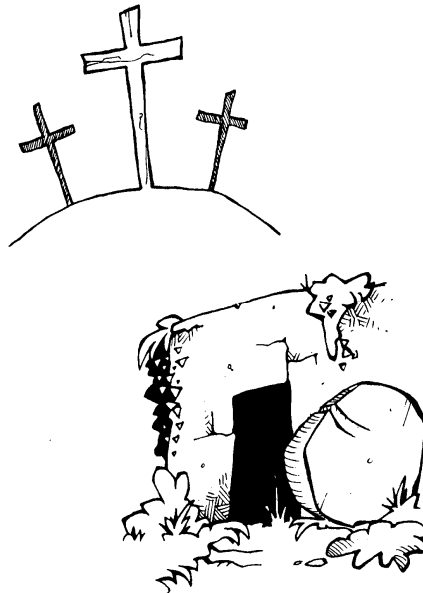


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## PULPIT SUPPLY ROTA - APRIL - SEPTEMBER 2010

DATE	LASSWADE 10 AM	COCKPEN & CARRINGTON 11.30 AM	ROSEWELL
04.04.10	Service at ROSEWELL	Rev C McPherson	MINISTER (10 AM) HC
11.04.10	MINISTER	MINISTER	Rev W Armitage (11.30 AM)
18.04.10	Rev T Gordon	Rev T Gordon	Rev M Schofield (11.30 AM)
25.04.10	MINISTER	MINISTER	Service at LASSWADE (10 AM)
02.05.10	Service at ROSEWELL	MINISTER (HC)	Rev M Schofield (10 AM)
09.05.10	Rev M Schofield	Rev M Schofield	TBA
16.05.10	Rev W Armitage	Rev W Armitage	Rev C McPherson (11.30 AM)
23.05.10	Rev M Schofield	Rev M Schofield	Service at LASSWADE (10 AM)
30.05.10	OFFICEBEARERS	MINISTER	MINISTER (10 AM)
06.06.10	Service at ROSEWELL	MINISTER	MINISTER (10 AM)
13.06.10	MINISTER	MINISTER	Rev M Schofield (11.30 AM)
20.06.10	MINISTER	MINISTER	Rev T Gordon (11.30 AM)
27.06.10	MINISTER	MINISTER	Service at LASSWADE (10 AM)
04.07.10	Service at ROSEWELL	MINISTER	MINISTER (10 AM)
11.07.10	MINISTER	MINISTER	Rev M Schofield (11.30 AM)
18.07.10	MINISTER	MINISTER	TBA
25.07.10	MINISTER	MINISTER	Service at LASSWADE (10 AM)
01.08.10	Service at ROSEWELL	MINISTER	MINISTER (10 AM)
08.08.10	MINISTER	MINISTER	Rev T Gordon (11.30 AM)
15.08.10	MINISTER	MINISTER	Rev M Schofield (11.30 AM)
22.08.10	MINISTER	MINISTER	Service at LASSWADE (10 AM)
29.08.10	OFFICEBEARERS	MINISTER	MINISTER (10 AM)
05.09.10	Service at ROSEWELL	MINISTER	MINISTER (10 AM)
12.09.10	MINISTER	MINISTER	Rev M Schofield (11.30 AM)
19.09.10	MINISTER	MINISTER	Rev W Armitage (11.30 AM)
26.09.10	MINISTER Harvest Thanksgiving	MINISTER	Service at LASSWADE (10 AM)

HC - Holy Communion

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 29 March - 2 April 2010

ALL SERVICES START AT 7.30 PM

Monday – Our Lady; Tuesday – Rosewell; Wednesday – St Leonards;  
Maundy Thursday – Lasswade (with Communion); Friday – Cockpen

Dear Friends,

Firstly, I offer my congratulations to the Guild for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The work of all the groups within the congregations is greatly appreciated.

As I write we are now in the season of Lent. The word “Lent” is perhaps slightly inappropriate; it is derived from the same source as the word lengthen (i.e. as in the lengthening of the days at this time of the year). The Lenten season is a time of preparation. We think how Jesus prepared himself for his future role by going into the wilderness for 40 days and nights; there he was tempted with food, wealth and power, but resisted. This is also a time of preparation for Easter; we think of how Jesus suffered on the Cross and his death and resurrection.

Recently, a class from one of the local primary schools visited Lasswade Church – the children’s questions were fascinating and very penetrating. One particular question was why did Jesus have to die on the Cross? In short, Jesus could have walked away from suffering, but that would have been to negate his calling. He became a one-off sacrifice for our sins. What contemporary images come to mind? Perhaps a firefighter going into a burning building, when everyone else is running the other way? what particularly struck me was that the children were shocked and appalled that Jesus had to endure capital punishment and suffered a gross miscarriage of justice before Pontius Pilate. Given that hanging was abolished in Great Britain in 1965 the very idea of capital punishment is now ancient history as far as they are concerned, but the idea of a fair trial is still very pertinent. I was also very moved and impressed by how the children discerned compassion, love and forgiveness in the person of Jesus. May Christ-like compassion, love and forgiveness inspire us all.

I have been asked to serve as the new Convener of the World Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Lothian. It is so easy for us to become preoccupied with issues that affect us locally, but as Christians it is vital for us to remember that we are part of the worldwide Church.

I have now been your minister for a little over six months; Kristina and I are greatly enjoying being here. So far, I have still not made as many home visits as I would have wished. If you – or someone you know (at home or in hospital) – would like a visit, please do not hesitate to let me know. I wish you and your family every blessing for Easter – may the Easter message of resurrection and joyous hope inspire us all.

Yours in Christ,

Rev Matthew Ross, Minister

## The official emblem of the Church of Scotland



This is the official emblem of the Church of Scotland. The Church of Scotland first used the "burning bush" emblem in the late 1600s, when it was included on the printed reports to the General Assembly. The image is derived from Exodus 3:2 in the Old Testament - the account of Moses seeing a burning bush in the desert. In the hot desert, it was far from unusual to see a small, parched shrub catch fire and shrivel up. This bush was different; it was not consumed by the flames. We then read of Moses discerning the voice of God coming from the flames. The Latin motto "Nec Tamen Consumebatur" means "But it was not consumed". The Church of Scotland's emblem also incorporates a representation of St Andrew's cross in the background.

### General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

Volunteer stewards are needed to help at the General Assembly, which will meet in Edinburgh 20-26 May. Would you be able to help?

Please contact Mr David McColl, telephone 0131 220 1690  
or by e-mail to [mccoll@palmerstonplace.plus.com](mailto:mccoll@palmerstonplace.plus.com)

# **Lasswade and Rosewell Church News .....**

## **Social Events**

I am sure you all know that our Church buildings are in need of repair and we will require to raise extra funding to meet the costs. We are, therefore, asking all our members to support the various events in order that the work can go ahead without leaving our general funds too depleted.

### **March – Pyramid Meal**

This will start in March and continue throughout – it starts with someone inviting **5 folks** for a meal and these **5 invite 4 and 4 invites 3** and so it goes on. We hope that folks will participate in this – obviously it is a fund raising event but, hopefully, it will bring the two Congregations together socially.

### **9 April – Chicken Drive**

This is for children up to 12 years (50p) in Rosewell Parish Church Hall from 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

### **20 May – Lothian and Borders Police Choir**

To be held in Rosewell Parish Church (final arrangements have still to be made)

### **12 June 2010 Coffee Morning / Summer Sale**

To be held in Rosewell Parish Church Hall from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon

### **Gift Day – Sunday 13 June 2010**

You will receive an envelope for your donation during the month of May and you can bring it along with you on Gift Day Sunday (Service at 10.00 a.m. in Lasswade Church; Service at 11.30 a.m. in Rosewell Church) or return your sealed envelope to your District Elder.

### **26 September – Harvest Thanksgiving**

Service at 10.00 a.m. in Lasswade Church and Harvest Supper in the evening at Rosewell.

### **Coffee Mornings**

On the second Saturday of each month a Coffee Morning is held in Rosewell Church Hall from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. If you have not been before please do come along and bring your friends. There is always lots of lovely home baking, jams, vegetables, books and lots more. If you would like to help at any of the Coffee Mornings please speak to Agnes Anderson.

**All our events will be publicised so look out for posters.**

### **Congregational Board Meeting**

The next meeting of the Congregational Board will be held on Tuesday, 27 April at 7.30 p.m. in Rosewell Church Hall and it is hoped that as many members as possible will be able to attend.

## Lasswade and Rosewell Choir

During December the Choir sang four items at the Rosewell Carol Party and a couple of pieces at Lasswade on Christmas Sunday. One of the pieces which we did at Lasswade was a lullaby, Suo Gan, and as this proved very popular we plan to do it again at an early date. Once again can I express my thanks and appreciation to the regular Choir and to those friends who augmented the Choir for all their hard work. My continued appreciation is, as ever, extended to the regular Choir for their support each week.

As you know, St. Andrew's Day is November 30<sup>th</sup>. I am well aware that the Sunday nearest November 30<sup>th</sup> can often be the first Sunday in Advent when the Christian Church tends to focus on the meaning of Advent and poor Andrew is lucky if he gets a mention. I feel this is unfair because, if Andrew had decided not to follow Jesus, and if he had decided not to tell his brother about Jesus and get Simon involved, it is questionable whether the words and teachings of Our Lord would have attracted attention as quickly as they did.

Last year I knew I was not going to be around on November 29<sup>th</sup> so I asked if hymn 339 in CH4 could be included in the service for November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The hymn is "Sing of Andrew, John's disciple, led by faith through ways untrod" and it captures in a very simple way the basic facts about Andrew. From being a disciple of John, then stirred by this new teacher, running to tell his brother, leaving his boats and nets and kindred we are then told he trusted in that "Follow me". We are told that Andrew faithfully was there when the small boy's meal fed thousands and when the inquiring Greeks asked questions. In conclusion we are told that Andrew was sent to make the Gospel known, faithful to his Lord's example and called to make a cross his own.

I think this is my favourite hymn and one which I stumbled on when I was leafing through CH4 when the hymnary first came out. Andrew has long been a hero of mine and the fact that here was a hymn concentrating on him was great. When Mr. Ross preached as sole nominee I was delighted that in his children's address he referred to Andrew and, if my memory serves me correctly, he illustrated his talk with a Saltire, the Cross Andrew chose to be crucified upon because he felt unworthy to die on a Cross similar to his Lord's.

Carl P. Daw, Jnr, the author of the words, and the author of several hymns in CH4 and Common Ground, is an American, born in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1944. He graduated at several universities where he obtained his M.A., M. Div., and Ph.D. and became an American Episcopal priest. He served in various parishes in the Eastern United States before beginning work on hymns. He was elected Executive Director of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada in 1996. The tune which is printed is "Nettleton" and this is an American melody in Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music.

I would like to revert to Saint Andrew again to say that on the east wall in the Thistle Chapel of St. Giles' Cathedral there is a magnificent stained glass window of Andrew the fisherman with his nets. The artist is Dr. Douglas Strachan who stayed for many years at Pittendreich House in Lasswade. There are several other windows by Dr. Strachan in St. Giles' and also in The Shrine and St. Margaret's Chapel at the Castle.



## Historical Reflections

You may recall that, for the last issue of The Link, I summarised some decisions taken at meetings of the Lasswade United Presbyterian/Lasswade United Free/Strathesk Church of Scotland Board of Managers between 1867 and 1932. I have now gone through some minutes of Session Meetings of Lasswade United Free/Strathesk Church of Scotland between 1904 and 1942 but these will have to wait until a future issue before they appear in print!

Meanwhile you might be interested to see what the Syllabus was for the Men's Guild of Strathesk Church, Lasswade, for the 1948/49 session.

President: Rev. J.N.Hutchison

Vice President: Mr. J.P.Storie

Secretary: Mr. Adam Alexander , Dundas Street, Bonnyrigg

1948

Oct. 26	Mr. J. Bruce	Chrysanthemum
Nov. 9	Mr. J. Wilson	Visit to Poultry Research Laboratory
" 23	Open Night	District Church Office Bearers "Get Together"
Dec 7	Dr. Robertson or Dr. Main	Modern Medicine
" 21	St.Nicholas Men's Guild,Dalkeith	Inter-Guild Debate

1949

Jan.18	Mr.Jas,Dawson	Football
Feb. 1	Mr.J.Cunningham	Bee-keeping, with Films
" 15	Mr.J.Ramage	Fishing Art
Mar 1	Mr.J.B.Cairns	On Robert Burns
" 15	Mr.W.Binnie,M.A.	American Tour
" 29	Theatre Night	Guild visit to Theatre

A wide variety of topics was covered that season. I seem to recall that Mr. Bruce, who spoke on chrysanthemums, was a regular contributor to the radio programme "Gardeners' Question Time". Some of us will remember Mr. (later Dr.) Wilson the Head of the Poultry Research Laboratory in Kevock Road, Drs. Robertson and Main, Mr. J.B.Cairns, the author of "Bright and Early" and Mr. Binnie, former Headmaster of, what was then, Lasswade Senior Secondary School. Mr. Adam Alexander, the Secretary, regularly worshipped with us until his death a year or two ago.

In the past, congregations had separate Guilds for both Ladies and Men but for quite a number of years now our local Guild, which meets every second Monday in Cockpen Church Hall, extends an invitation to men as well as ladies. From time to time I have attended a few Guild meetings if I have had a particular interest in the subject for the evening. I have always been made very welcome, enjoyed the fellowship and appreciated the opportunity to speak to people that sometimes I do not see for a while.

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## Lasswade Garden Club

The small group of volunteers who have been tending the garden at Lasswade Church for over ten years are looking forward to the new season which will begin whenever the weather improves! As well as the normal gardening work, tentative plans for the summer include painting the boundary fence and a general clean up of the extremities of the garden. We benefitted last season from being able to leave the care of the large area of lawn in the hands of a professional gardener and we are grateful to the Congregational Board of Lasswade and Rosewell Church for supplying the funding for another year.

We meet on Monday evenings for approximately two hours starting around 6.30pm. New helpers would be made most welcome and can be assured of an enjoyable and not too taxing evening.

Charlie Adams - 663 4596

## Lasswade Flower Rota

I am in the process of making up the rota and have a few gaps towards the end of the year. If there is anybody who would like to help to fill the rota I would be very pleased to hear from you. The flowers are always welcomed by the recipients who like to know that they are remembered by the congregation.

April	11 <sup>th</sup> Mrs. Moira Scott
	18 <sup>th</sup> Mrs. Lorna Oliver
	25 <sup>th</sup> Mrs. E. Legerwood
May	9 <sup>th</sup> Mrs Margaret Gordon
	16 <sup>th</sup> Mrs. Ann Macdonald
	23 <sup>rd</sup> Mrs. Elaine Thomson
	30 <sup>th</sup> Mrs. Meg Laing
June	13 <sup>th</sup> Mr. Stewart Renwick
	20 <sup>th</sup> Mrs. Sadie Cowe
	27 <sup>th</sup> Mrs. Alison Branch
July	11 <sup>th</sup> Mrs. D. Stewart
	18 <sup>th</sup> Mrs. M. Hay
	25 <sup>th</sup> Mrs. Betty Blakebell



Moira Dryden

## ***How your money was spent in 2009 on property repairs and maintenance at Lasswade and Rosewell.***

Painting of our property was the main task during 2009, with the windows at Lasswade painted both outside and inside along with the rhones and down pipes. The cost for this was £2,630. The outside windows were reached by using a cherry picker, which was a great boon as it meant we did not have to hire scaffolding and erect traffic lights to control traffic during the operation.

At Rosewell the wall and roof at the organ end of the church was repainted with a very good match of paint that meant a number of our congregation believed the whole church had been redecorated. The corridor to the vestry had the ceiling repaired and painted, and the vestry itself had the paper stripped from the ceiling and repainted. The costs incurred for this was £1,492.

The manse had more work carried out before the arrival of our minister and, unfortunately also after his arrival, where a leak was discovered in the kitchen along with damp under the floor. The wet room was removed and under the floor was treated to remove the damp. This also meant that the flooring in the kitchen had to be replaced. This set us back £1,166. During the heavy rain in the autumn a leak was detected in the small bedroom; R & R roofing carried out the repair free of charge. However, inside we had to redecorate after replacing the plasterboard, at a cost of £345. The minister at his own expense put in insulating material while the plasterboard was removed.

The fireplace was removed from the lounge, all the carpets lifted throughout the house and wooden flooring laid as a replacement, including the cost of the redecorating and replacement of skirting the bill for this work was £1,827. The minister also made a donation towards the cost of this work.

The other main cost within the property budget is the maintenance of our gardens. This is an annual cost of £1,640. As well as this expenditure there is also the vast amount of work the gardening group put in freely at the Lasswade gardens. I am sure that the members of the congregation appreciate the condition of the gardens and surrounds of the churches, and we thank all the volunteers for their efforts.

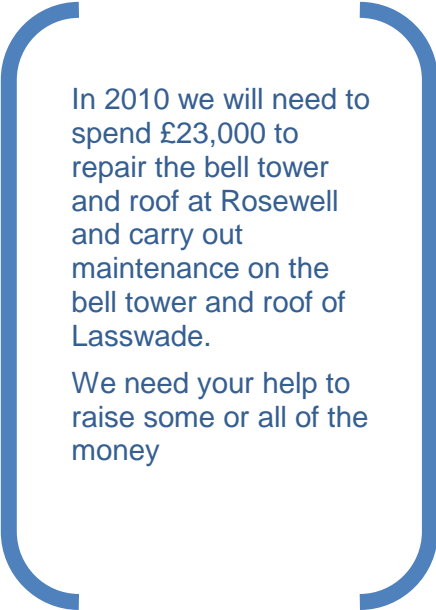
Most of the members of the church will have noticed the scaffolding that is in place at Rosewell, this is due to problems identified during a routine check of the roof, and the cost to have the scaffolding erected was £3,700. Checks were carried out at both churches.

At Lasswade routine pointing, maintenance and cleaning of the rhones has been identified. As well as the same routine items at Rosewell, the contractor identified that the cope stones were loose and in danger of slipping. The bell mechanism is also broken; this is a wooden wheel attached to the bell. The rope pulls it round to ring the bell. We have an architect involved to ensure that the repairs we carry out are best value for money and also to ensure that we will not need to revisit the problem in the near future.

These costs however are quite substantial for our congregation, at present the estimate for all the repairs and routine maintenance is £23,000. We have permission from the Presbytery of Lothian to move ahead with the repair.

We are at present approaching various funding bodies in an attempt to secure grant aid to assist us in meeting these costs.

The normal day-to-day costs such as heating, lighting ministerial stipend all will still need to be met. This means as a congregation we need to dip a little deeper into our pockets to help. We are looking to utilise some of our diminishing reserves to meet the costs and have the repairs carried out as soon as possible, but as a congregation we must replace this money if we are to survive into the future. To this end the social committee will be organising additional fundraising throughout the year that I hope we will all support.



In 2010 we will need to spend £23,000 to repair the bell tower and roof at Rosewell and carry out maintenance on the bell tower and roof of Lasswade.

We need your help to raise some or all of the money

Stewart Renwick

Property Convener

That you may have hope.

## **2nd Ecumenical Kirchentag**

Munich, Germany, 12-16 May 2010

**It's time for** the 2nd Ecumenical Kirchentag. Hundreds of thousands of Christians from Germany and all over the world will be coming together in Munich. This is a chance to meet, discuss our place as Christians in the world, to worship and celebrate together, seek visible ecumenical progress and make a stand for ecumenism. With the theme "That you may have hope", Christians will come together to profess our faith and face up to the social responsibility which arises from it.



**Kirchentage** have a long tradition. The first Protestant Kirchentag (literally meaning "church day") took place shortly after World War II to promote peace, reconciliation and a new awareness of faith – the most recent (the 32nd) took place in Bremen in 2009. The first ecumenical Kirchentag took place in Berlin in 2003 – with Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox participation.

**All are welcome** to this festival of faith – people from all Christian denominations and other religions. In more than 3,000 events – worship, bible workshops, panel discussions and workshops on social, ethical and political issues and much more – we shall be considering how we can successfully lead a Christian life in and for the contemporary world. Many of the events will take place in English, so don't worry if your knowledge of German is limited or non-existent!

**Interfaith dialogue** will also play an important role at the Kirchentag. Arising from our common responsibility we will seek ways to turn all this into acts of solidarity.

**There will be a great cultural programme** too. We will celebrate our Christian faith in many ways, with classical and traditional church music, brass bands, pop and jazz concerts, exhibitions and all kinds of art.

**The deadline** registration for people who want to book accommodation with the 2nd Ecumenical Kirchentag office is 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

**Find out more** and watch the **2nd Ecumenical Kirchentag film**:

[http://www.oekt.de/english/home\\_english.html](http://www.oekt.de/english/home_english.html) and <http://www.kirchentag.org.uk/>

## From the Clerk.

It only seems like yesterday that we were being 'urged' to get our articles in for the Christmas magazine, **where does the time go?** I used to wonder when my Mum and Dad (and other older folks) said things like that but now, I understand. The other 'daily routine' for them and many of their age was to immediately turn to the obituary page in 'the News'. It was, to me, a young person, a peculiar thing to do - wanting to know who had died. I suppose I thought it was either a bit morbid or quite odd. **What is the first thing I do now when the Evening News arrives?** I can only think it must be an aging thing!

Looking to see who has 'passed on' is not necessarily morbid or peculiar, it is, for me a very natural thing to do. As Church people, we feel for all the families of the folks we read about who have died but, in particular, we want to be there for 'our own folks', folks we know, have grown up with and, love - a shoulder to cry on, an ear to listen, a voice to give comfort. We, at Cockpen and Carrington have lost many dear friends over the years just as Lasswade and Rosewell have and, although saddened by the loss, we have much to remember and be grateful for to the folks who had so much to do with us all.

As Clerk for over 20 years now I have written countless letters of condolence to families and wondered if at that time my words, telling them of my, and your sorrow really helps them. I think at sad times much is not taken in but, it is hoped that at some stage they will realize that so many of you do really care and want to be there for them if they want us.

But, on a brighter note, I feel the aging process, for me anyway, is an exciting time - I know that growing up was good in so many ways but, I have a feeling of much greater contentment now than I have ever had. Of course, perhaps this is just down to retirement which, I always say to people, although I have enjoyed all my working life, is the best job I have ever had! I have difficulty in understanding people who dread the day that they will have to give up work - for me, that has thankfully never been a problem. Of course, I understand that they may have good reasons in wanting to continue but, my advice would be - stop if you can, and enjoy.

Church life here and at Lasswade and Rosewell goes on with a busy Guild, Sunday School, OASIS, Bric a brac, cake stall, Choir practices, meetings and, all the other activities of our Churches. Matthew has now completed six months here with us and, with all that he is involved in with his own flock and, the other Churches in the area plus, his school visits he is, very much 'in with the bricks' here in Bonnyrigg.

Many happy events in our Church but, I think the most important one recently was the celebration of 80 years since our Guild was formed. A lovely Service (along with the children from the Sunday School) was held on 21<sup>st</sup> February to

commemorate this wonderful achievement with a meal for 40 odd (no, I didn't mean the Guild was odd), the following evening at Broomieknowe Golf Club. We have much to thank the Guild for over these past 80 years, the kindnesses shown by these ladies (and, I know that men can join now!!) has been overwhelming. I wonder how many Treasurers, over the years, have scratched their heads wondering how the books were to be balanced when the miracle of 'the Guild cheque' was handed over. We thank you all for your kindness now and, in the past and wish you all the very best for a good and prosperous future - we are all looking forward to your **100<sup>th</sup>**.

By the time you are reading this, we will have held our Annual Stated Meeting (7<sup>th</sup> March) and, I think that all our organizations will have reported a 'good year' but, we cannot be complacent, much work still has to be done - by us all!

**George**

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## **Cake Stall.**

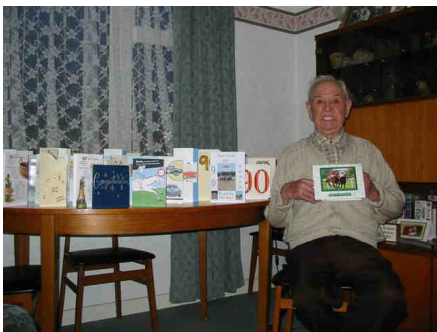
Many thanks once again to all the bakers, jam, chutney and tablet makers who provide the goods for the Cake Stall at the Pitcairn Centre. The folks who support us by buying our goods certainly appreciate everything.

Our next dates for the stall are -

**8<sup>th</sup> April, 2010**  
**27<sup>th</sup> May, 2010**  
**1<sup>st</sup> July, 2010**  
**12<sup>th</sup> August, 2010**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2010**

*Thanks again,  
Wilma.*

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I would like to thank everyone for their cards, gifts and good wishes on my 90th Birthday. I had a lovely day and received over 70 cards which were much appreciated.

Looking forward to receiving the "telegram" in 10 years time.

Sam Greer

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## FROM THE ORGANIST

Snow is falling as I write this article and it feels as if we are still very much in the middle of winter. Nevertheless, we are now also into Lent and accordingly Easter is less than 40 days and nights away!

At the time of writing the calendar for Holy Week has just been finalised. In the now time honoured fashion services will be taking place in one or other of the local churches each night that week, and following recent practice Cockpen will be the venue for the Good Friday service. The choir will be singing the old Spiritual "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" as well as other music appropriate to the day.

The main musical celebrations will of course fall on Easter Day itself. Last year we marked the anniversary of Handel's death and this year we have another date to celebrate, as it is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Samuel Sebastian Wesley. While it could not be claimed he is a composer in the same league as Handel he was one of the founding fathers of the Anglican choral repertoire, and we shall be singing what is perhaps his best known anthem "Blessed be the God and Father", which was written for performance on Easter Day when Wesley was organist of Winchester Cathedral. It is quite a substantial piece, featuring a demanding soprano solo, and I am pleased to say that our own choir will once again be supported by several of our friends from the ranks of Dalkeith Singers.

Wesley came from a distinguished family, as he was in fact the grandson of the great hymn writer Charles Wesley. This links in neatly therefore with plans for the Sunday after Easter, which our Minister intends to devote to a celebration of Charles Wesley's hymns. That day (traditionally called "Low Sunday") can often feel a bit flat after the celebrations of Easter, but there should be no risk of that this year. While Wesley is celebrated the world over as a hymn writer it is perhaps less well known that he was also a composer and I will therefore be featuring his music in the organ voluntaries for that day also.

Two important Sundays for those of who enjoy hymn singing therefore, and I hope that as many as possible will also be able to attend at least some of the Holy Week services which I think contribute much to our worship.

GMB

February 2010



# Cockpen and Carrington Flower Rota

## April

4 <sup>th</sup>	N. Richardson
11 <sup>th</sup>	R. Dolan
18 <sup>th</sup>	Flower Fund
25 <sup>th</sup>	Flower Fund

## May

2 <sup>nd</sup>	A. Harding
9 <sup>th</sup>	Flower Fund
16 <sup>th</sup>	M. Scott
23 <sup>rd</sup>	D. Scott
30 <sup>th</sup>	R. Dolan

## June

6 <sup>th</sup>	W. Sweeney
13 <sup>th</sup>	I. Ramsay
20 <sup>th</sup>	H. Renton
27 <sup>th</sup>	F. Wilkie

## July

4 <sup>th</sup>	L. Laidlaw
11 <sup>th</sup>	L. Mills



## July (cont)

18 <sup>th</sup>	J. Dolan
25 <sup>th</sup>	I. Fowler

## August

1 <sup>st</sup>	E. Brown
8 <sup>th</sup>	Flower Fund
15 <sup>th</sup>	M. Porter
22 <sup>nd</sup>	L. Hanson
29 <sup>th</sup>	J. Dyer

I am very grateful to all the people who have given me dates they would like. After Sunday Service the flowers go out to our members who are perhaps feeling ill or have lost a loved one; I know they are very much appreciated by those who receive them. It is always a pleasure to see their faces light up when they are handed out.

There are a few spaces left, so, if you would like to join us phone me on (0131) 663 1825 and I'll be happy to help.

*Irene Ramsay.*

## The Guild

Since our last report we have had a very busy and exciting time. On 14th December we held our ever popular Christmas Carol party led by Graham Burnside and the choir. As always, the choir were in splendid voice and we were kept well informed by Graham of the origins of many of the pieces sung. All agreed it was a most enjoyable, and entertaining evening.

Our speakers have included Dr Ken Bogle from Local Studies based at Loanhead. We were shown lots of old material which they keep at Loanhead and transported back in time, and Lothian and Borders Fire and rescue Service who brought us up-to-date on fire security.

On Sunday 21st February we gave thanks within the church service led by the minister for 80 years of our Guild. After the service everyone was invited to join us in celebrating our 80th birthday with tea, coffee and birthday cake. The cake was made by Moira Scott and cut by Winnie Brown. Photographs of the occasion were kindly taken by John Adamson and were superb.

The following evening 41 members, along with our minister, (brave man Matthew!) celebrated our birthday with a meal at Broomieknowe Golf Club. Congratulations and good wishes received by our secretary for our birthday were read to everyone and the photographs taken in church were circulated.

We look forward to the remainder of our programme, which includes speakers from Crossreach and Tesco along with our business meeting, Bring and Buy, Chick Drive and closing social.

On 24th April we have our Guild Drive – destination to be agreed but anyone who would like to join us on this or any of our meetings would be made most welcome.

Liz Mills



# COCKPEN & CARRINGTON PARISH CHURCH.

## Baptisms

It was lovely to welcome the following babies along with parents, families and supporters to a recent Baptismal Service. We hope that all felt happy being amongst us at such a special time.

Charlie Richard Dawson, infant son of Christopher and Louise (nee Hamilton)

Liam Peter Challis, infant son of Ben. and Louise (nee Boyle).

Meadow Lindsay McCabe, infant daughter of Ian and Rachel (nee Robertson).

All babies were baptized by the Minister.

**'May the Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee.'**

## Weddings

As a Congregation, we are delighted that we will be able to welcome a number of couples who are to be married during this year. The first wedding for us is on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

## Bereavement

It is, with sadness that we record the death of *Mrs. Doreen Patterson*, Eldindean Terrace.

We continue to pray for any from our Congregation(s) (and outwith) who grieve at this time of loss. As a Congregation, we are here for any who feel that we can help in any way.

**Jesus said**  
**'I am the Resurrection and the Life'.**

## New Members

It is, with great joy that we welcome five new members to our Church family. Four come to us by Resolution of the Kirk Session and one by transfer of 'lines'. We hope that all will feel happy in our presence. They are -

Mrs. Margaret Higgins - Archview, Dalkeith.

*(from Edinburgh Mayfield Salisbury)*

Mrs. Myra Anderson - district 9

Mr. Andrew Gibson - district 15a

Mrs. Celia Moore - district 19

Mr. Alex. Peden - district 13

# COCKPEN & CARRINGTON SUNDAY SCHOOL

## CHRISTMAS OUTING

We start this Easter edition of the magazine looking back at what's happened since we last met. We had a glorious time at the pantomime on 12 December - all 108 of us! Our coach drivers delivered us straight to the door and picked us up from there too. Friends and families came along for a great afternoon out. We were delighted that our Minister and his wife joined us too. It was Kristina's first ever pantomime and she thoroughly enjoyed it. We're booked again for this year for Jack in the Beanstalk on 11 December 2010 - book early.

## CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY

Cast your minds back to 20 December.....yes we had significant snow falls and ice (little did we know, it would last for weeks and weeks!); yet the hardy souls of the Sunday School skated down to Church for our Nativity Play - thank you to everyone who came to church that day.

Our play was entitled "Keeping Mr Inn in the inn" and was a story about a good innkeeper and a greedy innkeeper and Bethlehem Town Council. The council needed more room to build a camel park so one of the inns had to go. The story unfolds with a challenge being set that whichever inn is the most successful, it will stay and the other one will be knocked down. Needless to say, Bethlehem soon fills up with people for the census and the greedy innkeeper charges the highest prices and the good innkeeper is fair but not making enough money. Despite his inn being full, the good innkeeper gives his stable to a young couple whose baby is due to be born. There are more and more visitors to the stable until finally 3 Wise men come too. They want to stay on so give the good innkeeper lots of gold for their stay so the good innkeeper 'wins' in the end.

The play has a backing track with great music which the children really enjoyed. They were all amazing on the day and performed their hearts out. Well done to all the boys and girls, teachers and helpers and of course our thespians who join us every year otherwise known as George Sweeney & Bill Brown.

Thank you all for a generous retiring offering of £145.

We have a few of these plays on a similar vein so are set up for the next couple of years!

## **FRIENDS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL**

You often hear mention of Friends of the Sunday School - a small band of supporters who provide us with financial donations and support and encouragement in general. You were all again generous to the Sunday School in 2009 - thank you for such loyal support.

One of our dear, loyal friends is Mrs Doreen Gray (Grandma to Emily & Ruairi - former Sunday School members). Sadly Mrs Gray had a nasty fall at home in November causing a couple of fractures. As well as the pain and shock, this was even more difficult for such an active person to deal with. She is making progress and has been in our thoughts and prayers. Look forward to happier times this year and seeing you back in Church.

## **FUNDRAISING**

During 2009 and in January 2010, we made 3 charitable donations to Comic Relief/Children in Need and the Haiti Disaster Appeal - we donated our weekly offering to these causes.

We hope to do more for the Haiti Appeal perhaps in the form of a little concert/coffee morning etc. We'll keep you posted.

Our own Sunday School funds are really low so we also need to do our own fundraising and will welcome support from the entire congregation.

## **CRADLE ROLL SERVICE**

It's been a while since we had a cradle roll service but now that Matthew's with us, we are thinking about this - perhaps later in 2010.

## **SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS**

We like to celebrate birthdays in Sunday School and recently we celebrated the 50th birthday of one of our teachers - Margaret Anderson. We had a lovely morning and Margaret was quite overwhelmed. Our other special birthday just as the Guild were celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, was for our tiniest member of Sunday School - **Levi Boyle was 1** on 20 February. Congratulations to all.

**Rosalind Dolan**

## Bonnyrigg Ranger Guides

Happy New Year!

We are back at Rangers following the Christmas holidays and we have had our planning meeting to organise our schedule up to the Easter holidays.

We had a very good December in the lead up to Christmas with a Chinese buffet in the hall and then a trip to Winter Wonderland. It was the start of the snowy weather and Edinburgh looked quite magical from the big wheel although we needed a hot chocolate to keep us warm.

So far in 2010, we have had a cake decorating evening. One of our new Rangers is very talented at cake decorating and offered to plan and organise a night on our behalf. We spent the evening learning about different types of icing and how to use them, how to add colouring to icings and we had lots of practise at icing fairy buns using a number of different piping instruments. Some of us were better than others and more practise is definitely required.

At the start of February, we had a Wii Fit night accompanied with healthy snacks. We played a number of games that the girls brought along including Mario and Sonics Winter Olympics and we also tried our hand at water skiing. It was a good laugh and the girls enjoyed showing off their skills.

As part of our thinking day celebrations, we held an international food and facts evening. Every member chose a country and had to prepare a presentation on that country and bring along foods from their chosen country. We shared our presentations with each other, enjoyed our international buffet and then took part in a quiz to test our knowledge. The girls went to a great deal of effort and it was a very successful evening. I think we all managed to learn a few interesting facts in the process.

Before we break for Easter, we are heading to Newcastle for a short break together. The plan is to take the train, do a bit of sightseeing, visit Primark and stay over in the youth hostel. We also have a pop/TV quiz night planned and we are going on an Easter Scavenge hunt towards the end of March.

## Calling all 14 - 26 year olds!

The Rangers meet every second Tuesday in the Guide Hall on Dobbies Road and we are currently looking for new members, so if you know any young lady (between 14 and 26 years) who may be interested in joining us, please feel free to contact me on Tel No 0131 454 9278.

Lynsey  
Stevenson



# Oasis

In December, Oasis ladies enjoyed a trip into Edinburgh to the Festival Theatre to see The Corstorphine Road Nativity Show which starred Gail Watson. The show was exceptionally funny and we shared a number of laughs. Beforehand, we went for something to eat at Ciao Roma.

The January weather curtailed our Pot Luck Supper plans and since the New Year we have been concentrating on organising our next Blingo evening which takes place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

We have managed to sell over 200 tickets for the Ex-Serviceman's club in Bonnyrigg. The evening will take the same format as the previous two Blingos and will include bingo, a disco, a raffle and a buffet. We hope that everyone who comes along dresses in their best bling and I am sure there will be a prize for the best dressed lady there. We hope to raise a good sum of money for a number of charities including Breast Cancer Research and the Maggies Centre. I will let you know all about this evening in the next

edition of the church magazine. In the meantime, thank you to everyone who has bought tickets and to a number of local businesses who have supported us by donating raffle prizes. I am sure the evening will be a huge success.



Oasis ladies meet the first Thursday of every month in Cockpen and Carrington Church Hall and we are always looking for new members to come along and join us. There are currently over 20 women who attend regularly and it is a great way of meeting new people. A few new friendships have been established as a result of coming along.

If you are interested or would like to find out more, please feel free to contact me on Tel No 0131 454 9278. We would love you to see you.

**Lynsey Stevenson**

# THE HOLY HIKERS



*Don't walk in front of me: I may not follow  
Don't walk behind me: I may not lead  
Just walk beside me and be my friend.  
Albert Camus*

*This is the time of year when the weather can be against us. As reported in the last issue of "The Link" our walk in October had to be cancelled, well so did November and January. We did get a walk in December, from Wallyford up to Fa'side castle, which was damp underfoot but interesting nevertheless. Mist obscured the wonderful views over the Forth. We knew they were there but we could see nothing. Because everyone is so busy in December we decided to leave our "Christmas Meal" until February and the weather did smile on us. We did a circular walk of approximately  $5 \frac{1}{4}$  miles on one of the 'Tweed Trails' from West Linton, followed by High tea at the*

*Old Bakehouse in the village. It was good to have 100% attendance for this function and a lovely meal in good company was enjoyed by all. Our final walk of this programme will be on 13<sup>th</sup> March at Culross in Fife. This is a walk we have had to cancel several times due to either bad weather or roadworks on the Forth Bridge. Fingers crossed we manage it this time! Our new programme from April - October will be available soon. Anyone wishing to join us can contact me on 0131 660 1147.*

*Happy Hiking,  
Jim Scott*



## From a book - 'Facing the Storm'

As you know, I have included a few stories from the above book in previous issues of 'The Link' and want to share one more with you. I have enjoyed these books so much and would commend them to you. **G.S.**

*Jesus came to Jerusalem. The people accepted him with enthusiasm as he rode in but, they missed the significance of his coming. He came as a King but, he came as a King on a donkey.*

*Riding the donkey, he rejected both the reality and the trappings of power. This King-on-a-donkey refused to conform to the expected image, the accepted values of the society of his time. He came humbly, choosing the way of peace. Relying on the quiet persistence of love, rather than the sterile forces of compulsion.*

*Jesus was a nonconformist, a rebel. Not for the sake of rebellion, and not deliberately. His values were so different from those of his day that they brought him inevitably into conflict.*

*That's where it all turned sour. It was one thing to challenge the authorities. That's always popular with the people. We enjoy seeing the rich and famous embarrassed. It's comforting to see they don't always get their own way. We applaud as we read of him overturning the tables of the moneychangers but, his lifestyle challenges everyone. Then and now. You and me. Challenges us to change, not just the man or woman across the street.*

*If Jesus entered my city today I've a feeling he'd appear, not in a company car, but, on a tatty bicycle, with his trousers tucked into the tops of his socks. And the first call he'd make wouldn't be at the cathedral but at the Job Centre to see who needed help.*

*I wonder then, who'd cry "Hosanna" and who "Crucify"?*

Lord, the donkey must have been surprised.

It wasn't used to all that noise.

It wasn't used to people riding on its back.

The flash of clothes thrown down before its feet was disconcerting.

Palm branches waving near its eyes, off - putting.

The shouting of the crowd incomprehensible.

All I can ask, Lord,  
is that you'll put into my life  
the same humility and willingness  
the donkey had.

That bearing you will be no heavy weight,  
your burden light,  
your yoke an easy fit.

*From Meditations and Prayers by Eddie Askew.*

# THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS 2010

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you for supporting the worship, mission and service of the Church through the money you give in your offering. It is important that you know what happens to this money. This letter tells you about your congregation's Ministries and Mission Contribution - the money your Congregational Treasurer sends to the Church Offices in Edinburgh. How does it enable the worship, mission and service of the Church?

The information below shows how the contributions from your linked congregations are used to support Parish Ministries, Mission and Renewal, and general support and services provided for congregations and the councils of the General Assembly. Please note that the cost of your minister is not what he/she is paid. This cost is the total for stipend and employer's national insurance and pension contributions, and is based on a minister with ten years' service.

<b>Congregations:</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
<b>COCKPEN AND CARRINGTON</b>	<b>£14,674</b>
<b>LASSWADE AND ROSEWELL</b>	<b><u>£20,637</u></b>
	<b>£35,311</b>

## **Parish Ministries (87%)** **£30,721**

The cost of ministry in your parishes is: £39,100

The support you receive from other congregations towards the cost of your ministry is: £8,379

## **Mission and Renewal (5.5%)** **£1,942**

This supports the Church's work in resourcing congregations for Christian education and outreach, in caring for the vulnerable in society, in partnership with Churches in some of the poorest parts of the world, and in providing a Christian perspective on the social, political and moral issues of today.

## **Support and Services for Councils and Congregations (7.5%)** **£2,648**

This provides financial, legal, procedural, safeguarding and other services, and meets the cost of the General Assembly and the Moderator.

**Please note that Ministries and Mission Contributions only provide part of the total funding required for the work of the Church listed above. A fuller picture is given in the leaflet *Funding our Faith*, which is available free to all congregations.**

I hope that this helps you to understand Ministries and Mission Contributions and shows you are enabling the sharing of the gospel through the money your congregation sends *through* the Church Offices to all parts of Scotland and beyond.

Yours sincerely

*Gordon D Jamieson*

Head of Stewardship

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# GREYFRIARS COMMUNITY PROJECT

INVITES

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TO

A SERIES OF DINNER LECTURES  
ON THE THEME OF "IDENTITY"

These lectures are being hosted by our Building 3 community, where a range of opportunities exist for people from every part of society to come together and engage in useful communal activity. For many years Tuesday night has been Parish Meals night and we invite you to come and share in that before moving on to the lecture and discussion.

The Bible says that we are made in God's image (Genesis 1: 27) – but the experience of many in our culture is very negative and many people struggle to belong and do not feel cherished. We want to explore identity from different perspectives and would be delighted if you could join us. We feel very fortunate that our four speakers have agreed to share their wide experience and wisdom.

## **"WHO AM I? – IDENTITY MATTERS"**

### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010:**

Professor Alastair McIntosh: "*A Hebridean Pilgrimage*"

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010:**

Professor Lesley McAra: "*Identity matters: young people, social exclusion and crime*"

### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010:**

Revd John Miller: "*Experience of working in Castlemilk*"

### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010:**

Revd Matthew Ross: "*Who am I? Scottish, British or European?*"

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**DINNER AT 6.00PM AND LECTURE AT 7.15PM**

## Puzzle corner.

All of the words in the following sentence (from Matthew 28:6) are in the word search. The words go across, down, up and diagonally.

He has been raised from the dead

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Answer to puzzle on back page, so don't look if you want to do it.

## Easter Sunday

