

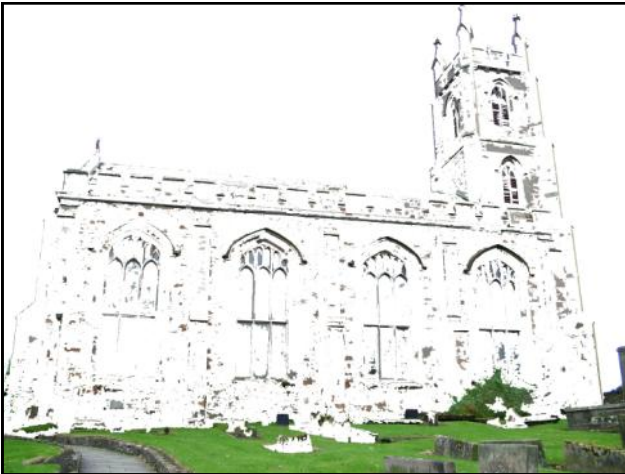


# The Window

Clackmannan Parish  
Church of Scotland

May 2011

Clackmannan  
Parish  
Church  
today!



Clackmannan  
Parish  
Church  
tomorrow!



**GIFTS FOR GOD**

**IGNITE**

IN GOD'S NAME INSPIRE THE ENTHUSIASM

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**We want  
to hear  
from  
you!**

*If you are interested in sharing your news or views please get in touch with any one of the Editorial team or hand articles in to the Office on a Tuesday or Friday morning between 10 am and 12 noon. **Please note deadline date below.***



**The Editorial Team**

Bill Izett  
Lorna McAllister  
Nan Marshall

Mary Millar  
Meg Young

**Sunday  
22nd May**

This is the deadline date for receipt of material for the June issue of *The Window*. Magazines can be uplifted on Sunday *5th June*.

**Church  
Services**

There is a Crèche available every Sunday, unless it is a Family Service.



Transport is also offered each Sunday. Contact Nan Marshall on 01259 722366 if you require

Date	Time	
1st May	11.00 am	Morning Worship with the Admission of New Communicants
8th May	11.00 am	Morning Worship
	3.00 pm	Afternoon Service in BMH
15th May	11.00 am	Morning Worship for Christian Aid — Mrs Lorna Paterson — followed by Sandwich and Sweet Lunch
22nd May	11.00 am	Morning Worship
29th May	11.00 am	The Gathering Thanksgiving Service
	7.00 pm	T'n'T
5th June	11.00 am	Sunday-school Closing Service

*Dear Friends*

Over the last few months The Window has carried some information about the “IGNITE” (In God’s Name Inspire The Enthusiasm) weekend in May (Friday and Saturday 27th and 28th), when the congregation will be holding an exhibition and gathering in the Town Hall. Fuller details will be printed elsewhere in this issue detailing the arrangements for the event which will showcase the life and work of the congregation and its various organisations and groups. We are delighted to be supported also by many community organisations and groups who will also be showcasing their different activities.

The reason for having the IGNITE event is the concern expressed in the Congregational Board last year about the difficult financial situation in which our congregation finds itself. We are, as you may be aware from the various financial reports regularly printed in these pages, in the position where our congregational spending exceeds our income, by as much as £2,000 per month. The Congregational Board decided that this needed to be addressed, and with the Kirk Session’s support agreed to embark upon a Stewardship Campaign, of which the IGNITE event is the public face.

Why a Stewardship Campaign? Why can’t we just have a major fundraising effort? Because the problem we face is not something that a one-off appeal will resolve. We need to consider what we are giving to the Church on a regular week-to-week, month-to-month basis. I was brought up in a congregation where the only way of giving to the funds of the Church was through the offering on a Sunday, that is, by direct giving, giving freely and according to our means, as a response of thanksgiving for what God in and through Jesus Christ has done for us. That is the biblical pattern. It is the way the Church of Scotland would have us contribute, and it is the preferred method by which our Congregational Board would like to see us supporting the work.

Stewardship is, however, about more than money – it is about how we use all the gifts that God has given us. The IGNITE event is well named, ‘In God’s Name Inspire The Enthusiasm’, for it is about our commitment - and returning to God a due proportion of all His many blessings.

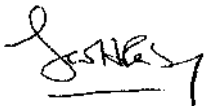
Over the next few weeks we will be asked to consider, prayerfully I hope, how committed we are to Jesus Christ and His Church, and how far we can financially support the work of Clackmannan Parish. Cherie and I will also be doing the same. We too will have to sit down and prayerfully decide whether the amount we give is appropriate.

I say “prayerfully” because I believe that the spiritual dimension of our giving is important. In effect it is us fulfilling our faith. When we joined the Church we vowed before God to ‘give a fitting proportion of our time, talents, and money for the Church’s work in the world’. It wasn’t to Clackmannan Parish Church that we vowed in the first place, nor any other congregation where we may have initially professed our faith; it was to God. We are being asked, therefore, to decide how much the Church means to us, how important Jesus is in our lives, in relation to our means. We are not asking you to pledge any figure. There will be no special appeal. We just ask for a decision, once you have visited the exhibition and seen the ongoing work being done by our congregation and its organisations, to give what satisfies your own conscience in the light of your income. To help you make that decision we will be supplying you with a brochure which will detail just what it costs us to keep the congregation going from year to year.

Soon a visitor will come to your door. I ask you to welcome them. They will invite you to come along to the gathering where we will lay the facts out for you.

I am very much looking forward to the IGNITE event, and I hope it will inspire you, and challenge you to think seriously about your place in the church and your faith in Christ. I am also looking forward to the end of our Campaign, when, with renewed vigour we, you and I, might continue to be God’s servants in the corner of the vineyard which He has given us to tend. So let’s give ourselves the resources, financial and personal, necessary to do that, and to God be the glory.

Your sincere minister and friend

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James", with a horizontal line underneath.

**For reasons of personal confidentiality we regret that we are unable to publish this article in the web edition. We hope it doesn't spoil your enjoyment of the rest of this magazine.**

*The Editorial Team*

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*Prayer Group*



A time to read and meditate briefly on the scriptures is provided every Wednesday evening at 8 pm in the Bruce Memorial Hall. Please do consider coming along.

If you know of someone who is ill, or would appreciate being remembered in prayer, please tell the Minister.

## Pause For Thought



### *This I believe*

I believe in a loving personal God, Alive in His creation.

I believe: That at His chosen time,  
This God stepped upon the stage of human history,  
That we might see His face, hear His voice, and learn his  
way — not an easy way, He said ... but ...

The way to fullness of life.

I accept that there is a mystery in God's coming as a man — living  
and dying  
And rising again.

The mystery does not worry me. I recognise that mystery — in the  
action of the Creator and sustainer of all things and that that  
is part of His glory.

I regard the church as the body of believers, called to create, with  
Him,  
a **new society**.

And now that I know His love and forgiveness, and His promised  
companionship, without end,  
I am perfectly satisfied.

His idea of a table, where we can continue to have a special meeting  
with Him, in His chosen bread and wine, was wholly practical  
for the continuing life of the church.

It is His table, when we make it ready.

And his invitation comes to all — without qualification.

This I believe. And it is enough.

## Come to the Party!

On Tuesday 7th June, instead of our regular coffee morning we will be holding a Blooming Great Tea Party in the Church Hall, beginning at 10.00 am.

This event is held nationally every year, when thousands of people across the UK will be putting the kettle on and making tea to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care.



We invite you and your friends to come along and help us raise awareness of Marie Curie Cancer Care in the local community, as well as funds which will help the Marie Curie Nursing Service provide vital nursing care for terminally ill people in Clackmannanshire.

A number of our local Marie Curie Nurses will be in attendance, and will be able to answer any questions you have about the Service.

We commend this event to you, and look forward to welcoming you to our party.

### **Extract from letter received from the World Mission Stamp Appeal**

*I am writing to thank you for the used stamps which you have kindly sent to raise funds for the World Mission Stamp Appeal. Please thank everybody involved in collecting these stamps for their continued support and hard work. It is through your support that vital funds are able to be raised to help our partners worldwide.*

*The appeal which starts in March 2011 is raising money to help the work of our partner church, United Church of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. In particular, the support will be for the Mount Olivet Boys' Home where 28 boys are cared for. These young people have come from a background of abuse and neglect and through the care and love being given to them are being allowed to once again live the life of a child.*

*In 2010 we raised just over £2,000. Can we make that over £3,000 in 2012?*

**Remember that you can leave your used stamps in the box at the door of the church and so continue to help this worthwhile cause. More information at [www.churchofscotland.org.uk](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk).**

## Open Church 2011

Every summer we open the doors of our church each weekday between 2 pm and 4 pm. In order to do this we rely on members of our congregation who volunteer to welcome visitors and look after our beautiful church.

This year the church will be open from Monday 13th June to Friday 9th September. Please give some thought to helping out with this. It really doesn't matter whether you can only come along once or twice over the season or whether you can help out more regularly. The more volunteers we have the easier the task becomes.

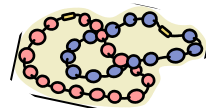
A diary will be available in the vestibule from the middle of May and I would appreciate it if volunteers would enter their name and telephone number in the appropriate dates.

If you would like more information about this, please speak to me any Sunday after the service or call me on 751742.

*Anne Paterson*

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CAN YOU HELP? A CHANCE TO DE-CLUTTER



Aileen Birrell has been making and selling lots of jewellery and donating the profits to the Church Windows Appeal. Do you have any broken necklaces or beads that you no longer require? If so, Aileen would be willing to take them off your hands and restring them into more modern designs and sell them for church funds.

## APPEAL FOR SPONSORSHIP



Anne Scotland is going to abseil off the Forth Rail Bridge on 8<sup>th</sup> May to raise funds for Scottish



Autism (formerly The Scottish Society for Autism). Anyone wishing to sponsor Anne should speak to her or anyone in her family. Your help is much appreciated.

### ***ADAM AND EVE—GLASWEGIAN STYLE!***

(based on Genesis 2-3)

When God hud made the Universe, and He had done his best,  
He sat back oan His hunkers for a well-deserved wee rest.

‘It’s awfy good,’ He said aloud. ‘It matches tae the plan.  
But just tae add the final touch, Ah think I’ll make a man!’

And so He fashioned Adam frae the clay upon the ground.  
He placed him in a garden and he kept him safe and sound.

But Adam said tae God wan day, ‘Things are no too well!  
Ah feel like ah’m in prison, fur ah’m always in masel!’

So next time Adam nodded off, The Lord created Eve.  
It truly was a miracle—he’d nothing up his sleeve!

Well, Adam wisnae half impressed when Eve next day he met.  
‘Dear Lord,’ he said, ‘This has tae be yer best creation yet!’

So Adam he wis truly blest, more than any other,  
Fur he goat himself a lovely wife who didnae hae a mother!

*An excerpt from ‘Gaun Yersell Moses!’ by Tom C White, a lighthearted trip through the Old Testament in Glaswegian verse.*



**THANK YOU ...**

Many thanks for the flowers I received from the Church. They were lovely and very much appreciated.



*Margaret McQueen*

Thank you very much for the lovely flowers which I received when I came home from hospital.



I am making good progress with my new knee and hope to be back to full fitness soon.

*Gina Gemmell*

Thank you for the beautiful flowers received from the Church, and also very kind thoughts expressed on our recent sad bereavement.



It was greatly appreciated by the family, and nice to know we were in your thoughts.

**Emily Stanners**

I would like to say thanks to Bill Izett and Elizabeth for taking me to hospital. Also special thanks to Catherine, my true and loyal friend, for all her help. Thanks to everyone for cards and good wishes.

*Mary Stewart*

Many thanks for the church flowers. They came when I was feeling down and they helped to cheer me up. They were very much appreciated.

*Jean Hutchison*

THE WINDOW BY E-MAIL?

If you haven't already contacted us and wish to receive your Window by e-mail (thus saving on printing costs) please send an e-mail with your name and e-mail address to:

**administrator@clackmannankirk.org**

Please note that this is a 'pdf file' and needs to be opened with a program such as Adobe Reader. The average size of the file is 2.5Mb.

We also include a link to The Window on our web page. Go to ...

**<http://www.clackmannankirk.org>**

## UPDATE FROM WORLD CONCERN GROUP

**Fairtrade** The 3 goals for becoming a Fairtrade church were listed in April's issue of The Window but it is reassuring to know that a deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 has been set by Session for us to become a Fairtrade church. By this date we should be able to apply for our certificate to display which will tell people we have made a commitment to Fairtrade. This will show our commitment as a Christian congregation to the Fairtrade objectives. Fairtrade goods can be recognised by the Fairtrade mark and are widely available in many local stores and are often cheaper than similar products.



**Twinning** An open congregational meeting is arranged for **June 7<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 pm** in the Bruce Memorial Hall to hear Karen Francis from 121 speak about twinning. Session has approved that the WCG investigate what the congregation's commitment would be if twinned with an overseas congregation, possibly in Zambia based near our mission partners Keith and Ida Waddell. This is your opportunity to find out what it is all about and what opportunities might be available.



**Souper Sunday** Souper Sunday is to take place on **June 19<sup>th</sup>**. The WCG will take a significant part in the organisation of worship on that Sunday morning. The service will be followed by a light lunch (with emphasis on the LIGHT) in return for a donation to the Church of Scotland's HIV and Aids support project.

**Vision Aid** During 2 Sundays we managed to collect from the congregation 66 pairs of unwanted spectacles. Clackmannan Primary School have, during the week prior to breaking for Easter, also collected 70 pairs of spectacles and when added to those collected by Abercromby Primary School and Lornshill Academy there will be a sizeable contribution. Thanks must go to all those who supported this appeal.



**GIFTS FOR GOD**

Time is marching on and preparations are well under way for “Our Gathering” being held in

**Clackmannan Town Hall**  
on  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 7-9 pm**  
and  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2-4 pm**

Soon our visitors will be knocking on your door. Please make them welcome and listen to what they have to say. We are looking forward so much to having as many people as possible attend this gathering. This will be a great opportunity to see what your Church can and will do for you!

It is our intention to have a cup of tea and a cake.

We would welcome donations of baking and If anyone is able to provide any baking please contact Kathryn Clark on 218305 or Helen White on 210520.



**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK  
15-21 MAY 2011**



As previously advised we are having a

**Sandwich and Sweet Lunch**

in the Church  
after morning service on

**Sunday 15th May 2011**

If you are able to help in any way by making a sweet or sandwiches please let Helen White (210520) or Janice Scotland (750294) know. We thank you in anticipation.

Also on Sunday 15th we are having a guest speaker from Christian Aid, Mrs Lorna Paterson. We are looking forward to this and we know she will get the usual Clackmannan welcome.

The door-to-door collection is presently being organised so, for those of you who have been kind enough to offer your services, we will be in touch soon.

**HELP PEOPLE IN POVERTY OUT OF POVERTY**

## SESSION JOTTINGS

Some changes to elders' districts were proposed and accepted by the Kirk Session. The changes are not wide ranging but you may find that a different elder will be visiting you in the near future.

At a previous meeting of the Kirk Session it was agreed that we would work towards becoming a Fair Trade Church. Information as to what this means for our church was published in the April edition of The Window. Rather than leave the change-over open-ended the Kirk Session has decided that we should be a Fair Trade Church by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011.

The Kirk Session is investigating the opportunity of "Twinning " with another church overseas. A representative of the Church of Scotland will attend the next Kirk Session meeting to explain the procedure for this and also to inform us of the benefits of so doing.

The time of church services during the summer months was discussed but no decision was made. If you have any thoughts on the matter please let any of the elders know so that your views can be taken into consideration at our next meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Jim Millar



**FINANCIAL AFFAIRS FOR MARCH 2011**

	March £	March £
Offerings	4,871.36	
Coin-a-day	560.96	
Barclay dividend	417.40	
<b>Total income including above</b>		5,996.39
<b>Expenditure*</b>		7,508.60
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>		<b>-1,512.21</b>

\* Includes Fabric expenses 1,390.26

<b>Total income Jan-March</b>	15,082.46
<b>Total expenditure Jan-March</b>	18,612.24
<b>Total deficit Jan-March</b>	<b>-3,529.78</b>

**This continuing shortfall in our funding gives great cause for concern. If this continues the picture of the church of tomorrow, on the front page, may become a reality!**

THANK YOU FROM TRAIDCRAFT—Excerpt from a letter received

I am so pleased to hear that your Big Buzz at Clackmannan Parish Church was such a success and we are extremely grateful for your gift of £90 which is being put to immediate good use. From everyone at Traidcraft, thank you for making a difference! We really appreciate your support.

Rosemary Mbogo, Traidcraft's Regional Manager for East Africa, sends you this message, *"Every day I see the transformations in the lives of poor people that your help makes possible. I am certain that if you could be here you would be amazed at the difference you all make."*

Yours sincerely

Kim Mayman





## ***Getting to know "oor ain folk" — an interview with Ross Whitehouse***

### **When and where were you born?**

I'm one of the post WW2 baby boom, born in Glasgow (Maryhill), with many happy childhood memories of life in a tenement.



### **Where were you educated?**

North Kelvinside Secondary School Glasgow (where I met my wife, Sue), Strathclyde University to study Mathematics and then Teacher Training.

### **What jobs have you had?**

Teacher of Mathematics, Database Designer, Officer in the Royal Navy. I have been fortunate to have seen many corners of God's beautiful world during my travels with HM Navy – and have witnessed much good and bad at work in many (including several Third world) countries.

### **Do you have a favourite location?**

Home! Although the view from just beneath the statue of Christ the Redeemer which towers above Rio de Janeiro is breathtaking - the outstretched arms beckon everyone to "come, follow Me".



### **Where do your family stay?**

Sue and I have been blessed with 3 children and at the latest count, 8 grandchildren (age range 19 years down to 3 years) – all living on the South coast of England, all suitably "Englified" in their ways; we enjoy both our and their visits.

**What do you do in your spare time?**

Having not long retired I'm just starting to get familiar with "spare" time – any form of DIY is always a challenge (ie in-between my allocated household tasks). Also, pottering with our home computer helps keep the brain cells ticking over.

**What do you do in Clackmannan Church?**

The choir suffers my dulcet tones and the youngsters in Night Vision keep me on my toes. I am very happy serving in the role of elder - the role has not really changed since I was first ordained in 1973; however, I believe big changes for the Church of Scotland are on the horizon and that we all, as a Church of God's people, need to rise to the challenge.

**What does your Christian faith mean to you?**

Since accepting the Lord Jesus into my life, it has been a journey full of rich challenging experiences in which, when I look back, He has been there always watching over me – the footprints in the sand story comes to mind. I count my blessings often and I'd certainly find it difficult to "get by" without my faith.

**What do you think we need in Clackmannan?**

Clackmannan reflects our ever increasing secular society where God would appear to be simply "not needed". As Christians, I believe we must not be afraid to confront this secularism starting from within our own community - and that we need to get out there and practise our faith.

*Ross was recently admitted into our Kirk Session and we thank him for taking the time to share his thoughts and memories with us.  
Thank you Ross.*

## **FROM OUR MISSION PARTNERS IN THAILAND, MIKE, JANE, RACHEL AND AYLIE FUCELLA**

Mike and Jane have had friends who had to be evacuated during the Japanese earthquake, although not affected themselves. It made them very aware of what the Japanese people were going through, as there are Japanese children in school. The local school community raised a huge amount of money through an enormous “bake sale” and made 4000 origami cranes to send to the Embassy as a sign of love and support.



Aylie and Jane were in Bangkok on Christmas Day and had a lovely time with friends, the Mountfields.

Mike and Rachel spent Christmas Day in Sangklaburi, but unfortunately Rachel could not get into the refugee camp as was hoped, but Dodo managed to arrange for interviews with some of the refugees who came out to meet her. A child was brought in to the Kwai River Christian Hospital on Christmas Day, after being viciously abused, so Mike spent the rest of the day advising on the correct procedures to make with police, social services etc. Sadly, the perpetrator has not been found at the time of writing.

The Office of Child Protection continues to have a huge impact, working with 30 schools in Bangkok alone, as well as the border project working with hospitals, hostels, churches and schools in an effort to keep children safe. The more work they do, the more cases come to light, some involving leaders who are very powerful.

Pupa, aged 13 and has cerebral palsy, has lived with Dodo for about 4 years. She has been taken to a rehabilitation centre in Chiang Mai for intensive physiotherapy and treatment. Please pray for her, as this is the first time she has been away from Dodo in that time.

The whole family went to Australia for a week in February and spent it in Melbourne with friends who used to live in Appin on the west coast of Scotland, and had a fun time. Jane stayed on in Australia for another week and had several speaking engagement in Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide, as well as one-to-one meetings with quite a few people interested in working overseas. Jane had a packed and intense week, but spent some time with Kristen

in Adelaide, house sitting for her parents, which meant looking after cats, dogs, a pony and 3 kangaroos—one of whom liked kisses and cuddles!

Jane's life has changed dramatically since stepping down from IS leadership roles. She has been helping with the Karen ministry that Christ Church supports on the border north of Mae Sot. Christ Church is also involved in supporting 3 nursery schools in Mae La refugee camp, and a secondary school for 200 migrant and refugee Karen children. Most of her work is administration, based in the Christ Church offices, which means that, at the end of the day, she can leave the work behind. If anyone is interested in supporting this work financially, or coming as a volunteer English teacher, feel free to get in touch.

Jane spent a lot of time preparing for the talks in Australia, and on her return preparing a series of 3 devotions for a mission's leadership conference this week. On a fun note, she has taken up the jazz clarinet. Having not played her clarinet for 27 years, it's been great to be able to pick it up and remember a lot.

Aylie has been performing in a production of "Peter Pan" and Rachel was helping backstage. Aylie played the part of Curly—one of the Lost Boys. They both enjoyed it immensely.

Rachel continues to have a leadership role in both Amnesty International and Habitat for Humanity groups at school. She had to give a talk to the varsity boys' softball team to give them an understanding of the political situation in Burma when they play there.

Mike, Jane and the family will be in the UK from 11th June to 1st August, and will be available to meet with anyone on Wednesday 22nd June at Barclay Church in Edinburgh, or Wednesday 29th June at Gilcomston South Church, Union Street, Aberdeen. (Contact details for these meetings are available from John Young.)

Once again thank you for all your love and support. As we approach Easter may you know the transforming power of the resurrected Christ in your lives.

#### REMINDER

If you need transport to and from church then phone Nan Marshall, our Car Rota Co-ordinator, on 01259 722366, who will make the necessary arrangements.



**Crèche Rota**

Denise Watson, Crèche Co-ordinator, is looking for someone to take over organising the names for the Crèche Rota each month. If you think you would be able to do this please call her on 759084 and she will have a chat about what you have to do.

If you cannot do crèche on the date below, please arrange to swap with someone else.

**May 2011**

1 Betty Cameron, Chris Fyfe                      29 Karen Brander, Helen White

8 Margo Gray, Sally Stewart                      **June 2011**

15 Lauren Scotland, Jan McTaggart              5 Chris Fyfe, Margo Gray

22 Jackie Davies, Denise Watson

**The Guild**

Our 'Mystery Trip' this year is on

**Thursday 19th May.**

The bus will leave

**the Cross at 11 am.**

If anyone is unable to make it to the meeting point please let Helen know (210520).

We look forward to an enjoyable day—wherever we end up!


**Baking Rota for Tuesday Coffee Mornings**

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Elder</i></b>	<b><i>District</i></b>
<b><i>May</i></b>		
<b><i>3rd</i></b>	Aileen Birrell	Castle St/Kirkwynd/Main St
	Chris Fyfe	High Street
	Bill Johnstone	Castle Terr/Lochies Rd/Mar Terr/Alloa Rd
<b><i>10th</i></b>	Gordon Stanners	Bruce St/Garden Terr/Garden Pl
	Sandy Jack	Laird's Dr/Marquis Dr
	Elizabeth MacDonald	Alloa Rd/Duke St/Mayfield Cr
<b><i>17th</i></b>	Lysbeth Fleming	South Pilmuir Rd/Craigrie Terr/Zetland St
	Betty Cameron	Cattlemarket/Dundas Cr/Izatt Terr
	Helene Paterson	Chapelhill
<b><i>24th</i></b>	Gina Gemmell	South Pilmuir Rd
	Catrina Mackey	St Serfs Gr/Mannan Dr
	Mary Millar	Brucefield Cr/Northfield Gdns/Mercat Pl
<b><i>31st</i></b>	Helen Paterson	Ladywood/Kennet/Meadow Gr
	Anne Paterson	Alloa/Brightons/Dunipace/Bonnybridge/ Causewayhead
	Les Pike	Helensfield/Forestmill/farms
<b><i>June</i></b>		
<b><i>7th</i></b>	Anne Dawson	Kennet Pans/Inch of Ferryton/Kincardine/ farms
	Kenny McCall	Tullibody/Coalsnaughton/Menstrie/Alva// Fishcross/Marchglen/Dollar
	Bob Somerville	Alloa/Sauchie
<b><i>14th</i></b>	Robert Fleming	Burnside Cr/Cherryton Dr/Park Pl/Riccarton
	Alex Birrell	Devonway
	Roberta Davidson	

Many thanks to all the willing bakers. March's collections came to £120.

## Floodlighting our Church

April contributors are listed below. If you wish to sponsor any future dates please contact **Rosemary Ramage**, our Floodlighting Co-ordinator. The cost to light up the Church for one night is **£5** and, if you wish to contribute, your request can be given on slips which are available from Rosemary. Spare copies are also at the door of the church, in the church office and in the church hall. The names and dedications of those who sponsored in April will be on display at the Church entrance during May.

<i>April</i>		<i>April (cont)</i>	
1	Jean Thom	19	Mrs Agnes McMillan
2	Mrs Linda Sloan	20	Robert and Lysbeth Fleming
3		21	
4		22	Mrs C Brown
5	Jean Thom	23	
6	Janet Frederick	24	
7	Bob and Grace Armstrong	25	
8	Jim and Elaine McCallum	26	John and Mary Gordon
9	Local Resident	27	John and Mary Gordon
10	Local Resident	28	Mrs Freda Lambie
11		29	Robert and Jimmy Horne
12	Janet Frederick	30	Janet Frederick
13			
14			
15			
16	Mrs Linda Sloan		May dates available (as at 20th April) 3rd, 9th, 10th, 11th and 21st
17			See Rosemary Ramage if you wish to sponsor any of the above, or other, dates.
18	Robert and Lysbeth Fleming		

**May Contributors**

1	Wedding Flowers Lisa Adamson and Gordon Bell
8	Vera Currey
15	Meg and John Young
22	James and Elspeth Cuthbertson
29	Flower Fund

**Flower Fund**

Dates are available for June and July. The Flower Diary is in the church vestibule. Just enter your name and contact number against your chosen date and place your donation in an envelope addressed to the Flower Fund. Add your name and the date you have chosen. Put it in the collection plate and it will be given to Elspeth Cuthbertson, our Flower Co-ordinator. Your continuing support is much appreciated by the congregation and also the recipients of the flowers after the service.



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## GUILD MEMBERS SEND BOOKS FOR AFGHAN CHILDREN

You may remember Cleides, the Brazilian lady who spoke both in Church and at the Coffee Morning some time ago to tell us about her work with pre-school children in Albania. She is now working with pre-school children in Afghanistan, and in response to her request for children's picture books, Guild members made a magnificent response with many colourful books as well as generous donations for postage. Cleides has been delighted with them, as have the children, and she asks that her thanks be passed on to the donors.



Thank you, Guild members, for your caring for these Afghan children.



Betty Cameron

