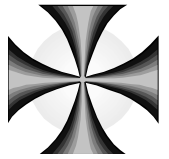


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Dear friends,

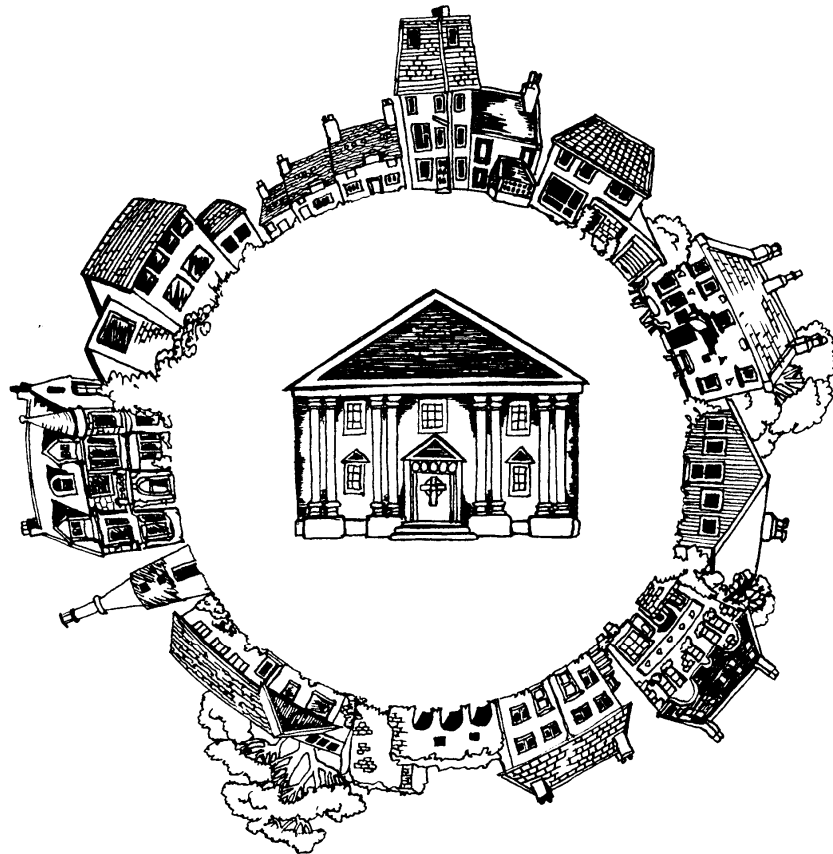
This is a very difficult letter to write. My fear is that I could write an Easter greeting that is irrelevant and out of date by the time it is read. As I write it seems that we are on the very brink of war. When this magazine reaches you will we still be on the brink of war, will the world have drawn back, or will we be at war?

As I thought about this I realised that I may write what is irrelevant, but Easter itself is eternally relevant. The Easter message is as relevant in 2003 as at any time past.

People sometimes say that humanity no longer needs God. The need for God or gods belongs to the childhood of humanity. Now we are grown up, rational and scientific. What we need is faith in ourselves rather than faith in God.

At Christmas I noticed many parallels between Bethlehem of today and Bethlehem of the time of Jesus' birth. There may have been guns instead of swords and the Israeli army instead of Roman soldiers, but the hopes and fears of people were not a lot different. In fact if we strip away the technology of our time there is little difference between the world of the 1st century and the world of the 21st century.

Human progress is a myth. The capacity for good and evil is unchanged over the centuries. The situation is obviously hopeless, but...



*Spring 2003*

God loves the world so much that he gave his only son. With God all things are possible. The message of Easter is that God's love is so great that Jesus is willing to die for humanity. Jesus in his humanity accepts the title of sinner and dies for sin.

He shares our brokenness so that we can share his wholeness. The risen Jesus is the hope of humanity. God takes seriously our plight. He does not belittle our need. The Easter story tells us of the price God is willing to pay for our salvation. What God does not do is take away our ability to choose. The gift of God can be rejected, but God is constant in his offer of salvation.

Jesus was born, lived, died and rose all for the sake of humanity. He reaches out to us as broken individuals and he reaches out to a broken world. He offers us light and life. Whatever state the world is in on Easter morning Christian people the world over will rejoice with the cry 'Christ is risen'.

I wish you and all whom you love God's blessing this Easter.

Yours, Norman



## We wish "Happy Birthday" To these children in Lighthouse

### APRIL

Siobhan Scott	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Phillip Curry	10 <sup>th</sup>
Cameron Lindsay	13 <sup>th</sup>
Heather Houston	19 <sup>th</sup>
Kate Docherty	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Andrew Campbell	25 <sup>th</sup>

### MAY

Catriona Hart	19 <sup>th</sup>
Iona Fotheringham	21 <sup>st</sup>
Cameron Farquhar	24 <sup>th</sup>

We will wish Happy Birthday to all Per-school and primary age children in subsequent issues of the magazine. If you have any queries about this or any other Lighthouse matter please contact Linda Hutcheson 872208

## The Easter Walk - Saturday 19 April 03

This is the fifth anniversary of our annual walk through the Parish. The purpose of the walk is to visit every place where worship is held or has been held in our Parish

The walk starts at Crombie Church (Ordnance Road just past the shop) and follows the new cycle track past Waulkmill, Merryhill and Rocks Road to Charlestown then Limekilns and ending at the now ruined Old Rosyth Church in Limekilns before coming back to Limekilns Parish Church for soup and rolls. Stops en route are at the Queen's Hall, Charlestown, the War Memorial, the Kings Cellar and Capernaum Pier. Songs are sung and short words said at each place and a wooden cross is carried.

Everyone is welcome to take part in this walk which may be joined at any point. Most people take the service bus to Crombie which leaves Limekilns at 9.15am approximately. The walk moves off from Crombie at 10.00am and finishes back in the Limekilns Church Hall around 1.00pm.

It is an occasion for fellowship, we are sometimes joined by folk from other churches and it is hoped more people from may come this year as a taster for a proposed expanded walk/cycle in June in support of Christian Concern/Bethany and D.A.R.E.

Children must be accompanied as part of the walk is adjacent to the main road.

**More information will be available on notice boards and from the Church office.**

## **From Clarence and Joan Musgrave - our mission partners in Jerusalem**

Dear Friends,

My computer records tell me that the last Partner Plan letter I wrote to you was in March 2002. I sincerely hope that I have written an official letter since then, otherwise I may find that my salary is stopped for dereliction of official duty!

One of the most deeply held feelings among Jewish people concerns what they perceive to have been the silence of the great mass of people concerning what was happening in Germany at the time we now refer to as the Holocaust. Why did more people not speak out? Why did they not compel their governments to act to protect all those people who were being persecuted - and executed - at the time? Why was there SILENCE?

One of the great disappointments of the Palestinian people at this present time is what they perceive to be the silence of the world community, and of the general population of Israel, about the policies being implemented by the Israeli Government and Army in the West Bank. For most of last year, in many of the cities and towns of the West Bank, the majority of people were confined to their houses under what is termed 'Curfew' except at those times when it was lifted to allow them to do some shopping. Imagine trying to arrange your wedding, not knowing if, or when, you will be able to get to the church. Imagine trying to study for your school or university examinations, not knowing when they will take place, or in fact, if they will take place. Imagine having to organise a funeral when no-one is supposed to be out of their houses. And so one could go on. While the population as a whole has been affected, we can speak of the people with whom we are in direct contact. John Gang is an Elder of our congregation, living in Bethlehem, and is a Missionary of one of the Presbyterian Churches in Korea. He has been running a

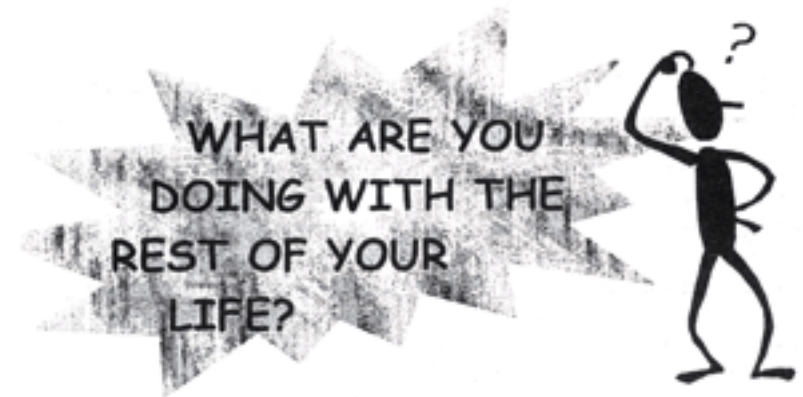
Kindergarten in Bethlehem, about 500 metres from the Church of the Nativity for several years. His Kindergarten is now indefinitely closed due to the fact that the children have been unable to attend in any regular fashion because of the Curfew. He and his Korean colleagues planned a Christmas concert for the community in Bethlehem, to try to bring some sense of celebration at Christmas time. It has had to be cancelled 3 times due to the Curfew being lifted and then re-imposed. Helen Shehadeh is an elder of our congregation, living in Belt Jala, who runs a school for approximately 20 children, some of whom are partially sighted and some of whom are blind. They all come from the West Bank or from Gaza. While the children from the West Bank are usually able to make home visits, with special permission from the Israeli authorities, the ones from Gaza are able to go home only a couple of times a year. So while others are at home they are still at school. It obviously makes life more difficult for them, and for the staff of the school. Their Christmas Party took place on the 4th January despite the Curfew, with staff who live in the area choosing to ignore the curfew in order to make sure the party was held.

Christmas has come and gone. Here we are spared the commercial pressures to which so many of you will be subjected, and for this we are decidedly thankful. However, it continues to be strange to be going to church on Christmas Day when 98% of the population of Jerusalem are going to work, and getting on with life on what is just another day.

Now, festivities are pas, and it is back to more mundane routine. Nevertheless, in the middle of so much that is depressing, it was good to celebrate the fact that God loves us all, regardless of the mess that we are making of things.

We wish you every blessing in 2002 - and we continue to pray for Christ's peace for God's world.

Joan and Clarence.



In September 2000, the five main Boards of the Church of Scotland ran the first joint Enquirers' Conference in Glasgow. It was a hugely successful event, with more than 100 people attending. The aim was to allow a wide range of people to begin exploring what it means to be called' to service in the Church of Scotland. Some folks came simply to see what is on offer in the broad range of activities which the church sponsors. Others had a specific 'calling\*' in mind, for example draining as a Reader, or as an ordained Minister. Yet others wanted to talk further about what kind of training they would need, for example, to work with the Board of Social Responsibility in one of their projects, or to go abroad to serve with World Mission.



We are glad to say that the sixth Enquirers' Conference has just been announced. It will take place at the Kelvin Conference Centre, Glasgow, from 4-5 April 2003. Around 100 places will be available, so do book early to avoid disappointment.

Further details can be obtained from the Church of Scotland offices. so why not call or e-mail Liz Chalmers (lchalmers@cofscotland.org.uk) or Martin Scott (mscott@cofscotland.org.uk) on 0131- 225 5722. They will be glad to send you more information and to help you decide if this event is the way forward for you.



To Think About  
**HUSBANDS, WIVES & PARTNERS**

'Marriage should be honoured by all' says the New Testament to the Hebrews. To older people this seems wise advice. Marriage, for us, was accepted as the norm, not only for Christians but by society as a whole.

situation is very different today, however. We still have husbands and wives. But many ordinary people are happy to live with a 'partner', showing not wish to be committed to a legal contract. They may well think, What's the point? If we are happy together, we will stay together. If the relationship goes wrong, then a piece of paper isn't going to save it.'

Indeed, many young people who go on to get married see living together first as a sensible precaution. "Let's see how we get on. If it works, that is the time to tie the knot.' Living together before or without a marriage is seen as normal to such an extent that it is common for questionnaires or application forms to ask for the name, not of the husband or wife, but of the 'partner', regarding this as a convenient umbrella term. Maybe I am a bit of a crank at this point but I must admit I score out 'partner' and put in "husband' or 'wife'.

What I find much stranger, however, is the practice which has crept into some church services of worship, when the minister invites us to pray for 'partners', husbands or wives not being mentioned. This may be well meant but it shows muddled thinking. The Bible makes it quite clear that marriage is the man/woman relationship which God promises to bless. Of course there are other 'partnerships' in which there are many

visible signs of love, loyalty and commitment. But there are others which, because of their casual nature, or because they involve the abandonment of earlier vows and responsibilities, we cannot expect God to bless.

I am of a generation which believes there is a difference between a marriage and a partnership, quite apart from the legal aspect. The key to it lies in the nature of the commitment and between what one couple and another promise and expect. It seems to me that couples entering a 'partnership' hope they will be happy together and this is good and natural, so far as it goes. It does mean, however, that when major problems arise and they feel happy no longer, the logical solution is to cut the cord. What's the point of going on, when we don't feel the same?'

As against this, marriage is 'for better, for worse', a much deeper and more realistic relationship. This is a bond which is not simply broken when the strain comes on, on the contrary you work on it until a new level of understanding is achieved. In fact it is the "worse" along with the "better" which strengthens the joint and gives us a firmer grasp of what a deep and enduring thing the love between a man and woman can become. I believe a husband and wife are partners, yes, but they will grow. God helping them, to be a great deal more. But this IS something to think about. It would be helpful to hear the views of other readers.

*Michael Orr*

Editors note:

I am considering starting a letters page. anyone who thinks this a good idea - write me a letter!

The members of Limekilns Church would like to thank the staff and children of Limekilns Primary School for their participation in our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

The contribution of the Choir and Recorder Group added freshness and vitality to the occasion, which was greatly appreciated.

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**CHARLESTOWN BOWLING CLUB  
OPENING OF GRTEEN  
SUNDAY 13th APRIL AT 2.00pm  
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME  
NEW MINIMUM AGE OF 8 YRS NO MAXIMUM  
COACHING AVAIOLABLE FOR ALL AGES  
Contact Brian Forrester 01383 872558**



## **A visit to Matabeleland Zimbabwe**

I have recently returned from visiting my friends in Bulawayo Zimbabwe. Everyone here thought that I was mad going out there at this time, but I was assured by my friend Molly that everything was OK At that time in November she did not believe what I was telling her of the forthcoming starvation that I was reading about in the British press.

On arrival in December the shops seemed to have sufficient food. The big problem was the number of deaths. Deaths were so common that the old customs of the Matabele were no longer being followed, such as the large extended family gathering at the home of the deceased for days until he was buried. Nowadays a quick visit after work and only the unemployed attending the burial. Burial services only allowed being 20mms long as so many were dying 3 burials had to be completed every hour, no time of for lunch break. One hospital in Bulawayo has started mass burial every fortnight to dispose of corpses not collected by relatives.

These deaths were mainly due to HIV/AIDS caught several years ago and it seemed that the main victims were middle aged people m their 30's 40's and 50's. Leaving the grandparents and the children to care for each other. So now there are families headed by Grannies and also child headed families. One family 1 visited was headed by Gran. They lived in a small terraced bungalow, with 2 bedrooms, 1 living-dining room 1 small kitchen, a shower room and a toilet at the end of the small garden. Quite suitable for a Gran. Unfortunately she had lost her 4 sons and 3 other daughter-in-laws to AIDS. Her last remaining daughter-in-law was now being cared for by her and her 15 grandchildren in this small bungalow. As Gran is well past retiring age in a country with no retirement pension to earn money she lets out one of the bedrooms to a homeless family who pay her some rent. She sleeps on her bed in the bedroom, the sick daughter in law on the sofa in the living room and the 15 children find spaces to sleep on Gran's bedroom floor or the living room floor.

I also visited a club where children who head families can bring their younger brothers and sisters for fun after school on a Friday evening while the big children discuss with each other and Mrs Dube from the Methodist church all their problems and ask for help. The Methodist church in Bulawayo with Mrs Dube in charge is trying to run an organisation to help families who have lost their

As December moved along I started seeing shortages. First maize meal queues then bread queues, then the maize meal queues disappeared as there was none to queue for. [maize meal is used to make sadza, the equivalent of potatoes in U.K. and to make ilambazi the equivalent of porridge] Just before Christmas came the fuel queues, average wait in early January in a fuel queue was three days, people slept in queues. No fuel meant bus queues, the break down of the Postal service longer queues to buy railway tickets, etc., etc, etc. Early in January- my friend had a hip problem so I went with her to hospital where I discovered queues to see the receptionist, the nurse, the doctor, the x-ray, [we had to travel to a different hospital for the x-ray as it had broken down in Bulawayo Central Hospital.], the Pharmacist. We queued in 10 queues that day, starting at 7.30am and finishing at 7.30pm. The next day I was discussing queues with another friend and he told me about me birth certificate queue, the passport queue, etc. The civil service is collapsing but I was told that the street children in Harare are now earning money as queuers and making a living. The queue that surprised me the most was the cremation queue, Harare has run out of gas so corpses are sent to Bulawayo to wait in the queue for cremation. The fuel used in Bulawayo crematorium is diesel and that is in very short supply. Before I left there was sugar queues, cooking oil queues and milk had run out.

The reasons for these problems, I think, are the loss of man power and the loss of the ability to earn foreign currency to buy fuel and spare parts for any technical equipment. Foreign currency used to be earned from tobacco, cotton and food farming, and some from mining. All have suffered from the change of ownership of the land and the loss of workers. I do not know how or when it will be solved.

Brenda Bumstead

## **CHRISTIAN CONCERN-Advance Notice for Publication**

At a recent meeting of Christian Concern (Fife) it was decided to mount a venture to be called 'CHRISTIAN HERITAGE PILGRIMAGE' to take place on Saturday 7th June 2003.

The pilgrimage would be designed to encompass places of Christian heritage and worship in West Fife on foot and on cycle using the marked cycle tracks. All travellers would agree to be sponsored and the pilgrimage would end at the Old Rosyth Churchyard in Limekilns, where a short service of thanksgiving would be held followed by a Bar-B-Q and jollity.

The purpose of the venture is:

- to raise awareness of Christian Concern (Fife),
- to increase fellowship
- to raise money for two ongoing projects: the Christian Concern/Bethany Christian Trust Toastie Club (Drop-in) and D.A.R.E. (Youth worker in schools).

Information about the event will shortly be circulated to all churches and Christian communities who will be invited to participate. A representative planning group will be set up.

Contact e-mail

[limekilnschurch@milestonenet.co.uk](mailto:limekilnschurch@milestonenet.co.uk)

One of the criminals asked Jesus to remember him in his kingdom

The letters in some of these words have been written back to front. Write them in the correct order on the lines below to find Jesus' reply

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The following article is the first in a series being written by Mr John Wilkinson from Crombie. I hope you alt find it as informative and interesting as I did.

*The editor*

Antiques, Bygones and Curios - An ABC of Collectibles

A - APOSTLE SPOONS

what do you know about Apostle Spoons? They are normally between 6 to 8 inches in length, an made in silver- The term 'Apostle' means 'one sent forth', i.e. a commissioned agent, delegate or messenger. The name is specially applied to the twelve followers selected by Jesus Christ to be His close companions and to continue his work after His ascension - Matthew 28; 16-20 Apostle spoons are so called because each spoon of the set is surmounted with a figure of one of the apostles with his customary emblem - such as St. Peter with a key (sometimes a fish). They were first made in the mid 14th Century. The oldest surviving example known is dated 1493. Later on in the ABC I shall tell you about hallmarks.

A complete set of apostle spoons comprises 13 spoons - The Master (Christ) and the 12 apostle. Very few complete sets of the 14th to 17th Century spoons now exist; those that do are almost all in museum collections. Single spoons became a popular Christening present from the Tudor era by wealthy donors. This practice resulted in the breakdown of many sets. This custom went on to about mid 17th Century. Attempts were made from time to time to revive the custom, so spoons of later dates exist.

A complete set coming on the market would create a world-wide sensation among museums and very, very wealthy collectors. A single spoon of 15th to 17th Century origin could be expected to fetch about £2,000 to £2,500 - so imagine how much a full set would be worth! Extremely rare indeed are those sets which have the Virgin Mary with the twelve apostles instead of the Master.

As well as spoons made in silver, some were made in pewter from about 1600onwards. They, too. are very rare now because pewter is a softer



Material than silver, therefore not as good a survivor, and are not valued as highly as the silver spoons.

I apologise for starting these chats on such a lofty item, which unless you visit the British Museum or such like, you may never see. But, being Easter, it seemed an appropriate 'A' item. Later articles will be of more mundane items such as you may find in antique shops or even at car boot sales - or at Limekilns Christmas Bazaar - who knows?

Mr. John Wilkinson, Crombie



**St Andrew Spoon  
London Hallmark  
In the bowl**

## DESERT DETECTIVES CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

With Christmas fast approaching, and excitement in the air, ^0 children turned up at the Queen's Hall on Saturday the 7th of December for an afternoon of fun and games at the Desert Detectives Christmas Special.

This special Christmas event was run by the holiday Club team from Limekilns Church as a follow-up to the Desert Detectives summer holiday club week in August.

We were joined, once again, by our Desert Detectives, June, Sandy and Doug, who appeared with a "clue" which they had unearthed somewhere in the desert, and which to everyone's disgust, turned out to be donkey dung! With the help of the Grumpy Motel Keeper, and some willing volunteers who got dressed up as angels, shepherds etc, we were able to work out the connection between donkey dung and Christmas, and help Humphrey the camel to understand what Christmas is really all about. We played some silly Christmas games, including turning leaders into snowmen and pelting them with snowballs, and everyone enjoyed the "Donkey Dung Challenge" - don't ask!

We made colourful nightlight holders, which looked wonderful when we lit them and turned out the lights, and which reminded us that Jesus was born at Christmas to be the Light of the World.

Everyone had a great time, and it was good for us all to think about the real story behind Christmas.

## PASTORAL CARE WORKGROUP CHURCH FLOWERS

The roster for Church Flowers during 2003 is posted in the vestibule. Unfortunately, there are still a number of gaps. Please add your name to the list if you wish to contribute the flowers on a particular Sunday.

Each Sunday after Church, the flowers are taken to people who have had a bereavement or been unwell, perhaps a hospital patient or those who have had a special birthday or anniversary, etc. If you know of someone who would appreciate the Church flowers, please contact Margaret Mills (872057).

This means that the flowers not only brighten up the Church but also provide a very worthwhile service to both Church members and to others within the Parish as they are a reminder to the recipients that they are recognised within the community. Betty Gunn (The Kilns, Limekilns) normally arranges flowers in Church each Sunday with the donor paying for them in her shop. However, anyone is welcome, if they so wish, to put in their own arrangements but please inform Betty if this is your option.

Our thanks go to Betty Gunn and all those who contribute towards the flower arrangements each Sunday.



## ELDERS DISTRICTS

As there have been some changes recently with Districts and District Elders, and I thought it would be appropriate to list the current position. The following list also gives the approximate area covered by each District. Our thanks go to Mr Stan Hurst and Mr Robert Whiteford who have retired after many years as District Elders.

### DISTRICT ELDER

District	ELDER	AREA
1	Mrs. Sheena Davies	Main Street (west) & Haiketshall.
2	Mrs. Margaret Cairns	Main Street (east), Academy Square & Promenade.
3	Lady Martha Bruce	Old Orchard, Church Lane, Church Place & Warrington Square.
5	Mr. David Souter	Dunfermline Rd. & Church Street.
7	Mr. Jim Simpson	West parts of Red Row & Brucehaven Rd.
8	Mrs. Mary Donnelly	East parts of Red Row & Brucehaven Rd.
9	Mrs. Pat McIntyre	Sandilands. Mylneburn Gdns., Wellheads & Capurnum Court.
10	Mrs. Janet Ballantyne	Upper Wellheads (South side) & Brucehaven Cresc.
11	Mr. Keith Mason	Upper Wellheads (N. side), Brucehaven Cresc., Charles Way & Charles Way South.
13	Mr. Russell Matthews	Charles Way (middle section)
14	Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Angus	Charles Way (higher no's.) & Havensedge
16	Mrs. Moira Matthews	North & South Roundall
17	Mrs. Nessie Stewart	Overhaven.
18	Miss Sam Burton	North & South Loanhead
19	Mr. David Mutton	The Cairns & West Rd. (north side)

20	Mrs. Helen Alexander	West Rd (South side) & Rocks Rd
21	Mr. Roy MacKenzie	North & Cross Rows & Lochaber
23	Mrs. Anne Dreyer	Double Hall & South Rows
24	Mr. & Mrs. James Lamont	Charlestown and West outlying area
25	Mr. David Blane	Broomhall & North outlying area
26	Mr. Duncan Leighton	Crossford and Dunfermline
27	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Fleming	West Harbour Rd
28	Mrs. Sue Hamilton	Salt pans, East Harbour and Main Rd
29	Mrs. Jennifer Lindsay	Pattiesmuir & East outlying area

## CHRISTMAS CARDS TO CHURCH VISITORS

Each year we send a Christmas Card to those visitors to our Church who have signed the visitor's book in the vestibule. Eight cards were sent last year. The cards have a picture of the Church on the front and are sent on behalf of the congregation. We have had feedback that they are very much appreciated by the recipients.

If you bring a visitor to the Church or if anyone sees someone signing the visitor's book, please can you encourage them to put down their full postal address in the book.



## Join the Rural - Not yet - I'm Still Too Young

The whole idea of the Rural today is old fashioned and a thing of the past.

Many people don't have a true idea of what its all about. The original Rural was a means to an end. It was a social gathering of wives, daughters, sisters and mothers in the farming community who managed to get a night out (once a month) together. The talk did not always involve the farm, the harvest lambing, calving. It was more a way to catch up with each other and gossip!

Many villages, surrounding towns and cities have seen the demise of their Rural.

Today in our surrounding villages, I feel the Rural is perceived to be for 'the old folk'. How wrong can you be? I'll admit there are nights I find myself thinking that I could be doing something else - then I tune back to the speaker. You would never believe what you learn in the Rural. The Rural in Scotland has its finger in many different pies - the Rural ladies have debated, golfed, curled, bowled, knitted, baked, judged and been judged, toured, acted and lots more - there's nothing that the Rural can't do when it puts its mind to it. No matter where you live in Scotland you can always nip along to your local to learn a lot more.

However I'll be the first to admit that the Rural does have a high percentage 'mature ladies'.

I think I can safely say there is no one under 45 in our Rural. But unless new blood joins, another country Institute will die. Now the Rural is trying to recruit new members all over Scotland during the coming year.

We are not asking new members to walk through the door and become the "committee" as some people think might happen if they join. We would like to see you walk through the door and support our Rural. As one of our younger members said:

It's a night out when the conversation does not revolve around football, homework or bedtime arguments.

It is only one night a month - for ten months of the year, and we are not asking you to sign in and come religiously. If you are worried about your street-cred grab a pal and come along for a laugh (yes we do laugh) Come and be a visitor for a night, it will only cost you two hours of your time and 50p, for that you will get a great talk or demonstration and a great feed.

***We meet in the Queens hall Charleston on the third Thursday in the month at 7:15pm. (Not July and August)***

On our syllabus for this year we have a craft demonstration, slides of old Limekilns and Dunfermline, Home safety, a talk and slides of an adventure trip around the Grand Canyon and a cookery demonstration to name a few. We also have an evening outing in June and a night out for our Christmas dinner.

This year we are planning a trip on the Rosyth ferry and a few days in Bruges.

If you feel you would like to Join us just come along to the Meeting:

***We meet in the Queens Hall Charlestown on the third Thursday in the month at 7:15pm. (Not July and August)***

Or phone: Elizabeth Mackenzie on 872660

**We would love to see you at the RURAL.**

## **Notes from the Treasurer**

By the time you read this, the accounts for 2002 will have been presented to the Stated Annual Meeting. Of course not everyone can get to that meeting so it may be helpful to look at the highlights.

Over the year the relative sizes of our income and expenditure varied but the trend was always towards a shortfall of income. That duly came to pass. For the year as a whole the Church spent nearly £6,000 more than it took in. That is clearly not good, and it follows on from 2001 when the Church spent nearly £11,000 more than it received.

At least the news was not all bad. The first bit of encouragement was the decision to serve afternoon teas in the Gellet Halls on a Wednesday. That raised nearly £3,500 starting from scratch in June, and we must all be very grateful to the ladies who have worked so hard. The teas have been very popular and seem to have provided another opportunity for the Church to serve the community. What is even better is that the ladies have decided to carry on.

The other big success for 2002 was the Christmas Fair. That raised nearly £4,500 - a great achievement for all those who supported it in any way. There was also a very successful Curry Supper which raised nearly £400.

Fund raising makes up about 25% of the Church's income, so it is very important that it continues. We all need to encourage and support the volunteers who run these activities. However we also need to look at the bigger picture, and the Forward in Faith Gatherings will let us do just that. I look forward to seeing you there!



## Parish register

## Diary

Morning service every Sunday at 10.00am  
 Crombie Service on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 6.00pm  
 Charlestown Service on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 3.00pm

### Baptisms:

22 December

Archie William Duffin  
 Windgate  
 Church Street  
 Limekilns

Gregor Frederick Wenman  
 Seria  
 Brunei

### Funerals:

19 Nov

Mr. Tom McTier  
 40 King's Road  
 Rosyth

24 Dec

Mr. Hector MacGregor  
 Merryhill Cottage  
 Charlestown

20 Jan

Mrs. Margaret Beale  
 15 North Row  
 Charlestown

28 Jan

Mrs. Eileen Stennet  
 51 Central Road  
 Crombie

6 Feb

Mr. Andrew Penman  
 6 Farm Road  
 Crombie

Sun 2 Mar	10.00am	Morning Service
	3.00pm	Charlestown Service
	6.30pm	On Fire
Tue 4 Mar	7.30am	Kirk Session
Sun 9 Mar	10.00am	Morning Service
	6.00pm	Crombie Service
Wed 12 Mar	7.30pm	Stated Annual Meeting
Sun 16 Mar	11.00am	Morning Service
		(celebration of Holy Communion)
	6.30pm	Evening Service
		(Informal Communion Service)
Thu 20 Mar	8.00pm	Journey of Tranquility
		(in Cairneyhill church)
Sun 23 Mar	10.00am	Morning Service
	6.00pm	Crombie Service
		(celebration of Holy Communion)

### FORWARD in FAITH

Mon	24 Mar	7.30pm Gathering
Tue	25 Mar	3.00pm Gathering
Wed	26 Mar	7.30pm Gathering

Sun 30 Mar	10.00am	Morning Service
Tue 1 April	7.30pm	Congregational Board
Sun 6 April	10.00am	Morning Service
	3.00pm	Charlestown Service
		(Celebration of Holy Communion)

**Sun 13 April 10.00am Family Service (Palm Sunday)**  
**6.00pm Crombie Service**

## Office Bearers

<b>Holy Week and Easter Services</b>			
Mon	14 April	7.00pm	Meditation (in Limekilns Church)
	-to-		and
Wed	16 April	8.00pm	Meditation (in Cairneyhill Church)
Thu	17 April	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Family Meal And Celebration of the Lord's Supper (in Limekilns Church)
Fri	18 April	7.00pm	Good Friday Communion Service (in Limekilns Church)
		8.30pm	Informal Celebration of Communion (in Cairneyhill Church)
Sat	19 April		April Easter Walk
Sun	20 April	7.30am	Early Morning Service (on Capernum Pier)
		10.00am	Family Service (including a Celebration of Holy Communion)

**Sun 27 April 10.00am Morning Service**  
**6.00pm Crombie Service**

**Sun 4 May 10.00am Morning Service**  
**3.00pm Charlestown Service**  
**6.30pm On Fire**

**Tue 6 May 7.30am Kirk Session**  
**Tue 11 May 7.30pm Core Group**  
**Sun 18 May 10.00am Morning Service**  
**2.30pm Prayer Workshop**  
**6.00pm Crombie Service**

**Sun 25 May 10.00am Morning Service**  
**6.00pm Crombie Service**

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