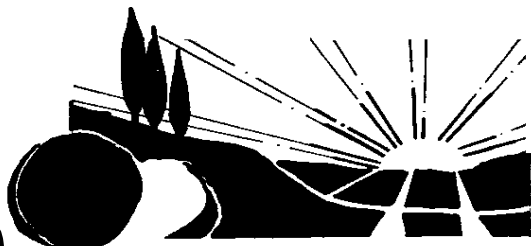


Lent & Easter Worship



MARCH

Sunday 19th at 11a.m. followed by the Stated Annual Meeting in the West Hall. Coffee and biscuits provided.

Sunday 26th at 11a.m. 3rd in Lent - Sacrament of Holy Communion

APRIL

Sunday 2nd at 11a.m. 4th in Lent -Mothering Sunday
Sacrament of Baptism.

Sunday 9th at 11a.m. 5th in Lent
6.30p.m. Evening Worship
including celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 16th at 11a.m. Palm Sunday - no Sunday School but
worship will be suitable for all ages.

Sunday 23rd at 11a.m. Worship for all ages for Easter Day
with music by the Music Group.
Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated during the
service and there will be a short informal celebration
of Communion after the main service for those who
wish to stay.

HOLY WEEK - All services start at 7pm

Monday 17th April Paschal Meal in the Methodist Church. Tickets
required.

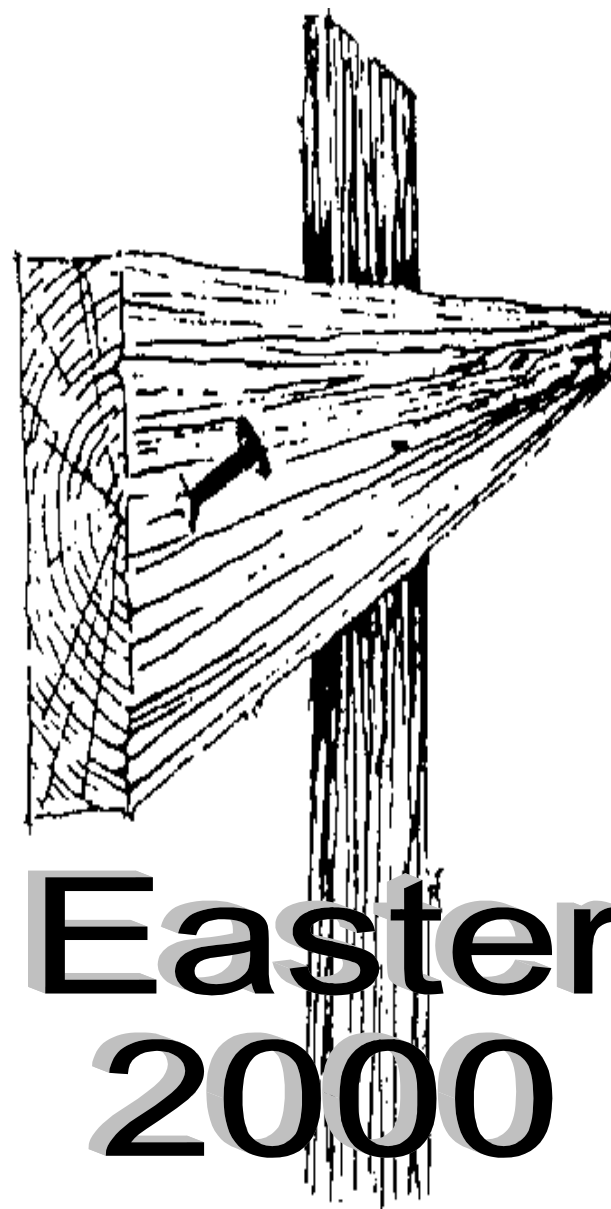
Tuesday 18th April Parish Church

Wednesday 19th April Congregational Church

Thursday 20th April St. David's Church - Communion service

Friday 21st April Baptist Church

Also on Friday 21st April at 11a.m. Good Friday Walk - look out for more
details in the weekly notices.



Easter 2000

Easter Worship back page

Granton Parish Church - March 2000

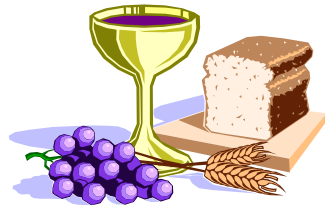
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THE SACRAMENT OF
HOLY COMMUNION
WILL BE CELEBRATED
ON

**Sunday 26th
March
at 11.00am
& Sunday 9th April
at 6.30pm**



**A Night
with Abba???**
**A Night
at the Opera???**

If you can't make up your mind which, why not do both by coming to hear the James Farrer Singers who are presenting melodies ranging from "Abba" to Opera in our church on March 24th at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £5 each – this includes wine and refreshments – and they are available from any board member or



Murder, Mystery & Mayhem

By Stuart Mitchell, Drama Group Secretary

The title to this article does not refer (though some may argue, particularly with the mayhem aspect) to a typical rehearsal night with GPDC. It does however refer to just some of the ingredients that contribute to our forthcoming production "Secondary Cause of Death" which I shall come to further in to this article.

House Full!

It is important however, that before doing so, I thank on behalf of the group all those members and their friends and family for their magnificent support in forming the audiences for our production of "Curtain up on Murder". The Group received a great boost from playing to busy houses and indeed nearly had to put the "house full" sign out for the first time in many years. It would be marvellous if this level of support could be maintained or perhaps (fingers crossed) surpassed for our forthcoming production.

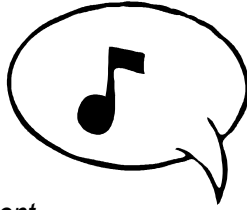
Our next production will appeal to a broad range of tastes as it is billed as a comedy thriller. Set in 1939 just prior to the beginning of the war, it will offer at least some of the congregation the opportunity to wallow in nostalgia whilst studying the costumes and the set. The plot will also appeal to those of this particular vintage, as indeed it will to

those of earlier vintages as it contains many twists and turns as the bodies pile up. This will provide ample opportunity for all the amateur sleuths amongst you to pit your wits against the hapless Inspector Pratt in an effort to solve the crime before he can. The varied and mysterious characters in the large cast include a Polish Aristocrat, a retired Army Colonel and an Actor but are they all what they seem? Is the housekeeper really a housekeeper? Is the cook a cook or is she simply preparing the red herrings? One thing is certain however and that is that they will all throw the aforementioned herrings in your direction. Will you be able to spot them? Or will you unwittingly catch one or two? The only way to find out is to come along to one of our performances from Thursday 4th May – Saturday 6th May.

Tickets will be available from mid April 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. The tickets are priced £3.50 for Adults and £2 for Concessions. I will sell tickets after Church on the following dates 16th, 23rd & 30th April. Anyone wishing to place an order for tickets can contact me on 552 6046.



Going for a Song



An update from the music department

I was delighted to hear so many compliments to the choir and music group after the Christmas services and in the last edition of Kirk Outlook and thought you'd like to know what we've been up to since the beginning of the year.

Choir

The choir has been meeting for quite a few weeks now is practising hard for our selected items for Lent and Easter. We look forward to singing a few songs from the Iona Community Songbook for Lent and Easter, "The Courage To Say No", as well as some more traditional anthems. Some of our members will be singing at the monthly evening services during Lent, so please come along.

Music Group

The music group has made a good start to the new millennium and we are looking forward to their next performance on Easter Sunday. We are working on a few hymns for this service and hope that this will be a joyous occasion for both adults and children alike. We are also aiming to contribute to services throughout the year and are beginning to learn some of the hymns and songs which we are able to adapt to our group of instruments.

As always, we are very keen to welcome new members to the choir or the music group. All the arrangements for the music group are specially written for us, so we have parts for all levels of ability.

The main aim of both groups is to get together and have fun making music. So if you've been thinking about it for a while, please come and speak to me or pop along to one of our meetings.

Choir Fortnightly, Thursdays, 7:30pm (please see notice in choir room)

Music Group Sunday evenings, 6:30pm (please check Sunday morning announcements)

Finally from the music corner, I would like to congratulate Chris Dyter on gaining a place at Manchester College of Music. We wish him every success for the future.

Sharon Parkin
Organist



notes from the minister

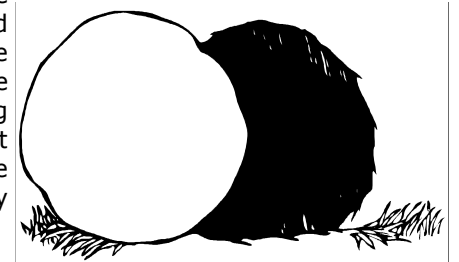
resurrection

On 5th August, 1981, an IRA car bomb blew the centre of Lisburn (Northern Ireland) apart. It severely damaged not only shops and offices, but the old Presbyterian Church. Cracks appeared in the walls; plaster from the gallery fell off into the pews; the ceiling timbers cracked - but perhaps worst of all was the damage to the church's seventeen stained glass windows. Some were very valuable, and most had been blown to pieces.

Repairs took six long years. During that time it became clear that some pieces of glass could not be set back in the restored windows and a new idea began to form. The church would literally 'pick up the pieces' and create a new window, a Resurrection Window. It was to represent an explosion; not the exploding bomb, but the energy of Resurrection - life exploding from death, hope from despair, light from darkness, love from hatred.

In the centre of the window is an orb representing the world, surrounded by red to show suffering. But from the centre, bright beams of light shoot out, representing the way in which the church, town and indeed the whole community in Northern Ireland, has time after time risen again from destruction. Lisburn's town crest includes the Latin words 'Ex Igne Resurgam' which means 'I will arise from the fire.' The new window was dedicated in May 1987.

In 1988 the three hundredth anniversary of the installation of the church's first minister, plans were made for special events and services, and the renovation and development of the church halls for the future. Money-raising started and work got underway. The scheme was due to be finished by





NOTES FROM the minister

(Continued from page 3)

December 15th 1989.

But on Thursday 7th December, the IRA struck again. The porch was layered with glass, walls cracked, plaster fell down from the gallery and the pews were pitted with thousands of glass fragments. Two protected windows remained intact, but the rest lay in twisted, crumpled bundles of glass and lead. The Resurrection Window had been ripped out by the blast and was found wrapped round a pillar in the gallery.

The church began to clear up - first for worship on Sunday, then the work of restoration. There was support from local

ministers, Catholic and Protestant, many phone calls and letters, and offers of money. The church was vacated at the end of February for work to begin and amazingly it re-opened for a wedding on Easter Saturday and the Easter services, although other work continued into June. The Resurrection Window was the first to be restored.

New community groups now meet in the church, offering care for people with mental health problems, education, counseling, a friendship club and a 'cross community' group with a nearby Roman Catholic Church.

Gordon Gray, the church's minister at the time wrote " This time we left the scars gouged in the Communion Table by flying glass. They remind us of the wounds of Christ. We have experienced a little of the suffering of crucifixion. But we have lived a Resurrection, by that same power that raised Christ from



Monthly Evening Services

You will see from the list of Services for March and April that we have introduced an evening service once a month. This is to provide other opportunities for worship especially for those

who are unable to attend on a Sunday morning. The Sacrament of Communion is celebrated during these services so that those who are unable to make the main communion service do not have to wait another three months to receive communion. The evening services are however different in style from the morning and last approx. 35 minutes. Come along and try a slightly different style of worship.

Wot - no letters this month! Write to Kirk Outlook at 8 Fraser Crescent or email chas.macintosh@lineone.net - deadline for June issue is Sunday 4th June.



example in tax and interest rate reductions and in personal, married and heating allowances - and we would hope that you could share some of these with your Church.

Please get in touch with me by either writing or phoning when I would be glad to, confidentially, make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely

Stewart Greig, Deed of Covenant
Convenor

telephone 552 4427, 11 Boswall Green,
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A MILLENNIUM MINUTE!?!

A man was taking it easy, lying on the grass and looking up at the clouds.

He was identifying shapes when he decided to talk to God.

"God", he said, "how long is a million years?"

God answered, "In my frame of reference, it's about a minute."

The man asked, "God, how much is a million pounds?"

God answered, "To Me, it's a penny."

The man then asked, "God, can I have a penny?"

God answered, "In a minute."

▶ Parish Register

WEDDINGS

February 5th
Barbara Smith and James Yorkston
24/1 Royston Mains Avenue

James Taylor
formerly of Granton
January 13th

William Withers
3/1 Royston Mains Gardens
January 14th

Andrew Rutherford
46/1 Granton Crescent

Norman Buchan
44 Granton Crescent
January 19th

Sarah Dick
32/5 Crewe Road West
February 1st

William Learmonth
50/6 Granton Crescent
February 3rd

FUNERALS

January 7th
Margaret Mckenzie
33/1 Grierson Crescent

January 10th
George Peffers
Victoria Manor
Annie Alexander
9/2 Wardie Square

January 11th
Margaret Purves
54 Crewe Crescent

January 12th

Jimmy McVicar
6/5 Royston Mains Close
February 12th

Archie Enwood
219 Telford Road
February 14th
Georgina Shanks

6/17 Royston Mains Close
February 15th

William Raeburn
22 Starbank Road
February 24th

Eileen Miller
1 Corbiehill Gardens
February 25th

Mary Nelson
60 Boswall Terrace

Ivy Rose
formerly of Wardieburn
February 8th



Deed of Covenants Making your Offerings Grow

by Stewart Greig, Deed of Covenant Convenor

Are you still paying Income Tax at the standard rate? Whether you pay tax on a pension or a salary you could add to your offerings to the Church without it costing you a penny. For every £1 that you give to Granton Parish Church as an offering, the Inland Revenue would add 29p – simply by you taking out a “Deed of Covenant”.

Is it really as simple as that?

Yes – every £1.00 that you give to the Church is worth £1.29 because we can recover that tax that you have already paid on that pound! No amount is too small (or too large) providing that it is covered by a legal document called a “Deed of Covenant”, and it is recorded by Granton Parish Church for a period of 4 years.

Will this affect my Tax Code?

It will not in any way affect your code number, but would have to be advised if or when you have to make an Income Tax return.

How long do I have to commit for?

The covenant stops after 4 years - at which point of course we would hope

that you would agree to continue on for another 4 years – but it would also stop on the prior death of the covenantor. Should your circumstances change during the 4 year period making you unable or ineligible to comply with the requirements laid down, then discontinuation of the claim by the Church would result in no penal action being taken by the tax authorities.

How can I make payments?

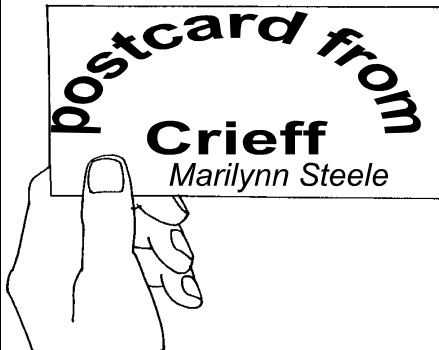
Contributions can be made by weekly offering envelopes, a monthly standing order or a single payment.

How much is it worth to the Church?

Last year we claimed over £3,000 for Granton Church, but have suffered in the loss of a number of covenanters and the claim for this year is likely to be less. The Treasurer’s report for 1999 and the budget for 2000 predict that we are projected to have a loss of over £4,000 in our total income.

How can I find out more?

Please consider your own position carefully. There have been a number of income increases in recent years - for



Hello
At the time of writing I am attending our annual conference for Parish Assistants, which is run by the National Mission at Crieff Hydro. The conference, which is held over 4 days is compulsory for all Parish Assistants and Project Workers employed by the Church of Scotland

Our time is spent sharing in worship, bible study and in workshops covering such things as care in the community etc. It also covers things like Health &

Marilynn

Safety and updates on other issues that come up during the course of our work. It also gives us a chance to meet up with other Parish Assistants working in other Parishes - we are able to discuss our work, pick each other’s brains for new ideas, and it is an opportunity to share in fellowship our experiences in our work.

Back refreshed!

It is hoped that by the end of the conference we will come back to our parishes, refreshed and full of enthusiasm after our working *holiday*. At the moment I am struggling to take it all in! However I am sure that by the time I arrive back in Granton I shall have recovered.

I look forward to seeing you all. Take care and God bless you all.

The Ladies Fellowship

by Jessie Macdonald
Secretary

Into the new century, still going strong! We are reaching the end of our winter session – but still have some good entertainment planned.

Following our closing social on 4th April, we’ll have a few weeks break before our fortnightly coffee evenings start (the real herald of spring!) on Tuesday 25th April –

a good chance to come and pick up a bargain from our bring and buy sale and have a cup of delicious coffee and a chat with friends.

Our summer drives are planned for Sunday, 28th May and Sunday 10th September. So far we don’t have any destinations fixed, but we’ll keep you posted.

Tuesdays – 7.30pm – West Hall – we’ll



The Money Man Retires

Alister Greig reports for the last time

even a line dancing evening (£224). There were many more and my apologies for not mentioning them - I just don't have space. Suffice to say donations and events were almost £2,000 up on last year.



As many of you may have realised I "retired" from the post of Treasurer at the end of last year (or should I say Century) but have continued and put together the accounts for 1999, an extract of which appears below.

BUT.....

That was the good news - the bad news was that expenditure also went up - by over £1,000. Add to that the bills we had to remove the diseased trees (£1,600) and you can see that the extra income generated from our events (and also the increases provided by the organisations - many increased their donations on previous years) was really a necessity. A necessity which has meant we can still look forward to a healthy future in Granton.

Can I take this opportunity of thanking everybody and every organisation who has helped to make my term of office much easier than it perhaps might have been. A Treasurer can only do the job he/she is trained to do if money is provided - without this they really can't operate and to you all thank you, you have done exactly that! Can I presume to suggest that you continue and support our new Treasurer - Jean McIntosh - in the same enthusiastic way.

ENCOURAGING

Last year was an encouraging one for a number of reasons. Offerings, while not increasing, held on to be almost the same as last year. We also ran a number of special events - from the film containers (almost £2,000) to a church concert (£861), a bulb sale (£230) and



the S.E.C.C. in Glasgow. We got on a bus at St. Serf's Church. It took us about an hour and forty minutes. Then we had our lunch.

Jennifer
SECC

On Saturday I went to Glasgow with Gillian, Nichol, Rebecca, Laura and Jennifer and me about an hour and 45 minutes we had lunch and went in and we went around the world there was a cuppl of speches milyons of dances and the qiyer was good too I liked the songs were good so Saturday the 19th of febry was a grat day.

(anon – but probably by Emma – using a process of elimination!)

Not too seriously!

In the Beginning

When God gave out brains
I thought he said Trains,
so I missed mine
When he gave out looks
I thought he said Books,
so I didn't want any
When he gave out Noses
I thought he said roses,
so I ordered a big red one
When he gave out chins
I thought he said gins,
so I asked for a double
When he gave out legs
I thought he said kegs,
so I ordered two big fat ones
When he gave out Heads
I thought he said beds,
so I asked for a big soft one
Boy, am I a mess

Anon



James Farrer Singers

Friday 24 March at 7.30pm

Discussion Group

The monthly discussion group continues to meet at the Manse. Everyone is very welcome to come along if you enjoy a glass of wine and a natter.

The topics are decided by the group themselves - so far they've included nostalgia in the Church and the repeal (or otherwise) of Section 28. The next one is on Ecumenism. It's not a fixed group of people - just pop along if you



feel like it. - look out for details of the date in the weekly notices.

Quiet Time for Reflection.....

for our thoughts and concerns for ourselves and others. These times are held in the church fortnightly - the next ones being on 23 March and 6 April - at 9.45. All are welcome - speak to Marilyn for more details.

Kirsty's Coffee Mornings continue at 10.00 each Thursday.

Brownies Celebrate the Millennium!

Forth Division's trip to the S.E.C.C.

Five Brownies and myself represented Granton District on 19th February when we went to Glasgow to celebrate Thinking Day and the Millennium. We joined about 8,200 others from all over Scotland. It was a most enjoyable event - although a little noisy! There was music, dancing and drama - not forgetting a few Mexican Waves.

Tawny Owl, Gillian, Jennifer, Nicole, Laura, Rebecca and Emma

E.S.C.C.

One day I was going to the ESCC on a bus. When we got there we had lunch and went in. there was a choir there and dancing from different countries. It was fun there. Some people were bored like Laura. When it was finished we got on the bus and went home.

Rebecca

S.E.C.C

On the 19th of February 5 brownies and Gillian went to

SUMMARY OF THE ACCOUNTS

Income

Offerings	£29,262.87
Other General Income	£ 9,235.29
Total	£38,498.16

Expenditure

Local Ministry	£25,458.75
Mission & Wider work	£ 5,001.00
Local Expenses	£ 9,346.19
Less contributions from outside organisations	£ 2,814.75
Total	£36,991.19

Transfers

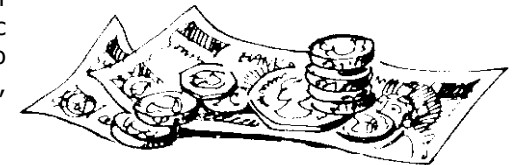
Fabric fund, Church and Halls	£ 1,200.00
Fabric fund, Manse	£ 600.00
Education fund	£ 100.00

Congregational Balance

1 st January 1999	£ 2,223.45
31 st December 2000	£ 1,830.42

If any member would like a full set of accounts - which show the fabric accounts as well - then feel free to get in touch with me, either directly, or via your elder.

Alister Greig



Laughlines

The minister bumped into a regular churchgoer who'd been absent recently. "I haven't seen you in church lately", remarked the minister.

"No," the man replied, "My daughter is learning the harp and I'm having second thoughts about going to heaven".



The Brigade Bugle!

by Malcolm Burton
Captain 19th Leith

Since my last article the boys at junior and company level have been very busy competing in two five a side football competitions at Battalion level as well as continuing with their programmes of badge work and other interests in house. The juniors did particularly well in the 5 a -sides reaching the semi-final of the p4-5 competition and the quarter-final of the p6 competition. A little extra effort and teamwork could have seen both teams' progress further and lessons have been learned for next time.

Opportunities 2000

Recently, Stuart Mitchell and I attended a seminar entitled "Opportunities 2000" ran jointly by the Battalion and The Church of Scotland. Over the course of the evening we were involved in discussions and workshops the outcomes of which showed that Company's throughout the Battalion share common problems but despite these, most had worthwhile relationships with their individual Ministers, Kirk Sessions and Congregations in general.

Papers containing a summary of the evening are to be sent to all attendees with a view to being able to put some of the ideas and suggestions stemming from the seminar in to practice. The main outcome of the seminar is in short that "we are all committed to doing our best for the boys and with the help of the church can continue to promote the Christian message to them and hopefully bring them through to future full membership"

Steady Numbers

Numbers have continued to remain steady with the Juniors having 12 regular attendees and the Company between 10-11 though attendance can be hit by outside influences like live football on TV. We are continuing to run a varied programme and any new boys will be made very welcome.

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Preparations for Camp

The preparations for Junior section camp are underway and this year we will undertake a joint venture with the 12th Leith by sharing Grantshouse indoor centre near Dunbar. This excellent facility was enjoyed by the boys last year and was a popular choice again for this year.

We hope to undertake a fund raising event some time in April to try and defray some of the costs. Details will follow in due course and we hope that you will



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support us in our efforts as in the past. Your support is very valuable and it also gives the boys the opportunity to meet informally with members of the congregation thus hopefully forging closer links between us.

Future events that the boys will be

news from Pakistan

This arrived just a wee bit late for

Christmas 1999

Dear Partners,

We want to take this opportunity to send our best wishes to all of our Partners in our supporting churches in Scotland.

Thank you for your support in many different ways in the past months. Pakistan again has been in the media, but generally things have been peaceful and we pray that justice will be done. We need to pray much for this country and its leaders as well as for the Christians of this land.

As you know school has its long holiday in these winter months. Our projects will include sorting through our belongings accumulated over the last 37 plus years in preparation for leaving next summer and saying goodbyes to friends in other parts of the country.

attending include the Company section Church service on 19th March and the Junior section service on the 26th March.

That's all for now and as always I shall keep you up to date in future issues of Kirk Outlook.



These days here in Pakistan on our satellite, BBC and CNN bring to us much of the hype over the millennium with little mention of Jesus. We pray that we and you who claim to follow Him will celebrate as He wants us to.

"We worship at Your feet where grace and mercy meet

And a guilty world is washed by love's pure stream

For us He was made sin, Oh help me take it in.....

I worship, I worship, The Lamb who was slain" (G.Kendrick)

God bless you all,

Ian & Isabel Murray