

## THE GREATEST MAN IN THE WORLD

### "The Outsider"

He was a dweeb in the eyes of some.

A loner.

Strange.

Unpredictable.

He was different.

Spoke of strange things.

Weird things.

Things that no one had heard before.

His dad had a bad reputation with some.

He tried to talk about His relationship with His father.

Few of the teachers listened. Or cared.

He belonged to a gang.

A gang that was considered dangerous.

It roamed the town, causing local authorities trouble.

He got in people's faces.

He hung out with losers.

Rich kids hated Him.

Some said Satan was in Him.

He called the teacher names.

To their faces.

He lived on the streets.

He called Himself God.

He got violent once. He was expelled for it. But He came back.

He talked about His own death calmly.

He promised to come back from the dead.

One of His gang got Him arrested.

He defended Himself in court. He lost.

The state executed Him. It was a horrible death.

On the third day, He kept His promise.

--By Dave Tippett, Youth Pastor, inspired by the Littleton tragedy

# K I R K Outlook

Granton Parish Church - June 1999

"Welcome to God's  
country"

Read about  
Granton - USA

**Summer  
Services**  
10.00am July/August

**COMMUNION**  
Sunday 27th June  
One service only  
at 11.00am



**also inside this month:**

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The Princess Royal Trust  
for Carers

Making It Easier For

## Carers

The Princess Royal Trust For Carers

With this issue of Kirk Outlook you will find a letter from the Princess Royal and a leaflet "making it easier for carers to cope".

If you or anyone you know would like more information or help regarding Carers Centres, find out by ringing the Princess

and to demand changes in corporate practices. We can all play our part by choosing not to buy Nestle goods – and the easiest way to begin is to try another brand of coffee.

article was taken from an outside source. While we feel that the boycott of Nestle products is justifiable, we cannot we cannot personally vouch for this information.

**Note: Much of the information in this**

# ▶ Parish Register

## BAPTISMS

On the 6th June 1999

**Chloe Marie Lee**

daughter of Nicola and George 23 Pilton Place

**Hannah Catriona Robertson**

daughter of Allison and Davy 57 Pilton Avenue

## FUNERALS

March 3rd

Mrs. Mandy Duke, 4/6 Royston Mains Gardens

Mr. Alan Clark, 146/4 Granton Road

Mrs. Melville, 13 Granton Park Avenue

12th Mr. John Cemery, 18 Crewe Terrace

15th Mrs. Mary Murray, 3/6 Royston Mains Crescent

16th Mrs. Kay Laidlaw, 63 Boswall Terrace

Mr. Frank Letham, 53 Crewe Crescent

18th Mr. Eric Thompson 147 Lower Granton Road

24th Mr. Charles Bunce, 9/3 Wardie Square

25th Mr. Alec Jones, 11/6 Royston Mains Road.

April

3rd Mrs. Louisa Banks, 244 Crewe Road North.

Mrs. Liza Guthrie, 79 Granton Crescent

Mrs. Isa Hendry, 61 Granton Place

9th Mr. William McNab, 20/4 Crewe Road West

15th Miss Joan Slymand formerly of Wardieburn Terrace

16th Mr. James Connell, 53 Pilton Avenue

22nd Mr. Thomas Balmer, 27/4 Wardieburn Road

23rd Mrs. Margaret Laidlaw, 35/4 West Granton Road

29th Mrs. Euphemia Cruikshank formerly of Granton Road

May

10th Mr. Jimmy McKenzie formerly of Royston Mains Place

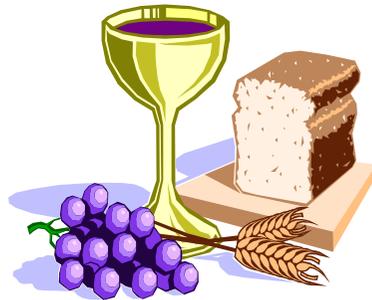
22nd Mr. Alec Grieve, 3/6 Pilton Drive North

27th Mrs. Janet Whyte, 46/2 Granton Crescent

29th Mr. Philip Stewart, 22 Grierson Crescent

***"Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength  
They shall rise up on wings like eagles.  
They shall run and nor grow weary  
They shall walk and not faint"***

THE SACRAMENT OF  
HOLY COMMUNION  
WILL BE CELEBRATED ON  
**Sunday 27th June**  
at 11.00am



## GRANTON PARISH CHURCH

Boswall Parkway, Edinburgh

|                                 |                             |          |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Minister .....                  | Rev. Lynne MacMurchie ..... | 551 2159 |
| Session Clerk.....              | Audrey Mitchell .....       | 551 1613 |
| Clerk to the Board .....        | Jessie Macdonald .....      | 552 2200 |
| Treasurer .....                 | Alister Greig .....         | 552 2427 |
| Property Convenor.....          | Chris Hansen .....          | 336 3048 |
| Organist .....                  | Sharon Parkin .....         | 551 3096 |
| Hall Convenor .....             | Irene MacPherson.....       | 552 4543 |
| Roll Keeper .....               | Lesley Webster .....        | 539 5033 |
| Deed of Covenant Convenor ..... | Stewart Greig .....         | 552 4427 |
| Church Flowers.....             | Ilean Greig .....           | 552 4427 |
| Church phone .....              |                             | 552 3033 |

**KIRK OUTLOOK** - The next issue will be out on 17th October. I welcome contributions from everyone in and around the church so please do pass information to me so that I can let all the others know what you or your lot are doing. Please try to have material to me by Sunday 3rd October. By phone on 552 2240, post to 8 Fraser Crescent, or email to chas.macintosh@lineone.net Chas Macintosh.

# The Nestlé Boycott

## Why the Milky Bar Kid might really be a baddie!

For the second year running, the Congregational Board is asking every member to fill up a film container with £1 or 50p coins. A few years ago we did the same with Smartie tubes, but last year, and again this year, the board decided not to use Smartie tubes because they are made by Nestlé.

Many Christians regularly buy Nestlé products. However, currently a number of people and organisations, including Christian Aid, are boycotting the firm because of what they see as their cynical attitude to marketing baby milk in third world countries. The Boycott is supported in the UK by over 100 church, health and consumer groups, over 90 businesses, 80 student unions, 17 local authorities, 12 trade unions, 74 politicians and political parties and many celebrities.

Basically, they are alleged to provide free milk powder to hospitals in these countries, and many say that they bribe medical staff to encourage mothers to use this rather than their own milk. The results of these practices are:

- \* The powder is often mixed with polluted water causing disease and deaths
- \* Mothers spend money that they can ill afford to buy the baby milk thinking they are doing best for their child
- \* Babies lack nutrients present in breast milk
- \* The contraceptive effect of breast feeding is missed
- \* Women may face a higher risk of breast cancer

One way to fight back is to hit Nestle in the pocket by not buying their coffee, confectionery, etc. in our own country.

Many Christians feel very strongly about relatively minor things such as not swearing or getting drunk. Isn't it just as valid to make a point about our beliefs on justice and compassion by being careful about what we buy?

As more and more people become aware of the Nestle issue we as a church risk being perceived as uncaring, even hypocritical, if we are continually seen to be blissfully buying and consuming Nestle products.

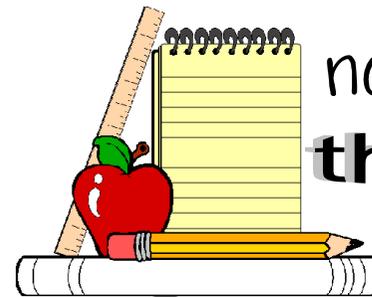
Each of us really can stand up and do our own small bit to help those who are dying - preventably - in the developing world.

The best known Nestle product, and one which we often buy, is Nescafe – but there are many more – not all of which carry Nestle's own distinctive logo. *Shredded Wheat and Shreddies; Kit Kat; Polo; Aero; Yorkie; Smarties; Toffee Crisp; Rolo; Lion; Quality Street; Lyons Maid; Findus; Buitoni; Sun-Pat; Branston Pickle; and L'Oreal.*

### Why a Boycott Now?

Companies such as Nestle have in the past made agreements and promises about their aggressive marketing of baby milk in developing countries. Their unethical marketing practices are alleged to contribute substantially to a daily death toll of 4,000 babies from unsafe bottle feeding. This must stop.

Consumer boycotts are a time-honoured and non-violent way to express our dissatisfaction with corporate behaviour



notes from  
the minister

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It all seems to be happening in Edinburgh this year.

The Scottish Parliament which adjourned on 25th March 1707 was reconvened on 12th May 1999. It reconvened in the Assembly Hall on the Mound, home to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

### Comfy seats

The General Assembly meanwhile was meeting in its temporary home for this year - the Edinburgh International Conference Centre. All agreed that the seating was more comfortable and many ministers, elders and deacons could be seen catching up on lost sleep!

It was all very "high tec" with those who were speaking appearing on a big screen so the folk at the back could see. There were also T.V. monitors in the entrance area so that you could see what was going on in the hall when you slipped out for that cup of coffee!

It was all very modern, but that is how it should be- it is, after all, nearly two thousand years since the Church began. The Millenium as it is being called will be celebrated next year in all sorts of different ways.

One way in which the Church is marking the Millenium is by its involvement in the Jubilee 2000 coalition. Jubilee 2000 is campaigning for the one-off cancellation of the unpayable backlog of debt owed by the poorest countries by the end of the year 2000. By the time you read this I hope you will have either attended or heard about the massive event organised by Jubilee 2000 in Edinburgh on the 12th June involving among other things a human chain round the castle. I hope it was a success .



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## notes from Here in the minister

Granton we celebrated the birthday of the church this year ( Pentecost - 23rd May ) by admitting seven new members to our congregation. A warm welcome to:

- ◆ Anne Lusted
- ◆ Allison Robertson
- ◆ Nicola Roxburgh
- ◆ Evelyn Stephen
- ◆ Nikki Wilkie
- ◆ Nancy Young
- ◆ Andrew Young.

Some of our new members are not really



Other changing circumstances which our own Kirk Session are taking account of is in the celebration of Holy Communion. The Kirk Session has considered on a couple of occasions in the past having just the one service on "Communion Sunday".

The celebration of Holy Communion in the Church of Scotland generally is not the big event it once was and people do not attend in large numbers. Here in Granton the two services split the worshipping congregation in two. That was fine when there were large numbers attending, but that is not the case now and it has an effect on the atmosphere of worship when only half the normal Sunday congregation are at a service.

The Kirk Session has therefore decided to have only the one Communion service at the usual worship time of 11a.m. I hope to make the service neither too formal nor too informal, but it will be suitable for children to attend and eventually I hope to get more children participating in the service.

On Easter Sunday we had a small act of Communion after the morning service for those who wished to stay. We simply shared the bread and wine standing round the communion table. This way of celebrating Communion seemed to be much appreciated and therefore we will do this again on one or two occasions in addition to our four main Communions of the year.

new because they have been around the church for some time. The General Assembly noted that there seems to be a trend in churches at the moment of people who attend worship regularly but who have not taken or do not want to take the step of formal membership of the church. So although statistically membership of the Church of Scotland is declining these statistics do not tell the whole story.

Perhaps as a church we should take more account of these trends and be prepared to be a church there for people as and when they need it instead of always looking for more names on a roll.

Lutheran minister is Pastor Stewart Marshall, who says that Granton is a good place to live, to work and raise a family. He says that Granton has some fine churches and friendly people.

### Scottish Roots

Stewart told me last week that he actually has roots in Scotland. "My Great grandfather was from Scotland. A Marshall from where exactly I can't remember. My Great Grandmother was also from Scotland hence my first name and the Scottish spelling Stewart." He also told me that his grandfather was the only child born in the US, all the other family was born in Scotland.

### Sounds too good to be true!

The Granton folk are very proud of their town. They talk enthusiastically of fresh smoke-free air and a town without a smokestack (chimney!). They told me about the close relationship that exists between employer and employee, teacher and student, minister and congregation. "It all makes for a

heartwarming delightful part of life that the big city person seldom experiences".

### An average town

They claim that although Granton may be an average town, it is a little cleaner, a little more friendly and a little nicer than most towns. "If you don't believe this, ask anyone who lives there" they say!

### Four real seasons!

Granton lies in Clark County and is one of the fastest growing communities there, with many new homes, businesses, and one of the finest little parks in Wisconsin. Clark county counts more cows as residents than people. The area has a temperate climate, and unlike Granton, Edinburgh, enjoys four real seasons (we only have 2 seasons – winter and a couple of days in May!).

Stewart told me that although his family comes originally from Scotland, they

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## The Ladies Fellowship

*by Jessie Macdonald*

We finished our winter session in good spirits. Following the business side of our Annual General Meeting we had an Easter Bonnets and Eggs competition. The Most Original bonnet was worn by Mrs. Margaret Stenhouse, the Most Floral was worn by Mrs. Margaret Clapperton, Mrs. Rita Cooper took third prize and the Most Economical bonnet was concocted by Mrs. Margaret Macintosh. From a selection of attractively decorated eggs Mrs. Ilean Greig won first prize, Mrs.

Elizabeth Jones came second and Mrs. Jessie Handyside was third. It's very heartening to have such talent in the Fellowship!

Our fortnightly Coffee Evenings are going ahead - enjoyed by all members and friends for a chance to catch up on the news and perhaps buy something from the Stall. The last coffee Evening will be Tuesday, 24th August.

Our first summer drive took place on Sunday, 30th May - destination Helensburgh and Luss.

We're now planning next year's syllabus. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday 5th October. As always, ladies young and old will be made very welcome to any of our evenings.



# We are not alone!

*By the editor*



**WELCOME TO GOD'S COUNTRY – that's how folk are greeted when they come to Granton.** The people of Granton describe their community as "A Small Town With A Big Heart". But we're not talking here about Granton, Edinburgh. This is Granton, Wisconsin, USA.

Our American namesake is a modern little village sitting at 1,240 feet above sea level with a population of only 429. But it serves approximately 3,000 rural people in the southeast corner of Clark County on U.S. Highway 10 which runs from the western border of Wisconsin to Lake Michigan. In contrast to Granton, EH5, the town is located in a rich agricultural area with lots of dairy farming and cheese making.

## Well served by Churches

Like our Granton, the Wisconsin town is very well served by churches. There's a Lutheran Church, a Mennonite Church and a United Methodist Church all located in town and there's a Roman Catholic Church near by. And, like us, there are congregations representing many of the major Church bodies in close proximity to Granton. The

"Granton's Clark county counts more cows as residents than people."

## A bit about Granton Church - USA

Granton Lutheran Church is a member of the North Wisconsin District. The church has worship services every Sunday morning at 10:30 am. Their Sunday School operates from September - May, and starts at 9:15 am!. After Easter and during the Summer they have a Wednesday evening worship service. Pastor Marshall says "the Wednesday evening services are a contemporary, informal type of worship". During the School year they also have confirmation classes from 5-8 grades, Sunday evening bible studies, during the week bible studies, and adult information classes.

**S**till on the subject of worship the theme for the Summer Services will be "Fruits of the Spirit". If you don't know what these are then come along at 10a.m on Sundays during July and August and find out! Every week there will be an activity for the children which will contribute to our worship for that day. Please bring your children along - we need them!!

**T**he church does not go on holiday, but most of us will at some point. If you are venturing off to other places I hope you enjoy the break away from the familiar. If you are staying in this "happening" city - I hope the sun shines!!

Happy holidays!

Lynne



## Sunday School Picnic



*by Linda Young*

**T**here we were all cheering excitedly on the bus, a merry band, young and old just waiting for the minister to change her dog collar for her hiking boots! Yes we were off to Vogrie Park for our Picnic.

What a great day. Plenty to eat (especially if you hadn't packed your own picnic!), rounded off with a piece of that delicious chocolate cake that the minister brought.

Off to the park after lunch (how can children manage to keep lunch down as they leap on to roundabouts and swings - defies the laws of "what goes down must come up!")

Then back to base for some more traditional activities, mainly rounders, and the races - the grannies egg and spoon race being a personal favourite of mine - no wonder



# Parish Follies

*by Lesley & John Webster*

We would like to say thank you to all who took part in "Parish Follies 99" and helped to make it such a huge success.

The concert took lots of hard work on everyone's part, but we hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did. The church benefited not only in monetary terms, but also in encouraging new faces in which can only be a good thing. It was a delight to see such a variety of ages and organisations mixing so well together and we hope you are all looking forward to the next one.

We have highlighted good and not so good points about the production and have noted these so that the next concert can only be better!! If you have any comments (good or bad!) please tell us and we will take note for the next time.

Thank you all once again.

## Rhymes For Special Times

Ever wondered what to do about gifts for birth, baptism, wedding, silver wedding, ruby wedding, golden wedding, graduation, retirement.....

For any special occasion – this could be the answer. Framed rhyme tailored to suit each occasion. Every one different.

Price £4.50. All proceeds going to church funds.

Contact Ilean Greig – 552 4427

## Victoria Hospital

### STROKE REHABILITATION UNIT ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL

The Stroke Unit is currently looking for volunteers interested in joining a team working with stroke patients within the Royal Victoria Hospital.

A volunteer may be asked to undertake tasks which include playing games such as dominoes, scrabble, taking a patient for a short outing to the cafe or around the grounds, helping with group activities on the ward, gardening, or simply chatting to patients.

An understanding nature, patience and an ability to fit in with hospital routine are desirable qualities.

Training and support will be given. If you are interested and are willing to make a regular commitment of two hours per week please telephone Lesley Webster on 539 5033.

## Kirsty's Coffee Morning

Thursday is Kirsty's Coffee Day – We

## The Brigade Bugle!

*by Malcolm Burton*

Since the last Kirk Outlook the number of Boys' in the Junior and Company Sections has increased to 15 and 9 respectively. Both Sections took part in the Church Show and the Boys' enjoyed it immensely. Both Sections have taken part in the Battalion Outdoor 7-a-side Football Tournaments, although unfortunately they failed to reach the latter stages of their respective competitions.

### Treasure Hunt

The Junior Section were represented by 4 Boys in the Treasure Hunt Competition, held in the Hermitage of Braid, where they finished a respectable 7th out of 17 teams. They would have been higher placed had they been quicker to complete the course, and not incurred time penalties being 3rd out but last back. We held our Annual presentation of Awards Certificates and Badges on the 5th May, just prior to going to Camp.

### Grantshouse

Yet again the weather was not kind to us at this year's Camp at Grantshouse. Both Junior and Company Sections went together and with some Boys' calling off, 17 boys and 5 adults attended.. As we had so many going we knew that we would incur a debt, and that this would hopefully be covered by the funds raised at the Coffee Morning on the 15th May. Unfortunately, due to a window being accidentally broken on the last night, the debt increased to £160. The Coffee

Morning in aid of Camp Funds raised £165. A BIG thank you to everyone that gave us support by coming along on the day, baking for the Home Baking Stall, contributing to the Tombola and even helping on the day.

### Come along

Boys in Primary 3 classes at Granton, Royston and Wardie, were invited along for the last night of the current session. We re-start at the end of August and will still meet in the East (Big) Hall on Wednesdays - Juniors ( ages P4 - P6 ), 6.30pm to 7.45pm and Company ( ages P7 - S6 ), from 8.00pm.

So, if you know of any Boys that are of B.B. age or think that you can spare some time to help, then contact, (Lt.) Stuart Mitchell, (Lt.) Gary Cochrane or myself (Malcolm Burton, Captain) 552 5790, for more details.

## BIG BEE

*by Margaret Macintosh*

I was very lucky in having such a good response of willing helpers for the "Big B" sale (bakery, bric-a-brac, books and blooming plants) on 5th June.

My thanks to everyone who helped in any way. It was truly service with a smile and a tiring but happy day ended with a total of £442 for our much needed church funds.