



St. Columba's Parish Church of Scotland Glenrothes

Summer 2014

Message from the minister.....

Dear members of the St Columba's church family,

In this period around Pentecost, we often reflect on the inspiration of the Holy Spirit moving in the early church and we pray for the support and inspiration of the Holy Spirit in our church family and our community. The last few months in St Columba's have been sometimes exciting, sometimes sad, occasionally chaotic and often heart-warming.

We have welcomed John Hutchison as the new Parish Assistant for the parish grouping and we look forward to welcoming a new Youth and Children's worker for the Glenrothes and Leslie Churches of Scotland. We are delighted that GROW also have a new worker and that St Margaret's and Christ's Kirk should soon have their new Parish Assistant in place.

There have also been highlights in the activities in the church. We had a great social evening for the volunteers in various church groups. The first three Messy Church events have been great, with over 70 people sitting down for our meal at the May event. It's also been a special time for some families in the church with two weddings and the baptism of eight children in two families.

This year, we will be joining with three other churches to have joint services during July. The churches in Kirkcaldy have been doing this for a number of years and we decided to try it in Glenrothes. It should be a wonderful opportunity to meet and make friends in the other congregations and to fill our churches as we worship together. As her retirement approaches, we join St Margaret's in being grateful for the ministry of Marjorie Cowie. We also pray for their nomination committee as they seek a new minister.

Finally, we look forward to distributing 'Penny Gospels' to every home in the parish grouping area. If you would like to take part in putting these through letterboxes, please let us know.

Best wishes for the summer,
Alan (01592) 742233



INTRODUCTION

I was asked to do a little introduction, so here it is. I was born at a very young age, and raised in Edinburgh along with two older sisters. When I was about 12, a new minister came along to the Edinburgh City Mission, and my mum thought that it would be good to encourage him, so I was taken along. Slowly I began to listen to what was being said, and it was there that I became a Christian. Eventually I went to Glasgow Bible College, and while there I joined the Church of Scotland. A few years later I became a Parish Assistant and was posted for a couple of years in WesterHailes, and then 12 years in West Pilton. Just before I came to Glenrothes I was in Livingston for a couple of months.

I am enjoying getting to know the roundabouts of Glenrothes, and the people as well. As I may have mentioned once or twice, I spend most of spare time crying at Tynecastle watching the Hearts, or at the movies, not necessarily crying. As a Parish Assistant, my role can be varied, and I like that, because for one thing I can see God working in different ways and situations, and that is very exciting.

John Hutchison, Parish Assistant

Congregational Board News

The following information is taken from our May Board Meeting:

Appointments to Board Committees

The following appointments were approved;

Finance/Hall Letting – Mike Hay, Shona Lumsden, Andrew Turnbull, Stuart Harley, Joan Maclean and Jim Anderson.

Property/Fabric – Jim Miller, Eric Christie, Brian Lumsden, Bill Dougall, Martin Green and Sheila Walker.

Fundraising/Publicity – Lorna Young, June Thomson, Beth Johnston and Alice Davidson.

Household/Garden & Grounds – Jim Shand, Arlene Russell and Jean Christie.

Property

Work continues on looking at the best way forward and at the moment we are still looking at the various grants which may be available. We are also due a Presbytery Quinquennial Visit on our buildings shortly and this will be carried out by Hardies.

Fabric

The following works have been undertaken;

Metal trims have been fitted in the hatchways leading to the two halls.

The modesty panel between the urinals in gent's toilet has been secured together with the fitting of a metal splash guard above the cistern.

Plasterwork at the radiator nearest the stage has been completed and the radiator cover has been secured to the wall.

A new door has been fitted in the Boiler Room to comply with regulations.

West door vestibule and corridor area has been painted.

All of the above works were carried out at a cost of £2,213.

It is also proposed that painting work will soon be carried out in the Hugh Jenkins Hall.

Work due to be carried out in the manse includes the replacement of the old fuse box system with circuit breaker box and the fitting of a security light at the front of the house.

Household

The Board has approved that sanitary units be placed in the ladies and disabled toilets.

Garden & Grounds

The Board was advised that our tree planted to commemorate our 40th Anniversary now shows no signs of life. It was agreed this should be dug up and grass seed planted.

Data Protection Policy

Copies of the draft Data Protection Policy were circulated with the Minutes. Members approved this document as our Data Protection Policy. We now require working on getting procedures in place. It was also agreed we would review our Policy every year in May.

Treasurer

Members were informed that Jim Anderson, our Treasurer, has intimated his intention to resign after our next SAM. If anyone thinks they can fill Jim's shoes, would they please speak with either Alan or Carol.

Unitary Constitution

The Board was happy for the Kirk Session to look at the pros and cons of moving over to a Unitary Constitution.

Carol Gibson, Clerk to the Board

Kirk Session Report

WELCOME The Kirk Session warmly welcomes John Hutchison, who is the new Parish Assistant for our Parish Grouping.

We are also pleased to welcome the following people who recently joined the Church - Jim Weir, Morag Allen and Shirley Howell.

JULY SERVICES The Kirk Sessions of Christ Kirk, Leslie Trinity, St Columba's, and St Margaret's have agreed to try having joint services during July this year.

They will all begin at 10.30 am.

Sunday 6 July - St Columba's

Sunday 13 July - St Margaret's

Sunday 20 July - Leslie Trinity

Sunday 27 July - Christ's Kirk

Transport will be arranged for those who need it.

PENNY GOSPEL It has been agreed that we will distribute copies of the Penny Gospel to all homes in our Parish. (Please see Parish Grouping Report.)

CEILIDH A special conference has been arranged in August for ministers of Kirkcaldy Presbytery and some American ministers. A programme of events has also been organised and St Columba's has agreed to host a Ceilidh on Thursday, 14 August.

Cathie Gilchrist, Session Clerk



3rd Glenrothes Boys' Brigade

We would like to inform you that two of our boys, Craig Higgins and Daniel Pollock, have attained the highest award in the BB, the Queen's Badge. Another one of the boys, Brian Petrie, received the President's Badge, the second highest honour.



Flowers in the Church

Flowers play a very important part in the Pastoral Care Ministry at St Columba's and are very much appreciated by the people who receive them. Our flowers are given to those who have been bereaved, the sick and also on special occasions like anniversaries and birthdays. We now have a number of Sundays available where we have no people donating flowers to the Church. If you feel this is something you would like to become involved in then please speak to either Margaret Dougall on 742560 or Carol Gibson on 754320. The Sunday's available are; 31 August, 5 October, 7 and 14 December.

We are also looking for more people to help arrange our Flowers and again if you would like to become involved in this then please speak to either Margaret or Carol. We have someone within our Arrangers Team who would be willing to provide some basic guidance on Flower Arranging, if required.

PASTORAL CARE

On the afternoon of Sunday, 6 April, 26 of our members gathered together in the Church for another short, informal Communion service, followed by afternoon tea. These services are arranged to suit people who have difficulty in coming to worship at 11 o'clock, but everyone is welcome. If you would like to come to the next one and need transport, please contact us.

Margaret Dougall (Tel 742560)
Cathie Gilchrist (Tel 779090)
Pastoral Care Co-ordinators

Finance

The income and expenditure in the various funds are noted below;

General Fund	2014	2013
1 January opening balance	£33,530	£30,772
Income to 30 April	£22,260	£20,036
Expenditure to 30 April	<u>£23,368</u>	<u>£24,234</u>
30 April closing balance	<u>£32,422</u>	<u>£26,574</u>

Income comparison from the principal funding areas

	2014	2013
FWO	£14,917	£14,509
Open Plate	£ 1,482	£ 1,624
Hall Hire (50%)	£ 3,150	£ 2,524
Fabric Fund	2014	

1 January opening balance	£ 7,748
Income to 30 April	£ 3,767
Expenditure to 30 April	<u>£ 3,164</u>
30 April closing balance	<u>£ 8,351</u>

Maintenance jobs have been carried out during the period as per Jim's schedule at a cost of £2,900.

Building Improvement Fund 2014

1 January opening balance	£26,608
Income to 30 April	£ 1,327
Expenditure to 30 April	<u>£ 3,186</u>
30 April closing balance	<u>£24,749</u>

The Gift Day donations totalled £1,152.05 and the Architect's Report on the Bell Tower refurbishment cost £3,186.

ROTHES TRINITY PARISH GROUPING

At its last meeting, members discussed the ideas and suggestions which had been gathered at both the Conference and the Presbytery "Celebrate and Discover." It is hoped that we might use some of them. The Scottish Bible Society has published a special edition of Luke's Gospel with life stories of sports men and women who believe that faith in Jesus Christ is worth "More than Gold." It is priced at only a penny. Their vision is to see the Penny Gospel given out to thousands of people in the run up to and during the Commonwealth Games. The three Churches in our Parish grouping have agreed to participate in this opportunity for mission.

Some forthcoming events are:

Leslie Trinity 20 June Fundraising Party Night

12 September Quiz Night

St Columba's 5 July Fruit Tea

25 October Autumn Fayre

St Ninian's August Church Fete

Fundraising Committee News

Fruit Tea - 5th July 2.00 - 4.00

Tickets cost £2.50 and are available from members of the Fundraising Committee.

The Autumn Fayre this year will be held on Saturday 25th October 2.00 - 4.00.



GROW AGM

It was a pleasure to attend to the GROW AGM in St Margaret's earlier this month. We heard about the activities of GROW in the last year and about the search for a new GROW worker.

It was wonderful to meet Bea, who comes from Central Baptist Church in Edinburgh and will be starting here in August. GROW is a wonderful inter-church activity which reaches many children and young people across the town and surrounding villages. I know the support from St Columba's is very much appreciated and I would like, particularly, to thank Chris Hay and Arlene Russell for their contribution to GROW, especially in the difficult recruitment process.

Alan Kimmitt

St Columba's Church Summer Mission

Fit For A King



Monday 4th-Friday 8th August
10am-12 noon

Come along if you are in P1-P7

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