

# **KIRK**

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# **OUTLOOK**

**Granton Parish Church Magazine**



*A letter to every member*

You will see from inside this issue of Kirk Outlook that we are about to hold a Stewardship Campaign and the reasons behind it.

Enclosed with the magazine is a Pledge Card and an envelope with your name on it. You will see various suggestions on the card - would you please read it carefully and then complete it by ticking the most acceptable boxes. Then place it in the envelope ready for your Elder to collect when they return.

We are asking you to increase your offerings to the Church, although you don't have to fill in how much you are going to pledge.

Please do consider very seriously your reply to the Card - by receiving a good response to it Granton Parish Church can continue to function at the heart of the community.

## **CHRISTIAN**

## **GIVING '96**

Read more about the Christian Giving Campaign inside

# Parish Register

## Funerals

JUNE	26th	Mrs Agnes Eddington, 77/4 Crewe Road North
JULY	3rd	Mrs Patricia Grant, 61 Claremont Court
	4th	Mrs Maudie Allan, Victoria Manor Nursing Home
	12th	Miss Isa Dick, 1/3 Royston Mains Gardens
	18th	Mr Peter Jeffrey, 27/2 Pilton Drive North
	20th	Mrs Ann Hepburn, 71 Crewe Crescent
	22nd	Mrs Jessie Taylor, Edinburgh Nursing Home
	22nd	Mr William Cormack, 3/1 Wardieburn Terrace
	24th	Mr James Beirne, 78 Pilton Drive
	24th	Mr Colin Statham, 4/6 Wardieburn Place North
	26th	Mrs Jane McFarlane, 37 Grierson Crescent
AUGUST	8th	Mrs Dorothy Potter, 10 Wardieburn Terrace
	9th	Mr Richard Corner, 7/1 Wardieburn Street East
	21st	Mr Dennis Hughes, 201 Crewe Road North
SEPTEMBER	3rd	Mr Charles Does, 7 Pilton Crescent
	10th	Mr Alexander Moyes, Silverlea Residential Home

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

## Baptisms

We welcomed on the 4th August - Rachael Dick  
11th August - Craig Gilbertson  
1st September - Jaid Cumming

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

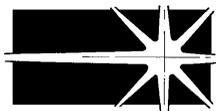
# COMMUNION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED ON

**Sunday 27th October**

at 9.30am and 11.00am

# Sunday 10th NovemberR



We will be marking Remembrance Sunday in a special way

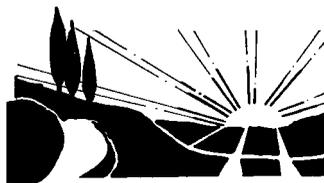
Remembrance Sunday 10th November 1996. 2:30pm

**A**s well as our usual service on Remembrance Sunday the Council have asked the church if we would hold a special service in the afternoon to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. This will take the form of a meditative act of worship comprising of poetry and readings and music and will last about three quarters of an hour.

After the service wreaths will be lain at the war memorial and the council will host a civic reception in the church halls for invited guests. Many people will be taking part in the service including young people from the School of Music at Broughton and children from Granton School. I hope members of our congregation will be able to support this event.

We are grateful to the Council who are going to pay for some tidying of the church grounds and the cleaning of the War Memorial in preparation for this event. They have also offered to arrange transport for anyone who would like to come to this service, but who would have difficulty in walking.

## Tapestry Dedication



A tapestry to mark the Centenary of the Woman's Guild will be dedicated during the Communion Service on Sunday 27th October.

The tapestry, which is of the Lord's Supper, will hang at the back of the church above the Book of Remembrance.



# Campaign Update

**T**he elders will be making visits to every house during October. Please make them welcome. None of them like having to ask the members of the congregation to increase their offerings, but we do need to have some idea where we will be financially at the end of next year.

## Losing Track?

A Standing Order could be the answer.

You can easily set up a Standing Order for your offering. All you need to do is fill out a simple form once you have decided on the amount of offering you want to make. That amount will then come off your bank account each month.

You can get a form from Jim Sinclair on 552 9061 or Stewart Greig on 552 4427.

**standing orders**

## WHY GIVE AT ALL?

The Bible has quite a lot to say about giving. Paul, writing to the Corinthian and Galatian Christians urged every member to give regularly, in a planned way and in proportion to God's blessing.

Giving regularly, whether it be by envelope, standing order or straight into the plate, is a symbol of a commitment to God that has been carefully considered, prayed about and reasoned out. It raises our offering from the concept of bill-paying, buying or exchanging into one of worship, deliberation and generosity.

Christian Giving is our share of the total mission of the Church, through which we are able to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and heal the sick. It is our share in the work for which the Church exists - the spread of the Gospel.

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# Give us this day our daily bread.....



The *Scotsman* costs 42p a day,  
that's £3:34 a week

or do you buy the *Evening News*  
that's still more than a £1 a week

What do you spend on groceries,  
maybe a little treat... a bar of  
chocolate, a packet of sweets?

What does it cost for a trip on the  
bus, a night out at the cinema, petrol  
for a car?

All of these things we say are  
necessary.

But the most important thing for a  
Christian is their faith.

The church has never, and will  
never put a cost on coming to  
worship or being a member of the  
church

It simply asks each member to say  
"I do" to this vow....

*"Do you promise to give a fitting  
proportion of your time, talents, and  
money for the church's work in the  
world?"*

And then it leaves you to make up  
your mind what a "fitting proportion"  
might be.

In Granton we give less per head  
than many other churches in the  
Presbytery of Edinburgh.

That is to be expected, because  
many of these churches are situated  
in areas which are much wealthier  
than our own.

What is worrying is that we also give  
less per head than many churches  
in areas which are poorer than our  
own!

This is one of the reasons that we  
are coming to the congregation to  
ask everyone to think again.

Let us see what we can do.

All that we ask is for everyone to  
work out for themselves what a  
"fitting proportion" of their income is  
for them.

For some people that will be a large  
amount of money for others much  
less.

***That is not the point, our Lord  
simply requires us to be faithful.***

# Unbelievable but true



The congregation of St. Cuthbert's in Edinburgh recently received a generous legacy.

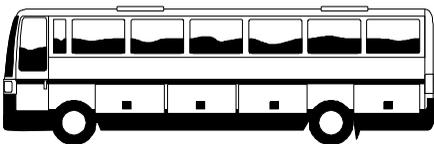
From that legacy they have offered to pay off our shortfall to the Mission and Aid Fund. A change in the system meant that we were carrying this money as debt into this year.

The Congregational Board is going to write to the Kirk Session of St.Cuthbert's and thank them on behalf of all of us for this act of amazing generosity.

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## Woman's Guild

The summer coffee evenings finished at the end of August. they were well attended and helped us keep in touch during the break.



### **Mystery Drive**

The summer programme closed with our mystery drive on Sunday 7th September. Forty-three of us were aboard as the coach left that fine lunchtime. Once over the Forth Bridge we knew we were heading

north! Would it be St. Andrews? We followed signs for there for a time, then branched off again. Not St. Andrews! Then we took a circuitous route, through superb scenery - it looked like Perth! in fact it was the outskirts of Perth, for our first stop at the Caithness glass shop - for tea, buns or a quick look round the shop. then onwards again - it wouldn't really be Inverness - would it? No - we found ourselves in Pitlochry, with the sun shining, and some time to browse around before coming to the Craigower hotel for a most enjoyable high tea. After tea we travelled back via Dunkeld, Birnam (caught a brief glimpse of the Beatrix Potter garden there) through part of Perth, with time to notice the lovely hanging baskets on the bridge and back on the motorway home. A most entertaining day, with lovely weather, scenery and good

company. what more could we ask for?

### **New Session**

We have enjoyed our summer 'holiday' and are now looking forward to our new session which started on October 8th. We have a varied syllabus and hope there will be something in it for everyone to enjoy. So ladies, if you are free in any (or all) Tuesday evenings, why not come along and join us?

### **Centenary Celebrations**

On Communion Sunday, 27th October, we bring our Centenary celebrations to an end with the dedication of our tapestry to the Church. ***The Last Supper*** has been worked primarily by Mrs Mary Hyslop, with some valued help from Mrs Francis Hogg.

## **Glorious Granton Grub**

Look out for Granton Church's own recipe book. It'll include mouthwatering recipes tried and tested favourites from many of the congregation.

**only £2.50**

Available soon

*"What an ideal present!"*

## **our very own shopping price survey!**

How much have costs really changed over the years. We took a shopping basket made up of 8 items and compared costs over the 8 years between 1989 and 1996.

In **1989** the total cost was **£15.05**. By **1996** the cost had risen to **£20.05** - an increase of **33%**.

We're all paying more for our groceries - the question is - have our offerings been increased by the same amount?

Should they have?

### *shopping list*

*Bacon (1/2 lb)*

*Butter (250g)*

*Eggs (6)*

*Tea (125g)*

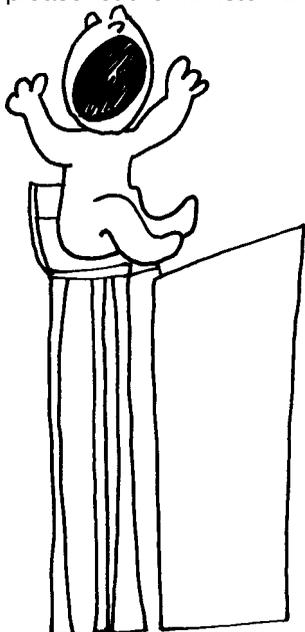
*Wine (bottle)*

*Whiskey (75cl)*

*Aspirin (10)*

*Petrol (litre).*

**CRECHE ROTA** - Here's the Creche Rota through to the end of January. As usual if anyone would like to offer their help with the creche please let the minister know.



<b>OCTOBER</b>		
<b>6th</b>	Wilma Reid	Patricia Stewart
<b>13th</b>	Irene MacPherson	Shona Cumming
<b>20th</b>	Isobel Parker	Linda Watters
<b>27th</b>	Elizabeth Hansen	Sylvia Allan
<b>27th 11.00am</b>	Sandra Summers	Olive Lyall
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
<b>3rd</b>	Joyce Hay	Maureen Scoular
<b>10th</b>	Debra Mushet	Carolann Turner
<b>17th</b>	Wilma Reid	Patricia Stewart
<b>24th</b>	Irene MacPherson	Shona Cumming
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
<b>1st</b>	Isobel Parker	Linda Watters
<b>8th</b>	Elizabeth Hansen	Sylvia Allan
<b>15th</b>	Sandra Summers	Olive Lyall
<b>22nd</b>	Joyce Hay	Maureen Scoular
<b>29th</b>	Debra Mushet	Carolann Turner
<b>JANUARY</b>		
<b>5th</b>	Wilma Reid	Patricia Stewart
<b>12th</b>	Irene MacPherson	Shona Cumming
<b>19th</b>	Isobel Parker	Linda Watters
<b>26th 9.30am</b>	Elizabeth Hansen	Sylvia Allan
<b>26th 11am</b>	Sandra Summers	Olive Lyall

## GRANTON PARISH CHURCH

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