



# From the Minister's Desk

Dear Friends,

How do you describe a Church? In a discussion evening recently one of the questions we asked one another was 'How do people see our Church? What do people say about us?' Some felt that people outside church didn't say very much about us at all, but others had some interesting insights. Then we asked another question: 'How do we want people to see us?' and that allowed us to dream dreams and make the best of wishes for church.

I've also been taking part in a presbytery visitation scheme called *Unless the Lord builds the house* in which Presbytery is visiting every congregation during the year. My team has visited five congregations so far and we have three more visits to do. We are presented with a pack of statistics and figures for the congregation and its parish before we go and then we meet with the minister and 12 other people representing the congregation.

How do you describe a Church?

**By the Numbers?** We have around 400 members on our membership lists and an annual income in 2009 of £107,000. Does that tell us everything about our Church? I've come to the conclusion that numbers are the worst way in which we can try to describe the Church. In fact, these two statistics tell us nothing of the Church's story; all that they tell us is how many people are on a list and how much money we generated last year. Even if we add other numbers, such as the number of people in our morning service, they will still only tell a small part of the story. I have read the statistics for a particular congregation that I am about to visit and have formed the opinion that it is dying on its feet, but in fact the reality is quite different.

**By the building?** Often the first answer people outside the Church give to the question about Church – "it is the large building on Lanark Road" – but they are not very sure what goes on inside these buildings.

**By the activities?** Some of my friends read our *Church News*; I send it to them to help them pray for us. They read the list of activities at the back of the newsletter and tell me 'what a busy Church you have!' We are not alone in being a church with lots of activities and groups; often these activities and groups are a sign of life and health; if they were not there, then Church life

would be fairly dull and empty. But do these activities say everything there is to say about Church? Probably not!

**By the mission statement?** Do you know what our mission statement is? You'll find it elsewhere in *Church News*, but I'll put your mind at rest: "Building Christ's Church in the community". This is a statement of intent, what we want to be and aspire to be as Church and is perhaps coming closer to describing our Church than anything we've looked at so far. When we were devising the mission statement we tried to find a form of words that would capture what we want to be as a Church, but it doesn't say everything; indeed it can't say everything about us.

**By the People?** I think this is the best answer. Having read the numbers for some of the congregations we've visited and formed an opinion of these congregations, we have then met the people. While the numbers might suggest a congregation that is dying and on its last legs, the groups of people are full of faith, are committed to serving Christ, and are full of energy and enthusiasm for their faith and Christian witness. So at the end of the visit we have a very different view of the Church from the beginning. Any proper description of Church has to focus on the people.

In chapters 2 and 3 of the book of Revelation, there are seven churches described: there are people who have lost their love for Jesus, others are struggling in their faith, some need to change their ways, some had become lukewarm; it makes for fascinating reading. What about our Church? "We are people who..." - you can finish that sentence for yourself!

There are two ways in which we can be part of Church: we can make demands of Church - 'this is what other people should be doing for me!' - or we can contribute to the life of the Church in some way or another. The second is better. We are Church together; we have all received grace from God and so we should seek to serve, encourage, support one another in the life of the Church, and our worship, service and Christian witness in the community. May God bless us, that we may be a blessing to others.

Yours sincerely,

**"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches."  
(Revelation 2:7)**



## TREASURER'S REPORT

There is not very much to report about finances so far this year. Income is practically the same as last year (although a little increase would be welcome). The expenditure to date is on budget and so we are living within our means. As far as our donations to charities are concerned we have given £3,000 to the Scripture Union es-team; we are continuing to give £45 per month to the Cambodia Hope Organisation; and our retiring offerings have been £2,410 to the Haiti Earthquake Appeal (incl. Joint Service) and £266 to Bethany Trust (March communion). A considerable sum has also been raised for the Cambodian Trip to be undertaken by the Minister and nine members.

There are however, a few dark clouds on the expenses horizon. We have been looking at the possibility of upgrading the lights in the church for some time and we are now getting closer to a solution. No prices have yet been received but we are probably not going to be much away from £8,000. The coping stones on the bell tower require attention and to repair the stonework will require putting up scaffolding at the front door. The estimated cost of this work could be upwards of £5,000 depending on what the stonemason finds. In addition, a survey completed as part of the Edinburgh Presbytery Quinquennial Report on our property (Church, Manse and Church House) has detailed many defects that should be repaired over the next five years. The costs of this could reach up to £120,000.

Yes, it is an expensive business maintaining old property but one that has to be carried out. We are fortunate in that the General Trustees do hold just over £40,000 on our behalf for fabric expenditure. In addition, the annual rental of the Church House (£7,800 per year) is also added on our behalf for property expenditure. However, if we carry out all the work detailed in the architect's report, the General Trustees will have nothing left after four or five years. It makes you think, doesn't it?

The ways that we can achieve all that we need to do are down to ourselves. We need to ensure that the church house brings in its full amount of annual rental; we need to increase our offerings and one simple way of

doing that is, if you are a taxpayer, to sign a gift aid form; we might consider amending our will to leave a legacy to the church; and we also need to be more active in running fund raising events – any ideas?

Please continue to give generously both to our selected charities and to your church, but do it in the knowledge that you are doing God's work. As it is said in Psalm 127 v 1 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain'.

**R Douglas Buchanan**  
Treasurer



## GUILD OF FRIENDSHIP

Throughout the year we have had a successful series of meetings, with good attendance at most, and our membership stands at 54.

We have a committee of 10 members who have worked hard to organise the meetings, raise and look after our funds and participate in meetings by leading devotions and introducing speakers. We do not have a president at the moment, but share the presidential duties among members of the committee.

Our AGM took place on 6<sup>th</sup> May, when the Treasurer reported a healthy balance in our funds, enabling us to make donations to organisations such as the Scottish Bible Society and MAF, who had provided speakers during the year.

We are hoping, over the summer, to have a hearing loop installed in Hall 2, for the benefit of all hard of hearing people attending meetings there, and possibly arrange an outing to Newbattle Abbey College.

We are now beginning to prepare our programme for next year, with our first meeting taking place on 9<sup>th</sup> September.

**Elaine Wilson**  
(Joint Secretary)

## Congregational Mission Statement

***“Building Christ’s Church in the Community”***

### SESSION NOTES

Session meetings tend to follow fairly predictable patterns with similar items of business occurring at certain times of the year so it is challenging to have something quite different from time to time. On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May we held a special meeting on the instructions of the General Assembly. At the 2009 Assembly there had been a very long debate about the Church’s position on the training and ordination of men and/or women in same sex relationships. The outcome was that the Assembly set up a Special Commission tasked to determine the mind of the Church and report back to the 2011 Assembly.

A significant part of the Special Commission’s work is a consultation process with Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions and that has to be completed by the end of May 2010. Two main parts of the process have been the production of a study paper (copies still available for anyone who wishes) and a secret ballot of all Presbyters and Session members asking their opinions on a whole raft of rather convoluted questions.

It was good to see a number of non-Session members in attendance although they were there in a non-voting capacity. Your Session’s voting results are now pinned to the Hall 2 Session notice board and I would encourage you to read these papers the next time you are having coffee after a service. It will be May 2011 before we hear what the Special Commission’s work has produced and what the Assembly then decides to do in the light of the consultation exercise.

**Charles R Godon**  
Session Clerk



### HALLS CLEANING REPORT

The work of cleaning the church halls has gone on as smoothly and efficiently as usual, thanks to our six teams of cleaners. We can always do with extra volunteers, as at least one team is below strength, and so anyone interested, please get in touch. A few hours once every six weeks is all we ask.

***Elaine Wilson,***



### WORLD MISSION



Geraldine and Justus Mutura are working very hard in their village churches in Kenya. They are more hopeful about the political situation in their country, and even the agricultural side of their work (coffee) is looking up with some break in the drought. Pray for them – they work so hard in difficult situations. Only this year have they had electricity installed in their home.

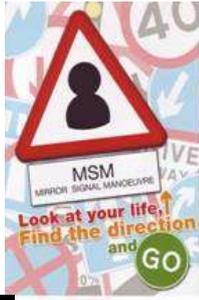
George and Margaret Shand have recently sent us two very interesting newsletters from Israel. Copies are on the World Mission notice board in Hall 2. They are very busy with numerous activities –

- A six-weekly lunch on a Sunday
- Many meetings, conventions, work with tourists, visits etc
- Sunbula shop for Palestinian crafts

Hopefully when they are in Edinburgh we may meet with them in our church.

Pray for the visit to Cambodia by our Church group, particularly that it will be not only educational but enlightening as well.

***Jean Stewart***



## Mirror Signal Manoeuvre

The spring term saw a mixture of activities for the MSM group, for young people in S4+. As well as our monthly Night@theFlat meetings, at which we concluded our series looking at what we can learn from the lives of biblical heroes by looking at Daniel, Mary and Timothy, we also had a DVD night and the first ever MSM Grand Prix. This saw some close competition on the Go Kart track between members and leaders as well as the Minister and Junia, our current Ministry Enquirer, who bravely agreed to join us. Congratulations to Cameron Hales who came out on top of a tight battle in the final to take the chequered flag first.

As usual, the summer term has been quiet for MSM as both the young people (and leaders) concentrate on their studies and examinations or in the case of two leaders, looking after MSM's newest (and youngest) member. All the members of MSM would like to congratulate Al and Sara on the birth of Daniel, and wish the three of you all the best.

We will, however, be holding our traditional end of term BBQ at the end of June, at which we will hopefully have a chance to catch up with some of those members who have been away at University.

If you want to find out more about MSM or any of our events please see the flyers in the church vestibule, contact Martin Elliot or visit the MSM Facebook page.



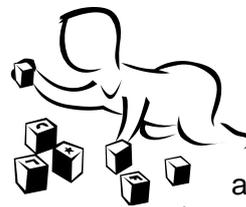
## CRECHE

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**



## Open Door Cafe and Toddler Group

We would welcome anyone from the church (whatever age) who would like to come along occasionally to help or chat over a cup of tea or coffee. It would be a good opportunity to meet with some of the Mums/carers from our area. At the moment there are about 10 to 12 who attend fairly regularly with babies and or young children.

The group is in hall 1 on Tuesday mornings from 10am until about 12 noon, during school term time.

To find out more please ask myself,  
**Karen Berry**  
**Inez Paisley**



## CHURCH LIBRARY

**Church Library** is available *every week* in the Church Sanctuary after the Morning Service. There is a wide selection of books/tapes/music cds for all ages including children. The Nurture Team is currently reviewing the content of the Book Library and any suggestions for improvement or books to add would be welcome.

Recently Bill Gordon gave the Nurture Team the opportunity to select books and cd's from a large personal library set up by Nancy Gordon and this has resulted in 38 books and 4 cds being added with a list of same in the Library area.

The Church Web Site has a copy of the index of books and cds. The indexes are also available in the Library area.

If you need any assistance on using the Library, please speak to either Ian Aitken or Eleanor Pountain.

### Nurture Team

*"For the word of the Lord is living and active...." Hebrews 4 vs 12*

## READ IT AGAIN! READ IT FOR THE FIRST TIME!

Do you want to read the Minister's sermon from last Sunday? Did you miss it? Were there bits of it you didn't understand? Go to the Church website at [www.igpc.org.uk](http://www.igpc.org.uk) and follow the link to 'sermons' and you will find them there. Alternatively, go to the Library for paper copies.

## SAFEGUARDING

The safeguarding procedures are operating smoothly and Inez and I remain your first points of contact. Anyone over 16 years of age who is planning to get involved in church activities involving children should contact either one of us so that we can explain the (simple) procedures to be followed to achieve the required disclosure.

For example, the Summer Mission is coming around once again and everyone who is helping to run the activities must obtain prior disclosure through the Church of Scotland Offices. So, if you are taking part in helping with the Summer Mission for the first time, please contact either Inez or me and we can explain what is involved in completing the required paper work. On the other hand, if you were helping out last year, there is no need for you to do anything further in relation to safeguarding paperwork.

Further changes in the scope of safeguarding (for example "adults at risk") are planned but as yet we do not have any of the detail. As soon as the position becomes clearer, we will report back.

**Inez Paisley**  
**Maureen Heathwood**



## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Jeanette Campbell and Robin Winney have recently joined the other members of the group (Helen Emslie, Christine McBean & Eleanor Pountain). The team offers support to those suffering loss or bereavement. Their role is not to give advice but to offer support and encouragement to those who wish it. All the team members have undergone training and have worked with many bereaved families. Referrals are received from Mr Dewar.

**Christine McBean.**

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Another **Men's Breakfast Meeting** has been arranged for **Sunday 20th June 2010**. This will be our fourth Breakfast Meeting for men for 2009/10 and follows another good Breakfast Meeting in April when Ian Gilmour told of his visit to Afghanistan some forty years ago. Ian was out there as part of a student work experience trip looking at ticks. So, we heard Ian's "Tick Talk" or as Ian put it his 'tick tock'!

Ann Brown has agreed to organise the breakfast again on June 20<sup>th</sup> which will be followed by a time of discussion. As before, the Meeting will be held in **Hall 3** of Juniper Green Parish Church. It will start at **08.30 am prompt** and finish no later than 10.00 am.

On 20<sup>th</sup> June, I have agreed to open our discussion with a short address on the topic "**Church in the Community**" to lead us into a wider discussion on other men's views.

If anyone wishes more details please ask me, Ian Aitken or Martin Elliot.

**Cliff Beevers**, on behalf of the Nurture team



## Church Flowers.

Would you like to help?

Donating – There are a few vacant dates on the list at the front door of the Church. Please add your name against the date of your choice.

Arranging – Presently we have six ladies who do the arranging, but it would be wonderful to have many more. Please get in touch if you have a talent for this.

Delivering – The List for 2010/11 is about to be issued so if you wish to be included please contact me within the next few days.

I am available outside Hall 2 (most Sundays) after the morning service or give me a call and I shall be delighted to discuss any of the above.

Once more I would like to thank all who give of their time and talents to ensure a smooth running operation.

**Hilda McNeil**



## FRESH START

Many thanks to everyone for donating household things to help others.

Everything is gratefully received, sorted and passed on to new tenants. As usual, we won't have specific collections in July/August, but the box will be at the right hand side of the Church vestibule for anything you want to donate over the summer. Monthly collections resume on Sunday September 5<sup>th</sup> with Towels.

Thanks again.

**Marilyn Godon**



## LADIES BADMINTON

We broke up for the summer season at the end of May. Our number of players was slightly reduced because of illness and injury this past year. Hopefully, all will make a full recovery before we resume playing again in September. We would welcome new members so if you are interested in joining us, please get in touch with me.

We wish you all a happy, sunny summer

**Alison Buchanan**



## Hidden Treasures

As I walked down the road towards the Church Jumble Sale on the 13<sup>th</sup> March my thoughts were of the wonderful treasures just waiting to catch my eye. Surprisingly my attention was taken by Bill Blair! Bill had spotted a picture frame with six scenes of the Black Isle, my birthplace, and the ever thoughtful man had put it to one side for me. These lovely little paintings evoked many happy memories, but it was not until I got home that the real treasure was revealed. Can you think how thrilled I was to phone Bill to tell him that when I looked on the back of the frame, there was the name of the man who taught me art as a ten year old. Oh what pleasure. In a moment I had been transported to my young self, and it felt wonderful. We never know how deeply we touch another.

Thank you Bill for your thoughtfulness.

**Gill Hales**



## ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

The golf competition, for which the winner receives the Alastair McBean Memorial Quaich, will be held this year on Friday, 20th August at Baberton Golf Club. The first tee-off time will be 2.00 pm and the last time will be approximately 2.40 pm. In the evening, there will be a supper at a cost of approx. £14 per head in Baberton golf clubhouse commencing at 7.30 pm at which the presentation of prizes will be made. As usual, non-golfers are warmly invited to join with the golfers for supper. Those wishing to attend should let me know as soon as possible. Please book early as this event is popular and spaces for the meal may have to be limited.

**Douglas Buchanan**

## CATERING



I am very grateful for the willing assistance given by everyone each Sunday in providing the teas and coffees after the Service.

On this occasion I must thank Margaret Watson who, unfortunately, has decided to retire from the Catering Committee due to her fall last year. However Karen Berry has very kindly agreed to join us to maintain our numbers.

Also I am pleased to welcome Marjorie Hope. She has volunteered to fill the vacancy on the Tea Committee due to the sad death of Alison Scott who helped us for many years.

Thank you.

**Sandy Watt**



## QUIZ

Fiona Dewar would like to say a very big thank you to all those who bought the fiendishly difficult pop quiz earlier in the year to help fund her trip to Cambodia. There was a fantastic response from folk far and wide across Scotland. For your information the winner was Christine Winney and the runner up was Team Watson (all Juniper Green church folk) – very well done to them.

If anyone wants a copy of the answers then please contact **Jean Dewar** who will be happy to supply them. Thanks again, it certainly was a big help on the fundraising trail.



After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, 'That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys.'



**Cub Camper Badge**

In May, the scouts went along to help the cubs with the Cub Camper badge. We camped overnight at Bonaly, played a wide game and cooked our supper on the fire. We will be going along to the cub camp in June to help run the camp fire on the Saturday night.

**Summer Camp**

We are preparing for our summer camp at the Cheshire Scout Jamboree and hoping for some good weather.

**District Camp – September**

We will once again be taking part on the Pentland District Camp. This will be at Fordell Firs campsite.

**Scout Night**

We meet on Monday nights, Hall 1 between 7:15pm and 8:45pm. Scouts are between the age of 10 ½ and 14 and open to boys or girls. We have plenty of spaces for anyone that is interested in joining.

Contact Us

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Email: [chris@172scouts.com](mailto:chris@172scouts.com)

Centenary Update.

In March you may have seen a fantastic photograph in the Evening News of nearly 900 Edinburgh Guides making the shape of “100” at the Ratho Climbing Centre. The Guides took part in activities which included rock climbing, mountain biking, cheerleading, dancing, music, crafts, pampering, etc.

At the beginning of May Edinburgh Castle experienced a Sunday it has never experienced before. Over the day 2000 Brownies and Leaders descended upon the Esplanade and entered the Castle. All the units took part in a Castle Challenge, Hunt for the Centenary Ducks and had a grand tour of the Castle. Before the event each Unit designed a shield representing their unit and these were individually presented to the Knight in the Main Hall and continued to be on display for the next week.

In June the Rainbows will be attending their Princess Party in the Assembly Rooms.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> June there will be 3 of us from Juniper Green climbing a Munro as part of our Munro Challenge when 100 Leaders will be meeting in Pitlochry to tackle a Munro.

You may be interested to know that the Floral Clock in Princes Street Gardens is in the process of being planted up and will represent our Centenary. I am sure it will be a worthwhile visit to see it.

Unfortunately, Harlaw Division finds itself in the position that we need a few helpers for Juniper Green, Currie and Balerno. If you are able to give 1–2 hours per week and would like to be involved in Girlguiding please contact me .

**Anne Mack**  
Division Commissioner  
Harlaw Division



From Children’s Science Exam Answers :

Q : Name the four seasons.

A : Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q : Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A : Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.



**CAMBODIA TRIP**

Volcanic ash, riots in Bangkok and a BA strike were all clouds on the horizon, but as I write only the third of these remains unresolved. We fly BA!

We plan to leave the UK on Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> to fly to Bangkok, spend the night there and drive to Poipet, Cambodia on Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup>. For the rest of that week, we will be given the 'CHO Tour' being allowed to see every part of CHO's work with poor and vulnerable people in and around the city of Poipet. On the Friday, we will be tourists and visit the temples of Angkor Wat and be back in Poipet for taking part in Church on the Sunday. For the second week, one group of us plan to run a pastors' training conference for 3 or 4 days, helping new pastors know the Bible and be better equipped to lead their Churches; the other group will work in the Safe Haven complex doing things like School on the Mat for children who can't go to ordinary school, as well as painting, brick making, and other practical tasks. We leave on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July and arrive back in the UK the following day.

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June, as part of the morning service, we will have the whole team together in Church and the Session Clerk will lead a prayer in which the team will be commissioned, sent out in the name of the Church to do this in everyone's name. We will have some prayer topics available for people to use on our behalf before we go and we hope to have a regular blog update available through the Church website as well as on the two Sundays while we're away.

Put Friday August 27<sup>th</sup> in your diary: on that evening we plan to tell you all about the trip, the stories, the people we met, the needs and issues that we encountered. It will be fascinating, I promise!

**James S. Dewar**

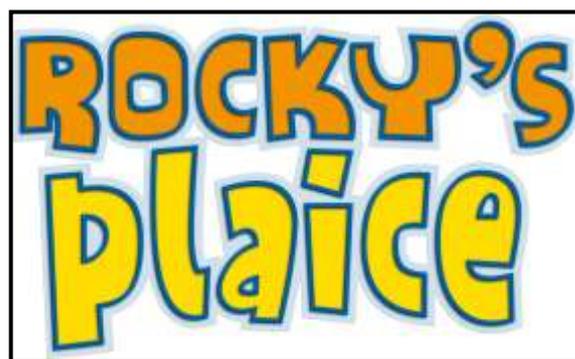


3-year-old Reese:  
'Our Father,  
Who does art in heaven,  
Harold is His name.  
Amen'

**CELEBRATING 10 YEARS**

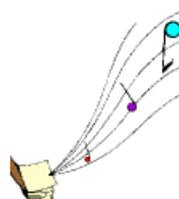
Mr Dewar was inducted as the minister of Juniper Green 10 years ago come August. We plan to celebrate this significant anniversary in conjunction with the Cambodia evening on Aug 27<sup>th</sup> in the Church. You now have 2 reasons to be there on that evening.

**Charles Godon.**



**ROCKY'S PLAICE**

Our Summer mission takes place each morning of the week 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> August, the last week of the school holidays. We will run from 10am-12noon each day and will do games, crafts and other activities as well as Bible stories, probably on DVD. If you would like to be part of the team, or want to know more about the week, please speak to Mr Dewar or Beverley Christy



**SONGS OF PRAISE  
SERVICE**

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June we will have our Songs of Praise service; this has become a regular feature of our summer calendar; if you would like to choose a favourite hymn or song to sing as part of that service, then fill in one of the slips of paper that will be available from June 6<sup>th</sup>, or speak to Mr Dewar.

**CHRISTIAN ACTION  
TEAM**



The team held a meeting earlier in the year to talk about the way forward for the team. We didn't come to any firm decisions at the moment but have decided to carry on doing the things that we are currently involved in and then look to either amending our aims and goals or to disbanding the team if there is no longer any real need for it as it currently operates. We are very conscious that times are very different now from when the team was formed – health and safety; care in the community; safeguarding for vulnerable adults; council help in gardens; home helps and so on. There are certain constraints on what we do; folk are more able to travel about thanks to bus passes and family outings; parish visiting is now under the umbrella of the excellent pastoral care teams and so on.



However, having said that, we still take part in providing church transport when required; take turns on the care van and in the night shelter; visit Ford's Road and Davidson House; collect clothes for the Edinburgh Clothing Store and so on. These things would all still take place if the Christian Action Team no longer operated and, as ever, we would encourage everyone in the congregation to be part of a "Christian Action" team by looking outwards every day – at home, amongst work colleagues and neighbours, in the community and further afield in the city and beyond – wherever there is a need.

There was a clothes collection at the end of April and thank you to all who donated some of their winter wardrobes to make space for all the summer clothes they will now need! A big thank you to Bill and Sheena for transporting it to Leith, at a time when they knew I would be very busy and would struggle to get it all there – Christian Action in action.

In the last few years the Christian Action Team has held either a Beetle Drive or a Bingo Night in June and we would like to do the same again this year. The date is not yet set but look out for it in coming Intimations. These are always nights of great fun – a chance to relax and enjoy good company and have a great laugh at the same time as winning daft prizes. Hope to see you there.

**Jean Dewar**

## THE GREEN STROLLERS' 5TH BIRTHDAY



It is very hard to believe that the Church Walking Group started with a meeting held in the Church after the morning service on Sunday 24th April 2005. Our first walk was on 9th May and we left the Church at 9.15am, nothing changes!

The first notice in the Church News was in June 2005 as "A Walking Group" and the second in September as "The Green Strollers" after a discussion during a walk as to what we should call ourselves. We then decided that we would have our own sweat shirts and polo shirts which were embroidered with a brown walking boot and The Green Strollers printed underneath. Whilst on our walks we meet many other groups saying "What a great idea to have your own identity" and think they may do something similar and hopefully they do. Alas we now need to renew our shirts and any suggestions as to where we could get them, at a reasonable price, would be more than welcome. We are now planning our second week-end away, this year, to Pitlochry. Our walks are quite varied from three to four miles to our next walk which is ten miles. Not too fast say some of us!!

A "Thank You" goes to all our leaders for without their input the walks would not take place. We have a great fun day away and find something different about one another on each walk. Details of forthcoming walks are given in the Intimations and displayed on the Notice Board in Hall 2. Please feel free to 'phone **Jeanette** or **Sheena** whose numbers are on the back page of this magazine.

***Happy Birthday to all the Strollers.***

# FAMILY NEWS

## **BAPTISM** *"Let the children come to me"*

March 28th Isla Catrin Mohamed, daughter of Alison and Salim Mohamed, Esher, Surrey

## **WEDDINGS** *"Love never fails"*

March 9th Christine Herran to James Throley, Edinburgh

March 20th Alison Paulin to Jamie Higgins, Edinburgh

## **FUNERALS** *"I am the Resurrection and the life"*

March 9th Mrs Alison Scott, Kingsknowe

March 13th Mr Albert Neil, Currie

March 11th Mr James Sutherland, Juniper Green

March 31st Mr Archibald McPherson, Juniper Green

April 16th Mrs Jessie Girvan, Currie

April 23rd Catherine Ireland, Juniper Green

May 8th Mrs Jean MacLean, Currie

May 22nd Mr Hugh McLeod, Lorimer House, formerly Leith

## **DISJUNCTIONS** *"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you"*

Mr Colin Anderson, Edinburgh EH10 6UB

## **NEW MEMBERS** *"All the saints salute you"*

### **By Certificate of Transference**

Mrs Jemima L. (Emma) Gilbertson, Juniper Green

### **By Resolution of Kirk Session**

Miss Catherine Godon, Juniper Green



Congratulations to **Sarah Rhynas** (nee Watson) has been awarded a Ph.D. from Edinburgh University for her thesis entitled *"Forgotten Shopping, Lost Keys and Hearts which forget to beat: an Exploration of Nurses' Conceptualisation of Dementia"*. The Graduation Ceremony will take place at McEwan Hall, Edinburgh on 1st July.

# Congratulations to



**Jim and Jean Dewar**, The Manse, on the birth of their first grandchild, **Daniel Fraser Ross Dewar** on 18th April. (Daniel has already attended an Evening Service!)

**Charlotte Dea**, Lorimer House, who celebrated her 94th birthday on 4th May  
**Gina Dekker**, Davidson



House, who celebrated her 102nd birthday on 6th May  
**Thomasina (Tot) Wright**, Clovenstone Nursing Home, who celebrated her 99th birthday on 19th May

**Hilda and Richard McNeil**, Juniper Green, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 7th May



**Beverley and John Christy**, Juniper Green, who will celebrate their Silver Wedding on 20th July.



**Gavin Hunter**, son of Yvonne, has been unanimously called to become the Pastor of Westray Baptist Church. His ordination will be in early August in Wester Hailes Baptist Church followed by his induction at Westray. Gavin remembers how his journey of faith started in Juniper Green at Kids' Church and and would very much value our continued support as he makes the transition to ministry and island life. Do consider becoming Gavin's prayer partner and email him at [jesuslives@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jesuslives@hotmail.co.uk)

# What's On

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

June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kirk Session meeting in Hall 2 at 7.30pm
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Communion Services at 10.30am and 3.30pm
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	St Margaret's Court service at 10.30am
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Breakfast at 8.30am in Hall 3
	Songs of Praise service in the Church at 7pm
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	All-Age service at 10.30am in the Church
	Lorimer House Service at 3.30pm
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Service at 10.30am followed by informal communion
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Morning service at 10.30am conducted by Mr Peter Nelson
July 11 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Cambodia trip</b>
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Morning service at 10.30am conducted by the Rev Victor Laidlaw
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Morning service at 10.30am conducted by the Rev Victor Laidlaw
	Lorimer House service at 3.30pm
Aug 1 <sup>st</sup>	Morning service at 10.30am followed by informal communion
Aug 9 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Rocky's Plaice – the Summer mission</b> in the halls 10am-12 noon
Aug 20 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Golf Outing
Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Morning service conducted by the Rev Willie John McDonald
Aug 27 <sup>th</sup>	Cambodia – the story of our trip; celebrating 10 years of Mr Dewar's ministry
Aug 29 <sup>th</sup>	Morning service conducted by members of our Youth groups
Sept 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kirk Session meeting at 7.30pm in Hall 2
Sept 5 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Service at 10.30am followed by informal communion

**Church Wednesday** meets every Wednesday at 7pm in Hall 3 for The Prayer Time and thereafter a mixture of Bible Study and other discussion events in Hall 2 at 7.30pm. See the flyer inside *Church News* for fuller details; if you want extra copies they can be found in the vestibule of the Church building.

**Sunday@Seven** is our evening service in Hall 2 at 7pm from September till June. 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.



# WHO'S WHO

## **CONTACT**

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Church Secretary

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Freewill Offering Administrator

Fresh Start Organiser

Garden Team Co-ordinator

Gift Aid Treasurer

Girlguiding Division 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

Safeguarding

Social Team

Tapes of Church Service

Transport Service

Youth Group

## **NAME**

**Rev James S Dewar**

**Charles R Godon**

**R Douglas Buchanan**

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Christine McBean

Sandy Watt

Jean Dewar

Vacancy

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Aileen Hardie

Hilda McNeil

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Marilyn Godon

Jean Dewar

Douglas Buchanan

Ann Mack

(Sheena Blair

(Jeanette Campbell

Elaine Wilson

Ian Marshall

Greg McIntosh

Beverley Christy

Alison Buchanan

Sheena Blair

Isabel Campbell

Jean Stewart

Martin Elliot

Cliff Beevers

Karen Berry

Florence Kinnear

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