formation of the Woman's Guild under the leadership of Archibald Chateris and George MacAlpine, the Guild has prospered and developed into a hugely important element of the life of the Church of Scotland.

The Guild has played a central role within congregations at the local level and within the work of the Church at the national and international level. Countless thousands of women and, latterly, men have played their part in forming a widely respected and admired body that has served God in worship, prayer and action.

To mark 125th year, we are adopting the Guild motto "Whose we are and Whom we serve" as our strategy, allowing us to look back to our roots and well as seeing our way through the present into the future

The theme for the first year of the strategy will be "A Faith to Proclaim". The following years' theme will be "A Fellowship to Build" and "A World to Serve"

Our branch at Pollokshields commences the new session on Monday 3rd September at 7:30pm, with alternate week meetings at 2:30pm.

New members, women and men, will be most welcome at either, or both.

Sadie Swan



Church Music

Liam will be playing the following music on the Organ in September. The theme will be Scotland, Ireland and Wales

Sunday 2nd September: Scotland

Anthem: *An criost an siol* – (trad. Gaelic hymn to the Trinity)

Offering voluntary: *Flowers of the Forest* (trad)

Recessional voluntary: *Land of the Mountain and the Flood* – Hamish McCunn (1868-1916)

Sunday 9th September: Scotland

Anthem: *Serenity* by James MacMillan (born 1959)

Offering voluntary: *Annie Laurie* (arr. LD)

Recessional Voluntary: *Gabhaidh sinn an rathad mor* (trad.)

Sunday 16th September: Guest Organist, Scott Blackwood will be playing

Sunday 23rd September: Ireland

Anthem: *Nunc Dimittis in Bb* – Stanford (1852-1924)

Offering voluntary: *Derry Air*

Recessional Voluntary: *Rheims* from *Sonata Eroica* - Stanford

Sunday 30th September: Wales

Anthem: *Lift up your heads* – William Mathias (1934-1992)

Offering voluntary: *Rhosymedre* – Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Recessional Voluntary: *Improvisation on Cwm Rhondda* - LD

Stained Glass Windows

Earlier this year Mr Tom Honey of Girvan wrote to the church providing updated information about the detail of our stained glass windows.

The Kirk Session wanted Mr Honey to then provide an article for this magazine which he has done and which we publish in two parts this month and next:-

My interest in stained glass has been an enjoyable hobby, as well as an aid to Bible study. As works of art stained glass windows are worthy of more than a passing glance and the Knowledge I have gained from recording them has increased by enjoyment.

I have always placed an emphasis on identifying the subject which is not always easy. The text can usually help but not every window has one. The answer often depends on being able to recognise characters. Important people have attributes or are portrayed in a specific way according to tradition. A Dictionary of Subjects and Symbols is an essential reference book. Your Bible of choice should be the King James (the majority of texts are from this translation) plus a Cruden's Concordance (the text quoted throughout is that of the King James Bible).

Symbols and attributes are, in the main, confined to single figure lights. In narrative windows the characters can be identified by their dress or personal features. For example it is traditional to portray John as the only clean shaven disciple, Mary Magdalene and Mary of Bethany are both invariably portrayed on their knees, and Moses

has rays of light sprouting from his head like horns.

The origin of these horns comes from the Latin word 'cornutam' used in the Vulgate to describe the face of Moses when he came down from Mount Sinai, with the 10 Commandments. The English translation of 'cornutam' is horned.

Moses was one of the Old Testament figures who was seen as a prefiguration of Christ. Known Typology, figures & events in the Old Testament were seen as having counterparts in the New Testament.

There is an interesting window in Dailly Parish Church which illustrates this link, when Christ was Transfigured "His face did shine as the sun" (Matt 17:2) and when Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the 10 Commandments "The skin of his face shone" (Ex 34:30).

Your window of the Virtuous woman from Proverbs is portrayed as a prefiguration of the Virgin Mary. "Strength and honour are her clothing: and she shall rejoice in time to come" (Proverbs 31:25)

Identifying the subject of a stained glass window correctly never fails to give me a feeling of great satisfaction.

After 20 years of recording windows I feel qualified to pass on a few tips.

Your Window "Blessed are the poor in spirit" gives me an ideal opportunity. First I checked the word "spirit" in the Concordance, then the word "poor", in each case without success. My next option was to identify the three characters. Christ is easily identified by his cruciform halo. Both his companions have haloes, which suggests they are

disciples. One is clean shaven so that must be John and the other disciple is almost certainly his brother James.

There are two occasions which I thought might provide me with the solution. The first was "The ambitious request of James and John" (Mark 10: 35-45) and second "Christ's rejection by the Samaritan Villagers" (Luke 9:51-56).

Christ's rejection proved to be the correct incident. James and John wanted Christ to command fire to come down from heaven to consume the villagers but Christ rebuked them and said "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of".

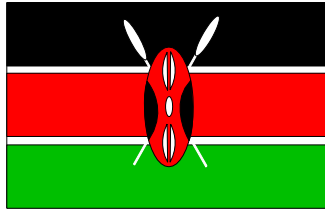
(Concordance includes this text under the word 'manner').



Osiligi Warriors

Tickets are now on sale for the concert on Friday, September 14th at 7:00pm. Priced £5.00 for Adults and £3.00 for Children.

On this date the
from Kenya will
Church as part of
of the UK to raise
villages and for



Kenya

Osiligi Warriors
join us in the
their 2012 tour
funds for their
Christian Aid.

The evenings are terrific fun, with singing, dancing, audience participation, the lot.

For more information

<http://www.osiligiwarriors.co.uk/troupe.html>





Holiday Club 2012

As we had the Olympics taking place in the UK this year, the Pollokshields Church's Together holiday club team decided to create

our own holiday club programme. The club finished on the 10th August, and what a week it was! It took place this year at Sherbrooke St. Gilbert's as it has an outdoor area for the children to play in. We had between 20-33 children over the week and they took part in a range of sport themed games.

Monday started with the children decorating their sporting vests, (it's amazing how individual you can make a pillowcase!) and making podium magnets as the craft activity. There was a drama each day which gave the children a laugh and left them thinking about what Jesus wanted us to do with our lives. The children were given bible verses to remember for the next day and at the end of the club for the first time, lunch was provided for a small cost to those who wanted to stay. This proved very popular with almost every child staying. This provided a great social and relaxed time for the children to continue to get to know each other and the leaders. **Tuesday** we did swimming races, yes you read it correctly swimming in a church hall. Well the floor was certainly clean by the end. The children loved it and shouted for their teams till they had sore throats. We also had space hopper relay races and made Olympic torches.

Wednesday it was animal races with some very imaginative ideas about how animals could run. The children made healthy food placemats to take home.

Thursday saw us outside playing rounders and circle games and making hats out of Union Jack paper plates.

Friday it was balloon football and a bouncy castle. The week was rounded off with a medal ceremony and a party complete with Olympic decorated cake.

The team was tired but excited at the end of the week about the fun the children seemed to have and we are all very grateful for the prayers and support provided by our churches. There are lots of pictures in the hall which if you get a chance to see will give you a much clearer idea of what we got up to. Firm plans were made by a lot of the children about next year's holiday club which means we must have been doing something right. So I would like to thank Paul Cathcart Youth and Children's Outreach Development Worker, Govan and Linthouse Parish Church for leading the holiday club so well and to the whole team from each of the churches for all their hard work and dedication, and roll on next year!

Cathy Thompson





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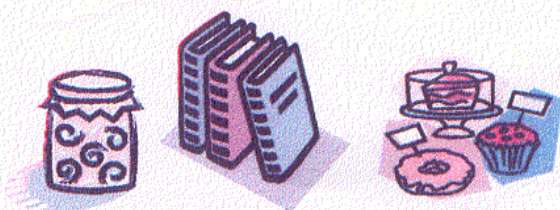


**AUTUMN
COFFEE MORNING**

Saturday 8th September

10am - 12noon

Stalls



Tickets £1.50



The Guild



The Guild theme for 2012 -2013 "A Faith to Proclaim"

September Meetings

- 3rd 7:30pm Opening Meeting
10th 2:30pm "My Life in Story and Song" Mrs Rhona Hughes
17th 7:30pm "Pollok House & The Maxwells" Mrs Nan Steele.

Letter received by The Guild



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Yours sincerely

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