

POLLOKSHIELDS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, GLASGOW

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NEW VISION **October 2013**



The Centenary Year of our Organ



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 October

6 th	11:00	Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche
	2:00	Songs of Praise Service
	3:30	Scottish Asian Christian Fellowship
13 th	11:00	Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche
20 th	11:00	Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche
27 th	11:00	Gift Day Service, Junior Church & Crèche (followed by Lunch)

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 20th October 2013



Message from the Manse

There is no 'Message from the Manse' this month as the Rev David R Black is on holiday. It will return as usual next month.

I know some of you will be disappointed but I have taken the opportunity to ask Margaret Nutter, the other member of our Ministry Team to write an article for the magazine.

Margaret's article is on Page 2 and I would like to thank her for producing the article at short notice.

However, I don't think this will be the last article we will receive from Margaret as I am sure she will oblige us with more in the future.

6th October

The half marathon takes place on the above date. From previous years we know many of you cannot attend Morning Worship.

This year we will hold our morning service in the hall for the few number of the congregation who can attend.

There will also be a Songs of Praise service at 2:00pm in the church which will allow all members of the congregation to be able to come along to worship.

Editor

From Margaret

As the minister is on holiday I will take this opportunity to fill you in on what World Mission Council is thinking about:

'Life in Fulness'

I expect you may read this and think of Jesus' saying '**life in all its fullness.**' John 10:10, perhaps you think it is a mis-quote but it is the theme the Church of Scotland World Mission Council has this year – running from General Assembly to General Assembly – focussing on Africa.

We are encouraged this year to reflect on Africa – do you know 50% population of Africa is Christian? We as Scots have much to be proud of when we think of Dr David Livingstone, Mary Slessor and Dr Laws.

We still have work going on in Africa – people like Rob Jones, a pharmacist, struggling against the odds to keep Nkhoma Hospital in **Malawi** supplied with medicines and other supplies. He is the only pharmacist and in the busy season (January and February) they have 500-600 patients a day. A big part of the work is supplying Anti-retrovirals for HIV patients. Recently the whole of Malawi ran out of insulin because the government did not have enough dollars to pay! He is pleased that the hospital now holds a supply of anti-rabies vaccine.

Let's be proud of the past but remember there are

opportunities still to serve – on a long term basis or even as a professional volunteer for two or three weeks.

The main focus is Africa but work goes on elsewhere and several other places demand a special look:

Syria with a special fund-raiser called 'A place at the table' to raise money to help the refugee problem, £20 will feed a family of 5 for a month.

Bangladesh with a campaign to encourage Clothes shops to ensure the work places of their manufacturers in Bangladesh are safe.

I trust this update will inform your prayers and encourage you to find out more about Africa.

Margaret Nutter



Would You Be the Hangman

I have an uncomfortable feeling that there is something missing in our faith today. Let me tell you a story.

In the middle of the 17th century in the reign of the Good King Charles II, the Government wanted everyone to worship in the same way. They therefore removed a number of the Covenanter ministers from their Churches and replaced them with more pliable ministers who became known as the Kings Curates.

A great many of the local people refused to go to their Churches but preferred to worship with their own covenanter ministers. The authorities were furious at this and put tremendous pressure on the locals. Eventually the covenanter locals rebelled, and marched off to Edinburgh, hoping to put their case to the Authorities. The Authorities refused to take any notice and declared them to be rebels and traitors. They set the army on to them. General Tam Dalziel and the dragoons came on them and routed them at the Battle of Rullion Green, just outside Edinburgh.

Prisoners were taken. It was decided that an example had to be made and so some were hanged. In particular the Authorities decided that since a large number of the rebels came from Ayr and district, that eight of the rebels should be taken to Ayr, and there hanged.

So eight of the insurgents were marched off to Ayr, and the Sheriff of Ayr was instructed to publicly hang them. But the public hangman of Ayr had disappeared. He had made himself scarce. A substitute was sought, but no one came forward. The hangman at Irvine was summoned and

brought to Ayr. He refused to do the job. The Sheriff of Ayr was in a fix. No one would do the job.

Eventually he hit upon a clever scheme. He offered a free pardon to any one of the eight prisoners if he would agree to hang the other seven. One Cornelius Anderson, eventually agreed to save himself, and hang the other seven.

My question now is if you were one of the eight condemned men, would you have volunteered to be the hangman?

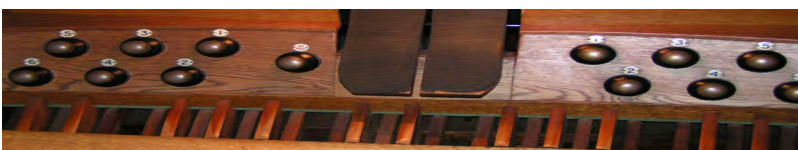
K G Ross

Our Organ

It is often remarked how delightful it is to hear and to play our organ. Its fame has spread far and wide, both at home and abroad.

On 22nd October, 5:00pm – 6:00pm a group of Dutch organists will be at the church to hear the organ played. Perhaps they may even get a chance to play it.

I have no doubt that they will enjoy the experience that we enjoy every Sunday.



Gift Day – 27 October 2013

As intimated in the September issue of New Vision we are working towards a Gift Day to take place on Sunday 27 Oct 2013 when the theme of the service will be re-dedication.

In the weeks leading up to this we are asking all church members and adherents to carefully and prayerfully reconsider their individual involvement and commitment to supporting the church in various practical ways.

We are planning that in the second week of October each church member will receive a letter outlining additional background information on the various methods of regular church giving which it is hoped will assist everyone in reviewing the basis of their financial support for the work of the church in Pollokshields and beyond.

When you receive your letter please take the time to reflect on this aspect of individual church involvement and consider your response in the light of your own individual circumstances and on how you may feel able to respond.

A return envelope will be provided along with a Gift Aid declaration for completion where appropriate and everyone is encouraged to return their response on 27 October.

In particular you may wish to think about:-

- How do I give? This may for example be through bankers order, weekly envelopes, open collections

on a Sunday, or in one of many practical ways of just helping out when you are able.

- What do I give and when did I last review the amount?
- If I am a taxpayer have I signed a Gift Aid declaration? Doing so increases income to the Church from tax we can reclaim from HMRC.

We sincerely hope everyone who is able will support this effort in whatever way they can.

Thank you.

David McRoberts
Finance Convener

Church Lunch

Also on 27th October following the Morning Worship we will be having a Church Lunch in Glencairn.

We hope that you will be able to stay, enjoy the Lunch and join in the fellowship.

Circle of Care

The Circle of Care newsletter has been replaced. It is now called CrossReach News. It still contains interesting articles and your copy can be uplifted from the church.

Peter Bailey Chief Executive Office, Secretary of the Social Care Council says "CrossReach News will enable us to continue to share with you, our readers and supporters, the progress that we are making despite the challenging environment in which we are operating."

One of the articles in the magazine is about an East Lothian man who was helped by a CrossReach counselling service explains why he is 'giving something back' by walking 1,000 miles. He says:

"I don't know how many times I walked past that centre. I didn't know it was there. Yet if it hadn't been for CrossReach and their small team of counsellors, I don't know where I would be now"

He comes from Dunbar and is aiming to walk 1,000 miles around Scotland to raise funds for CrossReach. Talking about his lifelong battle with depression, and the impact that finally getting the support he felt he needed from CrossReach has had on his life, he said: "I've had all kinds of help from the doctor but last time I was there he handed me a leaflet and suggested I might like to go and talk to someone. It was a CrossReach leaflet, advertising their counselling services, and I couldn't believe that it was only five minutes from my house. I met a counsellor there called Janice who has helped me more than anyone else. I realised I could either break down or do

something else entirely. Since seeing the film 'That Way' starring Martin Sheen I've wanted to do a long distance walk. I don't have a passport so I decided to do a Scottish one instead. I'll be using the well-known long distance Scottish walks to visit as many CrossReach counselling centres as I can. I left Dunbar on 3rd July, carrying my own tent, hoping to travel at least ten miles a day. Anyone who sees me is welcome to walk with me, but most of all I'd like people to donate to CrossReach through JustGiving. They do an amazing job for people like me and never ask for a penny if you can't pay. This is the best way I can think of to give them back something for everything they've given me."

As CrossReach News went to print, he was over halfway and was walking along the Great Glen towards Inverness. He has raised over £800 of his £2,000 target.

You can donate to his target at www.justgiving.com/thelongwalktorecovery or by sending your donation to CrossReach.

Also if you or anyone you know is suffering from depressions please seek help. It can make a difference to your life as it has done to this young man, please don't suffer in silence.

Taken from the CrossReach News.

A Guild Project

CrossReach/Social Care Council (CofS) is one of Guild's Projects for 2012 – 2015. Read how, as well as helping people with depression, they help people with dementia.

Heart for Art

Significant international research has identified that there are enormous benefits to using Creative Arts. This enables people with dementia to connect with society and express themselves, whilst breaking down the barriers of preconception, stigma and discrimination. The Heart for Art project is designed through early intervention to promote creativity, self-worth and achievement. From the early stages of the project the benefits of active lifelong learning, acting with purpose and the concentration on creative tasks has been visible.

The project offers the opportunity for people with dementia and their carers throughout Scotland, to build supportive relationships and access support and advice from CrossReach staff. The National Dementia Strategy for Scotland predicts a huge increase in the number of people with dementia over the next two decades. CrossReach has a history of innovation in dementia care, opening the first service exclusively for people with dementia environment in 1983. The Heart for Art project continues this trend, focusing on citizenship and opening up another avenue in promoting the abilities and potential of people with dementia.

Taken from the Church of Scotland Guild Projects 2012 – 2015 newsletter.



Church Music

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

Sunday 6th October: Service at 2 p.m.

Anthem: Will be announced

Offertory music: *Alle Menschen müssen sterben* BWV 643 – Bach

Recessional voluntary: *Wir glauben all' an einen Gott* BWV 680 - Bach

Sunday 13th October:

Anthem: *Teach me, O Lord, the Way of your Statutes* – Attwood

Offertory music: *Allemande* from *French Suite no. 5 in G major* BWV 816 – Bach

Recessional voluntary: *War March of the Priests* - Mendelssohn

Sunday 20th October:

Anthem: *Nunc Dimittis in Bb* – Stanford

Offertory music: *Sinfonia: Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit* BWV 106 – Bach

Recessional voluntary: *Sortie in Eb* - Lefébure-Wély

Sunday 27th October:

Anthem: *God so loved the World* - Stainer

Offertory music: *Jesu, Meine Freude* BWV 610 – Bach

Recessional voluntary: *Allegro* from *Concerto No 2 in A minor* BWV 593 - Vivaldi arr. Bach

Identity Theft & Fraud

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes. The police have issued these tips to help you protect yourself from identity theft.

- Always shred or destroy documents that contain personal information before throwing them away.
- Destroy digital data. Use a product like ShredXP to make sure that data on hard drives is completely destroyed.
- Read all bank and card statements regularly to check for suspicious transactions.
- Have your post forwarded for at least six months when you move house.
- Report the loss of or thefts of cards or important documents – to the relevant organisations as soon as possible.
- Never write a PIN on a credit/debit card on a slip of paper kept in your wallet. Never write down or share account details or passwords.
- Use your free hand to shield the keypad when entering a PIN number at an ATM or a credit card number on a computer in a Web-Café.
- If paying by credit/debit card in a restaurant as for the mobile card reader to be brought to you and

- keep possession of your card at all times.
- Be alert on the phone. Never respond to cold-call phone calls asking for account details, passwords or personal information.
- Be alert online: install firewalls and virus-detection software on your home computer.
- Don't give too much away on social networking websites-for example, pets' names or mother's maiden name that could be used as passwords.
- Never believe anyone who phones to tell you your computer security has been compromised and then asks you to give them remote access so they can fix it.
- Make regular checks on your credit report as an effective protection against identity theft.

If you have been a victim of fraud or identity theft then get in touch with creditors with whom you have an account (eg banks, credit card companies, store cards, phone & Utility companies) even if they have not been affected so they can monitor your accounts. Contact the UK's fraud prevention service – CIFAS if you think you've been a victim of identity theft.

KEEP SAFE!

Taken from Councillor David Meikle's newsletter

Last Week in October

By Thomas Hardy

*The trees are undressing, and fling in many places —
On the gray road, the roof, the window-sill —
Their radiant robes and ribbons and yellow laces;
A leaf each second so is flung at will,
Here, there, another and another, still and still.*

*A spider's web has caught one while downcoming,
That stays there dangling when the rest pass on;
Like a suspended criminal hangs he, mumming
In golden garb, while one yet green, high yon,
Trembles, as fearing such a fate for himself anon.*

Stephen Pacitti



THE ORPHEUS CLUB
presents



"TRIAL BY JURY"

by W.S. GILBERT and ARTHUR SULLIVAN

plus

'A MEDLEY OF MODERN MELODIES'

in

POLLOKSHIELDS BURGH HALL, MAXWELL PARK-
THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER at 7.30 p.m.

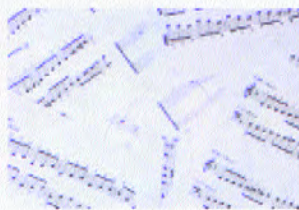
and in

ADELAIDE'S, BATH STREET, GLASGOW-
FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets @ £10 on sale from Mrs. Aileen Mitchell
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*Talks about the central strand of
his life; his Christian Catholic
Faith and how this has inspired
and become entwined in his work.*

**Sunday 27 October at
2.30pm**

At Newlands South Church



The Guild



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

OCTOBER MEETINGS

7 th	2:30pm	One Man's Retirement	Mr J Wardrope OBE
14 th	7:30pm	A Visit to Iceland	Marjorie & Sadie
21 st	2:30pm	History of Paisley Abbey	Mr & Mrs R Craig
28 th	7:30pm	A Visit From	Janette Henderson

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.

We now have Ranger Guides for ages 14 and over. They meet every 2nd Thursday 7:00pm – 9:00pm in Titwood.

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

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