

# CONTACT



Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Revelation 22:12-13

**October 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>09.10.11</b>
	<b>16.10.11</b>	<b>23.10.11</b>	<b>30.10.11</b>	<b>06.11.11</b>
	<b>13.11.11</b>	<b>20.11.11</b>	<b>27.11.11</b>	<b>04.12.11</b>
<b>Team Leader :</b>	John Davidson	Malcolm Small	Iain Laird	May Evans
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	Robin Burnett	Pam Gibson	Gordon Drysdale	Marlene Clancy
	Margaret Elliott	Evelyn McGregor	Cathy McQueenie	Fraser Hutchison
	May Elliott	Andrew Martin	Sandra Deeprose	John McIntyre
	Margaret McInnally	Jean Ross	Sam McKnight	Andy McLelland
	Sheila McQuaker	George Weir	Sheena Kinmond	Geri McLelland
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	Sheila McQuaker	George Weir	Cathy McQueenie	Geri McLelland
<b>Counting and</b>	Robin Burnett	Lesley Darroch	Gordon Drysdale	Rhona Cathcart
<b>Recording :</b>	Lillias Dunlop	Pam Gibson	Douglas Ferguson	Marlene Clancy
	Margaret Elliott	Evelyn McGregor	A.Graham	Moira Graham
	May Elliott	Andrew Martin	Sheena Kinmond	Fraser Hutchison
	Sheila McQuaker	A.Hankinson	Catherine Rennie	John McIntyre
	Iain McQuaker	Moira Simpson	Faye Stephens	Andy McLelland
<b>Flower delivery :</b>	Janet Kennedy	Jean Ross	Ann Wood	Evelyn Robertson
<b>Helpers :</b>	Christine Blair	E.Stevely	Sam McKnight	Jean Wyllie
	May Elliott	Malcolm Small	Cathy McQueenie	May Evans
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	Ann Wood	Aileen Roy	Margaret Fulton	Jean Weir
	Marion Sneddon	Elizabeth Small	Betty Boyd	Sheila McQuaker
	Janice Burns	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.  
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Dear Friends,

You would think that family and friends might spare the blushes of X-Factor contestants who get the panel's goggle-eyed "You cannot be serious!" dressing down! Some acts are so painful that we fast-forward through them.

I used to write and sing my own songs until I got married and Dorothy blew the whistle on any X-Fatoresque aspirations, so I know how easy it is to 'believe your own publicity.' Phew! It's just as well X-Factor wasn't around back then, and the 'over 40's' entries had me mightily relieved that was sat firmly in my sitting room viewing from a distance!

Being 'in denial' can be a helpful protection from truth that is too awful to take in immediately, like the dying / death of a loved one, the loss of a job / ability, or the rude realisation that we 'can't sing for fudge.' It takes time to work through emotions like anger, guilt, embarrassment, anxiety, etc, to the point of accepting rough, raw reality. 'Denial' can be deadly dangerous when we deny symptoms of illness, which may become more life threatening the longer we leave going to the doctor's.

### **Painful Presbytery Punches:**

In the Church of Scotland and our own Presbytery of 'Irvine & Kilmarnock' we run the risk of denying the necessity to reduce our paid ministries from 28 to just under 21. The upshot of this is that Irvine, along with the rest of Presbytery, will have to reduce paid ministries and better share resources in mission. **On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00 p.m. in the Church Hall**, all interested in the future of our church and Presbytery are invited to attend a meeting with Presbytery representatives. Led by Rev Andy Black (Appraisal Committee Convener) they will inform and consult us, in order to feed into the process of preparing a 'strategic plan' for how best to share our Presbytery's ministries and resources. *Which congregations might Fullarton work closer with? If we had to share a minister with another group of congregations, which might they be? On the other hand, how might a 'resource rich' congregation like Fullarton share with other congregations in the town? Come and join us if you can!*

**Greatest Need!** From my viewpoint the most widespread 'denial' is that of our 'need for God.' I admit to being biased in this due to the difference God makes in my daily life, for Jesus' Spirit deepens, heightens, broadens and opens life up into something way beyond 'quadrasonic, 4D, technicolour'! For me 'Christ is the X-Factor' everyone ultimately seeks, but so often misses. Indeed, he's only an audition (or prayer) away from every one of us.

As we have journeyed through recent morning services, I have been staggered by the vivid colours, alarming sounds and glorious praise of Revelation. With Eugene Peterson's navigation skills we have considered God's Last Words on: Scripture, Christ; the Church, Worship, Evil, Prayer, Witness, Politics, Judgment, and before Advent is upon us will have viewed the Last



**FUNERALS**

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



- Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> June Craig -2 Sophia Crescent, Irvine. \*
- Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> John McConnachie - 74 Guttries Road, Harbourside, Irvine.
- Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> Maggie McGhee - 52 Lugton Court, Fullarton, Irvine.
- Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Thoebe Flack -36 Afton Court Fullarton, Irvine.

\* denotes church member or adherent.

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**BAPTISM**

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

18<sup>th</sup> Sept - Zac Kenzie Kennedy - son of Euan and Fiona Kennedy - 5 Glenbervie Wynd, Tarryholme, Irvine (D.O.B 12.04.09)

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**Thank You**

I wish to thank Fullarton Congregation for the many cards, visits, enquiries and good wishes I received, during my recent stays in hospital, and have continued to receive, as I convalesce at home.

All much appreciated

*Gordon Drysdale*

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Many thanks for the lovely flowers, cards, text, visitors and prayers while I was in hospital.

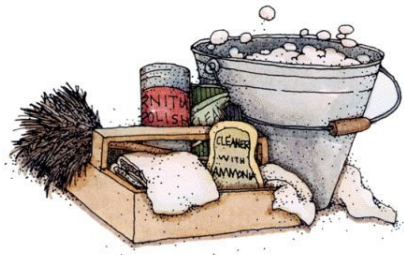
*Christine Blair*

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Thank you for the card I received on my birthday in September. Also a big ‘thank you’ to Mrs Robertson for the lovely flowers she brought me.

*Isobel Burns*

**THANK YOU**  
To everyone who took part in the recent deep clean  
of the church and halls.



**You did a magnificent job!**



**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 Deeprise 01292-315169 (if unavailable, please leave message, I will return the call) or see Christine Blair

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**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

# Dates for your Diary 2011

## 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.	Guild Opening Evening in Church Gaelic Waulking Group.
Wed. 12 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 p.m.	Evening Service in Fullarton Hall led Rev. Neil.
Wed. 12 <sup>th</sup>	7- 8 a.m. from 7.p.m.	Prayer breakfast in Counting Room, Church Hall. Blokes Blog , Mark Leckies House. 4 Langmuir Court. Phone 217404 to watch Spain V Scotland Football Game, kick off 7.45.p.m.
Thurs. 13 <sup>th</sup>	6p.m.	Alpha Meal, followed by course at 7-9pm at Salvation Army Hall. (19 Townhead, Irvine.)

## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

### HOME GROUPS WEEK

Sun. 16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00a.m.	Baptismal service, Zoe Davidson being baptized led by Rev. Neil.
	6.30p.m.	Evening Service in Fullarton Hall led by Rev. Neil. Jenny Williams speaking on healing.
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. (19 Townhead, Irvine.)

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

Sun. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Morning Service, led by Rhona Cathcart. Revelation 15-18: Last Word on Judgement.
	2.30 p.m.	Greenbank Care Home Service led by Sandra Davidson .
	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
Wed. 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.p.m.	Congregational Meeting with representatives from Presbytery discussing the Presbytery Plan.
Thurs. 27 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 a.m.	Fullarton Care Home Service and led by May Elliot.
Thurs. 27 <sup>th</sup>	6p.m.	Alpha Meal, followed by course at 7-9pm at Salvation Army Hall. (19 Townhead, Irvine.)

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November

### HOME GROUPS WEEK

Sun. 30 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Communion Service, led by Rev. Neil. Revelation 19-20: Last Word on Salvation .
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	6.30 p.m.	Spice n' Ice in Fullarton Hall, led by. Rev. Neil.
Wed. 2 <sup>nd</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. (19 Townhead, Irvine.)
Thurs. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<u>time to be confirmed</u>	Rev. Jamie Milliken's induction to Portland Parish, Troon.
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>		Neil Urquhart playing football for the churches team against the Scottish MSPs and MPs at Dumbarton. See elsewhere for details of sponsoring him.

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Sun. 6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00a.m.	Baptismal Service. Baby Max Bennie being Baptized, led by Rev. Neil.
	2.30 p.m.	Revelation 21:1-22:5 - Last word on Heaven Greenbank Care Home Service led by Fraser Hutchison.
	6.30 p.m.	Evening service in Fullarton Hall, led by Rhona Cathcart.
Wed. 9 <sup>th</sup>	7- 8 a.m.	Prayer breakfast in Counting Room, Church Hall.
Thurs. 10 <sup>th</sup>	6p.m.	Alpha Meal, followed by course at 7-9pm at Salvation Army Hall. (19 Townhead, Irvine.)
Thurs. 10 <sup>th</sup>	6-6.50p.m.	Kirk Session Meeting 6p.m. in Church Hall for meal, and 6.50p.m. for meeting.

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November

#### HOME GROUPS WEEK

Sun. 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.45 a.m.	Remembrance Sunday Service led Rev. Neil. Revelation 22: Last Words.
	6.30 p.m.	<b><u>PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME</u></b> Evening Service led by Rev. Neil, in Church Hall.
Wed. 16 <sup>th</sup>	7- 8 a.m.	Prayer breakfast in Counting Room, Church Hall.
Thurs. 17 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 a.m.	Fullarton Care Home Service and led by Rev. Neil.
Thurs. 17 <sup>th</sup>	6p.m.	Alpha Meal, followed by course at 7-9pm at Salvation Army Hall. (19 Townhead, Irvine.)

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Forget good intentions

Is your head full of good things that you intend to do.... someday? What about now? Live every day as if there were no tomorrow. Speak that kind word, help that person now, pick up the phone and make the call, spend time with your loved ones. Stop merely thinking about it, and DO it. - One malignant cell or one faulty heartbeat could change your priorities in an instant. You get a better perspective of life at a funeral than you do at a party. When you reach the end of your journey, what will you wish you had done with your days and years - when you had the chance? Do you need to give this some thought today?



**“SHOE BOX APPEAL”**  
**2011**  
**(BLYTHSWOOD CARE)**

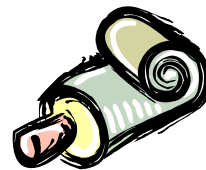
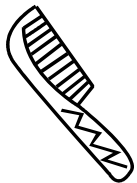
Packing of the “shoe boxes” with gifts for people of all ages will take place on

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October and  
 Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November in  
 the Fullarton Centre between 9.30-6pm each  
 day.**

This is a great chance to send gifts overseas to under-privileged children and grown-ups. Each year many love to receive these boxes, packed full, and wrapped with gaily coloured paper.

Please do your best to support this effort in any way you can. The more hands able to help with packing and moving the boxes the better!

Thank you for your good support as in previous years.



## 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 is 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.

### **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.

Available at [www.gettingyourkidsthroughchurch.org.uk](http://www.gettingyourkidsthroughchurch.org.uk)

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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## **LIFE and WORK**

OCTOBER ISSUE

### **Faith Schools**

Dr Harry Reid and the Rev Ewan Aitken discuss whether the Church of Scotland should set up its own schools?

Plus The Big Question: Are faith schools important in the Scotland of today?

### **An Autumn Passion**

Jackie Macadam highlights a new Passion Play which will be staged in Glasgow on October 6.

### **Heaven and Hell**

The inspiration behind a contemporary exhibition celebrating the 400 anniversary of the King James Bible.

### **A Retro Tent of Meeting**

Steve Brown describes how a 1967 VW camper is bringing a mobile 'sacred space' to communities across Scotland.

### **Part of the Team**

The Moderator explains why people are the Church's best resource.

### **The Growing Church**

Thomas Baldwin discovers 'a work in progress' in Penicuik.

### **Buddies' Treasure**

John R Hume reflects on the history and legacy of Oakshaw Trinity Church in Paisley.

### **A Box of Blessings**

Graham Fender-Allison introduces a resource which seeks to find new ways of talking to God.

### **Bridges Between Testaments**

In the first of six studies the Very Rev Gilleasbuig Macmillan asks what it means to be human.

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## **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.

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

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

**SMALL QUILTS MADE ARE SENT OFF  
TO**

***Project Linus.***

**TO COMFORT TRAUMITISED  
CHILDREN IN HOSPITAL**

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### **Guild News**

10<sup>th</sup> Oct. – Opening Social – The Waulking Group  
In Fullarton Church – 7.30p.m.

Tickets £3 from Guild Committee

**ALL WELCOME**



Oct 17<sup>th</sup> – Linus Project with Patricia Harvey.

Oct 24<sup>th</sup> – Sing-along- with Dorothy Penno.

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween Mystery Night!

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – United Guilds in Mure Church.

Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> - Flower arrangements with Marion, and Stall.

**Sunday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> Cake and Candy Stall after the Church  
Service.**

**Come and buy a nice wee treat!!**

## News from the World Mission Team

### The Leprosy Mission

A recent media report highlighted the high instance of leprosy in Afghanistan. There have been at least 389 new cases since 2001 with 37 cases reported this year. However officials fear that the real figure is much higher because many cases go unreported due to the shame attached to diagnosis and a shortage of trained healthcare workers. Yet with the right drugs and doctors the World Health Organisation says diagnosis and treatment is easy. They point out that left untreated leprosy is highly contagious because it is often passed from parent to child. There are twelve leprosy clinics across Afghanistan and the WHO is working with the ministry of public health to try and raise awareness and reduce the stigma attached to the disease. Afghanistan is only one of the many countries where leprosy is rife. The Leprosy Mission, whom we have supported for many years, has recently signed a Global Fellowship Charter with representatives of 31 different countries redefining the relationships between them and reinforcing The Leprosy Mission as a united Christian organisation. Now the hard work begins, to put this new agreement into practice and, as equal partners, to bring healing and justice to people affected by leprosy around the world. Your prayerful and financial support for TLM is still very much needed.

### Christian Aid

Last month we drew your attention to the number of people who die each year from malaria and how 1 child in Africa dies every 45 seconds from this disease. We also pointed out that this tragedy could be prevented by the provision of mosquito nets for the small sum of £3 each and asked you to watch out for a way in which you could participate in this life saving project.

The World Mission Team have now set aside three Sundays in November when you will be able to purchase a net and save a life. On the first 3 Sundays of the month there will be a box on the table in the vestibule into which we would ask you to put the small amount of £1 each week. We hope that you will feel able to contribute this small amount each week knowing that it will mean life itself to so many children in Africa.

$£1+£1+£1 = £3 = \text{Mosquito Net} = \text{A child's life}$

Can we depend on your support?

### Blog from our Mission Partner – Joel Githinji

An earthquake measuring 6.8 on the Richter scale jolted Nepal on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 6.25pm. It was the strongest quake to hit the country in 73 years. The epicentre was between Taplejung in Eastern Nepal and the Indian state of Sikkim. There were 14 aftershocks of varying magnitude recorded. The number of casualties and extent of damage is still to be ascertained. However the Nepal home ministry has reported that 60 people were injured in a stampede whilst jumping off a building in Kathmandu. Three people died after the compound wall of the British Embassy collapsed in the aftermath of the quake. My family are safe and we thank God for their protection. Please pray for families whose houses were damaged and those who lost their dear ones and friends.

### Tearfund

Every day 2.6 billion people don't have somewhere safe, private or hygienic to go to the toilet. That's 40% of the world's population who have to use fields, streams, rivers, railway lines, canal banks, roadsides, plastic bags, or squalid, disease breeding buckets. Tearfund has helped provide safe loos for 10,000 people in Burundi.

## RETIRING OFFERING for BURKINA FASO

The Scottish Bible Society, as part of its BIBLEFRESH PROJECT, has undertaken to raise the finance needed to translate the Bible into the language of the Bissa people who live across a wide area in the south of the landlocked West African country of Burkina Faso. The traditional African religion of the area is giving way to two outside religions - Christianity and Islam. About a quarter of the population is Christian, but if they are to grow and mature as disciples in the complex and multi-cultural world they inhabit they need to get to grip with God's word.

The Bissa people speak two languages = Lebir and Barka . The Bible Society of Burkina Faso has translated the New Testament into Lebir and is now working on the Old Testament and Wycliffe Translators will soon start work on Barka. Currently many people try to read the Bible in the national language which is French. However, as many as 85% of the population do not read French, making the Bible inaccessible to many. The 80,000 strong Bissa Barka community has been waiting for the Bible for many years and at present Churches hold Bible studies without a Bible in their own language. Just imagine what it must be like without a Bible in a language you can understand.

Could you use this translation in your Bible Study or would you prefer it in English?

1. L'Éternel est mon berger, je ne manquerai de rien.
2. Il me fait reposer dans de verts pâturages, Il me dirige pres des eaux paisibles
3. Il restaure mon ame. Il me conduit dans les sentiers de la justice, a cause de son nom.
4. Quand je marche dans la vallee de l'ombre de la mort, je ne crains aucun mal, car tu es avec moi: Ta houlette et ton baton me rassurent.
5. Tu dresses devant moi une table, en face de mes adversaires; Tu oins d'huile ma tete, et ma coupe deborde.
6. Oui, le Bonheur et la grace m'accompagneront tous les jours de ma vie, et j'habiterai dans la maison l'Éternel jusqu'à la fin de mes jours.

You can help the people of Barkina Faso. On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October there will be a Retiring Offering after the morning service when you can contribute towards the project to translate the Bible into the language of the people of Barkina Faso.

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"A minister was walking through the woods and came face to face with a huge bear. He fell down on his knees and prayed, "Father, please make this bear a Christian!"

While he was praying he heard a big "Thud".

He opened his eyes to see the bear right in front of him on his knees with his paws held together as if in prayer.

The minister let out a sigh of relief, and then he heard the bear say, "Father, bless this meal I am about to receive..."

## SONGS of PRAISE

The B.B.C. programme SONGS of PRAISE celebrated 50 years of broadcasting on 1<sup>st</sup> October making it the longest running religious series. The first programme was broadcast from the Tabernacle Welsh Baptist Church, Cardiff on 1<sup>st</sup> October 1961 and since then it has broadcast from Churches, as well as other locations, up and down the country as well as from various locations overseas. As well as hosting the very first programme, Cardiff was also the location for Songs of Praise's largest ever episode when the Millennium Stadium there saw 60,000 worshippers, a 6,000 piece choir, an orchestra of 100 harps, the band of the Welsh Guards and an anthem specially written by Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber mark the first Sunday of the new millennium. Over the years, Songs of Praise has broadcast over 12,500 hymns from more than 1800 churches, chapels and cathedrals nationwide. It has been a comfort and inspiration to many who have tuned in over the years as it has reflected the changing face of hymn singing and at the same time reminded us of long treasured favourites.

It was Fullarton's privilege to host the broadcast on 31st October 1971 when the B.B.C. used it to mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of James Montgomery, the Christian hymn writer and poet, who was born in Irvine on 4<sup>th</sup> November 1771. This broadcast was recorded on the afternoon of 24<sup>th</sup> October when the hymns, which included "Songs of Praise the Angels Sang", "Stand up and Bless The Lord" and "Forever with the Lord", were sung with gusto by members from Fullarton who were joined by members of the other congregations in the town. As the afternoon progressed we were to find that it was no easy matter being filmed by cameras which moved up and down the aisles and there were numerous breaks in proceedings so that we could get our facial expressions, singing volume and various other matters right for the producer. However an enjoyable occasion was had by all and the finished article showed none of the problems when broadcast on the following Sunday.

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### **APHORISM: A SHORT, POINTED SENTENCE EXPRESSING A WISE OR CLEVER OBSERVATION OR A GENERAL TRUTH**

1. The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
2. Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
3. If you don't have a sense of humour, you probably don't have any sense at all.
4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
5. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you are in deep water.
6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night.
7. Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
8. Why is it at class reunions, you feel younger than everyone else looks?
9. Scratch a cat and you will have a permanent job.
10. No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.
11. There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.
12. There are worse things than getting a call for the wrong number at 4am - it could be the right number!
13. No one ever says, "It's only a game" when their team is winning.

*Irvine & Kilmarnock  
Presbyterial Guild Council*

*“Songs of Praise”*  
on  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2011  
in  
St. Andrew’s & St. Marnock’s  
Parish Church, Kilmarnock  
at 6.30p.m.

*An Invitation is extended to all to come and  
join us in this Special “Songs of Praise”  
to celebrate the start of Guild Week.*

Guest Speaker: The Rt. Rev’d. David Arnott,  
Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of  
Scotland.

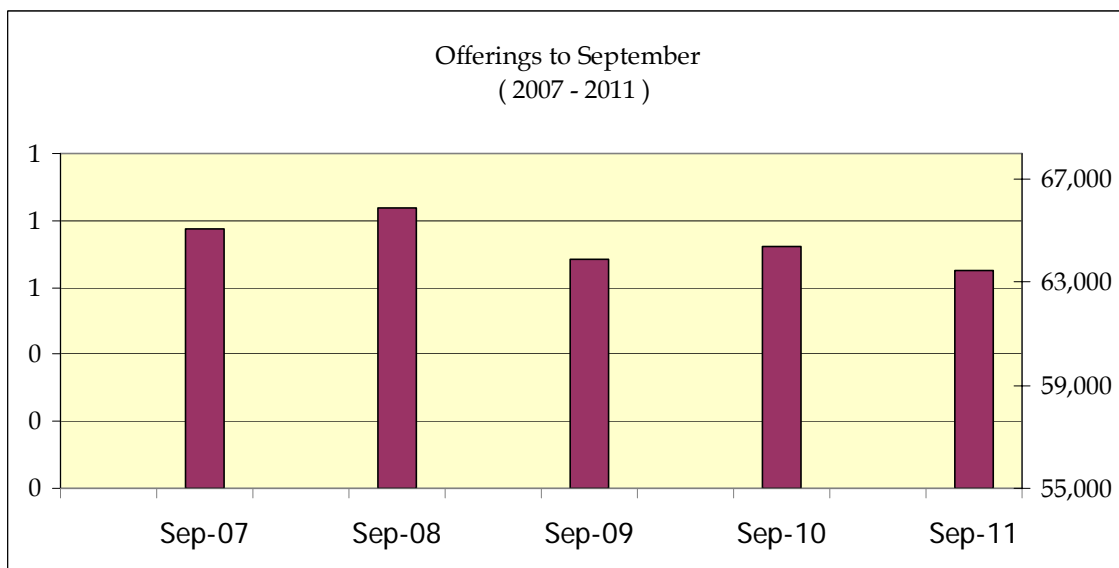
*Please join us for tea/coffee and fellowship in  
the Church Hall after the Service.*

### News from the Finance Team

Despite a big improvement in June and July, we can report that the Offerings to September 2011 now show a deficit of £979 compared to our Offerings to September 2010. However, we are still £64 or 0.10% ABOVE our Budgeted income for the first nine months of 2011.

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

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




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#### Special Collections / Appeals during September :

NIL £

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

Banner Fund	£	2.00
Flower Fund	£	5.00
Heat & Light ( various sources )	£	198.00
KSN Hospital Clean Water Project (Gift Aid)	£	2,000.00
Leprosy	£	8.75
Life & Work	£	1.50
Light Factory (Gift Aid)	£	25.00
Misc. Expenses (Gift Aid)	£	71.00
TEAR Fund Boxes	£	8.64
Teen Challenge (Gift Aids)	£	80.00

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

*The Finance Team*

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

Wednesday evening

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Thursday afternoon

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

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