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# Kirkliston Parish Church

We invite Visitors, Neighbours and Friends to share in Sunday Worship

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## Newsletter

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A message from your minister



**Dear Friends**

At this time of year many of you will no doubt be busy shopping and preparing for Christmas. Some of you may avoid the whole experience of pushing through hot overcrowded shops with a list in your hand and will do your shopping over the internet, some are super organised and buy gifts throughout the year which helps to spread the cost and lessens the stress.

I usually find myself tearing around the Designer outlet at Livingston the Saturday before Christmas looking for the best deal I can find for friends and family who appreciate a 'good label.' But that got me thinking about how we buy into this whole label philosophy in life and how it is actually contrary to the values of the kingdom of God.

Marketing people start early - targeting children in between their favourite TV programmes with the must have gift for Christmas. Watch who is being targeted

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Communion 29th November 2009

Church - 11am

Sheltered Housing Lounge - 3pm

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when Top Gear is on, or Loose Women. Marketing forces know their audience and their message subtly drips into our subconscious about all the things we must have in order to look good feel good and elicit the admiration or attention of others and so on.

We use labels to make a statement about who we are and we label others for exactly the same reason - we make judgements about who we think they are and what they represent good or bad.

When the prophet Samuel was asked to go and anoint one of Jesse's sons as King of Israel in place of Saul, he looked at the boys lined up before him one after the other and waited to hear which one was God's choice. As far as Samuel was concerned the first son looked like the most obvious candidate (1 Samuel 16) tall handsome strong what more could you ask for? But the Lord said to Samuel, *'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'* We know that the boy David was chosen in the end even though he barely looked the part as a young gangly teenager.

God's son the greatest king of all, the Saviour of the world was born in the humblest of dwellings, his bed was a manger, his bedding some fresh straw. No private medical care for Mary, just her husband by her side and some farm animals providing much needed heat in the background. She wrapped her new born in cloths no designer baby labels on this occasion.

The first visitors were not family and friends armed with every imaginable present, nor dignitaries nor officials but simple shepherds who praised God for all the things they had seen.

This may be a difficult year for many this Christmas as the recession continues to take its toll. Christmas should not be a source of stress or incurred debt but one of joy and celebration. Can we learn from the shepherds to give thanks for the most precious gift of all 'Immanuel - God with us.' The rest really is just packaging let's not fall for it any longer. Bin the labels and share with those around us the gift of Christmas found in Jesus Christ.

Have a blessed Christmas  
Maggie



## GUILD OF ST. LUKE

Our numbers have now dropped to four and we would welcome new members to join in our prayer ministry. We are committed to praying each day for all those on our prayer list and we only meet once a month on the second Monday, to update our prayer list, from 7pm - 8pm in the Church Centre. If you feel you would like to join us, please feel free to come along. We would be really pleased to see you.

## FABRIC REPORT

After completing a substantial amount of indoor painting in the Manse during the winter time, come the summer it was time to turn the fabric's attention to some outdoor painting. All the outer doors of the Church and the Church Centre have been painted blue and the metal gates a very nice shade of black.

Our major expense this year was the laying of a new vinyl covering in the Church Centre, and we are extremely grateful to the Kirkliston Country Dance Group for their donation of £800 towards the cost.

My long running saga ( now 9 months ) in trying to install another radiator into the central heating system in the Church is now on to plan C and I am hopeful that this one will be successful. If not , then plan D has already been planned and is in reserve. Watch this space in the next news letter to find out the final ( I hope ) outcome!

Charles Wright  
Fabric Convenor .

## HE CARES FOR YOU

Never a single day goes by  
When God forgets to care for you,  
Never the sun wakes in the sky  
Without an answered prayer or two.  
Never we see the old year end  
Or welcome in the new,  
Without Him there to help, befriend  
In everything we do.  
Never we see the velvet sky  
Or watch the evening star alight,  
Without the knowledge He's close by  
To hold us through the night.  
Never we see the ebbing tide  
Or watch the sun depart  
Without His love to guard and guide  
And fill each waiting heart.  
Never despair, whate'er you do,  
Never forget: God cares for you.

Iris Hesselden

By courtesy of John Thomson

## Transport to Church Drivers Rota December 2009 — March 2010

DECEMBER	6	Bill McKay
	13	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie
	20	Anne Reilly
	27	Bill Paterson
JANUARY	3	Ann/David Denholm
	10	Bill McKay
	17	Peter Melville
	24	Keith Moss
	31	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie
FEBRUARY	7	Anne Reilly
	14	Bill Paterson
	21	Bill McKay
	28	Ann/David Denholm
MARCH	7	Keith Moss
	14	Peter Melville
	21	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie
	28	Anne Reilly

If you would like to help with transport, need help getting to church or require any more information please contact:-

ANN DENHOLM  
Transport Convenor Tel: 0131 333 1834



## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

By the time the newsletter goes out we will have enjoyed a murder mystery evening in the bowling club. Winchburgh Players are presenting the Murder Mystery, and a supper of stovies or curry will have been enjoyed by those attending.

Look out for our intimation of a Family Beetle Drive in January—it was such a success in April we have been asked to repeat it. We may have something else on the same night for addicts—watch this space!

If anyone has any suggestions for other evenings entertainment don't hesitate to pass on your ideas to the Social Committee, all ideas welcome.

Joan McConnachie.

The Thomas Chalmers Church Centre may be hired for private parties and club meetings. Please contact Peter Woollven, Convener, on 0131 333 3862 or [peterwoollven@aol.com](mailto:peterwoollven@aol.com) for information.

## SUNDAY CLUB

The numbers attending remain steady and we are continuing with the "Come and Learn" material, which is a mixture of Old and New Testament stories. We have now started our preparations for the Christmas Nativity and Family Service which will be on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December, followed in the afternoon by our Christmas Party from 4pm - 6pm. The Sunday Club staff now work on a rolling rota, which allows us the chance to stay in Church for the full service at least twice a month, and this seems to be working well.

Linda Moss

**KIRKLISTON PARISH CHURCH**  
**List of Members who have joined since 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

**By Certification (5)**

Rev. Maggie Lane	43 Main Street, Kirkliston
Brian Lane	43 Main Street, Kirkliston
Rev. David Black	66 Bridge Street, Newbridge
Sandra Black	66 Bridge Street, Newbridge
Mhairi Flannigan	54 Newmains Road, Kirkliston

**By Confession (4)**

Gayle Boyle	14 Buie Brae, Kirkliston
Catherine Douglas	34 Allan Park, Kirkliston
Katherine Magumise	24 Killochan Way, Dunfermline
Susan Small	6 Kirkland`s Park Grove, Kirkliston
Grace Smallman	38 Allan Park, Kirkliston

**By Resolution (8)**

Gillian Newlands	34 Liston Road, Kirkliston
Bruce Simpson	14 Carmel Avenue, Kirkliston
Isobel Barker	8 Manse Road. Kirkliston
Moira Summers	Carmel Avenue, Kirkliston
Neil Davidson	1 Stewart Place, Kirkliston
Merriday Graham	49 Kirkland`s Park Crescent, Kirkliston
Irene Wood	Milrig, Kirkliston
Graham Wood	Milrig, Kirkliston

EDINBURGH INTERFAITH WEEK  
 'Bringing People Together'

**All events free of charge**  
**22nd - 29th November 2009**

Programme available: <http://www.eifa.org.uk/index.html>

**The Guild**

**Kirkliston Motto: -**  
**Fellowship, Friendship and Fun**

The new session got under way on September 23<sup>rd</sup> when we welcomed both old and new friends to the Guild. Maggie had agreed to be our speaker on the first evening and set us off on our new theme of "What Does the Lord Require of You?" We are concentrating particularly this year on one of the answers to that question – "Called to Act Justly".

Following that first talk we had an outing to the Royal Mile. This was a Christian Walk down the Mile led by Edinburgh City Mission. We were told stories by actors who portrayed people such as John Knox and St. Cuthbert. It was a very interesting evening and we were so fortunate to be blessed with good weather. The Walk finished at Carrubers Close Mission where we had a welcome cuppa.

Since then we have had meetings regarding Teenage Cancer Trust and Interfaith Support. Interfaith Support is one of our projects for this year and we were told of Christians, Muslims and Jews trying to work together for the good of Israel. The Guild is being asked to support some of the work which is taking place to make life easier for these people where much fighting still goes on in the West Bank.

We held our usual Outreach Afternoon on 22<sup>nd</sup> October when older people joined us for tea and entertainment led by Jim and Joyce. It was a happy afternoon with people singing along to the music and having an enjoyable time. Our thanks to all who helped.

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November we hope to have the Guild rededicated at the morning service as part of National Guild Week.

Our next two meetings concern shops – one being the Hadeel Shop and the other the Bodyshop. After that it is our Christmas meal out and so we move on to 2010. Where does the time go?

On behalf of all at the Guild we would like to wish you Seasons Greetings and hope that everyone has a happy and peaceful time over Christmas and the New Year.

Jan and Gill

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**L** stands for Laughter. The atmosphere was relaxed and we shared some very humorous moments.

**P** stands for provender – food was provided and enjoyed by all.

**H** stands for Helping One Another.

**A** stands for Ask Anything. No questions were banned!

*Morag Carnall*

## CHURCH REGISTER

### **BAPTISMS: “They brought young people to Jesus”**

Aran James Sim Boyle:	14 Buie Brae Kirkliston 4/10
Dempsey Lawson:	66 The Glebe, Kirkliston 4/10
Aaron Andrew Gillies:	39 Glendinning Drive, Kirkliston 11/10
Adult Baptism - Catherine Douglas: 34 Allan Park Kirkliston	

1. *My forgetter's getting better,  
But my rememberer is broke.  
To you that may seem funny,  
But to me, that is no joke*

3. *Oft times I walk into a room,  
Say “what am I here for?”  
I wrack my brain, but all in vain,  
A zero is my score.*

5. *When shopping I may see someone,  
Say “Hi” and have a chat,  
Then, when the person walks away  
I ask myself “who the hell was that?”*

2. *For when I'm “here “ I'm wondering  
If I really should be “there e”  
and when I try to think it through,  
I haven't got a prayer!*

4. *At times I put something way  
Where it is safe, but gee!  
The person it is safest from  
Is generally me!*

6. *Yes, my forgetter's getting better  
while my rememberer is broke'  
and it's driving me plumb crazy  
and that isn't any joke.*

## 1st Kirkliston Boys Brigade



Here we are approaching winter again, with the change of the clocks heralding the long dark nights ahead, and the trees shedding their many coloured leaves as a carpet on the ground. You can see some of the autumn colours on the collage that the Anchor and Junior section boys made in September; it is displayed on our notice board in the church centre.

We are well into our new session now, and although our numbers are down on last year, we still have a good number of regular attendees. Unfortunately we lost a few of our company section boys to a new football team that has started training on a Monday night.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> September, Clifford and I headed to Leuchars Air show with four of our boys, at the invitation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Broxburn Company. It was a glorious sunny day; unfortunately we spent a long time stuck in traffic jams, both ways! It was a good day out though and you can see some photos on the church web site.

We held a Halloween party on the 26<sup>th</sup> October, with the usual dooking for apples and party games. It all seemed like organised chaos, but the boys had a ball. They all dressed up for the night in their scary outfits, and even Mrs Shade came along as a very convincing witch (no comment).

As we only have two company section boys at present, we are having to enrol some of our junior section boys into the colour party for the armistice parade.

What we lack in numbers we make up for in the enthusiasm of the boys. Monday nights are fun for both staff and boys, so if you are at a loose end on these dark nights ahead, why don't you come and join the fun?

You will be made most welcome.

Anchor Boys 6.30 -7.30 pm, junior section 6.30 -8pm company section 7.30 -9pm

I know it may seem a bit early, but as this is the last article this year, may I wish you all a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year, when it comes.

Valerie Edwards(OIC Anchor/Junior section)

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Visit our website: <http://1kirkliston.boys-brigade.org.uk>

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**DEADLINES FOR 2010:**

**7TH FEBRUARY  
9TH MAY  
8TH AUGUST  
7TH NOVEMBER**

**NO LATER THAN MID-DAY ON THE DEADLINE PLEASE**



Many comments are received from users of the Thomas Chalmers Centre regarding the beautiful, well tended gardens surrounding the halls. So let us pay tribute to the gardener, **Carol Perry**, for twenty one years of lovely displays - the tidy, well kept flowerbeds and shrubberies speak testament to her commitment and selflessness - A big Thank You Carol.

Rob Brechin

**Sticking point**

LARGS Viking Festival began on Saturday, August 29, with a parade and a Viking village on the promenade.

Viking re-enactor Robert Low says they have had many strange questions over the years from visitors. He recalls when blacksmith Einar the Black was asked: "Did the Vikings and Romans have nails?"

Believing the question to be somewhat foolish, the blacksmith replied: "Naw, son, they gaffer-taped Christ to the cross."

**ALPHA UPDATE**

This year, we ran two Alpha courses - on Saturday mornings in Kirkliston and on Wednesday evenings in Queensferry. Both courses were based around the theme of food for the body and the soul - on Saturday mornings we enjoyed a brilliant brunch and the Wednesday group were fortified with substantial suppers. On Saturdays we focussed on being family-friendly and ran a crèche and kids club: the children enjoyed some exciting activities – puppet shows, painting and cake-decorating as well as enjoying the space of the main hall for racing games and running about to let off steam. Grateful thanks to all who contributed to the catering, childcare or group discussion.

Both courses have been relaxed and informal and this year we were fortunate to have some lively and provocative talks each week delivered by Rev David Cameron, Rev Maggie Lane, Rev Sean Swindells and Guy Douglas. We then got into small groups to discuss the theme of the talk – always on some aspect of why Jesus may be relevant to life today.

This also provided a chance to get to know people, ask questions, and think and talk through what was on our minds. Many people doing an Alpha course comment that the discussion groups are one of the most thought-provoking aspects of Alpha. The Saturday Alpha group attended a mid-course Away Day at the Inchyra Grange Hotel, led by Maggie Lane and Marion Donald whilst the Wednesday group had a weekend away in Hawick. These provided an opportunity for many to experience the power of the Holy Spirit. They were memorable occasions for all of us.

We thank God that several of the guests chose to give their lives to Jesus during the course and welcome them wholeheartedly into His family. Please pray for all involved in Alpha in Kirkliston, Queensferry and Dalmeny but particularly for the guests as they move forwards on their journey.

**A** stands for All Are Welcome. It was especially wonderful to be able to welcome families and children.

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In this day and age we are so aware that children are affected by all kinds of influences but there is one influence that there is never enough of and that is Gods love. That's where the cab comes in.

We are out every Friday night interacting with the children and telling them of that love for them. We believe that simply being there and spending quality time with them is sowing seeds and that is what we are equipped to do.

We have a good crowd of children who are waiting for us at each stop (sometimes adults as well) and it can be difficult coping when the weather is bad. Our cab is not big enough at times and we pray that one day this will be resolved.

A typical Friday night in cab :~ Greeting each other ~ chatting about what has happened in their lives that day ~ some play outside with two leaders and some do craft or play pass the bible inside with the third leader.

Some nights can be very challenging but always rewarding.

If you would like any information about c.a.b. please ring us on 0131 333 0333 or ask any of our trained leaders.

You will find c.a.b. every Friday at:-

Gateside: 7.00 -7.40PM

The Glebe: 7.40-8.20PM

Leisure Centre: 8.20-9.00PM

Christina Pearson



### KPC Website Changes



Currently the Kirk website is changing hands in terms of ownership of maintenance and development of the website pages. The content coordinator will continue to be Jan Wemyss, and myself and Jan will jointly take responsibility for ensuring information in it is accurate and current. As part of the changeover a temporary website has been created (see below). The current existing website will cease to be available online for a few days or perhaps longer starting from the 14th November, whilst the changeover takes place, and the temporary address will plug the gap and eventually become the official Church website to replace the old. Please continue to send any updates regarding Church-related activity or news / information to Jan as normal.

Current Address: <http://www.kirkliston-parish-church.org.uk/>  
 Temporary Address: <http://www.keith-mckays.me.uk/>

On the temporary website there is a Guestbook facility which allows visitors to 'sign in' and leave a message. Please feel free to register any thoughts you may have regarding the web pages. Also on the new website are downloadable back copies of the KPC Newsletters, going back to late 2004. Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible after the 14th November.

Bill McKay

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> 2009 10.00am – 1.00pm

ENTRY FREE

(£3.00 adult /£1.50 child with refreshment)



The Church is holding a Christmas Fayre on the above date and would be grateful for any contributions which you could give to the following stalls: - Tombola, Baking, Books/CDs/DVDs, New/Nearly New. Items can be handed in to the Church Centre on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. All monies raised will go towards Church funds.

\*A special visitor will be with us between 11.00a.m. and 1.00 p.m.\*

There are many stalls to look round with items to be won, children's activities taking place, jewellery gift ideas and handmade Christmas Cards to name a few.

**CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD**

**This card will be available to sign from Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November in the Church Centre. Wish all your friends in the Congregation a Happy Christmas and put the money you would have spent on individual cards in the envelopes provided marked "Christmas Appeal". These can be put into the freewill offering bags any Sunday morning or handed to the Church Treasurer.**



## CLAN GATHERING 2010

Around fourteen of us attended CLAN Gathering in St Andrews in July this year and had a wonderful time. Some stayed the whole week others came for the day.

CLAN - Christians Linked Across the Nation is a Christian conference that takes place in St Andrews every July, with the aim of equipping the local church. It is a week of exciting corporate worship, sound biblical teaching seminars, and great fellowship, there really is something for everyone and incorporates all ages.

We are hoping that even more of us will attend next year. The theme of the Conference is '*Jesus the face of God*,' and will take place from 24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July and costs £95 for the week if it is paid before the 31<sup>st</sup> January. The cost for youths is £60, children aged 5-12 is £60 and fives and under £48.

Accommodation is extra, but is available if booked early in the university halls of residence at the cost of around £70 per week per person, for an en-suite twin room. Alternatively folks can make their own arrangements camping or through private lets.

This really is a wonderful opportunity for us to experience something a little different that may take us out of our comfort zone but opens us up to opportunities for God to do a new thing in us - and I would encourage as many of you as possible to make it a date in your diary. To get the most out of the CLAN experience think about coming for the week, but if this is not possible - come for however long you can, it is such a bonding experience and encourages deeper friendships within the church. What have you got to lose? If you haven't been to CLAN you are missing out.

The guest speakers for 2010 include: Jackie Pullinger-To, John Arrott, Kenny Borthwick and Allan Scott. Worship will be lead by Kathryn Scott and David Ross.

If you would like to come we can arrange to save up on a monthly basis to make the cost more manageable but it would be helpful to know how many intend to book. Places are limited so give your name to Maggie Lane and we will get the ball rolling.

## KIRKLISTON PARISH CHURCH

Keeper of the Rolls Report  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2009

Roll at end of 2008 was **321**

**41** movements have taken place so far in 2009 (a turnover in excess of 10%)  
+ 17 ( 5 by certificate, 4 by confession, 8 by restoration/resolution)  
- 23 ( 3 by death, 2 by certificate, 16 to Supplementary Roll, 2 Gone Away)

The main Roll now stands at **315** ( 232 Homes + 5 Nursing Homes)  
50 on Supplementary Roll

### Communion

Attendance in August totalled **148**  
(This was **30** more than last Communion in May  
when the lowest attendance on record was noted)

August Breakdown

133 at morning service

+ 21 in Sheltered Housing afternoon service

( 6 of whom had attended morning service in church)

The Minister, Session Clerk and Roll Keeper are carrying out a district overview with the Elders. This has already disclosed an ill division of numbers of homes each Elder looks after. K.P.C. has currently 37 **District Elders** with a disparity of home numbers in their remit varying from 2 to 11. A distribution reappraisal will take place after the district overviews are completed with a view to implementation at the beginning of 2010.

There are various items of clothing as well as 10 umbrellas that have been left in the Church and Church Centre over the last couple of months, which will be disposed of if not reclaimed in the next 2 weeks. Also there are 3 bottles of which looks like homemade ginger wine that someone bought at the last Church sale and did not take home with them. If not claimed they will go to a good home ( probably mine )

Charlie Wright (Fabric Convener)





