

From the Minister's Desk

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unity!"

Dear Friends,

Words that have more than one meaning – that was the subject of a children's address I heard over the summer. There are quite a lot of them and it finished with the word 'house' which, of course can mean a building or a dynasty, and the preacher then went on to tell us the story of David, wanting to build a house for the Lord (a temple) only to be told 'no', but that God would build him a house (a dynasty).

The other word that fits into that category, "How good of course, is the word 'church'. It has a and pleasant it least three meanings and maybe even more! The most obvious meaning of the brothers live word 'Church' is the building that we use. together in The building is called 'the church'. A friend of mine got himself into the habit (and I've (Psalm 133:1) joined him) of never referring to the building as the Church, but always talking about 'the Church building' to avoid misunderstanding with what comes later. The word 'church' can also refer to a denomination. We are part of 'The Church of Scotland'; there is 'the Catholic/Baptist/Methodist Church - take your pick. So, the word 'Church' can mean an organisation with structures, a history and tradition.

The third meaning of the word 'church' is one that the bible uses. The Church is the people. We are the Church. We, the Church, are a people who belong to God, who have been saved by Jesus, who are filled with His Spirit and who live by faith. (Read 1 Peter 2:4-10) We are not perfect people, but that is not the point. The Church is the people who meet in the building; the Church is the people who live by faith day after day and who look to reflect that faith and the love of God to the world in which we live.

We have had a long debate, over the last winter, about the structure of our congregation and have finally changed that structure so that the Congregational Board no longer exists and the Kirk Session is responsible for every aspect of the life of the congregation. However, it is not structures that make decisions that affect the congregation's life - it is people who make decisions and who make them sincerely and honestly. It is not a new structure that will make the Church grow, but people of faith giving their

time, talents, energy and money, that will make the Church grow as the Spirit does His work.

It is people that really matter. It has been great to see some new people come to Church over the last six months or so and make their home with us. I had a letter from some visitors recently telling me how much they had been made to feel at home when they were here.

We've been debating the way in which we organise Bible Study and prayer in the congregation. Why is that important? Because it is good for us to encourage and nurture one

> another in the faith we share and so often the catalyst for that happening is people sitting together studying the Bible and praying.

> That's why we have tea and coffee

of things, to build relationships with one another.

after Church every Sunday - there is the opportunity for people to talk together, to chew the fat about all kinds

When we have a communion service, we share the bread and wine with one another. You do not receive the elements directly from me, but from the person sitting next to you in the seat; we are the people of God together sharing the things of God with one another.

It was Stephen Croft who introduced me to the notion of Church structures as a trellis. The trellis is there to support the growing plant; it is not the plant, but is there to make sure the plant grows in the best possible way. Church is not about structures; they are not the growing organism. Our structures give shape and order to the Church; they support the worship, work and witness of the people of God, but are not the be-all and end-all of Church. The Church always must be a people who belong to God. We're told that our society is becoming increasingly fractured and people becoming more and more isolated from one another. The Church is a community of people, a community of faith, a community where people belong together and to God, where we worship together, pray together and learn to love one another. It is not a perfect community, but a work in progress. That is what Church is really all about; let's not lose sight of that and play our part to the full.

Yours sincerely,



TREASURER'S REPORT

The General Assembly decided that it is important that all churches should know what happens to your giving and how it enables the worship, mission and service of the Church. To this end they have provided the following figures:

You will remember that our budgeted expenditure for 2009 was set at £110,000. Just more than half of this figure is paid to the Stewardship and Finance Committee as our Ministries and Mission Contribution. It is broken down as follows:

Parish Ministries (86.4%)	£48,933	
Juniper Green Parish Stipend, Nat Ins, Pension	£38,264	
Contribution to other parishes and training	£10,669	
Mission and Renewal (6.0%)	£3,417	

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Supports the church's work
In education & outreach, cares
for the poor & vulnerable, & gives
Christian perspective on issues.

Support and Services (7.6%)

For financial, legal, safeguarding
& other services and meets the costs of the General Assembly.

That total is £56,640 and represents an average of £148 per member per annum. The additional costs of presbytery dues, annual donations, minister's expenses, church salaries, council tax, insurance, heat and light, office expenses, other incidentals plus maintaining and improving our premises adds up to £53,360 or an average of £140 per member per annum.

We do however have additional income from renting our halls & church house and also from fund raising of about £17,500 per annum in total. There is also an additional amount of £17,500 claimed back from the Inland Revenue for those who give by Gift Aid. That means that our giving needs to be at least £75,000 per annum just to break even. It does look quite a large figure but when you break it down you will see that it

amounts to just under £4 per member per week, a little less than you will pay for daily newspapers. How much is your Church worth to you?

Our Giving in the year to date is almost on target thanks to the generosity of those who give very much more than the £4 per week required. Is this the time for you to review your giving to your Church? With an increase in income we could do so much more.

Remember, if you are a taxpayer, you can always increase your giving by using the Gift Aid method which would not affect an increase in the actual amount you give each week. Also, paying by Standard Order is also very popular. Ask anyone on your Pastoral Care Team for a form for either of these methods of giving.

Finally some words from Matthew Chap. 6 (v. 33) 'But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given unto you as well.'

Douglas Buchanan Treasurer

CAMBODIA TRIP

A group of 10 people have expressed an interest in going to visit Cambodia next year; it looks likely that the trip will take place in July and that we will go to visit CHO with a view to helping with their Safe Haven project and various other pieces of work. Over the next few months, we will begin to put some definite arrangements in place, so there is still time to consider if you would like to be part of this trip. Speak to Mr Dewar fairly soon!

James Dewar

Congregational Mission Statement

"Building Christ's Church in the Community"

along and adapt and improve practices and procedures accordingly.

Charles R Godon Session Clerk

SESSION NOTES

As I type this I am liaising with the Minister on the agenda for the September Kirk Session meeting, the first Session meeting under our new constitution, the Unitary Constitution. In preparation for the Session meeting the Development Group has mapped out Remits for all Teams and Groups such as Finance, Nurture, Prayer, Property, Safeguarding, etc. The idea in doing that is so that each Team or Group has its responsibilities defined, its authority spelled out, its leadership specified, its budget clarified and its reporting determined.

What the Session wants to achieve is empowered Teams and Groups, capably led, with a clear understanding of what is expected of them and with the authority to operate within specified limits without constantly asking permission or reporting. The Session need not become involved in the minutia of what brand of refill bags might be best for a vacuum cleaner; whether the church garden flowers should be annuals or perennials; where to buy the pencils for Kids' Church: etc. You may laugh but some churches actually do discuss such nonsense at meetings! Could this be one reason why some people are happy to do all sort of tasks in churches but refuse to become office bearers? Be assured that nothing similar will ever happen in our Kirk Session - our Moderator will ensure that lest I ever forget!

How will you know if the change to the new Constitution is working? Hopefully, you will see no difference at all. The same people will still be welcoming you to worship, uplifting the offering, keeping the garden neat and tidy, cleaning the premises, dealing with the finances, ensuring the property repairs and upgrades are attended to, and so much more. Have we got it all right at this stage? Probably not but we shall learn as we go



SCOTTISH BIBLE SOCIETY – 200 YEARS NOT OUT!

Come to celebrate 200 years of the Bible Society. There will be a great opportunity to do just that in the Gibson Craig Hall, Currie on September 13th at 7pm. The speaker will be Elaine Duncan, the chief executive and we will meet with folk from Currie, Balerno and Ratho and worship and celebrate together. There will be an offering for Bibles for Brazil, the Bicentenary project. Do come.

James Dewar

CHURCH GARDEN



This summer we have been frustrated a bit by the weather and a couple of sessions have had to be cancelled because of torrential rain. Nevertheless

we have managed to plant up some summer bedding and some permanent lavender and it still looks quite good. One or two folk have come along on odd occasions to do a spot of weeding when they have been free and this has been much appreciated. The next session will be announced in the Intimations and I hope that we will be able to catch up on pruning, weeding and path clearing. In the meantime, if you are passing through the garden and see a weed or a dead bedding plant, then remove it with all haste!

Jean Dewar

CATERING

Thanks once again to everyone who helps each Sunday to provide the teas and coffees after the morning service. It can be quite hectic at times but I'm sure, from the numbers attending, that all your effort is appreciated.

I'm also pleased to welcome to the Tea Committee, Helen Rogers and Jill and Eddie Campbell. If there is anyone in the Congregation who would be interested in helping to serve teas then please contact me.

Sandy Watt

HALLS CLEANING REPORT

Cleaning continues as usual, and another new

member has joined one of the teams. We require one more volunteer to bring our teams up to full strength, though anyone wishing to take part will be very welcome!

Elaine Wilson

CHURCH FLOWERS

On behalf of the Congregation, I would like to thank all who are in any way involved with the flowers. Each Sunday, we admire the floral arrangements which are so much appreciated not only by those attending the Service but also by those to whom they are delivered.

Could you help in any way? While we have a dedicated team, it would be lovely if others were available to arrange, deliver, or donate flowers. Please contact me to volunteer or if you would like more information before doing so.

Hilda McNeil

FRESH START



We restarted our monthly collections on 6th September with Dishes &

Cutlery and hopefully we will have another successful year. You will be aware that in the present state of our country, the number of homeless folk is rising, so it's even more important that we do as much as we can to help.

Thanks to all those who donated over the summer (and members of their wider families!). Everything was gratefully received.

Looking forward to your ongoing support. *Marilyn Godon*

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LADIES BADMINTON

As our 'barbeque summer!' comes to an end, it's once again time to look out your

badminton racquet and prepare for some proper exercise.

We resume our new autumn session on Wednesday 23rd September at 10.00 a.m. in Hall 1. New members are always welcome and even if you don't play, come along for coffee and a chat. We enjoy having visitors at any time. For further information contact me.

Alison Buchanan

READ IT AGAIN!

Do you want to read the Minister's sermon from last Sunday? Did you miss it? Were there bits of it that you didn't understand? Go to the Church website at www.jgpc.org.uk and follow the link to 'sermons' and you will find them there.

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

The annual golf outing was held on Friday, 21st August at Baberton Golf Club. There were 14 golfers playing in the afternoon and a total of 42

people attended the supper in the clubhouse for a most enjoyable evening.

Apart from a heavy 5-minute shower during the afternoon, the weather was really quite reasonable although playing conditions were difficult following a few days of rain. Despite this, Jim Burnett played very well to return a winning score of 33 stableford points and Christine McBean presented him with the Alastair McBean Quaich. Joan Wightman won the prize for the best ladies' score and the other winners were all who played that day. The evening meal in the clubhouse was excellent and it was good to see some people there for the first time. We hope they will return to join us playing golf and/or at the meal afterwards next year.

Thanks are due to Ian McBean, Christine McBean, Chas Godon and Ian Gilmour who donated prizes and to Baberton Golf Club for once again providing an exceptionally good supper.

It is fully intended to hold the next outing on the equivalent Friday next year (i.e. August 20th). So put it in your diary now!

Douglas Buchanan



CHURCH LIBRARY is available every week in the Church Sanctuary after the Morning Service. There are

books for all ages including children. By kind donation we have recently **added another 5 books** to the Library. They are "The Big Book of All-Time Favourite Bible Stories" by V Gilbert Beers & Ronald A Beers, "Promised Land" by Michele Guinness, "50 Easy Outreach Ideas" by Paul Mogford, "Discipleship" by David Watson, "I'm Not

Supposed to Feel Like This" by Chris Williams, Paul Richards, Ingrid Whitton. The new books are available on the Library table along with all books to view and select.

NO MEN ALLOWED

Following a very successful first try of this type of event where over 40 women of all ages from the congregation came together on a Friday evening for food, a blether and some crafts, I have decided to hold another event. Ladies put **Friday, 13th November** in your diary now. It will again be held in Hall 1 and I will take names for this any time you like. The initial charge will be £10 to cover costs of food and materials and I hope that it will again be a fun evening. More details will be given in the Intimations nearer the time.

Jean Dewar

Music on Demand!

Are you interested in hearing the latest Christian Music? We've just created the Juniper Green Music Library using a variety of great CDs we've recently received through generous donations. Our library contains a fantastic selection of Christian CDs from artists and bands from all over the world – ranging from Hillsong United from Australia to Vineyard from South Africa and offer a great combination of traditional and contemporary praise and worship songs.

Please feel free to come and browse our new collection and borrow your favourite CDs from our new music library located within the existing library.

Music guaranteed to feed your soul! **Nurture Team**

SAFEGUARDING – previously called CHILD PROTECTION

Although the name has changed the work of ensuring a safe environment for the youngsters in our church continues. As Safeguarding Officers we have a responsibility to encourage an ethos within the church where safeguarding is not an added extra but is an integral part of work with youngsters.

We also have a responsibility to maintain information on individuals engaged in work with young people and to ensure the information is as up to date as possible (including disclosure information) but safeguarding is more than this. It needs each of us to be aware.

The Church of Scotland organises training sessions for anyone who is on our Safeguarding register. Each session lasts approximately three hours and is held either on a mid week evening or a Saturday morning. Usually a choice of dates is offered.

Training is specifically focused on working with children within the church. It is different from training given to someone working in employment such as doctors, nurses, police, teachers or social workers because the responsibility is different. As a volunteer in the church we have a responsibility to listen but not to investigate and not to judge. Each worker should have a Church of Scotland Protection of Children and Young People card, which summarises good practice for paid and voluntary workers. Please keep them handy and refer to them if you are in doubt or contact either of us.

We have a few new volunteers who will be attending a training session sometime this autumn. If you work with children or young people in the congregation and have not yet attended such an event or, if you would like to be up-dated in your knowledge or understanding, please contact us and we will let you know the dates and venues available.

Maureen Heathwood Inez Paisley



HELP WANTED

Interested in helping young people?
Do you have a spare hour or two a week?
Do you have a skill or interest you could share with children?
Are you looking for a rewarding and fulfilling addition to your week?
Juniper Green Primary School needs your help.

We are looking for some volunteers to take part in a variety of projects with the children in the school as we are keen to enhance our links with the local community. Juniper Green Primary sits at the heart of the community and now that we have our brand new building we have excellent facilities to offer. We need members of the community to help us with the following projects

- Gardening club
- Community and school magazine
- Art projects and Sculpture trail
- Reading with small groups
- Living history

If you could help out in any way or just want some more information please contact Karen Noble, Headteacher on Tel: 442 2121 or email karen.noble @junipergreen.edin.sch.uk



The curate's wife had just returned from a visit to the sales with a smart two-piece outfit. Her husband

remonstrated with her, saying that on his salary they could not afford it. She replied that she appreciated the fact, but the outfit had been a bargain and she had been tempted. "In that case," said her husband, "you should have said 'get thee behind me Satan'" "Oh, but I did" said his wife "and that was when Satan said 'It's a perfect fit at the back madam'".



All the units will be back from their summer holidays and are looking forward to a busy year celebrating the Centenary of Girlguiding UK in 2010. The units have all worked extremely hard on their Changing The World projects and I would like to thank the Guiders/Unit helpers and girls for all their hard work in raising both awareness and funds for their chosen charities.

All units throughout the UK will be launching the Centenary year with a party on 5th or 6th September and our Centenary Launch Party is being held on Saturday, 5th September at Balerno High School. Preparations are well underway and we are hoping that all the units in Harlaw Division – Juniper Green, Currie, Balerno & Ratho, will be represented.

We are delighted that Irene Thomson has accepted our invitation to attend our party and officially launch our Centenary year.

I shall keep you updated with all our activities and events throughout our Centenary year.

Anne Mack Division Commissioner – Harlaw



The family was on the way home from Church. "What did you learn at Sunday School today, Freddy?" asked his mother. "Some silly song

about Jesus wanting me to be a sunbeam." "What's silly about that?" asked his mother. "Because I want to be a bus driver."



172nd Pentland Scouts

Summer Camp

Our summer camp to the Lake District was a great success. Highlights included water sports, building shelters, expedition hike (older scouts), a trip on a cruise boat, and a visit to a slate mine. Some photographs can be seen on our web site.

New Term

The new term has just started and we have 5 scouts that are close to completing the Chief Scouts Gold award. That is the highest award that you can get at scouts. They have just one challenge award to complete, the Promise Challenge.

District Camp

In September we are helping organise a district camp at Fordel Firs in Inverkeithing. We will be doing various activities.

Contact Us
Web – http://www.172scouts.com

Young People's Group

The Young People's Group, for those at secondary school in S1 to S4, meets during the church service. We study the Bible, using activities and discussion to explore its meaning. At present we are looking at Paul's letter to Titus, a gentile convert, finding out more about how we should live out our Christian beliefs. We are always delighted to welcome new members. To find out more, please contact John Christy.

John Christy



CRECHE

Is available from 10.30am every Sunday morning for babies and children up to

three years old. Two of our crèche team members will be there to meet you and welcome your little ones. We are in Hall 3. A range of toys is set out for the children to play with in a safe, warm and comfortable environment.

'If you have young children and would like to meet our helpers, and find out more about creche, please feel free to pop in on a Sunday morning.

If you would like to be a member of the creche team, it would be great to hear from you.'

Aileen Hardie



Kids' Church meets for those of nursery and primary school ages during the church service. We have a huge amount of fun learning about

our lord and how to put this into practice, playing games, creating crafts and artwork, getting to know each other. We have a great group of children and it would be lovely to welcome some more into our friendly group. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Beverley Christy



OPEN DOOR CAFÉ AND TODDLER GROUP Hall 1, Tuesdays 10am – 12noon

The group started up again on Tuesday 25th August and

our last meeting before Christmas will be 15th December. (We will not be open on 20th October as it is a local school holiday).

It is good to see 'kent faces' from last term and to meet some new members too. We would also welcome anyone who would like to help with the group in any way.

Last term we were pleased to make donations to the Sick Kids Neo Natal Unit and to our church funds.

Please come along and join us, and for more information contact –

Karen Berry Inez Paisley

SHOWSTOPPERS

"Lights, Camera... Action!" 48 children came to our Church Halls during the last week of the school holidays and enjoved Showstoppers. We played games; we did some very clever crafts; we sang some Fischy songs; and we told 5 of the very best Bible stories – all in two hours. It was great fun! The theme this year was all about the theatre and being on the stage; our very own drama allowed someone to rise from being the theatre cleaner to become the star of the showl

The team – some 30 people – worked brilliantly together and helped the children have a wonderful time.

James Dewar



From the Showstoppers – Why was 6 afraid of 7? Don't know.
Because 7 8 9

JUNIPER GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

The children have contributed pieces on various themes - 'Holiday 2009' being a popular one. More, with delightful artwork. are displayed in Hall 2. Many thanks children.

Exciting shops.

Dungeons in Edinburgh are cool. I love Edinburgh because it is so pretty.

Nice place to live.

Beautiful parks to play in.

United Kingdom it is in.

Rock and roll bands play here.

Gorgeous city to live in.

Happy home in Edinburgh.

By Khadija Chohan, Lee Coleman and Briony Wilson, P4a

I went to England. I went in the car. I was a bit board. When we got to the cottages I helped unpack. Then a lady came over and gave us the keys. My mum opened the door to the cottage I ran strate to my bedroom. It was very nice. So I got my sister to see she licked it too. One day we went to a place cold light water valley. It was a theme park. But most of the day we went swimming. I was having so much fun then we went home. I was a bit sad but a bit happy. I was happy because we went to see Whalking with Dinosaurs.

Andrew O P4b

In my holiday I went to India. I stayed with my cousins.

I played outside with my cousins. We played tig on the grass. We played all sorts of things.

We watched T.V. for a bit. Then we played inside.

Luke Chakkery, P3a

I was at the baech with my Dad and my Mum and I went in the see with my Dad. Blair McCabe, P2a

The Mask

I was swimming under the sea and behind the seaweed I found a mask.

The mask was a rainbow mask with a happy face with a dragon on it. It takend me to

heven. In heven there was people siting on clouds. In heven there was a nice blue sky. There was a flying cloud competition there was a boys team and a girls team and the girls team won.

I put the mask on and said abrakdarba and the mask toke me home. THE END. Kirsty Lamb, P4a

We stayed in Scotland for our holiday. So we went up town. We went on a bus it took about half an hour.

We went to bear factory last week. I got a bear and I called it Starlight. My bears coller is all diffrint collers. I had a nice holiday. Jodi Mi, P4b

On my holiday I went to Chester Zoo. Then I went to a hotel. Then the next day I went to another hotel coled Hilton. Then we went to there pool then we went to Lego Land. Then I went to my cozens to see there puppy. Lucy, P3a

I went on sanklin (cycling) holady. It was very fon. My mum was there my dad was there my mama was there.

Kirsty McCallum, P2a

Me and my Mum dad and my sister went on a plane to Spain. Once we got there we wated for a taxi in a big que it took forever. Finally we were first in the que. So we got in the taxi and drove away to the apartment. It was gorges. We had been in the apartment before but the ballcany was ginormas and I love the pool. We went to the beach everyday. It was so hot but I enjoyed it. On the second day we went on the train to Fingurola to see my Gran and Grandad. Grace, P4b

Edinburgh is a beautiful place. Dungeons in Edinburgh are very spooky. Information centres on Princes Street. Napier University is so popular. Big beautiful city. Unbelievable views. Royal Mile has so many shops. Gorgeous gardens like the Botanics. Home is a happy place in Edinburgh.

By Andrew Brown, Hannah Gillies and Ethan Gillespie, P4a

SHOEBOXES

Last December the head of Blythswood fundraising had the privilege of handing out the millionth shoebox to a 7 year old gypsy girl named Maria in a rural village in Bulgaria. What an amazing achievement that was for the organisation and just think of 1 million folk around Eastern Europe and beyond who have been given a Christmas box, who otherwise would have had little or nothing at that wondrous season. I want to thank all those who have been involved in our own small part in this - those who donate items for the boxes; those who wrap the boxes in miles of paper and sellotape; those who fill the boxes over a couple of evenings and those who donate money either for items or for the transportation of the load to Europe.

We are mighty privileged to be able to share in this work and this year we are again going to take part. We have much and it is our chance to 'love our neighbour' whoever they are, whatever their need and wherever they are in the world. Leaflets will be distributed in the church soon, but in the meantime here is a list to help you in your shopping - and remember to keep those boxes. Donations of items may be taken to the church or manse during September and October and we will then have them wrapped and ready to be on their way by the middle of November. If you have any queries about the list then please give me a ring at the Manse.

Essential items: toothbrush, toothpaste, hat, scarf, gloves
Other items: soap/shampoo face cloth/moist wipes deodorant, moisturising cream sanitary products, shaving foam/razors underwear, socks, new make up sewing equipment, household candles screwdrivers/pliers, kitchen utensils pens/pencils/sharpener, notepads/colouring books, rulers/rubbers small toy, sweets (best before March 2010 - no chocolate) t-shirts/pyjamas/jumpers/shirts, etc.

Please remember that items have to be compact enough to fit in a shoebox with as much as we can pack in so nothing bulky and toiletry items etc should be small not huge family size, that talcum powder cannot be sent and that items should be new — you

wouldn't be very happy with someone's scruffy unwanted cast offs so let's add a few new things to our shopping baskets over the next few weeks. Thanking you in advance for what I hope will be a bumper year.

Jean Dewar



Mirror Signal Manoeuvre

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It's hard to believe that MSM is now into its third year! By the time you read this, what started as a small idea in my head to set up a group for the older young people in the church, will have held our, now traditional, start of term dinner which provides a great opportunity for us all to get together before some members head off to University!

Sunday 30th August also saw us hold a morning service taken mostly by members of MSM and the Young People's Group, following on from the success of last year's event. I hope that you enjoyed it and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who gave up their time to prepare parts for the service and also, in particular thank Rosanne Christy, who put it all together.

As usual, we have a term of activities planned for MSM, we have our usual mix of social events, which are usually held on the second Sunday of every month and our Nights@theFlat, at which we look at various issues surrounding our faith in an informal and comfortable environment and which are held on the last Friday of every month.

If you want further information about MSM or any of our events please see the flyers in the church vestibule, contacte-mail juni.msm@googlemail.com or visit the MSM Facebook page.

CHOIR NOTES



When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries, "May Jesus Christ be praised"

These are the opening lines of an old hymn the Choir sang before the morning service some weeks ago. Old hymn or new chorus these words "May Jesus Christ be praised" must resound in every heart.

In the Summer issue of Church News we asked for congregation members to request a song (or hymn) that might be sung before the Service. There were only two replies and one was the hymn mentioned above. The Choir repeats the invitation for your favourite song or hymn to be sung preceding morning worship.

Although there is not a mid week Choir Practice, choir members have come faithfully at 9.30am (or nearly!) on a Sunday morning to rehearse all through the year, only taking 'time off' for individual summer holidays. "Thank you, Choir members."

However, as Christmas approaches, Thursday night Choir Practices will start in October – the date is not yet fixed but will be intimated later. An invitation is extended to anyone who would like to come and sing Carols. An ability to read music is not required. Let's fill the Choir area to overflowing this year.

We have enjoyed having Rosanne Christy, Fiona Dewar and Jennifer Grieve back in the Choir during their summer break from University. Our best wishes to Laura Acheson, flautist, as she goes to Dental College. We look forward to seeing them all back at Christmas.

Let all the earth around Ring joyous with the sound "May Jesus Christ be praised".

Florence Kinnear



WORLD MISSION

We have just received our first newsletter from the Shands in Israel. They are our new mission partners, and a copy of the letter is on the notice board in Hall 2. They are covering Jerusalem and other areas, including Tiberias and Tabeetha. We have recently heard from Geraldine and Justus Mutura in Kenya. Following a drought, the Kenyan government has been helping with food supplies, and the political situation is improving. Geraldine and Justus have at last got electricity in their family bungalow and seem remarkably positive. They are now able to watch TV.

Thank you to everyone for collecting stamps – our congregation is very good at this! This year the money is being used to support Czech Roma groups, who suffer discrimination, so keep saving your stamps and put them in the box in the church vestibule.

Later in the year we hope, along with Kids' Church, to collect T shirts for the orphan boys in India.

Sheena Blair continues to collect for the Leprosy Mission, and the Guild of Friendship is having a talk on Mission Aviation Fellowship in the autumn.

Jean Stewart Mission Partner



BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM

The Bereavement Care Team offers support to those living in the Parish who have suffered loss or bereavement.

The role of the team is to offer support and encouragement to those who wish it. The members of the team are Jeanette Campbell, Helen Emslie, Christine McBean, Eleanor Pountain and Robin Winney. Referrals are received from Mr Dewar.



CHRISTIAN ACTION TEAM

Another successful event was held in June – a

Beetle Drive to which many of the congregation came (young and not so young) and what a hoot it was. We played loads of games; there was a winner every time a beetle was completed; home baking was enjoyed and there was lots of laughter at attempts at drawing a beetle! The next time we have one of these events you should put the date in your diary and come along.

I had hoped to have an afternoon event for older folk in September, but my diary is clogged so I hope to have an afternoon tea and entertainment in December. The tentative date is the afternoon of Thursday 3rd December.

The care van team went out into the streets of Edinburgh on Friday 21st August and what a busy evening it was. The town was mobbed with folk from all over the world, and we wondered at the time, just how many people there were in Edinburgh on that date. Homeless and hungry folk don't go away just because it is festival time and everyone is enjoying themselves - they still require hot soup, rolls, tea and coffee. For the first time in a long while we ran out of rolls and a quick trip to a nearby supermarket saved the day. 10 dozen rolls were given out, along with a vast amount of soup and hot drinks. A lot of young folk wanted our services and it was interesting to see how much they wanted to eat on what was the first of the cooler evenings we have had. Please remember the care van team as we go out again on Friday 20th November - for our safety; for those who visit the van; that we will have enough supplies; for the weather.

The last clothes collection was very well supported and for that I thank you all. The clothes were taken to the Salvation Army store (thanks to Bill and Sheena again) and they are always grateful for our donations. The next collection will take place on the **Sunday 1st November.**

Jean Dewar



GUILD OF FRIENDSHIP

The Guild of Friendship had a successful programme of talks and

events last year, and is now preparing for the 2009-10 session. We meet every second Thursday at 2 p.m., starting on Thursday September 10. The first meeting consists of an informal get-together with tea, and this year we will also have a visit from members of Deaf Blind Scotland, who will present some dramatic sketches. Our second meeting will be on September 24, when we will hear about the recent visit by the Moderator to Malawi. Details of future meetings will be given out at the first meeting, announced in the intimations and posted on the notice board.

Our president, Sally McFadzean, gave up office at the end of last year, and we shall miss her in that role, though she will continue as a member. We are extremely grateful for her years of dedication and service to the Guild and for her quiet and efficient way of guiding our activities.

Last year we raised money for several causes including Diabetes UK and Save the Children, as well as donating to other organisations who sent speakers to our meetings. This coming year we plan to do more of the same, and the provision of a hearing loop for Hall 2 is under consideration.

We hope to see all our members back this autumn, as well as lots of new ones. The annual subscription is £3.00, which is very good value for a programme of meetings extending until May next year. Everyone is welcome, so please come along.

Jean Stewart and Elaine Wilson



A minister showed a painting to a child. "It is not really Jesus" he explained "just an artist's

idea of Him." "Well it certainly looks like Jesus" said the child.

Congratulations to



Sandy Watt, Currie, on the birth of her first grandson,
Gus lan Watt, in New
Zealand, on 15th June
Dot and Graham Espin,

Baberton Mains, on the birth of their first grandson, **Daniel Alexander Crossan** on 13th August



Denis Matthews, Juniper Green, who celebrated his 96th birthday on 14th August **Margaret Martin,** Braid Hills

Nursing Centre, who celebrated her 96th birthday on 19th August

Grace Stalker, Kingsknowe, who will celebrate her 85th birthday on 10th September

Margaret Leggate, Lorimer House Nursing Home, who will celebrate her 85th birthday on 29th September



Liz Thomson, Baberton Mains and Bill May who became engaged on 31st July

Jean and Robin Veitch, Currie, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 28th August.

Well done

Rosanne Christy, Juniper Green, Jamie Gordon, Juniper Green and Jennifer Grieve, Baberton Mains who received their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards at a ceremony on 1st July in the gardens of Holyrood Palace. Jennifer recently returned from Poland and Holland where she was performing with the National Youth Orchestra Scotland.

The children of **Juniper Green Primary School** (also **Nether Currie Primary** and **Harmeny, Balerno**) who entered the Currie Horticultural & Industrial Society Show so

enthusiastically. They all added to the success of the day and are to be congratulated for their super exhibits. We look forward to their entries next year.

Isabel Campbell Show Secretary

"The Lord bless you and keep you"...

A number of our young folks are going off to Universities to begin, or continue, further studies. They include:

Laura Acheson, Juniper Green, who will begin her Dental Studies at Dundee University

and

Rosanne Christie, Fiona Dewar, Kirsty Dewar, Amy Dewhurst, Sarah Dewhurst, Stephanie Gibb and Jennifer Grieve who will be continuing their studies at various Universities.

Life and Work

It's fast approaching the time when subscriptions for next year's Life and Work magazine will be required.

If you have not read the magazine before perhaps you'd like to have a 'taster' complimentary copy? Just contact me and I'll arrange for you to have one. The magazines are issued monthly and contain news of the Church of Scotland's work, plus other interesting articles, crosswords, letters page,

Further details will appear in the Intimations once the 2010 subscription rate is known. *Isabel Campbell*

FAMILY NEWS

BAPTISMSJesus said "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for the

Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)

June 21st Daniel Manson, son of Paul and Laurie Manson, Balerno
July 26th Sadie Lynn Archibald, daughter of Neil and Christy Archibald,

Atlanta, Georgia

WEDDINGS "Love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13:8)

July 24th Naomi Pountain to Chris Kelly, Tranent, East Lothian August 15th Jade McCafferty to Steven Sutherland, Juniper Green

FUNERALS Jesus said "I am the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11:25)

June 9th Mrs Isabella Wood, Baberton Mains

June 16th Mr John R Pake, Gogarbank

June 29th Mr James Blair, Woodhall, Juniper Green July 23rd Mr Charlie Bathgate, Baberton Mains

NEW MEMBERS "All the saints salute you" (2 Corinthians 13:13) BY CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFERENCE

Mrs Caroline Blackbourn, Juniper Green

The next issue of Church News will be the Winter edition and all articles and/or items of family news, covering the period December-March should be emailed to Alison Robertson at

alison.m.robertson@gmail.com by Sunday 22nd November at the latest.

Please note that extra volunteers will be required for our Christmas Card deliveries throughout the Parish – watch the Intimations for further details.

What's On

Sunday Services: Morning Worship 10:30 am, Sunday@Seven in Hall 2

Sept 10 th Sept 13 th Sept 23 rd Sept 24 th Sept 25 th Sept 27 th	St Margaret's Court service at 10.30am Guild of Friendship Opening Meeting at 2pm Scottish Bible Society Bicentenary Rally in Currie at 7pm Ladies Badminton Club resumes at 10.00am Guild of Friendship meet at 2pm Rock Solid at 1.30pm in Hall 2 Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 10.30am Lorimer House service at 3.30pm
Oct 4 th Oct 5 th Oct 7 th Oct 8 th Oct 9 th Oct 25 th Oct 27 th Oct 31 st	Sacrament of Holy Communion Services at 10.30am and 3.30pm Fresh Start Collection – Household cleaners & light bulbs Green Strollers Walk Kirk Session meeting at 7.30pm St Margaret's Court service at 10.30am Rock Solid at 1.30pm in Hall 2 Lorimer House service at 3.30pm Green Strollers Walk Kirk Session Conference at Heriot Watt Chaplaincy Centre
Nov 1 st Nov 4 th Nov 6 th Nov 8 th Nov 12 th Nov 14 th Nov 18 th Nov 20 th Nov 29 th	Morning service followed by informal communion Fresh Start Collection – Bedding Christian Action Team – Clothes Collection Kirk Session meeting at 7.30pm Rock Solid at 1.30pm in Hall 2 Remembrance Sunday St Margaret's Court service at 10.30am No Men Allowed – see article Green Strollers Walk Rock Solid at 1.30pm in Hall 2 First Sunday in Advent Lorimer House service at 3.30pm
Dec 2 nd Dec 4 th Dec 6 th Dec 10 th Dec 10 th	Kirk Session meeting at 7.30pm Rock Solid at 1.30pm in Hall 2 Morning service followed by informal communion Fresh Start Collection St Margaret's Court service at 10.30am Green Strollers Walk

Outlook – Outlook meets for prayer on the third Tuesday of each month in Hall 3 at 8pm. **Sunday@Seven** in Hall 2 – A mix of contemporary and traditional songs, interactive Bible teaching and prayer, quiet reflection, relating Christian faith to the life of the Church and the community. Do come and join us for a more informal style of worship.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Our Church Halls are used by various groups during the week and, if anyone is interested in joining a group, do telephone the contact noted below.

MONDAY			
Jo Jingles	9.30am	Joanne Goodall	443 4196
Rainbows	5.45pm	Sandra Gibb	442 1189
Scouts	7.00pm	Neill Sinclair	442 3828
Pentland Pilates	7.15pm	Sara Wood	476 1616
TUESDAY			
Open Door Café	10.00am	Inez Paisley	453 3100
Blue Sky Pilates	1.00pm	Claire Macdonald	441 2632
Brownies	6.30pm	Jean Dewar	453 3494
Scottish Slimmers	7.00pm	Susan Shaw	672 3405
Edinburgh Budgerigar Society	7.30pm	Bill Miller	
WEDNECDAY			
WEDNESDAY	40.00	Allere De la como	450 4000
Ladies Badminton	10.00am	Alison Buchanan	453 4029
Pentland Probus Club+	10.00am	Leslie Hannaford	453 3012
Drama Studio Guides	3.30pm 7.30pm	Julie McDonald Lesley Wilson	453 3284 453 3679
Guides	7.30pm	Lesiey Wilson	455 5079
THURSDAY			
Guild of Friendship*	2.00pm	Elaine Wilson	441 3490
Enjoy-A-Ball	2.30pm	Alister Ramm	551 3101
Yoga Group	7.00pm	Maureen Clarke	449 2660
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FRIDAY			
Cubs & Beavers	6.30pm	Caroline Wood	
SUNDAY			
Kids' Church	10.30am	Beverley Christy	453 3450

⁺ First and third Wednesdays, September to May *Alternate weeks

Juniper Green Primary School PTA uses the Church Halls for various functions throughout the school session such as discos, family ceilidhs, etc.

Children's Birthday Party bookings are also popular.

WHO'S WHO

CONTACT Minister Session Clerk Treasurer

Beadle

Bereavement Care Team

Catering

Child Protection

Christian Action Team

Christian Aid

Church Halls Cleaning Team

Church Secretary
Communications Team
Congregational Board Clerk

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Fig Tree Orchard Flower Convener

Freewill Offering Administrator

Fresh Start Organiser Garden Team Co-ordinator

Gift Aid Treasurer

Girlguiding District Commissioner Green Strollers Walking Group

Guild of Friendship Halls Convener

House Group: Baberton Mains

Kids' Church

Ladies Badminton Club Leprosy Mission Magazine Distribution Mission Correspondent

MSM

Nurture Team

Open Door Café & Toddlers' Group

Organist and Choirmaster

Prayer Team

Joint Property Conveners

Roll Keeper Social Team

Tapes of Church Service Transport Service

Youth Group

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Rev James S Dewar Charles R Godon R Douglas Buchanan

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(Inez Paisley

(Maureen Heathwood

(Jean Dewar (Ann Brown Vacancy Elaine Wilson Alison Robertson

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Isabel Campbell
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Sandra Paulin
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John Christy

Contact can be made either at the Church Office, which is open on Friday afternoons only (1.30pm – 3.30pm), telephone number 453 5147, or throught the Church e-mail address igpc@supanet.com.