

**POLLOKSHIELDS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, GLASGOW**

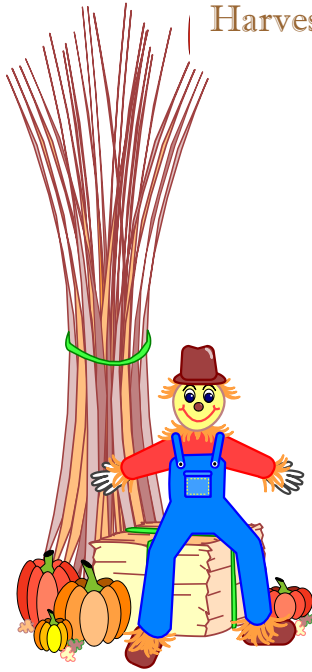
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**September 2013**

# NEW VISION

Harvest Thanksgiving



## **Our Mission Statement:**

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

<b>Minister:</b>	<b>The Rev David Black</b>	<b>423 4000</b>
<b>Session Clerk:</b>	<b>Mrs Mary Morrison</b>	<b>632 1659</b>

## Sunday Services in September

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| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 11:00 | Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche   |
|                  | 3:30  | Scottish Asian Christian Fellowship   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 11:00 | Sacrament of Holy Communion   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | 11:00 | Morning Worship (led by Miss Aquilla Singh<br>Junior Church & Crèche)                       |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 11:00 | Morning Worship (led by Guest Preacher:<br>Rev Hillary McDougall)<br>Junior Church & Crèche |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | 11:00 | Harvest Thanksgiving Service<br>Junior Church & Crèche                                      |

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October

This year's road race will take place on the above date.  
Please plan your route to church

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> September 201**



## Message from the Manse

We have done so much in the last year to fulfil the challenge we made to ourselves to find different ways to encounter God's Word so that we hear it afresh for ourselves and enable our neighbours of all faiths and none to grasp the truth of the hymn "all are welcome in this place".

From Bible Book of the Month last year we have created a regular series of study groups looking at a variety of Biblical topics which continue to attract new members and generate great discussion.

Equally our participation in The Albert Drive project, has done much to bring us into contact with our neighbours and that coupled with our development group's work on a business plan led to our open day and seeking to make the church more visible in the community.

But now, at beginning for a new session, it's time to be looking ahead.

We have lots to do to build on the successes of @ Pollokshields and so it's good to report that over the summer the Kirk Session and General Trustees have agreed to the funding (mainly through grant money) of a feasibility study on Church House, and we hope to have that to show you before the end of the year.

We also continue our celebration of church life and our worship with the climax this month of the organ centenary celebrations with the recital by John Scott Whiteley.

And we welcome to our ministry team for the year ahead Miss Margaret Nutter, Probationer for the Ordained Local Ministry, who will be sharing in all our worship and pastoral work, including the annual Harvest Thanksgiving this month and the special Gift Day in October.

So we have done much but there is plenty more to do and be involved in.

**Rev David R Black.**

## Care Information

Care Information Scotland is an organisation that gives care information for older people.

For the right information on how to get a helping hand for yourself or someone you care for, call or go online.

08456 001 001

[www.careinfoscotland.co.uk](http://www.careinfoscotland.co.uk)

Lines are open Monday – Friday: 10:00am – 8:00pm  
Saturday: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Calls are charged at local rates.





## Prayer Support Network

“Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads. For this reason keep alert and never give up; pray always for all God’s people”. **(Ephesians 5: 18)**

The bible is full of references to the importance of prayer as it is our way of communicating with God. As Jesus intercedes on our behalf we are asked to intercede on the behalf of other people who are ill or needing support. God’s promise to us is that the prayers will be answered. Maybe not in the way we would want, but in the way that fulfils his design.

The prayer support network is aiming to give people a way of requesting prayers. People will be able to pass on their prayer requests either using the prayer cards, or via the church web site, and as coordinator I will pass on the requests to the people in the support network. The requests can be as detailed or as vague as people like as God knows what we are asking for and who it’s for.

Prayer is a powerful weapon against loneliness, isolation, illness and feelings of worthlessness. It can take many forms; continuous talking to God, more structured quiet time, using physical props to enable better understanding of the process, etc. It is as varied as the people within the church as no two people will pray alike. However the strength it generates is never to be underestimated and the healing properties are very real.

A network is as a network does – it is simply people who commit to praying in their own place at their own time

and pace for the people and issues for which we have requests. It most naturally builds into people's own regular pattern of prayer.

If you would like to be a member of the support network you would be very welcome, so please give me your details.

**Cathy Thompson**  
**Prayer Network Coordinator**

## Some Quotes

Two quotes for you to ponder:

A thousand, thousand tender ties  
Accept this day my plaintive sighs  
My heart within me almost dies  
At thought of leaving Fuinary.

**Dr Norman MacLeod**  
**"the Highlander's Friend"**

Any fool can write learned language. The vernacular is the real test. If you can't turn your faith into it, then either you don't understand it or you don't believe it.

**C S Lewis**

# Advance Notice – Gift Day

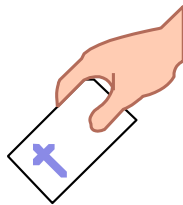
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2013

As we move from summer into autumn and what many of us will see as the start of a new session of activities within our church, it is perhaps appropriate to also reconsider our own individual involvement and commitment to supporting the church in various practical ways.

It is a little over two years since our last major stewardship campaign and this is an area of church involvement which we are encouraged by “121” to consider reviewing on a regular basis.

With all this in mind the Kirk Session has approved plans for a Gift Day which will take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2013 alongside a service with the theme of re-dedication.

Further information will appear in the next issue of New Vision and each member of the congregation will also receive an individual letter early in October outlining the campaign in more detail.



**David McRoberts**  
**Finance Convener**



## Harvest Thanksgiving

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

If you wish to donate fruit, vegetables or garden flowers for decorating the church, the ladies of the Flower Team will be delighted to receive them on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September between 10:00am and noon in the Glencairn Room.

Last year we delivered about 40 gifts around the parish and your assistance with the deliveries would be much appreciated, as usual, this year.



**Lilias Campbell**



**Celebrity Organ Recital  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 7:00pm**

Remember our 2<sup>nd</sup> Celebrity Organ Recital will be held in the Church on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00pm.

Our Guest Organist on the evening will be John Scott Whiteley You can read about John's musical journey on page 13.

Remember your tickets can be purchased from either Liz Izzard or Lindsey Izzard, priced £10:00 including a glass of wine.



# Introducing Margaret Nutter

Hello,

Thank you for making me welcome as I settle in with you to do my Probationary Year for the Ordained Local Ministry with Rev David Black.

I am working on names and know some of you already and I'll know more of you by the time the year is out. However, I hope I don't just learn your names but hear your stories too. Please share your stories when we meet over coffee or tea.

I live in Balloch so will be travelling to the church and parish regularly. One of the great advantages for me is I can shop in your local shops recently I have been in frequently buying Pakistani Mangoes. I love mangoes because I worked in Pakistan with the Church of Pakistan in a hospital as a physiotherapist for 12 years. On my return from Pakistan I worked in North Glasgow.

I started working as a Reader when I retired and spent some time attached to Kilmarnock and Gartocharn Church which is where the Brownie House is.

I have managed to meet people at Church, at Wednesday Service and Coffee, At Home on Thursday afternoon, at the Holiday Club and I have a date for the Guild in my diary.

You have a beautiful sanctuary and lively congregation and the Open Day will be a chance to get to know even more people. I look forward to working and worshipping with you in the months ahead,

**Margaret Nutter**

# Holiday Club

Another year, another holiday club. This year's took place at St Ninian's and was called 'Back to the Future'. The day's themes were based on the stained glass windows within the church.

**Monday** we looked at St Ninian himself. The theme for the day was let the children come to me, so we played with balloons to see how long the children could keep them in the air and then they got to pop them looking for the days memory verse. We made mitres and filled them with marshmallows. These were in honour of St Ninian as in one of the windows he is shown wearing a mitre.

Lunch followed at 12 o'clock and everyone stayed and enjoyed the fellowship.



**Tuesday's** story was Jesus calming the storm and walking on the water. The hope had been to get outside, but the good weather decided to end that day and the rain came down. We were going to do water games, but we played pass the beach ball and balancing buckets in the hall.

Being able to play games and do crafts in the sanctuary was a great experience for a lot of the children and leaders, as it allowed them to feel a bigger part of the whole church. The craft was edible boats and sea. The sea was green jelly, (true Scottish coloured sea) and banana boats with rice paper sails. All great fun.

Lunch was served again and every one again ate everything going.

**Wednesday** was Jesus as the good shepherd. We made sheep using icing which got eaten very quickly, and played a wool treasure hunt within the sanctuary. Not all the pieces of wool were found so the congregation at St Ninian's may be finding pieces for the next few Sundays! Lunch again was very well received and eaten.

**Thursday** was the crucifixion and resurrection, which was hard to explain to the children, but they did seem to understand. The games were in the hall as there was a mid-week service in the sanctuary so we played with the beach balls and passed them from child to child under legs and then over heads. The craft was making wordless bracelets, where each colour means a different part of Jesus's story.

The lunch of soup and rolls went down very well, and every child looked forward to the last day's party.



**Friday** we looked at asking Jesus into our lives, as he stands at the door of our hearts and knocks. By request we played the treasure hunt in the church again, and parachute games. We made junk models of various robots, as we were talking about looking after the world and its resources, by reducing the amount of rubbish we create, reusing what we can by making storage boxes or models out of cartons, and recycling what we can't reuse. We also talked about Jesus wanting to come into our lives and all we have to do is invite him in.

The lunch was a party with pizza, crisps and an amazing cake.

As before there are pictures in the hall showing more of what we did, and this year we had about 20 children who came each day, and 20 leaders, 7 of these young leaders. This is an amazing number of volunteers and young people who are the church's future. That is the future part of the clubs title. Roll on next year, when we get to do it all again.

**Cathy Wilke-Thompson**





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## Celebrity Organ Recital

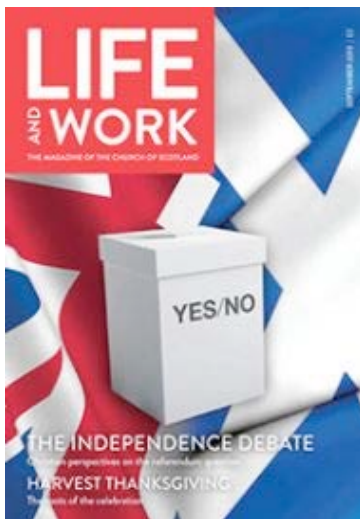
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Our Guest Organist on the evening will be John Scott Whiteley read below some of John's musical journey:

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**

# September Life & Work



The cover story of the September issue of Life & Work is on the Scottish Independence debate.

## **The independence debate**

As the countdown begins to the Referendum which will consider whether Scotland should become an independent nation, two Christian perspectives are offered on opposite sides of the debate.

The Rev Dr Doug Gay, Principal of Trinity College, Glasgow, writes: "While still remaining good neighbours and loving our neighbours' national identities as we love our own, which constitutional arrangement would best allow us to pursue the common good and to seek peace and justice furth of Scotland?"

"I believe independence would and I plan to vote yes.



Not in a spirit of pride or enmity towards England, but as someone seeking to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.”

He adds: “Within the Kirk, we can be a force for good in this conversation if we model practices of civility and hospitality to one another as we debate the issues and pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.”

The Rev Dr Ian Bradley, Principal of St Mary’s College, St Andrews, writes: “This year’s General Assembly showed the Church of Scotland to be a broad church seeking the unity which Christ teaches but also living out the diversity manifested at the heart of our Trinitarian God.

“The United Kingdom is a similarly broad, constitutional, social and cultural entity which embodies unity through diversity. I believe that it is well worth supporting and remaining in.”

This is only one story which appears in the Life & Work, the magazine of the Church of Scotland. In a history spanning over 130 years, it has established itself as the pre-eminent voice of the Church of Scotland.

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Need to call the police? There is a new number!  
Call **101** any time it isn't **999**.

**999** is only to be used in emergencies.

For example:

- To report vandalism
- To report a stolen car
- To talk to local police

**101** connects you to the police, anywhere in the country,  
**24** hours a day, **7** days a week.

**All** calls cost 15p total.





# The Guild



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

The new session of the Guild commences  
Monday 9th September at 7.30pm.

## SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

9<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm OPENING MEETING

The Rev. Stephen Pacitti will present the new theme.

16<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm FREEDOM Matthew Todd

23<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm "OUT OF AFRICA" David McRoberts

30<sup>th</sup> NO MEETING HOLIDAY WEEKEND

We are delighted that all our speakers for this month are from our own congregation

A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO VISITORS OR NEW MEMBERS AT ALL OUR MEETINGS



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.

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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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