

POLLOKSHIELDS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, GLASGOW



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NEW VISION

Come, Holy Spirit, and send
out from heaven the beam of
your light.

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 for June

- 1st 11:00am Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche
3.30pm Scottish Asian Christian Fellowship
- 8th 11:00am Communion for Pentecost Sunday,
Junior Church & Crèche
- 15th 11:00am Morning Worship: Trinity Sunday
Junior Church & Crèche
- 22nd 11:00am Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche
- 29th 11:00am Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche

Bible Readers for June

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| 1 st June | Sadie Swan |
| 8 th June (C) | Mary Morrison |
| 15 th June | Sheila Hart |
| 22 nd June | Cathy Thomson |
| 29 th June | The Minister/Margaret Nutter |



Copy date for the next New Vision is 24th August 2014



Message from the Manse

May has been a strange month as attendance at two Assessment Conferences as well as the General Assembly has altered the rhythm of the year. But then again change and altered patterns of how we do things has been a bit of a theme recently. This year the Presbytery has changed its style of meeting and over the summer will change its committees and the size of their membership in an effort to get more effective congregational involvement in its work.

The General Assembly approved changing the way we are reviewed and supported through Local Church Review as well as tackling issues of ministerial support and review, all in the name of making church a better experience for everyone. These changes, whilst taking till 2016 to be implemented, are likely to have far more impact on us than the Overture which will come down to Presbyteries re Ordination and Ministers in same sex relationships.

Over the coming months we will be hearing a lot about the Commonwealth Games and our relationship with people from other countries as well as the question of how we view ourselves as a nation here in Scotland. The highlight of the Assembly for me was the way in which the "respectful dialogue" on Independence allowed different viewpoints to be heard without the need for a partisan point scoring to be achieved. If such can be the hallmark of the rest of the run up to the Referendum then Scotland can be justly proud of how we live with and talk to one another and whatever the outcome, perhaps model a new way of political dialoguing across

the UK and beyond.

Certainly we live in changing, exciting and risky times, so it is good to remind ourselves that God is the God of all time – Jeremiah our study book for June offers insight on that truth- join us on Thursday evenings to find out more.

David Black.

General Assembly

The General Assembly has the authority to make laws determining how The Church of Scotland operates. It is also the highest court of the Church which cases can be heard in matters of litigation. The other courts of the Church are the kirk session and the presbytery.

BACKGROUND

The Assembly comprises around 850 commissioners who are ministers, elders and members of the diaconate. It meets at the same time in May each year for a week, usually in the Assembly Hall on the Mound in central Edinburgh.

The first General Assembly was held in December 1560, which was the year of the Scottish Reformation and which marks the beginning of the Church of Scotland as we now know it.

The General Assembly 2015 opens on Saturday May 16 and closes on Friday May 22.

New beginnings at Shawlands

Under the provisions of the Presbytery Plan the churches of Shawlands and South Shawlands are to unite under one minister. As both churches are presently vacant, the time is now right for the implementation of the plan and the appointment of a minister. For the moment, this will only be a linkage.

On Thursday 15th May, the Presbytery met to carry out this and to Induct the Rev Dr Valerie Duff to the Linked Charge. It was a very happy service and the church of Shawlands was full. The Church of Scotland does not have many ceremonies but I always feel that the induction service is a very impressive and enjoyable one.

After opening devotions the Presbytery Clerk gives a narrative of the circumstances leading up to the Linkage, then the Moderator declares the Linkage. The Induction now takes place. The new minister has to answer eight very searching questions, and sign the Formula. Then, as a sign of her Induction, the members of the Presbytery give her the right hand of fellowship.

It is now the turn of the Congregation. They are asked to stand, and are asked three questions about their commitment. The new minister is now ceremoniously presented with 1. A Bible, 2. Baptismal Water, 3. Bread and Wine for Communion.

Finally, the Moderator addresses charges to the new Minister and to the Congregation.

Now we all repair to the church Hall for tea and home-

made sandwiches and baking. After this, there was a Social.

Shawlands Church is a neighbouring church, and we have a lot of friends there. In Particular I spoke to John Phillips, a Reader, who was once a member of Pollokshields. He told me he had been acting as a part time locum at Shawlands and took about one third of the services there during the Vacancy.

K G Ross

The Way Youth Group

The next meeting of The Way, Youth Group will be held on 8th June at Sherbrook St Gilberts Church. 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

The usual activities can be enjoyed

Games

Pizza (and other food)

Air hockey

Table Football

Q & A's

Pool

Darts

Skates

Christian Discussion

something for everyone.

259th Rainbow Guides



“Look at the world around,
Learn everything you can,
Laugh as you go along,
Love this world of ours”

The words of our Rainbow song summarize all we have been doing at Rainbows this year so far.

In February we **looked** at the country of New Zealand for Guide thinking day. We discovered Rainbows there are called “Pippins” because when you cut a Pippin apple in half you can see the trefoil Guiding symbol in the middle. We also made our own pom-pom Kiwi bird and learnt the start of the Maori Haka dance which the “All blacks” perform at the start of rugby matches (some Rainbows were very good at the scary faces needed!)

As you will have seen from our poster on the hall wall we had a seaside theme this year for which we **learnt** about Sea Horses with a quiz and had to spot the camouflaged Sea Horse.

We are always **laughing** at Rainbows, especially when playing our favourite game of Octopus, Octopus. This made our sponsored silence in March a great challenge for most of the Rainbows they (nearly) all managed to

be silent for the full half-hour.

Continuing our seaside theme and to **love** the world we learnt about recycling and made old computer cd's into a Jellyfish.

In June we are looking forward to our Rainbow outing to "Amazonia" indoor rainforest and our Pot of Gold Pirate party will finish this session with three of us going over the Rainbows to Brownies.

Thanks to our Rainbow Leaders Puffin, Robin, Swift, Owl, to George Thomson for opening the Hall for us each week and to everyone else who supports our Rainbow Guide Unit,

Toucan and the 259th Rainbow Guides

P.S. New Rainbows are always welcome and If any girl (aged 5-7) wishes to join our Rainbow unit they can apply online at www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested and select "259th Rainbow Unit" or contact Toucan (Helen McGregor 07814154230).





Church Music

Liam will be playing the following music on the Organ in May 2014

Sunday 1st June:

Anthem: *"Love Divine"* – Willcocks

Offertory: *"Komm Heiliger Geist"* – Bach

Recessional: *"Transports de Joie"* – Messiaen

Sunday 8th June: Communion Service for Pentecost:

Anthem: *God be in my head* – Walford-Davis

Offertory: *Adagio from Concerto Grosso in G minor* –
Handel

Recessional: *Toccata* - Dubois

Sunday 15th June: Trinity Sunday

Anthem: *Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves* – Verdi

Offertory: *Spring* –Grieg

Recessional: *Toccata in d minor* – Pachelbel

Sunday 22nd June:

Anthem: *O Sanctissima – trad.* Arr. – Beethoven

Offertory: *Intermezzo* – Mascagni

Recessional: *La Réjouissance* – Handel

Sunday 29th June:

Guest Organist - Scott Blackwood playing today.

Stars??? Celebrities???

Eight Hundred Years Ago

(This is the first part of an article telling about the signing of the Magna Carta. The second part will be in the next New Vision.)

With the death of his brother, Richard I (The Lionheart), John Lackland became King of England in 1199. He had already experienced the responsibilities of his role because of his brother's commitment to The Third Crusade, to the extent that he was acting king for all but six months in 1189. By 1213 however, the Barons of his court had become seriously concerned at the unrest among his people over the demands for excessive feudal dues and attacks on the privileges of the church.

In the abbey of St Edmundsbury, to which pilgrims regularly visited the shrine of the martyred King of East Anglia, the Barons had discussed a proposal to prepare a charter containing guaranteed human rights against immoderate use of royal power, with one incumbent priest, Stephen Langton.

It was the following year that the Barons set out again on their pilgrimage, specifically to discover what the priest had managed to achieve, without raising further concerns in the mind of the King as to what their visit really entailed. The outcome was such that they were convinced that terms of the charter were worthy of royal approval. In spite of his initial reluctance, he finally signed the binding document on 15th June 1215 at Runnymede (now in Surrey).

It was perhaps of little surprise that King John should fail to honour the charter he had signed, and that the repudiation led to the first of the Barons' Wars (1215 -

1217) when the doubters among his court emerged in support. Fate, however, within 18 months, would intervene.

In touring a portion of his realm, he had visited King's Lynn in Norfolk, and in his retinue were carts carrying his most precious jewellery and regalia. The misguided attempt to take a shorter route, ended in the stranding of the waggons in the quicksands of the Terrington marshes. His treasures were engulfed by the fierce tidal flows and lost. The already ailing King (with the onset of dysentery) did not complete his tour – dying at Newark, several miles west of the fateful scene.

Equally, there would be little surprise at the insistence of Pope Innocent III that, having made King John his vassal, he should accept Stephen Langton as his Archbishop of Canterbury. Although the Pope also died in 1216, the onetime abbey priest had the satisfaction of creating a foundation of a society acknowledging human rights, slowly evolving, maybe, but worthy of a Magna Carta, as it has become known.

'Mirabile dictu'
Veni, Sancte Spiritus,
Et emitte caelitus
lucis tuae radium.

Stephen Langton (1150 – 1228)

The 'Golden Sequence' of Whit Sunday
(Attributed also to Pope Innocent III, among others)

Dr Ian Gilchrist

Working in Pollokshields Parish

I have now seen the parish in all seasons. I have discovered how leafy and green it is in Pollokshields and I was fortunate that the mild winter made travel easy. I have enjoyed wandering along Albert Drive to shop for rice, lentils and fruit and vegetables at very reasonable prices. I have enjoyed visits to the Hidden Gardens behind the Tramway love hearing the voices of little children playing there with their parents.

However, most of all I have enjoyed visiting some of you at home or in hospital and hearing your stories. Thank you to all who welcomed me. It is reassuring to know that the traditional pattern of elders visiting in their districts still functions well in this congregation and that takes a lot of pressure off the minister. I know some people still think a visit from the minister is special and indeed it can be but ministers now have many demands on their time. I hope wherever I end up being placed as a minister I can continue pastoral visiting.

I have experienced the process of assessment and reviews for Ordained Local Ministry and realise how much energy the people involved put into doing this; your minister David is very heavily involved in this both at presbytery and with the national church, and as the recent General Assembly agreed there will be a big effort to encourage more people (more young people) to enter the ministry so that job will increase.

I am almost at the end of my time with you though I do look forward to 'Jeremiah in in June'.

I now know that south of the river Clyde is not too far from Balloch though I gather during the may be a challenge for some people to get to church.

Thank you for all your help, advice and encouragement throughout the year but more of that next time.

Margaret Nutter

Commonwealth Games Glasgow 2014



It was on 30th July 2002 a decision was taken by the Scottish Government and Commonwealth Games Scotland to bid to hold the games in Glasgow.

Scroll forward twelve years to 23rd July when the games will begin and end on 3rd August 2014.

There has been a new athletic village built in the East End of Glasgow. It is expected to be home to 6,500 athletes and CGA team officials for the duration of the games. After which the houses will be occupied by Glasgow people to live in.

Also on offer is an exclusive retail area, a recreation area, a dining hall, a medical facility and other amenities.

Fourteen venues at Carnoustie, Cathkin Brae, Celtic Park, Emirates Arena, Glasgow Green, Hampden Park

Kelvingrove Park, Commonwealth pool Edinburgh Scotstoun, SEEC Precinct, Strathclyde Country Park, Tollcross and Ibrox stadium will play host to the athletes from 70 countries in 17 sports over the 11days.

It is thought that Glasgow will also welcome one million spectators to the buzz and excitement of Scotland's biggest sporting festival.

Glasgow will be busy at Games Time as traffic in and around Glasgow during the 11days of the games will prove to be busier than normal. You have to remember the athletes need to get from one venue to another, the games officials who will be manning the venues and the spectators will all need to be moved from one place to another.

If you travel regularly around Glasgow remember that the city will be different this summer, it will be busier than normal and you might be advised to travel by routes different to those you usually take.

So planning your journey ahead during the games will help to minimise delays and disruption to the journeys you need to make.

This is an important event for Glasgow to host so enjoy it and enter into the spirit of the games.

Queen's Baton



On July 22nd The Queen's Baton will be carried through the local authorities on the southside of the City. Starting at Linn, Langside, Southside Central, Anderston Pollokshields, Govan, Craigton, Greater Pollok, Newlands/Auldhouse, to the Opening Ceremony on Wednesday 23rd at Celtic Park. Take the opportunity to see it and cheer it on its way as it comes through your area.

Fairtrade – Rainbow Turtle

The following letter and certificate have been received. Copies can be seen on the noticeboard.

8th April 2014

To everyone at Pollokshields Church of Scotland

Thank you for supporting fair trade through sales of fair trade goods, purchased from Rainbow Turtle between January and March 2014. You sold £250.18 of goods!

By hosting fair trade stalls you have helped to make a difference, not only in direct benefit to producers from the sales made, but also in spreading the word and message of fair trade to the wider community

Fair trade has helped to lift millions of people out of poverty. When you buy fairly traded products you enable smallholder farmers and producers to improve their position and have more control over their lives. It is a simple way that we can make a difference through our everyday choices. Together we are helping to create a better world.

Lynsay Bellshaw

Rainbow Turtle says thank you to

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January - March 2014

You sold £250.18 worth of goods!

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Contact:
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Email: info@rainbowturtle.org.uk
Web: www.rainbowturtle.org.uk

Signed: *Lynsay Bellshaw*

Date: 8-04-14

Please join Nial Murphy, chair of Pollokshields Heritage for a stimulating guided walk around the Local Area on Sunday afternoon 15th June starting at Pollokshields Church of Scotland, Glasgow.

Register at 1:45pm with the walk starting at 2:00pm.

Return around 4:00pm, for teas

and coffees and a tour of the Pollokshields Church's fabulous stained glass windows.

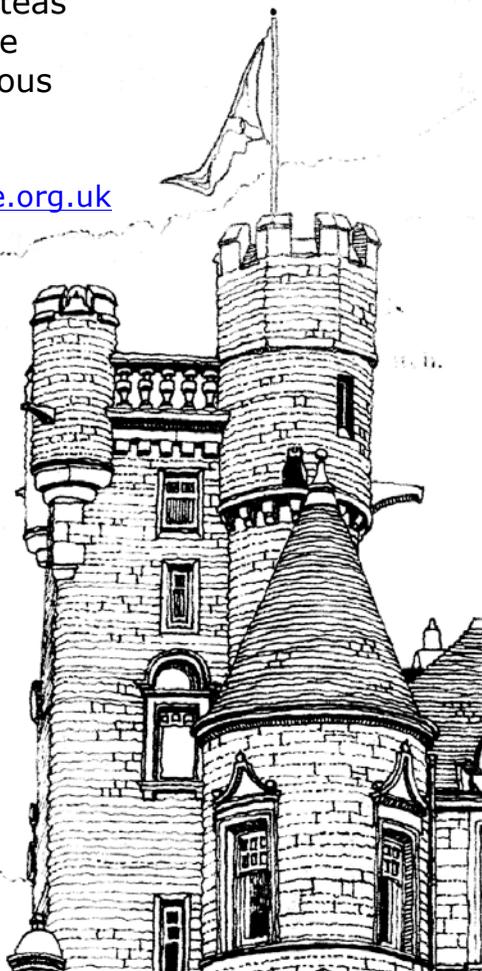
Book your place at

booking@pollokshieldsheritage.org.uk

or phone Elizabeth Jarvis

on (0141) 427.0735, or

just turn up!



Lodging House Mission



Pedal to the Picnic 2014

Summer is on the way and the Lodging House Mission is holding it's annual charity cycle event on Saturday, 14th June 2014. This year we are planning a picnic in the park at the end of the event! Money raised will all go towards supporting some of the most vulnerable and socially isolated people in Glasgow.

Who can take part?

If you know you are fit enough to cycle 14 miles, have your own bike and wish to raise money for a very worthwhile cause, you can take part! This is a fun event and not a race, so you can chat, enjoy the scenery and the atmosphere of the day without being out of breath!

It is an ideal event for families, groups of friends and work colleagues to have fun, get exercise and raise money for a very worthwhile cause. The route is not challenging and you are encouraged to go at your own pace.

If you have any existing or suspected medical condition which could affect your ability to take part, you should take advice from your medical professional.

Sponsorship

All money raised goes directly towards supporting the services provided in the Lodging House Mission. If you would like to find out how you can arrange for sponsorship, please visit our website at www.lhm-glasgow.org.uk

Holiday Club 2014

Pollokshields Churches Together
Summer Holiday Club



fit for a
king

04th August - 08th August 2014

10 - 12 noon

St Albert's Church, Albert Drive : Boys/Girls P1 -
S1

pollokshieldschurchestogether.org

Lunch available 12 - 1pm for £1



The Guild

The Guild theme for 2013 -2014 "A FELLOWSHIP TO BUILD"



The Guild Session for 2013/2014
has now concluded

If you require any information please contact the President,
Miss Marjory Swan via the church's Web Site

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 Glencairn. 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 Glencairn. 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 – 13 years in Glencairn. Guides play games, learn to cook and work towards Guide badges.

Ranger Guides for ages 14 and over meet every 2nd
Thursday 7:00pm – 9:00pm in Kenmure Room

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

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