

# CONTACT



*“There is no one holy like the LORD;  
there is no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God. “*  
*1Samuel 2:2 (NIV)*

**September 2011**

*Fullarton Parish Church Magazine*

<b>SUNDAY WELCOME and OFFERING DUTY ROTAS</b>				
(10.30am at Church Door for Morning Service, 6.00pm in Fullarton Hall for Evening Service)				
<i>Please arrange for someone else to undertake your duty when you are unable to attend.</i>				
	<b>TEAM A</b>	<b>TEAM B</b>	<b>TEAM C</b>	<b>TEAM D</b>
				<b>11.09.11</b>
	<b>18.09.11</b>	<b>25.09.11</b>	<b>02.10.11</b>	<b>09.10.11</b>
	<b>16.10.11</b>	<b>23.10.11</b>	<b>30.10.11</b>	<b>06.11.11</b>
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		Storm Burnett	Chrissie Black	

*If you are willing to help with tea/coffee after the morning service  
please speak to May Evans (Tel : 278543)*

*Tea, coffee, orange juice and biscuits are available after both services. A small donation would be appreciated.*

*We thank all our volunteers who provide this service, at both morning and evening services.*

## FROM THE MANSE . . .

*"Together, to share the love of Jesus and make disciples through prayer, worship, learning and example, reaching out to our community and beyond, with a vision for the future."*

Fullarton Parish Church Manse, 48 Waterside Irvine.  
Tel: 279909. Email address: [neilurquhart@f2s.com](mailto:neilurquhart@f2s.com)

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Dear Friends

Call me an optimist, but I'm holding out for an Indian Summer, a sweep of sweet sunshine before the cold winds blow and trees bow to nature's leafy crunch, our coloured carpet into dark winter. House heating & coats are back on as we reflect on the summer that was (2 sunny weeks), bracing ourselves for autumn & winter

In Ecclesiastes 12, the 'Quester' concludes deep questioning on the meaning of life by comparing human life to nature's seasons. Whether you're springing with youthfulness, enjoying summer's leafy fruitfulness, in autumn's failing, golden glow, or ailing in winter's colder call, the philosopher concludes that, under God, we must make the most of every season, always mindful of meeting our Maker one day.

'Mumford & Sons' song, 'Awake My Soul' (popularised by Jim Carrey's disturbing & heart warming 2004 movie 'Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind') sums it up with an aching melody, "You were made to meet your maker." Fortunately we can fast-forward from Old Testament into the New & meet our maker in the person of Jesus Christ. 'Here & now', Jesus helps us to meet our maker in every season & situation of life. We all long for loving intimacy and Jesus brings it to us with introductions to himself as brother & lover of our souls, able to take God's divine (nail-pierced) hand & our human hand, and unite us with our estranged heavenly parent.

In my middle age & perhaps between summer & autumn, I'm closer to death than birth, and keen to make each day count. I want to know this immense & immeasurable God as well as I can here in this life, before the mega-step-up that death brings. Over the summer we have been inspired by recent day saints like Dame Cecily Saunders, The Booths, Paul Brandt, David Wilkerson & Arch Bishop Desmond Tutu. These, and many more disciples, spur us on to 'fix our eyes on Jesus and run life's race with energy and resolve. Recently we had to say 'au revoir' to our own Helen Gow, who at 90 years young got her 'Call to Glory.' Like many others we have known, Mrs Gow left us with a great example in humble, determined service to God. A hymn verse puts it well,

"Dependent on Thy bounteous breath, we seek thy grace alone, in childhood, manhood, age, and death to keep us still Thine own." Season's Blessings to and through you & yours!

Your fellow minister & friend,

*Neil*

## ***FUNERALS***

*"I am the resurrection and the life...."*



June 3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Kilpatrick – Greenbank Care Home, Fullarton, Irvine.  
July 14<sup>th</sup> Tom McPike – 58 Sillars Meadow, Irvine.  
Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> Betty Spratt – Abbeyfield House, Irvine.\*  
Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> Helen Gow – 6B Sloan Avenue, Irvine.\*  
Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> Davy Smillie – 22 McKinlay Crescent, Fullarton, Irvine

\* denotes church member or adherent.

## **BAPTISM**

**“The promise to you and your children.”**

19<sup>th</sup> June – Evelyn Dawn McCrorie, baby daughter of Fraser Azed, and Barbara – 15 Lewis Terrace, Irvine.  
Stephen McLean – 12 Park Place, Irvine.  
21<sup>st</sup> August – Lilith Margaret, (D.O.B 28.10.08) and Damien Steven (D.OB 23.11.09) – children of Lisa-Anne and Gary Gibson – 10 Doura Place, Irvine.

### **Confirmation of Baptism – 19<sup>th</sup> June**

Lisa-Anne Gibson – 10 Doura Place, Irvine.  
David Houston – 68 McKinlay Crescent, Fullarton, Irvine.  
Martin Sneddon – 8 Mossgeil Drive, Irvine.  
Kenny McDowall – 46 Ayr Road, Fullarton, Irvine.

## **Thank You**

I would just like to thank you all at Fullarton Church for the Card and lovely plant I received for my Birthday.

Thanks again  
Best Wishes to you All  
*Charles Kilpatrick*

Cissie Martin would like to thank Fullarton Parish Church and the Women's Guild for the cards, good wishes and flowers she received on her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. They were very much appreciated.

*Cissie Martin*

Thank you for the card and flowers I received from the church, and to the Guild for the lovely card which I received for my 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday, celebrated on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

Sincere thanks

*Anne Thomson*

Many thanks for the lovely flowers I received on my 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. It was nice to be remembered.

*Agnes Fox*

Many thanks to the Fullarton Congregation for the lovely flowers I received following my stay in hospital. Thank you also for the many cards, visits, and good wishes. All were much appreciated.

*Ann Hart*

I wish to thank the Guild and Fullarton Church for the beautiful flowers and cards I received on my birthday. The good wishes were also appreciated.

*Ann Blower*

### "CHURCH FLOWERS"

*A very big "Thank You" to Moira Graham for the lovely arrangements we enjoy so much from season to season on the church window sills. They are beautiful & very much appreciated by us all*

**THANK YOU!**

*We would like to thank Madge Hutchison, Mary Torrance and Agnes Robb who, through ill-health, have had to withdraw from the Sunday Tea Rota.*

*Tea after Sunday Service was started in 1994 and Miss Hutchison was there at the beginning.*

*Thanks to the generosity of everyone who stays behind to enjoy a cuppa and a chat, we were able to contribute £300 to the East African Appeal.*

*Many, many thanks to everyone.*

*The Tea Committee.*

## *Birthdays Congratulations*

Congratulations to Mrs Sarah (Cissie) Martin who celebrated her 93rd birthday on July 2nd. Keep dancing!

Also Congratulations to all who had a birthday in the summer

Mrs Margaret Thomson who was 96.

Mrs Sarah Martin who was 93.

Miss Grace McDowell who was 90.

Mr John Wyllie who was 94.

Mrs Annie Preston who was 92.

Mrs Isa Howe who was 91.

Mrs Margaret Bond who was 99.



### CHURCH LIBRARY

The wee library (off the Church hall) is open after the Sunday morning service while tea and coffee is being served.

Please have a look round and borrow any books you want.

Read a book that made an impression on you?

**Recommend it to a friend! Write a review to put in Contact magazine!**

**Donations of Christian books in good condition would most gratefully be received**



### **Griefshare Bereavement Group**

GriefShare is an ongoing support group for people grieving the death of someone close. It's a place where you can be around people who understand how you feel and the pain of loss. At GriefShare you will learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. If interested please contact - Fullarton church office 01294-273741 or Sandra Deeprose 01292-315169 (if unavailable, please leave message, I will return the call) or see Christine Blair

## *Alpha Launch Party 2011*

(food & fun - No strings attached introduction to the Alpha Course)

***Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 7.p.m.***

Venue: Salvation Army Hall, 19 Townhead, Irvine ( Next to Andrew Wright Windows Showroom)

Following this, Irvine's Alpha Course will run on Thursdays starting 29<sup>th</sup> September and the 10 subsequent Thursdays at the above venue.

Meal starts 6p.m. and course starts 7-9p.m.

# Dates for your Diary 2011

In the morning services we are focusing on Revelation:

Revelation 10-11 - Last word on Witness.

Revelation 12-14 - Last word on Politics.

Revelation 15-18 - Last word on Judgement.

Revelation 19-20 - last word on Salvation.

Revelation 21-22 - Last word on Heaven.

In the evening we continue to focus on the end of Mark's Gospel.

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September

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Sun. 11 <sup>th</sup>	11.00a.m.	Morning Service led by Rev. Neil.(Focus on Revelation Chp. 10 and 11, Last word on Witness.)
	2.30 p.m.	Greenbank Care Home Service led by Sandra Davidson.
Wed. 14 <sup>th</sup>	7- 8 a.m.	Prayer breakfast in Counting Room, Church Hall.
Thurs. 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 a.m.	Fullarton Care Home Service and led by Rev. Neil.
Thurs.15 <sup>th</sup>	6p.m.-6.50p.m.	Kirk Session Meeting, 6p.m. meal at Puffers, followed by meeting at 6.50p.m. in Fullarton Hall.

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September

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### HOME GROUPS WEEK

Sun. 18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Baptismal Service led Rev. Neil.
	3p.m.	Comfy Communion in Fullarton Hall.
	6.30 p.m.	Evening Service led by Rev. Neil, in Church Hall.'Spice n' Ice.'
Wed. 21 <sup>st</sup>	7- 8 a.m.	Prayer breakfast in Counting Room, Church Hall.
Thurs. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7p.m.	Alpha Course Introductory Party at the Savation Army Hall, 19 Townhead (next to Andrew Wright Windows Showroom)
Fri. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9a.m.	24/7 Prayer till Sunday 9a.m. 25 <sup>th</sup> in the Fullarton Centre /The Gate.

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October

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Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Morning Service led Rev. Neil.
	2.30 p.m.	Greenbank Care Home Service led by Fraser Hutchison
	6.30 p.m.	Communion Evening Service led by Rhona Cathcart, in Fullarton Hall.
Wed. 28 <sup>th</sup>	7- 8 a.m.	Prayer breakfast in Counting Room, Church Hall.
Thurs. 29 <sup>th</sup>	6p.m.	Alpha Meal, followed by course at 7-9pm at Salvation Army Hall.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October****HOME GROUPS WEEK**

Sun. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Harvest Thanksgiving Service led by Re Evening Service 'Sanctuary First' in Fullarton Hall, led by Rev. Neil.
Wed. 5 <sup>th</sup>	7- 8 a.m.	Prayer breakfast in Counting Room, Church Hall
Thurs. 6 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 a.m.	Fullarton Care Home Service and led by Sandra Davidson
Thurs. 6 <sup>th</sup>	6p.m.	Alpha Meal, followed by course at 7-9pm at Salvation Army Hall.
Sat. 8 <sup>th</sup>	7p.m.	Action Group dinner in Church Hall.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

Sun. 9 <sup>th</sup>	11.00a.m. 2.30 p.m.	Yellow Ribbon Service led by Rev. Neil. Greenbank Care Home Service led by Rev. Neil.
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	7p.m. 6.30 p.m.	Guild Opening evening in Church Evening Service in Fullarton Hall led Rev. Neil.
Wed. 12 <sup>th</sup>	7- 8 a.m.	Prayer breakfast in Counting Room, Church Hall
Thurs. 13 <sup>th</sup>	6p.m.	Alpha Meal, followed by course at 7-9pm at Salvation Army Hall.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October****HOME GROUPS WEEK**

Sun. 16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00a.m. 6.30p.m.	Baptismal service, led by Rev. Neil. Evening Service in Fullarton Hall led by Rev. Neil.
Wed. 19 <sup>th</sup>	7- 8 a.m.	Prayer breakfast in Counting Room, Church Hall
Thurs. 20 <sup>th</sup>	6p.m.	Alpha Meal, followed by course at 7-9pm at Salvation Army Hall.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Sun.23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00 a.m. 2.30 p.m.	Morning Service, led by Rhona Cathcart. Greenbank Care Home Service led by Rev. Neil.
	6.30 p.m.	Evening service in Fullarton Hall, led by Fraser Hutchison.
Mon. 24 <sup>th</sup>	7p.m.	Boys' Brigade Enrolment Service in Church Hall.
Wed. 26 <sup>th</sup>	7- 8 a.m.	Prayer breakfast in Counting Room, Church Hall
Thurs. 27 <sup>th</sup>	6p.m.	Alpha Meal, followed by course at 7-9pm at Salvation Army Hall.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November****HOME GROUPS WEEK**

Sun.23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00 a.m. 2.30 p.m.	Communion Service, led by Rev. Neil. Greenbank Care Home Service led by Rev. Neil.
	6.30 p.m.	Spice n' Ice in Fullarton Hall, led by Rev. Neil.
Wed. 26 <sup>th</sup>	7- 8 a.m.	Prayer breakfast in Counting Room, Church Hall
Thurs. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6p.m.	Alpha Meal, followed by course at 7-9pm at Salvation Army Hall.

## CAP Money Course

**The facts: the average household debt in the UK is ~ £8,428 (excluding mortgages) with the average person saving £2.73 every day.**

CAP Money is NOT a “debt counselling course”. In fact, CAP Money isn't for people with debts at all (though they can be catered for). It's for everyone – students to the newly retired, single people and for families because we've seen that learning how to set a budget and stick to it helps to debt-proof people in the long term.

Whilst we don't intend to hold further 3 week courses at present one of us would be happy to discuss / go over the principles on an individual basis or perhaps you belong to a small group that we could come along to.

If interested or wish further information please contact:

Fiona Cunningham – Tel 07938811174

Lesley Darroch – Tel 01294 211625

May Evans – Tel 01294 278543

Douglas Rae – Tel 01475 686833

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## ***24/7 PRAYER ROOM***

***Coming Soon!***

***At The Gate***

***9 a.m. Fri Sept 23rd  
till***

***9 a.m. Sun 25th Sept  
Contact Carol Bailey***

## Care for the Family

Getting Your Kids through Church without them ending up Hating God

The Project :Spring Harvest 2011

The Book: Getting Your Kids through church without ending up hating God by Rob Parsons.



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Evening seminars: Gateshead Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. The Stage  
 Glasgow Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. The Clyde Auditorium  
 Belfast Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. The Waterfront Hall  
 Cambridge Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. The corn Exchange  
 Reading Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. The Hexagon  
 Bristol Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. Colston Hall

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## What's a Home Group?

It's a meeting for Christian friendship, prayer and Bible Study usually held in a house. New members are always welcome.

One such meeting is held at 36 Rannoch Place, Castlepark, Irvine, on Thursdays from 1.30. to 3pm and begins again on 1<sup>st</sup> September. Our leader is Hunter Lightbody.

At present we are studying the lives of some women of the Bible.

Here is a sample outline of what might happen at our meeting -

Group discussion leads on to personal reflection and then we read a chapter of the Bible, for example, if we are studying the life of Abigail we would read 1 Samuel 25.2 - 44 and consider eleven questions based upon the Biblical story.

Finally we aim to take a good lesson away from the study about having a discerning heart and mind and having the courage to live as one who stands for what is right.

You will learn a lot from the contents of the Bible to assist you in being a Christian.

Why not give it a try?

You will also enjoy the coffee or tea and cakes at the end of the meeting.

IMC.

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

**The Sunday morning Home Group is about to start a bible study on the book of Hebrews. Anyone who wishes to join is most welcome and should let Fraser Hutchison know soonest. The first session is scheduled to start at 9.30am on Sunday 18 September.**

Supporter No: 1143447

Supporter Name: Fullarton Parish Church

Dear Friends

Thank you, on behalf of those hit by food and water shortages in East Africa, for your gift of £1080. Your money will have a huge impact – enabling our local church partners to provide essential aid to some of the most vulnerable people in the region, in Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia.

Tearfund partners are increasing the transportation of water to livestock farmers in northern Kenya to help them through severe drought conditions. A thousand pastoralists who rely on cattle for their livelihoods are receiving supplies in the Turkana and West Pokot areas. Poor rains have dried up pasture and left many farmers with dead or dying livestock, drastically hitting their income and ability to buy food. As well as supplying water, our partner CRWRC (Christian Reformed World Relief Committee) is also planning to repair existing boreholes and water pans.

In Somalia our partner World Concern is planning to set up water distribution centres in three locations on the border with Kenya. Staff will also be providing food for schools and health clinics and distributing household items such as plastic sheets for shelter and water containers. With many Somalis crossing into Kenya to escape the drought, basic medical supplies will be distributed to support health centres, especially in areas where there are high numbers of displaced people. In the Somaliland region of Somalia, 500 nomadic families in the Togdheer and Sanaag districts will receive water, shelter and household essential aid over the next three months.

Meanwhile, in Ethiopia our partner WKHC (Wolaitta Kale Heywet Church) is running cash-for-work schemes in the southern areas of Offa and Kindo Koyisha following harvest failures and rising staple food prices. As well as directly boosting incomes in the short term, the work will improve soil quality and help conserve water in the long term.

Please pray for God's strength for those affected by the food crisis in East Africa. Pray also for rains which will secure the next harvest and help repair the damage caused by the current crisis.

Thank you again for your donation, which will help bring essential aid to those who need it most.

Yours in Christ

Lynne Paterson

Director, Tearfund Scotland

Website: [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org)

### *Report from Bible Study Group held in Sandra Deeprise's home.*

We have had an interesting and informative time at Bible Study.

We especially enjoyed studying the Prodigal God by Tim Keller and then went on to a study from Philipians

We are now moving on to a study from Counterfeit Gods which is a new study by Tim Keller.

This study is deep and meaningfull and will take us further into the Word of God and relationship with Him.

We have found that our personal relationships within the group are continuing to develop as we feel more at ease with one another.

We have a time of discussion of prayer needs and we each take a turn to pray if we want to. For those who find group prayer difficult we can just pass it on to the next person

There is no pressure to be anyone other than who we are and the group is becoming a safe place to explore our relationship with God and each other Sandra makes us sure of a very warm welcome with cosy settees and a lovely cup of tea. We even have cakes and scones on occasion.

What we would really like is to see some new members to bring a freshness to our group. You would be made most welcome and we would value your presence and input.

If you are interested in coming along please phone Sandra Deeprise or approach her in Church on a Sunday morning

The telephone number is 01292315169

### **CHRISTMAS GIFTBOXES**

**Is it really THAT time already? Well - yes; it is!**

**Last year there was some difficulty in getting hold of appropriate sized shoeboxes to use for converting into giftboxes. This year it's been possible to find suitable shoeboxes for the task and they are now available for being wrapped in appropriate paper.**

**Cathy McQueenie will be organising the wrapping of boxes in the Fullarton Lounge on Wednesday mornings alongside the Wednesday Packers. Anyone who wishes to help her would be most welcome for however much time could be afforded.**

## *Home Group*

I am part of the Sunday morning Home Group. I was persuaded to join this Home Group about three years ago, just as the afore mentioned group were beginning a study of the Old Testament book of Isaiah.

Not only did I thoroughly enjoy the study of Isaiah, I found that attending the Home Group stimulated me into asking questions and eager for more indepth study of God's word, which has ultimately led me to reading the bible in a year, which I had found amazing, as I have now discovered stories and things about people in the Bible I had no knowledge of before. Also I was made so welcome by the rest of the people already in the Home Group, since then the numbers have swelled again to eleven.

In recent times we have studied, the Prodigal God, the Sermon on the Mount and the Lord's Prayer. All I found excellent, as the Prodigal God put new slant on a well known story and really made me think about my own life. My favourite was our last study which was the Lord's Prayer and it was certainly an eye opener, as it can be too easy to rattle through the Lord's Prayer without giving the thought and attention it deserves, to be able to give praise to God. I would recommend this study to everyone who has not come across it. Our next study is Hebrews.

The fellowship in the group is great, and it has made a great difference to my life, as I am happier and don't worry about problems the same, as I have learned to put my trust and faith in God. I take each day and problem one at a time, knowing God will not let me be tested anymore that I can handle. Is there a dark place in your life where God needs to shine his Light?

Please consider joining a Home group, you will not regret it.

## *Teen Challenge Update*

Another one of our friends has just gone into Christian rehab at the Haven in Kilmacolm. This was after several weeks of attending the Teen Challenge bus, Grub & Gospel and church. The week previous to his admission to rehab he was baptised at the New Life Church in Prestwick and was born again. All our prayers go with him. It cannot be easy to end an addiction but he now has a much greater power helping him.

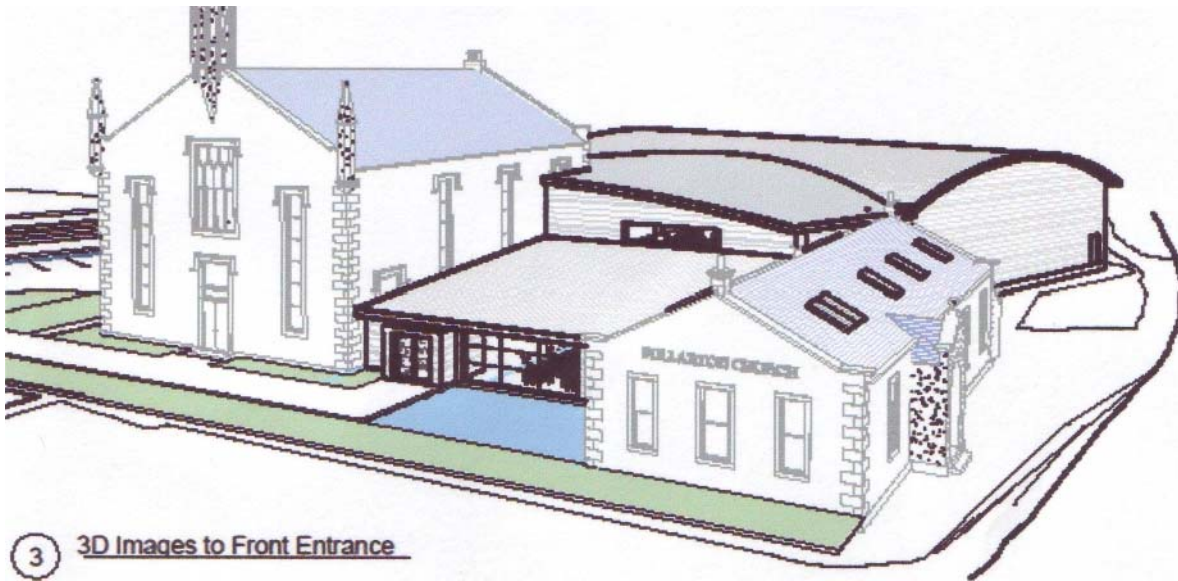
It is wonderful that we do not just have a God of second chances but of third, fourth & as many chances as we need. Many of our friends on the bus on a Tuesday have difficulty with this fact but we try by showing real Christian love, hospitality & friendship that we have a God that does not mind what they have done in the past and by accepting Him into their lives they can also be born again and end their life of addiction.

The Tuesday Teen Challenge bus is still well attended and still blessed by lots of lovely grub from local shops.

We held two fund raising events during the summer. The sponsored trip round the Isle of Cumbrae was another successful day which was again blessed with fabulous weather. We also had a bag packing day at Tesco that went well. Both of these events are expected to raise more than £400 each.

Thanks once again for all your prayers and support.

## The Future of Fullarton's Buildings



3 3D Images to Front Entrance

At the Annual Meeting on Sunday 27th March it was agreed that we instruct the architect to prepare a revised scheme incorporating the existing structure of the listed buildings (i.e. the church and Fullarton Hall).

The architect's plans were displayed in the Church Hall, and members of the congregation and leaders of various groups and organisations were invited to "workshops" on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd June.

Following these workshops and the comments received, a number of amendments have been incorporated into the proposed layout.

A comprehensive list of the comments received, the response, and action taken is being prepared and will be available shortly.

Copies of the plans will be on display in the vestibule of the Church, the Church Hall and Fullarton Hall and we would still welcome any comments or questions which you may have.

North Ayrshire Council and Historic Scotland are supportive of the revised approach. As the proposal does not involve the demolition of the listed buildings, the decision on the new applications will rest with the Council.

At a Special Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday 28th August it was agreed that the revised plans are submitted to North Ayrshire Council for Listed Building Consent and Planning Permission.

If you wish a copy of the proposed plans, or the report on the comments received, please contact Iain McQuaker. ([i.mcquaker@btinternet.com](mailto:i.mcquaker@btinternet.com)).

## **LIFE and WORK** *SEPTEMBER ISSUE*

### **Freshers' Faith**

Jackie Macadam explores the challenges faced by Christians starting university

### **Out for the Summer**

Thomas Baldwin samples two major Christian festivals: Solas and the CLAN Gathering

### **A Remarkable Life**

The Rev David Levison tells the story of his father, Leon, a Palestinian rabbi's son who was banished from his homeland after embracing Christianity.

### **Into Injury Time...**

Former Life and Work editor R D Kernohan reflects on the church of today.

### **Divine Right**

Lawrence Sum highlights a major new exhibition in Glasgow celebrating the King James Bible

### **The Big Question**

Who was the most influential person on your faith as a teenager?

### **Out of Hours**

The Rev Scott Burton introduces a new form of worship.

### **With Psaltery and Banjo**

The Rev Dr Robin Hill concludes his series on the Psalms, with half an eye to his own church band.

### **View from the Pew**

Jim Cunningham reflects on sectarianism in Scottish football.

### **Creation Time**

The Moderator highlights the importance of connecting to our land.

### **Theology of Fragility**

The Rev Martin Johnstone focuses on the inspiration of three individuals encountered in fragile places.

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## THE ACTION GROUP

On the 4<sup>th</sup> May 1961 in the “Weekly Scotsman” an article appeared with the heading “Yes, Actions Do Speak Louder than Words”. The “Life and Work” magazine also carried an article titled “A Church With A Heart” and referred to the Action Group as “one of the most comprehensive experiments in social action ever undertaken by a congregation”.

The Action Group is just that. A group formed to tackle the welfare of its community through befriending, helping the needy and through the monthly dinners held in the church, which provide much needed social activities and interaction for the over 65s in the community. These dinners are much appreciated and enjoyed by over 60 people in our local community. For a project such as the Action Group to work, it relies on the goodwill of volunteers. Some of these volunteers have remained faithful for many years, although we still need more volunteers.

We have needs for the following:

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| <b>DRIVERS</b>          | To help people to and from dinner venue.            |
| <b>WAITERS/WAITRESS</b> | To help assist serving dinners and clearing tables. |
| <b>DELIVERY PERSONS</b> | To help deliver invitations.                        |

James 2 : 22

“You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did”.

**Please contact Cheryl on 01294 275924.**

**Our first dinner of the new session will be on Saturday 8 October when we look forward to welcoming friends old and new.**



## *Thursday is Craft Day*

Venue: Fullarton Church Hall.

Time: 10am -12pm

Lunch: Tea - Coffee.

1pm -3 30pm.

Morning Session :Card making and Crafts.

Break for Lunch.

Afternoon Session: The Art of Quilting.

September .\_\_\_\_\_Learn the Basics.

October. \_\_\_\_\_Focus on a Project.

November. \_\_\_\_\_Project for Christmas.

*SMALL QUILTS MADE ARE SENT OFF  
TO  
Project Linus.  
TO COMFORT TRAUMITISED  
CHILDREN IN HOSPITAL.*



### *Guild News*

Guild restarts Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>. October 7p.m. for 7.15p.m.  
**Fullarton Hall 7p.m.**

*ALL WELCOME*



## News from the World Mission Team

### CHRISTIAN AID

A recent document from Christian Aid highlighted the tragedy caused by malaria and how the disease can be easily prevented. Malaria is a killer: a big killer. It kills the poorest, most vulnerable people in the world. It kills children. It kills pregnant women. It kills people with HIV. It shows no mercy. Half the world is in its devastating grip. And it's the poorest half.

Every year approximately 250 million people contract malaria and 1 million die from it. It accounts for one fifth of all childhood deaths in Africa and on this continent alone a child dies from malaria every 45 seconds.

These are tragic statistics but the biggest tragedy of all is that malaria can easily be prevented with mosquito nets. Christian Aid have made this a priority issue and are appealing for our help to provide mosquito nets for the children of Africa. We have it within our power to save some of those children who die every 45 seconds. All that is required is for you to provide £3 and this will provide an African child with a chemically treated mosquito net.

Your World Mission Team would ask you to give serious thought to this project and watch for opportunities which we hope to provide for you to donate to this life saving cause.

***REMEMBER: A CHILD DIES OF MALARIA EVERY 45 SECONDS  
£3 WILL PROVIDE A MOSQUITO TO SAVE A LIFE***

### HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October will be Sunday in which we will give thanks for the safe gathering in of the harvest and on which we will remember those in our world for whom, once again, there will be no harvest and who need our help.

In your Contact magazine today you will find an envelope which you can return on 1<sup>st</sup> October with your donation to help provide food for those who at this moment are in great need.

Many of you have contributed most generously to the recent appeal for Africa but having watched the harrowing scenes on T.V. and read accounts in your newspaper we hope that you will be moved again to provide further support.

### LEPROSY MISSION

A letter from Alison McDonald, Chair of Trustees, gives a vivid account of work being carried out by TLM in Myanmar(Burma). On a visit to Mawlamyine Christian Leprosy Hospital, which was established over 100 years ago, and has a history of care and compassion for leprosy affected people, the commitment of staff to their patients was obvious to all. There is a very active and effective surgical programme and it was good to see those who had benefited from the skills of the surgeon

## *Blog from Joel Githinji - Mission Partner in Nepal*

### Challenges for addressing HIV AND and HIV in Nepal

A second national conference of people living with HIV was conducted in Katmandu and 300 delegates attended. Most of the people living with HIV are poor and marginalised; poverty and low literacy remain the major factors that fuel the epidemic. Some could not access treatment due to stigma and living remotely. However, Nepal has made some progress as there are over 5000 people with access to Antiretroviral Therapy (ART).

One of the challenges faced in the fight against HIV is the fact that many people do not simply know their HIV status and also many discontinue Antiretroviral drugs because the ART sites are far away from their homes. Viral load testing services are essential within six months of starting ARV treatment. Similarly drug resistance testing is also needed for those who are on ARV's for more than 3 years but such services are lacking. Livelihood support for people infected by HIV is limited and the media reports cases of discrimination against children affected by AIDS in schools.

THE United Mission to Nepal continues to support people infected and affected by AIDS for livelihood, treatment and care. The National Association of people living with HIV and AIDS in Nepal has been playing a crucial role to ensure the right of women and children in regards to access to treatment services .

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#### STAMP APPEAL

The 2011 World Mission Stamp Appeal which is supporting a Boys' Home in Jamaica has so far raised an amazing £1764 and thanks us for our support.

#### International Day of Prayer

The World Council of Churches is calling on churches and parishes to observe 21<sup>st</sup> September as International Day of Prayer for Peace.

*FOR TODAY ALONE*

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry ...  
Two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is Yesterday ... With its mistakes and cares; its faults and blunders;  
its aches and pains.

Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control.

All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday.

We cannot bring back yesterday.

We cannot undo a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said.

Yesterday is gone!

The other day we should not worry about is Tomorrow. .-with its possible adversaries;  
its burdens; its large promise and poor performance. Tomorrow is beyond our  
immediate control.

Tomorrow's sun will rise!

This leaves only one day ... Today.

It is not the experience of today that drives us mad...

It is the remorse or bitterness for something which happened yesterday ... and the  
dread of what tomorrow may bring.

Anyone can fight the battles of just one day.

It is only when you and I add the burdens of those awful eternities. .

Yesterday and Tomorrow. . .

That we break down.

Let us therefore live but one day at a time!  
Today!

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**WHAT'S A SERVICE WORTH?**

A man and his ten-year-old son were on a fishing trip miles from home. At the boy's insistence, they decided to attend the Sunday worship service at a small rural church. The father forgot to bring any cash, so he reached in his pocket and gave his son 10p to drop in the offering plate as it was passed. As they walked back to their car after the service, the father complained. "The service was too long," he lamented. "The sermon was boring, and the singing was off key." Finally the boy said, "Daddy, I thought it was pretty good for 10p."

# News from our Light Factory

## Jungle Jamboree

Jungle Jamboree was a funny mixture this summer. Unlike the title the stories were nothing to do with the jungle. The six stories were all parables. The children seemed to enjoy them and the numbers most weeks were great. When questioned, the children had certainly learned a lot about parables. Many thanks to all those who gave up their time to help during the summer.



## New Children

The starblazers have welcomed two new children since starting and they are both girls! Lauren has brought along her friend Abby and Caitlin come to join us today.

The Sparklers have welcomed four new children.. Zac has joined them along with Lillith. Cameron's neighbours Melissa and Sophia have also come along. They are the first twins we have had in Light Factory for a while. It was great to see the Sparklers so busy on Sunday.

## Watch this space!

We're looking at ideas for next summer already! We'll give you a clue, 2012 is going to be London Olympics



## Changes in staff

The Starblazers have three permanent staff this session; Dorothy Urquhart, Eleanor McLaren and Morna Rae. Each week they also have a couple of volunteers with them..The teachers are each hoping to get a week in church every three weeks.

Elizabeth Ingram has decided to return to the Sparklers where she began . she is joined by Mimanda Gemmell, Lynsey Leckie and Laura Bennie. Like the Starblazers they are joined eachweek by one or two volunteers.

## MATERIALS

Both sections have chosen to concentrate on Old Testament this term. The Starblazers are working on Moses so look out for a burning bush in the church hall soon!

The Sparklers have decided to learn about Joseph. All the little ones came out this morning clutching big figures of Joseph wearing a very colourful coat.



## F.B.J.

Sheena Kinmond and Moira Simpson are still in charge of the F.B.I. They are working alongside the Starblazers for September.



## *Article about Alanon Family groups.*

Fullarton has an excellent track record for helping and encouraging victims of addictions.

I would like to let the families and friends of those who suffer from alcohol addictions know about Alanon Family Groups.

We can see what alcoholism is doing to the people that we love but can we do not see what is happening to us as we try and take control of the alcoholic.

Little by little we are drawn into the disease of alcoholism

One alcoholic can affect at least 6 people around him/her

Alcoholism is a family disease and can be hereditary passing through the generations.

Living with the effects of someone else's drinking is too devastating for most people to bear without help

In Alanon we learn nothing we say or do can cause or stop someone else's drinking. We learn we are not responsible for another person's disease or recovery from it. We can still like the person without liking the behaviour

Detachment allows us to let go of our obsession with another's behaviour and begin to lead happier and more manageable lives, lives with dignity and rights.

We can learn about the disease of alcoholism in Alanon and we can learn the best way to help ourselves and the person we love while living in close proximity of the disease

Alanon is a 12<sup>th</sup> step programme and anonymity is a key factor in protecting ourselves and our families. We only need to use our first name.

What we do does not matter. What matters is that we share a common problem.

Someone else's drinking is controlling our lives

We share our experience, strength and hope and are freed from the effects of someone else's drinking. We learn not to be a crutch to the problem drinker. This can help the alcoholic to face his/her own problems and reach for recovery

When someone we love is drinking obsessively we take the blame and shame and retreat into loneliness to protect ourselves from the reality. We also try and hide the problem from other members of the family

Children brought up in a home where there is a problem drinker experience

Problems of low self-esteem, sadness and a lack of motivation. They never know the family rules as they keep changing. There is no stability

The only requirement for membership in Alanon is that you have a problem with someone else's drinking

Alanon is a worldwide organisation and there are many groups in the Strathclyde area.

There are local meetings in Irvine, Ardrossan, Dalry.

If you go onto the Alanon Family groups website you will be able to access the time and places of all meetings

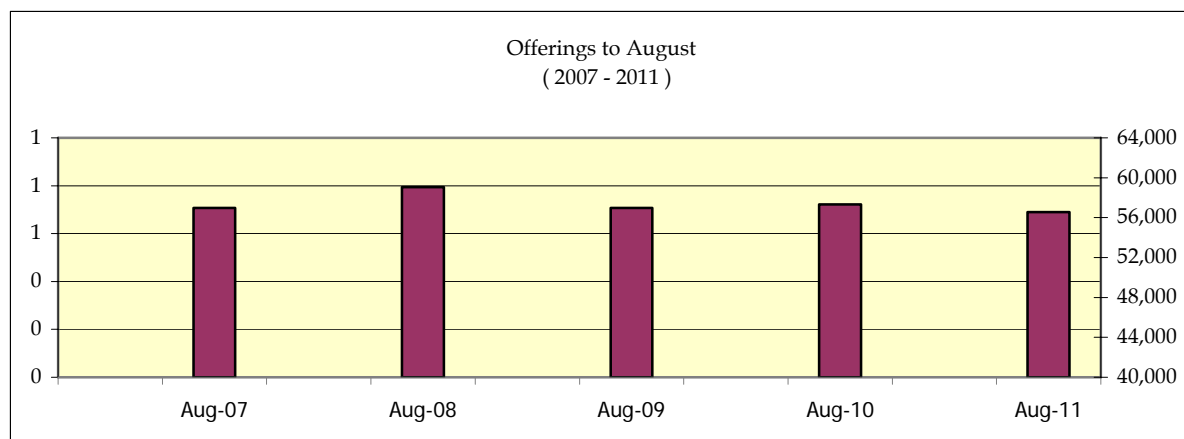
The number to call for information is 020 7403 0888

### News from the Finance Team

After a big improvement in June and July, we can report that the Offerings to August 2011 show a deficit of £792 compared to our Offerings to August 2010. However, we are now £134 or 0.24% ABOVE our Budgeted income for the first eight months of 2011.

<b>August 2010</b>	<b>£ 57,342</b>
<b>August 2011</b>	<b>£ 56,549</b>

Here's a simple graph comparing our offerings for the same period over the last five years :



#### Special Collections / Appeals during June, July and August :

Irvine Cancer Care ( Helen Gow Funeral )	£	500.00
Loudoun Montgomery Scripture Union	£	114.00
Rutherford House	£	67.00
TEAR Fund ( DEC Appeal for Africa ) (See Note 1 below)	£	916.25

**Note 1: Gift Aid tax refunds increased the actual amount sent to TEAR Fund to £1,080**

#### We also acknowledge with grateful thanks the following donations during the Summer :

Banner Fund ( including £200 in Gift Aids )	£	335.50
Blythswood Care	£	110.00
Christian Aid	£	13.32
Fabric ( from Fullarton Centre )	£	393.60
Flower Fund	£	135.00
Heat & Light ( various sources )	£	415.00
Leprosy	£	40.96
Life & Work	£	25.00
Light Factory	£	75.00
Ludhiana	£	48.00
Printing & Stationery	£	38.68
Scottish Bible Society	£	6.50
TEAR Fund Boxes	£	25.44
Teen Challenge ( incl. £260 in Gift Aids )	£	280.00

These figures have NOT yet been reconciled with the August Bank Statement, which was not received prior to the deadline for 'CONTACT' Magazine.

*The Finance Team*

Home GroupsSunday morning

9.30 - 10.30 a.m. contact Fraser Hutchison 01292  
313672

Wednesday evening

22 Fairways, Irvine, Home of Ian McQuaker 01294  
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Thursday afternoon

36 Rannoch Place, Castlepark 1.30-2.45.ish + coffee & cake!  
Contact Hunter Lightbody. 01294  
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Thursday evening

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