

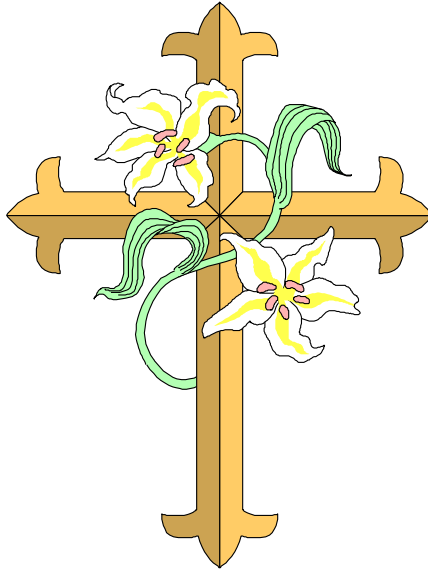
**POLLOKSHIELDS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, GLASGOW**

Scottish Charity Number SCO13690

**No. 25**

**April 2013**

# **NEW VISION**



## **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 April

7 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Morning Worship, led by Rev David Black and Christine Murdoch Junior Church & Crèche
	3:30	Scottish Asian Christian Fellowship
14 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Morning Worship, led by Miss Anne Macdonald Junior Church & Crèche
21 <sup>st</sup>	11:00	Morning Worship, led by Rev David Black Junior Church & Crèche
28 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Morning Worship, led by Rev David Black Junior Church & 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 the hall.

Everyone is invited to join in both the service and the coffee break.

**Copy date for the next New Vision is 21<sup>th</sup> April 2013**



## Message from the Manse

One of the enjoyable parts of church life is the regular visits we have from pupils from the local Primary Schools. They always have lots of questions about the church building and about the Christian faith and what we believe.

Thinking about the Easter story with P3 from Glendale the other week, a child asked if I believed Jesus is coming back again.

It made me pause to realise this child had grasped what so many of us fail to hold on to at Easter, that the story doesn't end there but continues to this very day and moment – for the dying Saviour of Good Friday, the risen Christ of Easter Sunday is also the one who will return to claim his kingdom “on earth as it is in Heaven”.

Another child asked about what prayers we say in church, reminding me that following the success of our Lent Study Group – almost 30 people attended over the course of the six weeks – our next discussion series will be focused on the Lord's Prayer.

Before that we will be welcoming new members both through baptism and confirmation and anyone who wishes can join a group looking at the vows of church membership which will take place after Easter (contact myself for further details).

As we noted at the Annual Stated Meeting, though we face challenges, not least financially, spiritually we are

in good heart, learning and worshipping together, seeking to play our part in building Christ's kingdom here on earth until that day comes when He will return and claim it and redeem it as His own.

Best wishes for a Happy Easter.

**Rev David R Black.**

## Quick Quiz

1. How many men left Egypt on foot after Passover night? (a) 600,000 (b) 100,000 (c) 50,000.
2. From Early church history we learn that the church regularly ate together and took the Lord's Supper and called these gatherings "love feasts". What is the only book in the New Testament to mention love feasts? (a) Hebrews, (b) James, (c) Jude
3. According to Psalm 127, the Lord gives a special gift to "His Beloved" in the midst of a high pressure world. What is that gift? (a) Lots of money, (b) sleep, (c) joy
4. In Amos, what are Sikkuth and Chiun? (a) Cities (b) Gods (c) Months
5. Fill in the blanks: It does no good to try to hide in the dark from God because.....shines as the .....to God.

**Answers on page 16**

# Church Organ Centenary

The last of our Sunday afternoon Organ Concert's was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The amount raised was £340 in Aid of Schoolgirls' Health Project, Nairobi.



The next Organ Concert is a Celebrity Concert by Ian Hare and will be held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7:00pm

The Schoolgirls' Health Project



# Take a Walk on the Southside

Pollokshields Heritage is pleased to announce the launch of its Heritage Trails around this unique garden suburb.  
<http://pollokshieldsheritage.org/Trails.html>

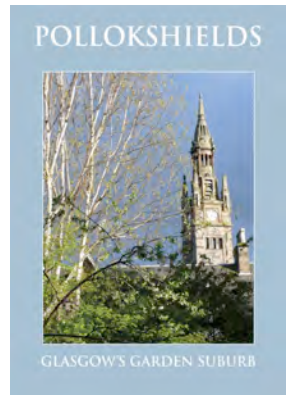
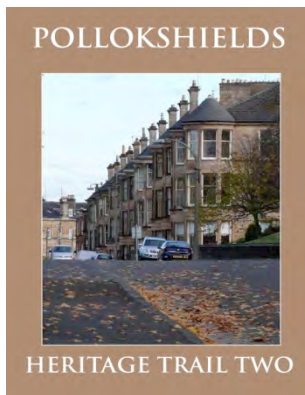
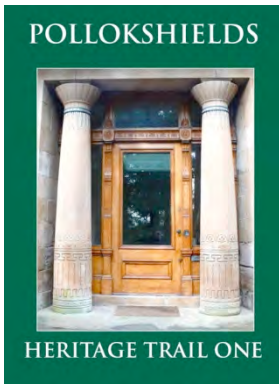
Trail One looks at 'The Villas of Pollokshields' which lie to the West of the suburb and Trail Two looks at 'The Tenements of Pollokshields' which lie to the East. The walks highlight key buildings, features, details and notable former residents. The Trail leaflets will guide people through the leafy avenues and handsome tenement lined streets of Pollokshields.

The third leaflet is a splendid guide to the story of Pollokshields – Glasgow's Garden Suburb. It celebrates the Maxwell family - the landowners who had the vision for a grand garden suburb to the south of the city centre and then saw it through three generations of the family, the master planners the family employed to draw up their vision, the developers who invested in the suburb and the architects whose designs they commissioned. It also celebrates those who then built the buildings and the craftsmen and artisans who forged the details that still delight us today.

Pollokshields Heritage hosted the official launch of the leaflets on Sunday 3rd March 2013 at Pollokshields Burgh Hall with a guided walk through the Avenues leaving from the Burgh Halls at 2.00pm and followed by afternoon tea from 3 to 4.30pm at the Burgh Hall.

The leaflets are available from Pollokshields Library, the Mitchell Library and the Glasgow City Heritage Trust offices on Bell Street. They are also available by post, please contact the Secretary, [secretary@pollokshieldsheritage.org.uk](mailto:secretary@pollokshieldsheritage.org.uk) for further details.

These remarkable documents have been made possible through the generous support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and Glasgow City Council





## Church Music

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

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April:**

Guest Organist, Mr Stuart Blackwell will be playing the organ

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April:**

Anthem: "*Lord for tomorrow and its needs*" – Caswall (1814 – 1878)

Offertory music: "*Adagio*" - Vivaldi (1678 - 1741)

Recessional voluntary: "*Fantasia in G Minor*" BWV 542 – Bach (1685 - 1750)

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April:**

Anthem: "*Ave Verum*" – Mozart (1756 – 1791)

Offertory music: "*Chanson Du Matin*" – Elgar (1857 – 1934)

Recessional voluntary: "*Fugue in G minor*" BWV 542 – Bach (1685 – 1750)

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April:**

Anthem: "*Teach me, O Lord*" – Attwood (1765 – 1838)

Offertory Music "*Siciliano*" – Handel (1685 – 1759)

Recessional voluntary: "*Tue s Petra*" – Mulet (1878 – 1967)



## Plans and Developments

Two items reported on at The Annual Stated Meeting are the Presbytery Plan and the progress of our own Development Plans.

The Presbytery of Glasgow have given us a place in their plan for the next ten years which is to have an unrestricted ministry post serving our current parish community (in other words no change to our present situation). However changes are being made to the congregations around us at Kinning Park, Govanhill and Shawlands.

This lifts one element of uncertainty from us, and we hope our Business Plan, funded from our Feasibility Study Grant from the General Trustees will also help us build for the future. We await a return visit from the Trustees to see what the next stage in our planning for the use of Church House ought to be.

Meanwhile the development group are implementing some of the suggestions made so that we can make more effective use of the space we have – hence the re naming of rooms and new advertising to draw in more “lets”.



## The Event at St George's Tron

This last week has been, ecclesiastically, some week



First we had the enthronement of Pope Francis in Rome. Then we had the enthronement of the new Archbishop of Canterbury. But most important of all was the Induction of the Rev Alastair Duncan as the Transition Minister of St George's Tron, Church of Scotland.

As you will all know, the former Minister and most of the Congregation left the Church on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012, and St George's Tron has been vacant since then. On 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013, Alastair Duncan, Minister of Garelochhead church answered the call, and on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013 he was Inducted.

A number of us from Pollokshields were there. It was a lovely service. There were three former Moderators of the General Assembly present as well as 84 members of Glasgow Presbytery and over 200 others. The Church was full, and as you may imagine, the singing was tremendous.

St George's Tron is a very fine church, very plain but looking very elegant. The only thing I did not like was the pulpit. It seemed as though the preacher was very high up and was talking down to us.

An Induction Service is just an ordinary service, with hymns, prayers, Bible readings and a sermon. The Induction is a serious and solemn part where the new Minister has to answer nine very deep and searching questions, and then he has to sign a statutory Formula. The Moderator of the Presbytery then Inducts him by Prayer. That done, all 84 members of the Presbytery file out and offer him the Right Hand of Fellowship.

The final procedure is that the Moderator, The Rev Howard Hudson, then addresses charges to the new Minister. As one wag put it, at an Induction Service you get two sermons for your money.

Afterwards, there was the usual tea, coffee and buns. As there is no Congregation left in St George's Tron, this was supplied by the members of Mr Duncan's former church of Garelochhead. They deserve a big thanks for their efforts. As he has no official congregation yet, Mr Duncan would be very glad to see at his services any members of Pollokshields Church, and I am sure we will not be disloyal to our own church if we drop into St George's Tron to any of the services.



**K G Ross**

# Airdrie High Church of Scotland



*This is the second part of the fascinating story of Airdrie High Church.*

## **Ministers**

Since the High Kirk began almost one and three quarter centuries ago, generations of Christians have worshipped and served here. In all of that time, however, there have only been 10 ministers. Some of these ministers only served at the High for a few years, although they made huge contributions to the life of the High Kirk.

For example, the first minister, the Rev Thomas Burns who was instrumental in founding the High, and the second minister the Rev Robert Stirrat who steered the congregation through the first difficult years after the Disruption.

Rev Thomas Burns 1837-1842

Rev Robert Stirrat 1843-1845

Rev Robert W Lawson 1845-1895

Rev John Cook 1887-1934  
Rev William C Hay 1934-1945  
Rev Walter M. Ferrier 1946-1952  
Rev William Eadie 1953-1962  
Rev George McCabe 1963-1996  
Rev W Richard Houston 1998-2004  
Rev Ian R W McDonald 2007-

**Ken Campbell**

## **Bookworms**

The 9<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting of Bookworms is on 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. We shall be discussing **"The Credit Draper"** a first published novel by Glasgow born J David Simons.

The story of Avram Escovitz an eleven year old, who is shipped off to Scotland by his mother to escape conscription into the Russian Army. He starts of his new life in the tightly-knit Jewish community in the Glasgow Gorbals.

Anyone interested do feel free to come along whatever your taste in reading matter is. Usually we all have something to say whether others agree or not! Tea and coffee is served.

**Sylvia Paccitti**

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# Spring Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, - despite the bad weather – raised the sum of £290 for church funds.

Many thanks to all who braved the weather to support us, and to all who donated goods for the stalls.

At this event we also celebrated the 125<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Guild.

A birthday cake kindly baked by Grace McRoberts, was cut by Agnes Hutton, our longest serving member of 70 years.



**Sadie Swan**



# The Good Morning Service

Good Morning is a free telephone alert and befriending service. Good Morning are interested in older people; their lives, values, beliefs – what makes them *them*.

Over time Befrienders become a “good friend on the phone”, there to listen and give emotional support through difficult times.

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If you wish to contact them then do so at:

Good Morning Service

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Email for Glasgow

[Gm-admin@goodmorning.org.uk](mailto:Gm-admin@goodmorning.org.uk)

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Weekends & public holidays

8am to 12 noon

Pick up a leaflet from the leaflet cupboard in the hall.



## Snakes and.....

Then God said to Noah, "Come out of the Ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you – the birds, the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground – so that they can be fruitful and multiply."

Noah did so and six month later went on tour of inspection to see if the animals had been fruitful and multiplied. He saw the bears with their cubs, the ducks with their ducklings, the cows and their calves but the snakes – just Mr and Mrs Snake with no snakelets. "What's wrong?" asked Mr Noah. "Well you told us to multiply but we can't. We're only adders."

But Noah realised that there was another reason.

**Lilias Campbell**



# Pollokshields Heritage Lecture Series

**Wednesday April 24 7:00pm for 7:30pm  
£5.00 with wine**

**Christopher Platt**

## **“Building On”**

Prof. Platt’s talk will explore history, memory authenticity and nostalgia in making contemporary architecture in historic settings, including Pollokshields.

This talk follows the Pollokshields Heritage’s Annual General Meeting.

Answer to the Quiz on Page 2

1 (a) 600,000 (Ex 12:37)

2 (c) Jude

3 (b) Sleep (Ps 127:2)

4 (b) Gods (Amos 5:26)

5 Night .....Day (Ps 139:4)



## The Guild

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



Due to unforeseen circumstances, the A.G.M. did not take place on Monday 18th March.

This has been rearranged for Monday 8th April at 7,30pm. This will be the last meeting of this session.

The new session for 2013/14 will commence on Monday 2nd September at 7.30pm.



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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Views, snippets of news-  
Anything you would like to share with  
other people

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