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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 April

- 6th 11:00am Sacrament of Baptism, Junior Church & Crèche
3.30pm Scottish Asian Christian Fellowship
- 13th 11:00am Palm Sunday, Junior Church & Crèche
followed by the Annual Stated Meeting
- 20th 11:00am Easter Day Service, Junior Church & Crèche
- 27th 11:00am Morning Worship, Junior Church & Crèche

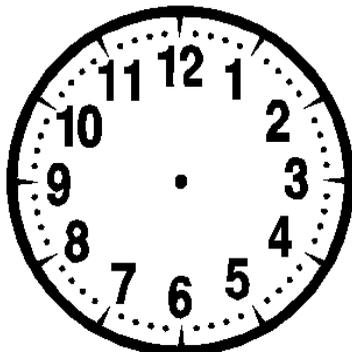
Holy Week 2014

- Thursday 17th 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Communion
- Friday 18th 7:00pm Good Friday Service



Mar 30, 2014 - Daylight Saving Time

When local standard time is about to reach Sunday, March 30, 2014, **1:00:00 AM** clocks are turned **forward** 1 hour to Sunday, March 30, 2014. **2:00:00 AM** local daylight time instead



Copy date for the next New Vision is 20th April 2014



Message from the Manse

The great Easter cry “The Lord is Risen”, is the truth wherein our hope, our faith, our church, our witness to the world around us, finds its rationale. This is the unique message which our faith proclaims, that the one who died was seen alive again. It is what makes Jesus more than just a great prophet or preacher.

That he died but lives again.

And we live in the light and faith and hope of His resurrection and the promise of our own.

This offers us a perspective from which to view the world and all its striving for goodness and glory, from which to view all its suffering and loss, from which to view all our struggles, personal and political in the church and in the world.

This is our cause for celebration as we come once again to reflect on the events of Holy Week and Easter – not just the fact that the Christ faces the Cross for us, but that God raises Him to new life, eternal life.

As we strive to be the church, Jesus disciples in the world today, may the joy and the wonder the first disciples knew when they saw the risen Jesus be in us and in the church that we might proclaim its excitement and hope to all around us.

Best wishes for a Happy Easter.

Rev David R Black.

Bible Readers for April

6th April (Passion Sunday)

Nathan Todd

13th April (Palm Sunday)

Janice Teasdale

20th April (Easter Sunday)

Rev David Black

/Margaret Nutter

27th April

Liz Izzard



The Annual Stated Meeting

was postponed from 16th March and with Presbytery's permission will now be held on 13th April following our Palm Sunday Service.



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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I write to thank you most sincerely for supporting the worship, mission and service of the Church through the money you give in your offerings. It is important that you should know what happens to this money and this letter (along with the enclosed Ministries and Mission leaflet) intends to explain how your congregation's Ministries and Mission Contribution will be used to enable the work of the Church in 2014.

Glasgow: Pollokshields

Total Contribution to Ministries and Mission for 2014

£58,546



Ministries (86%)

£50,350 of your total contribution will go towards the costs of providing over 1,000 ministers and other parish workers in communities throughout Scotland and in the Presbytery of England. This contribution also assists with the costs of recruitment and training.

The 2014 cost of a parish minister at the top of the stipend scale is **£40,411** (stipend plus employer's national insurance and pension contributions). If your contribution to Ministries is above this figure, then your church is meeting the full cost of your ministry and supporting other congregations. If it is less than £40,411, your congregation (or linked charge) is being supported by other congregations.



Mission (14%)

£8,196 of your total contribution will be used to support the Church's work in: resourcing congregations for Christian education and outreach; providing social care services in Christ's name to further the caring work of the Church to people in need; accompanying partners around the world on our shared Christian journey; contributing the Church's opinion in public debate and on issues affecting Scotland and the World; providing central day-to-day service work in administrative, financial and legal matters; and in planning the General Assembly and ensuring the Moderator represents the Church.

For all the Saints

I have always thought that the story of how Christianity came to Scotland is of great interest and indeed of great importance. The message was brought to us by men who suffered incredible hardship and danger. These Celtic missionaries were truly Saints. They are shadowy figures. We do not know much about them and some of their stories are a bit suspect.

Recently I have become aware of one. Back in 1960 a crannog was excavated at Loch Glashan, a small loch in the hills behind Loch Fyne. The crannog was a lake dwelling and most of what remains had been submerged in the water. As a result, archaeologists found things preserved, which would normally have decayed and disappeared.

At the time, when I heard of the excavation, I took a run up to Loch Glashan to have a look. When I got there the excavation was complete and there was not much to see.

After an excavation, there is always tremendous amount of work to be done. The finds have got to be cleaned, examined and preserved. The most Interesting items were a number of pieces of leather. The excavator had assumed that they were from a leather jacket and for 40years this was assumed to be the case.

Recently, a sharp eyed curator at the museum spotted from the stitching, that it could not be a jacket. On further investigation, it was proved that the leather fragments were part of a leather bag or satchel.

A quality leather satchel was an unlikely thing for a farmer to possess. So, whose was it, and what was it for? The mostly likely suggestion is that was was made for and used by a priest, or missionary to carry a sacred book or bible. We know that they, travelled by foot far and wide, over hills and through bogs, and that they carried their precious books with them in bags.

I like to think that here we have a genuine relic of the coming of Christianity. The original leather satchel is now exhibited in the Kelvingrove Art Galleries with a full and detailed description of it and the other finds from Loch Glashan.

K G Ross

Thank You

The Guild Coffee Morning on Saturday 22nd March, raised the sum of £277.

Many thanks tou those who supported us by donating and attending.

Sadie Swan

The Story Behind the Hymn He Lives, He Lives!

This rousing hymn was written in 1933 by a Presbyterian minister called Alfred Henry Ackley.

Alfred Ackley, born in Pennsylvania in 1887, was an accomplished musician and wrote in excess of 1500 hymns, although his brother Bentley wrote more than 3000! Two prolific hymn writers.

It was while preaching at an evangelistic meeting, that Rev Ackley was approached by a young Jewish student who challenged him to explain why he should worship "a dead Jew". Ackley's immediate, emphatic reply was to say, *"He Lives, I tell you, He is not dead but He lives here and now. I tell you, Jesus Christ is more alive today than ever before and I can prove this by my own experience as well as the testimonies of thousands"*.

The young Jewish scholar was impressed by this response and eventually accepted the living Christ as his Saviour.

Affected by this encounter, Rev Ackley went home and re-read passages from the Bible about Jesus' death and resurrection, particularly the promise of Acts 13 v 32-33. Suddenly the words, *'He is risen'* took on a new meaning and he decided to put his thoughts and feelings to music... the end result being this lovely hymn.

This triumphant message which is a proclamation of faith for every Christian, is also an answer to those who scoff!

"You ask me how I know He lives?... He lives within my heart!"

Courtesy of Campsie Parish Church



I serve a risen Saviour,
He's in the world today,
I know that He is living,
Whatever men may say;
I see his hand of mercy,
I hear His word of cheer,
And just the time I need Him
He's Always near.

*He Lives, He Lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He Lives, He Lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives:
He lives within my heart.*

In all this world around me
I see His loving care,
And tho my heart grows weary
I never will despair;
I know that He is leading
Thro' all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing
Will come at last.

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice O Christian,
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him,
The help of all who find,
None other is so loving,
So good and kind.

Chorus

Moderator-Designate

The Church of Scotland today expresses great regret that the Rev Dr Angus Morrison has health issues and, following medical advice, has had to withdraw from the position of Moderator-Designate for the 2014 General Assembly.

He is undergoing treatment and it is hoped that over the remainder of this year his health will be fully restored. In the meantime his well-being depends on having time and space to fully recover.

Rev Dr Morrison, Minister of Orwell and Portmoak Church in the Presbytery of Perth, said: "This has been a very painful decision but deep down I feel it is the right one. I am undergoing medical treatment and anticipate an operation ahead. The demanding role of Moderator requires someone to be operating on all cylinders. I do not have the necessary reserves just now.

"It is with huge regret and reluctance that I make this decision. My heartfelt prayers will be with all those on whom unexpected burdens now fall. May God's guidance, strength and peace be given to each one.

" The Rev John Chalmers, Principal Clerk for the Church of Scotland, said: "We ask the whole Church to remember Angus and his family in their prayers and we hope that his health is fully restored in due course. I know that the General Assembly will be enormously sympathetic to Angus's position and will no doubt want

him to fulfil the role of Moderator at some time in the future when he has made a full recovery.”

The Committee to Nominate the Moderator will be recalled in order to bring forward the name of another nominee. There is no precedent in living memory for a Moderator-Designate standing down. The Committee, which is drawn from across the Presbyteries of the Church of Scotland, has wide ranging powers to act in the event of such unforeseen circumstances. The name of the new Moderator-Designate is likely to be announced on Wednesday 2nd April.

Rev Dr Morrison was born in Glencoe in 1953. As his father worked for the Northern Lighthouse Service, the young Angus went to school in Oban, Stromness and Edinburgh before progressing to higher education at the University of Glasgow. He undertook further studies at Pisa University and London University before a PhD at Edinburgh University (New College).

Rev Dr Morrison's church career began when he was ordained in the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland in 1979, but after ministries in Oban and Edinburgh, he transferred into the Church of Scotland, became the minister of St Columba's Old Parish Church in Stornoway and is now Minister at Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church. Rev Dr Morrison, who has a degree in Classics and speaks Italian and Gaelic, is married to Marion who is a primary school teacher in Fife. The couple have four children between the ages of 16 and 27.



Church Music

Liam will be playing the following music on the Organ in April 2014.

Sunday 6th April – Passion Sunday:

Anthem: *Soul of My Saviour* – Mohr

Offertory Voluntary: *Largo (from Concerto for Two Violins)*
–Bach

Recessional Voluntary: *Valet will ich dir geben* BWV 736
–Bach

Sunday 13th April – Palm Sunday:

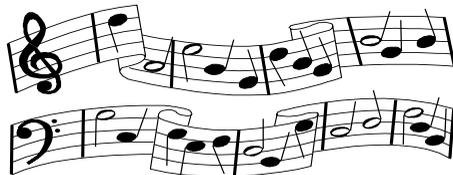
Guest Organist: Scott Blackwell with be playing

Sunday 20th April - Easter Sunday:

Anthem: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* - Liam Devlin

Offertory Voluntary: *O filii et filiae* - Liam Devlin

Recessional Voluntary: *Tu es Petra* - Mulet





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The Annual General Meeting of The Lodging House Mission will take place on **Wednesday 2nd April at 7.00 p.m.** here at 35 East Campbell Street, Glasgow. G1 5DT

After the AGM Business has been completed, staff will give a brief update on the ongoing work they are involved in with our service users. There will also be an opportunity to ask staff questions in relation to any aspect of the work.



Tea and coffee along with some cakes and biscuits will be served at the end of the meeting.

Some congregations have been asking if we are accepting Easter

Eggs this year. We are happy to receive any that are donated but also will accept a financial donation which will enable us to purchase eggs for our service users.

Please feel free to do what is the best for your own individual congregation.

Many Thanks

Gus McKay (Chaplain)

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/LodgingHouseMission

Scottish Charity SC017283

Holiday Club
Coffee Morning

St Albert's RC Church
26th April 2014

10:00am – 12noon



Stalls

Home Bake, Tombola & Toy Swap



POLLOKSHIELDS HERITAGE

LECTURE SERIES 2013-14



The Fourth and last in the Lecture Series will be held on Tuesday 22nd April 2014 in the Georgeson Room of the Fotheringay Centre 7:00pm for 7:30pm, £5 with wine.

It is titled 'No Turn Un-stoned'

Archaeologist, historian, researcher, writer and burlesque enthusiast, Judith Bowers founded the Britannia Panopticon Music Hall Trust in 1997 to save the world's oldest surviving music hall rediscovered on Glasgow's Trongate. She has been with the project ever since and continues to work with her team to breathe life into this unique survivor as a living museum of music hall and popular entertainmen. Four years ago, Judith entertained Pollokshields Heritage with an unforgettable presentation. By popular demand she returns with her very personal performance of 'No Turn Un-Stoned' **Not** to be missed!

BOOKWORMS

An update of Bookworms:

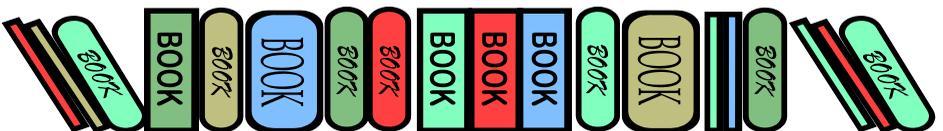
Bookworms continues to flourish and so far we have read books that challenge, move us to tears and test our detective aspirations. Books that some have said they would never have picked out to read but which they were glad they did!

“And The Land Lay Still” by James Robertson proved quite a challenge. Relationships and intertwining story lines kept our brains on the alert. Then with “The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry” by Rachel Joyce, our emotions were stirred as we came alongside the main character and encouraged him along his journey. One of our most recent books “The Fifth Witness” by Michael Connelly, was a murder story combined with corruption in the big world of business (which in the real world led to the near collapse of world banks), and created quite a discussion. The book for March was “Never Coming Back” by Tim Weaver and has been described by our members as “a real page turner”.

In April the book is “Life After Life” by Kate Atkinson, which may be a “bit of a challenge” in all sorts of ways. This book will be discussed on the 24th April, 2014, at 2pm. Everyone is welcome and we try to get as many books from the local Library as needed.

Tea, coffee and biscuits (sometimes cake too) will be served.

Sylvia Pacitti



Lent - a season for making changes

The season of Lent is part of the Church Calendar for focusing our worship in a particular way. It lasts for approximately for six weeks and leads up to Easter. It is practiced in different ways throughout Christianity but the intention of such a season is captured by Rev. Roddy Hamilton, the minister of Bearsden: New Kilpatrick, when he says in the Starters for Sunday worship resource, "Lent ... is the unique opportunity to enter a short season where we might be able to responding in a new way to the world."

He continues, "Many psychologists suggest 6 weeks is the ideal length of time to break a habit and pick up a new one. It is as if God invented Lent specifically to give ourselves the perfect chance of renewal and transformation."

One habit that we can pick up is to pray for the transformation of our fragile world whether that is the political unrest and tensions in the Ukraine or the uncertainty over the future of Syria. Prayer is a teachable habit expressed in the humble request of Jesus' first followers: "Teach us to pray". Prayer, when practiced regularly as a habit, helps us reflect and consider the needs of others. It helps us to be in that place to listen and respond to others. May our prayer be that government leaders will also be in that place to respond to the needs of others.

There are plenty of resources available other than Starters for Sunday that help us consider others during the season of Lent. If you are looking for a study

Resource we recommend Churches Together, Britain and Ireland's Parables and Possessions on the use of money and purposes of economic activity.

Benediction

May we find the road that leads to life;
may we take the turns that brings right relationships;
may we pause to accompany others on the way;
and may we journey with God through Lent,
and long for the horizon and dawn.

RATS - Amateur Drama Group

RATS an amateur drama group based in St Ninian's with most of the players members of St Ninian's congregation are putting on the first amateur production of

Whisky Galore - A Musical in the Tramway on 9, 10, 11 and 12 April at 7.30 pm with a matinee on 12 April at 2.30 pm. Tickets £10 and £8 are on sale now and can be purchased from Joyce Maxwell 0141 616 2391 or from the Tramway box office.





The Guild

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



The Guild resumes its Session
APRIL MEETINGS

7th 7:30pm Annual General Meeting.

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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