

# Autumn Fair & Gift Day

**Saturday 28th October**

As you all probably know by now, our Autumn Fair and Gift day takes place on 28th October from 10am - noon.

All donations for the Fair will be welcome on the Friday night. Gift Boxes can also be brought along on this morning. Entry including coffee and tea is only 50p, and tickets are available from any members of the Congregational Board. However please still come along even if you don't have a ticket.

## **The Gift Day**

*The Gift Day is a chance for us to give thanks.*

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*To give thanks for the good things in our lives.*

*The sunshine during the summer*

*our families*

*warmth and food to eat*

*So many things.*

*hhhhh*

*Please help as much as you can.*

## **GIFT DAY**

Looking ahead to the end of the year we need the Gift Day to be a success. Last

year our total was £4,000, and we need to try for the same amount this year.

Boxes can be handed in to your elder or put in the box at the door of the church any Sunday in October or brought along to the Fair on the 28th.

### **The help we've received**

We have received a lot of outside help this year in the form of two grants which have enabled us to put down a new floor in the East Hall. One of £5,000 from the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland and one for £2,000 from our own Presbytery.

### **The help we can repay**

If our gift day is not a success we won't be able to pay our Mission and Aid contribution. This would be a shame when we have been helped by the wider church with such a large project.

## **THE LUNCH CLUB**

*A very special anniversary for the Wednesday grub club, as this letter from 'the staff' explains.*

'Our club was one year old back on 4th October, and we are taking this opportunity to thank all our customers for their patronage over the past year.

We are very happy to report to you that a donation of £500 was made to our church, and we would like to say a big thank you for all your support.

We look forward to many more happy Wednesdays!

Again many thanks.

## **POST NATAL DEPRESSION PROJECT**

*By Barbara Purdie, of Wallace House, Boswall Road*

Many thanks to any of you who supported our afternoon back in September. In spite of the wettest day of the year, we had a happy time and made £293 for the project.

### **Friends Group**

I have agreed to co-ordinate the Friends Group, and I am trying to get some idea of who are prepared to give some time and what they would like to do. At the moment we are using volunteers to help with the creche and reception duties. Other areas could be in the garden or conservatory, baking or cooking, or in the house, arranging flowers, watering the plants, making or altering curtains.

### **Can you help?**

Offers of help, either regularly or occasionally, would be very welcome. Please phone Pamela at Wallace House on 552 8901 or me, Barbara Purdie on 552 3530.

picture of poppy

## **The SCOTTISH POPPY appeal**

**National Day of Remembrance  
Sunday 12th November**

1995 is a memorable year, marking the 50th anniversaries of Victory in Europe

and in the Far East, and the end of World War II. funds and breaking all previous records!

Make a note now:

Some who fought in the Second World War will be with us until the year 2020, and those who did National Service for 15 to 20 years beyond that. Many of them are disabled or need care for themselves, their comrades or dependants. To provide that care and help is the responsibility of all of us, and we can do so by supporting the Poppy Appeal.

**LAST DATE FOR LOCAL POSTING**

**THURS 7TH DEC**

You can of course donate to the Poppy Appeal by making a donation when you get your poppy, alternatively donations can be sent directly to:-

The Scottish Poppy Appeal  
FAO The Chief Accountant  
New Craig House  
Logie Green Road  
Edinburgh EH7 4HR

**ScoutPost**

**Don't be caught out!**

Make a note now of the closing date for this year's Charity Christmas Card delivery Service - **ScoutPost**. The price is to stay at 15p per card, and collection points will be open from Monday 27th November until Thursday 7th December. It's an early deadline, but just think what a relief it'll be when all your Edinburgh cards are written and posted well before the Christmas rush!

Over half a million cards were delivered throughout Edinburgh last year - the 87th Scout Group collected nearly 10,000 and delivered over 11,000 - raising £1,200 for

## THE MINISTER'S DILEMMA

If his sermon's a few minutes longer than usual: *He sends us to sleep.*  
If it's short: *He hasn't bothered to prepare.*  
If he raises his voice: *He's shouting at us.*  
If he speaks normally: *You can't hear a thing he says.*  
If he's away: *He's always on the road.*  
If he stays at home: *He's a stick in the mud.*  
If he's out visiting: *He's never at home.*  
If he's in the manse: *He never visits his members.*  
If he talks about finance: *He's always on about money.*  
If he doesn't: *nobody knows what he's up to.*  
If he organises a sale of work: *He wears everybody out.*  
If he doesn't: *The Kirk is dead.*  
If he takes his time with people: *He goes on and on.*  
If he's brief: *He never listens.*  
If he redecorates the church: *He's spending too much money.*  
If he doesn't: *He's letting everything go to wrack and ruin.*  
If he's young: *He lacks experience.* If he's

old: *He ought to retire.*

And if he dies: *Well, of course, **Nobody could ever take his place.***

## HEALTH TEST

*Blow your breath on this black cat*



If the cat turns a different colour you have a serious illness and must stay at home and call your doctor. If the cat stays black you are well enough to attend church on Sunday

## KIRK OUTLOOK

*An appeal to leaders of organisations, from Charles Macintosh, the magazine editor.*

Please make use of the church magazine to let others know what your organisation is doing. Just a few words each month would make others more aware of how worthwhile your lot are, and may even result in some new members or more support from the congregation.

The next issue of **KIRK OUTLOOK** is due out in January and the deadline for news is

SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY, although it helps to get it to me sooner. All that is required is a short message on my answering machine. Or if you prefer send a note to me at 8 Fraser Crescent, EH5 2AN or leave it in my pigeon-hole in the Session Room. For those of you who understand such things I would much prefer items to be sent to me on 3.5 inch floppy disk - (I'm afraid that we're not E-mailable - yet!).

## Christian Aid

*The Gift Of Life*

As we approach Christmas, we begin to think of the precious gift of life. In many Third World countries such as India, life can be precarious.

Many children are born into poverty. Limited health care and poor diet mean that one in eight children don't survive even to the age of 5.

**Christian Aid** is helping families in India by funding programmes which encourage people to grow more nutritious food, provide immunisation against common diseases and offer training in health, sanitation and hygiene.

You can help by remembering poor families in India and throughout the world in your prayers and giving this winter.

*You Lord, are all I have,  
and you give me all I need;  
my future is in your hands.  
How wonderful are your gifts to me;  
how good they are!*

PSALM 16:5-6

## CHINESE BANQUET

**Saturday 28th October**

£7,000 of the cost!

As a way of rounding-off the Gift Day and Autumn Fair on the 28th, everyone is invited to a Chinese Banquet evening in the West Hall. Cost is £6 per person, including 2 courses, a glass of wine and coffee.

Tickets are available now from any Board member, or by telephoning the minister on 551-2159.

## **THE UPS AND DOWNS** *of church finance*

Our Freewill Offering giving in the first 9 months of the year is **DOWN** by 6% on last year, representing a drop in giving of £13,000.

During the same period our expenditure has gone **UP** by 5%, making the true difference between last year and this year a worrying 11%.

## **SUNDAY COFFEES**

The organisers of the Coffee and breakfast sessions after church during the summer are pleased to announce that £194 was raised for church funds. Thanks to everyone who did their bit.

## **TABLE-TOP SALE**

The table-top sale held back in May raised £199 for church funds.

## **NEW FLOOR IN EAST HALL**

Few of you will have failed to notice that the new floor has now been laid in the East Hall. The Canadian Maple floor cost £7,680, however the church was successful in getting grants to cover

## **EDINBURGH DIRECT AID** *To Bosnia*

The retiral offering on Communion Sunday (29th October) is to be donated to Edinburgh Direct Aid to Bosnia.

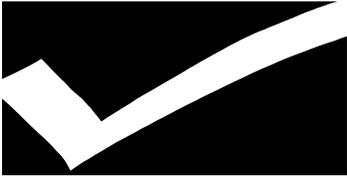
The organisation are trying to raise funds to buy a single arctic lorry to replace the fleet of smaller lorries to make the long haul between Edinburgh and Split. The smaller vehicles are to be used more effectively for distribution of the aid in the war-torn former Yugoslavia.

## **CANS FOR CASH** *can you help?*

The Congregational Board have identified collecting aluminium cans as a way of raising some extra cash for funds. We have the collection box and the can-crusher, but we need someone to co-ordinate the effort. This would involve publicising the project and taking the cans to the depot in Easter Road occasionally to exchange the cans for cash. If you can help please talk in the first instance to the minister (Tel 551 2159).

## **SPARE BLACK BAGS?**

If any readers have Council black refuse bags to spare could the please let the church have them. Bring them to church and leave them by the bins, or hand them to Eric MacDonald.



## LAUGHLINES

"I hope you will be happy" said the minister to the elderly gentleman who had got married rather late in life. "I don't see why not" said the bridegroom, "I came

through the war all right."

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A minister told an elderly parishioner that he would soon be retiring and would be very sorry to leave.

"But," he assured her, "you'll probably get a better man."

"Not necessarily," she replied comfortingly.

"That's what the last one said before **he** went."