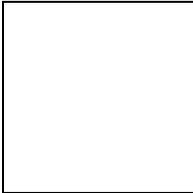


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Granton Parish Church Magazine



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The Money Man - the Treasurer has some encouraging news!



Elizabeth Henderson, our minister over the last 10 years, preached at Granton for the last time on Sunday 27th April and was inducted into her new charge of Richmond Craigmillar on 7th May. Many of our own congregation attended her induction to wish her well in her new challenge. During the 'vacancy' the Rev. John Tait is our Interim Moderator, and the Rev. Charlotte Henderson our Locum minister.

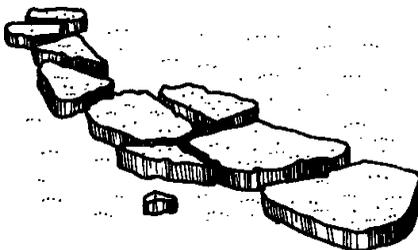
From the Interim Moderator

John Tait

I write to you as your Interim Moderator during the present Vacancy in Granton Parish Church. It is enjoyable and not without a certain personal significance that I am here with you in this capacity. As some of you will know, I was married in Granton Parish Church, to Marlyn Trotter and so this Church will always have important and happy memories for both of us. There are also links between the folk of Granton Church with those of my own congregation, Leith St. Paul's.

Being the Interim Moderator

As you perhaps know already an Interim Moderator presides at Kirk Session meetings, and at Congregational Board meetings. In addition, I have already preached Granton Parish Church vacant and ensured that the appropriate procedures have been correctly negotiated thus far, ably assisted by Audrey Mitchell and by Maureen Hutchison.



The Vacancy Committee

We now have the Vacancy Committee in place and are set to proceed with the work of advertising and processing applications. In all of this work on behalf of the congregation, I know that I, and the Vacancy Committee, will value - and indeed depend on - your prayers and support.

In particular I would ask for your prayers for the Convener of the Committee Mr. Ian McPherson, for the Vice Convener Mr. Alister Greig, and also for the Clerk to the Committee Mrs. Jessie Macdonald. In the work of the Vacancy Committee I shall be present to offer advice and guidance.

During the vacancy, I and the Committee will seek to perform the task entrusted to us with diligence and efficiency. However of necessity this will take some time and I would ask for your patience. It is far preferable to ensure the job is well done rather than simply aim to finish quickly.

Please also recognise that I will be making it very clear to members of the Vacancy Committee that all business dealt with in Committee is strictly confidential. That is no empty formality, but an essential criterion on which the Committee will operate.

I look forward to working with the Vacancy Committee and to meeting you all sometime during the coming weeks.

God bless you all. *John M. Tait (Interim Moderator)*

Letter from the locum minister

Charlotte Henderson

A few years ago, while at Liberton Kirk, I attended a district ecumenical event. I was soon chatting to my neighbour, a friendly priest, and in due course of conversation I asked him if he came from Edinburgh. "Oh no", said he quickly, and then proudly, "I'm from Granton!" And hasn't he every right to be proud.

My husband Robert and myself are proud to be associated with you all at Granton during this important time in the life of the congregation.

We are aware of your real feelings of sadness and loss at Elizabeth's departure, but also there is a quiet confidence that God has good things in store.

Many thanks for the warm welcome you have given to us, and may these summer months be a time of re-creation, when we share God's peace and trust His love.

THE VACANCY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the congregation on Sunday 1st June the following members were elected to serve on the Vacancy Committee. It was also agreed that, when a 'sole-nominee' comes to preach at Granton, the vote will be by a show of hands.

Ian MacPherson (Convener)

Alister Greig (Vice-Convener)

Jessie Macdonald (Clerk)

Jessie Handieside

Chris Hansen

Olive Lyall

Gillian Macintosh

Audrey Mitchell

Stuart Mitchell

Jim Sinclair

Allan Summers

Lesley Webster

Linda Young



The Money Man

Report from the Treasurer
Alister Greig

Hi there. With this being my first report in the magazine as Treasurer, right now I feel like a new laddie starting school for the first time. Nervous. I don't know why since I've been involved, in one way, shape or form in the church ever since I left Sunday School. In the past few years I've been surrounded by a number of impressive Treasurer's from my father, Stewart Greig, to Jim Wood, Hugh Baird and latterly Jim Sinclair. All these men, over the years, gave me the encouragement to now feel that God has given me the skills and talents to carry out the duty as Treasurer. I feel it a great honour to have been asked. Can I also thank David Duncan who comes on board as Assistant Treasurer.

I follow on from a Stewardship campaign that was carried out in the latter part of last year. Granton, like many organisations, was faced with the prospect of a deficit towards the end of this year. If offerings were similar to last year we faced a deficit of something around £4,700. This would have given us serious problems and would not have allowed us to carry out a number of basic commitments. As at 31st May I am delighted to say that offerings so far are around 10-12% up on the same period last year. Can we keep this going? I do hope so it would be a marvellous answer to our prayers.



With the result of this Stewardship campaign being so encouraging can I offer a very big thank you, not only to all our elders and visitors who took part, without whom there just wouldn't have been a campaign, but to you for looking carefully at what you can offer to the church, and by the increase in your offerings which we are now seeing.

If we can all look at what we can afford to give each year and try to increase it, just a bit, then Granton will be assured of a healthy future. Once again thank you for your efforts keep up the good work and help to make my term as Treasurer an even more enjoyable one.

The Annual Stated Accounts

Because a number of you may not have seen the annual stated accounts I've attached below a brief summary which outlines the basic points. It doesn't go into any great detail - if you wish to know more then feel free to get in touch with me and I'll see about getting a copy of the full report to you.



ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER

Congregational fund

	1996	1995
Income		
Offerings	27,219.50	29,444.33
Other income	7,578.32	6,878.96
Balance at 1 st Jan	3,948.74	1,966.02
Transfers - from reserve a/c	-	1,000.00
Transfers - to fabric a/c	(1,650.00)	(1,800.00)
<i>Total income</i>	37,096.56	37,489.31
Expenditure		
Local Ministry	23,014.34	21,658.29
Mission and wider work	4,580.00	3,623.00
Local expenses	8,808.86	10,075.28
<i>Less contributions from outside organisations</i>	(1,878.25)	(1,816.00)
<i>Total expenditure</i>	34,524.95	33,540.57
Balance at 31st December	2,571.61	3,948.74

Cleaners Required

Are you able to help out with cleaning the church and halls?

Six of our cleaning volunteers will be retiring this year and we are now looking for replacements to clean both the East and West halls.

Bill King, our Property Convener, says, "The existing ladies have carried out the duties over many years for which the Congregational Board are very grateful".

Anyone prepared to help out - including men of course (there's an industrial floor polisher to be used) please contact **Joyce Hay** on 551 1745 for further details.



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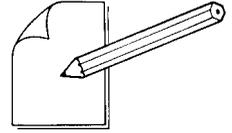
**Sunday 29th
June**

at 9.30am and 11.00am

Room at the Inn AD2000

Russell Barr

Is this a good way to celebrate the new millennium?



Following an initiative taken by the Presbytery of Edinburgh, the Christian Churches in Edinburgh have come together to tackle the problem of homelessness in our city and a project entitled "Room at the Inn AD2000" was officially launched at a press conference held in Jericho House at the end of January.

Working alongside other agencies like Bethany Christian Trust and the Scottish Churches Housing Agency, both of whom are actively involved in tackling homelessness, the Room at the Inn project has begun to develop its work in three directions: publicity, provision and prophecy.

The project hopes to inform the very genuine concern people have about homelessness, to encourage people to offer their support to existing projects and on occasion to develop new ones and to raise a voice for justice. The appalling silence of the candidates during the recent General Election campaign on the subject of homelessness only serves to indicate how urgently that voice needs to be raised.

Although we are appalled by the sight of people sleeping rough in Edinburgh's streets, rooflessness is but the very tip of the homeless

iceberg. As many as ten thousand people in Edinburgh are homeless and it is largely an invisible problem, to be discovered in bedsits, hostels and cheap hotel rooms the city.

Jesus calls us to notice those who are so easily overlooked and many of his parables were about something that was lost, a coin, a sheep, a son, while much of his time was spent with people who were shunned in normal society.

In London, it is planned to celebrate the new millennium with a dome built at Greenwich. What an appalling waste of money and what a dreadful way to celebrate the 2000th anniversary of our Lord's birth! It is not a dome that thousands of people need but a home. With God's blessing and your support, the Room at the Inn project aims to provide just that.

Rev Russell Barr is Minister at Cramond Kirk

“a dome built at Greenwich. What an appalling waste of money”

The Brigade Bugle!

Malcolm Burton

The B.B. year has come to an end for the session 96/97. Since February, the restarted Junior Section have been meeting in the Small (West) Hall on Monday nights at 6.30pm. We started with six boys and have finished with six, all who have now obtained their first (White) badge.

Invitations to the Boys in Primary 3, (Granton School) to come along for the last night brought in three new Boys. Everyone, (Boys and Staff) enjoyed the night, and look forward to next session when we restart at the end of August. We would like to thank Mr. Brian Graham of the 14th Leith, for helping us to get the Juniors restarted.

If you know of any Boys that are of B.B. age or think you can spare some time to help, then contact (Lt.) Stuart Mitchell, (Lt.) Gary Cochrane or myself for more details.

Malcolm Burton is the Company Captain and can be contacted on 552 - 5790

Don't come to church!

...at 11 o'clock over the summer. Remember services during July & August are at the earlier time of 10am.

The Lunch Club

*An anonymous contribution
with apologies to Messrs R Burns, W De
la Mare and W McGonigle*

Twelve o'clock's the time
Wednesday is the day
When appetites are satisfied
And it doesn't hurt to pay

THE STAFF

Elizabeth puts the dishes out
Margaret waits at table
Mary's there to lend a hand
And **Evelyn** helps when able

Liz does lots of shopping
Nancy's deep in suds
Iris makes old-fashioned puddings
And **Jessie's** a wonder with spuds

Joyce is the soup-remo
Lily arranges the flowers
Olive's arrived with new ideas
Which add some spice to ours!

Kirsty's Coffee Morning

Every Thursday from 10am - 11.30am in the West Hall
but...

Come early to avoid the rush and get the best seats!

Better still bring your friends too - ladies and gentlemen

The ~~Woman's~~ Guild

Jessie Macdonald

Our winter session has now finished and our fortnightly summer coffee evenings are in full swing. This is a good opportunity to meet and exchange news - the next one will be on 17th June (listen for the intimations on Sundays). We also have a small bring and buy stall at these evenings. All will be made welcome - men and women.

Our church branch of the Guild is very active, and we have over sixty members. Approximately 50 attend our weekly meetings. We are presently planning next year's syllabus and hope it will be interesting for our members. A special invitation is made to ladies of all ages to join us for our new session, starting on 30th September at 7.30pm Put a note in your diary and come along and find out more, or just ask any Guild member

Hope to see you then.

Jessie is Secretary of Granton Parish Church Woman's Guild, now after months of heated debate at national level, called simply The Guild!



The Woman's Guild drive

Forty eight happy travellers set off from the church at lunch time on Sunday 25th May - heading north to Forfar, where we spent an interesting time at the Guide Dogs For The Blind Training Centre. We saw a video on the work of training dogs, met some of the dogs currently in training, then had a welcome cup of coffee and a browse through their shop. After

leaving Forfar we went on to Arbroath, where some of us purchased our 'smokies', and finished up at Carnoustie where we had tea at the Station Hotel.

The weather was very good and, as always, the company was good and we really enjoyed our day out.

Our next drive on Sunday 21st September will be a mystery drive.

WRVS High Court Cafeterias

The WRVS are seeking volunteers to help run 3 cafeterias within the courts at Parliament Square, 5 days a week, morning and afternoon. All offers of help should be made to Mrs. Irene Mackenzie, Area Manager, WRVS, 44 Albany Street, Edinburgh, tel 556 4284

Letter from Pakistan

Ian & Isabel Murray,
Murree Christian School, Pakistan.

Dear Friends,

It seems no time since we last wrote but it was two months ago. We pray with you for the new government in Britain and wish we were able to be active with you in your communities. It seems to us from this distance that a lot of the church holds itself too separate from politics. It was most encouraging for us to learn that several churches had actively been finding out how the candidates in the election felt about the various issues. Housegroups pooled their results and I believe that many voted prayerfully this month. We are encouraged to pray for those in places of responsibility. Here in Pakistan, Nawaz Sharif also needs much prayer for all the issues facing this country.

Last month over our long weekend Spring break we went to Sialkot to visit our Girls' School and Boarding Hostel. We have not visited for some time as these last holidays we have been visiting former students at every opportunity. The 180 miles took us about 7 hours even although parts of the GT (Grand Trunk) road is now dual carriageway. It is still under construction in many places and the last 60 miles pretty much bumpy single track through villages and rural areas. We

lost a nut off the car and were treated so well with cold drinks, a chair for Isabel in the shade of a tree, conversation with children etc. while Ian was under the car fixing the trouble. One young man roared off on his motor bike to the next bazaar to try and find the right spare nut and bolt. God is good and we praise Him again and again for His provision and safety.

Last year we had quite a difficult time with some of our older boys being rebellious and very badly behaved. We are thankful that things have improved this year and some of our senior students have organised a sponsored walk to raise money for a new school generator. The demand for electricity in Pakistan far outweighs the supply and we have had even more power cuts these past few months than ever before. The weather since March has been very wet and cold with many storms. Our generator bought second hand, is now completely finished and because we have moved into the modern world with so many machines etc. we notice the loss much more severely than even ten years ago. We attach a letter these students are sending out for your interest - and of course anyone wishing to act on it will be most welcome. We would love to take part but feel we are probably not quite up to it nowadays.

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Parish Register

Baptisms

On the 16th March 1997 - Roy William Notman
Joanna Paterson

On the 13th April 1997 - Callum David Robertson
Steven Paul Jeromeson
Darren Sutherland Blair

"The promise is to you and to your children " (Acts Ch 2 vs 39)

Funerals

MARCH	12th	Mr. James Duff, 29/3 Royston Mains Crescent
	18th	Mr. James Duffy, 39 Peffermill Road
	25th	Mr. Andrew Muir, 21 West Granton Road
	27th	Mr. George Colbran, 1 Granton View
APRIL	3rd	Mr. Hugh King, 7 Boswall Loan
	5th	Mr. Alexander Riddell, 10 Granton View
	7th	Mr. Alexander Walker, Corstorphine Hospital
	11th	Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer, 4/1 Caroline Park Grove
	17th	Mrs. Jessie Montgomerie, 86 Boswall Parkway
	29th	Mr. John Vandervelde, 20 Crewe Terrace
MAY	9th	Mr. James Ross, 107 Granton Road
	12th	Mrs. Ellen Johnstone, 56/3 Boswall Terrace

*"Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall rise up on wings as eagles.
They shall run and not grow weary
They shall walk and not faint*

Kirk Outlook: - The next issue of Kirk Outlook will be in October. The editor, Charles Macintosh, welcomes contributions and they should be with him by **Sunday 28th September**.

Send your contributions by: **passing** them to him on a Sunday, **phone** 552 2240, or **post** 8 Fraser Crescent, EH5 2AN

letter from Pakistan continued from page 9

The Seamans, our new colleagues from Church of Scotland, have arrived and are settling in - our unseasonal weather making them feel very much at home; the one day track and field meet at ISI took place at the end of April and MGS took second place with one of our senior boys breaking the record for the 3000m and one of our girls breaking the record for the 800m; Ian went to Sri Lanka to the SMSA planning meeting and managed to attend the Scots' Kirk and amazingly met our colleague, Tony McLean-Foreman there; our students and staff have raised a lot of money to buy sewing machines, books, bicycles etc. for Shantinagar; our

chowkidar, Akseer, from Khair Gali will have his hip operation before the end of the month. We pray for a successful fusion of the bone so that he will be able to walk unaided in due course; and so on. This letter is far too long as it is so we will have to stop now. We wish you could fly in on a magic carpet to see all that is going on in Pakistan. Thank you for praying. You are part of it all too. Keep at it please - we depend on you.

God bless you all, Yours sincerely,

Ian & Isabel Murray

GRANTON PARISH CHURCH

Locum Minister	Rev Charlotte Henderson.....	667 7123
Convener of the Vacancy Committee.....	Ian MacPherson.....	552 4543
Deaconess.....	Maureen Hutchison.....	332 8020
Session Clerk.....	Audrey Mitchell.....	551 1613
Clerk to the Board.....	Jessie Macdonald.....	552 2200
Treasurer.....	Alister Greig.....	552 2427
Property Convener.....	Bill King.....	552 1669
Organist.....	Sharon Parkin.....	551 3096
Hall Convener.....	Irene MacPherson.....	552 4543
Magazine editor.....	Charles Macintosh.....	552 2240
Roll Keeper.....	Lesley Webster.....	539 5033

The Assembly - The Gist it

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland met last month and decided to:

- **urgently** calls all members to sign the Jubilee 2000 petition requesting the cancellation of 3rd World Debt
- **agreed** that the Church set up a helpline for Manse families
- **encouraged** the Committee to proceed with the new hymnary
- **affirmed** with joy the benefits & contribution which the increasing numbers of older people bring to society
- **believes** that in a caring society legislation should not be in-acted which makes it legal for Asylum Seekers in the UK to be left destitute

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