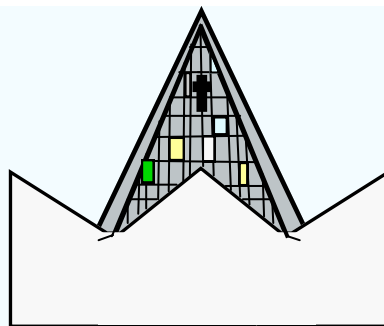


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HARVEST Thanksgiving Service Sunday 9th October



Donations of food please for
GLASGOW CITY MISSION

WHAT THEY CAN USE: Tinned goods (preferably pull top lids): e.g. Beans, Soup, Tuna/meat, Fruit, Vegetables, & Puddings. Also Coffee, Bags of sugar, Bottles of diluting juice

WHAT THEY CAN NOT USE: Perishable Goods : Fresh food, Home made food (health and safety reasons), Fruit, Bread etc.

Fundraising Group— Future Events (Dates For The Diary)

<u>Soup & Sandwiches</u>	<u>Coffee Morning</u>	<u>Italian Night</u>	<u>Phoenix Choir</u>
11th September	1st October	29th October	17th December
9th October	(In aid of Church Funds) (Details To Follow)		
20th November	10:00am—12:00noon.		
11th December			

Released At Last..!! - A New Editor

Ewen McKinnon

One Sunday morning back in May, we were late for church. Not unusual as we have 2 teenage daughters! Rushing up the stairs, I was suddenly beckoned by our session clerk Bill Cumming. "Just the very man" I was immediately on my guard. "How would you like to become the editor of the church magazine?" Before I could select an appropriate excuse from my pre-prepared mental list, the words "OK, Why not" had already passed my lips!

Well how hard could it be ? It's only a magazine after all...!! How wrong I was. What's the purpose of a magazine? Who do I ask to contribute? How do I format it? Etc, etc. So many questions, I then realised how little I knew about our church & the people of our church. So at last, my first issue is out, with a new (but I'm sure used before) name which I think fits the purpose of our Magazine.

I hope you enjoy the format and the content. I would welcome your comments, good & bad, or any topics you would like to see included, dates, events etc. or if you would like to contribute an article yourself. After all, it's your magazine. Please contact me in person or email me at ewen.mckinnon@blueyonder.co.uk So, I'm off to start on the Winter edition—hopefully it will be out before Easter!

A letter from the Minister

Rev. Neil Buchanan

When Marion and I came to East Kilbride in January, we really didn't know what to expect. The initial signs, which included a warm welcome and enthusiastic support surrounding my Induction into a new charge, meant that we were optimistic about the future but there was a definite degree of faith involved in our move that we were following the path that God had laid out for us.

The last 6 months have confirmed to us that we have made the right decision in coming here.

We feel very much at home and although Marion is not as involved in the life of Moncreiff as much as she would like to be because of her working commitment to the church in Garthamlock, she

nevertheless is very happy to be associated in any way she can with the life of our congregation. That is why, in the new session, we hope to start a series of 'get togethers' where gradually we will both get the opportunity to meet as many people from this church and area as is possible for us. These gatherings will be very informal in nature and will involve us in sharing some food, drink and fellowship.

It will not matter if you have not been around the church for a while, because it's easy to get out of the habit of going to church when circumstances change in life.

Likewise, even if you are a regular attender, this will give us the chance to get to know one another better and you will also have an opportunity to get to know your neighbours a little better too. If you need transport it can be arranged and if you would like to come with a spouse, partner, family member, neighbour or friend who is not a member, then they too will be welcome.

Shared hospitality will be the mark of our common life together. Where we can meet and enjoy one another's company, this will help equip us for what we plan to do together in the future in outreach. Our church faces a huge challenge about how we should best communicate the good news of the gospel to those whom we live alongside. The first task is to get to know one another so that we can move forward with renewed enthusiasm, hope, faith and love. It is important that we share a vision of what the church should be and can be locally. We do not exist to serve our own interests but to live and work for the God who made us and the Son who redeemed us. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we should prayerfully become more aware of the direction we should take. We begin simply by looking out for one another's interests and by taking notice of the people in our parish, wider community, nation and world, who God, in His great love, reaches out to. Living with care and compassion is our goal. There are so many who live without sense of purpose, without a knowledge of a God who came down to earth to save them, and in circumstances where their dignity and worth are ignored by powers that deny their humanity and leave them living in abject poverty and need.

Toyohiko Kagawa was a Japanese pacifist, Christian reformer and evangelist. He wrote, spoke and worked at length on ways to employ Christian principles in the ordering of society. His vocation to help the poor led him to live among them, and he established schools, hospitals and churches. He was also a great innovator and critical thinker. One of his great lines is, "I read in a book that a man called Christ went about doing good. It is very disconcerting to me that I am so easily satisfied with just going about". Let us take these words to heart in Moncreiff and, remember what Paul wrote in 1st Corinthians Chapter 10 and verse 31 "Whatever you do, do it all for God's glory. Live in such a way as to cause no trouble to Jews or Gentiles or to the church of God. Just do as I do: I try to please everyone in all that I do, not thinking of my own good, but of the good of all, so that they might be saved. Imitate me, then, just as I imitate Christ"

Message from the Session Clerk

Bill Cumming

Well, that was the summer that was! While the weather may not have been as good as we would have liked, the opportunity was still there for us to take the time out to recharge our batteries and prepare for a new season in Moncreiff. The big question has to be, "What lies ahead for Moncreiff?"

At the end of May the Kirk Session led by our Moderator, Rev. Neil Buchanan, came up with a series of ideas for introducing different ways in the life and times of our congregation. Some of these are entirely new and others are old ideas with a different slant. All of them will require the help and endeavour of not only the members of the Kirk Session and Congregational Board, but also the members of Moncreiff. Among the changes will be:

- New dates for Communion services (these will be advised later this year)
- Introduction of a service of dedication for all organisations
- New links to organisations by specified elders
- A greater involvement in Sunday worship by members of the congregation, in particular through the Worship Group.
- Development of the "Kitchen Services" in addition to the Coffee Shop.
- An increase in "Social Events" within and outwith Moncreiff

All of these are designed to make Moncreiff a more welcoming and lively place to be.

Another important change to be noted is that of our Treasurer. Unfortunately, Samantha Gillespie has been compelled by pressure of work to step aside from the post after a fairly short period. This is a disappointment to us and has upset Sam as she was getting to grips with Moncreiff and its financial needs and bringing her enthusiasm and knowledge to the Board. She will not be lost to us, however, and will remain a member of the Congregational Board. In the meantime, we thank her most sincerely for her work on our behalf.

We are very fortunate that Richard Gibson who has been a member of our Kirk Session for many years has volunteered to undertake this onerous job and, having undergone some guidance from Sam on the nuances of Moncreiff's systems and finances, has taken over the role. Again, we have to be thankful that someone as capable as Richard is prepared to step up to the plate when needed. We look forward to his financial guidance in the months and years to come.

As a parting shot, Sam did tell me that our offerings for the year to date are up by just under 3% on last year. While this is a move in the right direction, it is unlikely to be enough to keep the wolf from the door at the end of December when the Church of Scotland come calling for the balance of their required £67000 from Moncreiff.

Although that seems a huge demand we must remember that we are regarded as a big congregation who are in a position to support other less well off congregations in the Church throughout Scotland and, there are many of them. Currently, Presbyteries throughout Scotland are looking at plans to reduce the number of ministers and probably parishes in the country. The simple fact is that the Church of Scotland Maintenance of the Ministry Fund cannot sustain the level of staff it currently has. East Kilbride is not saved from this and plans are afoot for a reshape of ministry within the town.

Back to summer! We visited Braemar and district and looked in on one or two of the kirks in the area as tourists do. I came away from Ballater with a copy of their magazine. A couple of pages were devoted to the problem just mentioned. They need a contribution of £16k per annum from churches like ours just to cover the cost of a minister. The members are being reminded that they are in dire straits! They need the Moncreiffs of this country. This was a stark reminder of the difficulties facing our National Church – and that's only one of them!

'Roll Away The Stone' -- PRINCES STREET GARDENS EDINBURGH (Sunday 22nd May 2011)

Bill McDougall

At a Session Meeting earlier in the Year our Minister Neil Buchanan intimated that a new event was being introduced on the Sunday of General Assembly. The Event was 'Roll the Stone Away' and it was to be held within Princes Street Gardens with the theme of 'Celebration, Inspiration and Discovery'. This was a free event for both young and old within the Church Family involving music, drama, attractions and activities.

There was a ground swell of support for attendance from the Session because of the successful Young Church attendance over the recent months and an ad hoc Committee from the youth leaders within the Session and some senior members made the necessary arrangements. A Bus was booked and the Young Church members were lettered and the Congregation intimated. A tremendous response from everyone and within weeks the 57 seater bus was full and following morning worship at Moncreiff we left the Church at 12 noon on Sunday 22 May.

A great mixture within the Bus with everyone excited about the Trip. The passing of 'sweeties' up and down both sides of the Bus was a feature with great chat and enthusiasm from everyone who attended. The Event itself was to take place within the West End of the Gardens and was timed between 1pm and 6pm. Our excellent Bus Driver dropped us at the rear entrance of the Park at 1pm and arranged to pick us up at the same spot at 6pm and off we went.



It was dry and windy (Edinburgh) and everyone of the Moncreiff Party got into the Park and immediately were involved with professional actors walking around the Gardens dressed in appropriate clothing for Jesus time on this Earth and acting out scenes from the Easter Play. The Moncreiff Party were immediately part of the crowd listening to the play and then because we had all come with packed lunches there was a need to find an area to have lunch whilst studying the Map and Events Guide that were being distributed. During this time the rain came on (Edinburgh) and some of our flock were soon scrambling for tree shelter where some of the more experienced members of our party had already camped. This only lasted 20 minutes and the rest of the afternoon was glorious sunshine and everyone armed with the Event Guide went forth (Edinburgh) and explored the Event.

The Band Stand featured different music styles from the Scottish Art Chamber Orchestra, Fischy Music, the Scotland African Massed Choir and Steph Macleod and his Band. Something for everyone and especially good for the Younger members who enjoyed the modern Rock Band culture. A broad spectrum of musical talent on display for all age groups. In addition there were a host of attractions and activities. Clowns, buskers and scenes from

the Easter Play were acted out amongst the information stands from the various Councils of the Church. There were activities to make your own candleholder from old Church pews and painting and design workshops. In the nearby St Cuthbert's Church at the west end of the gardens there were drumming workshops/Messy Church Activities(Do not tell Mr Gillespie)/Jazz/School Choirs/Organ recitals and a good cup of Tea -if you already hadn't had your Tea (Edinburgh).

The climax of the Event was the massed Choirs and Bands at 5pm where we all enjoyed and were uplifted by some great Music and Hymn singing. At 5 minutes to six the Moncreiff Party were seen running through the Park to meet with our Bus Driver as promised at 6 pm. Not one person was late - we were on the Bus and back to East Kilbride for shortly after 7 pm. It had been a great day and lived up to the expectation and aspirations of all who attended.

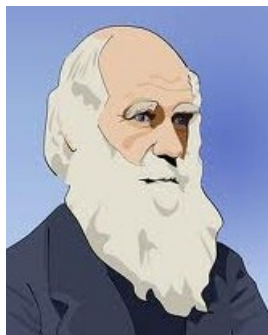
We are fortunate in Moncreiff to have such a spirit of fun and support for all events within our Church. This was a different event that once more brought all age groups together and once more cements the strong message that we are 'The Church at the Heart of Calderwood with Calderwood at its Heart'

Just A Thought.....

(Taken from a recent issue of Life and Work)

This quote by Charles Darwin maybe relates to us here in Moncreiff.....

Let us not become old!

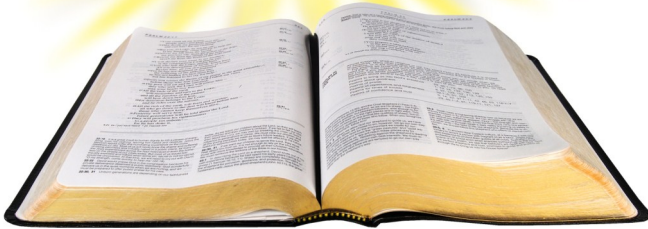


'IT IS NOT THE STRONGEST OF THE SPECIES THAT SURVIVE, NOR THE MOST INTELLIGENT, BUT THE ONES MOST RESPONSIVE TO CHANGE'

The Scottish Bible Society 400th Anniversary of the King James Version

Marjory Lindsay

KING JAMES BIBLE 400 YEAR ANNIVERSARY 1611 - 2011



Many of us have a favourite verse from the bible which sustains, encourages or comforts us in difficult or anxious times, and due to the help and foresight of King James the 6th of Scotland and 1st of England we and millions worldwide can read these words for ourselves. Learning too of God's wonderful love shown in the person of His son the Lord Jesus Christ.

In 1611 the King James Version of the bible was made available after initial proposals were made at the general assembly of the Church of Scotland in 1601 meeting at Burnt island and attended by King James. The idea was then moved forward at a conference convened by the King at Hampton court on 1604, the bible being finally published in 1611. Since then the truth of 2nd Timothy Ch.3 vs.16 has been wonderfully proved as correct.

In celebration of the 400 years since then, the Scottish Bible Society throughout this year is marking the anniversary with various events, one being 'The People's Bible' an event moving round Scotland, including East Kilbride on Monday 26th September in the town centre, inviting everyone in the vicinity at the time and who wants to be part of history to write out two verses of scripture. What is written in Scotland will be joined to those verses written in other parts of the U.K. as arranged by the English bible society. The completed bible will then be presented at a special service in Westminster Abbey on November 16th to be attended by Her Majesty the Queen.

Another part of the celebrations for the anniversary year is a DVD drama/documentary called 'KJB - The book That Changed The World' written and filmed by Norman Stone, husband of Sally Magnusson. The film tells the story both of the King James Bible and the King himself; hopefully we will be able to share this together on some later occasion. Lets give thanks for the foresight and faith of so many people through these 400 years, and pray that all the plans of the Scottish Bible Society for this year's celebrations will experience God's Blessing and be instrumental in touching many hearts and sowing seeds of faith which will in due time reap a wonderful harvest for God's Kingdom.

'The Coffee Shop' - Funds

Morag McDougall

A big thank you to all our Volunteers and Customers throughout last session for the support of the Coffee Mornings each weekday between 10 am and 1130 am. With the monies accrued we have been able to contribute greatly to the following projects within the fabric of the Church viz:-

- Painting of the Old Hall
- New curtains and Poles for the Old Hall
- Projector and Screen within the Church



A sincere thanks to all who come and use the fellowship of the Coffee Shop and who contribute regularly to the funds.

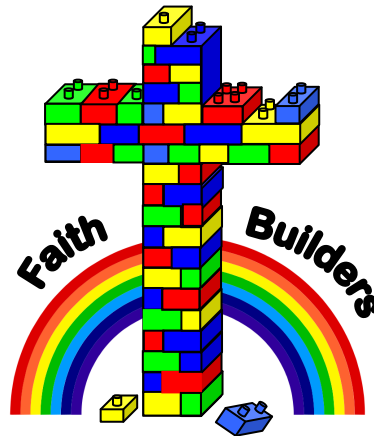
Young Church - A Time For Change ?

Karen Moran

With a new session almost upon us, Young Church starts with a new name. We will now be known as.

'Moncreiff Faith Builders'.

Back in May, we asked the children, in the form of a competition, to come up with an idea for a new name and also to design a logo to represent our organisation. The winning name of 'Faith Builders' was suggested by nine year old Sarah Crawford, and her logo design is shown here. (You can see the full colour version about the church!)



This session we are also changing the number of departments from four to three and giving them a new name too;

Funday Club – (3 Years – Primary 2)

Crosswalk – (Primary 3 – 7)

Yo-Yo – (Secondary School)

We are going to use a new teaching material called 'Roots' where all the departments will be using the same theme as the Church service.

The leaders are excited about the new session and look forward to welcoming the children and young people back for some fun, games, stories and activities.

COMING SOON....

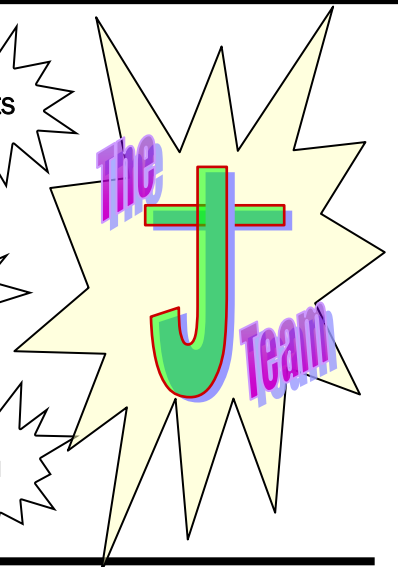
MONCREIFF PARISH CHURCH

HOLIDAY CLUB

Ages : Primary 3 - 7

OCT .17th—21st (10 -12noon)

QUICK....Run and Join us !!



Nu-U

Karen Campbell (Youth Worker)

It has been a relatively quiet time for Nu-U over the summer holidays, although we did have a team doing Street Work in the Calderwood and St Leonards area on Friday nights over several weeks. This was helped by the warmer than usual July weather as it meant we came across a lot more young people hanging out on the streets. We made contact with several young people, many of whom go to Calderglen High, which will hopefully give us an opportunity to follow up on this initial contact. I also participated in a sports week and youth drop-in run by Calderwood Baptist Church during the summer as part of their missions programme.



I am currently gearing up for the start of the new school year and am happy that I am able to participate with 4 classes each week at Calderglen High School again this year. I will continue to run the Scripture Union Group, Re:Creation, which is on Thursday lunchtimes in the school, as well as help with the S2 lunchtime drop-in run by council youth services, Active Breaks. I have been invited to give an update from Nu-U at Claremont Parish Church during their back to school Sunday at the end of this month and the Girls Bible Study Group will also start back on Friday the 19th August once the school term begins.

Nu-Friday, our drop in at the Calderwood Community Hall is starting back on the 26th August in the usual format. We are looking forward to a varied programme between now and December that includes trips to ten-pin bowling, the local fireworks display and ice-skating in George Square at Christmas, as well as another movie night.

We are currently looking into the possibility of a Joint Church Youth Weekend Away sometime next Spring for Moncreiff, Claremont and Calderwood Baptist youth with the opportunity for some of our Nu-Friday regulars to come along too. I have been making contact with Christian outdoor centres with regard to cost and arrangement for this - so hopefully we will have some more news about that very soon.

We are sadly saying goodbye to Julius Kawuki, who is returning to his home country of Uganda at the end of August. Julius has been at Claremont Parish Church for 2 years as a Careforce Volunteer and has been heavily involved with Nu-U and at Nu-Friday during his time in East Kilbride. He has had a huge impact on our local young people and will be greatly missed by us all.

Finally, we are happy to welcome Malcolm McIntyre from Moncreiff Parish Church to Nu-U as a director of the project.

Some points for prayer:

- Pray for Malcolm McIntyre as he takes on the new role as a director of the project. We also are looking for some new members for the management committee. Pray for wisdom as we seek people to take on this role.
- We are currently looking into securing funding to enable the project to continue to run and to further develop over the next few years. The Parish Development Funding will only take us to the end of next year, so please do pray for us as we look into what other options are available to us and for the applications are they are processed.
- Pray for all current areas of our ministry and that we would continue to see a genuine interest in the gospel amongst the young people we are working with and for more opportunities to encourage young people along to the churches that support the project.
- Please also pray for the future vision of the project and that we would be led by the Holy Spirit to continue to develop the work with God's purposes for us as a priority.

3rd East Kilbride Company Girls' Brigade

Suzanne Bennie



Following a successful 'mini' display and presentation of awards, we headed off to Biggar for our annual camp. The girls who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the officers were thankful for a glorious weekend of sunshine!

During the summer months, some of the older Brigaders have been out on expeditions for their Duke of Edinburgh Award. The Bronze and Silver groups had an extremely wet experience on 18/19 June when they were in Aberfoyle for their practice but are hoping for a drier couple of days at the end of August when they go out on their final expedition. There are three girls currently working towards their Gold D of E, two of which are looking forward to next week (16-20 August) when they will be in the Abernethy Christian Adventure Centre, Loch Tay near Killin to complete the residential section. They will also complete their four-day (50 miles) expedition at the end of September in the Braemar area.

We are entering our 50th year as we were registered and started as a Girls' Guildry Company in September 1961. However, as there are no records in HQ of our affiliation date, we don't actually know when we should officially mark the anniversary. We do know our registration date and also that our first Annual Display was in May 1962 but somewhere in between we would have officially been affiliated. If anyone has any recollection or knows someone who may have more information, we'd be pleased to hear from you.

We are currently preparing for our new session, when we hope to see all the girls returning as well as a lot of new faces!

The Guild

Anne McIntyre

The Guild has had another successful year and the ladies have hopefully been enjoying the Summer break.

The new Guild session will resume on Tuesday 4th October at 7.30pm when our speaker will be Rev. Neil Buchanan.

Our Committee has been working hard to compile a varied and interesting syllabus. We have demonstrations, interesting speakers - some serious and others humorous, fun nights, entertainment, visits to the theatre and outings.

We are always ready to welcome new members (male or female) or members who we haven't seen for some time.

So if you have a free evening any Tuesday, and would like to meet new friends, please come along at 7.30pm and sample our friendship and fellowship. Bring a friend if you wish. We don't think you will be disappointed.

The Guild

New Session
Starts
Tuesday 4th October
7.30 PM

Anyone For Tea ?

From 5th September onwards –Tea and Coffee will be served after church by the fundraising group.

Why not come along and enjoy some tea & fellowship!



News from the Third World Group

Barbara Graham

A friend of mine has suggested that a few of the congregation may not know what the Third World Group is all about, so I have decided to give you the jist!

In January 1988, Alastair Lusk, the then minister, asked my husband and I, Ian and Hazel Hamilton to form a group for the Third World. He left it to us how we handled it. At the beginning we were able to sell biscuits supplied by Lees, but unfortunately it was packed up a couple of years later. We had also decided on a mile of pennies which had grown and grown and we now have a basket in the vestibule every Sunday for donations, they have of course increased from pennies to pound coins, (though we take any coins!) and we have even been blessed with notes!!

Ian Hamilton was the first convener, Hazel was the treasurer and I was the minute secretary. I took over the treasurer's post in 1995, Ian resigned and my Will took the chair, now that has all passed and I am all three!!

We have a committee of 10 at the moment, and the majority have been with me for many years. We meet 8

times a year for about one hour. We discuss the appeals and decide which we will send to. We like to give to projects. One charity 'Breadline Africa' asks for specific things. We get nice letters back from Edna the boss and also from the children who have been fortunate to get an education.

We have also had the Bearsden Fiddlers to help raise funds, plus other fundraisers.

We also had appeals for the Tsunami, Haiti and others. We have raised in the region of £50,000 to date, an enormous sum through the generosity and support of the congregation for which we thank you yet again.

Since the beginning of 2011 we have donated over £970 to various charities. Breadline, Medical Aid/Palestinians, Care, Mercy Ships, World Children's fund, and a number of others, including a donation for the East Africa crisis, just a month ago. We are now saving towards our next meeting in September. Once again thank you all for your continuing support

A Fair Trade ?

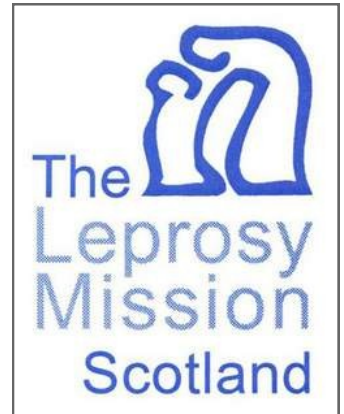
Anne McIntyre

Do you think about fair-trade? Isn't it unfair that some people in the 3rd world countries don't earn a fair wage for their work? You can help by choosing fairly traded goods when you visit the supermarket. Just replacing one item on your shopping list can make a great difference. Choose one item, look for the equivalent item with the Fair Trade mark and try it. Fairly traded goods are on sale in our Church vestibule on the last Sunday of each month at close of Worship. Please look at the stall and anything that you buy helps to ensure a decent wage for the producers and workers.



'Philately Will Get You Everywhere!' - The Leprosy Mission

Douglas Lindsay



PHILATELY is still one of the most popular hobbies in the world, though for how long that will continue is difficult to say.

I was encouraged into the hobby by my mother when I was in Primary School, and since we attended a place of worship which had a large percentage of its members serving as missionaries, foreign stamps came thick and fast.

Alas, not only did the stamps come in that manner, but so also did countries. Abyssinia became Ethiopia, Gold Coast became Ghana, Bechuanaland became Botswana (home of the First Ladies Detective Agency!), and so it continues to this day. (Will Scotland produce its own stamps soon?).

Eventually it became impossible to collect all stamps, and I had to decide whether to specialise on a country or a theme - birds, flowers, sport, churches, the list is endless. I decided that it would have to be Great Britain only, and I think I have all definitive and commemorative issues since 1945, used and unused.

So it was a pleasure to volunteer to succeed dear Jim Baxter some years ago in overseeing the gathering of stamps for the wonderful work of the Leprosy Mission, a work which Jim and Gwyneth had done together with great faithfulness. These stamps are taken home each Sunday from the Maxwellton Primary boot in the vestibule and each stamp is carefully inspected in the afternoon, and then put into one of three piles - well, to be honest, four piles. GB definitive, GB commemorative, and Foreign are the three. The fourth? Sadly it is the pile of those which go into our bin, for they are utterly worthless, having been cut too close to the stamp, or having been covered with sellotape.

We have donations from many Moncreiff members, but also diverse places of business, schools, medical centres and other congregations. Three times a year at least four large cartons are lifted from our home and taken to the Mission HQ's in Stirling. Sometimes we are able to include First Day Covers and complete Albums, and all these are purchased by UK Stamp Dealers, with the money going to the Leprosy Mission.

I have "another half" in this work, and it is not Marjory, but Susan Whyte, who sees to the little phials which many of you hold in your homes and hand in when full. If either Susan or I can give more details, please ask us, and if you do not know who we are, we are sure that your Elder will! Thank you for your concerned and generous support.



Morning Worship — On Tape

Every Sunday morning, our service is recorded on Audio Tape. If you, or someone you know would like to receive copies from time to time or regularly, please tell your Elder or speak to Anne (239966) or contact the Church Office (223328).

Caring Group— Can We Help You ?

The Caring Group continue their work within the church, but are aware that a huge amount of caring goes on quietly by many members of our congregation.

The Caring Group also support and receive financial assistance from Keep Fit & Yoga. Come along and enjoy these groups and at the same time support the caring work .

Keep Fit — Monday 4-5 pm,
Yoga—Wednesday 3:30—4:30pm



We continue to provide valuable services within our church community including -

Transport

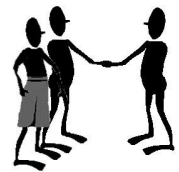
Hospital Visits/Appointments - Contact Bert Waddell



Church Transport - Contact Alison McKinnon

Visiting

Nursing Homes/House Bound - Contact Irene Hudson



Bereavement - Contact Aileen Borthwick

Flowers

Flower Fund - Contact Sheila Peberdy



Distribution of Church Flowers - Contact Fiona Docherty

Let's Celebrate

Flowers/Cards for Special Occasions - Contact Alison McKinnon



CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Deaths "I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Mrs. Helen Fleming, 37 Morland
Mrs. Hilda Arnold, 27 Cantieslaw Drive
Mrs. Margaret Carroll, 84 Glen Prosen
Miss Euphemia Wells, 18 Castlefield Gardens
Mr. Wm. Steven, 56 Maxwellton Road
Mrs. Ina Fleming, 12 Castlefield Gardens
Mrs. Joan Robertson, 59 Cleland Place
Mr. James Craig, Westwood House Nursing Home



*The next issue
will be
Winter 2011*

Baptisms:

1st May Chloe Margaret MacMillan, 121 Geddes Hill, Calderwood
3rd July James Alexander Harvey Smith, 1 Beech Avenue, Burnside
24th July Jasmine Rose Smith, Mount Hawthorn, Perth, Western Australia

Marriage:

16th July Lesley McDowell to Christopher Anderson, 21 Mungo Park.

A Thank you From Down under

Thank you all very much for your thoughts, gifts, wishes and prayers on the occasion of Jasmine's Christening.

It is lovely to come to Moncreiff Church every time I am back in Scotland, and to see so many familiar faces, and now for James, Ella and Jasmine to feel so welcome too.

We feel very at home even though we only make an average of one service a year!

See you again soon

Rhona, James, Ella and Jasmine Smith
Perth, Western Australia



Visit the website

moncreiffparishchurch.org

Have you looked at our Website recently? If you have, you will have noticed that it has started out on a major makeover thanks to Fiona Lamont who has taken ownership for its development and upkeep.

Over the next few months I'm sure you will see it fill up with information and news about everything that is going on within the walls of Moncreiff. Every organisation will have their own page for their own news, information photographs etc. as well as general information about the church.

This will be a fantastic resource, not only to provide a source of information to our own members and community, but to broadcast the Life and Work here in Moncreiff to anyone in the world.



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