



Tidings



June 2014

Dear Friends of Hamilton Old

As you know, I now am in place as Interim Moderator in the Vacancy following John's retirement.

I was delighted when I was approached to accept this post, since I have a long standing friendship with the Old Parish, going right back to my own days in St. Andrew's and of course, I have occupied your pulpit on a number of occasions over the years.

I also am aware that the Charge is well organised and delighted that the union with the North Parish has been so seamless, so it is good that I can be with you to assist in the Vacancy.....it's up to you whether you concur about me being with you!

We all know the vagaries of vacancies and the acceptance of a number of changes that will inevitably come, but for the time being, I am glad to keep the wheels turning and to encourage the Nominating Committee in the work with which they are charged and that is a very responsible task indeed. I am sure Hamilton Old will seem a very attractive Charge to a good number.

I am certain that, with God's guidance and our trust in Him, that the right person will be called to the Old Kirk and that is exactly what we all want.

Hopefully, the experience I have gained in Ministry over the years will be of value in the work I am about to enter with you and I am absolutely confident that there will be mutual cooperation in the exercise.

I really am looking forward also to occupying the pulpit for the duration of the vacancy, given that already, I have commitments in July and the first Sunday in August, but I know that the pulpit supply is arranged for these dates.

The Nominating Committee, now appointed, will take up the work it has, give attention to some preliminary business first of all and then, it is full steam ahead, particularly after the summer months, but that doesn't mean a great lull in July and August, given these months are not the best for contact with those who may be interested in the Charge.

All in all, I am perfectly sure that everything will go according to plan and, if there are any concerns that people have, then blame the Session Clerk and his Depute! It is the good Interim Moderator who takes no blame at all!!

I can only say that because we know each other and also know it not to be true!

I look forward immensely to being with you and wish you all well for this summer and for the months we will be together.

With Every Blessing

Norman McKee



What's On

June

Sunday 1	Sunday after Ascension 10.45am	Morning Worship - Rev Norman McKee
Sunday 8	Pentecost 10.45am	Holy Communion - Rev Norman McKee
	6.30pm	Joint Communion Service in the Old Parish
Sunday 15	"Father's Day" 10.45am	Morning Worship - Rev Norman McKee
Sunday 22	10.45am	Morning Worship - Rev Norman McKee
	3.00pm	Woodburn Court
Sunday 29	10.45am	Morning Worship - Rev Norman McKee
	3.00pm	Woodburn Court

July

Sunday 6	10.45am	Morning Worship - Rev Robert Kent
Sunday 13	10.45am	Morning Worship - Mr Richard Beattie
Sunday 20	10.45am	Morning Worship - Mr Richard Beattie
Sunday 27	10.45am	Morning Worship - Rev Blair Robertson
	3.00pm	Woodburn Court

August

Sunday 3	10.45am	Morning Worship - Rev Dr Charles Stewart
Sunday 10	10.45am	Morning Worship - Rev Norman McKee
Sunday 17	10.45am	Morning Worship - Rev Norman McKee
Sunday 24	10.45am	Morning Worship - Rev Norman McKee
	3.00pm	Woodburn Court
Sunday 31	10.45am	Morning Worship - Rev Norman McKee
	3.00pm	Woodburn Court

* Matters concerning the vacancy will normally be announced by pulpit intimation.



Thank You

Marion and Tom Wright would like to thank Rev John Thomson for spiritual comfort during his regular hospital, home and respite care visits. In addition thanks also to everyone for their cards, phone calls and caring support which is very much appreciated.

Tom Wright

Pentecost

Pentecost is, in effect, the “birthday” of the Church. The disciples, having obeyed Jesus’ command to stay in Jerusalem until they received “the power from above”, were celebrating the Jewish festival of Pentecost, which commemorates the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai, when the Holy Spirit came upon them, “like tongues of flame.”

Peter, as always, was the first to respond, and preached his first sermon, concluding with the challenge, “Let all Israel then accept as certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

From that day on the Church has gone from strength to strength across the world.



A Prayer for Pentecost

Holy Spirit of God, you are the power of the Father coming to claim our lives for the sake of the Son.

Holy Spirit of God, you are the energy by which the world is made, the stars flung into deepest space, the universe expanding beyond human comprehension.

Holy Spirit of God, you are the mystery behind the grace of the Sacraments, the vitality that makes life worth living, the light that reveals the truth of the Gospel message.

Holy Spirit of God, we worship you, because this is your season in the year, when we celebrate tongues of fire, and inspired utterances, and freedom from fear. You set us free, breaking the human shackles of doubt, despair, oppression, injustice, hurt and resentment.

Holy Spirit of God, you inspire visions and dreams, opening a vista for those who have the courage of faith.

Holy Spirit of God, take our visions and dreams and turn them into reality, so that we may change the world, bring new hope, and witness to Christ, risen, ascended and seated in glory and honour.

Amen

Olá, Amigos da Casa Semear (Hello, Friends of Casa Semear)



www.casaabbaproject.co.uk

Hi Everyone.

These are exciting times for all Scottish organizations involved with the missionaries Robert Meikle, his wife Silvana and their family. I am delighted to be able to tell everyone at the Old Parish Church that Robert Meikle will very shortly be visiting Scotland.

Wonderfully Robert will be speaking at the Old Parish morning service on Sunday 15th June 2014 @ 10.45am and will be available to chat at the social coffee/tea time afterwards. This is a very unique opportunity for those interested, to hear Robert (a Scot from Kirkintilloch) talk first hand about his life and work in the favelas of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Please make a note in your diaries now.

This visit, from May 25th till the 31st July 2014, will also include Robert's sister's wedding, and is an opportunity for Robert and his family to meet face to face many of the people who have supported his work from afar over many years. Various Scottish organizations, churches and groups who are in contact with Robert are ensuring that his time in Scotland is well spent. To this end a program of visits, talks and presentations is currently being compiled.

Should for some reason you be unable to attend the service on Sunday 15th June, then don't panic. Robert will also be speaking at the following.

Sunday 8th June @ 10am (Morning Service)
in St Mary's Episcopal Church, Hamilton.

Sunday 27th June @ 10.30am (Morning Service)
In Kirkintilloch Baptist Church, Kirkintilloch

•Sunday 13th July @ 6.30pm (Evening Service)
In Kirkintilloch Baptist Church, Kirkintilloch

You will be made most welcome at any of these churches and a full list of other known events is available on request.

Also if during Roberts time in Scotland anyone would be interested in hosting a group or organization meeting then feel free to get in touch asap as the diary is filling up fast.

On a more personal note, my own time in Brazil draws increasingly closer and as I write this only eight weeks remains before I leave on the 28th June. The cleverer people among you may have noticed that for my first month in Brazil, Robert will actually be in Scotland, however for my second month, Robert will be back in Sao Paulo with me and I very much look forward to that time.

Regardless of whether Robert is there or not there is always plenty to do, whether it is renovation work on the Casa Semear property itself or taking care of the children who attend the twice daily kids clubs, or assisting with the work of the wider organization ABBA or even visiting the families within their homes in the favelas, I expect to be very busy indeed.

Regardless of how I spend my time, I'm sure before you know it I'll be writing an article telling you all how it went. I also hope to have a regular blog online to keep you all up to date with my adventures.



For further information or to receive newsletters or to arrange a presentation either at home or for an organisation, please feel free to contact me either through the website, on facebook or by email on craig.garrett@blueyonder.co.uk or call Craig Garrett on 00966 556802655.

Dear Friends

Slowly but surely it is beginning to dawn – this is what retirement means – no thumbing through the diary to sort out which services are taking place over the next three months, no looking back across the praise lists to see when we last enjoyed (endured?) those long hymns that leave the choir wheezing, no sorting out Session agendas, pencilling in meetings, and – true bliss – no pestering from a certain person about deadlines for “Tidings”!! In fact the last deadline that had to be made was the one for this letter.

We cannot thank you enough for the kindness and generosity that you have shown to us over the twelve and half years we have been here in Hamilton. We came as four, and as the years have whistled by we have gained first a son-in-law, then a fiancée, and are soon to welcome the third generation. It has been a wonderful time for all of us and we are so very grateful to all of you.

We would especially like to express our deepest appreciation of the way in which you have made our last Sunday, indeed last day, as your “Manse family” so very special, and for the generosity of your gift to us. It is our intention to renew our dining room suite, so we shall have a very tangible reminder of Hamilton Old Parish, happy times and life-long friendships.

Thank you again for your generosity, your kindness and for being who you are - folks with that special gift of making all of us feel part of a unique family.

With God’s blessing for a bright, happy and exciting future.

John and Marlene



23rd Psalm for Busy People

The Lord is my pace-setter, I shall not rush.
 He makes me stop to rest for quiet intervals.
 He provides me with images of stillness,
 which restores my serenity.
 He leads me in ways of efficiency;
 through calmness of mind.
 And his guidance is peace.
 Even though I have a great many things
 to accomplish each day,
 I will not fret for his presence is here.
 His timelessness, His all importance
 will keep me in balance.
 He prepares refreshment and renewal,
 in the midst of my activity.
 By anointing my mind with the
 oils of tranquillity.
 My cup of joyous energy overflows.
 Surely harmony and effectiveness
 shall be the fruits of my hours.
 For I shall walk in the peace of my Lord,
 and dwell in His house forever.

*By Tolsi Mingashina
 A Japanese Woman*



Finance Report

Ministries and Mission contributions are sometimes seen by congregations to be a 'tax' and often stops members increasing their offerings as it seems 'the more we give, the more they take'. However, if we look at what the money does it may change this view.

In 2014 the Church of Scotland will spend a total of £110 million and congregations will contribute £47 million for specific areas of the Church's work.

86% of contributions will go to the Parish Ministries Fund

- Providing spiritual leadership and pastoral care in our communities – in schools, hospitals, care facilities and homes.
- Enabling ministries in every part of Scotland, this includes provision of Ministers, Deacons and Ministries Development Staff.
- Recruiting, training and support of Ministries personnel to support the whole church.
- Providing additional ministry support to some of the most marginalized areas of our country.

In 2014, the cost of a Parish Minister who is at the top of the scale is £40,111. We are in the fortunate position that our contributions cover this cost and also help smaller or poorer congregations to have a minister.

The remaining 14% goes to the Mission and Renewal Fund to help support the wider work of the Church. These are some of the areas covered

- A contribution to the Social Care Council to assist with the provision of the Church's care services in the areas of Services to Older People, Adult Care Services and Children and Family Services.
- Accompanying partners around the world on our shared Christian witness.
- Providing central day-to-day service work in administrative, financial, fabric and legal matters.
- Resourcing congregations – elder training, safeguarding, stewardship and mission.

I hope this information is useful to you and gives you an idea of where our money is going.

Marilyn Henderson
Finance Convener

Property Committee

The approvals for the installation of the lift in the Parish Halls should be granted this month and it is the intention for the work to be carried out during July and August. There will be some disruption, but this will be kept to a minimum where possible.

A space is to be provided adjacent to the sound deck in the Church for wheelchairs.

Lights have been erected in the fire escape from the Halls and will automatically come on when descending the stairs.

The benches have been removed from winter storage and have been placed around the Church.

The maintenance of the Church grounds, which is carried out by South Lanarkshire Council, has been moved to a new department within the Council and they have assured us they will continue to give this service.

John Downie
Convener

Fellowship Committee

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to the golf day at Lenzie golf club on the 20th of May, Then, on 1 June, we have a visit to the Commonwealth Choirs concert at the Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow which promises to be a most enjoyable evening with choirs both local and from other Commonwealth countries joining together in celebration of the Commonwealth Games. On 21st June we are off "doon the water" on a trip to Rothesay, including a visit to Bute House, so we are hoping for good weather and calm seas.

We have the annual Bowls day planned for 7 September, and we will be taking part in Doors Open Days on 13 and 14 September, when the Church and Halls will be open to visitors and our own members to learn a bit more about the history of the buildings. More information will be in the next issue of Tidings.

We wish everyone an enjoyable and hopefully dry and warm summer.

Iain McLean
Convener

Link Committee

We held our Easter Service on Saturday 19th April for the members of the Church who are over 80 years old. We had a very nice service by our Minister, John Thomson, who we would like to thank for all the support and help he has given to all our elderly in the Church. We also had some members of our choir in attendance to entertain us who as usual were excellent.

Afterwards we had afternoon tea in the Pillar Hall with home baking.

Our next event will be our summer outing to Moffat.

Jim Naismith
Convener



Monday Club

Members enjoyed a variety of speakers throughout the latter weeks of the session. We were extremely grateful to Naida and Alex Meek for another highly entertaining and challenging quiz; questions were set about music from "our" era and then we were given some additional information related to the answer. Unfortunately, we may be asked to recall these facts at some later date! Major Gerry McColl delivered a very interesting presentation on his time as a musical director with the Gurkhas. The AGM at the end of March was well attended and current office bearers were re-elected. An attempt to recruit new committee members was unsuccessful. An informal social followed and thanks are due to all who performed.

Fifty-nine members and friends from the congregation enjoyed the outing to Rosslyn Chapel and an excellent high tea at the Sun Inn in Dalkeith.

For personal reasons I have decided to stand down as secretary and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and encouragement.

Nesella Barr



Boys' Brigade



The Company Section has continued to be very busy with badgework and Battalion competitions

Battalion Swimming Gala

Struan Wilson and Jack Anderson represented the Company in the Battalion Swimming Gala. They both swam and competed very well against lads who were much older than them.

Battalion Senior 5-a-Sides

Nine of the lads took part in the Senior 5-a-Sides which was a great turnout. The "A" team of Andy Walker, Jack Seaton, Sam Walker, Cameron Marks and Jack Anderson beat the "B" team in the last game to win the overall competition. They were well deserved winners.

Scottish National Cross Country

Callum Hunter and David Chisholm were part of the Battalion team which took part in the Scottish National Cross Country Championship. Both boys ran well on a cold and dreich day. They were up against some very serious runners. It was the first time in several years that the Battalion entered a team and all the boys who competed did extremely well.

Display

The Company held its Display on 23 April 2014. It was a very informal and fun night with Rev John Thomson as the Chief Guest accompanied by Mrs Thomson.

The Company Section presentations were as follows:

Badges:

Compass badge and Recreation Level 1	David Chisholm
Community Level 1	
Skills Level 1	
Recreation Level 1	Jack Anderson
Community Level 3	
Skills Level 3	Callum Hunter
Recreation Level 3	Andrew Reynolds
	Sam Walker
	Lewis McParlane
	David Anderson
	Struan Wilson
Community Level 4	
Skills Level 4	Russell Anderson
Recreation Level 4	Cameron Marks

A number of the lads are working towards their President's Badges with Bronze Duke of Edinburgh and their Queen's Badges with Silver Duke of Edinburgh. These awards will be presented in the Church in due course.

Awards

Mrs J M Mackechnie	
Recruit Challenge Medal	David Chisholm
James Alston Dykes	
Indian Challenge Medal	
For General Efficiency	Struan Wilson

John Allan Trophy for
Most Improved Boy

Sam Walker

Junior Bible Exam
Challenge Trophy

Jack Anderson

Misses Jamieson Senior Bible Exam
Challenge Trophy

David Anderson

Mr & Mrs A Harley
Squad Challenge Trophy - Fraser Ewart, Sam Walker and Struan Wilson

A special presentation was made to Rev Thomson and Mrs Thomson in recognition of their commitment to the Company and encouragement of all our activities. Over the years we have been fortunate to have John Thomson as our Company Chaplain. We have come to know him well and we greatly appreciate all of the help and guidance he has given to us especially with our World Mission Appeals and our 125th Anniversary and Malawi Church Services. His unwavering support for the Company has strengthened the Company's link with the Old Kirk and helped forge the strong bond we have with the congregation. We wish John and Marlene every blessing as they start a new chapter in their lives.

It just remains for me to thank all of the Anchor Boys and Bluebells, the Junior Section and the Company Section for doing so well again this year, and all of the Officers who continue to give so freely of their time and talents in leading all of the young folk in the Company.

Thank you also to everyone who has helped us in any way throughout the year. We greatly appreciate all of the support that we receive.

Alistair Buttery
Captain



Junior Section

The Junior Section has now finished for the Summer, and I reflect back on a successful year for the Juniors. Throughout the year, all the Junior Section's in the Hamilton & District Battalion participate in various competitions etc and earn points for competing, with more points for placing 1st, 2nd & 3rd etc. I am very pleased to report that we placed 3rd in the Battalion. This is a tremendous achievement, especially given how few boys we have.

We recently had our Display & prize giving night, where the boys who won the Battalion General Knowledge competition (Euan Davidson, Greg McIntosh & Lewis Chisholm) were presented with the trophy. Euan Parkes won the Junior Bible award, with Euan Davidson winning the Senior Bible award. The May Walker Memorial trophy for Best Attendance was jointly won by Colin & Euan Davidson, with Euan also winning the John Walker Memorial trophy for the Best Boy.

Lewis Chisholm, Colin Davidson, Brohdan Nicol-Wood and Euan Parkes all earned their Junior Target Award, while Jack Baird and Greg McIntosh earned the Bronze Award. Euan Davidson, Cameron Finlayson and Matthew Greaney all earned their Silver Award. Earning his Gold Award, and promoted to the Company Section was Cameron Finlayson.

The Boys have now finished up until September when we will be pleased to welcome them back. I would extend an invitation to all boys in P4 - P7 to come along and join us.

Alan Brown
Leader-in-Charge

Anchor Boys and Bluebells

The spring session has been a very busy time with a visit to a magic show, Easter crafts, the final part of the badge work and the completion of "In the beginning" books which was the theme of our stories throughout the year.

As in previous years the children completed their "bread board garden" with the usual Easter theme. They were delighted to show their work to their parents.

The supply of made up •harvest boxes was running low and Mr Naismith (aka•the train man)•brought some along for the children to build up. We expected to have around 12 boxes•completed, but such was the enthusiasm of our young people that they managed to make up about 70. This was a tremendous effort which completed their community section of badgework.

At the annual display a parade of all the activities undertaken in the year proved to be a success with the parents and friends, as this gave an insight into what happens on a Wednesday night. We then had our own version of the Spring Olympics with target throwing, basketball and curling. • The adults added to the fun by having a game of curling (I.O.C.rules being ignored) against the children, The officers declared the children as winners of course.

Special medals were presented to the winners and Mr and•Mrs Thomson.

The following awards were presented for work during the year:

BLUEBELLS

Rebecca Strachan. • A specially designed certificate for being a very brave girl who takes part in all the activities.

ANCHOR BOYS

Green•badge and•1 year attendance.

Josh Ferguson
Michael Lawson
Domonic Rogers

Red badge and 2 years attendance

Callum Ewart

Blue badge and 3 years attendance

Dillon Cox
Joshua Greaney

Dillon, Domonic and Joshua are now promoted to the Junior Section and we wish them every success.

A party was held to end the session and we were delighted to have a visit from our Liaison Elder Mr Alex Stoddart, who now seems to have the Anchor Boy title of• "Mr Alex."

Special thanks to all the kind benefactors who have gifted goodies over the year.

We look forward to being back in September and will welcome any new members.

Nanette McLean
Leader-in-Charge



Sunday Live

As we enter the last session before the Summer Holidays we look forward to our Annual Prize Giving and Father's Day (15th June). Weekly lessons have been moving at a pace and linked to "craft" work have proved very enjoyable. The gift of Easter egg bunnies was kindly donated to us by Mrs Lettie Craig.

Mrs Kathleen Hunter, our liaison Church Elder keeps in regular contact with us. Our leader, Margaret McCartney, celebrated a birthday in May and qualified to give out the sweets! We wish our readers a very happy Summer holiday.

Sandy Messer
Convener



Crèche

All babies and children up to approximately age 3 are made very welcome at our crèche which is held every Sunday at 10.30am.

We have a good selection of toys and books, and we meet in the halls, in the room next to the office.

Catherine Southgate



Saffronhall Singers

Music has been put away as our winter session came to a close at the end of March. Membership has continued to increase, currently thirty nine, and attendance has been good. Music is paid for from our annual subscriptions, profits from tea and coffee money and any donations we receive.

We were delighted with the response to our programme at the closing social of the 1970 Ladies Club in March when we all enjoyed good fellowship and wonderful hospitality. Over time we will continue to develop and expand our repertoire, with the emphasis always on variety. The main focus of our group remains singing for pleasure.

We are extremely grateful to Lilian Barrie who acted as our accompanist on the evening, but who also attended most of the rehearsals in the run up to the concert. I am pleased to report that, all things being well, she is going to continue to be a member of our group, something we are all delighted about.

Our new session will begin on Monday 22nd September 2014.

Campbell Barr



Old Kirk Dancers

We have once again enjoyed a most successful winter session and are now closed for the summer months.

We will resume on Tuesday 16th September at 7.45pm and, as usual, a very warm welcome in extended to new members.

Irene Mathieson



Choir

We are now at the end of our session for the first part of the year, and no longer meet for our midweek rehearsals through the months of May to August. Our final meeting at the end of April is always a busy evening gathering in all the music we have covered over the early months of the year. Two pieces of music each week generate quite an amount of filing!

We have recently welcomed Margaret Richardson and Isobel Neilson to the soprano section and are delighted to have their support. They have already entered into the full spectrum of services over the Easter period. Isobel recently suffered a fall, and we wish her well in recovery over the coming weeks and look forward to her being fit and well to rejoin us for worship as soon as she feels able.

Our final evening meeting this session also included recognition of Aileen Henderson's recent Ruby wedding celebration. We congratulate Billy and Aileen on this milestone in their married life and share with them our best wishes for the years ahead.

Two of our "younger members", who shall remain nameless, also celebrate special birthdays during the month of May. Happy birthday to both of you (you know who you are!!) - and enjoy the family celebrations.

Our new session's activities will begin on Wednesday 3rd September and I wish all choir members safe journeys and a time of relaxation during the summer months, as you travel to various destinations.

Helen C Simpson
Organist



Guild

Whose we are and whom we serve
A Fellowship to Build

The Guild finished on a happy 'note' with Karaoke Hymn singing followed by afternoon tea.

We have prepared the syllabus for 2014/15 - but a word of caution! Numbers attending dropped considerably from January to March. Speakers have been arranged but if numbers continue this downward trend we will have to review the situation as speakers cannot attend for ten people.

On something more positive the subject of money we have supported two of the Guild projects and will disburse our funds at the end of the year.

I will report more fully the total raised for the national Guild projects at the end of year two in my next article.

I hope the sun will shine for you all during the summer break and I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 1st October.

Avril Boothroyd
Coordinator



The Moosies Prayer

A puir wee kirk moose aw forlorn
 It's furry coat fair sairly worn
 Sank doon upon its boney knees
 And prayed for just a wee bit cheese.

The tears ran doon its wee thin cheek
 But nane could hear the saddest squeaks
 That drifted on the cauld nicht air
 Till whiles it couldna' pray nae mair.

Syne daylight came, the kirk bells rang
 The doors swung open we' a bang
 Communion day had come oan by
 Wi' wine and plates o' breid piled high.

The wee moose lay as still as daith
 And watched it a' wi' baited braith
 Then thocht if I keep awfu' quate
 A bit micht jist fa' aff a plate.

And so it gaoed as roond they went
 Then jist as tho' twas heaven sent
 Whit landed richt upon it's heid
 But twa lumps o' communion breid.

The Staff o' life lay on the flair
 Then bounteous answer tae his prayer
 Jist as he thocht "It looks giy dry"
 Ae body couped some wine forbye.

Wee moosie stoated up the aisle
 Wearin' sic a loofy smile
 The folk stopped singing fair aghast
 Tae see a drunken moose walk past.

The organist fell off his chair
 The meenister could only stare
 Tae see this drunken sinfu' moose
 Cavorting' in his sacred hoose.

At last it staggered up the nave
 Then turned an' gied a happy wave
 "I ken noo when it's time to pray
 I'll dae it on communion day."



Celebrating Ascension

“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Acts 1:11-12

“The Ascension is not a conception of which we have any cause to be hesitant or doubtful. For two reasons the Ascension was an absolute necessity. First it was necessary that there be one final moment when Jesus did go back to the glory which was His. The forty days of the resurrection appearances had passed. Clearly, that was a time that was unique, and could not go on for ever. Now equally clearly, the end to that period had to be definite.”

(from *The Acts of the Apostles* by Professor William Barclay)



Prayer for Ascension

All honour and glory be to you Heavenly Father, for you have exalted your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, seating him on your right hand, the place of honour. We acknowledge his kingship; we dedicate our lives in humble obedience to his service; we commit ourselves to proclaiming his Gospel. All we ask is that you bless us with his Spirit - the Spirit of truth, righteousness, peace, joy, compassion, kindness and love.

Non nobis domine - Not unto us, O Lord, but unto you, be all the glory.

Amen



Flower List 2014

June	01	Mrs Dick	16 Chantinghall Road
	08	Mrs Irvine	25 Forrest Gate
	15	Mrs Graham	32 Udston Road
	22	Mrs Taylor	37 Swisscott Walk
	29	Mrs Mair	61 Portland Park
July	06	Mrs Elder	4 Pine Park
	13	Mrs Buttery	21 Dungavel Gardens
	20	Mrs Brown	9 Forrest Crescent
	27	Mrs Stenton	98 Chatelherault Crescent
August	03	Mrs Queen	23 Avonside Grove
	10	Mrs McKinnon	61 Silvertonhill Avenue
	17	Mrs Morrow	42 Silvertonhill Avenue
	24	Mrs Moffat	Ft 6/4 101 Townhead Street
	31	Mrs Nelson	10 Lilac Hill
September	07	Mrs McLean	28 Rosevale Crescent
	14	Mrs Downie	6 Stonebyres Court

Donations to the fund are always welcome since they assist with the special occasions such as Harvest and Christmas.

Thank you for your generosity and co-operation.

E Gardiner

01698 427852



Flower Delivery

June	01	Mrs E Gardiner	16 Lilac Hill
	08	Miss D Hastie	60 Cameron Crescent
	15	Mrs E Irvine	25 Forrest Gate
	22	Mrs M Stenton	98 Chatelherault Crescent
	29	Mrs N McLean	28 Rosevale Crescent
July	06	Mrs K Hunter	39 Woodburn Park
	13	Mrs M Gilroy	34 Cheviot Road
	20	Mrs H McGreevy	2 Alloway Gardens
	27	Mrs L Ferri	48 Hepburnhill
August	03	Mrs E Buttery	21 Dungavel Gardens
	10	Mrs M Latimer	33 Montrose Crescent
	17	Mrs H Lyon	16 Swift Bank
	24	Mrs L Kinsman	47 Smithycroft
	31	Mrs B Stoddart	11 Wallace Place
September	07	Mrs M Baird	41 Portland Place
	14	Mrs M Eadie	5 Birch Brae

Flowers are usually delivered after the Morning Service. If the date is unsuitable, please try to re-arrange or contact:

Kate Morrow

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Rose Bowl List 2014

June	01	G Dobbie
	15	E Harley
	22	M Stenton
July	06	J Orr
	20	L Craig
August	03	I Samson
	17	G Robertson
	31	M McGlynn
September	07	P Scott
	14	G Keir



The Rose Bowl

The Rose Bowl only requires to be filled every second Sunday as the roses are lasting. There are however Rose Bowl spaces still available.

E Gardiner

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Gift Aid

Finance is a key issue in the life of a church. Not only do we need sufficient income to cover the costs of our own congregational activities but we also seek to support the work of the national church in its various ministries. Those of you who were present at the annual presentation of accounts will know that our expenditure continues to exceed our income and that the shortfall has been met from our reserves.

It is encouraging to be able to report that over the past few months several members have decided to review their method of giving and have either opted to take free will offering envelopes or have put a standing order in place. In doing so, they have also signed a Gift Aid Declaration which then allows me to claim back the tax that will have been paid on these donations. This increases the value of their contribution by 25% so if over the year, £100 is gifted, the church receives an additional £25 from HMRC. There is no commitment as to the amount you must donate - the claim is made on the actual giving over the year. Donations made by cheque can also be Gift Aided – the criteria is that the donation must be recorded in some way. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if I can be of any assistance in this matter.

Please remember, if you have a Gift Aid Declaration in place and your circumstances change and you are no longer paying tax, you must let me know to stop claiming on your behalf.

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Entered into Eternal Life.
"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

*God of grace and peace, in your Son Jesus Christ
 You have given us new birth into a living hope.
 Strengthen us now to live in the power of the resurrection
 and keep us united with our loved one
 from whom in death we are not divided;
 for You live and reign forever and ever. Amen*

*8 February 2014
 Adam Fleming, Croftbank Care Home*

*17 February 2014
 John Morrison, 86 Montrose Crescent*

*18 February 2014
 Mary Swinger, 69 Rosevale Crescent*

*23 February 2014
 Muriel Condie, 33 Cameron Crescent*

*7 April 2014
 Stanley Hyslop, 15 Wallace Place*

Weddings

"That they be the one"

*29 March 2014
 Lauren Balfour to Daryl Reid*



Baptisms

"Let the children come to me"

*23 March 2014
 Kevin John Gibson*

*13 April 2014
 Jayden Ross*





Thoughts on a Smile!

Smiling - is infectious; you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin,
When he smiled back I realised I'd passed it on to HIM!
I thought about that smile, then realised its worth,
A single smile - just like mine - could travel round the earth.
So! if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected,
Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!

Keep this smile going by sending it to a friend
EVERYBODY NEEDS A SMILE!

