



The Window

Clackmannan Parish
Church of Scotland

October 2011



The dedication service of
the Bruce Memorial Hall

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Were you there

25 years ago?

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**Sunday
16th
October**

This is the deadline date for receipt of material for the November issue of *The Window*. Magazines can be uplifted on Sunday *30th October*.

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Remember that we want to hear from YOU. Articles may be handed to any member of the team or to the church office on a Tuesday or Friday morning (10 am—12 noon) or email to office@clackmannankirk.org

Church Services

Date	Time	
2nd Oct	11.00 am	Morning Worship
9th Oct	11.00 am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service conducted by Revd Kenneth Donald
	3.00 pm	Afternoon Service in BMH conducted by Revd Kenneth Donald
16th Oct	11.00 am	Morning Worship conducted by Revd Don Cameron
23rd Oct	11.00 am	Morning Worship conducted by Revd Don Cameron
30th Oct	11.00 am	Morning Worship conducted by the Minister
6th Nov	11.00 am	Morning Worship
13th Nov	10.50 am	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
	11.15 am	Remembrance Service
	3.00 pm	Afternoon Service in BMH

Our Minister will be on holiday from 3rd to 23rd October.

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

There is a crèche available every Sunday.

Dear Friends

Later this month a series of evangelistic events will take place in various places throughout Clackmannanshire. These events under the banner of “Impact World Tour” will present the good news of Jesus in ways which will resonate with the audiences, and will challenge them to think about making a commitment to Christ. The timetable for these events is as follows:

Wednesday 26th October, 7.30 pm – Island Breeze, Clackmannan Town Hall

Thursday 27th October, 7.30 pm – GX International, Alva Academy

Friday 28th October, 7.30 pm - Team Extreme, Alloa Town Hall

Saturday 29th October, 7.30 pm – GX International, Alloa Town Hall

Sunday 30th October, 6.30 pm - Island Breeze, Devonvale Hall, Tillicoultry

Each of these groups, Island Breeze, GX International and Team Extreme is made up of young people from countries across the world, and they come together to perform and share their faith.

Island Breeze invites us to experience the flavour of the Pacific Islands. Their colourful, energetic programme includes authentic costumes, traditional music and intricate dances representing a variety of Pacific cultures - Hawaii's graceful hula, the warlike haka of New Zealand Maoris and the electrifying Samoan fire knife dance. This diverse team is made up of members from ten different Pacific Islands, each bringing a unique cultural perspective. Always a family favourite, Island Breeze combines grace with their amazing heritage.

GX International is an extreme sports team made up of professional, amateur and sponsored bikers, bladers and skaters from all over the world. We will watch as they hit the stage and blow our minds with skateboard airs and bomb freestyle tricks. Huge ramps, fun-boxes and half-pipes give these guys some serious air. GX International defy gravity and astonish audiences with its impressive technical skill. They're backed up by hip-hop dancers and break-dancers busting core dance moves to some epoch beat. The driving beat will have you on your feet, and the amazing feats of this team will leave you breathless.

Team Xtreme promise us some of the strongest athletes in the world taking on some of the toughest elements. Steel! Brick! Chains! They are Xtreme athletes in Xtreme circumstances. Their strength will surprise, their courage will amaze – the athletes of Team Xtreme are not afraid to tackle the tough

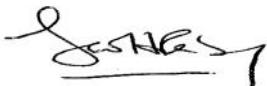
stuff in life, whether it is a metal bar or a difficult choice. They burst through bricks while encouraging the audience to shatter barriers in their lives.

Entrance to these events is free. You are invited to go along and experience these events for yourself. But as I have suggested, the Impact World Tour isn't just to provide us with an evening's entertainment. It has a clear evangelistic purpose. It is there to provide the invitation for people to get to know about Jesus. These events are being supported by the local churches including ourselves. In prayer, in financial and practical commitment the churches are being asked to get alongside the Impact World Tour and lend our support to welcome new people into the family of Jesus Christ.

We have already held a fundraising "pudding feast", and promised a financial contribution, at the very least covering the cost of the hire of Clackmannan Town Hall for the event, though we have also had a special offering and service in Church to promote the Tour. But it must be said that if the Impact World Tour is to have an impact in Clackmannan, it will need more than just our prayers or financial contribution. It needs us! The men and women of Christ who are part of the Christian family in Clackmannan Church. The Impact World Tour needs us to get alongside the men, women and children who respond to the call to discover Jesus for themselves. They need local links to the Church here in our town. If you think you can help with this please speak to me or the Revd Don Cameron and we will offer some training to help you.

The Impact World Tour gives us a unique opportunity to reach the people of Clackmannan with the gospel in a way that will entertain, challenge, and touch the hearts of our residents. Will you join with us in welcoming these visitors to our town, and pray for them as they bring the word of God and the love of God to our community? Will you get alongside those who want to know more?

Yours in Christ

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

Looking back - 25 years ago ...

September 1984—Outbuildings at the Manse, consisting of stable, bothy, harness room and carriage room, were deemed unsafe.

24th November 1984—Congregational Board agreed that plans (prepared by Bill Dawson with input from Willie Dawson) to convert the outbuildings into a Session room and Sunday School meeting room be prepared for submission to Clackmannan District Council. Corridor and toilets would be new additions.

February 1985—Alloa Academy School Annexe (bottom of West End Park) was due to be demolished and the building was purchased for £200. A team of men dismantled the building and roof trusses, cedar wall cladding, floors and sanitary ware were transported to James Cuthbertson's farm at Inch of Ferryton for storage.

Team: Willie Dawson, Jim Hendry (lorry), 3 joiners, Bob Sommerville (Abercrombie's mobile crane).

1985-1986—Work continued on the building, removing roofs, demolishing internal walls (some a metre thick) and Ralph Taylor, the Minister, was almost buried when part of a wall, close to where he was standing, collapsed.

In order to install a new water main to connect to the High Street a trench had to be dug by hand and Bob Ross did more than his share of this work. A loan from the Bruce Trust to cover the estimated cost of £6,000 was authorised by Lord Balfour on the understanding that it be paid back as soon as possible.

In Willie Dawson's workshop Bob and Willie drew down patterns for the roof sections and fabricated new trusses. New panel sections were made for the corridor extension while Jim Birrell built walls and stonework on site.

Roof slates from Balmenach Distillery at Grantown-on-Spey were acquired by Bob at no cost to the church. Sizing the slates was undertaken by lady volunteers.

Volunteers: Mrs Ella Davidson, Mrs Sutherland and Christine Rooney among others.

Nailing the slates onto the roof was quite a precarious job as there was no scaffolding. Health and Safety requirements were less stringent then.

Roofers: Ian Love, Bill Dawson, Malcolm Rooney (now Minister at Kirriemuir).

Inside, electrical work was undertaken by W Love and plastering was completed by Donald McArthur.

The squad that turned up nearly every night straight from work for nearly 18 months in all weathers were Bob Sommerville, Jim Birrell, Bob Ross, Jack Howie, Jimmy Neil, Jim Dawson. They performed tasks that they never thought they could, thanks to Willie's guidance, enthusiasm and expertise, even although they were known to hide Willie's caramel wafer on occasions. Entertainment was provided watching Donald McArthur's little dog being sent to fetch and carry Donald's 3-foot rule and gauger.

26th June 1986—Rev Ralph Taylor conducted an open-air Dedication Service. Mrs Dawson cut the ribbon to the Bruce Memorial Hall and the Session room was named the Dawson Room as a tribute to Willie's hard work and endeavours. The Sunday School room was named the Rainbow Room (now the office).

The project came in under budget and the Bruce Memorial Hall is now valued at £150,000.

We are indebted to Bob Sommerville for sharing these memories and photos with us. (See photographs on front and back covers for more memories. Are you among the congregation?)

For reasons of personal confidentiality
we cannot publish the contents of this article.
in our web edition.
We hope this does not spoil your enjoyment
of this magazine.

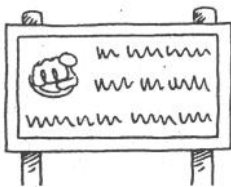
The Editorial Team

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS FOR AUGUST 2011

	<i>August</i>	<i>August</i>
	£	£
Offerings	4,241.30	
Total Income		4,253.62
Total Expenditure		7,694.16
Surplus/Deficit		-3,440.54
Total Income Jan-August		45,734.09
Total Expenditure Jan-August		52,534.01
Total Deficit Jan-August		-6,799.92

Expenditure includes £1154.04 quarterly gas and electricity accounts, £240 minister's travel, roof repair at BMH £100 and normal monthly expenses Church of Scotland £4388.50, Insurance £532.83, Council Tax £256.00 and Salaries £555.00.

The amount in the Windows/Building Appeal Fund now stands at **£49,950**.



A pig and a hen walked past a church noticeboard when it asked them this question:

“What will you do for the poor and oppressed overseas?”

“I know what we could do,” clucked the hen to the pig. “We could team up and send them some bacon and eggs!”

“It’s all right for you to suggest that,” grumbled the pig. “All you have to do is lay an egg. But for me, it’s a question of total commitment.”



The Editorial Team asked Craig Paterson, son of Helene Paterson, to write the following article. We thought it might be of particular interest to the young folk contemplating university life.

As a recent graduate of the University of Edinburgh I have been asked to share my university experiences with you

Coming from a small, close-knit village like Clackmannan, the decision for me to study and live in the city of Edinburgh wasn't an easy one. It was a world apart from where I had lived for the past eighteen years, and it would mean being separated from my family and friends for the first time, but it was what I had decided to do with my life.

I went to university open days in Stirling, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen to find out which city I would like to stay in for the next four years. Edinburgh as a city, and the reputation the university has worldwide, helped make my decision an easy one.

I specifically remember the day my mum and dad took me through to collect the keys for moving into student halls. I was excited but also nervous as to what my flatmates would be like. After my mum and dad helped me unpack my things, they left and I met my flatmates. They couldn't have been a better bunch of guys, and the five of us seemed to click from the beginning. Fresher's Week is all a bit of a blur, as I was so busy meeting new people and getting a good introduction to the Edinburgh night-life. I can safely say it is much better than a Saturday night in Alloa.

Throughout my time at university I met the most amazing people, both through studies and through my part-time work in Tesco, and have remained flatmates with one of the guys I stayed with in first year halls, the whole way through university life. It has been challenging keeping up with studies while working part-time to pay the rent/food etc, but it was definitely the best decision I have ever made.



I did miss my family and school friends, but the ones I really wanted to keep in touch with from school I have. There is a group of about six of us who meet up at least once every month either in Glasgow or Edinburgh, and I tried to go home and see my family once every few weeks.

Having just graduated with a degree in business studies and accounting, I understand how difficult it is to get a job in today's economic climate. However, I have been lucky enough to have gained employment as a trainee chartered accountant working in Edinburgh. I am excited as to what the future holds, as I am sure it will be a tricky qualification to gain, but the university experience is one I would recommend to anyone.

I visited the church last weekend with my mum as I was home for the weekend, and received a warm welcome from the people of Clackmannan Parish Church, congratulating me on my graduation and wishing me all the best for my future. It was nice to see Margaret Hill, Margaret Kelly (my old crèche leader), Jan McTaggart (my play-group teacher) and Mary Millar (my high school accounts teacher) and I would like to thank Mary, and Nan and Matt Marshall for the congratulations cards they sent following my graduation.

Many thanks Craig for taking time to share your thoughts and memories with us. Well done on achieving your degree and best wishes for your future career.

We're on the web!

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THRIFT SHOP

Clackmannan Town Hall

opening Fridays 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm

from 7 October 2011



Clackmannan Parish Church
of Scotland

As a congregation we are keen to help in the community where we can. This venture sets out to address a very practical need whilst offering an opportunity for members and non-members to come together at a well known venue. It is also a chance for you to enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and catch up on all that's going on !

To start with, we aim to provide Ladies, Gents and Children's clothing in good condition. If you have any of these items which you would like to donate, please bag and bring along to the Thrift Shop, the Church or Manse, or to arrange for collection telephone:

Sue (212086), **Helen** (213639) or **Elizabeth** (215837)

Any items which are not sold will be placed in the Church's Recycle Bin — in this way we can generate income in two ways.

We are looking for more volunteers to join our enthusiastic team. If you would like to help, have a word with Sue or any of the team.

**Come along, browse, enjoy a cuppa and
a chinwag.**



Getting to know "oor ain folk" — an interview with Anne Paterson

When were you born?

I was born on 7th January.

Where were you born and educated?

I was born in Stirling but we lived in Airth at the time and was educated at Clackmannan Primary School, Alloa Academy and Callendar Park College of Education.

What jobs have you had?

Not many. I've been teaching in Abercromby Primary School in Tulibody for 37 years now, apart from a one-year secondment to teach Philosophy for Children in various primary schools around the county. As a teenager and student, I worked on Saturdays and during holidays in Woolworths and Alloa library.

Do you have a favourite location?

Not really. I love to travel but like to go to new places. In saying that, there are some places that I am fond of and find very relaxing—some of the Scottish islands, especially Mull. Also Inverary and St Andrews, but sitting in my big armchair cuddled up to my gorgeous granddaughter is hard to beat.

How do you spend your time with family/friends?

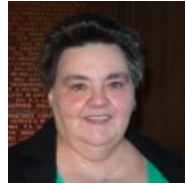
Chilling with a bottle of wine, eating out or just going for a drive.

What do you do in your spare time?

Mmm spare time. I enjoy reading and mucking about on the computer although I am not very knowledgeable about it. I love exploring old castles, churches, museums etc, and I do voluntary work for a Christian organisation called Quiet Waters.

What do you do in Clackmannan Church?

I am a district elder. I am rollkeeper and I serve the teas and coffees after Sunday services.



What does your Christian Faith mean to you?

I am so thankful that I was born into a family with Christian values. My father was a lay preacher and I can remember accompanying him to different churches. I don't know how people without a faith cope in times of trouble. It means never being alone, it means hope, strength, forgiveness—and so much more—but it's also a challenge. Francis Bacon once said, "It is not what men eat but what they digest that makes them strong; not what we gain but what we save that makes us rich; not what we read but what we remember that makes us learned; not what we preach but what we practise that makes us Christians."

What do you think we need in Clackmannan?

To recognise the love of God. You and I know that God loves his people here in Clackmannan but unfortunately most people do not. And who better to show them than us. Now, I don't know how we do that but I do believe that we need to get out among the people and I believe that if we pray about it regularly and sincerely, God will show us what He wants us to do in His time.

Is there anything else you think that the family of Clackmannan Parish Church should know about you?

I'm a fan of television quiz programmes and like to prepare my evening meal in time to eat as I watch Eggheads—so why does the phone always ring just at that time?

Many thanks Anne for giving us this interview and allowing us to have an insight into your very interesting life.

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.

LET'S CELEBRATE! CONGRATULATIONS TO

May and John Wilson who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Craig Paterson and Roy Little who both graduated from university this summer.

Jack Fowler who is heading off to Stirling University to study English and Journalism—best wishes Jack.

THE GUILD - OCTOBER SYLLABUS

The Guild meets at 7.30 pm each Monday in the Church Hall—we hope to see you then!

3rd Oct	Celebration Service	Church at 7 pm
10th Oct	Tineke Kemp	
17th Oct	Rev Douglas Aitken	Guild Theme—"Called to walk humbly with God"
24th Oct	May Richmond	Chairotics
31st Oct	Sandra Mathers	Guild Project—A New Hunger

Pause for thought ...

The words "silent" and "listen" are spelled with the same letters!

A helping hand is no farther than at the end of your sleeve.

There is so much good in the worst of us,
 And so much bad in the best of us,
 That it behoves none of us,
 To criticise the rest of us.

THANK YOU ...

Thank you (Elsbeth) and all your team of helpers for everything you do concerning the flower arranging. We really appreciate looking at them every Sunday.

Tom and Rosemary Ramage

Many, many thanks for the lovely flowers I was unexpectedly given after church. I did admire them during the service and am still enjoying them at home.

I am most grateful for the flowers and also for the arrangements every Sunday. I do know how big a job it can sometimes be—in wet, cold weather—gathering foliage and taking them uphill to church. It is very much appreciated.

Nan Marshall

Many thanks for the church flowers which I received recently. I would also like to thank all those who have kept me and my family in their prayers and supported me over the last month.

Sheila McCall

Many thanks to the church members for the lovely flowers I received on my 94th birthday. I appreciate this very much. Thank you.



Emma Smith

Mr Bob Arnott would like to thank Rev Scott Raby for his kind visits and comforting funeral service following the death of his wife, Margaret, in May 2011. This was much appreciated by the family.

May and John Wilson would like to thank the church members for the beautiful basket of flowers they received on the occasion of their Golden Wedding. They would also like to thank everyone for the cards and good wishes they received..

CHURCH REGISTER**BAPTISMS – “Let the Children come to me”**

28th August: Charlotte Grace Simpson
Grant Lee Simpson
great grand-children of John and Mary Duncan,
Lochies Road, Clackmannan

19th September: Sophie Angela Lorna Rodgers
younger daughter of Nancy and Stein Rodgers,
Chapelhill, Clackmannan

WEDDINGS – “The two shall become one”

27th August: Greg McLean with Connie Hynd

FUNERALS – “I am the Resurrection and the Life”

7th September: Cecil Annand, Forthbay Home, Kincardine

NOTE FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

We have decided to issue a short separate “Children’s Window” to the children of the Sunday School and any other children who would wish a copy. We are doing this as the response we have had to any competitions etc for the children has been very poor and we felt that perhaps the children were not always reading the page dedicated to them in The Window. This will be a trial over the next few months in order to gauge interest and response. If you know of any children who would like to receive a copy please either phone in their name/address to the office or contact your elder.

COIN-A-DAY

The next Coin-a-Day count will take place on:

Tuesday 29th November at 1 pm.

Any new members to the scheme should inform their elder or area collector in time for their coins to be collected.

Baking Rota for Tuesday Coffee Mornings

<i>Date</i>	<i>Elder</i>	<i>District</i>
<i>October</i>		
<i>4th</i>	Elizabeth M ^{ac} Donald	Duke St/Alloa Rd
	Lysbeth Fleming	South Pilmuir Rd/Zetland St
	Betty Cameron	Cattlemarket/Dundas Cr/Izatt Terr
<i>11th</i>	Helene Paterson	Chapelhill
	Gina Gemmell	South Pilmuir Rd
	Catrina Mackey	Mannan Dr/St Serf's Gr
<i>18th</i>	Mary Millar	Brucefield Cr/Mercat Pl/Northfield Gdns
	Helen Paterson	Kennet/Kennet Village/Ladywood
	Anne Paterson	Alloa/Bonnybridge/Brightons/Dunipace/ Stirling
<i>25th</i>	Les Pike	Forestmill/Helensfield/farms
	Anne Dawson	Carse/Kincardine/farms
<i>November</i>		
<i>1st</i>	Kenny McCall	Alva/Coalsnaughton/Dollar/Fishcross/ Menstrie/ Tillicoultry/Tullibody
	Bob Somerville	Alloa/Sauchie
	Robert Fleming	Burnside Cr/Cherryton Dr/Riccarton
<i>8th</i>	Alex Birrell	Devonway
	Roberta Davidson	Devonway
	Nan Marshall	Devonway




The coffee morning ladies would like to thank everyone for their home baking and the kind donations.

Floodlighting our Church

September 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 September will be on display at the Church entrance during October.



<i>September</i>		<i>September (cont)</i>	
1	Craig Hislop	18	Andrew and Nancy Airnes
2	Mrs Isabel Gilroy	19	Jim and Elaine McCallum
3	The Warnock Family	20	
4	The Warnock Family	21	Mrs Margaret McQueen and daughter Joyce
5		22	Charles and Elizabeth Brown and Family
6		23	Anonymous
7		24	Tom and Rosemary Ramage
8	Mrs Moira Sinclair	25	Jean Thom
9	Miles and Kareen Blackadder	26	Billy and Wendy Graham
10	Mrs Margaret MacPhie	27	Alistair and Gina Gemmell
11	Mrs Margaret MacPhie	28	Alistair and Gina Gemmell
12	Mrs Margaret MacPhie	29	Mrs Margaret Robertson
13	Mrs Margaret MacPhie	30	
14	Mrs Isabel Gilroy	 October dates still available as at 17th September: 14th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 30th	
15	Mrs Moira Sinclair		
16	Mrs Helen Jarvis		
17	Mrs Denise Watson		

Flower Fund

Thank you to everyone who so generously support the flower fund. The people who receive the flowers after the service greatly appreciate them as can be seen by the thank you notes (see page 19). The flower fund also provides the posies for baptisms. If you wish to donate, rather than choose a specific date, there are envelopes in the church vestibule, or just put your donation in an ordinary envelope and mark it for the Flower Fund.

Elsbeth Cuthbertson

October Contributors

2nd	Catrina Mackey
9th	David Doidge
16th	Jean Turner
23rd	Tom and Rosemary Ramage
30th	Janet Hawke



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In the workshop



Before



After



Getting ready for the dedication service