

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
Session Clerk:	Mrs Mary Morrison	632 1659

Sunday Services In March

3 rd	11:00	Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche followed by Lunch and Organ Concert
	3:30	Scottish Asian Christian Fellowship
10 th	11:00	Holy Communion
17 th	11:00	Passion Sunday
24 th	11:00	Palm Sunday followed by Annual Stated Meeting
31 st	11:00	Easter Celebration and Holy Communion

LENT STUDY - *This is our Story*

Based on the *Churches Together in Britain and Ireland* material for 2013 '*This is our Story*', a series of 6 weekly meetings on

Wednesdays 11:00am-12noon in The Kenmure Room
Coffee etc available from 10:00am at Coffee Break

Repeated at 7:30-9:00pm Thursdays (coffee & Tea included)

Come and join neighbours from all the local churches as we engage with issues of what it means to be a Christian in today's society.

Copy date for the next New Vision is 24th March 2013



Message from the Manse

We are already in the season of Lent, with two well supported study groups reflecting on themes about our journey of faith as we look towards Easter. Why not join them on a Wednesday at 11:00-12noon or Thursday night 7:30-9:00pm?

Special services this month begin with our hosting the annual World Day of Prayer Service at 2pm on 1st March and our Communion on 10th March before we share in the Holy Week Services, details to be announced.

On Palm Sunday (24th Mar) we will follow our worship with our Annual Stated Meeting. This will be held in the hall immediately after worship with refreshments served.

It is an important meeting, the main opportunity you have as members to have a say in both our finances and our development plans. We will be reporting on the work done by our Business Consultant in regard to Church House, as well as setting the 2014 Budget. 2013 has been a testing time for us but we want to keep up the challenge to treble our income by 2025.

On Sunday 3rd March we have the final of the six short lunchtime concerts celebrating the centenary of the pipe organ – if you have not yet enjoyed these very special events don't miss this last one. They are free yet they have raised nearly £2,000 for various charities at home and abroad and coupled with the lunches provide an important part in our church life beyond our worshipping together.

Yet worship is the reason we come together as a church and so I look forward to welcoming you all at our Easter Celebrations when we once more recall the heart of our faith, our hope in Jesus as the Christ who lives and dies but rises again for us and the world.

Rev David R Black.

Facebook

Keeping up with modern technology and to publicize our church more, the Church has its own Facebook page.

Why not check it out to see what is on at the Church! And read what people have already written on the site.

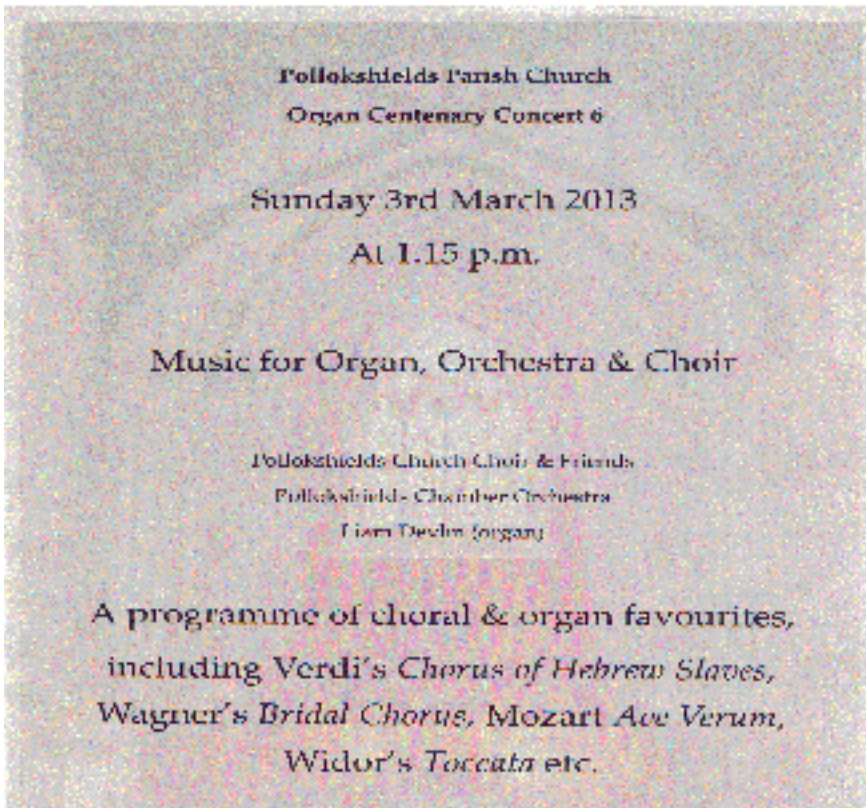
Your comments would be appreciated so why not leave one, or advise Shona Morrison of anything you would like to see included in the page.

Church Organ Centenary

The Organ Concert Number 5 on the 3rd February raised over £300 for the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice.

The next Organ Concert No 6 is the last in our Sunday lunch time concerts. It is on Sunday 3rd March at 1:15pm. The collection will be in aid of Schoolgirls' Health Project Nairobi

The programme is shown below:



Organ Centenary Season: **Concert 5**

Concert No 5 on Sunday 3rd February was Music for the Organ and String Quartet.

Our Organist Liam Devlin played the Organ and the Aurea String Quartet:

Gongbo Jiang – 1st Violin, Wen Wang – 2nd Violin, Hua Zhong – Viola, Robert Anderson – Cello.

Picture was taken by David Hart.





Noah's Ark: Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark.

ONE: Don't miss the boat.

TWO: Remember that we are all in the same boat!

THREE: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

FOUR: Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

FIVE: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

SIX: Build your future on high ground.

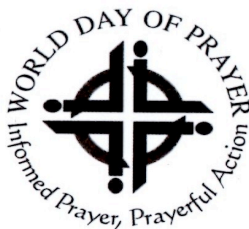
SEVEN: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

EIGHT: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

NINE: When you're stressed, float awhile.

TEN: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

ELEVEN: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's *always* a rainbow waiting.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, 1st March 2013

**I was a stranger and
you welcomed me**

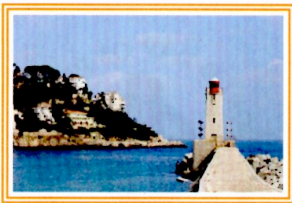
Written by Christian women of France

Will YOU join us?

A warm welcome awaits you at your local service:

In Pollokshields Parish Church.

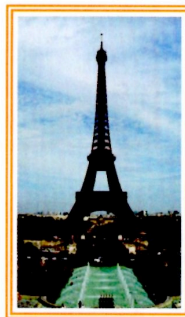
At 2.00 p.m.



'Where 2 or 3 are gathered together in my name ... there I will be also.'

Will YOU join us?

Every year on (or near) the first FRIDAY in MARCH, Christians around the world (Protestants, Roman Catholics, Orthodox, Evangelicals) of all ages (women, men, young people and children) gather in small groups and large congregations using the same basic form of worship, written by women of a different country each year on a theme chosen by the World Day of Prayer International Committee.



'Lord teach us to pray'

This year we pray with women of France for

- refugees and migrant workers
- victims of oppression and violence
 - the hungry
 - those who are abused
 - women who are powerless
 - children who need help
- women and children who are trafficked
 - those affected by HIV or AIDS
 - local concerns

In this service we consider God's commands to care for the least in our communities and to welcome the stranger. We thank God for the diversity of culture and traditions and rejoice that we are all one in Christ:

Do we welcome strangers in our communities and churches?

For more information:

M Anderson

0141-637 2791

WDP Scottish Committee (SC 020446) website: www.wdpscotland.org.uk

Airdrie High Church of Scotland



Airdrie High Church, 20 North Bridge Street, Airdrie has quite a history attached to it. I thought you would like to read about it.

History of the Congregation

Airdrie High Church (the 'High Kirk') has been a place of Christian worship for almost 175 years. In 1837, a former assistant at the East Chapel, the Rev. Thomas Burns, became the minister of a new Church of Scotland congregation in a preaching station in the Mason's Hall, in the High Street. This congregation bought a plot of land on the 12th December 1837, for £130, and in 1838 built themselves a new church, for the then princely sum of £2,000. The High Kirk was officially opened and dedicated on Sunday the 4th August 1839.

Although the High Kirk is now a proud member of the Church of Scotland, this was not always the case. In 1843, a long-brewing disagreement within the Church of Scotland on the question of how ministers were appointed to congregations resulted in the Disruption, when 450 ministers left the Church of Scotland to form the Free Church of Scotland. By a vast majority, the minister and

congregation of the High Kirk joined the Free Church and, rather unusually, obtained agreement to maintain possession of the building and the then manse from the Church of Scotland.

In 1900, the High Kirk went along with most of the Free Church of Scotland in a union with the United Presbyterian Church and became part of the new United Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland. In 1929, the High followed the bulk of this new denomination in merging with the Church of Scotland. The High Kirk is one of the very few churches that has gone from the Church of Scotland and back again and is certainly unusual in worshipping in the same building through all of these changes.

Inside the Church

At the time of the Centenary of the High Kirk, the then minister, the Rev. William Hay, wrote that "the real story of a Church cannot be written, for it is recorded in the souls of men and women." Standing in the sanctuary, you can imagine all the men and women who have worshipped and served here over the years, and who have very often left no trace behind. However, in the sanctuary there are also signs of how some of the men and women of the High Kirk have had their stories written into the High Kirk itself.

Plaques in the vestibule and the sanctuary commemorate the life and work of long-serving ministers and office-bearers of the High Kirk. The font, which was provided in memory of a former minister of the High Kirk, the Rev John Cook. The High Kirk has war memorials, to those members who fell in both World Wars. The communion table houses the World War I memorial, which was dedicated on the 9th of April 1922. The lectern houses the World War II memorial, which was dedicated on the 5th September 1948.

Some details are easy to miss. For example, above the pulpit is a small copper lampshade, which was provided by a Mrs Macintyre for the High Kirk's Centenary and the two clocks on the balcony were provided by the youth of the High Kirk, the Sunday Club.

Almost all of the windows in the sanctuary consist of glass blocks, some of the painted and coloured. These replaced what were plain leaded glass windows, and members were invited to buy a brick or bricks each. Some members and their families donated whole windows, and these have plaques commemorating the generosity of their donors. The whole window scheme cost £1,002 and was completed by 1970.

Amidst all of these windows of coloured blocks, there is one beautiful exception, and that is the stained glass window that is the only window in the whole of the south wall of the sanctuary. This window was donated to the High Kirk by the family of Mr John Hutcheson, who served as an elder, Sunday School Superintendent and Foreign Mission Treasurer to the High for many years. It was dedicated on the 22nd of January 1939. It was the only window in this wall left behind when the Church Halls were built in the early 1960s.

In the next edition of the magazine you will be able to read about The Ministers in Airdrie High Church.

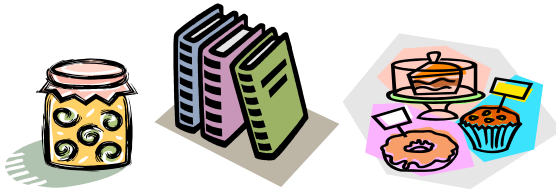


Ken Campbell

**Pollokshields Church of
Scotland
THE GUILD**



**COFFEE
MORNING**
Saturday 23rd March
10.00am - 12 noon
Stalls



Tickets £1.50

**Proceeds in aid of
Church Funds
Scottish Charity No.
SC013690**



Church Music

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

Sunday 3rd March: 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday 10th March: 4th Sunday of Lent: Communion
Sunday

Introit: *God of Mercy* - Pergolesi

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

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

Sunday 17th March: Passion Sunday

Anthem: *Stabat Mater Dolorosa* – Pergolesi

text: At the cross her station keeping, stood the mournful mother weeping, close to Jesus to the last

Offertory music: *O Mensch, bewein' dein Suende gross* BWV 622 - Bach

Recessional voluntary: *Allegro* from *Concerto No 1 in G major* BWV 592 - Ernst arr. Bach

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Church Music for March continued

Sunday 24th March: Palm Sunday

Anthem: *Surely He hath borne our griefs* – Handel

Offertory music: *Intermezzo* from *Cavalleria Rusticana* – Mascagni

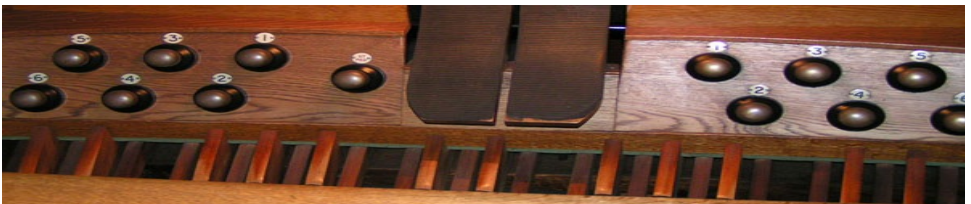
Recessional voluntary: *Valet will ich dir geben* BWV736 – Bach

Sunday 31st March: Easter Sunday

Anthem: *Good Christian men, rejoice and sing* – Bullock

Offertory music: *Rondeau* from *Abdelazer* – Purcell

Recessional voluntary: *Toccata* from *Symphony no 5* – Widor



Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

If God wanted us to fly, he would have given us tickets.

Mel Brooks

The Real Easter Egg

If you give an Easter Egg at Easter why not give 'The Real Easter Egg'. There are over 80 million Easter Eggs sold in the UK every year. The Real Easter Egg is the only one which tells the Easter story and gives money to charity and is Fairtrade.



The Real Easter Egg

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The Real Easter Egg is the first and only Fairtrade chocolate Easter Egg to explain the Christian understanding of Easter on the box. It also supports charity development projects.

FREE in each box - Easter story, activity poster & sticker set!

Features

- Inside the box is a copy of the Easter story, an activity poster and sticker set
- A charity donation is made from each sale
- There are three crosses on the front of the box
- Under the lid, and for the first time ever on an Easter Egg, there is a quote from the bible - the resurrection text from Mark
- The egg is made from Fairtrade chocolate

The Meaningful Chocolate Company
making a big chunk of difference

Some Little Smiles

A group of ministers attending a conference had a free afternoon. Despite the wet weather they decided to go for a walk. They came to a rickety derelict footbridge crossing a burn which was in full spate. Suddenly they heard a shout and saw an old man running down the hill towards them. The senior minister shouted back: "It's all right, my man. We are not trespassing. We are Presbyterian ministers from the conference".

Back came the reply: "I'm not caring whether you are Presbyterians or not. I'm simply telling you that if you try to cross that bridge you'll all be Baptists".

(Rev James Simpson in 'Holy Wit')

A Thoughtful Scottish Husband!!

Did you hear about the thoughtful Scotsman who was heading out to the pub? He turned to his wee wifie before leaving and said "Margaret – put your hat and coat on lassie"

She replied "Aw Jock that's nice – are you taking me tae the pub with you?"

"Nay!" Jock replied "I'm switching the heating off while I'm out."

Lilias Campbell

Pollokshields Heritage Lecture Series

Thursday March 14th 7:00pm for 7:30pm

David Baird

“Palm Beach – European Style in Florida”

This talk is a brief look at the influence of European architecture on the development of the grand villa in America's winter playground.

Bookworms

The next meeting of Bookworms will be on **Thursday 28th February at 2:00pm** in the Coffee Lounge.

At the meeting on Thursday, 31st January 2013, the book chosen from February was 'Life of Pi' written by Yann Martel; one comment "Martel finds dazzling ways of expressing the hitherto unexpressed"! If anyone needs a copy please get in touch with Sylvia Paccitti. We will discuss this book at our next meeting on Thursday, 28th February at 2:00pm; we will also choose the next read.

Please feel free to come along whatever your taste in reading matter is. At our last meeting comments on the January book 'The Girl you Left Behind' came thick and fast: and many were quite diverse in that we all had something to say whether others agreed or not.

Sylvia Paccitti



The Guild



The Guild theme for 2012 -2013

"A Faith to Proclaim"

March Meetings

Monday	4	7:30pm	"My Journey of Faith"	Aquila Singh
Monday	11	2:30pm	"Let's Talk"	
Monday	18	7:30pm	AGM followed by "A Trip to Madeira"	

New members and visitors are always welcome

Friday	1	2:00pm	World Day of Prayer	(see posters on Pages 6 & 7)
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Saturday 23 10.00am - 12 noon.

Spring Coffee Morning in aid of Church Funds

(Please note change of date)

Donations of Homebaking etc. will be most welcome.



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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