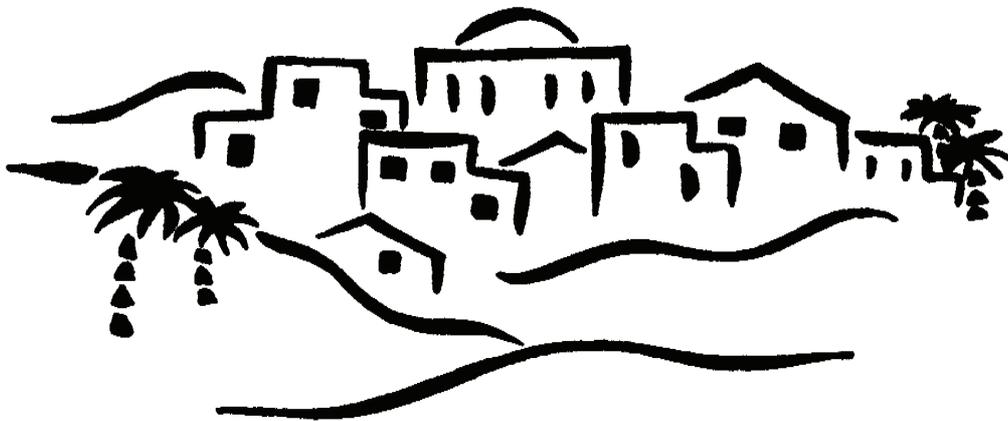


CASTLEHILL PARISH CHURCH

1956 to 2006

**Celebrating
50 years of Worship**



The Herald
Winter Edition 2006

Church Office Bearers

Minister

Rev. Peter B Park

Tel. 267332

E-mail ~ minister@castlehillchurch.org

Secretary

Sandra Wyllie

Office Tel. 267332

E-mail ~ office@castlehillchurch.org

Kirk Session Clerk

Mr. Douglas Owens

Tel. 442062

Fabric Convenor

Currently vacant

Treasurer

Mr. Douglas Wilson

Tel. 285230

Church Beadle

Mrs. Linda Telfer

Tel. 288613

Asst. Beadle

Mr. Andrew Graham

Tel. 261486

Roll Keeper

Mr. Tom Petticrew

Tel. 442069

Flowers

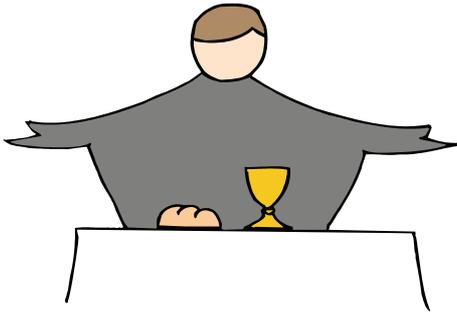
Mrs. Trudy McLeod

Tel. 443213

Organist

Contact Office

If you require telephone numbers of any names mentioned in the magazine,
please contact the church office.



An invitation to the Lord's Table

**Sacrament of Communion
Sunday 3rd December 11.00 am and 6.30 pm
For everyone who loves the Lord
Anyone who wishes home communion
please contact the office**

50 years of Castlehill

This year we celebrated 50 years of worship in Castlehill and were delighted to welcome a number of guest preachers over the year.

We had all our previous ministers: David Munro, Ian Stirling and Michael Dickie. Robert Lynn, the then moderator of Presbytery came as did David Gemmell, minister of the Auld Kirk. 3 former members of Castlehill, who are now parish ministers also came and it was good to hear Ian and May Bell and Bill Johnstone. We were also delighted that Ian Uist Macdonald, previously minister at Tarbolton and now a member of Castlehill preached at our June Communion.

The start of our birthday year coincided with the launch of a very successful stewardship campaign and ended with a birthday dance. In between our youth church celebrated with a day trip to Blair Drummond and our BC's for older children went to Loudon castle .

All in all a successful year; and a fitting and enjoyable celebration of how Castlehill has served our community for the past 50 years.

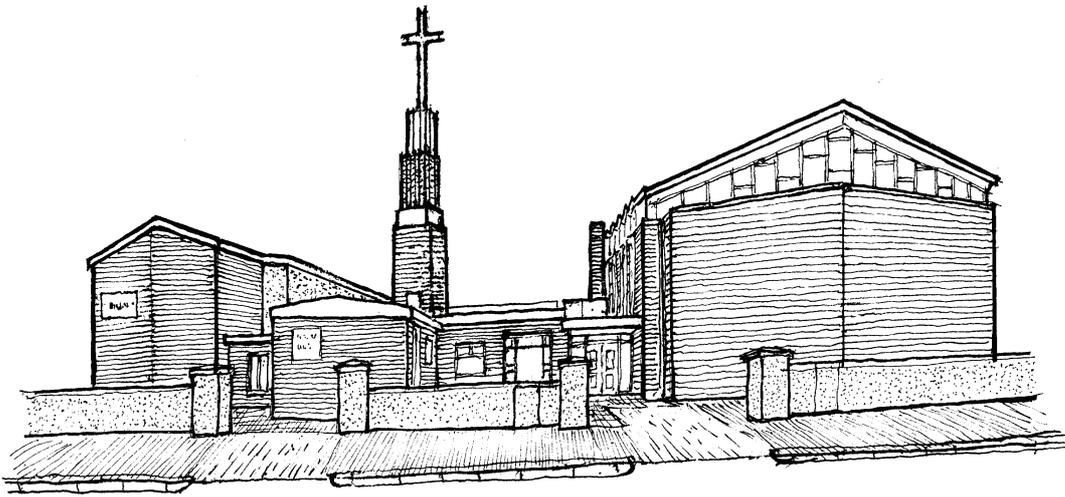
Peter Park
Parish Minister

A Birthday Gift

50 years ago Castlehill church received a gift of a table from our assessor Elders; a group Elders drawn from local churches who formed our first Kirk Session and helped us through the 'birth process' of becoming a new church in our own right.

Those Elders donated a table but over the years the Table had become the worse for wear. We are pleased to say however that this is no longer the case. The Auld Kirk kindly offered to pay for the cost of restoring the Table to its original condition and it now stands at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

Many thanks to the Auld Kirk for their kind gift.



Church Website ~ www.castlehillchurch.org

Church Email ~ office@castlehillchurch.org

Minister's Email ~ minister@castlehillchurch.org

Forthcoming Services

December 3rd ~	Communion ~ 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
December 10th ~	Arrick Wilkinson from Presbytery will be conducting the service
December 17th ~	Service of Carols & Readings
December 20th ~	Forehill School Service 9.45a.m.
December 21st~	Belmont School Service 11.30 a.m.
December 24th ~	Youth Church Nativity 11.00 a.m. Watchnight Service 11.00 p.m.
December 25th ~	Christmas Morning Service 10.30 a.m.
December 31st ~	End of Year Service 11.00 a.m.

We were very pleased when 5 people agreed
to become elders and join our Kirk Session.

Congratulations go to

Mrs. Elizabeth Hardie, Mrs. Trudy McLeod,

Mrs. Lyn McDermott, Mr. Alex Smith

& Mrs. Tracey Wilson



CASTLEHILL CARILLON HANDBELL RINGERS

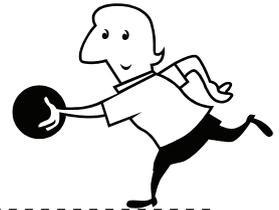
We have a hand bell group in the church.

**We are a cheery bunch who enjoy making music
and welcome anyone who would like to try their hand at this.**

No previous experience is required and there is no need to be able to read music.

All you need to do is be able to count to 4 and we will teach you the rest.

For more information please speak with the minister



Castlehill Snippets.....

The Bowling Club season is underway again. We have a few more new members and everyone continues to enjoy themselves as usual. While we are almost at our maximum number we would still be able to welcome one or two others.

We meet on Monday and Wednesday afternoons at 2.00 p.m.



Organist and music leader

We are delighted to welcome Robert Thomson as our regular organist and wish him every blessing as he takes up his new post.

Robert's full time job is as a coronary care nurse which means he has to do shift work ... so he will not be able to join us every Sunday. We are however pleased to say that Kate Macperson, Andrew McConnell And Hugh McQuiston have offered to continue to fill in on an irregular basis.

We are sure that everyone in Castlehill will give Robert a warm welcome

Robert's appointment means that our choir will now resume regular practises and input to our services and we look forward to this.

Finance Report

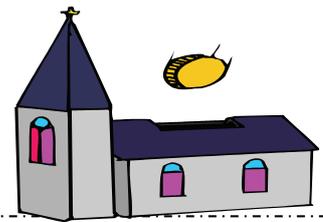
Another financial year is drawing to a close and I am pleased to report that things are looking much healthier than they were before our Money Matters campaign.

You may recall that before the campaign we were predicting a deficit for 2005 of £10,500. Thanks to the campaign that was reduced to under £5,000 and our total offerings (including gift aid) for 2005 were £83,000.

I am delighted to report that our total offerings to 31st October 2006 are £74,000. I therefore expect our full year offerings to be around £95,000, an increase of £12,000 over 2005.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us achieve this.

Douglas Wilson



WEE KIRKS

An appeal was sent out last year for good homes for wee kirks and there was a response, not a great one, but nevertheless appreciated. A few Church members who were regular givers have unfortunately passed on and we need others to take their place. A few coins in the Wee Kirk bank make a big difference to the Church finances. Our dedicated collectors call in April and October to gather in your savings. A call to the office or to Wellwood Grierson at 285903 will enable you to take vacant possession of one of the Kirks. Think about it, and believe me, every little helps.

Wellwood Grierson

Church Web Site

The church web site was created in June 2006 and so far has had over 350 hits.

If you haven't visited the site yet and you have internet access then please take a look.

The address is www.castlehillchurch.org .

The website gives information on forthcoming services and events in the church as well as giving details of the groups and organisations using our buildings.

You can even download a colour version of the herald, and we hope to keep back issues of the Herald available (from Summer 2006 onwards).

So far we have had visitors from the USA and New Zealand as well as from the local area.

Here are some of the comments we have received so far:

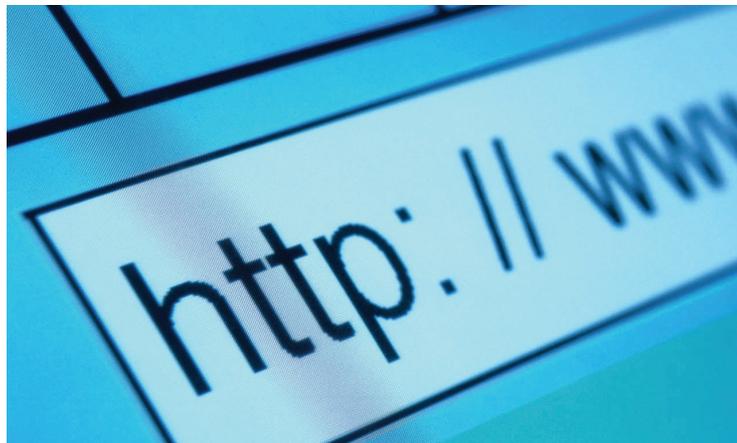
"What an easy and attractive layout. I particularly like the photographs."

"It is impressive to see that Castlehill Church is keeping up with the IT world"

"Have just looked at the website for the first time and am very impressed with it."

"I am sure it will be an asset for anyone wanting information on our church"

Our aim is to keep the website as up to date and informative as possible. If you have any comments on the site or suggestions for improvements then please let us know by using the "contact us" section on the website.





CASTLEHILL “CONTACT COMPANIONS”



From time to time we become aware of members (men and women) who would appreciate ongoing regular contact with someone from the church for “a cuppa and blether”. It may be because they are housebound, lonely, live alone, or for some reason unable to attend church, but still want to maintain contact with Castlehill.

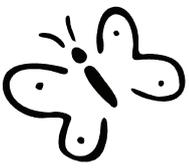
They know that if they ask the minister or elder to call he/she will do so but many don't want to ‘bother the minister or elder’ without good reason.

We are therefore forming a group of “contact companions” who would be prepared to commit to visit someone for half an hour once a fortnight on an informal basis. These friends will supplement the role of district elder and specific ministerial visits already in place.

We are now seeking volunteer “companions” (men and women) who can offer some visiting time and also hear from / about members who would like a regular visit. We will then “match” people up and leave them to make their own arrangements about when to visit

If you would like to become a “companion” or would like to receive visits from a “companion” please get in touch with any of the following.

Margaret Cairns.....Tel. No. 265217
Trudy McLeod.....Tel. No. 443213
Rev.d Peter Park.....Tel. No. 267332



Castlehill Guild

Our new session is well under way and we welcomed back all our familiar faces as well as some new ones. We are looking forward to hearing our various speakers planned for this winter and would warmly welcome any new members, both men and women! We meet in the North Hall on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm.

For further information please contact
Margaret Cairns ~ Tel No. 265217
Sandra Wyllie (Church Office) ~ Tel. No. 267332

God alone knows.....

Have you noticed the army of unknown people God has working for him?

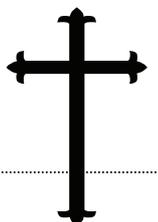
Just who was the boy with the loaves and fishes?
God knows.

Who was the owner of the house where the Last Supper was held?
God knows.

And who were the people who opened their homes to Jesus, gave him meals, lent him a boat, and gave money to support him?
God knows.

We may never be famous in the kingdom of heaven, but God still needs an army of willing workers... and he remembers everybody!

Pam Weaver



Letter from David Munro to Mari & Peter re 50th Birthday visit

It was a real joy for Jessie and me to be down at Castlehill last Sunday, to meet you both again and to see all the excellent developments that you have done there. The memories came flooding in as we saw and as we met old members who had survived across the years from our time. In particular, the Church was looking lovely and the new hall of fellowship with its corridor linking the old hall with it was quite inspirational and must have made a real difference in the use of all the buildings.

But for all that, the real joy was the warmth of the welcome you both gave us – we appreciated that so much. And of course it was echoed in the way the whole congregation received us. The gathering after the service gave us an opportunity to meet and chat with the congregation, while the lunch party was most enjoyable and rounded off a wonderful occasion.

Of course the memories came flooding in, from the early days in the Barn as the congregation began to grow, spurred on by a parish visitation we carried out just before the first Easter – 1957. So many memories come back of these days – the Sunday School, the Guild, the crowded services and the social activities – but one that will always be lasting for me was the occasion on the Thursday of Holy Week that first Easter when I baptized seventeen adults at a special service. The seventeen included an old lady of 82!

Then it was up to the Hall Church where it was suggested that the Chancel Cross should be covered up during the week and I insisted that this did not happen as there should be nothing going on in the hall throughout the week of which we should be ashamed to let the Cross see! For a time I had the record for the re-setting of the chairs for the Sunday morning – this was done when the Badminton Club was finished for the Saturday evening- but I was soon beaten in that regard!

And many other stories could be told of the building of the old North Hall and finally the Church, but I will not bore you with these!

It was a real joy to us both to be back, and we are so grateful to you for making sure that it was such a wonderful day for the ‘old man’

With kindest regards and all good wishes

From David and Jessie Munro



PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like us to help you in times of need, please contact one of the following.

Margaret MacCormick	263949
Margaret Cairns	265217
Rosemary Ash	443765
Elizabeth Graham	261486
Caroline Fisher	265264
Sheila MacKenzie	281121
Isobel Wilson	268859
Linda Telfer	288613
John Doig	269685
Joyce Henderson	618168
Betty Dunlop	280672
Margaret Grierson	285903
Sandra Wyllie	286115

Every week in our Church on Sunday mornings, we are invited to shake hands and pass the peace of Christ to one another. At first, many people were shy of saying this, and would say the others name or merely smile or say good morning, even though they had been chatting for quite a while before the service began. As time has gone on, I noticed that more and more people are open to passing The Peace of Christ to one another. Although it has become a recognised part of the service, it is not a ritual, but a complete blessing to each other, and the peace we refer to is not just tranquillity and calmness, but all the good and wonderful things that the Lord wants to give us. Covering well being, prosperity, safety, righteousness, hope, spiritual well being, and to be unhindered by the world's strife. So much is meant by this greeting, so next time you say it, you can be aware of what a supreme gift from God you are giving and receiving.

John 14 v 27

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled. Do not be afraid.

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

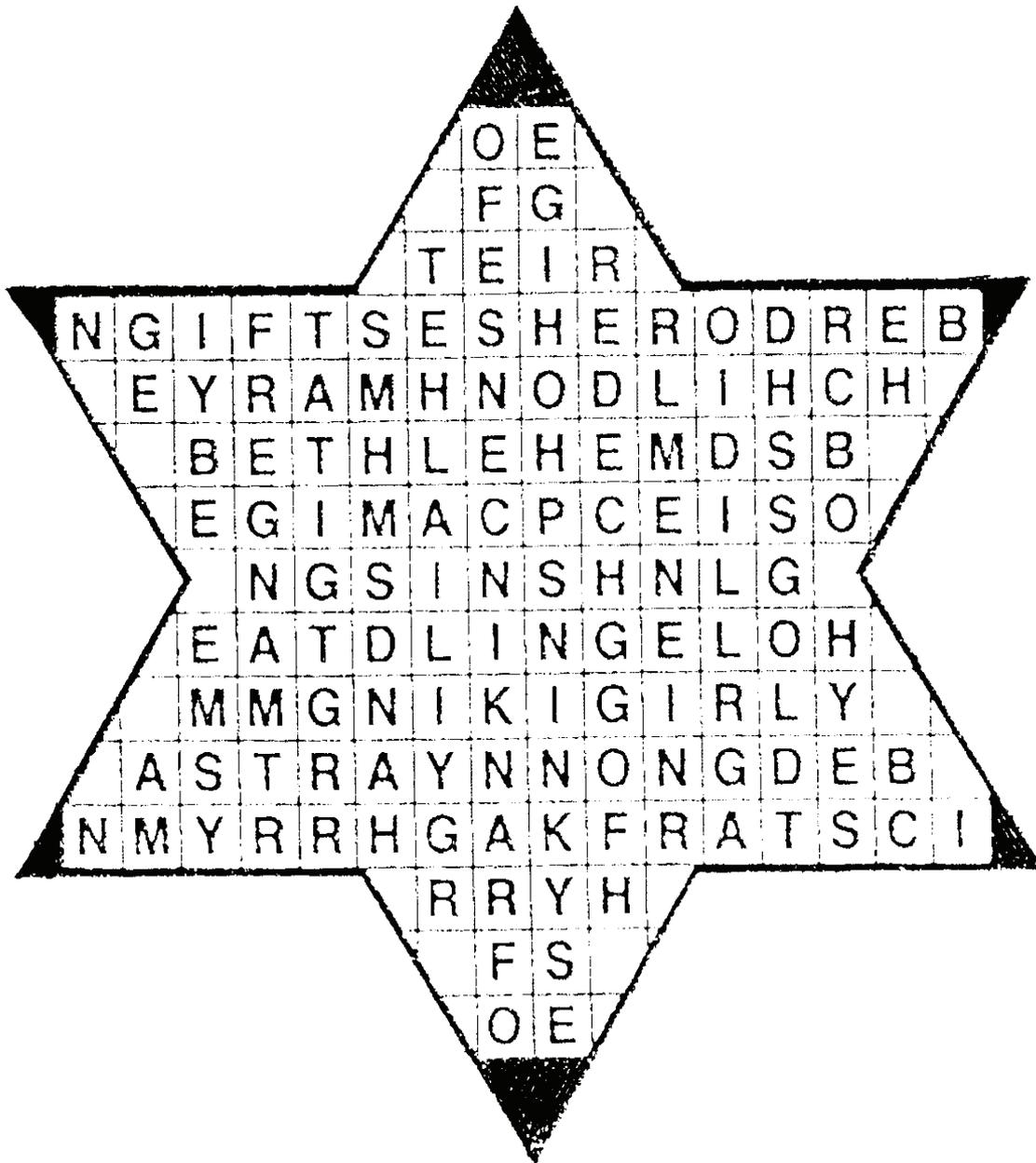
Margaret MacCormick. Prayer Promoter.



Prayer is Answered

FOR OLDER CHILDREN TO TACKLE!

WORD SEARCH



ANGELS

BETHLEHEM

CHILD

EAST

FIELDS

FRANKINCENSE

GIFTS

GOLD

HEROD

KING

MANGER

MARY

MYRRH

SHEPHERDS

SINGING

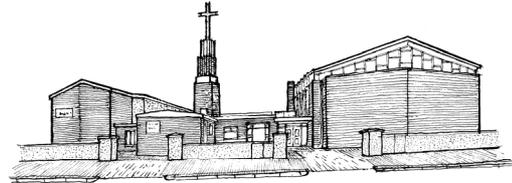
STAR

For Younger Children to colour in





Bookmarks are still available to commemorate the 50th Birthday of the Church.



The Winter 2007 Newsletter
will be issued in mid February
If anyone has any articles
they should be handed into the office
by the end of January

PASTORAL CARE ~ HOSPITAL VISITING

The Revd Peter Park and the team of hospital visitors are available to visit members of the congregation who are admitted to hospital. Ensuring that someone who needs a visit gets one, depends on the minister and the team being informed as soon as possible after the person has been admitted to hospital.

It would be appreciated if a family member or a close friend would contact the minister or a team member to let them know a visit is required.

Contact Nos. of team are as follows :

Revd Peter Park	Church Office	267332
Biggart Hospital	Margaret MacCormick	263949
	Margaret Grierson	285903
Ailsa Hospital	Andrew Graham	261486
Ayr Hospital	Pat Colquhoun	267749



All information will be strictly confidential.

CHURCH FLOWERS



As we approach the end of our present Flower Rota for 2006, I have been asked by the Session to thank all who have contributed to the provision of flowers for the Sanctuary during the past year.

It is most commendable that there has never been a Sunday without a colourful display to greet the congregation; therefore we are most grateful to the donors, those who donate to the flower fund, the team of arrangers, and those who deliver the flowers to the housebound or members celebrating a special occasion.

In order to maintain an efficient record it has been decided that all involved should be contacted annually prior to compiling the rota for the following year, thus giving you the opportunity to alter the status quo should you so wish. As you are aware it is often difficult to keep to a particular date due to the progression of each year but we will do our best to accommodate everyone.

Once again grateful thanks to you all for your assistance and generosity.

Castlehill Snippets.....

A 50th anniversary supper dance was held in Prestwick Indoor Bowling Club on 7th October. Over eighty guests enjoyed an excellent buffet supper, good music and plenty of dancing. The organising committee would like to thank those who attended and all those who worked to make it a success. Please see page 15 for a picture of our birthday cake.

The Silver Alms Plate

A few years after Margaret and I joined Castlehill Church we noticed the Silver Alms Plate in the vestibule. I was intrigued to see that the writing on the Plate showed the wording “Associate Congr. Whithorn 1795”. Since we are both from Whithorn I inquired if anyone could tell me anything about it and how it had come to the Church. Having asked a few of the older members of the Church and Session without any positive results, the Plate remained only at the back of my mind.

During the 2005 Stewardship Campaign when we were searching through the history of the Church for our displays I came across some interesting facts about the Plate. My thanks are due entirely to Christopher Hardie who had researched the Church History a few years ago for his Boys Brigade Queens Badge.

So how did we come to have this silver Plate in our Church? When our Church was in the process of being formed, St. Ninians Parish Church in Whithorn entered into partnership with the new Church. The decision to do this was made in 1956 and at that time both Margaret and I were members of the Church in Whithorn. I cannot truthfully say that any of this can be brought back to our memories, it may well have been a Session matter not brought to the attention of the members of the Congregation or perhaps Castlehill was not a name that had any significance for us at that time.

By 1962 we had left Whithorn but at the annual business meeting and congregational social of the Church in that year the Alms Plate was presented to Mr Munro and three elders of Castlehill, Mr Jim Girvan, Mr Bob Dunlop and Mr Willie McClements with the good wishes of Whithorn Parish Church. The Plate itself belonged to the United Presbyterian Church, which was formed in Whithorn in 1795. The first minister was a Mr John Smith from Auchinleck, a further Ayrshire connection. The United Church in Whithorn was joined with St Ninians Priory Church during the early forties and the building lay unused for many years. When it was eventually converted into a garage the Alms Plate was found and passed to Whithorn Priory Church. Both Margaret and I passed the old Church building almost every day for many years and never realised the plate lying in there would be discovered by us when we joined Castlehill Church. It serves as a reminder of the Church where we joined as first communicants, were married in 1958 and where we now find ourselves.

This type of Alms Plate was to be found at the entrance to the Church to receive the givings of the Congregation and preceded the present method of passing the plate along the pews. A photograph of the Plate can be found on the opposite page, but it is available to be seen within the Church itself, though not always on every occasion in the Church entrance.

Wellwood Grierson.

Pictures of the Alms Plate and our 50th Birthday Cake



Everyone will be aware of recent discussion and decisions about local hospitals. The church has received a letter from Cathy Jamieson our M.S.P.

31st October 2006

Castlehill Parish Church
3 Old Hillfoot Road
Ayr
KA7 3LF



Dear Constituent,

Accident and Emergency Services in Ayrshire

Last week I accompanied a delegation of local community representatives from Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley to a meeting with the Health Minister Andy Kerr.

The Health Minister will shortly consider all of the reports before making a decision.

People have made it clear to me that they are not in principle against changes which will bring improvements to health services. The meeting allowed community representatives to make clear particular issues which are concerning local people.

Andy Kerr gave us an absolute assurance that no steps would be taken to change facilities at the A&E at Ayr Hospital until the proposed Community Casualty facilities across Ayrshire are up and running. He also said that the necessary investment in paramedic and ambulance services would need to be in place and the transport concerns facing residents in Carrick and the Doon Valley would have to be resolved.

I will continue to ensure that the views of my constituents are represented to the Health Minister. I hope this has been helpful and I will continue to keep you informed regarding this issue.

Cathy Jamieson
Member of the Scottish Parliament

Castlehill Snippets.....

A successful Seniors' afternoon was held on 10th October. For our entertainment we had a visit from Rev. Alex Shuttleworth of Tarbolton. We had an excellent hour of music on Ukulele and Banjo, songs and amusing stories. Everyone agreed that he was brilliant and worthy of professional status. Again we had a number of new faces, which was most welcome and hopefully more will come along on future occasions. The next meeting will be our Christmas party in the main hall at 10.30 a.m. on 12th December. Make a note in your diaries for next year when we will be meeting on February 13th and April 10th both at 2.30 p.m. Come along and bring a friend, you do not need to be a Church member!

Presbytery Moderator 2006-07

Rev. Alan Telfer was called to Mauchline Parish Church in March 1991 from Falkirk St. James, where he was involved in a number of inter-denominational projects, including evangelistic crusades.

Since joining the Presbytery of Ayr, the new Moderator has been actively involved in Committee work, including a period as Convenor of the Education Committee.

During his year of office as Moderator, he will visit the following congregations Annbank linked with Tarbolton; Ayr:St. James; Ayr:St. Quivox; Dalmellington linked with Patna; Prestwick:Kincase and Troon:St. Meddan's.

At congregational level during his ministry, the Mauchline Church has developed a couple of links with churches and colleagues in America through a long-standing personal friendship going back to Alan's probationary year in Dundee St. Mary's.

The new Moderator was born in Glasgow, educated in schools at Giffnock and Eastwood. After working for a time in a stockbroker's office, he studied at Paisley College of Technology and then Glasgow University taking a BA degree in Social Science, and a Bachelor of Divinity degree.

He and his wife Marjory have three of a family, Andrew, Peter and Fiona.

A very big thank you to everyone who helped Christopher get his helmet. The helmet finally came off after 5 months, at the end of July. The measurements of his head have come down from 22mm to 13mm, which may not sound a lot but looks amazing! Unfortunately he got a bit too used to being able to bang his head off things without hurting himself, so the first few days were a bit of a shock! The experience was at times hard, but we are so glad that with the help of so many people, we were able to go through with it. Please visit plagiocephalycare.org.uk (lookout for the photos of us at Parliament!) if you would like any further information.

Dawn, Steven, Michael & Christopher Telfer

Thank you very much....

A big thank you from all at Castlehill to Sandra Struthers and Alastair McLean.

Sandra has been our Freewill Offering Convenor for 20 years and Alastair has served on the board for 30 years, including spells as Clerk and Property Convenor.

Both have now stepped down from these positions and whilst they will be missed, we want to acknowledge the time and effort they have so freely given over the years.

Sandra Goldie has taken over as Freewill Offering Convenor and we are looking for someone to take over as Property Convenor.

==
||| *Sing a new song ~ Article from "Our daily bread"* |||

||| Two passages in Luke related to the birth of Jesus are often called "songs" because of their similarity to Hebrew Psalms of the Old Testament. The early church set them to music and used them in worship. One of them, the Magnificat of Mary (1:46-55), is well known. But the second "song" is a less familiar poem of praise, which was spoken by Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist (vv.67-79).

||| After 9 months of divinely imposed silence, Zacharias was finally able to speak. He announced that the miracle baby born to him and Elizabeth would be named John. Then, filled with the Holy Spirit, Zacharias spoke of God's faithfulness and the salvation He would bring through the Messiah.

||| Zacharias said Jesus, "through the tender mercy of our God, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us," would come "to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace" (vv78-79).

||| For a fresh look at the birth of Jesus this Christmas, consider Zacharias' words of prophecy and exultation. Read them aloud. Ponder their meaning. Let God use them to write a new song of praise deep in your heart.

||| *This Christmas sing a new song
That comes from deep within;
A song that honours Christ the Lord,
Who saves us from our sin*

Hess

There are 30 books of the Bible in this article. Can you find them?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an aeroplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some of his friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it, she mentioned it in her weekly news paper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves.

There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam. Especially since the books are not necessarily capitalised. Truthfully, from answers we get we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi-Lemonade booth set a new sales record.

The local paper, the Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, “ the books are right here in plain view, hidden from sight”! Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this article waiting to be found.



The Rainbow People

In the beginning the world was calm. It was filled with people who did not move. One day a strong wind blew over the world and filled the people with love. They began to move around. They looked at each other, touched each other, spoke to each other and cared about each other. As they were exploring their world they found coloured ribbons hanging from the trees. They loved them and took them from the trees.

There were four colours, red, orange, yellow and green ribbons. Some chose red, some chose yellow, some chose green and some chose blue. They tied the ribbons around their heads and admired each other. They loved wearing these bright colours.

Suddenly another wind blew. This time it left them shivering with cold. They looked at each other and realised that they looked different. They stopped being nice to each other. The reds gathered together and ran into a corner. The oranges gathered together and ran into another corner. The yellows gathered together and ran into a corner. The greens gathered together and ran into a corner.

They forgot that they had been friends and had cared for each other. The other colours just seemed different and strange. They built walls to separate themselves and keep the others out. But they found that:

The reds had water but no food

The oranges had food but not water

The yellows had twigs to make a fire but no shelter

The green had shelter but nothing to keep them warm

One day a stranger came to their land. He looked in amazement at the people in their separate groups and said: "Come out everybody. What are you afraid of? Lets talk to each other. Lets help each other".

The people peeped out at him, slowly and hesitantly they began to look around. The stranger said: "Now, just tell one another what you have got to give and what you need to be given".

The reds said "we have plenty of water but we need food". The oranges said "we have plenty of food but we need water". The yellows said "we have plenty of wood for a fire but we need shelter". The greens said "we have plenty of shelter but we need warmth".

The stranger said, why don't you put together what you have and share it? Then you can all have enough to eat and drink, keep warm and have shelter".

They talked and their feelings of love and caring and respect for one another returned. They remembered that they had once been friends. They knocked down the walls and welcomed each other as old friends.

When they realised that the colours had divided , they wanted to throw them away. But they knew that they would miss the richness of the bright colours. So instead they braided the colours to make a beautiful rainbow ribbon. They called themselves the rainbow people. The rainbow became their symbol of peace.



Are you looking for Christmas Ideas?

FED UP BUYING THINGS THAT WON'T BE USED FOR PEOPLE WHO ALREADY HAVE MORE THAN THEY NEED?

Then how about a change this year ... why not buy something for people in real need and make the gift on behalf of one of your friends.

Christian Aid has a range of gifts on offer which include:

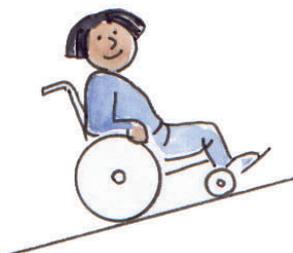
A can of worms	£15
16 ducks	£24
Teachers salary for 1 month	£40
Clean water	£45
Herd of goats	£60

These are gifts today that last beyond tomorrow

For more information please phone Christian Aid on 0845 3300 500
Or visit their web site www.presentaid.org
Or speak with our minister

BUT >>>>>> if you want to give a gift in time for Christmas you need to
ORDER BY 13TH DECEMBER 2006

Castlehill church has always been active with Christian Aid and at present we have no member on the committee. We have therefore been invited to send along a representative. The committee meets about 4 times a year on Wednesday evenings in our Church lounge.
Could anyone interested please contact the office.



Wheelchair Ramp North Hall

To make wheelchair access easier we have purchased a portable ramp which is stored in the entrance porch.

WEDDING



THOSE WHOM GOD HAS
JOINED TOGETHER LET
NO MAN PUT
ASUNDER.

Mr. Colin Campbell
To
Ms. Ruby Black
20th August 2006

When illness comes as it does to us all.
We feel so helpless and lost and small
But behind the clouds the sun is shining
For every cloud has a silver lining
Helen Steiner Rice

Their journey's just begun

*Don't think of them as gone away...
their journey's just begun,
Life holds so many facets
this earth is only one.
Just think of them as resting
from the sorrows and the tears.
In a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days no years.
Think how they must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.
And think of them as living
in the hearts of those they touched.
For nothing loved is ever lost,
And they were loved so much.*

E. Brenneman

Jesus said :-
"I am the resurrection and the life,
whoever believes in me will live even
though he dies, and whoever lives and
believes in me will never die".

FUNERALS

August

Mrs. Marie Shanks
60 Ellisland Square

Mrs. May Merry
39 Souter Place

September

Mr. Craig Paterson
117a Anderson Crescent

October

Mrs. Dorothy Merry
64 Ellisland Square

Mrs. Ina Brown
25 Belmont Drive

Mr. James McIntyre
16 Sycamore Crescent



Regular Weekly Events

Sunday

Youth Church

Bell Ringers

Morning Service

Creche

Bowling Club

Monday

Tiny Tots

Highland
Dancing

Brownies

Guides

Tuesday

Guides

Coffee
Shop

Line Dancing

Rainbows

Brownies

Anchor Boys

Child Minders
Group

Wednesday

Badminton

Line Dancing

Music Makers

Bowling Club

Guild

Thursday

Seniors

Keep Fit

Weightwatchers

Tai Ji

Board & Session

Friday

Boys

Brigade

Choir

Enjoy-a-ball

Hazelbank

Mothers & Toddlers

Saturday

Weightwatchers

*For current meeting
times of the various
organisations
please contact the office*

Local Care Teams in your community

Personal Care & Bathing
 Household cleaning
 Assistance with meals and medication
 Pension, prescription & shopping services
 Overnight care & respite services
 Free consultation & advisory service

Tel: 01292 473935

Email: info@hrmhomecare.co.uk

Regulated and inspected by the Care Commission



HRM HOMECARE SERVICES LTD



**R. G. Christian
 (Insurance Services) Ltd.**

34 Newmarket Street • Ayr • KA7 1LP
 Tel : 01292 284118 • Fax : 01292 289901
 Email : RGC.Insurance@exchange.uk.com

All Classes of Insurance

- Independent Financial Advice
- Mortgage Advisers



Do you know of anyone who might like to advertise?



If so then please contact Liz Reid or the church office who will make the necessary arrangements.

HAYTERS ELECTRICAL

**FOR ALL YOUR
 ELECTRICAL NEEDS**

**GIVE US A CALL ON
 AYR 265309**

BALLOON BOX

BALLOON DECORATION
 BALLOON GIFTS FOR ANY
 OCCASION

Colette - 01292 618833

or

Lesley - 01292 263464

N.A.B.A.S Accredited



*John Vallance
 Carpet Fitter*

:: Carpets :: Vinyl ::
 :: Laminate Flooring ::
 :: Ceramic Tiles ::

Call for free estimate on
 01292 263464

14 years experience