

Back again

## The Brigade Bugle!

By Malcolm  
Burton, Captain  
19<sup>th</sup> Leith

Welcome to the first Brigade Bugle of the new BB session.

We got off to a lively start last month as the Company resumed at both Junior and Company level. A noisy but productive games evening for 14 Juniors ensued (this number included two recent promotees to Company level who just couldn't bear to miss out on Junior section activities!!). This was followed by a slightly more sedate evening for the older boys (10 in number) who played snooker, table tennis and pool. The following week saw a return to our usual style of programme with badge work and activities interspersed with (a fully restocked ) tuck shop. The tuck shop is ever popular and it is amazing to see just how much the Company manages to get through every week!! Though if the amount of food enjoyed at camp is anything to go by, it is not much of a surprise.

Activities and competitions for Junior and Company boys at Battalion level will start shortly and we aim to enter as much as possible. We certainly hope to field Junior and Company football teams in their respective competitions. The boys enjoy the opportunity of taking part in the varied programme of events though it has not always possible to attend as much as we would like due to lack of adult support. We are fortunate this session to be able to welcome on board a very experienced officer in Lt Alan Summers (formerly of the 4<sup>th</sup> and latterly the 12<sup>th</sup> Leith). We look forward to his contributions and suggestions. Alan is already well known to most of our boys through our joint camp with the 12<sup>th</sup> Leith and through Saturday morning football and I think this has helped in his settling in with the 19<sup>th</sup>. The addition of an extra officer to our ranks is invaluable but I would not be being truthful if I were to say that this solves all our problems. I would therefore like to extend an invitation to all members of the congregation to continue to support the Company in any way possible during this session. In doing so you will help towards ensuring our continued presence and in assisting us in furthering our aims of providing a valuable service to the boys in our area. I can be contacted on 0131 552 5790 if you wish to discuss ways in which you could help.

Well that's all from me for now, I will keep you up to date with all our news in future issues of Kirk Outlook.

A little girl in her Sunday best was running as fast as she could to get to Sunday school on time. As she ran she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late. Dear Lord, please don't let me be late."

At that moment she tripped and fell getting her clothes all dirty.

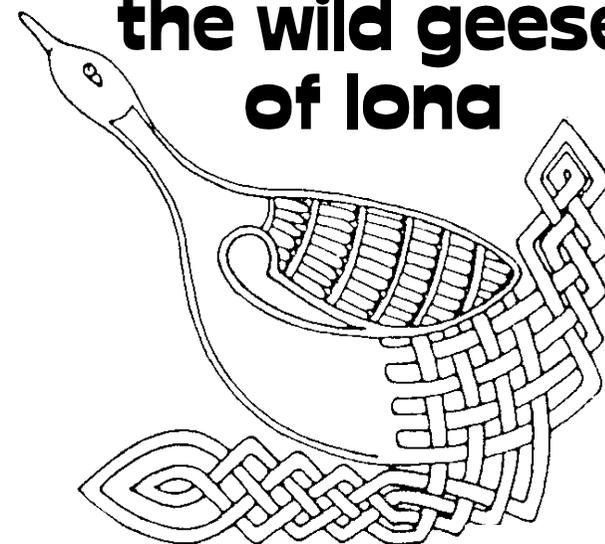
She got up, brushed herself off and started running again, praying...

Dear Lord, please don't let me be late, but don't shove me anymore

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**Post Early for Christmas**

An early start is needed to these Edinburgh Christmas cards this year! ScoutPost once again will deliver your cards anywhere in Edinburgh for only 15p. Local collection points open on Saturday 25 November and the last date for posting is **TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

**Kirk Outlook**

Articles and information for inclusion in the next issue of Kirk Outlook should be passed to the editor, Chas Macintosh at 8 Fraser Crescent, telephoned to 552 2240, emailed to chas\_macintosh@yahoo.com, or faxed to 07092 158687

# Granton Parish Church

Boswall Parkway Edinburgh

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You are invited to join  
in the  
**SACRAMENT OF  
HOLY COMMUNION**  
when it is celebrated  
on



**Sunday 29th October**

as possible. Even if you are not keen to act there are a myriad of back stage tasks to become involved in e.g. set design and building, organising props and/or costumes, sound, lighting to name but a few. Do not be put off by lack of experience, we welcome enthusiasm above all else. If you wish any further information on the group please contact me on 552 6046.

To use a well-known rehearsal phrase, I'll take five at this point and sign off with the words "All the world's a stage, but from 30<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> December, please if you can, give your attention to ours"

**In Brief**

**Evening Services**

Remember that evening services are held at 6.30pm on the second Sunday of each month - all welcome. Communion is celebrated.

## ▶ Parish Register

**BAPTISMS**

July 16th

**Colette Amy Thomson**  
daughter of Dawn and Malcolm  
75 Crewe Road West

**WEDDINGS**

September 2nd

**Amanda Beaton and James Philp**

**FUNERALS**

June 13th

**James Wilson**  
15 Boswall Square

June 15th

**Andrew Williamson**  
2 Crewe Crescent

June 16th

**Bobby Smith**  
157 Crewe Road North  
**Gary Carse**  
formerly of Granton

July 11th

**Marion Cormack**

10 Wardieburn Street East  
July 13th

**James Marshall**  
30 Granton Place

July 14th

**George Munro**  
246 Crewe Road North

July 22nd

**Jean Stratton**  
33/5 Boswall Loan  
August 3rd

**Catherine Mckay**  
c/o 59 Pilton Drive

**Ina Johnstone**  
Trinity Lodge Nursing Home

**Agnes Aitken**  
formerly Crewe Gardens  
August 9th

**Vera Whitecross**  
3/5 Royston Mains Crescent

August 10th

**Isabel Waterson**  
65/6 Granton Crescent

August 22nd

**Ina Hutton**  
Victoria Manor Nursing

Home

August 24th

**Meg Waddell**  
37 West Granton Road

August 28th

**Betty Izatt**  
17 Boswall Gardens

September 6th

**Mrs. Fowle**  
Bonnington Nursing Home

September 9th

**Eric Williamson**  
60/3 Boswall Terrace

September 15th

**Mildred Goodwin**  
21/3 West Granton Road

**Andrew Young**  
73 Crewe Terrace

September 27th

**James Tarbet**  
c/o 16 West Pilton Street

September 29th

**William Ewan**  
57 Granton Crescent

The Sorcerer's Tale runs from Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November until Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Tickets, priced £3.50 for Adults and £2 for Concessions, will be on sale after Church on 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> November.

A big thank you, on behalf of the group to all those members and their friends and family for their excellent support toward our production of "Secondary Cause of Death". The Group received a great boost from playing to busy houses. It would be marvellous if this level of support could be maintained or perhaps (fingers crossed) surpassed for our forthcoming production. The sight of a house full sign or two would be a welcome one indeed.

## DRAMA GROUP

# Magic, Meddling & Manifestations

By  
Stuart Mitchell  
Drama Group Secretary

The title to this article will I hope intrigue you as it refers to just some of the ingredients that contribute to our forthcoming production "The Sorcerer's Tale" by James Scotland.

"The Sorcerer's Tale" will appeal to a broad audience and is suitable for all the family. The play is a riotous comedy set in the Lothian's during the year 1460. The setting allows the audience to discover how the monks of Dundonald Abbey lived and worked (though not much work appears to be done) in a Scotland of long ago.

The play focuses on the hilarious escapades of Brother Barnabas (the Abbey Alchemist) and his fellow Brothers Donatus and the lovesick Simon, which are viewed somewhat suspiciously by the rather pious and self righteous Abbot Martin, who always seems to appear at the most inopportune moments.

These escapades take the audience on a fun packed and mirthful journey through the history books, as a steady stream of colourful and diverse characters is introduced to the action. As the play unfolds and mayhem ensues as a result of the monks "experimentation", will the merry monks manage to stay one step ahead of the Abbot and the Inspector General or will their spells and schemes end up in disaster?? The only way to find out is to come along to one of our performances from Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Tickets will be available from the beginning of November and can be purchased from any member of the Group. We have managed to peg our prices despite rising costs, this is largely due to the success of recent well-supported productions and we hope to be able to continue to do so. Your support is therefore vital and I hope you will encourage family and friends to come along with you.

Before finishing this article I should like to extend an invitation to any members of the congregation and indeed to anyone who may be interested in joining the group to come along to one of our rehearsals (Monday 8pm in the small hall). This is an ideal way to see how we work and to meet as many existing members



**'How oft against the sunset sky or moon  
I watched that moving zigzag of spread wings  
In an unforgotten Autumn gone too soon.  
In unforgotten Springs.'**  
(Frederick Petersen, 'The Wild Geese')

**O**n my recent trip to Canada it was the noise which made me look up, and sure enough I saw the distinctive V-shape formation of a flock of wild geese. I think they were a little confused as to the suddenness of migration. A week ago it had been hot sunny weather and now it was cold and snowing indicating that it was time they were out of this place!! The older birds lead the younger birds as driven by instinct they head for their winter quarters.

The migrating geese are one of many annual reminders of the changing seasons. Our sight of them sometime soon will tell us that autumn has gone and the dark days of winter have come.

Yet we shall wait in hope for their return because when we sight them again they will herald the coming of Spring.

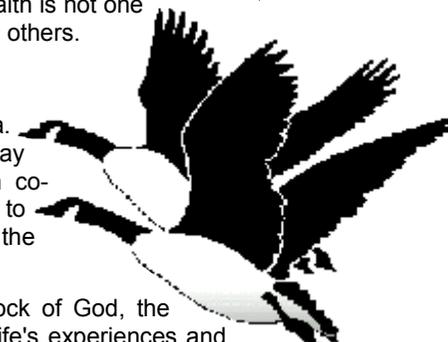
Geese in formation fly seventy five per cent faster than a single goose. Geese in flock have a seventy per cent greater range than a single goose on its own. As with migrating geese, so with human beings making the journey of life and faith- you can make that journey more effectively in company with others. It seems to me that for the follower of Jesus the journey of faith is not one that is to be taken alone but in company with others.

### Iona

I was reminded of that once on a visit to Iona. The lesson of the centuries as well as of today is that island life is only possible through co-operative dependence; it has to be in order to survive. Sharing therefore becomes the strength of island communities.

The Church has been described as the flock of God, the community of faith in which we can share life's experiences and

Please contact the minister, Rev. Lynne MacMurchie, for information about Church membership, Baptism, being married in church or for any other reason. Lynne's phone number is 551 2159



## In Brief

### Men's recreational Club

Bowling started again earlier this month after the summer break. The men are always on the look out for new members at their sessions on Tuesdays at 2pm.

### Kirsty's Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning staff write: Welcome for a cup that cheers, coffee or tea, Any Thursday morning 10.00 - 11.30am. We promise we'll make it hot for you.

"Remember that appreciation is always appreciated."



## NOTES FROM the minister

continued

so gain the strength we need for the continuing journey. The Wild Goose is an ancient Celtic symbol of the Holy Spirit of God and it serves today as the logo of the Iona Community. It is a reminder to us that the Spirit of God is to be celebrated and shared in company with others.



How quickly the summer has flown by! Holidays and long summer nights now seem only a distant memory. It is now time to prepare ourselves for the hectic activity of the church "season" - a busy time which I'm sure most of us enjoy really.

There are one or two things to draw your attention to.

## Quiet Time

First our "quiet time" services which are held fortnightly on Thursday mornings at 9.45am. This is a short time when we can spend time together in prayer, reflection, and meditation. You may not feel the need to come to every service, but do perhaps come when you feel the need to spend a little time in church - perhaps a time of peace in a busy life. Afterwards perhaps stay a little longer and enjoy a coffee and a chat at Kirsty's Coffee Morning - whichever, you will be most welcome.

# Property report

Here's a summary of recent property maintenance work from Chris Hansen, the church Property Convener.

Church railings - over the period May to September the railings were scraped, wirebrushed, primed and painted - a lengthy job! Many thanks to the Property Committee, volunteers and conscripts. The cost was around £150.

Church notice board - Our grateful thanks to Barry Flynn of "Instant Image" who refurbished the notice board in May.

Church & Halls roof inspection - the roof, gutters and downpipes were inspected and cleaned in July at a cost of £159.

Church & vestry toilets - A hot water supply was supplied to the toilets over the summer at a cost of £240.

Church kitchen - In order to meet health & safety requirements we have: Installed a hot water supply to all toilets, painted the interior of the Lunch Club cupboard, repaired and painted damaged plasterwork, and fitted a powder fire extinguisher - all at a cost of around £40.

West Hall internal light - the protective screen was stolen on 25<sup>th</sup> July! A new screen was fitted and the sensor unit was rewired. Cost around £96.

Manse railings - The manse railings have now all been painted.

**Church grounds** - my thanks to all who help keep the ground tidy, especially those members who care for the borders and the flower beds and those who cut the large expanse of grass.

Elm trees - one of our ever-diminishing number of Elms has been 'marked' by the council for felling. We think that this is likely to cost around £300.

## In Brief

### Borrow a Christian book

Have you had a look at the church library yet? The library is located at the back of the church and the number of books to borrow is growing all the time.

### What about the others?

The story in Sunday School was that we are all here to help other people. One girl looked puzzled and asked her teacher "what are all the other people here for?"

## In Brief

### Lunch Club

The first lunch was served on 5<sup>th</sup> October 1994.

### Missionary Partner

Ian and Isobel Murray are retiring. When they have settled back home, we are hoping to have them along to Granton when it can be arranged.

They have become such good friends to us, I am sure we all wish them a happy, peaceful retirement.

*Ilean Greig*

# The Lunch Club

With the lunch club entering its 7<sup>th</sup> year its popularity has not diminished. It's a great opportunity to have a blether and a laugh and, of course something to tickle the tastebuds as well!

If you sit at home on your own with your lunch on a tray having made it yourself and then have to do all the washing up, why not consider a visit to us on a Wednesday at 12 noon - table service and no washing up!!

In no way is the club restricted to church members, it is for all local residents, young and old alike, so it is hoped that this message will be passed on by the readers of Kirk Outlook.

A date for your diary - our Christmas lunch this year will be on 20<sup>th</sup> December - further information will be given in due course.

## Laughlines

Scene -- A pub. Enter a man leading a giraffe. He approaches the bar.

Man -- A beer for myself & friend.

Bartender -- Where's the friend?

Man (indicating giraffe) Here.

Bartender --'This is most unusual, but, O.K.

As customers came in, the giraffe drank more & more to satisfy curiosity. At last the bartender intervened.

Bartender -- That's enough! You're both drunk. Your giraffe has just collapsed on the floor.

The man wove an erratic course towards the door.

Bartender -- Hi! Where are you going? You can't leave that lyin' there.

Man -- You say I'M drunk! It's you who's drunk. That's not a lion - it's a giraffe!

# Fair Trade

On the last Sunday of each month Granton Parish Church will be holding a Traidcraft stall after the morning service.

## What is Traidcraft?

Traidcraft - for those of you who are unfamiliar with it - is an outlet which enables Third World countries to sell their products through a fair trading system. Fair Trade started about 25 years ago, however it only took off in this country 6 years ago with the help of Traidcraft, Oxfam, Christian Aid and CAFOD. Through these organisations people of under developed countries, who form co-operatives, are helped to market their produce at a fair price. It enables them to earn their living, support their families and communities, to raise their standard of living and, if they are really lucky, to educate and train their children. It is not something for nothing nor is it charity, but a way of earning a decent living. It also gives them a sense of worth and self-esteem - something most of us take for granted in this country.

## What's on sale?

On sale are many goods, ranging from tea, coffee (particularly Café Direct, coffee you can see on most supermarket shelves) dried fruits and chocolate. There are many other products - notepaper, cards, jewelry and novelty gifts at reasonable prices. Most of the food products are much about the same price as anywhere else or perhaps a penny or two dearer. All of the products are of very good quality, particularly the crafts.

In purchasing from the stall we are being given the opportunity to make our contribution to help others in the world help themselves.

Because there is such a wide range of goods it is not possible to have everything on our stall, but we also have catalogues and should there be anything you see and would like please contact me and I will do my best to get it for you.

It is hoped you will support this venture however small your purchases may be. I'm sure there will be something all of us can use and an opportunity to help our brothers and sisters in Christ have a better life through Fair Trade.

Take care of yourselves, and God bless.

Marilynn



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## In Brief

### Traidcraft

For a copy of the Traidcraft catalogue speak to Jennifer Webster on 539 5033. There are lots of great Christmas gift ideas and of course a wide selection of Christmas cards



**In Brief**

**Alistair Ridland**  
Melville Schoefield has now retired as Chaplain to the Western General Hospital and has been replaced by Rev. Alistair Ridland. Many of you will remember Alistair from his time attached to Granton as a student back in 1979. We wish him well in his new job.

not too seriously!

# The Grizzly Conversion

**A**n atheist was taking a walk through the woods, admiring all that the "accident of evolution" had created. "What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!" he said to himself.

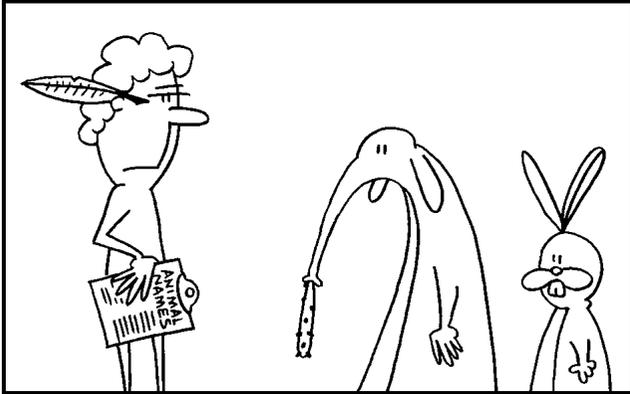
As he was walking alongside the river he heard a rustling in the bushes behind. As he turned to look, he saw a 7-foot grizzly charge towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was closing in on him. He tried to run even faster, so scared that tears were coming to his eyes. He looked over his shoulder again and the bear was even closer. His heart was pumping frantically as he tried to run even faster, but he tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up and saw the bear right on top of him raising his paw to kill him.

At that instant he cried out "Oh my God!" Just then, time stopped. The bear froze, the forest was silent, the river even stopped moving. A bright light shone upon the man, and a voice came out of the sky saying, "You deny my existence all of these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit my creation to a cosmic accident and now do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?"

The atheist, ever so proud, looked into the light and said "It would be rather hypocritical to ask to be a Christian after all these years, but could you make the bear a Christian?"

"Very well," said the voice. As the light went out, the river ran, the sounds of the forest continued and the bear put his paw down. The bear then brought both paws together, bowed his head and said, "Jesus, I thank you for this

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AFTER JUST STRUGGLING TO PICK NAMES FOR THE PLATYPUS, THE AUK, THE RHINOCEROS AND THE GIBBON, ADAM WAS NOT IN THE MOOD TO WASTE MUCH TIME ON THIS 'EATER OF ANTS'

# Are You A Carer?

by Audrey Mitchell

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already died and gone on to heaven. I'm afraid they're all wondering where I went."

The Government has a new initiative, a Carer's Strategy and a National Strategy for Carers has been launched by the Scottish Executive and the Church of Scotland Board of Social Responsibility has issued a questionnaire for church carers to get their perspective on their needs. Any one who cares for a friend, a parent, a spouse or a child is a carer. Many people don't see themselves as "carers" and consequently their voice is not heard. This survey hopes to redress that balance.

In Scotland, it is known that there are 500,000 carers; over 1,000 of whom provide care for more than 20 hours each week. There are many others who could be called carers, but they don't describe themselves in this way.

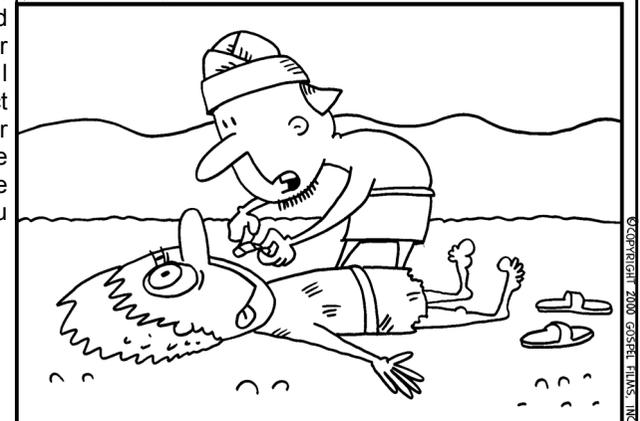
By carer we mean someone who looks after a relative or friend who needs support because of age, physical or learning disability, mental health issues or other illness.

IF YOU ARE A CARER THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

They want to learn about the issues you face, and any support you feel you need, for example, from your local churches. They hope to build up a picture of the experience of carers throughout Scotland to inform the Scottish Executive as it develops a STRATEGY for CARERS in SCOTLAND.

If you are a Carer, or know of someone who is, and would like to help in this survey for the Board of Social Responsibility please contact Audrey Mitchell (in person or on 551 1613) and I will be happy to supply a copy of the questionnaire and provide you with further details.

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DON'T GET TOO EXCITED FELLA, I'M THE MEDIOCRE SAMARITAN ... I ONLY GIVE YOU A BANDAIID AND THEN I'M OFF

## Not too seriously!

### Where is she?

The ninety-five year old woman at the nursing home received a visit from one of her fellow church members.

"How are you feeling?" the visitor asked.

"Oh," said the lady, "I'm just worried sick!"

"What are you worried about, dear?" her friend asked. "You look like

you're in good health. They are taking care of you, aren't they?"

"Yes, they are taking very good care of me."

"Are you in any pain?" she asked.

"No, I have never had a pain in my life."

"Well, what are you worried about?" her friend asked again.

The lady leaned back in her rocking chair and slowly explained her major worry.

"Every close friend I ever had has

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## UNIQUE BIRTHDAY CARD for QUEEN MOTHER

*By Audrey Mitchell*

Amongst the thousands of birthday cards the Queen Mother received were two very special ones from the Board of Social Responsibility of the Church of Scotland. The first card was produced with the help of the Board's congregational contacts who sent in a total of 162 signatures from members of the Church of Scotland who are 100 or older. The second card was signed by the 13 centenarians who currently live in the Board's residential homes.

As your congregational contact to the Board of Social Responsibility, I am delighted to tell you that one of the "162 signatures" on the first card is that of our own Mrs. Taylor of 7 Fraser Avenue - our congratulations too to Mrs. Taylor on reaching 100 in early September - well done.

## Treasurer's report

*By Jean McIntosh, Congregational Treasurer*

Hello There

I can't believe that nine months of the year 2000 have already slipped past!

During that time, financially speaking, things have been ticking over not too badly, due to donations and fundraising events. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those concerned for their generosity and hard work. Also to thank the organisations for their contributions which are very important to our finances.

Having said all that, we still have commitments to meet for this year that we know of (and probably some expenses that we don't know about yet!), so I hope that you will continue to support any fundraising events in the future, as you have done in the past.

## letters



### Summer Services

Summer services finished at the end of August. It was well worth making the effort to get up an hour earlier on a Sunday morning. The minister Lynne, and assistant Marilynne, our organist Sharon, the teachers, and all the others who helped the children participate in the story of "Noah and the Floating Zoo" have to be congratulated on their achievement week by week.

The adults in the congregation must have learnt something too. Thank you to everyone.

### Railings

With the newly painted railings surrounding our church and the church gardens have been well looked after this year as always by our willing volunteers, our church looks very inviting from the outside, and even more so from the inside. If you haven't attended

for a while, why not come along and see for yourself.

C H \_ \_ C H - the missing letters are U R !

### Ina Hutton

A handclasp, cuddle or tender embrace  
These are the gifts that help us to face  
Life's hurdles and hurts, we all face now and then  
Loving care overcomes troubles again and again.

Ilean, Stewart & family just wish to say  
You all made Ina's service so special that day  
Please may we thank you all most sincerely  
On behalf of the one we all loved dearly.

## Burns Supper

Here's early notice of a Burns Supper planned for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2001. The event will include all the traditional stuff - speeches, music and of course piping in of the haggis for the "Address to a Haggis".

The event is being organised by Sandra Summers and tickets, priced £5, will be available well in advance - so look out for the posters and further announcements in the weekly notices.



## In Brief

Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's

grace. Your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of

God's grace.

Did it ever occur to you that nothing occurs to God?

# Home link scheme

By Frances Young, Home Link Project Manager

**"....and when he saw him, he took pity on him"  
Luke 10 :33 (The Good Samaritan)**

I wonder if you, like me, have ever felt moved to give a helping hand and an offer of friendship to someone, but you have hesitated to do so, afraid of getting caught up in something you can't handle, of getting out of your depth, of doing the wrong thing, of offending the person who seems to need help?

The parable of the Good Samaritan challenges us all, but it can sometimes seem too simple in the bible, too hard in modern life.

One of the ways to respond to its challenge in today's society is to become a "befriender" There are many befriending schemes in Edinburgh and Midlothian, and you can choose from schemes to help people who are, for example, elderly and frail, young and homeless, recovering from mental health problems, coping with physical disabilities or with learning difficulties.

The befriending scheme I work for (Home Link) responds to the needs of families with young children who are experiencing difficulties. We befriend the whole family and will focus on whatever can make the difference to that family's life. All you need is some life experience and a desire to be a friend to a family in need.

Please get in touch with me on 226 3152 if you would like to consider befriending, either with Home Link or with another scheme - I can direct you to others.

You CAN be a "good Samaritan" in 2000!

## Malcolm Rifkind to deliver Morningside United Church 2000 Annual Lecture

This year, the MUC Annual Lecture will be given by the Rt. Hon. Sir Malcolm Rifkind KCMG., QC. on **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

The subject will be "Scotland - the imminent choices"

Morningside United Church,  
Chamberlain Road,  
Holy Corner.  
Thursday 2  
November @ 7.30.  
All welcome.  
Offering to support  
Save The Children.

# Fresh Start

By Bill King - Fresh Start Co-ordinator

Can I take this opportunity to thank all our members who have made generous donations of kitchenware and general goods for the local Fresh Start initiative. The reception area at Ferry Road Drive is now fully manned each day.

For uplift of large items such as furniture, please phone 332 3004. Smaller items I am prepared to uplift - my phone number is 552 1669.

Please keep up the good work, this is much appreciated by the Fresh Start staff.

# The Ladies Fellowship

by Elizabeth Jones, Secretary

Here we are at the start of a new session with lots of interesting talks, demonstrations and social evenings to look forward to. So why not join us on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the west hall. A warm welcome awaits you.

The summer coffee evenings were successful. Our first stop on our autumn mystery tour was Dunkeld. Then on to Crieff for an enjoyable high tea. Mrs. Ogilvie won the prize for guessing our destination.

During the summer we lost two of our very senior members - Mrs. Ina Hutton and Mrs. Rita Cooper. Mrs. Hutton had on two occasions been President of the then Woman's Guild. Both these ladies had been very loyal and active members and will be greatly missed.

On a happier note, another of our very senior members - Mrs. Mary Taylor - celebrated her 100th birthday. Congratulations Mrs. Taylor.

Stop telling God  
you've got big  
problems.  
Tell your problems  
you've got a BIG  
GOD!

People will forget  
what you said.  
People will forget  
what you did,  
but  
People will never  
forget  
How you made  
them feel.

Blessed are the  
merciful, for they  
will be shown  
mercy. Blessed are  
the pure of heart,  
for they will see  
God. Blessed are  
the peacemakers,  
for they will be  
called children of  
God.  
Matthew 5 v7:9