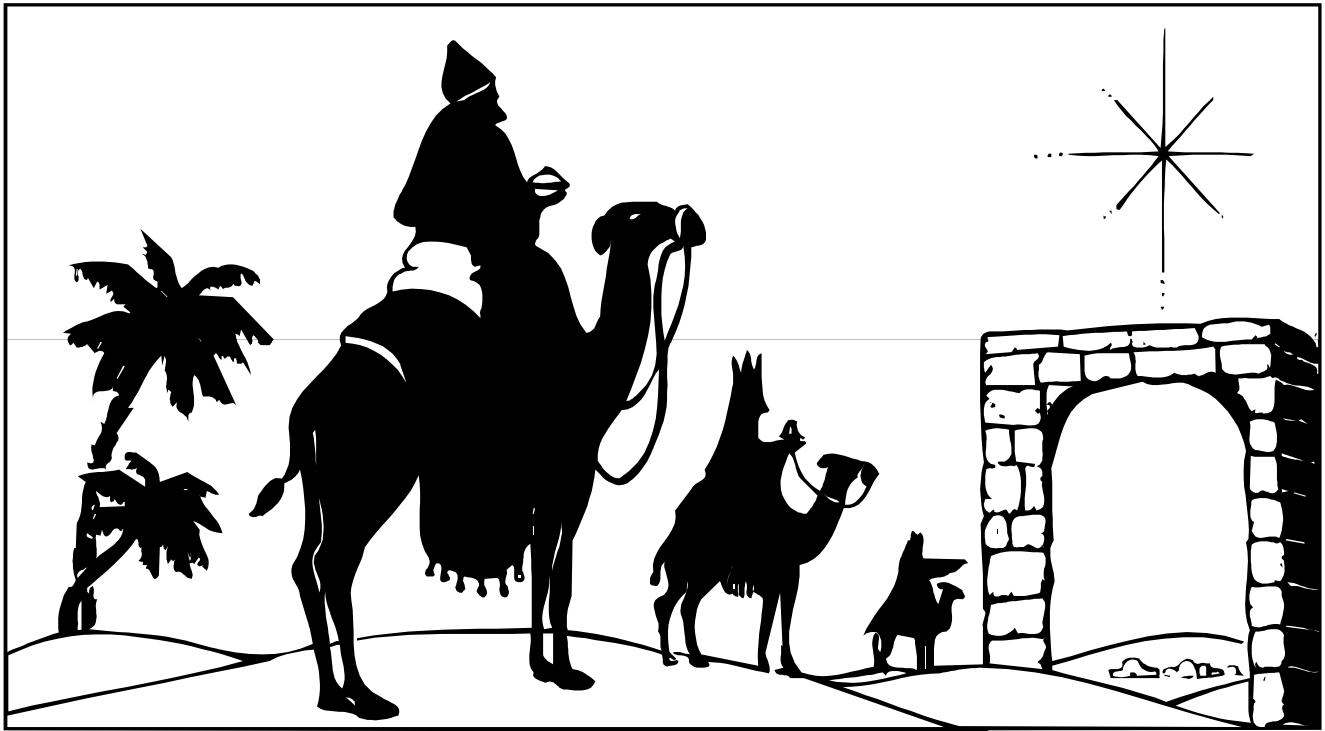


# SteepleTalk



The Magazine  
Of  
Bourock Parish Church

Christmas 2009

## **Who's Who In Bourock**

Minister	Maureen Leitch	881 1462
Session Clerk	Elizabeth McKenzie	880 5077
Deputy Session Clerk	Linda Dye	876 1201
Treasurer	Isobel Lawson	881 9457
Roll Keeper	John Whyte	571 4787
Halls Convener	Hazel McCarthy	880 7607
WFO Envelopes	Robert McKenzie	880 5077
Junior Church	Linda Dye	876 1201
Guild	Irene Draper	881 6507
Boys' Brigade (Company)	Graham Manson	580 0871
Boys' Brigade (Junior)	Jean Hepburn	880 8492
Boys' Brigade (Anchor)	Mary Murray	881 1564
Guides (3rd)	Gayle Harvey	881 8212
Brownies (2nd)	Susan Morrison	580 5292
Brownies (3rd)	Lorna Moran	620 3584
Tweenies	Morag McKenzie	880 5077
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Coffee Club	Ann McMillan	881 8348
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	Gill Swanney	

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Dear Friends,

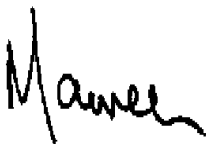
Not long ago, we were reading the story of some friends of Jesus who were arguing—yes, Christians do at times disagree with one another! The argument was about which of them was greatest and Jesus gently taught his friends a very valuable lesson by putting a little child in front of them. His friends needed to stop thinking about their own importance and start to remember that they were following Jesus because they shared a common sense of purpose and belief. That was a call to humble service of others rather than to empire building.

And we have seen many responses to others this year—there has been much work done in the name of charity. It is difficult to name all the events but if I could pick out two. The inaugural Ladies Pink Lunch was an enormous success and raised a quite magnificent sum for Breast Cancer Care and the completion of the school at Kibera after years of fund raising were both events worth celebrating.

And it is good to be reminded of the importance of the least among us as we approach Christmas, remembering that God chose to come to the world in the form of a tiny, vulnerable baby. He calls us to care for all and love all, even if we do disagree with them from time to time!

We should celebrate this time of year because of what it really means—that God loved us so much that he came in the form of a baby so that he could live amongst us and show us a better way of living. In the midst of all the consumer madness of this time of year let us always take time to pause and reflect on the great love that our God has for us.

I wish you joy and peace this Christmas.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mamee". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with a long, sweeping underline for the 'e'.

## 3rd Barrhead Guide Company

On Sunday, February 22, Bourrock played host to an 'Olympic Games' in the church, and church halls. Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from Barrhead took part. Everyone had a great time.

Gayle gave birth to a little girl Emily at the beginning of March. So that was a very special event.

In March the Guides were sponsored to walk across the Erskine Bridge (and back) for Red Nose Day. The wonderful total of £767.65 was realised, thanks to Cllr Danny Devlin supplying a super coach for our jaunt. Thanks to all Guides, Leaders, Parents and Cllr Devlin (who also walked) for the amount raised.

We took a trip to New Lanark in April where we had a conducted tour of all the places of interest including the Annie Macleod Experience. Everyone had a super time.



Girlguiding UK

We delivered to Mrs Holland (Guide Dogs for the Blind) Tuckshop money of £60, 135 small ink cartridges and 1 mobile phone. She thanked everyone very much for thinking of Guide Dogs.

ACCORD Hospice accepted 30 large cartridges and 2 very large bags of used stamps which we collected since September.

We invited Margaret MacRae (keep fit instructor) to come to the hall to put us through our paces before the prize giving. Mums, aunts, grannies and friends were all invited to come along on May 11.

The following Guides all received prizes:

**Book/Bookmark Prizes: Perfect attendance** – Hannah Lundie, Jennifer McIntyre. Good attendance – Chloe Nisbet, Rachael Cameron, Laura Kennedy, Alexandra Limpitlaw, Helen Mitchell, Rebecca Campbell and Eve Pattison.

**Patrol with the most points for, games/stamps/ink cartridges/toners/mobile phones: Daffodil Patrol** – Caitlin Attwood, Helen Mitchell, Hannah Lundie, Rachael Cameron, Katie Wilson and Kara Robertson who all received 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Key-rings.

**Best Patrol: Starfish Patrol** – Rebecca Campbell, Jennifer McIntyre, Abbie Thomson, Erin Paterson, Eve Pattison and Olivia Gilmour – who received Star Guide Key-rings.

**Special Gift was made to all Guides for all their hard work during the year:** Body Shop Party (£102 to Company funds); Guide Dogs for the Blind, Tuckshop money £60, 135 sml cartridges, 1 mobile phone; MADD, planting over 3000 crocus and daffodil bulbs in the community; Smarties tubes filled £140 to Operation Christmas Child; Red Nose Walk (Erskine Bridge) £767.65; ACCORD Hospice, 30 large cartridges and 2 very large bag of used stamps – the Guides all received a Guide mug.

**Best Guide:** Jennifer McIntyre.

**Special thanks** to: Jillian, Suzanne, Kelly and Barbara for all their hard work during the year and to Ann and Heather who joined us from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Company.

Eleven girls joined us in September and we were delighted to welcome back the 18 Guides already with us.

One of our young leaders, Suzanne Morrison, left us to go to University, far, far away!! We thank Suzanne for her hard work and her friendship in helping with the Guides and wish her well for the future.

On Sunday, September 20, 26 Guides and Leaders joined 150 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers from Barrhead on an outing to Kelburn Country Park for the 100<sup>th</sup> Centenary Launch of the Girl Guides. The girls took part in many activities from outdoor games, to nature walks, adventure playground, secret forest and still had time for lunch!! The day was dry and warm and everyone had a super time. (There were approx 900 girls from all over East Renfrewshire at the event).

On Monday, September 28, Joanne of N-Sync taught the girls some routines for cheerleading. This was very enjoyable and the girls all had a good time.

Smarties tubes have been handed out to help with the postage for the 'Operation Christmas Child Shoebox' Appeal. We are hoping that coins will replace the Smarties once they have been eaten. The cash will be handed to Junior Church to help with postage.

Our next event will be the Halloween Party which will be on Monday, October 26.

\*\* We still collect ink cartridges, toners, used stamps (with at least 1/2in border), mobile phones. Your rubbish is someone's treasure!!

Gayle

3<sup>rd</sup> Guide Guider

## **Galatians 6:2**

**Carry each other's burdens,  
and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.**

Some evenings my phone rings too much. You know the feeling? You've had a busy day, eaten your meal, locked the door and settled down to watch the telly. The most energetic thing you plan to do is work the remote control. Then the phone rings — double-glazing, free conservatories, whatever.

But having a phone is more of a blessing than a curse, so I'll put up with the annoyance.

I've just been to a conference in Denmark and while I was there I wanted to phone home. Hotel phones are always expensive, so the cheapest way is to buy a phone card. They work just like the English ones. Lift the phone, put the card in the slot, dial the number and the display tells you how much time you've bought. When you've used it up, the line cuts off.

After a long session at the conference I suggested, as a joke, that the speaker should buy time on a card to limit his speech. I say his — it's usually men who go on too long at conferences.

Then I thought a bit further. If we all had to buy the time to talk ... maybe we'd talk less. Except the politicians, but we can't control them anyway. And if we talked less maybe we'd listen more. Listen to what other people want to say.

When people are worried or upset what they often need most is someone who'll give them time, by just sitting and listening. The Bible encourages us to carry each other's burdens and share the load. We can't always fix the problem, but a sympathetic ear can help.

But maybe I should practice what I preach and stop right now.

**Lord of the silence, my life is full of words.  
Carve out a space for quiet in my busyness.**

From "Talking With Hedgehogs" by Eddie Askew

## 2nd Barrhead Brownie Pack

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownies have had a very exciting start to the session.

We started on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September with our enrolment night. We enrolled 5 new members and 9 Brownies returned.

This is a very special year for Guiding. We are celebrating our centenary, a hundred years since Guiding began in 1910.

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September the Brownies attended an East Renfrewshire Centenary launch party at Kelburn Country Park in Largs to mark the start of the centenary celebrations.

We all had a fantastic day and the weather was fabulous. The girls really enjoyed it.

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September the 2<sup>nd</sup> Barrhead Brownies joined with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brownies to have a party with **Giggles** the clown. It was a great night of fun, food and friendship.

Our exciting fun filled evening continues every Monday from 6.30-8.00pm. Our Halloween and Christmas parties are always enjoyed by everyone. Nights also include badge evenings, craft nights, games evenings and lots, lots more.

Any girls between 7 and 10 years old, come along and join in with our fun!!



## Ordinary Days

Writer Anita Brechbill observed in *God's Revivalist* magazine that "Most often the Word of the Lord comes to a soul in the ordinary duties of life." She cites the examples of Zacharias performing his duties as a priest, and the shepherds watching their flocks. They were at work as usual with no idea that they were about to receive a message from God.

Luke describes the ordinary days when these men received their message from God: "While [Zacharias] was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, . . . an angel of the Lord appeared to him" (1:8,11). While the shepherds were "living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night . . . an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them" (2:8-9).

Oswald Chambers in *My Utmost for His Highest* said: "Jesus rarely comes where we expect Him; He appears where we least expect Him, and always in the most illogical situations. The only way a worker can keep true to God is by being ready for the Lord's surprise visits."

On this ordinary day, the Lord may have a word of encouragement, guidance, or instruction for us, if we're listening and ready to obey. — David C. McCasland

READ: Luke 2:8-20

Behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them. —Luke 2:9

I wonder what I did for God today:

How many times did I once pause and pray?

But I must find and serve Him in these ways,

For life is made of ordinary days. —Macbeth

God speaks to those who are quiet before Him.



# **JUNIOR CHURCH**



Although we have over 80 children on the role of Junior Church attendance this session has not been as high as normal but the children coming along still seem to be enjoying what we do and we are happy that the programme is varied and fun. We continue to work with Lectionary based material which means that the whole church family is learning together.

Operation Christmas Child has been very well supported this year and our final packing night will be 25<sup>th</sup> November. The response has been amazing and we are hoping to send off around 250 boxes all packed with essentials, great gifts and of course lots of love. Special thanks to the Craft Club who have not only knitted over 100 hats but have also donated the postage costs of 100 boxes which is of course £250. Everyone in the church really seems to get involved in this work and the fact that we send so many boxes year after year is tremendous.



Advent is a busy time and we look forward to all the fun and festivities. Our favourite Service however is our Nativity Service on Christmas Eve at 7:00. Everyone is welcome to join the children in this very special celebration of our Saviour's birth. The run through for this will take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 2 till 4.

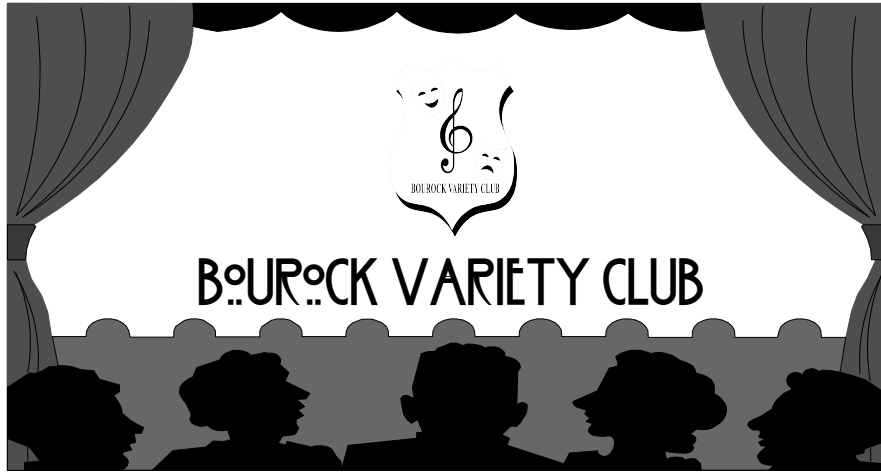
Our all age Christmas party will be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 5:00-7:00 and the cost will be £3. All the children are welcome to join any part of our Christmas fun.

We are very blessed in Bourock to have so many children and young people coming along to learn about the amazing love that God has for each one of them. We also are very fortunate with the teachers who give of their time to work with the children.

Christmas Blessings  
Linda Dye

## **Hot Chocolate**

A group of graduates, well established in their careers, were talking at a reunion and decided to go visit their old university professor, now retired. During their visit, the conversation turned to complaints about stress in their work and lives. Offering his guests hot chocolate, the professor went into the kitchen and returned with a large pot of hot chocolate and an assortment of cups - porcelain, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite - telling them to help themselves to the hot chocolate. When they all had a cup of hot chocolate in hand, the professor said: "Notice that all the nice looking, expensive cups were taken, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. The cup that you're drinking from adds nothing to the quality of the hot chocolate. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was hot chocolate, not the cup; but you consciously went for the best cups... And then you began eyeing each others cups. Now consider this: Life is the hot chocolate; your job, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life. The cup you have does not define, nor change the quality of life you have. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the hot chocolate God has provided us. God makes the hot chocolate, man chooses the cups. The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything that they have. Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. And enjoy your hot chocolate.



Robin Hood is our show this year and believe it or not it is 16 years ago that we performed Tales of Sherwood. The songs, sets, costumes and story are all different but some of the cast may look familiar. It has been a fun show to work on and everyone is looking forward to our first night. A slight change this year is that we have hired quite a lot of our costumes as the workload was getting to be too much for our hardworking wardrobe mistress and we have just no more room in our cupboard to store any more costumes. We hope that our audience enjoys the show and we thank you for all your support through the years (31 of them!). There are many people who work hard for the club but you never see them on stage and we are indebted to them for all the 'behind the scenes' work that goes on all year round.

The club enjoys the social side of things as well and at the moment we have 3 theatre trips to the Edinburgh Playhouse arranged. We are all looking forward to these very much.

We are always delighted to welcome along new members and you don't know what talent you might have till you try!

Our AGM will take place on Thursday 28th<sup>th</sup> January at 8:00 in the lower hall when we will make plans for 2010. Rehearsals take place every Thursday from 7:30 and we would love to see you there.

Linda Dye  
Producer

## Tweenies

This year has started off well and there are 20 girls attending each week. We have lots of fun singing, playing games, making things and lots more. This year we have designed a new logo for the Tweenies and this will appear on our notice board, our web page and all our letters. There is still room for more girls in the Tweenies and all girls between the ages of 4 & 7 will be very welcome.



Contact Morag McKenzie Tel 880 5077 for more information.

## A Message From Andy

**“When you enter a town and are welcomed” [Luke 10:8]**

As you receive your copy of SteepleTalk I will be about six months in to my probationary placement here in Barrhead Bourock. The last six months have flown by and Maureen is certainly keeping me busy, but not overworked.

During the last six months it has been such a blessing to both my wife May and I to have met so many wonderful people and we have been extremely blessed by the warmth of your welcome. It is so much easier to be part of a church when you receive such a warm welcome.

In the last six months I have been involved in all aspects of Sunday and Thursday worship as well as visiting many of the housebound members of the congregation, visiting and leading worship in the local Norwood Care Home and taking school assemblies in both local Primary and Secondary Schools as well as the Mary Russell School in Paisley. I have also been involved in Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms. It is certainly a great privilege and honour to share with people their joys as well as supporting many people in times of great sadness.

One of the many highlights so far has been the summer club when over two hundred children each night enjoyed a wonderful week of fun and Christian teaching. I must admit that at the end of the week I needed a well earned holiday.

I am sure the next nine months will be just as exciting and rewarding as my first six months and I thank Maureen, the Kirk Session and many members of the congregation for their continued care, support and words of encouragement as I develop towards becoming a Parish Minister.

As we approach Christmas Day when we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, I pray that this season of goodwill will be a joyous time for you and all whom you love.

Blessings

Andy McIntyre

Probationer

## African Partnership

On 25<sup>th</sup> July 2009, the New Silanga Sanctuary and Silanga High School were dedicated by the Deputy Secretary General, Rev Francis Njoroge, who himself visited our Church in May 2008. Photographs of the Dedication Service are displayed on the noticeboard in the Lower Hall. One of the photographs shows Hannah, Kibera Parish Church Session Clerk, who visited us in September 2008.

The secondary school children started the new term, at the beginning of September, in their new school, delighted to be in light, airy rooms, and having the use of a library and science lab.



There are now 107 pupils in the Secondary School, but there is capacity for 150. If you would like information on how to sponsor a pupil, please contact Jim Mitchell, 571 5536 or email [jamesclark.mitchell@ntlworld.com](mailto:jamesclark.mitchell@ntlworld.com)

The next step is to provide water and electricity to both the school and the Sanctuary and to build a new toilet block.

A newsletter is produced, and the current issue can be seen on the website: [www.bourock.org.uk/kibera](http://www.bourock.org.uk/kibera)

Or if you would like to be added to the distribution list for the e-copy of the newsletter, please contact Debbie Mitchell, [deb.mitchell@ntlworld.com](mailto:deb.mitchell@ntlworld.com)



## **Behind The Building**

Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58

Where we were working was hot, dirty, and it smelled bad. We had travelled thousands of miles to do some work projects, and on this day we were painting the back of a classroom building at a school for the deaf. The only people who would ever see this part of the building would be the guy who cut the grass and any unfortunate person who would have to work on the septic pit.

Yet, as the young adults diligently painted away, one of the girls, Melissa, put it in perspective by saying, "Nobody will ever come back here to see this, but God will see it. So let's make it look nice." And so we did. Sometimes we sit at our desk and think no one sees our work. Or we stand at a line assembling item after endless item. Perhaps we take care of crying babies in the church nursery. Or we live the best Christian life we can—without anyone noticing.

Often our work is "behind the building." But if that is what God has called us to do, we need to work with all our heart. As part of our calling to love others deeply (1 Peter 4:8), offer hospitality (v.9), and use our gifts to serve others (v.10), our task is to work with God's strength to bring praise and glory to God, not ourselves. The important thing is that God likes what He sees.

Though others may not observe us  
And see how we serve God today,  
Our job as servants of Jesus  
Is to please Him in every way.

Dave Branon

No service for Christ goes unnoticed by Him.

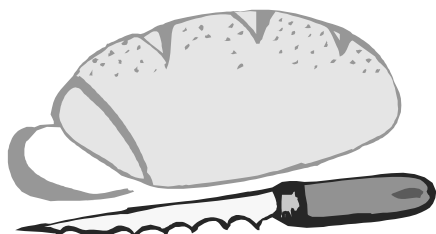
## **Bourock Soup Stop**

Soup Stop is still proving to be a popular lunch choice for many different people in Barrhead. We are delighted with the success of this venture so far. We started off with just soup and crusty bread but now we offer baked potatoes, toasties sandwiches and childrens' snack options. We like to try out different soups but the we still offer the old favourite – yes you guessed it – lentil. The more unusual the soup the more popular it is and we think that our customers are prepared to give anything a try. We are open every Friday in the lower hall from 12 till 2 but we do start serving childrens' meals from 11:30 to coincide with the end of the Mothers and Toddlers Group.

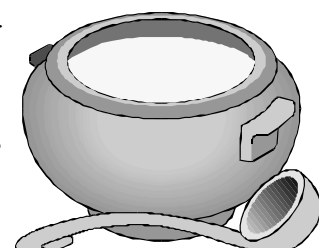
Apart from the outreach aspect of Soup Stop (and we hope enjoyment of our customers), we have also been able to give donations to our own Church and many different charities throughout the year. We choose a different charity each month and normally give £150 to them and the same to our own church.

In October we also organised a "Pink Ladies' Lunch" for Breast Cancer Care and this event was enjoyed by all the ladies who came along and gave so generously. We were able to hand over a cheque to this charity which specialises in aftercare for the wonderful sum of £1500.

We are delighted with the support we have had and are looking forward to our Christmas Lunch on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December (bookings now being taken).



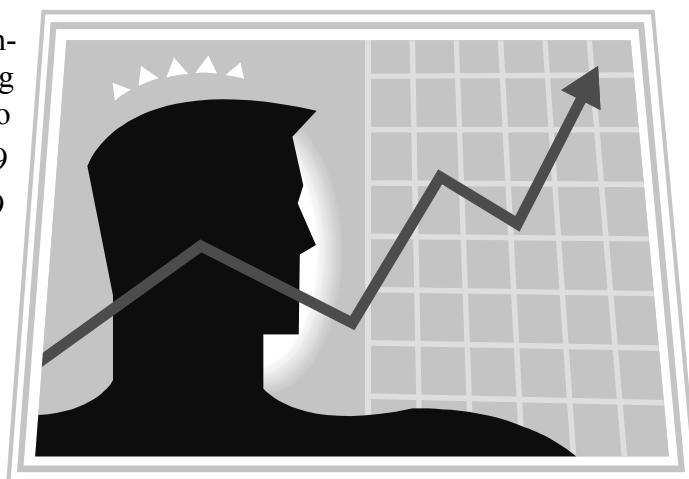
The Soup Stop Staff wish all their customers the Compliments of the Season.



## Finance Report - December 2008

In accordance with guidelines implemented by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland the following summary accounts, covering 2008, were presented to and approved by the Kirk Session on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 and presented to the congregation on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at the Stated Annual Meeting.

We started off 2008 by carrying forward a surplus of £503 from 2007, meaning the General Fund at that time stood at £12,162. Again during 2008 our income exceeded our expenditure, this time by £17,479. This meant that on 31st December 2008 our General Fund stood at £33,141.



During 2008 total offerings rose by £17,288 - the total offerings received by WFO and Standing Order rose from £60,241 in 2007 to £71,742 in 2008, an impressive rise of £11,501, which is most likely a reflection on the success of the Stewardship campaign.

Once again there were 2 other major sources of income - firstly, we recovered a significant sum from the HMRC, £18,353 via the Gift Aid scheme, again mirroring the rise in offerings through WFO and Standing Orders.

The amount recovered from HMRC again **emphasises the importance of the Gift Aid scheme**, and as usual I would urge anyone who has not completed a Gift Aid declaration to now consider doing so - it doesn't cost you anything and takes less than a minute to complete the form. Speak to John McGarrie, Robert McKenzie or myself if you have any questions or require a form for completion.

**As a reminder the Gift Aid scheme allows the church to reclaim tax already paid by an individual so long as they have paid sufficient income tax in the financial year in question.**

Secondly, we received £5,912 in respect of hall lets, which is slightly lower than the figure from 2007, but is still a significant portion of our overall income.

Between them these 2 sources of income again account for over 20% of our total income.

During 2008 our expenditure increased by £6,607 from 2007. This was mainly due to increased expenditure on heating & lighting in addition to a significant rise in spending on building repairs & maintenance.

Expenditure in 2009 is budgeted to increase to £105,659; an increase of £19,271 from 2008. The increase covers essential maintenance work on our properties as well as allowing for increases in heating & lighting costs.

Finally, a personal thanks to Brian Honan & all members of the Finance Committee for all their work and assistance during 2008.

Derek Palmer  
Finance Convenor

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**GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

BUDGET 2009

£            £

**INCOME****Offerings**

WFO Scheme (non Gift Aid)

Gift Aid Donations

Tax on Gift Aid Donations

Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)

Other Offerings and Donations

16,000

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16,000**Other Ordinary General Income**

Contributions from Congregational Organisations

Regular Fund Raising Events

Weddings &amp; Funerals

Investments &amp; Deposits

Use of Premises

3,000

400

300

6,500

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10,200**Total Ordinary General Income**

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**26,200****EXPENDITURE****National Ministry and Mission & Wider Work**

Ministries and Mission Allocation

National Stipend Fund Allocation

Less: Vacancy Allowance

Less: Endowment Income

Mission &amp; Renewal Fund Allocation

Presbytery Dues

48,797

-448

860

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49,209**Local Staffing Costs**

Voluntary Additional Stipend &amp; Employers National Insurance

Travelling Expenses

Minister's Expenses

Ministerial Assistance (Salaries, NI &amp; Expenses)

Pulpit Supply

Other Salaries, National Insurance &amp; Pensions

2,050

450

350

6,500

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9,350**Buildings Costs**

Fabric Repairs &amp; Maintenance

Heating &amp; Lighting

Water Charges &amp; Insurance

Manse Council Tax/Expenses

Cleaning Materials &amp; Laundry

21,000

11,000

6,000

4,000

500

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42,500**Other Local Costs**

Telephone, Posts, Printing, Stationery, Photocopying

Congregational Organisations

Organ &amp; Piano Maintenance

Choir &amp; Music Expenses

Publicity &amp; Advertising

General Expenses

1,200

600

450

650

200

1,500

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4,600**Total Ordinary General Expenditure**

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105,659**Required Funding**

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**79,459**

Required weekly offerings

**1,528**

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**BARRHEAD BOUROCK PARISH CHURCH**

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**Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2008****GENERAL FUND**

	<b>2008</b>		<b>2007</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
<b>Offerings</b>				
WFO Scheme (non Gift Aid)	6,196		11,952	
Gift Aid Donations	65,546		48,289	
Tax on Gift Aid Donations	18,353		13,521	
Ordinary Offerings (Open plate)	6,053		6,733	
Other offerings and donations	2,435		800	
		98,583		81,295
<b>Other Ordinary General Income</b>				
Contributions from Congregational Organisations	4,845		3,736	
Income from:				
Regular Fund Raising Events	-		-	
Weddings & Funerals	500		310	
Investments	-		-	
Deposits	544		459	
Use of Premises	5,912		6,225	
		11,801		10,729
<b>Total Ordinary General Income</b>		<b>110,384</b>		<b>92,024</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>Total Ordinary General Expenditure</b>		<b>92,905</b>		<b>86,298</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>		<b>17,479</b>		<b>5,726</b>
<b>EXCESS GENERAL INCOME</b>		<b>17,479</b>		<b>5,726</b>
General Fund Balance at 1 January		12,162		11,659
Transfers to / from Ferguson Bequest		3,500		-5,000
Transfers to Youth Fund				-223
<b>GENERAL FUND BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER</b>		<b><u>33,141</u></b>		<b><u>12,162</u></b>

## **Tribute To Nancy Downie**

I know that Nancy's death came as a shock to most of us. We were all so accustomed to seeing her around the church, working, chatting and serving people that it seemed difficult to believe that she had gone from us.

A Glasgow girl, from the Parkhead area, Nancy came to Barrhead in 1961 with husband Tom. She always said that it wasn't really until after Tom's death that she became involved with Bourrock. She also said that she really got to know people first of all through a work party which was cleaning the church.

And we are glad that she became integrated because we have many reasons for which to be grateful to Nancy. She was a worker who certainly offered her time and talents to the church.

One of the original members of the Variety Club, she was still helping right up to the end, despite officially retiring some years ago.

And she was a faithful Guild member, having joined after she retired from her employment.

She was a choir member who had managed to serve in that group for more than 30 years.

And she was an elder, having been ordained in 1978. Nancy was a faithful visitor and often managed to brighten up the lives of those in her district with some home-baking! She also came along to Norwood every Sunday to help support the service there and talk to the residents.

And on the subject of baking, Nancy diligently and without fuss, raised thousands of pounds for church funds by selling her cakes etc at Saturday coffee mornings. Just as she diligently wrapped hundreds of shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child and repaired pew bibles.

She also faithfully looked after the flower bed at the front of the church. I do hope someone will take on this task as a fitting tribute to a hard working lady. I know many have plants in their gardens which were originally cuttings from Nancy's garden

As you probably know, Nancy also did much for the community through the Townswomen's Guild, the Community Council and the old peoples' welfare committee. she was also treasurer of Arthurlie Community Association.

We will miss Nancy - not just her personality but all of her contributions to our church life. but she will be missed most of all in her family - by daughter Janet and her husband, Bobby; by grandchildren Jill and David and her brother and sister. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as give thanks for Nancy's life.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Barrhead Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys

The new session of Anchor Boys started on Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The first night saw the return of 20 of the boys from last year along with 12 new recruits. We now have 36 boys registered, all of whom attend regularly. It's very encouraging to see so many boys joining Anchor Boys but we struggle for helpers.

At present, Jean Hepburn, Matthew, Heather Fennell and I come regularly. With such a large number of lively and energetic 5 – 7 year old boys, we need as much help as possible, not only for health and safety reasons but also to allow us to talk to and interact with the boys.

An appeal in the church intimations brought us 2 new helpers; Heather Palmer and Ian Miller and we are delighted to have them with us.

If this session is like previous ones, we will gain more boys as it progresses and need as much help as possible.



On our first night back, Ian Glover, the fire safety officer, paid a visit to explain to the boys about the new fire alarm system. We had a fire drill so that the boys could hear what the alarm sounds like. The boys responded very well, lined up and walked to the fire assembly point. We were very impressed by their behaviour and the speed with which they acted when they heard the alarm. Hopefully we will not need to do it for real!

Wednesday sessions are very busy. We have kept the programme much the same as in previous years with a mix of big games such as Hockey, Dodgey Ball, Port and Starboard, all of which the boys enjoy. We also have craft every night in the annex along with table games, play dough and target games.

The boys are willing and enthusiastic participants in all the activities.

The boys are grouped into teams which are made up of a mix of 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year boys. Each night, they compete for points and each team aims to be the winning team at the end of the night. The boys in the winning team each get a sticker and competition is keen!

Upcoming events include the Hallowe'en party on October 28<sup>th</sup>; a visit to the BVC show in December and our Christmas party 16<sup>th</sup> December.

As always, I would like to thank the church session for their continued support and also our treasurer Derek Palmer.

Mary Murray

Officer in Charge Anchor Boys.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Barrhead Boys' Brigade Junior Section

Last session the Junior Section had a very busy and fun time, on average 20 boys attending each week.

Each boy achieved their badges, badge work included bible maths, games, marching, shoe polishing, ironing, flag recognition, puzzles, sewing and raising money for charity. The juniors raised money for the Meningitis Trust in memory of Andrew.

We entered competitions including swimming, bowling, sports day, potted sports and attended the annual parade in Paisley, and took part in Remembrance Sunday.

We visited the fire station and went to the pantomime and had a shoppers night to raise money for funds.

This year will be just as action packed and as always new boys will be made very welcome.

Jean Hepburn

(Officer in Charge)

## Barrhead Church Balloon Race - Final Results

Miles	Found At	Purchased By	
1	103.13	Ecclesfield near St Cyrus , Aberdeenshire	A. Struthers, Barrhead
2	90.76	Arbroath Harbour, DD11 1PD	Catherine Burnett, Paisley
3	85.88	Dumbarrow Bridge, near Letham DD8 2ST	V. Struthers, Falkirk
4	84.75	Wardneuk, Carmyllie, Arbroath DD11 2RF	M. McGrath, Barrhead
5	83.25	11 Kirkton Park Forfar DD8 2BY	Mrs Mgrt Brown, Barrhead
6	82.88	Ladywell House, Monikie, Dundee DD5 3QG	Sheila Greehorn, Clarkson
7	79.03	8 Hall Place, Tealing, by Dundee DD4 0QP	Garry McSaushey, Barrhead
8	78.19	Dumgreath Road, Dundee DD4 0NY	A Scott c/o Alan Stewart, Barrhead
9	77.81	5 Barns of Claverhouse, Tealing, DD3 0QF`	T. Kelly, Glasgow
10	77.20	14E Sommerville Place, Dundee	M. Forsyth, Barrhead
11	76.08	51 St Alban`s Dundee DD3 9PZ	Mrs Eliz Turner, Neilston
11	76.08	12 Kinclaven Drive, Dundee DD3 9RX	A. Hamilton, Barrhead
13	75.79	Clatto Country Park, Dundee	A. Daldry, c/o ERC HQ
14	75.70	10 Harefield Avenue,Dundee DD3 6AW	A. Carberry, Neilston
15	74.13	32 Charleston Street, Dundee DD2 4RC	Emma Duncan, Neilston
16	73.98	126 Thurso Crescent, Dundee DD2 4AX	T. Kelly, Glasgow
17	73.60	27 Applecross Gardens, Dundee DD2 4TX	Hollie Burke, Barrhead
18	70.46	Overyards, Longforgan, Perthshire	Ian Anderson, Barrhead
19	74.84	Patio, 3 Cromarty Drive, Dundee DD2 2UQ	Isabel Drennan, Barrhead
20	73.13	Camperdown Golf Course, Dundee	H. Gebbie, Barrhead
20	73.13	Camperdown Golf Course, Dundee	Lynne Robertson, Barrhead
22	69.89	Star Inn Farm, Invergowrie, Dundee DD2 5EJ	May Crawford, Barrhead
23	68.81	West Pilmore Farm, Longforgan DD2 5DL	Jane Devoy, Barrhead
24	67.31	Kingston Farm, Inchture PH14 9QR	H. C. Leek, Barrhead
25	65.44	1 Powgavie Farm Cottage, Inchture, PH14 9QW	Donna McIntyre c/o A Stewart
26	65.10	North Mains of Carse Grange, Errol PH2 7SY	F. Holligan, Edinburgh
27	64.50	Greycroft Gardens, Errol PH2 7SN	Christine Paton, Barrhead
28	63.00	Rait, 12 miles East of Perth	Ian McColl, Barrhead
29	59.89	21 The Nurseries, St Madoes, Perth PH2 7NX	A. Ross, Thatcham,
30	56.07	Hills above Bridge of Earn, Perth	Diane Steven, Barrhead
31	55.32	West Dron, Bridge of Earn, Perth	Gemma Black, Barrhead
32	54.56	4 Clayton Road, Bridge of Earn	Mr. McKenna c/o D+R Stevenson
33	54.46	51Kintillo Road, Bridge of Earn PH2 9AZ	Allison Birrell, Houston
33	54.46	Kintillo, Bridge of Earn, PH2 9AH	McKinnon, Barrhead
33	54.46	Kintillo, Bridge of Earn, PH2 9AH	Norie Williamson, ERC, Barrhead
33	54.56	Eildon, Bridge of Earn PH2 9BH	David Miller, Barrhead
37	52.88	Rossieochil, Perth PH2 9DH	J. Lafferty, Barrhead
38	50.95	Forgandenny, Perthshire PH2 9DL?	J. Wilson, Barrhead
38	50.95	Forgandenny, Perthshire PH2 9DL	Fiona Caldwell, Barrhead
40	49.13	Condiehill Estate Dunning	Agnes Brown, Barrhead
41	49.13	Condie Hill, Dunning	Lewis Brown, Barrhead
42	42.74	Sedona Lodge, Glendevon FK14 7JY	Alice Gubbins, Barrhead
43	42.74	Gardener`s Cottage, Glendevon, FK14 7JY	Joan Brown, Barrhead
44	42.38	Glendevon Forest Walks B934 PH2 9AZ	Graeme Kerr, Barrhead
44	42.38	Glendevon Forest Walks B934 PH2 9AZ	Cameron Patton, Largs
44	42.38	Glendevon Forest Walks B934 PH2 9AZ	Colin Nicol, ERC, Barrhead
44	42.38	Glendevon Forest Walks B934 PH2 9AZ	Donald McLardy, Barrhead
44	42.38	Glendevon Forrest, B934 road	Graham Johnston, Eurocentral
49	41.63	Glendevon Youth Hostel	Lauren Kelly, Barrhead
50	37.87	Westerhall Farm, Dollar FH14 7JJ	Sharon Kennedy, Barrhead
51	35.23	Ramsay Terrace, Tillicoultry FK13 6EU	Stuart Milloy, Newton Mearns
52	33.38	22 Swinburne Drive, Sauchie, Clacks FK10 3EQ	Eva Watkins, Paisley
53	32.07	Forresters Cottage, Cambus, Alloa FK19 2NT	Brien O`Neil, Barrhead
54	31.85	27 Donaldson Avenue, Alloa FK10 2ET	W. Brown, Barrhead
55	31.63	88 Churchill St, Alloa FK10 2JH	Mrs M. Park, Barrhead
56	27.75	Bannockburn Primary School FK7 8JA	Eva Meggat, Barrhead
57	27.56	2 Quarryknowe, Bannockburn FK7 8NX	B. Clarke, GRC, HQ
58	23.81	Meikle Canglour near Bannockburn	Jim Hanlon, Paisley

**2087 Balloons were released and 58 returns received. The profit for Silanga Secondary School, Kibera was £2516.**

# The Twelve Days Of Christmas

THE carol, The Twelve Days of Christmas, is much-loved because of the lyrics which inspire card designers, but remains intriguingly nonsensical.

Q: What are the 12 days of Christmas?

A: They run from Christmas Eve to the eve of the Epiphany - December 24<sup>th</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Q: What do they have to do with a motly collection of poultry and entertainers?

A: It is said to have been written as a catechism song or aide memoire for Catholic children when the practice of Catholicism was forbidden in England during the Reformation. The bizarre gifts were symbols for aspects of Christianity.

Q: Such as?

A: A partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ, due to a hen partridge's habit of feigning injury and luring predators away from the nest to save her chicks, as Christ sacrificed himself on the cross.

Q: What about two turtle doves, three French hens and four calling birds?

A: The Old and New Testaments, faith, hope and charity and the four gospels.

Q: How do you account for the five golden rings?

A: They are the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament, which recount man's fall from grace.

Q: Are we all at sixes and sevens over geese and swans?

A: We understand them to be the six days of creation and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Q: What's holy about the eight milkmaids and nine dancing ladies?

A: They are the eight Beatitudes and nine choirs of Angels.

Q: Ten lords a-leaping?

A: Even sceptics must have leaped to the answer of the Ten Commandments.

Q: Are the pipers and drummers a celestial Scots regiment?

A: Eleven pipers are the 11 faithful apostles and the twelve drummers are the points of belief in the apostles' creed.



# Parish Register

## Baptisms

March 2008 Ann Mckay Campbell	14 Rowanpark Drive	May 2009 Emily Jane Harvey Taylor Louise Bain Carla Isabella Reid George Goldberg Reid	27 Glen avenue, Neilston 49 Fenwick Drive 27 Heather avenue 27 Heather Avenue
April 2008 Lewis Joseph Malcolm	4 Coats Drive, Paisley	June 2009 Ben William Graham Hannah Catherine Cameron	37 Lochlibo Road 8 Victoria Grove
June 2008 Kyle James Hynd Eleanor Niamh Frances McCarthy Laurie Marcus Salmond	39 Gleniffer Drive 31 Wright Avenue 1 Deanston Park	July 2009 Zack Stuart McLelland Mia Brand	63 Braeside Drive 29 Stormyland Way
August 2008 Candice Millan	114 Crossmill Avenue	August 2009 Connor Ryan Pirie	5 Fingleton Avenue
September 2008 Christina Scarlet Nicola Blane	Carlibar Road	September 2009 Ross William Millar Rebecca Elizabeth Condy Austin Corey Glasper	7 Levernbridge Way, Glasgow 9 Stable Grove, Paisley 35 Barnes Street
February 2009 Erin May Neil Layton Robert Smith	200 Wraes View 85 Duncarnock Crescent, Neilston	October 2009 Lucy Spence Aaron Christopher Mitchell	7 Stewart Court 15 Firbank Terrace
March 2009 Charlie Victor Oliphant Ruby Olivia Graham Connor Garry	26 Kintessack Place, Bishopbriggs 59 Levern Crescent 8 Bourock Square		
April 2009 Ben Robert Thomas Frederick Dye	12 Grahamston Road		

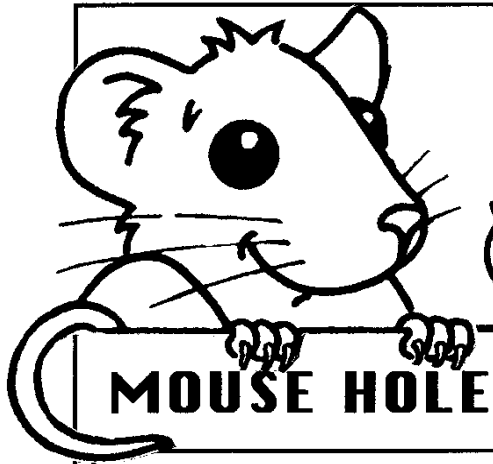
## Weddings

March 2008 Karl Burke and Lyn Young	May 2009 Barry Auchincloss and Lindsay Jenkins David Ramsay and Wendy Ferris
April 2008 Edward Browning and Gail Connolly Andrew McEwan and Lynn Dannfald	June 2009 Scott Macauley and Ailie Semple
May 2008 Ross Peacock and Lynn Campbell Gavin Fairservice and Margaret McAuley	August 2009 Richard Given and Julie Lawns
June 2008 Peter Keenan and Fiona Laird	September 2009 Alan Smith and Lee Ann Tominey
July 2008 Owen Llanwarne and Alison Honan	October 2009 Ian Henderson and Leanne Smith
September 2008 Gary Lawson and Pamela Sim	

## Funerals

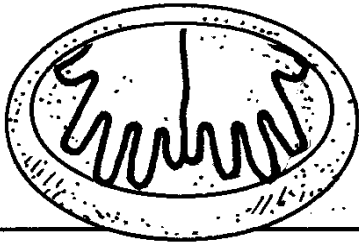
March 2008		March 2009	
Janet Sinclair	Arthurlie Street	William Gatherer	4 Moidart Court
*Nan Montgomery	Millview	Barbara Garrigan	Millview
Agnes Moore	89 Lavern Crescent	Netta McCracken	12 Fintry Crescent
Alistair Patrick	16 Linnhe Drive	*Sarah Simpson	4 Arthurlie Avenue
April 2008		April 2009	
James Gray	Sherbrooke Castle Home	John Brooks	31 Heyes Street
Evelyn Martin	Millview	*William Collins	The Firs Nursing Home
May Muir	Norwood		
Archie Scott	44b Aurs Crescent	May 2009	
*Netta Robertson	23 Patterton Drive	Margaret Reid	Norwood Houise
June 2008		Moira White	2 Victoria Road
*Johnna Briggs	11 Lavern Crescent		
Jim Hirst	68 Gleniffer Drive	June 2009	
July 2008		Jeannie Ralston	105b Main Street
*Isobel McCartney	Main Street	Hugh McNeill	2 Finglas Avenue, Paisley
*Fiona Anderson	Graham Street	Tommy Cherry	Paisley
Marion Taylor		George Harkness	Fern Drive
		Jean Montgomery-Barr	21 Victoria Road
August 2008		July 2009	
Margaret Wilson	Morningside Residential Home, Beith	David Barr	14 Langton Crescent
September 2008		*William Murray	16 Springhill Road
Eric Robb	44 Aurs Crescent	Alexander Goodwin	49 Glasgow Road
Nessie Armstrong	51D Graham Street	David Montgomery	7B Dalmeny Drive
Ian Malcolm	25 Grampian Way	Angus Murray	27 Cruachan Drive
Janet Cairley	Millview	August 2009	
Thomas Richardson	79 Stewart Street	William Cook	88 Lavern Crescent
Maureen Marshall	9A John street	George Bryce	8 Gleniffer View, Neilston
Willam Cooper	4 Carnock Crescent	*Christina Martin	13 Lavern Crescent
October 2008		James Ritchie	50C Aurs Crescent
*Andrew Simpson	107 Glenshee Avenue	Jean Forbes	14 Robertson Street
David Campbell	30 Lavern Crescent	September 2009	
Elspeth Kennedy	25 Heyes Street	Neil McCallum	22 Saunders Court
Robert Ross	c/o 116 Wraes View	*Agnes Forrest	22 St. Mary's Gardens
*Helen Kilpatrick	53 Maxton Grove	Valerie Corrigan	22B Dalmeny Drive
January 2009		*Elizabeth Peyton	Braemount Nursing Home
*Ann Law	Aurs Road	Alan McKenzie	34 Springhill Road
Frances McClafferty	Norwood Houise	October 2009	
February 2009		*Annie Ramsey	17 Victoria Road
Mary Deveney	Bellfield Court		
Jean Mills	102 Stewart Street		

\* denotes a member

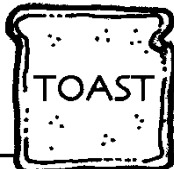


## All in God's Hands

- Make a bowl from clay or papier-mache. Inside the bowl paint two hands together.
- Write your prayers on paper, fold, then put in the bowl. Putting your prayers in the prayer bowl reminds you that when you pray you put your prayers in the hands of God.



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R** **PATER NOSTER**  
is Latin for 'Our Father'  
What words can you make with the letters from **PATER NOSTER** ?  
Here are two to start you off...



## What do you say when you pray?



When I pray I say **THANK YOU** to God

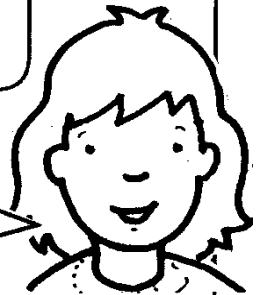
When I pray I say **SORRY** and ask God to forgive me



When I pray I tell God about my **WORRIES** and ask him to help me



I pray for my **FAMILY** and **FRIENDS**

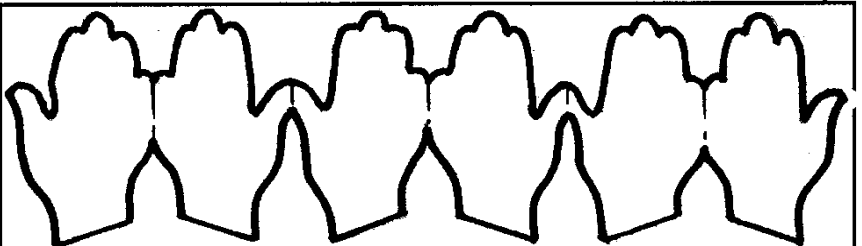


When I pray I think about how amazing God is

I talk to God all the time about all sorts of things!



## What do you pray to God about ?



Zig-zag fold a sheet of thin card. Draw around your hand, make sure that your little finger and thumb overlap the edges so when you cut out your hand shape all the hands are joined together at the fingers and thumbs. Decorate with pictures and prayers. *Stick on more hands to make a longer zig-zag book.*