

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
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Sunday Services in May

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| 5 th | 11:00 | Morning Worship (led by Guest Preacher: Rev John Miller), Junior Church & Crèche |
| | 3:30 | Scottish Asian Christian Fellowship |
| 12 th | 11:00 | Christian Aid Sunday |
| 19 th | 11:00 | Pentecost Service with Admission and Holy Communion, Junior Church & Crèche |
| 26 th | 11:00 | Morning Worship (led by Guest Preacher Junior Church & Crèche |

Mid Week Service

A 15 min. mid-week service is held every Wednesday in the hall 9:45am – 10:00am. We sing hymns, pray and listen to a Bible passage. The leader who takes the service continues with an explanation.

This is followed by Coffee Break 10:00am – 11:30am. Tea, Coffee + chat in Glencairn hall.

Everyone is invited to come along to either of the events.

Copy date for the next New Vision is 19th May 2013



Message from the Manse

May will be dominated by speculations around the publication of the long awaited report on the issue of Ministry and Same Sex Relations and we print elsewhere the press release on that report to encourage reflection on the matter. Whatever the General Assembly decides there will be work to be done to promote understanding and respect for how the church sees itself in relation to the state and other churches and faith groups on this issue.

Clearly one of the challenges involved in living in our pluralist society is how to hold respect and tolerance for others' rights to hold their opinion and practice their belief, and yet to be able to stand up for one's own faith or point of view.

In the past, as the Christian "majority" community, we have been expected to be the "adult", mature enough to welcome and tolerant and include other faiths and view points and not simply dominate by force of numbers the public arena. However, as we decrease in numbers and influence in society, we can no longer take for granted that others will recognise or respect our rights to hold the faith and views we do, or to practise that faith without question or intrusion.

Our task as the church is always to be seeking to promote the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ His Son, to love our neighbour as ourselves and to share the joy and hope of Resurrection with all in our community. In seeking to do that we are preparing now for an open day in August to promote our building and our faith to the community around us.

Our concert series celebrating the centenary of the organ is part of that same openness and welcome to others – bring your friends and neighbours (details of how to get tickets on page 14).

Rev David R Black.

Quiz

A father and son are driving along the road when they are involved in a serious accident.

An ambulance picked them up and took them to the hospital, on the way to the hospital the father died, the son was alive but in a critical condition, he needed immediate surgery.

The boy was taken into the operating theatre for surgery and a surgeon came in. Upon entering the operating theatre the surgeon said “I cannot operate on this boy as he is my son.”

How are the surgeon and boy related?

General Assembly of 2013: Report on same sex relationships and the Ministry

The 2011 General Assembly of the Church of Scotland appointed a Theological Commission to bring to the General Assembly of 2013 a report on same sex relationships and the Ministry.

The Report (which can be found in full on the Church of Scotland website) describes the breadth of theological opinion that exists within the Church on the question of whether the Church of Scotland should ordain ministers who are in same-sex relationships. It also offers the General Assembly a choice of either legislating to allow for such ordinations or reaffirming the traditional understanding that it is inappropriate to ordain ministers who are in same-sex relationships.

Neither the report in its entirety nor any individual proposal represents the considered view of the Church of Scotland. The report and the diverse proposals have been put forward by the seven members of the Commission who have a broad spectrum of views.

The General Assembly which is the sovereign body of the Church, will consider the various proposals.

On one hand the report offers the Church a way of allowing the ordination of ministers in same-sex relationships who have entered into a civil partnership, while protecting both individuals and congregations who in conscience do not agree with the theological principles which underpin that choice.

that homophobia is sinful, invites the Church to reaffirm its traditional stance that the only appropriate expression of sexual activity should be within marriage between one man and one woman.

The report does not offer a recommendation of one option or the other but leaves this open for the Assembly to decide.

The Rev John Chalmers the Principal Clerk to the General Assembly said:

“The Report and the options which it provides are offered at this stage without comment from the Convener or members of the Commission; it will be for the General Assembly alone, based on the substance of the theological arguments to come to a mind on this matter. In the meantime, the report which is wide ranging and detailed is commended to the whole Church for prayerful study and consideration.”

(Church of Scotland press release)



The Future at St Nicholas' Cardonald

On Tuesday 16th April, Mrs Teasdale and I attended the "Introduction" of The Rev Eleanor McMahon to St Nicholas' Cardonald church as "Interim" Minister. This is a slightly unusual appointment. As I understand it, St Nicholas' Cardonald has been vacant but is now due to unit with Penilee St Andrew's. In order to facilitate this union, an interim Minister is being appointed to St Nicholas' Cardonald. Her job will be to smooth things over to that the union will take place amicably. She is expected to be there for about three years. You will remember that our former assistant, Lyn Peden, is the minister at Penilee St Andrew's. I spoke to Lyn after the service and she was very pleased with this arrangement. Lyn, being a fairly young minister is delighted to have the benefit of the experience of Eleanor McMahon, who was minister at Dumbarton Riverside.

The Service, was, as is usual a lovely occasion. The church is a fairly recent building but in the traditional style. There might have been 100 people in the Congregation. And the purvey was excellent!

I have a feeling we are going to see a lot more occasions of this kind. I see in the Presbytery billet for this month there are a number of proposed linkages and unions, and I hope they will all be amicably settled.

K G Ross.

CHRISTIAN AID

It's the return of the red envelopes as Christian Aid Week returns this year. Held from 12th - 18th May, people across the country will again join in trying to raise awareness and funds for some of the people who need it most. Once again we will be handing out envelopes to members of the congregation to help in our fundraising for them and will hold a special Christian Aid service on Sunday 12th May.

This year, following on from popular sessions like our Lent Study Group we will be holding a special one off evening group for Christian Aid on Wednesday 15th May.

Look out for more details in the intimations and please join us through discussion and or/donation for this important cause.

You can learn more about this great charity at www.christianaid.org.uk

Shona Morrison





Church Music

Liam will be playing the following music on the Organ in May 2013.

Sunday 5th May:

Anthem: *O, Holy Jesu* - White

Offertory music: *Prelude in G major* opus 37 - Mendelssohn

Recessional voluntary: *Fugue in G major* opus 37 - Mendelssohn

Sunday 12th May:

Anthem: *Good Christian Men, rejoice and Sing* – Ernest Bullock

Offertory music: *Andante from Piano Concerto* no 21 - Mozart

Recessional voluntary: "*Giant*" *Fugue in D minor* BWV 680 – J S Bach

Sunday 19th May: Pentecost

Anthem: *Litany of the Holy Spirit* – Peter Hurford

Offertory music: "*Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*" BWV 633

Recessional voluntary: *Fantasia super "Komm Heilger, Herr Gott"* BWV 651 – J S Bach

Sunday 26th May:

Anthem: *The King shall Rejoice* - Handel

Offertory Music: *Romance* - Shostakovich

Recessional voluntary: *La Réjouissance* - Handel

Heart & Soul

CELEBRATING
THE LIFE OF
THE CHURCH

2013

A CELEBRATION FOR
THE WHOLE CHURCH
SUNDAY MAY 19TH
1PM-6PM

MUSIC
POETRY
DRAMA
ART

This year's
celebration is
inspired by the
1450th anniversary
of Columba
landing on Iona.

Heart & Soul 2013

What's happening for young people?

- An exclusive youth tent
- Youth Challenge
- Performance stage for Youth Challenge winners
- Interactive zones
- Showcase Venue for young talent (including Moderators Medal & Stevenson Prize winners)
- Cafe Space to chill and hang out with other young people
- Music
- 5-a-side football

Youth Challenge – May 19th 2013

Following on from last year's excellent Battle of the Bands we are aiming to take things to a new level. An exclusive youth tent in the heart of Princes Street Gardens will give you an opportunity to perform.

We are looking for you, your school, youth group, bunch of mates or whoever to send in entries in one of the following areas: Music (acoustic), Dance, Poetry or Drama. The best three in each category will be chosen and invited to attend and perform in the youth tent on the day, with an overall winner performing on one of the main stages.

This year's theme is Celtic Christianity, and we are inviting you to consider the concept of journeying with or to find God and what this looks like to you and express this in your entry.

To enter you must be of secondary school age. Please note closing date is Tuesday 30 April 2013 and winners will be advised by Friday 10th May.

For more information and to register for the Youth Challenge visit
www.heartandsoul2013.org.uk



Facebook

In case you haven't come across it yet, we have a new Facebook page! We've been working to add a lot more content and there are some great photos and news updates. It can be very useful for keeping up to date with bits and bobs that are going on in and around the church and we would welcome any comments, posts or photos you want to add to the page. You can find us by searching on Facebook for Pollokshields Church or going to <https://www.facebook.com/PollokshieldsChurch>

We hope to see you there!

Shona Morrison

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY 2013

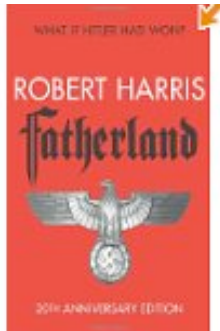
A team have been working hard to bring together a community open day at the church. We have recently confirmed a new date and the event will be held on 24th August. We hope to include lots of different activities for all the family which cover a host of activities provided by the church and the local community. We will have workshops for the younger generation, tai chi taster sessions, lots of exhibition stalls, film screenings, a labyrinth and lots, lots more. We'll be bringing you more news about the event in the coming weeks and months but any help you can offer in promoting the event and in coming along to support it with your friends and family would be hugely appreciated. We're confident it's going to be a fantastic opportunity to share an inspiring, informative, social and fun day together.

Shona Morrison

Bookworms

Book worms continue to flourish and we are now going to tackle a book which will take us into another continuum. A time when Adolph Hitler rules over Europe and he is approaching his 75th birthday. The book is "FATHERLAND" by Robert Harris - an opportunity to sit in the sun during May and contemplate our many blessings as we read. Why not come along and join in the discussion and share your views.

Tea and coffee is served.



ATTENTION NEWS FLASH

Just heard that **J DAVID SIMONS** author of "The Credit Draper and The Liberation of Celia Kahn" has agreed to come along on the 30th May to join in with us and enter discussion of these two books and we will hear also of his next book "An Exquisite Sense of What Is Beautiful" which we also hope to read in June!

Sylvia Pacitti

The following is a letter received from the Chaplain of the Lodging House Mission.

Opening Doors to a brighter Future for Glasgow's Homeless



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9th April 2013

Dear Congregational Representative

Let me first begin by thanking you for all the support you and your congregation have given to the Lodging House Mission over many years. We truly value all that you do for us which enables us to continue the work God has called us to.

I am not sure if everyone is aware that we now have a new Project Leader in place. His name is Tom McLarnon and comes with a wealth of experience working within the homeless community. We wish Tom well in his post and look forward to his leadership.

The work among the men and women continues to make slow progress. Classes are still well attended and new people are still signing up to attend. The spiritual work is very encouraging. Our Tuesday afternoon service often attracts around a dozen service users each week (more than on a Sunday). We have been looking at different books of the bible and have just finished looking at the Easter story and how it applies to life in the twenty first

century. A weekend retreat is planned from 27-29th April so your prayers for our time away would be appreciated.

The purpose of this letter is not just to thank you for your contribution to the work but also to inform you about our forthcoming charity cycle and family fun day, **'Pedal to the Picnic'** which will take place on Saturday **29th June 2013**, leaving from the SECC in Glasgow. Enclosed is information about the event so will you please advertise this among your congregation so that as many as possible will join us for a day of fun and fitness.

I hope all is going well within your own congregation and look forward to meeting up with you at some point in the near future.

Yours Sincerely



Gus McKay

Chaplain

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*Please see the Lodging House Mission noticeboard in
Glencairn for more information*

Celebrity Organ Recital

Continuing our celebrations of the Organ, a Celebrity Organ Recital will be held in the Church on Friday 7th June at 7:00pm.

Our Guest Organist on the evening will be Ian Hare read below some of Ian's performances:

Ian Hare has performed widely in Britain and abroad, including France, Germany, Holland, and the USA. He has played at many of the major London venues, notably Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral; the Temple Church appeared at the BBC Proms. Performances in the past few years have also included engagements in Vienna and Berlin, and recitals at Queen's College, Oxford and King's College, Cambridge. He has made several broadcasts for radio and television, and organ CDs. Ian became a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists at the age of sixteen and studied in Paris with André Marchal. From 1968 to 1972 he was Organ Scholar of King's College, Cambridge, under the direction of Sir David Willcocks. Subsequently, following studies at the Royal College of Music and with Nadia Boulanger in France, he was appointed Lecturer in Music at Lancaster University in 1974, where he became the first University Organist, and in 2006 he was awarded an Honorary Fellowship.

Liam Devlin

(Tickets can be purchased from either Liz Izzard or Lyndsey Izzard, priced £10:00 including a glass of wine.)

Easter in Cyprus

In Scotland, Easter Sunday fell on 31st March with Pentecost on 19th May but in Cyprus, Easter celebrations are just beginning with 5th May, Easter Sunday.

The streets are decorated with Easter egg and chicken decorations wishing every one Καλό Πάσχα or Happy Easter. Shops and hotels also display Easter decorations. The hotels organise their own celebrations like Easter egg painting and organise buses to take people to the services.

This is a very important time in Greece and the celebrations begin on Holy Thursday evening when church services have a symbolic representation of the crucifixion.

Good Friday is a day of mourning; women and children take flowers and red eggs to the church to decorate a symbolic bier of Christ. This decorated bier is carried through the streets and members of the congregation follow with candles. On this night hotels do not have Live Music as a respect to the day of sorrow.

Easter Saturday a midnight mass called the "Good Word" to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus all the lights are put out and the church is lit only with the Eternal Flame. Just after midnight the flame is passed from person to person to light their candle and soon the church is filled with flickering candlelight. Church bells ring non-stop, ships sound their horns, floodlights are lit on large buildings and displays of fireworks are set off. After the service it is usual to eat a "Magiritsa" an Easter soup.

Easter Sunday families join together for a meal and festive celebrations which last long into the night. Easter Monday is usually a day to take things easy!

Perhaps Christians in Britain should follow this example and be more outgoing with their church celebrations instead of only confining them inside the churches. This would bring our message to everyone and for them to learn more about us.



Answer to Quiz on page 2: The surgeon is the boy's mother.



The Guild

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



This Session of the Guild has now finished.

The new session for 2013/14 will commence on Monday
2nd September at 7.30pm.

If you require any information about The Guild please
contact the President via the web site.



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 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 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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