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NEW VISION



Our Mission Statement:

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

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Session Clerk:	Mrs Mary Morrison	632 1659

Sunday Services in June

2 nd	11:00	Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche
	3:30	Scottish Asian Christian Fellowship
9 th	11:00	Sacrament of Holy Communion
16 th	11:00	Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche
23 rd	11:00	Morning Worship (led by Guest Preacher) Junior Church & Crèche
30 th	11:00	Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche

Church Services throughout July and August

11:00 Morning Worship, Junior Church Club & 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.



Message from the Manse

Hey! We are in "Life and Work" with a feature on our up and coming concerts to celebrate the centenary of the church organ. Our publicity team have worked hard to promote these events so please come and join the many visitors who will be enjoying Ian Hare's recital on June 7th.

Elsewhere in this magazine there is an article highlighting the decision of the General Assembly to allow the ordination of those in civil partnerships. What had seemed a motion looking to preserve the status quo, in fact in its detail, opens the way for the church to move forward in a more inclusive manner albeit slowly as legislation will take to 2015 to enact.

And whilst it may not be as bald and clear a step as the BBC news strap-line was suggesting on Monday night, it does recognise that the church must engage with the world not retreat from it.

One side issue to the debate on the Theological Commission's report was that of how Presbyteries voice their opinions and allowing a secret ballot is a major change. Perhaps the voice of the whole church's membership on such matters may yet be heard.

Hopefully too the bigger issues included in Church and Society, Mission and Discipleship, World Mission and Ministry Tenure Reports might also have the same kind of press interest and coverage as the Theological Commission has had.

The church needs to be seen to promote itself and its good work so that the world might know the relevance of Jesus Christ to our lives and the life of our community and nation.

Rev David R Black.

Thursday Afternoon

As you will be aware, most of the Church organisations close down over the summer, but this year we hope to remedy this, by having an 'open' afternoon every 2nd Thursday from 20th June. Initially this will run between 2.00pm and 4.00pm, when coffee & tea will be available, along with the opportunity to knit, do a jigsaw, play scrabble, crochet, perhaps learn a new skill, or simply just chat!

Numbers attending will influence where this will be held, but if you might be interested in coming along, why not speak to me any Sunday, and let me know what, if any, activity you might like to take part in.

Liz Izzard

General Assembly of 2013: Theological Commission on Same Sex Relations and Ministry.

The press release following the decision of the Assembly reads:

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in a groundbreaking decision called for the Church to maintain its historic doctrine in relation to human sexuality but, in line with the Kirk's historic position of allowing congregations to call their own minister, to permit an individual Kirk Session to call a minister in a civil partnership if it chooses to do so.

The wording of what was passed says *inter alia*:

3. (i). Affirm the Church's historic and current doctrine and practice in relation to human sexuality nonetheless permit those Kirk sessions who wish to depart from that doctrine and practice to do so.

(ii) Instruct the Legal Questions Committee to bring an Overture to the General Assembly of 2014 which the following principles of 3. (i) above:

Principles of the Overture:

1. Would not require the Church to abandon its traditional position.
2. But would allow individual congregations – by decisions of their Kirk Sessions – to depart from the Church's traditional position.

3. Would allow ministers and deacons (current and prospective) who are in civil partnerships to be selected for training and to be trained. Would also allow them to be ordained/inducted into a charge the Kirk Session of which had decided to depart from the Church's traditional position.

4. Would cover inducted ministers and ministers and deacons working in other roles in congregations.

5. Would not enable one congregation to depart from traditional position where others in a linking do not wish to do so.

6. Would enable a Kirk Session to change its mind. But a minister or deacon who had been appointed to a congregation whose Kirk Session had decided to depart from the traditional position would not be prejudiced by a change of mind by the Kirk Session.

7. Would preserve liberty of opinion and responsible expression. Would not permit harassing or bullying.

8. Preserves right of members of presbyteries – whatever views – to engage or not in ordinations/inductions.

iii) Instruct the Theological Forum to explore the relevant ecclesiological issues informing the principles of the "mixed economy" as set out in the Report of the Theological Commission and report to the General Assembly of 2014.

(iv) Instruct all Courts, Councils and Committees of the Church not to make decisions in accordance with section

3.(i) above until the position in relation to the proposed Overture has been finally determined by a future General Assembly.

Therefore although there is a shift in thinking towards what is being called a "mixed economy" situation, in fact nothing will change until new legislation is drafted and approved by Presbyteries which will take until 2015 to enact.

Rev David R Black

The Debate

The above debate was being shown on Monday live from the Assembly Rooms. Our minister arranged to show the debate via the web in the Titwood Room giving anyone in the congregation the chance to drop in, have a cup of tea and hear the debate and share their opinions/question with other members.

The debate started at 11:00am with opening questions. These were plentiful and went on until 1:00pm when the Moderator stopped proceedings for lunch.

It started again at 2:00pm with Assembly Members giving their views and encouraging others to vote for their way of thinking. Again the number of people wishing to make their views known was numerous and the Moderator had to ask them to make their views known briefly. This meant that the vote was not taken until 5:45pm.

You could come to as much of the debate as you wished with many people coming and going throughout the day. Can I thank David for arranging this streaming as it was very helpful. Especially hearing other people's points of view and having David on hand to answer any questions you wished to ask.

Celebrity Organ Recital Friday 7th June 7:00pm

Remember to get your ticket for our celebrations of the Organ, when 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.)



Church Music

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

Sunday 2nd June:

Anthem: *Lead me Lord* - Wesley

Offertory music: *Le Verbe* - Messiaen

Recessional voluntary: *Toccata* - Gigout

Sunday 9th June: Communion Sunday

Introit: *O salutaris hostia* – Elgar

Offertory music: *Prière à Notre Dame* - Boëllmann

Recessional voluntary: *Toccata* – Boëllmann

Sunday 16th & 23rd June:

Guest Organist: Mr Scott Blackwell will be playing.

Sunday 30th June:

Anthem: *The King shall Rejoice* - Handel

Recessional voluntary: *The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba*
- Handel

DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY CHURCHES

Under the auspices of Cross-reach, a seminar on how we can better understand dementia and help our church to be more dementia-friendly was held in Perth last month. Irene McLeod and I attended this.

At the present time 84,000 people in Scotland are diagnosed as having dementia. Instead of looking at dementia from OUR point of view, we have to look at the person who is suffering from it and see how it affects THEIR life. Early diagnosis is important so that families are made aware of where to turn, and support from all available groups (including doctors, health clinics, family and friends) can be put in place. Hospital staff should be alerted so that if a patient is admitted for other reasons attention can be drawn to their dementia. After diagnosis, fifteen years of comparatively good quality of life can often be expected. Sometimes there is no need to hospitalise the sufferer until the very last stage, but until then there are lots of strategies that can be carried out.

For instance, we can help maintain the person's link with the church through pastoral visiting, by building good support networks via day care centres, or getting them to meet with friends for coffee, all of which diminish their isolation. Elaine Harley, who manages Alzheimer Scotland's 24 Hour Helpline, said: Take people out somewhere. Help them to continue as much of their

previous lifestyle as possible. Going for walks helps to alleviate stress and overcome sleeping problems.”

Encouraging the person to take up some activity like painting was another hint given by Paula Pinda; this helps to break down barriers of discrimination and the stigma which is often attached to people with dementia: all it requires is some acrylic paint and a sketch book!

A workshop on WORSHIP IN CARE HOMES was given by the Rev George McKay. He showed a film in which he demonstrated how, by taking time just to chat to a lady with no recognisable speech pattern, she was with love and perseverance enabled to respond to music and even to dance a little. Another lady, who was showing signs of stress, was helped by having her hands rubbed gently with hand cream (with her consent, of course).

The PASTORAL VISIT WORKSHOP given by Pamela Mackay, who has nursing experience and a Postgraduate Certificate in Dementia Studies, gave us helpful hints in handling what can be quite a difficult visit. For instance, our first greeting is often, “How are you?” and “What have you been doing since I last saw you?” But this should be avoided, because the person’s short term memory is a problem and such questions may cause stress. Something like, “You wouldn’t believe how busy the traffic is today,” is safer. If the person’s husband / wife is deceased and you are asked, “Why hasn’t he / she come to visit me?” turn the conversation around by asking, for example, “Wasn’t he a teacher?” etc., thus diverting them from their worry.

Hallucinations can be quite tricky, because the person seeing them is quite convinced that the people or things they see are really there. One visitor found her friend suffering great anxiety because she believed she saw twenty policemen standing outside her window. Here the stress-avoiding tactic might be to say, "Don't you think the police have very difficult jobs?" or, "Don't you think that policemen are getting younger these days?", which might even get them laughing again! Taking one's leave can often be difficult, and a quite positive approach might be, "Well, I've really enjoyed our talk today, may I come again?", thus avoiding the mistake of saying, "Well, I must be going because I've got to meet someone, etc." which can make the person feel of less importance.

SUPPORTING FAMILY CARERS was led by Shirley Law, of Stirling University's Dementia Service, who spoke of the need of family carers to find support within the community, perhaps by neighbours and friends offering to sit with the person or by taking them out for walks, so that the carer may be able to have some recreational time on their own.

The speakers were excellent and gave us far more than I have been able to tell here. All in all Irene and I found it a very interesting and helpful experience.

Sylvia Pacitti

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!

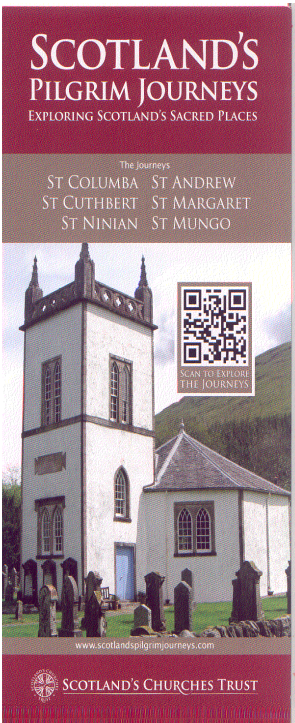
Shona Morrison

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

Scotland's Pilgrim Journey



Scotland's Churches Trust's exciting project which creates and initial six pilgrim routes across Scotland was launched recently by Scottish Government Minister: Roseanna Cunningham and is now fully accessible on the new website

www.scotlandspilgrimjourneys.com

The project, which has the support of Scottish Enterprise (with a Tourism Innovation Award), Historic Scotland and VisitScotland, bring together the ancient routes of Scotland's Celtic saints and medieval traditions of pilgrimage with modern faith journeys. The routes can be followed by road transport, by bicycle and by walking were paths are

available. Each journey is divided into stages which can be explored as time and choice allow. The stages have interpretative themes and can be followed in either direction.

Many of our member churches, together with other sacred sites are featured and we are presently arranging for some of these churches to be 'destination hubs' where information can be found and 'passports' stamped! The website has full details and links to our SCT website with and the information about the specific churches the pilgrims might wish to visit.

(Taken from the SCT's Newsletter)

Celebrity Organ Recital

Our 2nd Celebrity Organ Recital will be held in the Church on Friday 27th September at 7:00pm.

Our Guest Organist on the evening will be John Scott Whiteley read below some of John's musical journey:

John Scott Whiteley is Organist Emeritus of York Minster, having worked at that great cathedral from 1975 until 2010 when he retired from the Minster in order to pursue his freelance career. During the past ten years he has become well-known for his performances on BBC2 and BBC4 television of the complete organ music of Johann Sebastian Bach. *21st-Century Bach* was a joint commission by BBC2 and BBC4 and began in 2001. The series continues and is planned to run for several more years, after which time some eighty programmers will have covered Bach's entire output for organ. The series was described by the British daily national newspaper, *The Daily Telegraph*, as "a triumph both nationally and musically." Having studied at the Royal College of Music with Ralph Downes and W.S. Lloyd Webber, and with Flor Peeters in Malines and Fernando Germani in Siena, John Scott Whiteley won first prize in the 1976 National Organ Competition of Great Britain. He then performed at the Royal Festival Hall, and at festivals throughout Europe. The most recent of these have included the 2005 International Organ Festival in St. Albans, the 2006 Musicometa Festival in Rome, and the 2008 Bach Festivals in Skiernewice, Poland, and Camaiore, Italy. Since 1985 John has toured the USA annually.

Liam Devlin

Heart and Soul 2013

More than 5000 people including many families descended upon Princes Street Gardens in Edinburgh on Sunday 19th May for Heart and Soul, the Church of Scotland's annual outdoor celebration of Christian life and worship.

Despite the dreich weather, spirits were uplifted by a range of free events which culminated in a moving and devout outdoor worship which featured the Iona band.

Another highlight was a live performance by Karen Matheson, the voice of legendary Scottish band Capercaillie who appeared on stage at 4pm.

In recognition of the 1450th anniversary of Columba landing on Iona, Heart and Soul 2013 was inspired by Celtic Christianity, with all the richness of its themes: hospitality, pilgrimage, journeying, deep peace – healing and wholeness, creation and its care, celebrating the good earth, contemplative prayer, Trinity, representing Christ to the world, inclusive community, Christ in the stranger's guise, rhythm of the seasons, prophecy, soul-friends, being 'on the edge'.

New Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland the Right Reverend Lorna Hood had a very busy day visiting many of the events, seminars and attractions, and lending her full support to Heart and Soul.

To make the event even more special, this year's Heart and Soul took place on Pentecost, the festival when

Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter and this was reflected in many of the themes of the day.



This is the last New Vision until September. Can I thank all the helpers who put together the magazine and thank you to the people who faithfully deliver it all the year round. And most importantly can I thank everyone who gives me articles each month without you there would be no magazine.

Smile at Old Age

- ~Your Kids are becoming you.....but your grandchildren are Perfect!
- ~Going Out is good.. Coming Home is better!
- ~You Forget names.... But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!
- ~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything.... Especially Golf.
- ~The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.
- ~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".
- ~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" Switch..
- ~You tend to use more 4 letter words ...
"what?"..."when?"... ???
- ~Now that you can afford expensive jewellery, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.
- ~You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!!!
- ~What used to be freckles are now liver spots.
- ~Everybody Whispers.
- ~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.
- ~ ~But Old is good in some things: Old songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!



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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