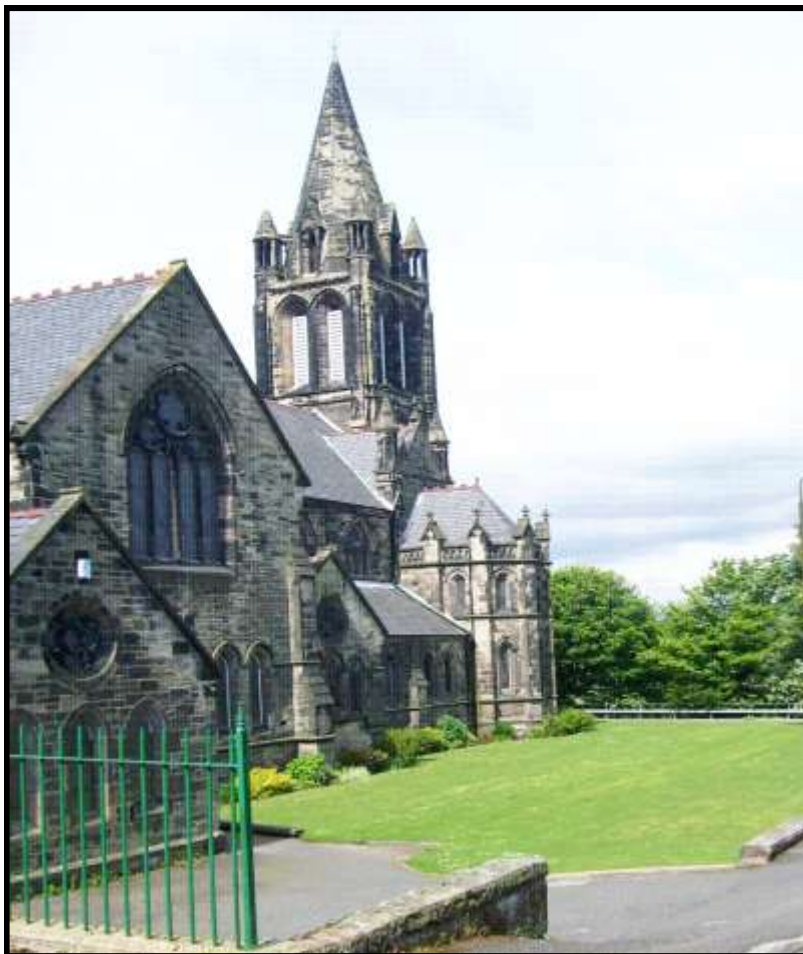


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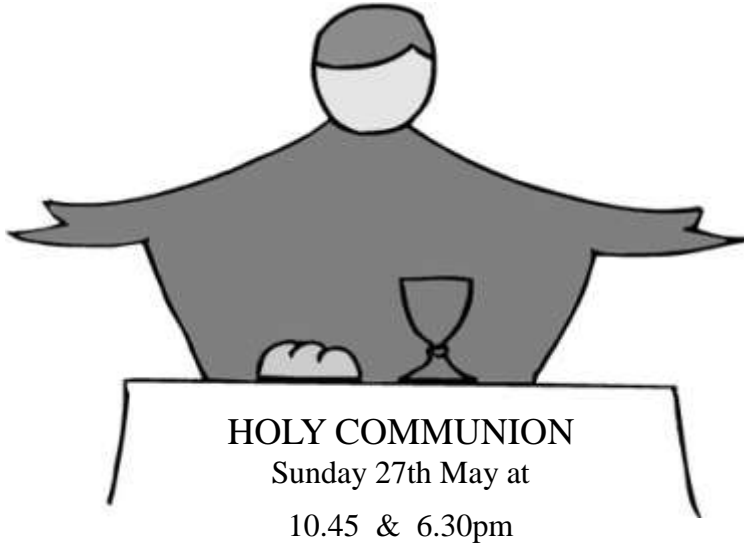
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We ask you to join us in our celebration of the sacrament at the invitation and command of Our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "Do this in remembrance of me."

Minister's Letter

The Manse
19 April 2012

Dear Friends

There is a portion of Scripture which has been on my mind for some time now and I want to share my thoughts about it with you. The text in question is found in 1 Samuel 2:30 where the Lord says, "Those who honour me I will honour." The context makes difficult reading because it concerns the judgement of the priest Eli and his two delinquent sons Hophni and Phinehas to whom the Lord also declared, "but those who despise me will be disdained." Clearly then the way in which we regard the Lord has far-reaching consequences.

There are, of course, many ways in which we can seek to honour God but it seems to me that God is looking for a people who will commit themselves to serving Him whole-heartedly. I read recently how nineteen hundred years ago, in 112AD, the Roman governor Pliny wrote a letter detailing the practices of Christians who 'bind themselves by oath'. This form of commitment fitted in with the idea of a service of re-dedication which we had on 29 April. We also hope to have the renewal of wedding vows in our morning worship this summer.

Behind both of these acts lies the idea of covenant relationship; that as these solemn vows are renewed in the presence of Almighty God who bears witness to them. Here we publicly state what we personally believe and we seek to honour God and receive His blessing. For some people it will be a renewal of promises recently made but for others those vows were taken many years ago. But whatever the case a renewal of vows provides us with a valuable opportunity to honour God.

Minister's Letter (Contd.)

Queen Victoria received the stunning Kohinoor Diamond as a gift from a maharajah when he was a boy. Later as a grown man this maharajah visited Queen Victoria again and asked for the stone. Taking the diamond and kneeling, the maharajah gave it to the Queen again, saying, "Your Majesty, I gave you this jewel when I was a child, too young to know what I was doing. I want to give it to you again in the fullness of my strength, with all my heart and affection and gratitude, now and forever, fully realizing all that I do."

Perhaps you gave your heart to Jesus as a child, but now you have come to a better appreciation of Him through greater knowledge and maturity and you are able to say, "I trusted in you as a child, but I want You to have all of my heart today, fully understanding all that I do." Sometimes we need to renew our vows to our Saviour and Lord in the full knowledge that He has said, "Those who honour me I will honour." God has also said, "Wherever I cause my name to be honoured, I will come to you and bless you." (Ex 20:24)

Your servant in Christ,

Douglas



Prayer Time



Do come along and join us for a time of prayer. We meet every second Thursday at 8pm the venue is intimated on the order of service and on the web-site. There is also an opportunity each Sunday morning in the vestry from 10:15 – 10:30 am Please do come along and join with us.

Sheila Stewart



A Word from our Session Clerk

May 2012

Since January I have hosted a course called The Stranger. This course has been held in the Vestry at church and composes of watching a video presentation where we are given an insight into the same message told to the men on the road to Emmaus after Our Lord's resurrection. I shared this experience with five other women and during the weeks we spent being reminded about the Gospel message we were able to spend time discussing the message and also enjoying approximately 2 hours of fellowship with one another each week. This course is intended to be run as a house group and can be made available to those of you who may be interested.

In March along with other ladies from the church I was able to attend a conference in Edinburgh named "Women Walking with God", 1200 women attended this conference. Over a few hours on Friday evening and all day Saturday I shared times of worship, prayer, workshops relating to many aspects dealing with situations we face as Christians today. To share our faith with so many other women gave myself and the other women from our church a great boost. We talked to women from all over Britain. As you can possibly imagine, with all those women in one conference centre, a lot of talking was done and a great time was had by all.

Here in our church we want to encourage all members of the congregation to take time to join with us not just in Sunday worship but at other times also. Please think about coming along to Heart to Heart, Men of Faith or the Guild these are not exclusive groups but are open to all of you to join together as Christian people to enjoy the fellowship offered within these groups.

Elizabeth Hill - Session Clerk



Doors Open 2012

Each year Falkirk District Council has Doors Open Days. This is a great opportunity to see behind the scenes of everyday buildings as well as important landmarks. And all for Free!.

Doors open Days in Falkirk is a great way to find out about the hidden heritage on your doorstep.

Bo'ness Old Kirk is taking part this year and will be open to visitors on **Saturday 15th September from 10.00am - 4.00pm** and **Sunday the 16th September from 1pm - 4.00pm** when volunteers will be available to give a tour round the church and tell you about its rich heritage as well as our ongoing activities.

If you would like to be a volunteer tour guide or if you have any photographs or interesting, inside information about the church, please contact Elizabeth Hill any Sunday in church. Notes will be provided to anyone wishing to take part as a guide.

If you wish further information about other buildings taking part on Doors Open Days please see Falkirk Council's website.



CHURCH MAGAZINE

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If you have, then you might know that you can read this magazine on our website. If you prefer to do this rather than have a magazine delivered then let us know by filling in the slip below, tell your elder or e-mail

douglas@bokonline.org.uk.

We are all trying to do our bit by reducing the energy we use and the paper we use etc. and thus reduce unnecessary costs to the church. Good stewardship is a responsibility that we are asked to take seriously so if you can help us with this, it will be very much appreciated.

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I don't need to have my magazine delivered as I can read it on line thank you.

Anyone wishing to contribute appropriate articles to the magazine which our readers might enjoy, is very welcome to do so. Perhaps your memories of a visit to the Holy Land, if you have been lucky enough to do so or a trip to Iona for instance , might be interesting to our readers or photographs about our activities here in the church past and present.

See Pat MacPherson for further details.



Just for you, Ladies

Heart to Heart is a fellowship for women of all ages regardless of denomination or church membership. Women today need to know that God is faithful and that faith truly works, no matter what the world tells us. Heart to Heart seeks to support and encourage women in growing in their relationship with God.

Heart to Heart is about real women: women with stories, women who struggle, women who have been tested, women who have overcome. It's about you, it's about me, it's about women.

Wholeness for a Broken World

In our new study, commencing the first week of May, we will be looking at the healing of our relationships, our homes, our churches and our communities.

We meet each week and you can drop in to any of the following sessions: Tuesday and Wednesday at 7.30pm at 10 Dundas Street and Friday at 1.30-3pm with a CRËCHE in the church hall

You are welcome to join us at whichever time or place suits you. See the website for further details

Fellowship Meal

Our last get together before we take a break for the summer will be on Friday 22nd June at the Park Bistro at 8pm

My prayer is that Heart to Heart will be known as a fellowship where love and acceptance is offered to one another.

Honor Campbell

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The Role of an Army Chaplain ***a talk and presentation by the Rev Benjamin Abeledo***

Benjamin Abeledo spoke to a group of 36 at Men of Faith in February. In a brief talk he shared something of his experience as a Padre with the British Army. This left the men wanting to learn more about what this role involves.

I first met Benjamin when I had a short placement at Edinburgh's Redford Barracks in 2001. Like all chaplains in the British Army he wears the uniform but he does not carry arms. His role is to provide for the spiritual wellbeing of soldiers and their families in three key areas: spiritual leadership, moral guidance and pastoral support.

Benjamin's experience of army life is extensive and includes three tours in Afghanistan. His love of the Lord Jesus and the people of his 'charge' is evident for all to see. But you are better to discover this from the man himself. So why not join us for an evening when we will be given a unique insight into the role of an army chaplain.

We meet in the hall at 7pm on Friday 8th June and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Douglas

In the coming months we are looking forward to having a number of different speakers. At the moment the Rev. Alastair Horne of St. Andrew's West Church in Falkirk will be with us in June and then Jack Sneddon will

be coming from Grangemouth in July. He will be no stranger to many as he has strong connections with many of the folks in Bo'ness.

August's gathering will be led by Rev. Murdo Campbell who again is a familiar face to many.

In the remaining months of the year, a number of other interesting speakers have agreed to come along and share something of the way in which they serve our Lord in their lives.

Paul





Open Doors UK -

*Serving persecuted
Christians worldwide*

Once again I attended the Open Doors conference in March and agreed to share this message to my church and hopefully encourage everyone to pray for the persecuted Christians in the Arab World by becoming “part of the story”!

Campaign Special - Right to Believe

“Open Doors have a vision to strengthen Christians in the Arab World – that they may stand strong in their faith, that they may be equipped to reach out to their neighbours with the gospel, and that they may have the right to believe.”

To help us “Tell others”, copies of the Right to Believe Arab World church pack, which includes a Freedom film, prayer pledge leaflet, PowerPoint, poster and Religious Liberty report can be obtained either -

by email at inspire@opendoorsuk.org
or Internet www.opendoorsuk.org
or telephone 01993 777300.

Janet Richardson





Thanks A Bunch !!

At this season our thanks go out to the talented group of ladies who brighten our church with wonderful arrangements of flowers. The ladies have welcomed a gentleman to their ranks whose inspiring creations have delighted us in recent weeks. It lifts our spirits, enhances our worship and reminds us of the blessings God has showered upon the human race in the form of an abundant planet for our use.

We thank them all for using their God given talents and time , freely, in His service.

“ The Stranger ”

The latest course of “The Stranger “ has just finished and as one of the last study group I can highly recommend it. I found it informative, enlightening, inspiring and I enjoyed being part of a group which was full of laughter. We met in the vestry to watch short clips of video then tick answers in our workbooks to recap what we had heard -nothing too difficult. You don't need a great knowledge of the Bible but by the end of the course you will be amazed at what you have learned even if you have read your Bible cover to cover many times.

A new course of “The Stranger “ will be beginning in August as a house group and if you wish to join it please see Beth Henderson any Sunday in church.

Anyone wishing to host this course could do so in their own home, the Vestry or the West Room at a time which suits the group. Please see Elizabeth Hill for further information.

Pat MacPherson



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SUNDAY 10TH JUNE @ 10.45am
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PRAISE AND WORSHIP WITH ALL
YOUR FAMILY:
SPECIAL GUEST: OK PUPPETS



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PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN
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ON YOUR MARKS...

Monday 23 – Friday 27 July and Sunday 29 July

A week jam packed with games, music, craft, drama, stories, snacks and much more. This is a must for all young people!

Due to ever growing demand, there will be 2 sessions of Holiday Club this year. **“On Your Marks”** will be on each day from 10.15am to 12.30pm for children in P1 to P7 including those who start school in August. **“Decathlon”** will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7.30pm to 9pm for young people at Secondary School. We'll all join together for our Closing Ceremony on Sunday.

Bookings will be opening in late May. If you know anyone who wants to come make sure they book early as spaces go very quickly!

Donations of the following items would be greatly appreciated:

- Glue Sticks
- Permanent Marker Pens
- Kitchen Roll Tubes
- Empty Pringle boxes with lids
- **White/Cream sheets or table cloths. It doesn't matter if they are tatty – we're going to paint on them!**

Keep checking the website for the latest news. Our own blog and pictures will be coming soon – **don't miss it!**

Diane McCabe (510936)

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Evangelicals Now is a monthly paper which is available through the church at a reduced annual subscription rate of £12. See Douglas for more information.

Old Kirk Website - www.bokonline.org.uk

For the latest information relating to the Old Kirk, the church in Bo'ness and wider afield. You will find a Diary of Events, Prayer Points, a Bible to read, Groups to join, Videos to watch, Sermons to listen to and much more.

Gatherings for Worship

- Sunday Morning 10.45am - morning worship with kidZone and creche .
- Sunday Evening 6.30pm - informal evening worship,
- Thursday Morning 10.30am - (Thursday Half-Hour)
an informal midweek service.
- Thursday Evening 8.00pm - Prayer Hour (Alternate
Thursdays - see website for details)

Parish Register



NEW MEMBERS

by Resolution of the Kirk Session

‘Anyone who trusts in him will not be put to shame’

Mrs Joyce Hardy, Muirpark Court



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‘I am the Resurrection and the Life’

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1 Feb 2012	Mrs Isobel Moore, Shafto Place
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2 Feb 2012	Mr David Hardy, Broom Court, Stirling
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16 Feb 2012	Mrs Georgina Smith, Newtown Street
6 Mar 2012	Mrs Mary Johnston, Deanfield Rd
10 Mar 2012	Mrs Joanna Kirkwood, Grangemouth Rd
30 Mar 2012	Mr George Hall, Antonine Court
23 Apr 2012	Mrs Julia Stanners, Wotherspoon Drive
24 Apr 2012	Mr Charles Neill, Ochilview Road
25 Apr 2012	Mrs Jessie Barclay, Jeffrey Bank



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