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PULPIT SUPPLY ROTA – OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2010

DATE	LASSWADE 10 AM	COCKPEN & CARRINGTON 11.30 AM	ROSEWELL
03.10.10	Service at ROSEWELL	Rev M Schofield	MINISTER (10 AM) (HC)
10.10.10	MINISTER SONGS OF PRAISE 6PM	MINISTER	Rev M Schofield (11.30 AM)
17.10.10	MINISTER	MINISTER	Rev K Ross (11.30 AM)
24.10.10	MINISTER	MINISTER	SERVICE AT LASSWADE 10 AM
31.10.10	Rev M Schofield	MINISTER	MINISTER (10 AM)
07.11.10	Service at ROSEWELL	MINISTER (HC)	Rev K Ross (10 AM)
14.11.10	MINISTER – 9.30 AM WAR MEMORIAL 10 AM CHURCH	MINISTER	Rev K Ross (10.45 AM)
21.11.10	Rev M Schofield	Rev M Schofield	Rev W Armitage (11.30 AM)
28.11.10	MINISTER (JOINT SERVICE)	JOINT SERVICE AT LASSWADE (10 AM)	JOINT SERVICE AT LASSWADE (10 AM)
05.12.10	Service at ROSEWELL	MINISTER	MINISTER (10 AM)
12.12.10	MINISTER	MINISTER	Rev K Ross (11.30 AM) CAROL PARTY 7 PM
19.12.10	MINISTER	MINISTER LESSONS & CAROLS (7 PM)	Rev K Ross (11.30 AM)
24.12.10	CHRISTINGLE 7 PM	MINISTER 11.20 PM	MINISTER 8.30 PM
26.12.10	MINISTER	MINISTER	SERVICE AT LASSWADE 10 AM

HC – HOLY COMMUNION

Dear Friends,

I hope that you had a good summer. Kristina and I enjoyed two weeks on the Isle of Kos, Greece. Kos features briefly in the Bible (Acts 21:1) as St Paul spent a night there whilst travelling by ship. But Kos is better known as the birthplace of Hippocrates, one of the outstanding figures in the history of medicine. Health is something which has never been far from my mind in recent months; I would like to thank the many people who have been so supportive and kind during my father-in-law's recent hospitalisation. Your prayers and good wishes are very much appreciated. As always, if you know of anyone in hospital or at home who would like a visit, please do not hesitate to let me know.

After a break over the summer, many of the Church's activities are now restarting for the autumn. These include the Sunday School, the Guild and Cockpen & Carrington's Thursday morning bric-a-brac sale in the Church Hall, Dundas Street. This edition of *"The Link"* also has details of many forthcoming special events, including the Harvest Supper at Rosewell on 26th September and a special evening "music service" at Lasswade Church on 10th October. Please give them your support. I am also looking forward to regularly visiting Bonnyrigg, Hawthornden and Rosewell Primary Schools as they start their new term, as well as meeting with the 51st Bonnyrigg Boys' Brigade.

The last edition of *"The Link"* included a request for stewards to help at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, which always takes place for one week in May. I'm delighted that Maria Hall (a member of Cockpen & Carrington Parish Church) volunteered and did a great job! If you could help out next year please contact Mr David McColl, telephone 0131 220 1690 or e-mail mccoll@palmerstonplace.plus.com.

Thank you again for the warmth of your welcome during my first year as your new minister. As in the words of St Paul, *"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all"*. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Yours in Christ,

Rev Matthew Ross
Minister

From the Clerk.

I am, as usual, (like many other contributors) being urged to get my various articles done in order to meet 'the deadline' for the printers. When I say '**other contributors**' I say so rather 'tongue in cheek' because, I (we) know that it is left to the same few to try and think up something for, what I think is a wonderful part of our Church life - '**The Link**'. Thankfully, I can fill a few lines with the Baptisms, weddings, welcomes etc. but then, I have to scratch my head with - 'what comes next?'

I'm more than happy to be 'taken to task' for my remarks but, before thinking about doing anything in that respect, have a look back through previous magazines and see who actually contributes!! I think you'll find that we have very few who take the time to write a few lines. Of course, we are grateful to the regular scribes who, I'm sure, like me, would like a wee break and would be delighted to hear from **you**. Every one of us has something to say (**and, Wilma reckons that I say too much!!**) and, I would urge you to give this some thought. Each one of you must have so much you could share and, we would be delighted to read **your** stories.

As many of you will have realized, Matthew and Kristina have been with us all for just over a year and it has been a great joy for us knowing that we are at last settled - I just hope they too feel settled!. Both are very much part of our Churches and community with Matthew becoming a 'well kent face' in the town. We had a long hard road with Wendy's illness and the vacancy but, we came through that fairly well due to the great help we got from all our dear friends who rallied round in our time of need and, indeed you, the Congregation who never gave up. Thankfully, Wendy is now enjoying retirement (as is Steve) and, I am glad that they are enjoying life to the full.

We, as a family have had a good and exciting year with a nice holiday abroad with another four friends in May and more recently a break away down south having a look round the west side of Dorset and then a few days catching up with relatives in Wiltshire.

Between these breaks we had the great joy of seeing our beloved daughter Julie marry Steven on the 17th July and obviously, it was a great day for both our families. When they got engaged in Las Vegas in September 2008 and shortly afterwards chose July 2010 to be married it seemed a long time away but, as you know, time does fly! As with any wedding, so much has to be done but, what joy for us all to have been involved in such planning. The day was wonderful (except for a heavy shower on leaving Church) throughout and Wilma and I thank you all for your kindness and good wishes to Julie and Steven.

By the time you read this, our various organizations will have resumed for another busy session and I wish them all well in their various activities. We are blessed with much in this Church, a healthy Guild, Sunday School, OASIS, Brownies, and

Choir with of course, our '*Church without Walls*' - the bric a brac and cake stall. We give thanks to all these folks for what they do tirelessly in the name of our Lord.

Yours, in friendship.

George.

GUILD NEWS

Our Guild ended in April with our Closing Social when we were entertained by The Rouge Quartet with a barber shop style programme which everyone enjoyed. For our Guild Drive we went to Jedburgh where we enjoyed a beautiful sunny afternoon. Some of us went to visit the Abbey, others to Mary Queen of Scots House and others relaxed in the sunshine and then we got back on the bus to Galashiels for our High Tea at The Kingsknowes Hotel.

The Committee have come up with some interesting ideas for our syllabus for 2010-2011. This coming year our theme is 'Called to Love **Mercy**' and on our first meeting which is on Monday 4th October we have our Minister, Reverend Matthew Ross who is going to speak on our theme.

Also on Sunday 3rd October we will have our Guild Dedication during the Church Service.

On 18th October our speaker is Mrs Margaret Brodie - her title that evening is '100 Years of Dolls'. We have quite a varied programme which includes Mr David Bond - his talk is about 'Mary's Meals'.

Also coming to speak this session is Mr Andrew Brash from The Mark Wright Project, Mr & Mrs Denny - their subject is Philippines and Music, and that takes us up to our Carol Evening on Monday 13th December led by Graham Burnside and the Choir.

We are always delighted when new members come along and hope to see members old and new on 4th October to join in our fun and friendship.

The Guild

Have Faith - and Live Longer

Church-goers live, on average, seven years longer. In fact, religious belief improves Immune function, lowers death rates from cancer and reduces the risk of heart disease, according to Dr. Harold Koenig, a faith-and- medicine researcher at Duke University, New York, who cites more than 500 studies on the subject. Why?

Singing, Praying, being part of a community with strong support networks and expressing gratitude are all recognised defences against stress.

COCKPEN & CARRINGTON SUNDAY SCHOOL

NEW TERM

This article goes to print before the start of our new session on 29 August and we're looking forward to welcoming all our children and teachers back having had a good summer break. We also hope to welcome some new faces. We were delighted to welcome Katie Keegan at the end of last term and Katie really seems to have settled in well. We're looking forward to welcoming Meadow McCabe, along with mummy and daddy, Ian & Rachel.

We'll have stories to hear of what's been happening over the summer and no doubt news of starting school for some of our little ones and our girls who are starting High School.

You are all welcome in this Sunday School and parents are welcome to come along too...as long as you join in!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TRIP

Our trip in June was to Blair Drummond Safari Park and it was great. Everyone was so excited at the prospect of meeting all the wild animals and seeing them so close as well as a longer coach journey for us. Little Ryan Scott had been so excited to see the lions and tigers that he hadn't slept for a few nights - Ryan is little brother to Aimee and grand son to Jim- anyway, it was all too much for Ryan and he **slept** through the animal reserves! He soon woke up and joined in with everything that was going on. We saw lions & tigers, elephants, rhinos, chimpanzees, bears, sea lions, giraffes and cute little meerkats and so much more. We might go back next year as it was so much fun and Ryan needs to be awake next time!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING

What a wonderful occasion our prizegiving was. Did you miss it - why?!! We had planned the service carefully with Matthew - he is so good at ensuring the lessons/music and children's address are just right for us. It started off with the baptism of 3 of our children: Devon, Brodie & Levi Boyle. Parents, Chris & Nadia, proudly made their promises and then Matthew baptised each of the girls in turn. Devon has given her own account of things separately in this magazine. The Sunday School all looked on proudly. The girls received special bibles from the Sunday School to mark this special occasion.

The Sunday School sang "Any Dream will do" from Joseph - we're told there were a few wet eyes in the congregation during that.....we're sure it was tears of joy and wonder and NOT tears of pain from our singing!

We had asked Matthew to present the prizes and he did this very proudly. Every child receives a book and certificate from our tiniest to our oldest. They all came out to collect their prize and were warmly applauded by the congregation.

Sometimes, at our prizegiving, some of our older children leave. This is always a sad time for us. This year, Hannah Darling, Zoe Spratt & Lauren Watters decided to leave. We are blessed to have such wonderful children and these 3 beautiful girls have been a delight to teach over the years. It has been wonderful to see them grow into such amazing young people. Each of them has made a massive contribution to Sunday School and we shall miss them. Hannah, Zoe & Lauren - you are always welcome in this Sunday School and in any of our churches. May you always be surrounded with joy and happiness.

SOME OF OUR FORMER PUPILS

Do you wonder what happens to some of our former pupils? Here's an update on a few of them:

Emily Gray (daughter of Nelson & Jocelyn and grand daughter of Doreen)

Emily is about to enter her third year studying International Relations and Management at the University of St Andrews. At the end of August she is travelling out to Tanzania to undertake humanitarian work with 'One Heart Source', a small charity working to prevent the spread of HIV and Aids in Africa <http://oneheartsource.org/>. Emily is heavily involved with the University of St Andrews Charities Campaign and regularly organises large fund raising events as well as taking part in street collections. She was recently elected to the Student Voluntary Service committee and last year founded the St Andrew's branch of AIESEC, a student run organisation offering cultural exchange and work abroad programmes. Having taken up the sport on her arrival at university, Emily recently qualified as a kayak instructor and is currently teaching at an outdoor centre in Anstruther. She continues to successfully compete her horse, 'Boris', in British Eventing classes.

Ashleigh Thomson (daughter of Alex & Lynne and grand daughter of Jessie Dolan). Ashleigh is about to begin her 4th year of biological sciences,

specialising in pharmacology, at the University of Edinburgh. After graduating, Ashleigh hopes to commence a second degree in medicine. During her time at University, Ashleigh has pursued her interest in guitar; performing in an Edinburgh guitar ensemble and helping with the Midlothian Schools Guitar ensemble. Ashleigh volunteers as a ward assistant at St Columba's Hospice and also volunteers at the local PHAB Club for disabled adults.

Rosie Tulloch (daughter of Sue & Willie) is about to enter her fourth & final year studying Engineering Mathematics at Bristol University. She is currently in Argentina with the aim of qualifying as a skiing instructor. She is president of the Bristol branch of a group called Robogals, whose aim is to encourage girls into science and engineering careers. They do this by visiting schools and helping groups of girls to build robots. She is also involved with the St John's Ambulance as the operations officer for the Bristol LINKS section.

Finally she is President of the Bristol University Knitting Society.

Lara Tulloch (daughter of Sue & Willie) who has 2 years left at School persuaded the School to organise a 100 mile charity walk at the end of last term for The Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre, "Teenage Cancer Trust Unit". The Pupils took up the challenge and raised in excess of £15,000 and the total is still rising.

Oliver Tulloch (son of Sue & Willie) has just completed his first year in Mechanical Engineering at Bath University. This summer he has qualified as a Sailing Instructor to add to his Windsurfing instructor's qualification. He recently helped organise "The Amnesty Bash", which is a live music concert in aid of Amnesty international on Lismore. Oliver is a keen skier and member of the Bath University race team.

The Sunday School is proud of all of you and wish you well in all you do.

FRIENDS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL - DONATIONS

We've had an incredible Summer with a number of donations from our usual friends. Thank you all. We were also overwhelmed to receive the most generous donation of £300 from Oasis. Thank you to everyone in the group for thinking of us.

FUNDRAISING

We still hope to do some fundraising this year to make our own donations to charity and boost our own funds.

FAMILY SERVICES

Family Services will be held on:

12 September - baptism too

24 October - Harvest Thanksgiving. Please bring tinned good for Jericho House - anything that can be eaten hot or cold e.g. tuna fish/beans/rice pudding

19 December - Nativity

2011 dates: 23 January/19 March & 24 April. We hope to hold our March Family Service in Lasswade Church.

CHRISTMAS OUTING

We're booked for the pantomime on Saturday 11 December - matinee performance of Jack in the Beanstalk at the Kings Theatre. Contact Rosalind to book tickets.

Cake Stall.

Once again, can I take this opportunity to thank everyone who provides the goods for our cake stall at the Pitcairn Centre. Also, thanks to all who assist in other ways - helpers and transport people.

Of course, without you, the customers who buy the cakes, jams, marmalade etc., the work would be in vain. I hope you continue to enjoy the 'goodies'.

The next date for the stall at the Pitcairn Centre is - 23rd September, 2010.

Wilma.

CHURCH DANCE

The Autumn Dance will be held in the Masonic Hall, Bonnyrigg, on Friday 22nd October 2010 at 7.30 pm.

Music by Duncan McBain.

Tickets £5 available from Jean, Wilma or Dorothy.

COCKPEN & CARRINGTON SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR SESSION: 2010/11

<i>Sunday 29 August 2010</i>	<i>Sunday School returns in hall 10am</i>
<i>Sunday 5 September 2010</i>	<i>Sunday School in hall 10am</i>
<i>Sunday 12 September 2010</i>	<i>Family Service & baptism in Church 11.30am</i>
<i>Sunday 19 September 2010</i>	HOLIDAY - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
<i>Sunday 26 September 2010</i>	<i>Sunday School in hall 10am</i>
<i>Sunday 3 October 2010</i>	<i>Sunday School in hall 10am</i>
<i>Sunday 10 October 2010</i>	<i>Sunday School in hall 10am</i>
<i>Sunday 17 October 2010</i>	HOLIDAY - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
<i>Sunday 24 October 2010</i>	<i>Family Service & Harvest Thanksgiving in Church 11.30am. Please bring tinned goods, to be eaten hot or cold, for Jericho House for the homeless</i>
<i>Sunday 31 October 2010</i>	<i>Sunday School in hall 10am</i>
<i>Sunday 7 November 2010</i>	COMMUNION - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
<i>Sunday 14 November 2010</i>	<i>Sunday School in hall 10am</i>
<i>Sunday 21 November 2010*</i>	<i>Sunday School in hall 10am</i>
<i>Sunday 28 November 2010*</i>	<i>Sunday School in hall 10am</i>
<i>Sunday 5 December 2010*</i>	<i>Sunday School in hall 10am</i>
<i>Saturday 11 December 2010</i>	Christmas outing to the pantomime - Kings Theatre: Jack in the Beanstalk
<i>Sunday 12 December 2010*</i>	<i>Sunday School in hall 10am</i>
<i>Sunday 19 December 2010</i>	<i>Family Service & Nativity Play in Church 11.30am</i>
CHRISTMAS BREAK	
<i>Sunday 9 January 2011</i>	<i>Sunday School returns in hall 10am</i>
<i>Sunday 16 January 2011</i>	<i>Sunday School in hall 10am</i>
<i>Sunday 23 January 2011</i>	<i>Family Service in Church 11.30am</i>
<i>Sunday 30 January 2011</i>	<i>Sunday School in hall 10am</i>
<i>Sunday 6 February & 1 May</i>	COMMUNION - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
<i>Sunday 19 March & 24 April</i>	Family Services in Church

- *- denotes 2 hour session for rehearsals
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COCKPEN & CARRINGTON PARISH CHURCH.

BAPTISMS

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

- 21st March. *Struan Morgan Miller*, infant son of Gillian and Graham.
25th April. *Kerr Richard Ryan Handy*, infant son of Krysty and Ryan.
15th May. *Andrew Jamie Barr*, infant son of Andrew and Nicola.
13th June *Devon Rene Boyle*.
Brodie Summer Boyle and
Levi Lilly Boyle children of Nadia and Christopher.

Struan was baptized by the Rev. Melville Schofield, Andrew by the Rev. Bill Armitage and Kerr, Devon, Brodie and Levi by our Minister Matthew.

'May the Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee.'

WEDDINGS

As a Congregation, we are delighted to congratulate the following couples who have been married in Church recently. We wish them all the very best for a happy life together.

- 20th March. Keith Tucker to Fiona Bain. (Rev. John Mitchell).
15th May. Michael McIntyre to Claire Allison. (Rev. Tom Gordon).
29th May. Lee Turnbull to Samantha Hart. (The Minister).
5th June. Andrew Burrell to Lauren Hogg. (The Minister).
17th July. Steven Erskine to Julie Sweeney. (The Minister).
23rd July. John Hughes to Gillian Hamilton. (The Minister).
14th August. Scott McCreath to Keisha Smith. (The Minister).
21st August. Scott Scanlan to Lynn Whitson. (The Minister).

As you will see, Matthew has been kept busy and, should have had more. One couple notified a cancellation, one never heard of since the booking and, one carried over to 2011. Also, we thank John and Tom for stepping in to help us earlier in the year.

Quite a number of weddings booked for 2011.

BEREAVEMENT

It is with much sadness that we record the death recently of one of our older and much respected members *Mrs. Bette Clark*, Springfieldbank Nursing Home and, formerly Union Park (also a past Roll Keeper at Cockpen).

We pray for any family of Mrs. Clark and, any others, whether members of the Congregation or not, who grieve at this time.

Jesus said, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'

NEW MEMBERS

We, as a Congregation are delighted to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Robinson (David and Elaine - from Bonnyrigg Church) and Mr. and Mrs. Phillips (Barry and Jennifer - from Ratho Church). It is always lovely to welcome new friends and, we hope that they will all be happy being with us here at Cockpen and Carrington.

From a book - 'Facing the Storm'

I was surprised to discover that the first recorded composer of European music was a twelfth century nun. Recorded in a manuscript, I hasten to add, not on a cassette!! She described herself, poetically, as "a feather on the breath of God".

Maybe she meant that musically, God being her inspiration. I don't know, but, it's a lovely image.

Something, someone, utterly at God's command. Ready for the Spirit's direction. Sensitive, trembling at the least movement. Surrendered to his will, carried along by his strength.

Not only does the breath of God give a sense of purpose but, it gives life itself. We're told that when God made humanity he "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life....." (Genesis 2: 7).

But the image breaks down if it's carried too far. We're not lightweight creatures, weakly giving in to every wind that blows. We're not completely inanimate feathers, totally helpless on God's breath. As human beings, created in God's image, we may ".....live and move and have our being in him...." (Acts 17: 28), but we can usually choose the direction we'll go and, the response we make.

The joy of Christian life, and also its responsibility.

From Meditations and Prayers by Eddie Askew. (with many thanks).

BAPTISM OF THE BOYLE FAMILY ON 13 JUNE 2010 BY DEVON BOYLE AGE 8

My sisters and I were christened at our prizegiving service in Church on Sunday 13 June. I am Devon age 8 and my younger sisters are Brodie age 4 and Levi age 1. We all go to Sunday School. Here is my story about our christening.

When Brodie and me were in the house drawing and colouring in, Mr Ross - our Minister, came in the house and chatted to Mummy and Daddy. Levi was listening in to all the chat. Brodie and me went through to the living room and Mr Ross talked to us. He said: "What is your name?" We give him our full names including our middle names. Then he asked: "What is your date of birth?" and we gave him our date of birth. After that me and Brodie went to get our Bibles and we looked at our Bibles when Mr Ross was talking to Mummy and Daddy. Then he looked at our Bibles with us - it was good fun. Then Mr Ross went away and I was very excited about the christening.

On the day of the christening, we sat in the front row with our family and the Sunday School was behind us. Mr Ross said: "Could the Boyle Family please come up?", and Mummy and Daddy had to answer some questions about us getting christened; then he read a bit from the Bible; and then he called Levi first, then Brodie and then me and put water on our heads. The water was dripping from my head because there was a lot on it! We got special certificates to show we had been christened and we got a Bible each from the Sunday School.

Then it was the prizegiving and we got a certificate and a book. At the end of the service, Mr Ross said: "That's the first time I have christened 3 girls in one go!"

Then we went home and looked through the things we got and remembered our lovely day.

Cockpen and Carrington Flower Rota

September

12th Betty Wilson
19th Dorothy Bennett
26th Nancy Richardson

October

3rd Jim Dyer
10th M Robson
17th Jean Sharpe
24th Wilma Sweeney
31st Agnes Dalgleish

November

7th Lindsay Stevenson
14th C. Robertson
21st Joint Service
28th Liz Mills

December

5th Susan McKechnie
12th Nancy Richardson



How time has flown, it seems like yesterday I wrote the Rota for the Easter Magazine. However, as they say, time flies when you are enjoying yourself and I must say that the flowers are very enjoyable as is the idea of letting people who can't come to church know we are thinking of them.

Irene Ramsay.

DON'T MESS WITH CHILDREN

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah". The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl replied, "then you ask him!"

All our yesterdays!!

On searching through some old papers (that I shouldn't even have) I came across the following Estimate from Rushworth and Dreaper Ltd in connection with work to our Organ. The estimate was submitted to the Kirk Session in **1942**.....

'We, the undersigned, hereby undertake to make two/three visits per annum, at regular periods, to the Organ in the above Church, and at each visit to thoroughly tune, regulate and adjust any irregularities of the action work which may be necessary, also to examine and check the lubrication of the blowing apparatus, and oil the bearings as found necessary, for the sum of -

Two visits	-	£ 3 - 10 - 0 per annum	or
Three visits	-	£ 5 - 0 - 0 per annum	

This estimate does not include repairs or adjustments rendered necessary by vermin, excessive heat or damp, or accidents over which we have no control, neither does it include any repairs or replacements in connection with the blowing apparatus'.

Changed days as far as costs go!! I wonder if Nat. Fisher, Andrew Jack (because he's nearest) myself or any others who have had to 'pump' the Organ on the few occasions that the power goes down come into the 'blowing apparatus' category? We certainly haven't been offered 'the lubrication!!'

Talking of the organ - I often think of sitting, as a child, in Cockpen Church with the Sunday School and seeing smoke appear from the right side of the organ casing (where it was, and still can be, pumped by hand) and wondering why that was - never giving a thought that the Church might be on fire!!
Later in life I learned that the cause was - the boy(s) who were employed to 'blow' the organ were having a 'fly puff' on their cigarette during the Sermon.

If you get the chance, ask Graham or Andrew Jack to let you see where the organ lever is - it is interesting, if not a little cramped to see the 'workings' and, various initials of those who 'blew' the organ so long ago.

G.S.

Lasswade and Rosewell Choir

First of all, can I express my thanks to the choir for their continued support over the summer months. These are the months when Easter has passed and things, musically, are quiet. People are off on holiday and it can be very easy to run activities down. I much appreciate the choir coming out so regularly and contributing to Sunday worship.

Although it might seem early to be doing this I am casting a look at some material that could be used by the choir during the Advent/Christmas Season and we shall probably start work on this in the autumn. Periodically I put out an invitation to anyone who would like to augment the choir for a limited period, such as Christmas, to come and join us – you would be made most welcome. Our regular choir work very hard and are very good and in recent years they have been well supported by five friends from the congregation who have come with their musical talents. However with larger numbers one could try pieces which give emphasis to the different voice parts. If anyone would like to join us please have a word with me either in church or telephone me on 663 8895.

In recent months I have read Aled Jones' book "Forty Favourite Hymns" which tells the stories behind his favourite forty hymns. Included is "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord", written by Julia Ward Howe and sung to the tune "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by William Steffe. The version which we use in CH4 omits two verses which Julia Ward Howe wrote in her true "battle hymn" and you might be interested in the words:

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps,
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps:
His day is marching on.

Chorus

I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel:
"As ye deal with my condemners, so with you my grace shall deal;
Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with his heel,
Since God is marching on".

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Charlie Sinclair

Like everyone who knew him, his friends in the Choir were very sorry to have to bid farewell to Charlie Sinclair and our thoughts are with Ina and Charles and their families at this time. Each of us who knew him will remember him for different reasons but I would like to thank him for all his help and support to the life and work of the Choir over so many years.

When the Choir were meeting on a regular weekly basis to rehearse pieces of music, on a Sunday morning during public worship, when we went out to sing at eg Rosewell's Carol Party or when we went to St. John's and King's Park Church in Dalkeith to introduce CH4 to members of the Office Bearers Union or when we used to have our congregational concerts, Charlie was always there. As far as the concerts were concerned he and Robert Moncrieff often did a double act with their respective musical instruments, causing hilarity among the audience as did his appearing alongside Raymond Branch and Douglas Paton if the men were doing a piece on their own – The Bold Gendarmes springs to mind. With his BB connection it was always a source of joy for him to sing "Will your anchor hold" and he was also keen on singing a few of the hymns to "Highland Cathedral" when appropriate. We shall miss his enthusiasm and his cheerful disposition from amongst us.

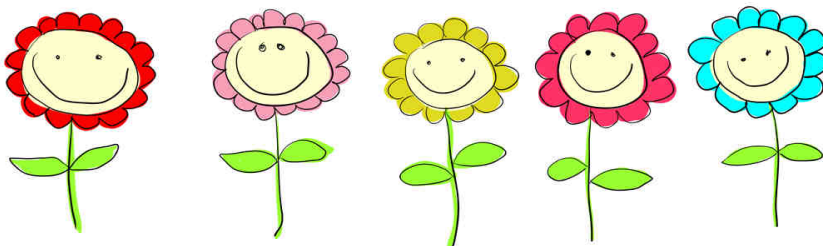
As Beadle, he was present at weddings and I was always grateful for his special cue to me when the bride was ready to enter. When I saw Charlie take his seat I knew it was time to play The Bridal March.

Charlie, thank you once again for all your work with the Choir and for your support to me as an individual.

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Lasswade Church Flower Rota

I have just been making up the flower rota for Lasswade Church and it seems very hard having to think as far as Christmas! If there are any problems with any Sunday I will be very happy to help. I am always glad to have offers of help so please let me know if you would be happy to take a Sunday. It would be great to have some new names on the 2011 rota. The flowers are always enjoyed by the recipient and it makes them feel that they are remembered and are part of the wider congregation.



Aug 8th Margaret Dalglish
 15th Ruby Gardner
 22nd Shona Howden
 29th Moira Dryden

Sept 12th Gillian Renwick
 19th Margaret Thomson
 26th Marion Haggerty

Oct 10th Mary Campbell
 17th May Murdoch
 24th Dorothy Spence
 31st Elizabeth Hay

Nov 14th Remembrance
 21st Joan Campbell
 28th Walter Culton

Dec 12th Moira Dryden
 19th Cath Connor
 26th Gillian Renwick

Moira Dryden

SONGS OF PRAISE

A Songs of Praise, involving the three congregations who make up this linking, will be held in Lasswade Church on Sunday 10th October 2010 at 6.00pm.

Some months ago The Royal School of Church Music (which promotes church music in all its forms over the ages to the present day and which encourages church musicians of various capabilities whether they be choir members, instrumentalists, organists, conductors etc) put forward the suggestion of a Music Sunday when the emphasis of the service would be the importance music has played, and continues to play, in worship.

The format of such a service was left to the individual congregations. We felt that a Songs of Praise, in which the choirs, the congregations, (hopefully) the children and some instrumentalists, could all participate, would be an appropriate way to recognise the musical input. Planning is at a very early stage so watch this space.

Please keep this date free and join in this service.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER – HARVEST SUPPER IN ROSEWELL PARISH CHURCH AT 7 PM (ENTERTAINMENT IN THE CHURCH FOLLOWED BY SUPPER IN THE HALL)

SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER – SONGS OF PRAISE AT 6 PM IN LASSWADE PARISH CHURCH

TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER – CONCERT IN ROSEWELL PARISH CHURCH AT 7.30 PM (ENTERTAINMENT BY IAN AND MARGO DUNN AND FRIENDS) – TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM OFFICEBEARERS LATER

COFFEE MORNINGS **EVERY SECOND SATURDAY IN THE MONTH** (10-12 NOON) AT OUR COFFEE MORNING IN OCTOBER THERE WILL BE A STALL ORGANISED BY GROW (**G**reyfriars **R**ecycling **O**f **W**ood the articles are made by the homeless) - IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS THIS MIGHT INTEREST YOU AND YOU WOULD ALSO BE SUPPORTING A GOOD CAUSE

THE HISTORY OF APRONS!!!!

I don't think our children know what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few. It was easier to wash aprons than dresses and they used less material, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears and, on occasions, was even used for cleaning dirty ears.

From the chicken coop the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven. When company came those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy children. And when the weather was cold grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow bent over the hot stove. Kindling wood was brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled it carried out the hulls. In autumn the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, grandma walked outside, waved her apron and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner. It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace the 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

R E M E M B E R

Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window-sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window-sill to thaw.

They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron. I never caught anything from that apron.....BUT LOVE

THIS PIECE OF NOSTALGIA WAS TAKEN FROM A CHURCH MAGAZINE

QUIZ ANSWERS - Can you find the sixteen books of the bible?

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the bible (merely by a fluke) it kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation, some were in a jam, especially since the names of the book were not capitalised. But the truth finally struck home to the numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes there will be some really difficult ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them. There will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea, so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now for there really are sixteen names of the bible hidden in this paragraph. One preacher found fifteen books in twenty minutes but it took him three weeks to find the sixteenth one.

WINNERS: **M Brodie**, Gorebridge, **Lucy Warden**, **Colin Gillespie**, Dalkeith
Congratulations to all who managed to complete the quiz.

Local History – Part 1

Some of you will be aware of the existence of The Bonnyrigg and Lasswade Local History Society which was founded in 1982 . One of the founding members was Mr. George Campbell who was a member of our Kirk Session for many years and whose family pew was at the back of the gallery to the left of the Dove Window (as you look at the Window from the platform). Mr. Campbell was a true historian in many ways and he has made many contributions, both written and spoken, about the history of Lasswade, Lasswade Church and especially the windows. The other founding member of the Local History Society was Dr. Mary Noble who was an expert in the field of seed pathology as well as being interested in local history, Beatrix Potter and the Royal and Ancient Game. Strangely, Dr. Noble and Mr. Campbell died within weeks of each other in 2002.

The History Society meets on the third Wednesday of every month from October until April, with the exception of December, at 7.30pm in the Pitcairn Centre. The provisional programme for the coming session is:-

20th October:

Professor Geoff Palmer on “Scotland and the Caribbean Connection”

17th November:

Hamish Coghill on “The Two Faces of Edinburgh”

19th January:

Mrs. Janet Knox on “Lasswade’s connection with the Australian Flying Doctor Service”

16th February:

Peter Cain – Springfield - Part 1 (Explaining how the members of the Springfield Mill Action Group helped get Springfield Mill into the wildlife area it is today)

16th March:

Dr. Ian Fraser on Place Names of The Lothians

20th April:

AGM followed by a short talk on Springfield –Part 2, by Keith Fuller

At the end of the meetings we have a “cuppa” and this provides an excellent opportunity for people to meet one another for a chat and perhaps to talk to the speaker about any individual point of interest. Over and above the monthly meetings we usually have an outing to some place of interest.

Like every organisation we are always delighted to welcome New Members – of all ages – and if anyone wishes more information about the Society then please see, or telephone, me. My telephone number is 663 8895

Local History - Part 2

Subscribers to Life & Work may have read "Winning Religious Freedom" written by Professor Peter Howie in the May Issue. This article, which was the last one in a series of pen portraits about the Reformation, featured James Renwick, the Last Martyr.

James Renwick was born in 1662 in the middle of a tumultuous century as far as religious fervour was concerned. James VI of Scotland succeeded Queen Elizabeth in 1603 and went south where, as James I, he became king of Great Britain. One of James' intentions was to standardise church worship throughout England and Scotland. This policy was continued by his son, Charles I, who went a step or two further by introducing the Liturgy, the Prayer Book and appointing bishops, all without consulting with the relevant authorities in Scotland. The Four Tables, representing Noblemen, Burgesses, Lairds and Ministers, petitioned the King to withdraw the Liturgy. The King refused and threatened the Tables with treason. This reaction provided the fuel to draw up The National Covenant, modelled on God's Covenant with the Children of Israel, and this was signed in Greyfriars Kirk on 28th February 1638, with copies sent throughout Scotland for people to sign if they were in sympathy with the aims of the Covenant. Very simply, by signing the document, the Covenanters recognised the King as head of state but not as head of the Church. The Scots wanted freedom to worship in their own way and to pursue the Presbyterian form of government. If people had adhered to the aims of the Covenant the religious wars which followed might have been avoided, but, "there's none as queer as folk"!

Charles II was restored to the throne in 1660 and while he released the country from the grip of Puritanism he was opposed to Presbyterianism. He, like his father and grandfather, saw himself as Head of the Church and wished all ministers to take an oath recognising this. A large number of ministers did not conform because they adhered to the principles of the Covenant and, risking everything for their religious freedom, they left their churches and manse, and taking their congregations with them, headed for the hills where conventicles were held. The authorities became alarmed at these gatherings and a period of persecution followed until 1688. James VII and II, who had retained his allegiance to Catholicism, fled the country in 1689. The Stuart Dynasty had ended and Presbyterianism was soon by law established.

When he was 19, James Renwick heard a noted Covenanting Minister, Donald Cargill, declare his faith before his execution. James Renwick decided then to follow the Covenanting cause and went to Holland to train as a minister, returning to Scotland as the killing times were at their height. He travelled widely throughout Scotland and became the Covenanters' new leader. Men and women put themselves at risk by giving Mr. Renwick clean clothes and food. Constantly on the move he avoided capture until he was spotted by a soldier in Edinburgh and arrested. He was executed in the Grassmarket in 1688.

Lasswade Church has a connection with James Renwick in the Umpherston Memorial Window on the north wall, gifted by Lady Aitchison in 1898. The Umpherstons remembered here are believed to be the descendants of the old Pentland family who received James Renwick's body and prepared it for burial.

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The Cockpen Pulpit Bible (MDCLXXII)

In Cockpen & Carrington Parish Church we are fortunate to have in our possession the 'old' Cockpen Pulpit Bible. This Bible, printed in 1672, was in weekly use in Cockpen Church up to 1820, when the then Church building was closed for public worship. It is interesting to note that the first Minister at Cockpen, after the Reformation, was William Knox, who was the brother of the great Scottish Reformer, John Knox.

The first service of public worship in our present Church building was held on 2nd April 1820, and to coincide with this a new Pulpit Bible was introduced. Although no longer in use, this Bible too is held for safekeeping.

For those new to the area, the 'old' Cockpen Church is located just beyond Dalhousie Castle, heading towards Gorebridge. Given its age (circa 12th century) this building, thanks to restoration work carried out a number of years ago, is in remarkably good condition and I would recommend well worth a visit.

It is amazing to think that, after all this time, we still have in our possession this 338 year old Pulpit Bible. To get the context of this time span into some sort of perspective, the Bible was printed 73 years before the 1745 2nd Jacobite Rebellion, 87 years before the birth of Robert Burns, and 267 years before the outbreak of the 2nd World War!

Out of interest a neighbour who had an antiquarian bookshop had a look at it and I inquired given its age, if it would have any current day value. I was informed that as there were still many Bibles of this vintage around, and even earlier, its value would be limited. However, we agreed that as far as the Church was concerned its value was priceless and should be safely guarded for future generations.

Within the flysheet of the New Testament section of the Bible are set out the following handwritten notes:

(This Bible was left to the Parish of Cockpen by the Reverend Mr David Lindsay, who had been Minister there from the year 1695 to the year 1745- when he died).

(Mr John Bonar was ordained Minister at Cockpen August 22, 1746. Transported to Perth July 29th 1756).

(The Rev Mr William Gloag was ordained Minister at Cockpen Apr 28th 1758. Transported to Edin. Oct 22nd 1767).

(Mr James Steele was ordained Minister at Cockpen 28th Sept 1768 and accepted Benefice in Jamaica in May 1782).

(The Rev Ebenezer Marshal was settled as Minister at Cockpen in January 1783 and died there in May 1813 after having completed the thirtieth year of his Ministry in that Parish).

Given the age of the Bible I am sure that it will not come as a surprise to read that a certain amount of restoration work is required. The good news is that the Kirk Session is looking into the possibility of having the Bible sympathetically restored, and if successful it is planned to have it placed permanently in the Church for all to view, appreciate and enjoy.

Cockpen Pulpit Bible (MDCLXX I I) (Continued)

In addition to all of this, the history of the Cockpen Pulpit Bible took another fascinating turn as found within its pages was a letter dated 2 November 1895 (envelope, Post Office marks and letter in good condition), and the contents of this 115-year-old letter are reproduced below:

*Lundin Links
Largo, Fife.
2nd November 1895*

*The Session Clerk
Cockpen*

Dear Sir,

At the sale of the effects of the late Dr. Davidson, Minister of Largo, and formerly Minister of Cockpen, what seems to have been the pulpit Bible of Cockpen for upwards of a hundred years was purchased. It wants the flyleaf and the title page at the beginning, but at the beginning of the New Testament portion it is stated that the Bible was left to the Parish of Cockpen by the Rev. Mr David Lindsay who had been minister of the Parish from 1695 to 1745. The names of the 4 other ministers with dates of their ordination are also written on the same page and another.

The Bible was printed in 1672.

If the Kirk Session of Cockpen care to have the Bible, I shall be glad to send it to you or to the Minister. It might come by parcel post, or by rail. I do not ask anything for it, but the purchaser is a poor man, and he voluntarily came to me with it and asked me to write to you if you wished to have it. I do not think he expects anything for it; but if it is of any value to you as a relic of bygone times, you might take that into consideration when you see it.

*I am,
Yours faithfully,*

*D. M. Stewart
Session Clerk*

I hope that this article will be of interest and if anyone has any comments or relevant information please let me know.

WA Brown,
Elder, Temple and Carrington

Appeal for information about Carrington Kirk



As many of you will be aware, the present Carrington Kirk was built in 1710 and came into use in 1711. The church building ceased to be used for regular worship in the late 1970s (following the union with Cockpen Church).

The current owners of the building are looking to gather as much information about the Kirk and the part it has played in the life of Carrington over the last 300 years, with a view to publishing a small book for all of us who have connections with this wonderful place.

If you have any information that you can share- stories, photographs or documents that could be lent – the current owners would be very grateful. They will be used on an attributed or non-attributed basis – as wished – and they will be safely returned.

If you have anything that you think would be of interest, please contact Jane Ambrose (Tel: 0131 446 1103 – if answering machine, please do leave a message and you will be called back) or e-mail janeambrose.edit1@blueyonder.co.uk.

Thank you very much for any information you can give us.

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Friday, 24th September 2010 at 7:30pm

in

Cockpen & Carrington Parish Church

Cockpen Road, Bonnyrigg

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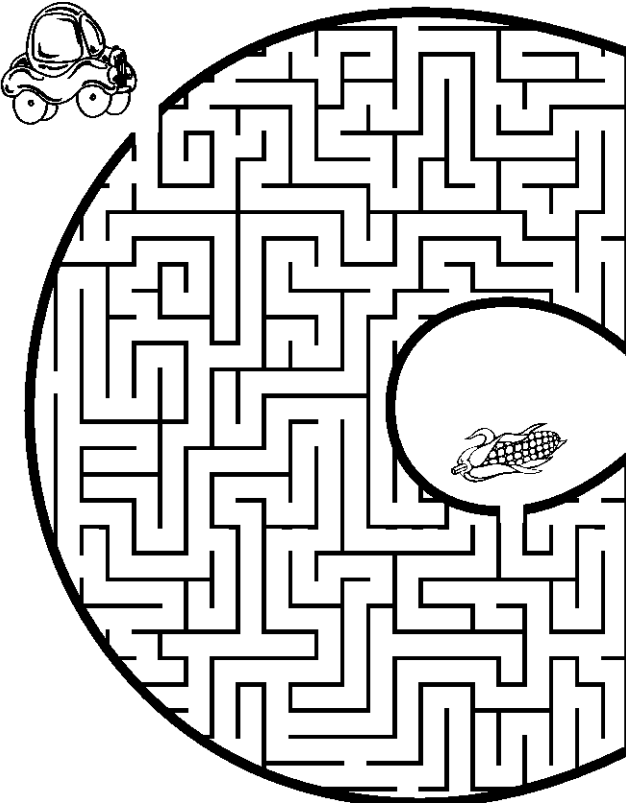
Tickets at £5 can be obtained from
Mary Johnston (0131 660 5906) or at the door.

Refreshments will be available.

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Maze

Can you navigate the car through the maze to collect the corn?



SHOE BOX APPEAL 2010 – BLYTHSWOOD CARE

Leaflets are now available in Lasswade and Rosewell Churches giving details of requirements. Boxes are required by 24 OCTOBER 2010 in order that arrangements can be made for transport. If you have difficulty arranging for the boxes to be uplifted please contact Agnes Anderson (Tel No 0131 440 0282)