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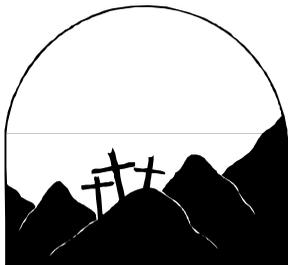
OUTLOOK

Granton Parish Church Magazine

A time of change

As most of you will already know, our minister, Elizabeth Henderson, leaves us at the end of April to take up a new charge at Richmond Craigmillar Church.

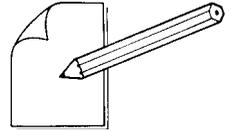
Elizabeth first preached at Granton on 19th October 1986 and was inducted the following month.



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Easter

Letter from the minister



Dear friends,

Many of you will already have heard that I have received a call from Richmond Craigmillar Church. I preached as sole nominee there on the 2nd of March and they have agreed to have me as their minister. Although I feel that the time is right for me to move and use the experience that I have gained in Granton in another church it is with mixed feelings that I am moving. Ten years is a long time and it is very hard to leave people like yourselves with whom I have shared so many experiences.

The ministry is an extremely rewarding and privileged vocation. I feel that I have been permitted to share in both the joys and the sorrows of so many people and it is not lightly that I leave those many relationships. The last ten years has also been a period of change for the congregation. There have been a great many changes in the fabric of the building, such as the fitting of lexan to the windows, the decoration of the sanctuary and so on. The use of the church halls has also increased dramatically and it is good to be leaving knowing that so many of the organisations are thriving.

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The ministry is, however, as I have said a vocation. I feel now that I am being called to Craigmillar. I am sure that the time is not just right for me, but also for the congregation. Everyone has their own skills but they also have their limitations. I am sure that God will call someone to Granton who has the right skills to take the church forward towards the millennium. I am glad that I will not be too far away as I will be able to hear all that is going on in the church and I will continue to think and pray for all of you.

Liz Henderson

Kirk Outlook: The next issue of Kirk Outlook will be in June. The editor, Charles Macintosh, welcomes contributions and they should be with him by Sunday 1st June.

Send your contributions by: **passing** them to him on a Sunday, **phone** 552 2240, **post** 8 Fraser Crescent, EH5 2AN, or **e-mail** chas.macintosh@so060.scotoff.gov.uk.

A FEW THANK YOUS



It would be impossible to say thank you to everyone who has been part of my life here in Granton, but I would like here to publicly acknowledge a few.

I am grateful to all the people of the church who have supported me and in particular those who have held office during the last decade. My thanks also to the **Lunch Club** and the **Thursday Coffee morning** for feeding me so well! I am grateful also to **Carol Deans** and her staff at the **Day Care Centre**, to **Head Teachers** (past and present) and the **staff of Granton School** and to **Carol Dodds** and the **staff** at the **Community Centre** for making contact with the community such an enjoyable part of my work. A special if slightly frivolous thank you to all those who have put up with Oliver the Dog and especially to those who have put up with his hairs in their houses or braved taking him for a walk

And finally to **Maureen** for her patience and affirmation and friendship.

Liz



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CHURCHES' "Prophetic cry"

In celebration of the Millennium, the major churches in Edinburgh have joined forces to aim at eradicating homelessness in the capital by the year 2000. Commenting on this ecumenical initiative, George McArthur, of the Scottish Churches Housing Agency, says the issue of homelessness is "too important to be left to the politicians". Churches must encourage appropriate political action at national and local level and "raise a prophetic cry" to give voice to those who have been marginalised.



Goodbye and thank you

By the time this magazine reaches you Elizabeth will have preached as Sole Nominee for the Vacant Charge at Richmond Craigmillar Church here in Edinburgh and her last Sunday with us will be 27th April.

In this open letter to Elizabeth, **Audrey Mitchell**, our Session Clerk expresses the feelings of the congregation at this time

It was with regret and sadness that the Kirk Session heard the news last month from Elizabeth herself and many were left speechless - not quite knowing what to say!

Elizabeth has accomplished many good and great things here in Granton, both in the Church and community, over the past 10 years and an opportunity will be given at a later date for us to express our thanks as a congregation to her. Meantime, we say a "big thank you" Elizabeth for all the care you have shown us in your pastoral work in the Parish and community, but especially for your preaching of the Word and leading us in meaningful worship Sunday by Sunday.

**"OUR LOSS IS
THEIR GAIN" -**

***I feel certain of
this.***

Elizabeth's move to Richmond Craigmillar will present her with a big challenge at this stage in her ministry - and we too must accept the challenge and look forward to a new ministry here.

In wishing Elizabeth God's richest blessings and happiness in her appointment to Richmond Craigmillar I would ask each of you to remember her in prayer at this time and even more so after she has moved and begins to settle in her new home and takes up her ministry at Craigmillar. Pray also for the members of the church there as they await and look forward to Elizabeth's arrival among them.

"OUR LOSS IS THEIR GAIN" - I feel certain of this.

Now in trust and faith we as a congregation must also go forward into the future and plan for a new ministry.

We shall miss you, but be assured all our best wishes and prayers go with you Elizabeth as you face this new and exciting time in your ministry to the people of God. We thank you for the 10 years you have shared with us. You have been

there for us in times of sorrow and joy - in times of disappointment, stress and illness - and this too has been much appreciated. We sincerely hope you will find great satisfaction and happiness in this next stage in your ministry and shall look forward with interest to hearing how you are getting on at Craigmillar in due course.

Audrey Mitchell, Session Clerk.

Parish Register

Baptism

On the 9th of February 1997 - Bailey Graham Turner

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

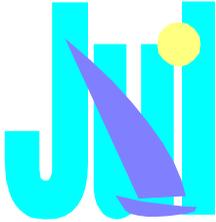
Funerals

JANUARY	3rd	Mr Gordon Boyle of 814 Royston Mains Gardens
	8th	Mr Peter Mochrie of 22 Wesley Court
	8th	Mrs Annie Matheson of Trinity Lodge Nursing Home
	9th	Mr John McCulloch of 6 Wardie Grove
	11th	Mrs Margaret Mackay of 32 Wardieburn Road
	13th	Mr Charles Hoy of 192 Crewe Road North
	15th	Mrs Barbara Solak of 20/6 Royston Mains Street
	15th	Mr David Hinks of 37/3 Boswall Loan
	22nd	Mrs Agnes McLean of 11 Granton Gardens
	30th	Mrs Helen Murray of 9/6 Pilton Drive North
30th	Miss Alice Dalrymple of 15 Grierson Square	
FEBRUARY	5th	Mrs Jane Gibson of 14 Boswall Loan
	15th	Mrs Isabella Lyall of 219 West Granton Road
	18th	Mrs Margaret Burgess of 4 Royston Mains Green
MARCH	1st	Mr William Fleming of 337 Pilton Avenue

***"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***

Here comes summer!

During the months of July and August the service will begin at 10am.



Please volunteer early this year so that we can make sure that there is something for them to do during worship.

Last year there were no activities for the children who attended worship.



New Head Teacher

Granton School and Granton Church have always had close links. It is then with pleasure that we welcome a new head teacher to the school. Teresa Moonie took up that position at the beginning of the year. We wish her all the very best in her new post.

HOW'S YOUR MEMORY?

Can you remember back 11 years to the last time we had a Vacancy Committee? How many names can you remember. Answers on page 7.

Holy Week Services

Holy Week is the week beginning Monday 24th March. All services will be at 7pm.

Monday 24th Paschal Meal. Venue to be announced

Tuesday 25th Service at Granton Parish Church

Wednesday 26th Service at Granton Congregational Church

Maunday **Thursday** 27th Service with Communion at Granton Parish Church

Good **Friday** 28th Service at Granton Parish Church

The Paschal meal is being held in conjunction with local churches.

The services from Tuesday to Friday will be held together with the Salvation Army and the Congregational Church.



EASTER SUNDAY

Communion will be celebrated on 30th March at both 9.30am and 11.00am

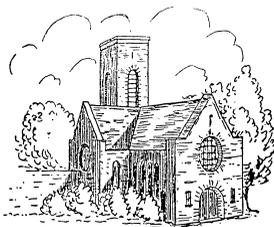
Elizabeth's Induction to Richmond Craigmillar

The 27th of April will be Elizabeth's last Sunday in Granton and she will be inducted to Richmond Craigmillar on Wednesday 7th or Thursday 8th of May at 7pm.

Her departure marks the beginning of a lengthy process for us, during which we will consider who is best placed to lead Granton through into the next century.

Edinburgh Presbytery will appoint an Interim Moderator to guide us through the process. A meeting of the congregation will be held, probably sometime in May, at which a Vacancy Committee will be elected. Applicants responding to an advertisement will be considered by the committee, one will be asked to preach as sole nominee and, probably around October at the earliest, our new minister will be inducted. During this time a Locum minister will serve the needs of the parish.

There will be an opportunity for us all to say goodbye to Elizabeth, sometime in April. Look out for more details soon.



Kirsty's Coffee Morning

by Ilean Greig and Eva Clark

Please don't ignore us

Please don't forget us

Please just support us

Come, sit back and enjoy coffee or tea among friends. Every Thursday Morning between 10am and 11.30am.

Hear what is going on from our news desk and sample goodies from our donations table. All proceeds from this weekly effort go directly to our own church.

Did you know that Kirsty's Coffee Morning raised £1,430 for church funds in 1996. The Woman's Guild raised £1,851 and the Lunch Club £1,000.

The 1986 Vacancy Committee (from page 6):

Graham Arnott, Raymond Arnott (Clerk), Hugh Baird, Bob Clark, Elizabeth Dickson, Alister Greig, Stewart Greig (Vice Convener), Jessie Handyside, Bill King, Lachie Law, Irene Leask, Charles Macintosh, Jean Mathieson, Bill Pryde (Convener), Margaret Stenhouse, Norah Stephens, Helen Stevenson, Susan Taylor and Derek Young.

How many did you remember?

THE WOMAN'S GUILD

by Jessie Macdonald, Guild Secretary.

Since the last "Kirk Outlook" we have enjoyed a very happy Scots Night, with the traditional Haggis, Neeps and Tatties. We were well entertained by a group from "The Travellers" with Scottish music, to which some of our ladies ventured on to the dance floor!

We have heard about a "Trip to China", and a slide show taking us from the Tron Kirk to Holyrood - all from the comfort of our own chairs in a warm hall!

Unfortunately our talk on the History of Chimney Sweeping had to be canceled, as the Chimney Sweep was in hospital. At the last minute we were very fortunate in getting Mr. Bill Wilkie, who is blind, with his guide dog Walton, to tell us about Guide Dogs for the Blind. The outcome of that talk is that we are now visiting the Training Centre Forfar when we go on our afternoon drive on 25th May.

We are nearing the end of our Session on 1st April with our Closing Social. As usual, we shall still meet every fortnight, starting on 22nd April at 7.30 pm, for our Coffee Evenings and Bring and Buy Stall and, of course, a natter with our friends. Everyone (male and female) will be made welcome on these nights.

MISSIONARY PARTNER

*by Ilean Greig, Missionary Partner
Correspondent*

Isobel and Ian Murray have now returned to Pakistan after their short stay at home.

Their latest letter and news update is always pinned up on the notice board in the vestibule at the main door of the church.

If anyone would like a copy at any time, I would be pleased to supply one.

GLOWING TERMS

Here's a list of some words that may creep up at Vacancy Committee meetings - and what they really mean!

Single-minded and resourceful

Translation: pigheaded, obstinate

Resourceful

Translation: Ignores all procedures and rules

Dynamic Translation: uncontrollable

Capable of very original thought

Translation: crackpot

Now developing a new awareness of...

Translation: at last he's got it through his thick skull..

A born leader

Translation: can't keep his nose out of everybody else's business

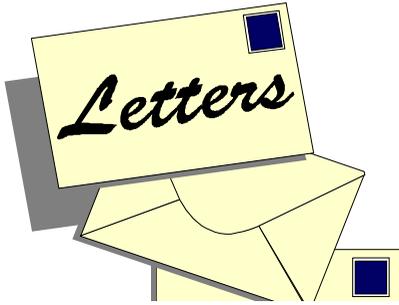
Relaxed Translation: half asleep

Rarely makes mistakes

Translation: rarely does anything

Young in outlook

Translation: can't leave the girls alone



76 Whaddon Chase
Aylesbury, Bucks
17th February 1997

Dear Kirk Outlook

I have just recently received a copy of the January issue of your magazine, from my mother, Marjorie Adams.

First of all I was saddened to read of the death of John Hardie. My fondest memory of him was his dislike of the tune to the hymn "The Day Thou Gavest Lord is Ended". John called it the Last Waltz.

Secondly, congratulations to the Drama group on reaching your 50th birthday. I was a member of the group in the late 50's and early 60's when Olive & Jim Lyall, Cliff Gorman, Sandra Montgomery and Bill Pryde were also members along with many others.

One of the most ambitious productions of my time in the drama group was "The Honours Of Drummlie" a period play set in Scotland during the 1745 rebellion. I remember Jim Lyall's make up was easy - it was ashen. He played the owner of the house who supposedly had died. All other members of the cast had a variety of roles - mine being that of a French soldier all do lied up in blue uniform, tricorrn hat, sword and musket.

I certainly enjoyed my years as a member of the group and wish you every success for the future.

Yours sincerely

L T. Adams (Mr)



changes in the Church

Welcome to our new **Assistant Treasurer, David Duncan**, who will be helping Alister Greig out with running the congregation's finances. David, who has a keen interest in the work and is currently studying for accountancy exams, is a former pupil of Trinity Academy. But never mind - because.....

Sharon Parkin is our new **Organist**, and she's ex-Ainslie Park! Sharon's the one you see creeping out into the choirstalls during the sermon then sneaking back behind the pulpit afterwards. She has also played at Granton Congregational Church and Drylaw Church before coming to Granton. Sharon was brought up in the area and she and her husband Grant, who have 2 children - Joshua aged three and a half and Abigail aged 22 months - moved into their present house in Pilton Drive 18 months ago.

Sharon is very enthusiastic about church music and is impressed with the friendliness of our congregation. "People have made me feel very welcome", she says. "If anyone has a special interest in music - plays an instrument or enjoys singing, I'd be really pleased to hear from them."

Sharon can be contacted on 551 3096.

GRANTON PARISH CHURCH

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Tomorrow is a mystery.
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... that's why we call it
- the present!



COMMUNION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED ON
Easter Sunday 30th March
at 9.30am and 11.00am