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Granton Parish Church

June 1996

Money Money Money.

We are asking for money yet again. Why it should concern us all.

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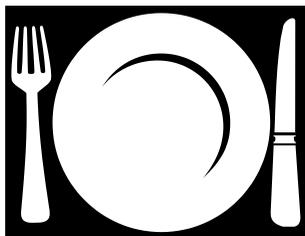
Guild Celebrations

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Sabbatical report

The minister has been back for three months now. On page 3 she reflects on her sabbatical experience.



Parish Register

Funerals

APRIL	11th	Mr James Amos, 145 Crewe Road North
	22nd	Mr John Toshack, 1/4 Royston Mains Crescent
	23rd	Mr Alister Ogg, 5 Royston Mains Close
	24th	Mr John Don, 39 Grierson Crescent
	25th	Mrs Kate Miller, Victoria Manor Nursing Home
	26th	Mr Frederick Eastall, 48 Dean Street
MAY	4th	Mrs Elizabeth Clark, 235 West Granton Road
	4th	Miss Doreen Reid, 15 Granton Gardens
	11th	Mr James Nichol, 25 West Granton Road
	11th	Mr Alexander Mackintosh, The Northern General Hospital
	15th	Mrs Charlotte Polson, 25/4 Wardieburn Road
	16th	Mrs Janet Johnston, 1/2 Granton Medway
	23rd	Mr Robert Flynn, 120 Pilton Avenue
	24th	Mr James Mitchel, 9 Wardieburn Street East

***"In his favour there is life.
Tears may linger at nightfall
but rejoicing comes in the morning"
(Psalm 30 vs. 5)***

Baptisms

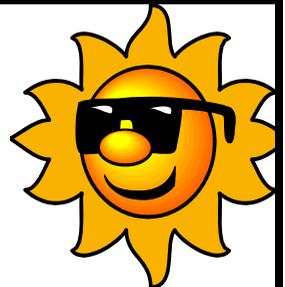
On the 19th of May - Laura Robertson
On the 2nd of June - Gavin Stewart

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

Summer Services

Remember that during the months of July and August the service will begin at 10am.

If anyone would like to help to organise activities for the children please let the minister know as soon as possible.





A Sabbatical Report

Liz Henderson looks back on her 3-month sabbatical.....

It is now nearly three months since I came back from my Sabbatical. Since I came back the time has just flown. I very much appreciated having the time off for study and reflection. I spent the first two weeks in Colorado where (as well as a little skiing) I attended a conference on Religion, Culture and the Media in Boulder. People from all over the world came to this event and exchanged both their thoughts on how the church should respond to the challenge of the media revolution. We discussed everything from the Internet and Cyberspace to the problems of the church's image in the media.

STUDY

When I came back I spent the rest of the time attending New College and working on the Masters Degree that I began three years ago. To my relief I have almost finished the work that has to be completed by September of this year. Maybe I will have a chance at some later date to tell anyone who is interested about what I have been studying during this time.

I was immensely grateful for this time off as it has always been important to me that my studying should not interfere with the work that I am doing in Granton. More generally, I think it is good to have a little time away because the business of the ministry does not always allow adequate time for reflection and maintaining perspective. The result is that I have come back feeling rested and refreshed. I hope that that will come over in my ministry and that in this way you too will benefit from my break.

WHILE I WAS AWAY

I was delighted that everything went well whilst I was away. Adrian and Scott enjoyed their time at Granton and everyone seems to have liked having a little change. My main thanks are of course due to Maureen who had to bear the brunt of my absence. I am most grateful to her for all the extra work that she willingly undertook.

I was reminded during my Sabbatical of all the times in the bible that people of faith went off into the wilderness to spend time alone with God. In some sense this was also true of my time away. It is good for all of us I think to remember always to create time for prayer and meditation. It was the sentiment of Martin Luther that the busier we are the more time we need to set aside to be alone with God. I am more and more convinced that this is true.

Liz Henderson



Money, Money, Money

Money always seems to be an issue for us here in Granton. This year is no different from any other. Each year we have fund-raising effortssales, coffee mornings, the gift day, the mile of silver.

BUT each year our costs continue to rise. The only way to solve this problem is to increase our overall giving to the church. Our problems have been building up over the last few years. Most years we have just managed to scrape enough money to meet all our commitments. Last year, however, we simply did not have enough money and ended the year in debt to the wider church. All the figures were there to be seen at the Annual Stated Meeting of the Congregation. This is a serious situation.

A SERIOUS SITUATION

Consequently, the elders will be coming round to every household to ask you if it is possible for you to increase your offering. If you are already giving sacrificially to the church then we DO NOT expect you to give any more, but if it is possible for you to give more then we would really appreciate your consideration.



OUR OFFERINGS

We make an offering each week because we have promised to "give a fitting proportion of our time and talents to the church's work in the world." We made that promise because it is part of our biblical faith that we will return to God a proportion of all the good things that he has given us. In October of this year please take the time to reconsider how much you give each week.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q How much should I give to the church?

A Well the bible says 10% of all that you have. With rent and mortgages and so on this is not always possible for everyone. Some people like to work out a figure of 10% based on their

available income each week. Others like to work it out over a year. We know that many people who come to the church give to the Guild or another organisation and support fund-raising activities or another charity. Only you can, therefore, really say how much you should give. All the congregational Board is asking you to do is to think it out carefully.

Q **Didn't you ask us to increase our offerings recently?**

A Yup! It was three years ago.

Q **So why are you asking again?**

A Because we don't know what else to do! The church's costs have risen over the last three years and offerings haven't. Most people don't naturally increase their offering every year so we feel that we have to give people the opportunity to do so.

Q **You're always asking for money....Aren't you?**

A Sorry and not sorry! If everyone who was a member of the church thought seriously about how much they give to the church and gave regularly we wouldn't have this problem and we wouldn't have to ask. But they don't and we do!

Q **Is Granton really facing a crisis or are you just crying wolf?**

A Yes this is a crisis and no we are not crying wolf. The church is on the verge of becoming Aid Receiving which means that Granton would have to receive help from other churches simply to survive.

The After School Club

The after school club has now be running for a year on Friday afternoons in the church. It has been very successful and there is even a waiting list of children who would like to come. The club is run by volunteers from the community and has the full support of Granton School and Community Education.



They have received grants from the Children's Work Fund for equipment and contribute money to the church for the use of the halls. The Kirk Session would like to thank all those who help to run this valuable resource for the wider community.

The Sunday Creche

Did you know that there is a creche where very young children can be looked after during service on Sundays?

Children under 3 years of age are welcome to come along and play with the toys from around ten minutes before the service starts until just after.

Incidentally, the number of volunteers who take turns with staffing the crèche is dwindling. If you could take a turn please let Chas Macintosh know. The creche rota is on the back page of Kirk Outlook each quarter.

Lunch Club



News

We are glad to report the Lunch Club's continued success and extend our thanks to all our regulars. The lunch club treasurer reports that we are paying our way which enables the club to make further donations to church funds.

Nevertheless, we would be delighted to see more diners join our happy throng. To those who have not tried us - you'll be sure of good home cooked food and smiling service. bring a neighbours, friend or relative

- perhaps all three - and introduce them to our 'succulent specialities

Sadly, Doreen Reid is no longer with us. as you will no doubt know Doreen died shortly after returning from holiday. Doreen gave her services faithfully every week and she was a great person to work with. Everyone associated with the Lunch Club miss her very much.

Mrs Ella Baird, who was club secretary, has moved out of the district and sadly has had to resign from her duties. Like Doreen, Ella was in at the beginning and was a most enthusiastic worker. She made some delicious puddings and had a cheery word and smile for all our customers which will be long remembered. Ella and Hugh hope to return as guests for lunch in the near future.

Unfortunately, all good things come to an end and this is exactly what happened to one of the two gas cookers in the kitchen. After long use by all organisations it finally came to the end of its day and on Wednesdays the kitchen staff have been labouring under considerable handicap with only one cooker serviceable. Word soon gets around, however, and hearing of our predicament, Betty Clapperton offered us the cooker she was replacing. It has now been installed and the kitchen is at full strength once more. Thank you Betty.

And so we look forward to the summer months - to continued support from our regulars and to

welcoming new friends when they come along.

**REMEMBER EVERY WEDNESDAY
FROM 12 NOON TILL 2.**

KIRSTY'S COFFEE MORNING

We meet every Thursday morning between 10 and 11.30am for a relaxed coffee or tea. If you enjoy a wee chat with friends, news of what's happening in our area and perhaps a bargain buy from our table of goodies - this is the place to come. Ladies and gentlemen you are most welcome to come along and see for yourselves.

IN BRIEF

Norah Stephens would like to thank everyone who has handed in magazines for patients at the Royal Victoria to read. Please keep them coming.

The Silent Auction organised by the Congregational Board earlier this month raised over 400 pounds for church funds.

Over seventy pounds was made for Christian Aid at the Hunger Lunch held last month.

GRANTON PARISH CHURCH

COMMUNION

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
WILL BE CELEBRATED IN OUR CHURCH**

on

Sunday 30th June

at 9.30am and 11.00am

WOMAN'S GUILD

Granton Parish Church Woman's Guild is 100 years old this year and the ladies have been celebrating in style as this report from the Guild secretary reveals..

THE WOMAN'S GUILD CENTENARY

On 11th May 1996 at 6pm in the East Hall, 84 members and guests of the Woman's Guild were seated at well-decorated tables, eagerly awaiting the start of the centenary celebrations.

The President, Mrs Margaret Macintosh, introduced and welcomed the specially invited guests - Rev. Elizabeth Henderson, the National President - Mrs Mary Sherrard, General Secretary - Mrs Lorna Paterson, Council President - Mrs Anne Shaw, Council Secretary - Mrs Elizabeth Ritchie, Session Clerk - Miss Audrey Mitchell (also our Guild Vice-President), Clerk to the Board - Miss Norah Stephen, Deaconess and her husband - Mr & Mrs Hutchison, Session Visitor and his wife Mr & Mrs King, and three former Guild Presidents - Mrs Ina Hutton, Mrs Eva Clerk and Mrs Helen Stevenson.

After all the introductions were made, Mrs Macintosh invited Mrs Rita Cooper, who is the longest serving (not the oldest) member of Granton Guild - 53 years - to cut one of the birthday cakes with her, and invited the Rev Elizabeth Henderson to cut the other cake.

Mrs Cooper said some verses which she had written herself, before performing the cake cutting.

After the saying of the grace, everyone enjoyed a 3-course meal, prepared by Mrs Olive Lyall and Mrs Irene MacPherson, and served by six helpers. This was followed by tea/coffee/mints and birthday cake.

Mrs Sherrard, Mrs Shaw and Miss Henderson brought greetings and good wishes to Granton Woman's Guild from the various sources.

Twelve members from St Anne's Corstorphine Woman's Guild entertained

An Invitation from the Guild

Our church branch of the Woman's Guild is very active, and we have over seventy members. Approximately 60 attend our weekly meetings from October to April.

During the summer months our fortnightly coffee evenings are also well attended. All will be made welcome - male and female.

A special invitation is made to ladies of all ages to join us for our new session, starting on 8th October at 7.30pm. Put a note in your diary now and come along and find out more - or just ask any Guild member.

us with a variety of songs, and a very hilarious sketch.

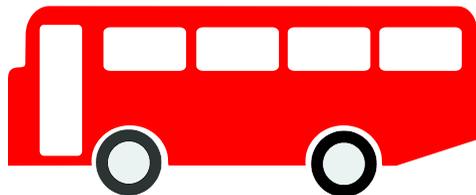
Mrs Macintosh wished everyone a safe journey home, and so a very happy, never-to-be-forgotten evening came to an end. Everyone stood to sing the doxology.

WOMAN'S GUILD DRIVE

Forty three of us set off from the church at 1pm on Sunday 26th May - heading north over the Forth Road Bridge, towards Perth where we spent a pleasant time browsing in the Caithness Glass shop (some of us also visited the tea shop for a *cuppa*.) Then on to Dunkeld for another short stop before travelling through the Sma' Glen, with beautiful scenery to gladden our eyes - plus lots of other things to see on the way - including a deer, and an escaped lamb which had to be rescued before traffic could proceed!

We had a most enjoyable high tea at the Drummond Arms Hotel in Crieff, before making our way homeward via Glendevon.

Despite the showery conditions, we all agreed we had had a delightful outing. Roll on September for the next one!



Creche Rota

JULY		
7th	Elizabeth Hansen	Sylvia Allan
14th	Linda Watters	Olive Lyall
21st	Joyce Hay	Elaine Ross
28th	Irene MacPherson	Maureen Scoular
AUGUST		
4th	Debra Mushet	Carolann Turner
11th	Wilma Reid	Patricia Stewart
18th	Ella Thacker	Chris Thomson

25th	Isobel Parker	Maureen Banks
SEPTEMBER		
1st	Elizabeth Hansen	Sylvia Allan
8th	Linda Watters	Olive Lyall
15th	Joyce Hay	Elaine Ross
22nd	Irene MacPherson	Maureen Scoular
29th	Debra Mushet	Carolann Turner
OCTOBER		
6th	Wilma Reid	Patricia Stewart
13th	Ella Thacker	Chris Thomson
20th	Isobel Parker	Maureen Banks
27th	Elizabeth Hansen	Sylvia Allan
27th 11.00am	Linda Watters	Olive Lyall

GRANTON PARISH CHURCH

Minister	Rev Elizabeth Henderson	551 2159
Deaconess.....	Maureen Hutchison.....	332 8020
Session Clerk	Audrey Mitchell.....	551 1613
Clerk to the Board.....	Norah Stephen	552 2108
Treasurer.....	Jim Sinclair.....	552 9061
Property Convenor	Bill King.....	552 1669
Hall Convenor	Irene MacPherson	552 4543
Deed of Covenant	Stewart Greig	552 4427
Magazine editor	Charles Macintosh.....	552 2240
Roll Keeper	Lesley Webster.....	539 5033
Freewill Offering Convenor.....	Gordon Waddell	552 8051