



KILTARLITY AND WARDLAW CHURCHES  
*The Parishioner*



## *Dear Friends*

I cannot believe that we are already heading for the month of September and we have been to South Africa and back.

Excitement is currently growing in Kirkhill around the refurbishment project. The Church of Scotland promised a loan of £80,000 against the house plot provided that we could raise £25,000 in cash - and we have managed it ! So after seventeen years everything is now in place for the long awaited ( and needed ) refurbishment to take place. This is a major achievement for a small congregation and we are very thankful to our members for their contribution in pledges to make this project a reality. The Tomnacross church roof also needs to be replaced, at an enormous cost. We hope that members will respond positively to our plea for help.

The Chattabox Holiday Club went very well this year: we had the privilege of working with 26 children on some days. The children enjoyed it very much and we believe that the seed will bear fruit in the years to come. We have already had some positive feedback that children have been telling their families about what they learned there ! The team also enjoyed it very much. For a few days we were able to put the years of wear and tear behind us, running and jumping with the children.

Attendance at both the Kirkhill and Kiltarlity services is very good, for which I am very grateful given the fact that I am foreign to this part of the world and its culture. The danger of the church is always that it can start looking inwards. It is never about the church itself but always about those outside. We must never forget this because we have a calling and a mission to bring those who are outside in. Therefore, with regard to church attendance, we all have a huge responsibility to invite in those who may have a different way of living, using our values filled with the love and care of the Lord. If we do not act, talk and live differently from those on the street, they will never be interested to attend a church service with us because we have nothing to offer which they do not have.

The decision about same-sex relationships made at the General Assembly in May is still very much up in the air. On Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> August there was a meeting for the Ministers and Elders in the Highlands for them to receive more clarity on this decision and the way forward. The outcome of the meeting was that concerned Ministers and Elders are invited to join a Reformed Alliance which will create a platform for a Biblical and Reformed point of view on this whole matter, before a final decision is made in 2013 – see page 15 for more details.

In both parishes we have a lot of elderly and frail people who need our love and care more and more each day. Paul teaches us: "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ" ( Galatians 6:2 ). A visit or a phone call will always be appreciated by the lonely and elderly.

Greetings from the Manse

## *Kobus*

Presbytery of Inverness Education Committee

**PUPPET TRAINING EVENT  
WITH "OUT OF THE BOX"**



Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2011 - 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Hilton Church

There is no charge for this event but you need to register with Rev. Edgar Ogston at [edgar.ogston@macfish.com](mailto:edgar.ogston@macfish.com)

Tea / coffee available at the Lighthouse Café next door from 10:00 a.m.  
( which you will need to pay for ! )

There is space for thirty participants

**Climate Change - Bangladesh at the sharp end**



Illustrated Talk by **Dr Dibalok Singha**, Executive Director of DSK, a Christian Aid partner organisation in Bangladesh

St Stephen's Church Hall,  
Southside Road, Inverness  
Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30 p.m.

All interested most welcome, regardless of faith or none

## Kiltarlity Church - Roof Refurbishment

Many of you know that it has become necessary to carry out extensive work to the roof of our Church. This work is about to begin and we hope that over the next few weeks scaffolding will appear around the church and the work will begin. This will not affect the operation of the church in any way and services will continue as normal.

The cost of these works is approaching £50,000 and despite our best efforts, the Deacons' Court has been unable to secure any funding for this, either from grants or from the central Church of Scotland fabric fund. As a result, we will have to meet the cost of this out of our own funds, and £50,000 is not a small sum for a church of our size. We do currently have sufficient funds to cover this, but these funds are being diminished each year, and this sort of dent in our funds will seriously impact the longer-term financial stability of our church. Currently our fabric fund stands at around £90,000 and this is reducing by about £5,000 per year because of normal expenditure. This means that if we don't raise any money for the roof then the church will run out of money in about 8 years' time.

As a result, we are launching an appeal to all members of the community to encourage people to make whatever contribution they are able in order to safeguard our church. You will shortly be receiving a letter from Kobus, explaining the financial situation in more detail and setting out how you can contribute, if you so wish.

We have already received a significant boost from Ann Gloag. Ann has very generously offered to match, pound for pound, all money raised by the congregation or the community. This provides a real boost for our fundraising efforts, effectively meaning that we double the value of all money we can raise ourselves.

Please do give some thought as to if and how you might be able to contribute - we have a lovely church building and we all want to continue to enjoy using it.

*David Garvie*

## SEPTEMBER BARBEQUE for the YOUTH of the PARISHES

Kobus and Louisa are in the midst of organising a secondary youth group from the Kirkhill, Kiltarlity and Beaully parishes to get together for a barbeque on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at Wardlaw Manse starting at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this fellowship is to gauge the interest of the young people in such a group. Flyers giving further details are available at Wardlaw Manse, or speak to Kobus or Louisa.

Kobus and Louisa will be assisted in this project by Anne Gunn, Youth Pastor at Kinmylies Church in Inverness. Anne also works at Charleston Academy and most of the young people living in the parishes attend that educational establishment. Anne is willing to take responsibility for the group at the school, also if they want to meet from time to time in one of the mentioned parishes.



## CHATTABOX HOLIDAY CLUB

The second week in August saw a gathering of youngsters at the Chattabox Holiday Club. Over 30 children attended during the week, enjoying songs, bible stories, crafts and games, and also getting to know other children of their own age. The box theme was consistent throughout: the different age groups were assigned to red, blue, green or yellow box teams. Activities were either all together as 1 group ( Big Box Time ) or in smaller groups according to age and included Aerobox ( limbering up ), Jukebox ( singing ), Reebox ( up front challenge ), Scatterbox ( crafts and games ), Brain Box ( quiz ) and Memory Box ( memory verse ). On the final Friday, the children and their families were invited to join in a scavenger hunt and barbeque. On the Sunday, a special, and well-attended, Chattabox service was held at Kirkhill Community Centre, with the worship themed around the messages and songs taken from the Chattabox week. During the service, thank you presentations were made to Alasdair and Eileen Morrison, who had planned and presented the whole week, and to Emma and Joanne Hayman, who had travelled up from Troon especially for the week.

Maris Elkin, Session Clerk for Kirkhill, was one of several people who called in at the Holiday Club during the week, to help out and see what was going on. She commented "It was really good to see all the activities, and the children so obviously enjoying themselves - a sea of happy smiling faces. I was amazed at the amount of hard work and preparation that was done by Alasdair and Eileen and their team of volunteers."



Many thanks to Alasdair and Eileen Morrison, Joanne and Emma Hayman, Mary Bell, Margaret Birkbeck, Amanda Campbell, Elizabeth Fraser, David Garvie, Ruth MacKenzie, Gena MacLean, Elizabeth MacRae, Liza Quinn, Ellenor Thomas, Louise Watson, Lewis Meeks, Iain and Rosemary Mortimer - and all those who helped with donations of cash or materials.

Thanks to Eileen Morrison and Kobus Smit for the photographs

# KINDERHOEKIE

by Louisa

## ONION BREATH

For a long time Jerry had admired Kate – a really attractive girl who rarely dated anyone. He dreamed of dating her, but it took him weeks to work up the courage to ask her out. When he did, he was surprised at how graciously and warmly she accepted. He wished he'd asked sooner. He learned she was an outgoing person, fun to be with, and she seemed to enjoy his company.

The following week Kate readily accepted Jerry's invitation to a second date, which turned out even better than the first – until they stopped for something to eat. Embarrassed, he told her he couldn't afford much besides hamburgers. She assured him that she loved hamburgers.

Unfortunately for Jerry, she hated the smell and taste of onions. In fact, she was allergic to them. This was a real problem because Jerry just had to have onions on his hamburger! He loved onions! Suddenly faced with this dilemma, Jerry pondered what to do. Do I order onions? What's more important to me? The girl or the onions?

Kate clearly liked him and wanted to continue the relationship. She was everything he ever wanted in a girl. But to give up onions!

*Boy, I sure do like onions,* Jerry thought to himself. *Maybe I can have both.*

It was time to order. He had to make a decision. "Two hamburgers, please. Hold the onions ... on one of them."

Jerry never saw Kate again. She didn't return his phone calls or seek him out at school. Their relationship was clearly over. Sadly, he discovered too late that you just can't have your Kate and eat onions, too.

### MORAL OF THE STORY

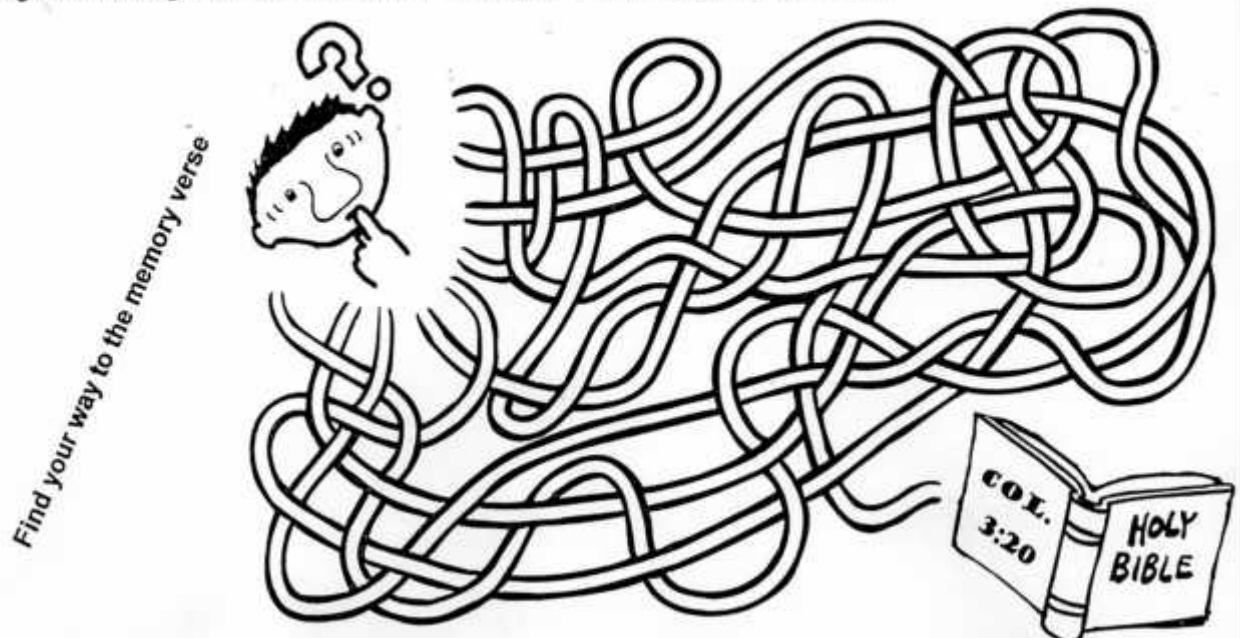
Some behaviours are no big deal to people. Like eating onions, as long as no one cares you're eating them, they taste good. But if eating onions offends the one you love, then eating onions is wrong. The

Bible teaches us that some things are pleasing to God and other things are not. For example,

*Colossians 3:20 says, 'Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.'*

Of course, plenty of kids disregard that commandment and get away with it – but Christians want to please the Lord. That means they do their best to be obedient.

**Do you really love the Lord? Then do what pleases him.**



## NANCY AND HER MINISTERS

Nancy ( Annie ) Paterson *nee* MacMillan was born 20 May 1919 at Mid Creggach, Kirkhill.

Nancy was christened at St. Mary's Church by Rev. Alisdair M. MacLeod. St. Mary's was a Free Church from 1843 until 1900 when it became a United Free Church until 1929. A union between the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church was declared in Edinburgh on 2 October 1929 and was marked locally by a joint communion service of the two congregations on Sunday, 10 November 1929.



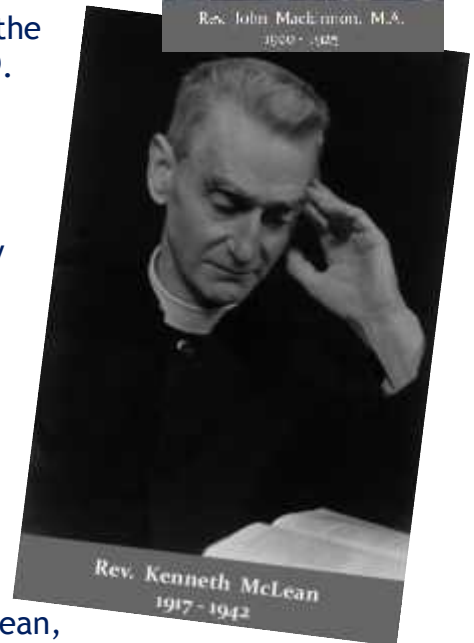
Rev. Alisdair M. MacLeod, M.A.  
1914 - 1920



Rev. John MacLennan, M.A.  
1920 - 1925

Rev. Alasdair MacDonald became Minister in 1925 and was a native of Abriachan. Rev. MacDonald remained the Minister at St. Mary's after the union with the Church of Scotland in 1929.

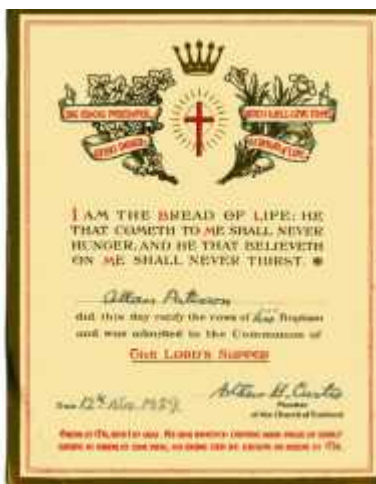
Rev. MacDonald in 1925 asked Nancy's mother to put Nancy, Tom, and Evan to Sunday School. Nancy attended till she became too old to attend Sunday School. After about a month of attending Sunday School, Nancy and her brothers also starting going to the Church services and never missed a service. Rev. MacDonald visited Nancy and the rest of her family during holidays after he left St. Mary's to take up service in India as an Army chaplain in 1933 until his death. After Rev. MacDonald left, Wardlaw Church and St. Mary's



Rev. Kenneth McLean  
1917 - 1942

came under one Minister, Rev. Kenneth McLean,

who came to reside at the St. Mary's Manse as it was more recently built and in better repair. Wardlaw Manse was disposed of in 1934 for £950 of which £326 was spent reconditioning the St. Mary's Manse. Mrs McLean was responsible for Nancy joining the Kirkhill Guild in 1937 at the age of 17. 2012 will see Nancy being a member of the Kirkhill Guild for 75 years.



Rev. McLean took a great interest in the MacMillan family, and he conducted Nancy's marriage to Allan Paterson on 2 August 1939. Rev. McLean commented to Nancy that it was the nicest wedding he had ever done. Rev. McLean gave Nancy a bible, which she still has today, and is like new because Allan had given Nancy a Bible when they were courting. A month after they were married, Rev. McLean approached them to join the Church, and after weeks of lessons they joined the



Church at the November Communion Service in 1939. Nancy and Allan loved the Church fellowship and always did their bit if they could help. Rev. McLean retired to Glasgow in 1942.



In 1943, Rev. Hugh Mackinnon was appointed. Rev. Mackinnon was great with the young folk and when the European war was won he arranged a huge bonfire at the old Post Office in Wardlaw Road in Kirkhill along with a party to celebrate the peace. The party moved down to Inchmore Hall later that night where a dance was held. The few soldiers, airmen and naval personnel who were back at the time were made most welcome by everyone in the parish. A lot of local lads never came back, and their names are scribed on the monument standing today in Wardlaw Church grounds. The monument was moved in 1975 from a site opposite the Bogroy Inn, now called the Old North Inn, to the Church ground to allow for the road to be widened. Nancy's brother Colin was responsible for demolishing and re-building the monument. The monument was dedicated by Rev. Colin Mackenzie and Tom Mackenzie represented the local soldiers and the Lovat Scouts at that dedication service.

Rev. Hugh Mackinnon left Kirkhill in 1945 to undertake duties as a district missionary of the Church of Scotland in Livingstone, Nyasaland in East Africa. Rev. Mackinnon unfortunately drowned in Lake Victoria. Rev. Mackinnon's widow visited Nancy in 2009, and in 2010 Rev. Mackinnon's daughter Mary and her future husband also visited Nancy. Nancy used to baby sit Mary and Allan kept his eye on the Manse and fed their hens when they were on holiday. Mrs Mackinnon used to hold a knitting class for the locals and they met every week.

In 1946, the Rev. Donald Macdonald, a native of Lewis, was appointed as Minister. He was great with the younger folk and joined in all the activities and great with the older folk as well. Where there was trouble, and remember there were no cars in those days, he would walk and take his bicycle for miles to bring comfort to the bereaved and the distressed. Rev. Macdonald contacted TB and was in a sanatorium at Whitehill, Aberdeen for quite a while. The Kirkhill Guild organised a trip to Aberdeen. Nancy and four Guild members visited Nancy's cousin in Buclesburn, who gave them all lunch, and then they hired a taxi to visit Rev. Macdonald at Whitehills. Rev. Macdonald was moved to tears at their visit. Rev. Macdonald was not long back from the sanatorium when he took ill again, this time with cancer and unfortunately he died from this illness. Rev. Macdonald was a much loved Minister and friend to many folk in the parish. Major Fraser, Reelig, gave his widow a house on the estate for quite a while until she got settled. Nancy got a great welcome from Rev. Macdonald's daughter at Jean McGillivray's funeral at Wardlaw Church in 2010. Mrs Macdonald was unable to come to the funeral, but gave her daughter a message for Nancy.



*This is Nancy's own story and takes her to the end of World War II. Nancy has written a very personal story of how the various Ministers she has known influenced her and Allan's life. There is enough material for a further three chapters that we will be publishing in the next editions of this newsletter along with further interesting photographs to illustrate the stories.*

*Memory verse - "Children obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord"*

## NUTRITION

In the beginning God covered the earth with broccoli, cauliflower and spinach, with green, yellow and red vegetables of all kinds so Man and Woman would live long and healthy lives.

Then using God's bountiful gifts, Satan created Dairy Ice Cream and Magnums. And Satan said, 'You want hot fudge with that ? And Man said, 'Yes !' And Woman said, 'I'll have one too with chocolate chips'. And lo they gained 10 pounds.

And God created the healthy yoghurt that woman might keep the figure that man found so fair.

And Satan brought forth white flour from the wheat and sugar from the cane and combined them. And Woman went from size 12 to size 14.

So God said, 'Try my fresh green salad'. And Satan presented Blue Cheese dressing and garlic croutons on the side. And Man and Woman unfastened their belts following the repast.

God then said 'I have sent you healthy vegetables and olive oil in which to cook them'.

And Satan brought forth deep fried coconut king prawns, butter-dipped lobster chunks and chicken fried steak, so big it needed its own platter, and Man's cholesterol went through the roof.

Then God brought forth the potato; naturally low in fat and brimming with potassium and good nutrition.

Then Satan peeled off the healthy skin and sliced the starchy centre into chips and deep-fried them in animal fats adding copious quantities of salt. And Man put on more pounds. God then brought forth running shoes so that his Children might lose those extra pounds.

And Satan came forth with a cable TV with remote control so Man would not have to toil changing the channels. And Man and Woman laughed and cried before the flickering light and started wearing stretch jogging suits.

Then God gave lean beef so that Man might consume fewer calories and still satisfy his appetite.

And Satan created McDonalds and the 99p double cheeseburger. Then Satan said 'You want fries with that ?' and Man replied, 'Yes, and super size 'em'. And Satan said, 'It is good.' And Man and Woman went into cardiac arrest.

God sighed ..... and created quadruple by-pass surgery.

And then ..... Satan chuckled and created the National Health Service.

### THE FINAL WORD ON NUTRITION

After an exhaustive review of the research literature, here's the final word on nutrition and health.:

1. Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
2. Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
3. Chinese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
4. Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
5. Germans drink beer and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
6. The French eat foie-gras, full fat cheese and drink red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than us

**CONCLUSION:** Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.

Here endeth the Lesson

*Thank you to Suzie Dobson for this article*

## Wardlaw Church Refurbishment is to start on Tuesday, 4 October 2011

The Kirkhill Deacons' Court and the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland have given the Steering Committee the authorisation to commence the refurbishment work. The project is to cost £117,000 and the Refurbishment Fund bank account held a credit balance of over £40,000 as at 22 August 2011. The Church of Scotland had already approved a loan of £80,000 against the sale of the house plot, so all the necessary funds are in place. As Kobus has indicated in his article this month, this project has only been possible because of the tremendous and generous response by the Wardlaw Church congregation, and some non-church goers living in the community, to our pledge appeal in late June for £25,000.

The last Sunday service before the refurbishment programme commences will be on 25 September 2011. The Church is booked for a wedding on Saturday, 1 October. The main contractor to be appointed for the project is Morrison Construction and they will be on site from Tuesday, 4 October 2011. Because of health and safety reasons, we will not have access to the Church whilst Morrison Construction are on the site. They expect their part of the project to last up to 7 weeks. However, this timetable may slip once the wooden floor has been removed and a full inspection made of the area under the floor. We anticipate that the first Sunday service after the refurbishment is completed will be on 4 December 2011. Either side of the dates when Morrison Construction are on site, we need time to complete various tasks that are outside the main contract work.

The normal Sunday services whilst the Church is not available will be held at Kirkhill Community Centre, starting at the normal time of 10:30 a.m. from 2 October 2011. We will be holding the normal Remembrance Service on 13 November 2011, first at the Community Centre starting at 10:00 a.m. and then at the war memorial in the Church grounds at 11:00 a.m.

### Volunteers needed.

Volunteers are needed, with their own grass trimmers, for grass cutting at the house plot site behind Wardlaw Church on **Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September**. Neil Wilson will be on site from 10:30 a.m. to supervise this work.

On **Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September** we will need volunteers to help remove items from the Guild Room and Vestry areas of the Church. The main Church area cannot be cleared of the organ, communion table, font and other items until **Monday, 3 October** as they will be needed for the wedding on Saturday. We will be taking this opportunity of "having a sort out," with items being disposed of, and items which need storing identified. We are to hire an insulated container based at Muir of Ord to store items safely and insured. If you are willing to volunteer for any of these three days, please give your name, and day(s) preference, to Iain Mortimer – thank you.

### Pews

The Deacons' Court accepted the recommendation of the Steering Committee to dispose of the pews by three methods. It must be borne in mind that the pews have only one wooden end, so we are only able to have twenty plus pews with two wooden ends. Anyone wanting a pew must make their own arrangements to have that pew removed from the setting in the Church, and removed immediately from the Church property, including grounds **on one day only** - Monday, 3 October 2011. Any pews not removed on this day, even if reserved, will be disposed of by method 3 below.

### **NO pews can be removed from the Church BEFORE Monday, 3 October 2011**

1. Members of the congregation will be able to claim a pew by reserving their choice by 20 September. The pew will have to be removed by the member of the congregation, or their agent, on Monday, 3 October 2011. There will be no cost to the member of the congregation for the pew. Please reserve your choice of pew with Iain Mortimer.
2. Non-members of the congregation will be able to claim a pew, if not already reserved, also by 20 September. The non-member must arrange for the pew to be removed from the Church on Monday, 3 October 2011. These pews will attract a minimum donation of £75 per pew. Please reserve your choice of pew with Iain Mortimer.
3. All remaining pews will be removed from the Church by Morrison Construction and collected by a social enterprise company called Greyfriars Recycling of Wood – GroW - based at the Church of Scotland Greyfriars Church in Edinburgh. They transform unwanted church pews into beautiful, bespoke pieces of furniture. GROW employ people with learning difficulties, and offer them training and an occupation. GROW were involved in the refurbishment of the new General Assembly playpen area this year.

## Kirkhill and Bunchrew Community Energy Efficiency and Low Carbon Programme.

Kirkhill and Bunchrew Community Trust have been awarded Scottish Government Climate Challenge Funding to run a year-long energy efficiency and low carbon programme. The programme aims to raise awareness about making our homes more energy efficient and how we can generate renewable energy.

Hardly a week has gone by this summer without media comment concerning increases in energy / fuel prices. Many of us will see this feed through into higher energy bills, just in time for the colder weather. A Government funded organisation – the Energy Saving Trust can help us to reduce the impact of these price rises. They provide independent advice, home energy checks and can arrange for a renewable energy expert to visit and chat about appropriate renewable energy systems for your home. You can get in touch with them at their local office by calling 0800 512 012.

If you have to replace any appliances or are buying new electronic items this winter, look out for the Energy Saving Trust recommended label. Products displaying this label have had to meet strict energy performance criteria, so you know you are getting the most efficient products for your money.



Finally – a date for your diary. We will be running a renewable energy fair on the 29<sup>th</sup> October at Kirkhill Primary School from 10:00 hrs. to 14:30 hrs. There will be renewable energy equipment on display and experts available to talk about different domestic systems available for our homes. We'd be delighted if you could pop along.

### A RIDDLE

Here is a riddle that only five per cent of Stanford University graduates figured out ! Can you answer all seven of the following questions with the same word ?

1. The word has seven letters....
2. Preceded God...
3. Greater than God...
4. More Evil than the devil...
5. All poor people have it...
6. Wealthy people need it....
7. If you eat it, you will die.

Have you figure it out ? Try hard before looking at the answer of page 20

### Get something out of it

Coming out of church, the wife asked her husband, "Do you think that Johnson girl is tinting her hair?" Her husband looked vague. "And that dress Mrs. Hansen was wearing," she continued, "Really, don't tell me you think that's the proper costume for a mother of two." Her husband looked blank. "Oh, for heaven's sake," snapped his wife. "A lot of good it does you to go to church!"

*Memory verse - "Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord"*

## PARISH NOTICE BOARD

- The Kiltarlity Deacons' Court and Kirk Session will meet on Tuesday, 13 September 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in Kiltarlity Church. Any member of the congregation is welcome to attend these meetings.
- A Communion Preparatory Service will be held at Kiltarlity Church on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30 p.m.
- A Communion service will be held at Kiltarlity Church on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at noon.
- The date for the next meeting of the men's social evening is Friday, 28 October 2011 at Old North Inn, Inchmore, starting at 7:00 p.m. Cost is £15 which includes a drink, 2-course meal ( starter / main ) and tea / coffee with fudge. Please book your place for this fellowship event with Alasdair Morrison on 831 185. Please note there is no event planned for September at time of publication.
- The weekly choir practice for the Christmas Carol Service is to start on Saturday, 17 September 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at Wardlaw Church. Choir practices will be held at Kiltarlity Church during October and November whilst Wardlaw Church is unavailable due to the refurbishment programme. If you are interested in singing, and wish to join this wonderful choir, please speak to Mary Robb after any service, or turn up at a Saturday choir practice, or give her a ring on 795 553.
- Kobus will be on holiday from 31<sup>st</sup> August to 5<sup>th</sup> September inclusive, and 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September. Rev. Bart Buell will be the Minister on Sunday, 4 September 2011.
- Please keep Colin, son of Flora and Doug Morrison of Lentrán, in your thoughts. Colin is serving with 45 Commando Royal Marines in the Nad-e-Ali district of Helmand province in Afghanistan. Colin and his comrades are in the closing weeks of their 6 month tour. We pray for their safe return to their base in Arbroath.
- Ness Bank Guild invites Kirkhill Guild to their meeting on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30 p.m. There will be a speaker from the Israel / Palestine project.
- Warmest congratulations to Duncan and Fiona Urquhart, Camault Muir, Kiltarlity on the birth of their first child, a beautiful baby daughter Amy Anne on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011. Duncan and Fiona are presently staying in their garage flat pending the completion of their lovely new house just next door. They hope to move in sometime in October. With the building going on and the arrival of the new baby, life has been extremely busy for them !
- The Kirkhill Deacons' Court has appointed Louise Monaghan as the Wardlaw Church Treasurer with effect from 1 September 2011. Louise succeeds John Finlayson who served as the Church Treasurer for many years and the Deacons' Court expressed their deep gratitude to John for carrying out that role. We all wish Louise every success and offer our support to her in her new role.
- Sarah Cameron's son Colin has had another operation on his throat at Raigmore Hospital following a body scan carried out at Aberdeen. Colin had a laryngectomy operation - the removal of his voice box - in May of this year and was making steady progress learning to speak again after a valve was fitted to his throat. Colin is due to come home before the end of August, and we wish him a speedy recovery from this latest operation. Please remember Sarah, Colin and his family in your thoughts and prayers.
- Wardlaw Church will hold their Harvest Thanksgiving service on Sunday, 25 September 2011.
- Kiltarlity Church will also be holding their Harvest Thanksgiving service on Sunday, 25 September 2011. This will be a family service lead by the TCC and Sunday School.

**Our hearts go out to John and Cath MacRitchie of Kiltarlity who have unexpectedly lost their son George on 17 August. Please remember Lorraine, Emma, Andrew, John, Cath and the rest of the family in your prayers as they come to terms with their tragic loss. May the love of those around help them through the days ahead, and may the comfort of God help during this difficult time.**

## **WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER and BIBLE DISCUSSION MEETINGS**

The Evening Prayer meetings for September will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> (Wardlaw Church) and 28<sup>th</sup> September ( Wardlaw Manse ). The short service begins at 7:00 p.m. and finishes by 7:30 p.m. Prayers are both free and fixed. Pray for individuals and their needs, the church, world issues, and whatever is on the minds and hearts of those present. Everyone is most welcome to join us for this time of prayer.

Due to Kobus being on leave on 8 September, there will be no Kiltarlity Bible Discussion meeting on that date. All and everybody are welcome from the parish to come along to these Bible discussion meetings. Both groups normally meet every two weeks at Wardlaw Manse. If the Kirkhill Wednesday evening group does not suit your diary, then you are welcome to join the Kiltarlity group on a Thursday evening or *vice versa*.

There will no Kirkhill Bible discussion group meeting on 31 August due to Kobus being on leave on that date. The Kirkhill group meets after each Wednesday prayer meeting, starting at 7:35 p.m. at Wardlaw Manse.

**The September dates for the Kirkhill group are 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**

The Kiltarlity group meets on a Thursday evening, also at the Wardlaw Manse, starting at 7:30 p.m.

**The September date for the Kiltarlity group is the 22<sup>nd</sup>**

## **New Guild season starts soon!**

The new Guild season starts on Tuesday 4 October at 2:30 p.m. with our first guest speaker being Fiona Macleod from the Highland Archive Centre, Inverness. Fiona will be telling us about her work at the Archive Centre, and all the facilities on offer there. Fiona may well be able to tell us things about Kirkhill and Kiltarlity that have long been forgotten, or banished to the inner recesses of our memories ! Anyone interested in local history, or researching their own family tree will certainly be interested in this meeting.

Our venue for the October and November Guild meetings will be Kiltarlity Church, because of the Wardlaw Church refurbishment work due to start on 4 October. Please watch out for further announcements. The new Guild syllabus leaflet will be available in early September - this will confirm the venue for all meetings, as well as giving details of future speakers and activities.

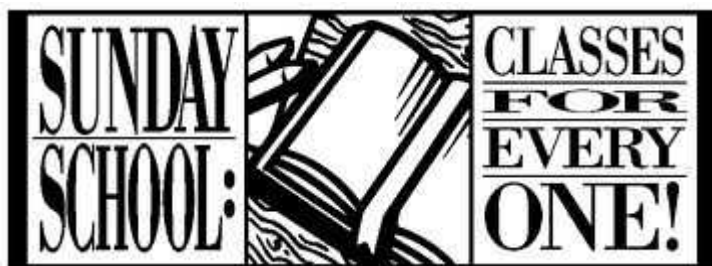
We have a varied and interesting programme of speakers, and hope you will be able to join us. All are welcome to join us at any of our meetings - you do not have to be female, a Guild member, or a churchgoer - you will be made very welcome !

### **No men**

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, *"They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, so I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."*

*Memory verse - "Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord"*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WARDLAW CHURCH, KIRKHILL



The Sunday School is now back in session – we meet every Sunday during school term. We gather at the church in time to join the first part of morning service at 10:30 a.m., joining in with the adults, and then leave to enjoy the special Sunday School activities in the church's Guild Room. The activities are

largely Bible-based – stories, crafts, drama and games. In good weather we are able to enjoy time spent together out of doors, in the safety of the church grounds. Sunday School ends at 11:30 a.m., the same time as the church service.

We accept children from Nursery age to Primary 7 – they are all welcome. Do come and join in !



Kirkhill Sunday School has sent £70 to Mary's Meals. This money has been collected over the past year from the gifts which the children bring each week.



Mary's Meals is an international movement to set up school feeding projects in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children gaining an education. They work in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe.

Good news from Mary's Meals is that they are now feeding over 500,000 children every school day !

They send grateful thanks to us for being part of this work.

***In October and November when Wardlaw Church will not be available, the Sunday School will meet at the Wardlaw Manse at 10:30 a.m.***

### **BURNS SUPPER - VOLUNTEER NEEDED!**

We have had 3 very enjoyable Burns Suppers over the last few years, and it would be good to think that we could have yet another in January 2012. However .....

We need a volunteer to organise the evening's programme of events, together with arranging any folk who will carry out recitations, speeches, songs etc. Rosemary Mortimer is happy to liaise with the venue regarding menu, room layout, etc., and she is also prepared to do the administration work involved in booking places at the supper, taking payment, and paying the hotel. But we do need someone who has an interest in Burns to compile the "entertainment" programme and arrange the "artistes". If two people want to share the challenge of planning the evening's entertainment, then that's fine.

So, in short, this is an appeal to all those who have enjoyed the Burns Supper over the last few years - if we don't get a volunteer to organise the programme, then, regrettably, the Burns Supper will not happen.

**Please contact Kobus by 18<sup>th</sup> September, if you are able to help.**



# The 7 “Ups”



## 1. Wake UP !!

Decide to have a good day.

*“This is the day the Lord hath made;*

*Let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalms 118:24*

## 2. Dress UP !!

The best way to dress up is to put on a smile.

A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

*“The Lord does not look at the things man looks at.*

*Man looks at outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” I Samuel 16:7*

## 3. Shut UP !!

Say nice things and learn to listen.

God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking.

*“He who guards his lips guards his soul.” Proverbs 13:3*

## 4. Stand UP !!

...for what you believe in.

Stand for something or you will fall for anything.

*“Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good...”*

Galatians 6:9-10

## 5. Look UP !!

... to the Lord.

*“I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13*

## 6. Reach UP!!

... for something higher.

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path.” Proverbs 3:5-6*

## 7. Lift UP !!

....your Prayers.

*“Do not worry about anything; instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING.”*

Thanks to Christine MacNeil for these wise words



**END BRITAIN'S DODGY DEALS**

Jubilee Scotland is an organisation that campaigns for the cancellation of the unjust and unpayable debts of the world's poorest countries. They are holding a public meeting to allow church groups and any other interested groups and individuals to find out about Jubilee Scotland's work and to find out how they can take action in time for Debt Week 2011 ( 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October ). The public meeting will be held on 29 September at 18:00 hrs. at the Spectrum Centre, Margaret Street, Inverness. If you require any further information about this organisation, please contact David Garvie, or visit their web-site at [www.jubileescotland.org.uk](http://www.jubileescotland.org.uk)



## **Climate Change: Bangladesh at the Sharp End** *Illustrated talk by Dr Dibalok Singha, DSK* **St. Stephen's Church Hall, Southside Road, Inverness on** **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30 p.m.**

"Mazeda, Pancha Nur and Saiful have never heard of the terms climate change, global warming or carbon dioxide emissions. They have never even been in a car. But it is people like these – who are already the most vulnerable – that will be hardest hit by climate change."

quote from "The climate of poverty: facts fears and hopes." a Christian Aid report, May 2006

Prophetic words indeed! Mazeda, Pancha Nur and Saiful are three Bangladeshis struggling with the vulnerability of their homes and land to increased flooding due to climate change. However things can be done. We will have the opportunity to hear at first hand of the work of DSK, a Christian Aid partner organisation in Bangladesh, to alleviate the worst results of increased flooding and related problems caused by climate change.

Dr Singha is the founder and Executive Director of DSK, an organisation currently involved in Primary Health Care, a Hospital Project, Water and Sanitation ( Urban and Rural ), Micro Finance, Relief Rehabilitation, Disaster Risk Reduction Projects, Non Formal Education and Training.

We cannot all work at the sharp end ( although perhaps some of us could ). However we can all keep ourselves informed and do our best to support those who *are* at the sharp end. We owe it to Mazeda, Pancha Nur and Saiful.

*David Crippin*

## **Church of Scotland same-sex relation issue**

Following the meeting at the East Church, Inverness for Ministers and Elders on the same-sex relation issue referred to in Kobus's article on page 1, the following information is offered.

A new organisation for those who are unhappy with the General Assembly decisions but wish to remain within the Church of Scotland is likely to be formed locally. If you wish to be part of that organisation you should contact Mrs Dolina Coventry at Inverness East Church, Academy Street, Inverness, IV1 1LU e-mail [Dolina.Coventry@InvernessEast.com](mailto:Dolina.Coventry@InvernessEast.com)

It is hoped that, all over the country, groups will meet for prayer between now and the General Assembly of 2013. In Inverness, the first of a regular series of Prayer Meetings will be held in Inshes Church on Tuesday, 20 September from 7:30 p.m. for one hour. For further details, please contact John Tallach at [j.tallach@fiscalia.co.uk](mailto:j.tallach@fiscalia.co.uk)

## The Twin Towers

*David Winter, former Head of Religious Broadcasting for the BBC, looks back 10 years...*

It's hard to believe that it is ten years this month since the event took place subsequently known, in that strange American numerology, as '9/11'.

I can remember the day very well. I was picking up a grandchild from school and hadn't been watching television nor (unusually) listening to the car radio. When I arrived at the school the mums at the gates seemed unusually agitated and anxious. I heard one say, 'It's the most appalling thing I've ever seen'. I asked if there had been an accident, and they all looked at me as if I was a visitor from another planet. They gave me a graphic account of what had happened in New York, but it wasn't till I got home and watched the TV pictures for myself that I grasped the true horror of the event.

Almost the first thing I watched was some earlier television footage shot from behind a crowd in a Manhattan street. They, and the camera, were fixed on a wrecked building, flames roaring up into the sky. At that point only one tower had been hit, but as the crowd and the camera watched, another plane appeared in the sky, heading straight for the second tower. For a moment the crowd was silent. We heard the plane's engines, and then the deafening crash as it hit the building, followed by a massive fireball. Again, silence, punctuated by a single exclamation from someone in the crowd, their voice picked up by the camera-mic. It just uttered one word: 'Jesus!'

It was probably technically blasphemy, but at that moment it struck me as inspired. In the face of such evil, such appalling devastation, what other name could one sensibly invoke than that of the Saviour of the world? This is what Jesus died for: the bleeding, stupid, violent, heart-broken world of a lost humanity.

As they crashed their planes on this mission of mass murder I have no doubt the pilots screamed 'Allah is Great!' Well, may Allah the all-merciful have mercy on them. And if he does, Christians will believe that it will be through the sacrifice of that lone figure on a cross long ago, the one Muslims know as the Beloved Prophet, and we as the Son of God.

## Songs of Praise turns 50

The very first ever BBC Songs of Praise was recorded 50 years ago this month, and broadcast on 1 October 1961. The first programme was recorded on 25 September at the Welsh Baptist Tabernacle Chapel in Cardiff city centre ( Tabernaclu, Capel y Bedyddwyr ). This past summer all surviving members of the original congregation were invited to return for the recording of the anniversary edition, which was conducted by Tim Rhys-Evans, musical director of Only Men Aloud.

Songs of Praise has long been the most popular and beloved of all BBC worship programmes. During its 50 years it has visited more than 1,800 churches, cathedrals and chapels, singing over 12,500 hymns. Guest presenters over the years have included Sir Cliff Richard, Alan Titchmarsh and Toyah Wilcox. At its peak, 12m viewers watched the programme, with audiences still 2.5m. Songs of Praise has featured in episodes of comedies Vicar of Dibley and The Brittas Empire

Cardiff's Millennium Stadium was the location for Songs of Praise's largest ever episode. The special edition saw 60,000 worshippers, a 6,000 piece choir, an orchestra of 100 harps, the band of the Welsh Guards and an anthem specially written by Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber marking the first Sunday of the new millennium.



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Wednesday 3rd August 2011

***Kiltarlity donation items are***

*Packets of oatcakes*

*Tinned ham ( small )*

*UHT Milk*

*Packets of rice*

***Wardlaw donation items are***

*Long Life fruit juice*

*Tinned tomatoes*

*Tinned soup*

*Sugar*

Harvest is a time of year when we remember God's goodness to us - and also reflect on our responsibility to express his love to those in our community and in our world who are in need. So it's not surprising that the Harvest season has become one of the most significant times of year for giving to Foodbank from Highland Churches

The level of need in our communities remains high: in the continuing difficult economic conditions many people in the Highlands are finding themselves in financial crises. Throughout 2010, 4108 people were referred to the Foodbank and provided with emergency supplies of food, and in the first seven months of this year over 2000 people from in and around Inverness have been supplied with food.

We have been able to help them only because of the continuing generosity of the public and especially the members and friends of Churches in donating food to the Project. Whatever your Church's previous involvement with Highland Foodbank, I'm writing to ask if you would consider supporting us at Harvest this year thus helping make a difference in people's lives in the weeks ahead.

As you may know, the Foodbank has a 'shopping list' of items which we require for distribution to our clients. As I've done in previous years I'm assigning four products to each participating Church to ensure that we receive a more-or-less equal number of each of the items on the list. The accompanying poster lists the products I'd be grateful if the members of your congregation could consider donating if your Church decides to support Highland Foodbank this Harvest.

Many thanks for your support! Please just get in touch if you require any further information or some more copies of the enclosed leaflet which is hot off the press.

Yours sincerely,

*Lorna Dempster*

Lorna Dempster,  
Project Co-ordinator

Blythswood Care is a charitable organisation constituted in Scotland by Trust Deed. Scottish Charity No. SC 021848

*Christian care for body and soul*

**Donated items ( see list above ) can be left at the Church entrance during September, and Elizabeth Fraser ( Kiltarlity ) and Margaret Birkbeck ( Wardlaw ) will ensure that they are delivered safely to Blythswood.**

## Adam of Caithness - bishop 1213 - 22

Teaching people to 'tithe' can be a delicate matter. Some clergy teach 'tithing' well, and inspire their people to great generosity of spirit. Other clergy teach 'tithing' at least well enough, and get their people's sluggish cooperation. But - there are clergy who teach 'tithing' badly - and then, watch out! St. Adam is a good example of how NOT to do it.

Adam was a young Cistercian monk who became abbot of Melrose. Then in 1213 William, king of Scotland, appointed him as a bishop in a remote area where his own power was weak and that of the Norse earls was strong.

Adam attempted to enforce law and order, including canon law, and particularly the payment of tithes. The people sullenly obeyed most of his teaching about the law and order, and didn't care a fig one way or another about canon law. But tithing was a subject on which they had passionate views !

The customary offering at this time was a span of butter to the clergy for every twenty cows that a person owned. Adam said this was not enough. He wanted more butter. He increased the tithe to one span for every fifteen cows. Then one span for every twelve cows. Then one span for every ten cows that a person owned. And so Adam managed to double his butter income. But any modern-day Diocesan Board of Finance thinking of doubling the parish share should beware what happened next.

For the people revolted. One night they forced their way into his bishop's house at Halkirke, and burnt him and his followers to death.

The only good news was that his body, although "roasted with fire and livid with bruises, was found entire under a heap of stones, and buried honourably in the church." Thus ended Adam, and the people kept their entire butter tithe - presumably spreading it on toast ?

## Do you know where you're going to ?

Billy Graham, the great American evangelist, told this story at one of his last public appearances:

'Albert Einstein, the great physicist, was once traveling from Princeton on a train when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of every passenger. When he came to Einstein, Einstein reached in his vest pocket. He couldn't find his ticket, so he reached in his trouser pockets. It wasn't there. He looked in his briefcase but couldn't find it. Then he looked in the seat beside him. He still couldn't find it.

'The conductor said, "Dr. Einstein, I know who you are. We all know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it." Einstein nodded appreciatively. The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next car, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket. The conductor rushed back in dismay and said, "Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, don't worry, I know who you are; no problem. You don't need a ticket."

'Einstein looked at him and said sadly, "Young man, I too, know who I am. What I don't know, is where I'm going!"

Graham concluded : 'When you hear I'm dead, I want you to remember this: I not only know who I am, I also know where I'm going."

## September 23 - When the sun goes edgewise – and daytime equals night

September 23<sup>rd</sup> is the autumnal equinox ( if you live in the northern hemisphere ) or the vernal ( Spring ) equinox ( if you live in the southern hemisphere ). The equinoxes occur in March and September, when the Sun is 'edgewise' to the Earth's axis of rotation, so that everywhere on earth has twelve hours of daylight and twelve hours of darkness.

Memory verse – "Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord"

## HOW TO BOOST YOUR CHURCH FUNDS WITHOUT BREAKING YOUR BANK



If you wish to purchase a Bible, Audio / CD-ROM, books, DVD / film relating to religious matters, please consider visiting the "More than a Book" programme run by the Bible Society. If you order any items from this source, Wardlaw Church or Kiltarlity Church will receive 10% of your total basket cost direct from the Bible Society every six months. How you place an order is very simple :

1. Go to [www.bibleresources.org.uk/mtab/](http://www.bibleresources.org.uk/mtab/)
2. Select the resources you wish to purchase.
3. At the check out screen, click on "order" when you have completed your shopping basket.
4. Select "Highland" from the "County" drop down menu.
5. Carefully select your church, either "Wardlaw Church ( 10129 )" or "Kiltarlity Church of Scotland ( 10131 )" from the Church drop down menu.
6. Proceed with your order as normal.

### Join the World's Biggest Coffee Morning – and help Macmillan nurses !

Today more people than ever are living with cancer. So, this year Macmillan nurses need to raise even more money to pay for their vital cancer support services. And so Macmillan is asking everyone who can, to join in and hold their own event for World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 30 September. Together we can make it the biggest ever!

Get together with friends, family and colleagues on **Friday 30 September** and raise some money for people affected by cancer. Hold a coffee morning with your friends, a garden party with your neighbours or a pub quiz with your colleagues – let's make it the biggest ever !

Register now. Call **0845 602 1246** or register online at [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)

### New information about Shampoos

I have just discovered this important information below.

I don't know why I didn't figure it out sooner!!!!

It's the shampoo I use in the shower !

When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body.

Printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning,

"For extra volume and body."

No wonder I have been gaining weight !!!

Well, I have got rid of that shampoo and I am going to start using Dish Washing Liquid instead.

Its label reads, "Dissolves fat that is otherwise difficult to remove."

Problem solved !

If I don't answer the phone I'll be in the shower !



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## Diary dates for SEPTEMBER 2011

- 31 August Prayer meeting at Wardlaw Church at 7:00 p.m.  
**4 September** **Worship at WARDLAW at 10:30 a.m. and KILTARLITY at 12 noon.**  
Preacher is Rev. Bart Buell  
**11 September** **Worship at WARDLAW at 10:30 a.m. and KILTARLITY at 12 noon.**  
13 September Kiltarlity Deacons' Court / Kirk Session at Kiltarlity Church at 7:30 p.m.  
14 September Prayer meeting at Wardlaw Church at 7:00 p.m.  
14 September Kirkhill Bible discussion group at Wardlaw Manse at 7:35 p.m.  
17 September Youth group bar-be-que at Wardlaw Manse at 6:00 p.m.  
**18 September** **Worship at WARDLAW at 10:30 a.m. and KILTARLITY at 12 noon.**  
22 September Kiltarlity Bible discussion group at Wardlaw Manse at 7:30 p.m.  
**25 September** **Worship at WARDLAW at 10:30 a.m. and KILTARLITY at 12 noon.**  
Harvest Thanksgiving Services at both Churches.  
28 September Prayer meeting at Wardlaw Manse at 7:00 p.m.  
28 September Kirkhill Bible discussion group at Wardlaw Manse at 7:35 p.m.  
29 September Communion Preparatory Service at Kiltarlity Church at 7:30 p.m.

Memory Verse

The answer of the riddle on page 10 is: NOTHING

NOTHING has 7 letters. NOTHING preceded God. NOTHING is greater than God. NOTHING is more Evil than the devil. All poor people have NOTHING. Wealthy people need NOTHING.  
If you eat NOTHING, you will die.

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