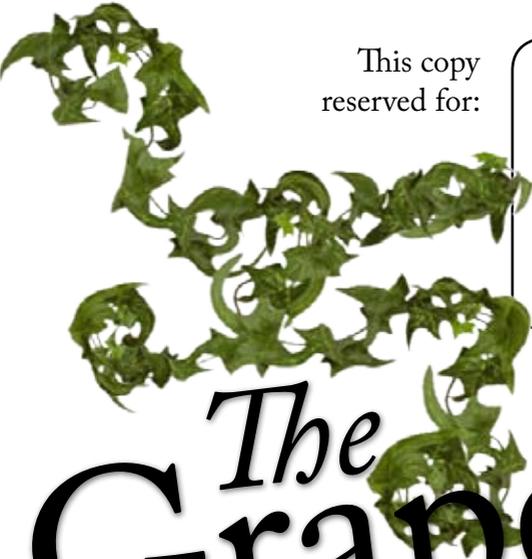


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The Grapevine



Easter is coming...

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MINISTER'S LETTER

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G72 9LQ

Dear friends,

Although my step-dad is an astronomer (and taught astronomy at Glasgow University for over 40 years) and I know that setting the date for Easter is something to do with the moon, nonetheless it is always something of a mystery to me. There's actually a word that's sole job is to describe the process of calculating when Easter falls: *computus*.

When you look to see how you calculate when Easter occurs, you start to realise why it has its own word...

Easter, as a celebration that doesn't take place on a fixed day each year, is the original "moveable feast" from which we get that expression, and around which all the other moveable Christian celebrations (from Palm Sunday to Pentecost to All Saints Day) are based.

It is also a good symbol for the church. The church, right from its start, has been on the move taking the good news of God's love across the world, changing hearts and communities. We remember the beginning of Christianity with the fixed date of 25 December, but we remember the ongoing coming of Jesus to invigorate and encourage his followers on the moveable date of Easter Day.

Remembering that we, as a church family, are not static, but always on the move is a good thing. It helps us to travel light, not getting bogged down with things that are not essential to our journey.

Having said that, I trust you will pack *The Grapevine* with you. Inside you will find much news to keep you up-to-date with what is going on around the church and in our community, articles from church members, and much more.

My very best wishes to you all for Easter as we celebrate our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.



CHURCH NEWS

Want to join St Andrew's Church Family?

Interested in finding out more about church membership, then please contact Peter Johnston, 01698 828633.

We also note and welcome the following who have joined St Andrew's recently either by transferring their membership or by resolution of the Kirk Session: Jessie & Marion Shaw and Mary & George King.

Church Directory

Church members should receive a copy of the latest Church directory. Please use the slip at the end of the order of service each week to inform us of any changes or amendments or contact the church office (327958).

St Andrew's Conference Afternoon for Elders and Action Group Members

The plans are well underway for the 2009 St Andrew's Conference Afternoon to be held on Sunday 26th April. Under the current leadership structure for St Andrew's it is important to have an opportunity in place of an ordinary Kirk Session meeting for everyone involved in the leadership of St Andrew's through both Kirk Session and Action Groups to come together to talk about our vision for the future and to assess what is currently happening.

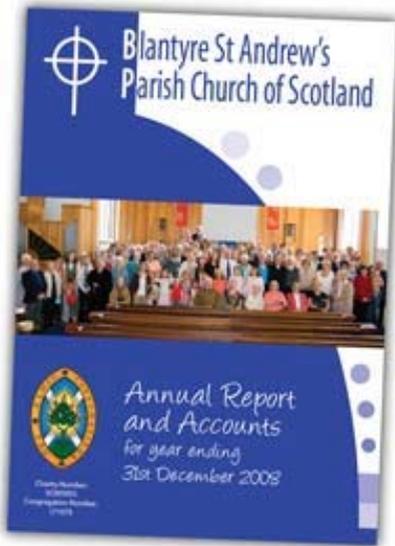
We hope to have a fun, interesting and forward-thinking few hours together. We will be joined by Rev Keith Ross, the Congregational Development Officer for the Presbytery of Hamilton who will help to facilitate our time.

Refreshments will be provided and venue will be intimated by the church notices and website in due course.

**Sunday 26th April
2 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

CHURCH NEWS

Annual Report for 2009



There have been a large number of changes made during 2008 to the way that charities present an overview of their work and financial situation. Every congregation of the Church of Scotland is a registered charity and thus we must also comply with these regulation changes.

While it has meant a number of changes to the way the financial records are maintained (which has meant extra work for our Treasurer and the Money Action Group to adapt to), the changes also should help you to get a better overview of what has been happening in St Andrew's over the past year.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2008 have been produced for every household and are available now to be picked up.

The changes to the regulations mean one big difference from the past with respect to the Stated Annual Meeting (SAM). In the past the accounts and budget were approved by representatives of the congregation (not by Elders or Congregational Board members) at the SAM. Now, however, the Kirk Session and Minister are the designated charity trustees and it is their responsibility to approve the accounts.

Note that an electronic copy of the Annual Report is available online.

Stated Annual Meeting

The Stated Annual Meeting takes place following Morning Worship on Sunday 29th March. This provides an opportunity for church members to seek clarification about the Annual Report & Accounts and 2009 Budget.

CHURCH NEWS

Easter Services

Easter will soon be with us when we'll remember both the sadness of the events of Holy Week, but also the joy of Resurrection Day: Easter Day.

Beginning with our Palm Sunday service the week will include two mid-week services which lead us on the journey to the cross that must be taken before the wonder and glory of Easter Day can arrive.

Palm Sunday Cradle Roll Service

5th April, 11 a.m.

St Andrew's Parish Church

Maundy Thursday Communion

9th April, 7 p.m.

in the Church

Good Friday Labyrinth

10th April, open between 6:30–9:30

p.m.

in the Church Hall

Easter Sunday All-Age Service

12th April, 11 a.m.

St Andrew's Parish Church



Cradle Roll Service

This year's Cradle Roll Service with a special invitation to all the families whose children have been baptised in St Andrew's Parish Church since April of 2008 will take place as part of the Palm Sunday Service on Sunday 5th April.

CHURCH NEWS

Easter Eggstravaganza

Smith's and Pott's Funeral Services are holding their annual Eggstravaganza. They are currently collecting Easter eggs to distribute to various charities within the Lanarkshire area. If anyone would like to make a contribution then they can deliver the eggs to either Smith's or Pott's office any time before the 5th April. All donations will be gratefully received.



Malcolm Anderson

Malcolm Anderson was recently ordained as Minister in the Congregational Church here in Blantyre.

Malcolm has had a long association with St. Andrew's and we wish him and the family well, asking God's blessing on his work and ministry.



Daffodil Tea

Church members are invited to a Daffodil Tea in the Church hall on Wednesday 22nd April at 7 p.m. Why not bring a friend too?

Tickets will be available from members of the Membership Action Group at a cost of £2.50.



WORSHIP & PRAYER

Reflections on the Good Friday Labyrinth

On Good Friday (10th April) the Magnification Action Group will organise another of our Holy Week Labyrinths.

With the Church Hall transformed into a place of journey, with a pathway marked out in stones and candle-light those who visit will have the opportunity to travel the labyrinth, stopping at various points along the way to read and reflect on the Passion story of our Lord Jesus' final day.

One of the travellers on a previous labyrinth wrote in an email afterwards, "Just a word of thanks for the wonderful experience of your labyrinth. Jean and I had never walked one before but enjoyed it immensely (if enjoyed is the right word to use)."



Good Friday Labyrinth

10th April

Church Hall

6:30 - 9:30 p.m. (come at any time)



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Youth Fellowship

Unfortunately, there has been a very poor turnout at the Youth Fellowship – averaging 4-5 kids each night. We still have another few nights left in the session, where we are hoping it might pick up - Sunday 26th April, Saturday 9th May, Sunday 31st May & our trip to Edinburgh Dungeon on Saturday 28th March. If there are any other kids aged P7 upwards who wish to come along on the nights listed above, please do. There is badminton, pool & Xbox to name but a few. Please bring along a friend if you wish. Sundays we meet in the church between 6pm and 8pm and on a Saturday 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. On Saturday night we watched The Dark Knight – enjoyed by all !

IQ Group

There is a steady 4-5 attending on a Sunday Morning, following the Youth Emmaus programme. Over the past few weeks, Callum Anderson has been leading the classes as part of his BB Queens Badge Challenge and he has provided a well thought out and enjoyable programme for the IQ Group – even if we didn't notice the £5 note he'd dropped on the week called "Honesty" – sorry Callum !

Puppet Ministry

The puppet ministry team has now increased its numbers with a few willing parents helping out too. We are working towards our first

"Full Concert" to be held in St Andrew's church on Friday 27th March at 6:30 p.m. – for over 70 Anchor Boys from the Hamilton & District Battalion. We are all practicing hard and hope that our Concert will be a great success.



LETTER FROM FIONA

Hi all, instead of letting you know how hard I've been working at university (she wrote modestly...) I wondered if you might be interested in reading about the Candidate's Association at Glasgow University? All the ministers in training, who are officially known as Candidates, are automatically members of the Candidate's Association and we meet together once a week for lunch and to hear a speaker talk about practical aspects of being a minister.



On Monday lunchtimes the Candidates settle down in one of the rooms in the Divinity Department, sing a hymn, have a Bible reading and hear a short reflection in the passage, pray and then, while munching our lunch, hear the speaker.

Speakers last term included Faith in Community Scotland, Healthcare and Military Chaplaincy, talking about funerals, the Deaconate and Visual Art and Worship. Next term we have speakers to let us know what it's like in the worlds of sports, youth and children's chaplaincy.

When someone has a call to ministry it is assumed that means to do what Peter does – be a parish minister; in fact there is a huge range of work waiting for those who are called and one field is chaplaincy. We have had, or will have, speakers from healthcare, military, youth, sports and children's chaplaincy. There are people who may well be ordained ministers, but not always, who have felt that they are being challenged to work outside conventional parish ministry.

The healthcare chaplain who spoke to the Candidates told us of the work carried out by chaplains across the spectrum of healthcare provision. The bulk of their work is still in hospitals, but not just the major hospitals, general hospitals and eg psychiatric units, to children and adults, to families and carers, to all the unit staff as well. Work may include sitting talking at the bedside of those who are in for a brief stay or those whose stay is much longer or even to the end. Staff in these units often need spiritual help too and the chaplain is there for them too. One surprising facet of this work is that in a situation where no one else is available the chaplain could end

LETTER FROM FIONA

up caring for those of other faiths too. This work is hugely challenging as these chaplains are working, very much, at the sharp edge of spirituality – ‘why me’, from someone just diagnosed with a terminal disease, or ‘why did my child die’ or even ‘what a joy’ to have a new and perfect baby! Emotionally draining and in need of our prayer support.

Military Chaplains have a challenging time (nearly) at the front line of military action. Their remit of spiritual care covers all members of the armed forces and their families. It is true that most of their pastoral care



is of a different demographic than usual parish pastoral care – the ‘parish’ tends to be younger and fitter than average. Whilst in this country ‘padres’ look after all those on the military base where they are serving; chaplains provide all the usual services eg baptisms, weddings and occasional funerals. Quite a large chunk of their time is taken up going round bases getting to know people and they are involved, on training bases, in educating trainees about Christianity; this is part of an overall package of training that all recruits must undertake. However, when the chaplain is posted to an operational area they are often involved in deep debates about where God is in all the trauma of eg Iraq or Afghanistan. I know of one chaplain who spent a night alone in the desert with the dead crew of a helicopter; darkness and distance meant that the bodies could not be moved until morning and the padre felt that someone should remain with the crew.

LETTER FROM FIONA

It might be thought that discussing funerals might be totally morbid but it is one part of the 'job' that many candidates are apprehensive of. By inviting along a minister to help us talk through these worries we can be better prepared for some of the situations that lie ahead. Besides, there is an element of black humour that is at the edges of this difficult topic, eg some of the songs that are chosen for funerals can lead to a wry laugh – 'Like a Bat out of Hell' and 'Come on Baby Light My Fire'!! (There are more on a list that was published by the BBC at www.news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/magazine/5402272.stm)

Talks from those involved in the Deaconate and in Visual Arts and

Worship were also very good. Until a few years ago I had no idea there were deacons in the Church of Scotland – which may sound a bit naive but none of the churches I'd been in had one and their role is often unpublicised. Deacons are a vital part of the team that make up those who are involved in parish ministry and pastoral care. Their role is to be as involved in the life of the parish as the minister is, visiting people at home, taking services and offering most of the



Photo thanks to Rev. Peter Gardiner

LETTER FROM FIONA

same services as ministers. We heard a wonderful story about the blind deacon who was made exceptionally welcome when visiting an elderly lady; it turned out that the lady felt more relaxed with the deacon as if the minister had visited the lady would have had to dust and do her hair!

Finally, I'd like to tell you about Visual Art and Worship. The minister who shared his experiences with us has a very traditional church building complete with pillars. The interior of the building is a wide open space without pews or carpets, few stained glass windows and bare walls. With a little imagination the church is regularly transformed by various craft projects. I'd like to tell you about one project in particular. A wire spiral was wound round supple and narrow gauge pipe from a DIY store; this was wound round a pillar to become the stem of a vine. A wire framework square connected four of the pillars and the vine stem connected onto that framework where wire branches were woven to form a canopy over an area where chairs were set out in a broken circle focusing on candles on the floor. The congregation were involved in making vine leaves and bunches of grapes out of old magazines (the leaves) and wool (pompoms to make bunches of grapes). I think it was Lent when this was constructed; people wrote prayers on the leaves and the whole vine was covered by Easter Sunday. The construction remained in place for a good few weeks and eventually was replaced by another project.

There are many other topics covered by speakers and they all add a vital practical element out learning experience. We can learn all that university can throw at us (well, we can try) but experiencing ministry for ourselves and hearing about the experiences of others is an invaluable part of that training.

Thank you for your continuing interest in this training experience. Please continue to pray for all in training and I will continue to pray for Peter, the work of all at St Andrew's, you and your families.

Fiona Ogg

COMMUNITY ACTION

Hamilton & Clydesdale Women's Aid

The Problem of Domestic Abuse

It is a paradox to say that it is a good thing that the number of women who contact Women's Aid increases every year. On the one hand it is disheartening that there is so much Domestic Abuse in our society, and on the other, it is good to know that women are now more aware of groups such as Women's Aid where they can seek information and support to either leave the abusive situation or at least know that there is somewhere to go in an emergency.

The increase in the last year is largely due to the improvement in publicity surrounding Domestic Abuse. It is now becoming seen as anti-social, much as drink-driving did over time in the 70s and 80s. While driving under the influence of alcohol used to be seen as something everyone did, now society recognises that a drunk driver is a danger to others and will call the police to report someone driving under the influence. Women's Aid hope, over time, that the same will happen with Domestic Abuse and that society will not simply ignore this as something private between partners, but will report instances of Domestic Abuse as they would report any crime or assault on a member of the general public.

Assault is mentioned above as most people think of Domestic Abuse as physical. Women's Aid, however, regard Domestic Abuse as physical, psychological, financial, verbal, emotional and sexual. Any one of these can cause serious problems for those who experience it. Women do not have to be physically assaulted to be able to use our service. Women's Aid are aware of all other kinds of abuse and treat each the same, with women having access to all of our available services, include Refuge accommodation.

Contacting Women's Aid

Blantyre Outreach: 01698 711820

Mon-Thurs 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

www.womensaid.org.uk

www.thehideout.org.uk

(for children and young people)

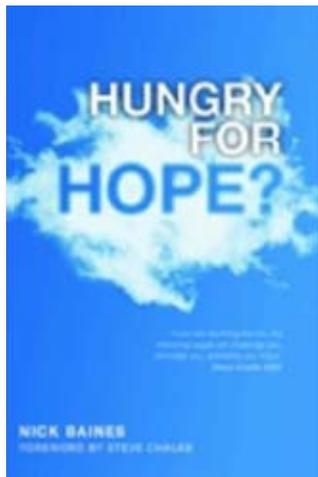


women's aid
until women & children are safe

A GOOD READ

Hungry for Hope?

Nick Baines



Nick Baines is a fascinating guy. He is currently the Bishop of Croydon in the Church of England, but in an earlier life he worked at GCHQ in Cheltenham where he was a Russian linguist intercepting transmissions from the USSR. Some have said he is 'the spy who came into the fold'.

Hungry for Hope is actually Baines' first book initially published in 1991, but it has just recently been updated and republished by the Church of Scotland's St Andrew Press for whom Nick Baines now writes.

It is a timely reprinting for our world today and the challenges that confront hope in this world. Some see hope as ridiculously naïve in the war-torn, terrorist-inhabited, fear-filled universe that we appear to live in. And yet we still hunger for

hope. When someone's personal world falls apart, what hope can the church realistically bring?

Nick Baines says, "Whilst [at GCHQ] I had to explore and understand the politics of a complicated world and know what was going on in that world. This means that I have lived for some time with difficult questions about God's involvement in the world. Such experiences have made me impatient with simplistic Christian world-views, jargon-filled explanations of neat theology which sometimes have little connection with the real world. The second impetus for writing this book has been my pastoral experience with individuals who have suffered enormous tragedies. There are times in the life of a pastor when one has to be silent in the face of suffering, simply holding the hand of those who suffer and weeping with them. It is not always appropriate to hand out neatly-rounded rational explanations of God's work when someone's world has just fallen apart. It is my hope that this book will be of some help at some point in such people's experience. I hope that it will lead some who despair to find genuine hope in the God who is there."

2007, St Andrew Press, Edinburgh (ISBN: 978-0-7152-0844-1)

Cost: £7.99

www.churchofscotlandshop.org.uk

CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid Week

10th–16th May 2009



Eighteen-year-old Nadia Kabula's story is not an extraordinary one. For many people in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), life is a struggle. Following ten years of conflict, malnourishment and preventable diseases still claim thousands of lives each week. Christian Aid partner organisations are helping to rebuild lives and livelihoods in some of the DRC's most vulnerable communities.

After the greatest challenge of Nadia's life, Christian Aid partner Humanité Nouvelle was there to help her focus on the future and the hope of a better life.

Nadia's father died suddenly two-and-a-half years ago. Her grieving mother, Brigitte, struggled to provide for her six children. Even though Brigitte works gruelling 48-hour shifts, some weeks her transport costs total almost as much as her weekly salary.

Nadia was profoundly affected by the death of her father, whom she adored. And his death had immediate practical implications. There was no money to pay for her schooling, so she had to drop out and care for her younger siblings while their mother worked.

Families like Nadia's often hear about Humanité Nouvelle's tailoring course through their local church. The course helps poor girls to develop skills to support themselves and their families. Nadia explains why girls in similar situations turn to sex work: 'They need to pursue their education and, with a lack of means, get desperate.'

It would have been easy for Nadia to despair. But instead Humanité Nouvelle 'have given me education for life', she says. She completed the course and now helps to teach the new intake of girls.

Nadia still takes care of her siblings, as well as being a mentor at Humanité Nouvelle. Her mother describes her as 'a blessing... [without her] things would be very hard'. And it's not just her family who speak so positively of

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her – her pastor also talks about the inspiring influence of her gospel singing.

Nadia is confident that she can earn a good living from sewing and she is clear about her priorities: 'If God helps me... I will do all I can to take care of my siblings and my mother.'



Christian Aid/Neil Brooker

Nadia Kabula (left) has completed a tailoring course with Christian Aid partner Humanité Nouvelle. She says it has given her 'education for life'

As collectors we can be inspired by Nadia. Even in difficult circumstances she is planting seeds of hope around her.

And Nadia's mother has a message for us:

'You volunteers should not be discouraged when you're turned away from houses. You should carry on because without that money it would be very difficult for... children from destitute backgrounds to get training, get a job and secure their future.'

Your time and money are more valuable than you know. You could give a chance of a brighter future to another young person like Nadia, and support them to bring hope to the people around them.

The ripple effect of collecting at Christian Aid Week is immense – by taking part you are working alongside people like Nadia to help change the world.

- £5 could buy six yards of material, from which a three-piece woman's outfit can be made.
- £10 could provide a girl with enough material to complete a 12-month tailoring course.
- £40 could pay the monthly salary of a tailoring instructor.

www.caweek.org

ACTION GROUPS

Money Action Group



The Money Action Group has the responsibility of overseeing St Andrew's church finance. This includes managing the income, expenditure and budget under the remit of the Kirk Session.

The group's convenor is May Shaw (treasurer) who reports action points agreed by the groups six members to the co-ordinating group and ultimately the Kirk Session.

The Money Action Group has developed close links with the Material Action Group to ensure that the fabric of St Andrew's is maintained and developed. Their relationship with this group has been enhanced recently with the agreement of each group to share copies of meeting minutes. This ensures that the group is aware of the maintenance programme being developed by this group and the time schedule for action.

The Money Action Group meets regularly every two months ensuring that all issues are dealt with in a timely fashion. The group was instrumental in organising the Christmas Fayre which realised £1,830 for church funds. A big thank you is extended to the church members who helped and attended the event making it so successful.

Another remit of the Money Action Group is to source funding for church projects. During December 2008 the group applied to the "Awards for All" program for a grant to fund the installation of disabled toilet facilities and a roller shutter door for the Nazarene Hall. In February 2009 the money group were delighted to be informed that the application had been successful in achieving an award to the value of £8569. Work on this project will be progressed during 2009 by the Material Action Group.

Other projects which the Money Action Group have been involved with include:

- Development of an IT policy for St Andrew's Church. The Kirk Session of St Andrew's recognised that computers were a neces-

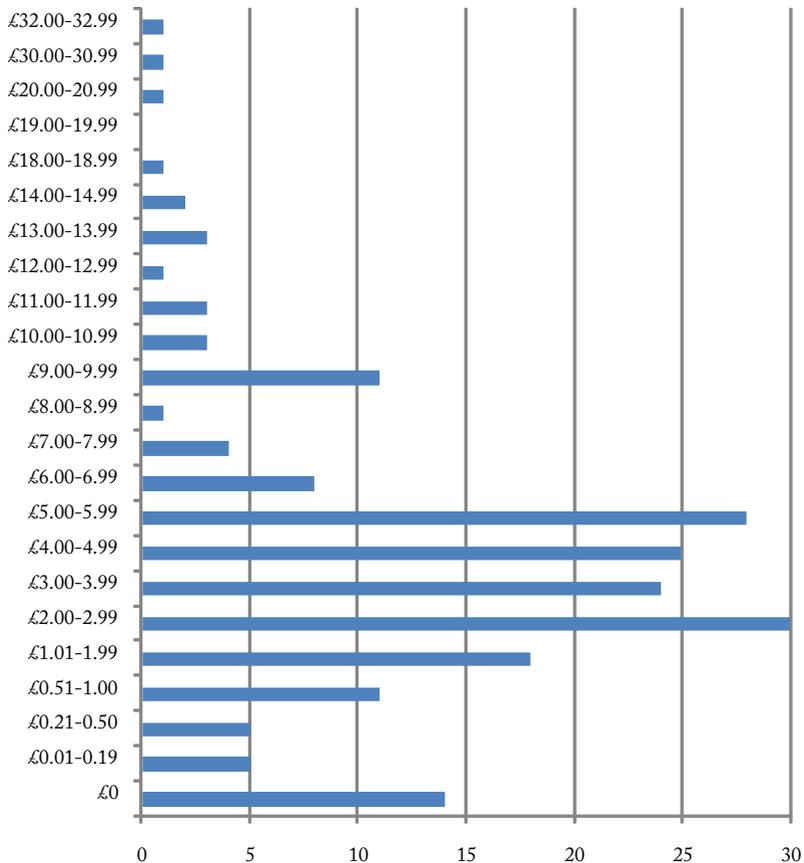
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sary tool for ministry as well as being essential for proper ministerial professionalism. The purpose of the policy was to define standards, purpose and restrictions in order to best implement the Session's decision to provide adequate IT services.

- Providing offering data regularly.

If you would like to help with the financial decisions for St Andrew's Church and become involved in the Money Action Group, please contact May Shaw.

Weekly Free Will Offering & Standing Orders in 2008 (Number of Members per Amount)



ACTION GROUPS

Membership Action Group

As members of the Membership Action Group we have had a busy year arranging various events for the congregation as a whole to participate in.

In March or April we invite the families of the babies baptised during the year to come to the 'Cradle Roll Service' in which they are given a warm welcome and a posy of flowers to mark their baptism. We also follow-up with a visit to the family. This year's Cradle Roll Service will take place on Palm Sunday, 5th April.

We held a 'Cream Tea' one Sunday after the service which was enjoyed by all who came. This was a time of fellowship when the congregation could mix with and enjoy each other's company. This was a great success.

We check the visitor's book and look out for new people coming, to ensure they receive a warm welcome. We encourage all, as church members, to keep an eye out for visitors to St Andrew's and to welcome them and make them feel at home in this church fellowship.

We also discuss things like those who come to church to encourage them to think about church membership and if our minister has any courses that would be beneficial to us as a group.

We hold regular meetings and are a happy caring group.

Who is in the Group?

At the moment the Membership Action Group includes Donna Anderson, Elsie Balneaves, Helen Finnie, Sandra Goodall, Helen Gordon, Jean Murray (who is Convenor), John Prentice and Catherine Williamson.



St Andrew's
Action
Groups
Membership

ACTION GROUPS

Material Action Group

Who are the Material Action Group? What do we do? It may seem obvious but is it? It may surprise you what comes under our banner. First the obvious... we spend your money!!! We hope wisely, maintaining the buildings belonging to the church, but did you know that we are also responsible for maintaining and decorating the Manse and that we have re-roofed it and fitted new glazing to make it wind and water-tight?

We also organised in 2008 the replacment of the glazing on the Elm street side of the church. The pigeons are a work in hand, however! We as a group have also to keep records of all church property from hymn books to the new tea urn in the kitchen. Cleaning is also our responsibility, or at least seeing that it is done, although at the moment we have not enough people to make up a rota so we do it ourselves. Any problem whether it be electrics or plumbing, mouse traps or toilet cleaner comes to us.

Another area is forward planning within the buildings and in this regard we are working on major improvements to upgrade certain aspects of the Nazarene Hall to make it more user friendly and appealing to our church groups and potential hirers as another source of revenue for the church. This planning is done generally in consultation with other groups who sometimes generate ideas for us to investigate: all working together for the good of St Andrew's.

Who are we? The core group is made up of Lorraine Brown, David Simpson, Geoff Krawczyk and Ian MacKenzie with help coming from other people for different projects.

We should also mention Jon Dorricot who was a member of our group; more than that; he was for a long time the quiet engine that kept turning over many of the unfashionable jobs that always need to be done. We will miss him a lot and, believe me, so will the church.



St Andrew's
**Action
Groups**
Material

GUIDING

World Thinking Day

Thank you to everyone who attended the Thinking Day Church service on Sunday 22nd February.

2009 has seen the start of guides around the world preparing for our centenary - 100 years of guiding, in 2010. The theme is entitled "Changing the World". Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units have teamed up with dozens of charities to encourage girls to think about how we can change the world by learning more and fundraising to help those less fortunate. One of these charities is Camfed.



What is Camfed?

Camfed International works to solve long term health, economic and social issues in Africa by investing in girls' education in some of the poorest regions of Zimbabwe, Zambia, Ghana and Tanzania.

Camfed's mission is to provide access to education for girls in rural Africa who would not otherwise be able to attend school because of poverty. The charity was established in 1992 when Ann Cotton travelled to rural Zimbabwe to find that very few girls were attending school. The cost of education was too overwhelming for families. Ann began selling sandwiches and cakes at a local market and soon had raised enough money to send 32 girls to school. And thus, Camfed was born.

In 2007 more than 392,100 children in four African nations, were benefiting from Camfed's programme of educational support. 4 out of 5 African girls still don't get a chance to go to secondary school.

Guiding in St. Andrews would like to ask you to help us fundraise throughout this year -

£7.50 is enough to buy a girl a pair of school shoes so she can go to school

£14 will pay for a girl's school uniform

£25 can buy books and stationery for a girl that will last for a year.

Thanks go to the members of the Kirk Session who, on your behalf, have agreed to donate money collected in March from your jars of grace to the charity Camfed. Your money and prayers, given generously, will help us to change the world.

GUIDING

3rd Blantyre Brownies

The new session started back on 8th September 2008 and we welcomed a whole bunch of new faces to our pack to replace the Brownies who had moved onto the Guides and the two who had moved away, one to England and one to America.

However before they left us, and to end the previous session, we took part in the Save The Children Giant Sleepover. This is an event that involves children from all across the UK (and other parts of the world) in an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for 'the biggest simultaneous sleepover'. In 2007 there were 25,000+ participants and in 2008 there were 37,000+ participants.

The Brownies decided to have a High School Musical Sleepover and we thank the Church Board for very kindly allowing us to use the Nazarene Hall for this event. We would also like to thank Steven Price for coming



along and entertaining the Brownies with a fabulous magic show. After the magic show we had our McDonalds Happy Meals then settled down to watch the High School Musical movie, joining in with the singing and dancing at the end, and finally having a High School Musical quiz. The Giant Sleepover was a huge success, in 2007 there were 25,000+ participants and in 2008 there were 37,000+ participants. The Brownies have already signed up to take part in this year's event which takes place on Saturday 20 June 2009.

3rd Blantyre Rainbows

Rainbows meet every Wednesday night from 6-7p.m. Our hourly meetings involve playing games, arts & crafts and some badgework.

In the past year we have celebrated Christmas, Easter & Thinking Day with some special craft work. We have enjoyed a trip to the cinema, and parties with other Blantyre Rainbow units.

Girls aged between 5-7 years are welcome to join us any Wednesday evening.

PUZZLE PAGES

A Wordsearch for Easter

A I S P R I N G O H R I S E N
L P A S S O V E R E T R I A L
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C R B L R A G O U L F E N C P
H E R O I S L R R I E G A A R
R T S E N P E E C S E S R C I
I S T A S J M U N L H A A J E
S O M B E T R A Y E D I E U S
T O I R A C S I R E T E P D T
R R E H C R U H C Y O J P A R
G A R D E N O I T A V L A S N

ALIVE

ANGEL

APOSTLES

APPEARANCE

ARREST

BARABBAS

BETRAYED

CALVARY

CHRIST

CHURCH

CROSS

CRUCIFIED

DEATH

EGGS

EMMAUS

GARDEN

GETHSEMANE

GOLGOTHA

ISCARIOT

JERUSALEM

JESUS

JOY

JUDAS

MAGDALENE

MARY

PARADE

PASSOVER

PEACE

PETER

PILATE

PRIEST

REDEEMED

RISEN

ROMANS

ROOSTER

SALVATION

SANHEDRIN

SPRING

TOMB

TRIAL

WORSHIP

(Use left over

letters form a

word. Ans: p.26)

PUZZLE PAGES

An Easter Sudoku

Here is another special Sudoku for Easter. Not using numbers as they usually do, but letters instead. The principle is the same. What do you have to do? You have to find all the letters of the phrase we're looking for in each of the 3x3 squares, plus all these letters will also be found in each row and each column. All you have to do is work out where they go. Don't guess, you can get into a right mess! Try and work it out.

To get you started, some of the letters are already filled in. Have fun! This puzzle is rated 'Medium Difficulty'.

The letters you need to place form the phrase:

GOD WITH US

	H	G		O			
	D						I
			T	D	H		
H			D	G			W
S		W		U		H	G
	T			W	I		O
			W	I	U		
W							U
				T		G	I

CHURCH NOTICES

Sacrament of Holy Communion

June 2009

- 3rd 7 p.m. Short Mid-Week Communion Service
7th 11 a.m. Morning Worship Communion Service

September 2009

- 6th 11 a.m. All-Age Communion Service
6th 3 p.m. Afternoon Communion Service

Baptisms

*Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them
in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

November 2008

- 2nd Niamh Anne Morley, parents: Derek & Karen Morley
16th Curtis Glen Gibson McCafferty, mother: Christine McCafferty

February 2009

- 1st Rachel Elizabeth Fleming, parents: Jonathan & Karyn Fleming
8th Sophie Elizabeth Ann Ritchie, parents: Mark & Janice Ritchie

Funerals

I am the resurrection and the life.

November 2008

- 12th Mrs Catherine Miller, 6 Tay Place, East Kilbride
24th Mr Alexander Smith, 54 Glasgow Road, Blantyre
25th Mrs Jessie Barclay, 53 Burnbrae Road, Blantyre
26th Mrs Belle Broadley, 35 Fernlea Avenue, Blantyre

December 2008

- 27th Mrs Iris Welch, Lornebank Nursing Home
29th Mrs Mary Bell, 16 Cemetery Road, Blantyre

January 2009

- 23rd Mrs Mary Nash, 7 Yarrow Way, Blantyre
28th Mrs Elizabeth Stevenson, 1 Melrose Place, Blantyre
29th Mr Jonathan Dorricott, 33 Poplar Place, Blantyre

March 2009

- 10th Mr Daniel Hampsey, 18 Donaldson Street, Burnbank
11th Mr Peter Hutchison, 39 Sutherland Street, Blantyre
25th Ms Barbara Smith, 13 Winton Crescent, Blantyre

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AND FINALLY...

Scotch Pancakes



An elderly man lay dying in his bed. In death's agony, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favorite Scotch pancakes wafting up the stairs.

He gathered his remaining strength, and lifted himself from his bed. Leaning against the wall, he slowly made his way out of the bedroom,

and with even greater effort forced himself down the stairs, gripping the railing with both hands. With laboured breath, he leaned against the door frame, gazing into the kitchen.

Were it not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in Heaven: there, on the kitchen table half covered with a tea towel was the biggest pile of pancakes he had ever seen. There must have been hundreds. Was it Heaven? Or, was it one final act of heroic love from his devoted wife, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man?

Mustering one great final effort, he threw himself toward the table, landing on his knees in a rumped posture. His parched lips parted; the wonderous taste of the pancake was already in his mouth, seemingly bringing him back to life. The aged, withered and shaking hand made its way to a pancake at the edge of the table, when it was suddenly smacked with a spatula by his wife. "Stay out of those", she said, "they're for the funeral."

