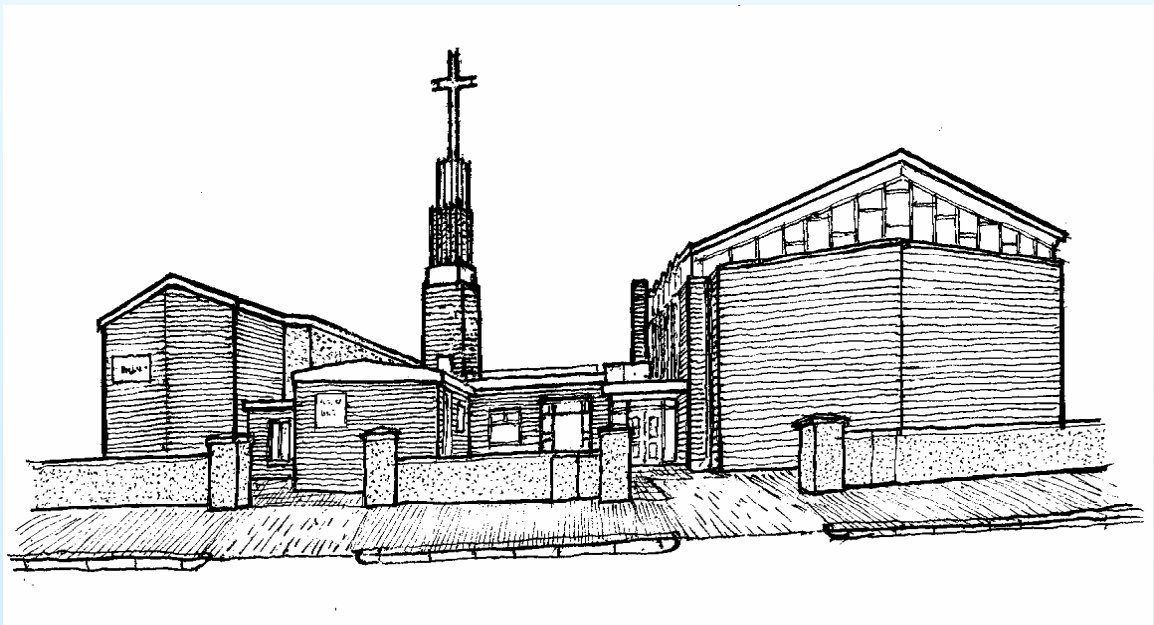


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1956 to 2006

**Celebrating
50 years of Worship**



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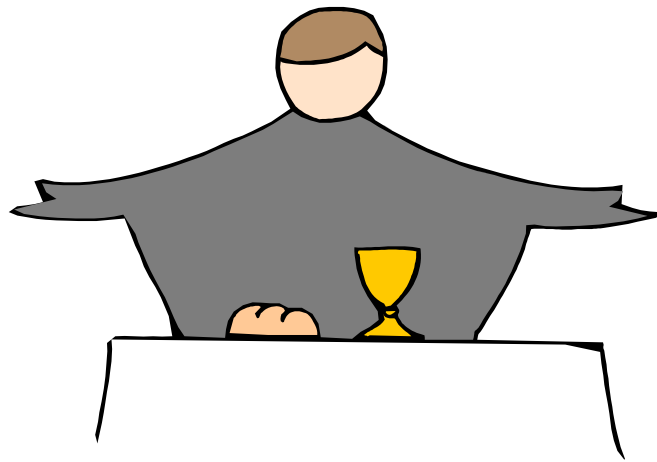
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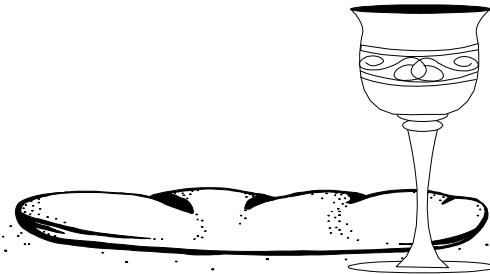
An invitation to the Lord's Table

Sacrament of Communion

Sunday 3rd September

11.00 am and 6.30 pm

For everyone who loves the Lord



Resurrection

Risen Lord, come stand among us, awaken us to Your presence.

Open to us the gate of glory, show us the path of life.

Help us to know you are with us, now and always.

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
That whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.*

John 3 : 16



Forthcoming Services

September 10th ~ Revd. Bill Johnston ~ Previous member of Castlehill

September 17th ~ Songs of Praise ~ Requests to the office, or box in vestibule

October 8th ~ Birthday Celebrations

October 15th ~ Revd. David Munro ~ The first Minister of Castlehill

(There will be tea and cakes after the service with everyone being welcome)

A date for your Diary

7th October 2006 ~ 50th Birthday ~ Supper Dance
At Prestwick Indoor Bowling Club. Tickets ~ £5.00

Seniors Afternoons.

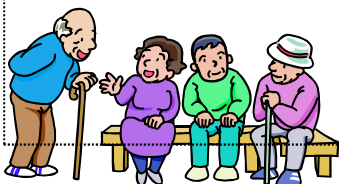
Just a reminder that the first afternoon of the winter session will be
at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday 10th October.

The syllabus will be available on that date.

New friends are invited to come along and if you require transport
please contact me on 285903 or
the Church Office on 267332.

It is essential that you let us know in advance as we have a limited
number of volunteer drivers.

Wellwood Grierson



CASTLEHILL CARILLON HANDBELL RINGERS



Sunday afternoons 2 – 4 starting Oct 1st

We have a hand bell group in the church.

We are a cheery bunch who enjoy making music

and welcome anyone who would like to try their hand at this.

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

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

For more information please speak with the minister



Think about it!

When you were born, your mother brought you here.
When you were married, your partner brought you here.
When you die, your friends will bring you here.
Why not try coming on your own sometime!

Line Dancers

The line dancing classes started in Castlehill Church in 1996, and are still going strong. We donated a wheelchair to the Church in 1997, also Hymn Books.

The winter classes are held in the main hall from August till May on Tuesday evenings 8-9p.m. and on Wednesday mornings 11-12 a.m.

Although we make a small charge for classes, we are non-profit making as the majority of the money goes towards Church funds, Church organisations and other deserving causes.

We also run a summer class from May till August on Wednesday evenings 7.30-8.30p.m. when absolute beginners can come along and learn. All money collected from summer classes goes to the Church and local charities. Last summer the charities received well over £200 and the Church well over £300, we sincerely thank all the ladies who attended, I don't know what happened to the man, too shy maybe!!

The Seniors afternoon held on Valentines day 14th February was very well attended. Tony Argent entertained with his accordion music playing old tunes, new tunes, and dance tunes, very much appreciated, the church ladies who attend the line dancing classes gave up their afternoon to show off their line dance talents, £36 was collected at the tables which was donated to the British Heart Foundation, Edinburgh.

Many people of all ages enjoy line dancing because you don't need a partner, it is excellent exercise, good fun, and a bundle of laughs.

The winter classes will start again on Tuesday 29th August and Wednesday 30th August.

Why not give it a try, you're never too old to join our "Happy hour" and make new friends.

Hope to see you there!

Yours in Dance

Margaret & Dorothy.



Church Bowling Club

We had a successful outing to Girvan outdoor Bowling Club on 12th July. The winning rink was David Lynch, Rita Walker and Harry Hunt.

The prize for the first 'toucher' was won by Ian Henderson.

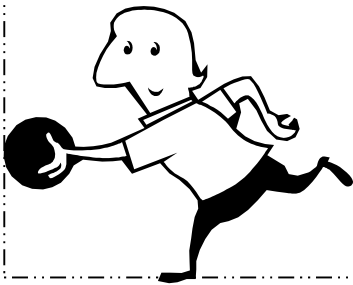
The recipients of the booby prize wish to remain anonymous .

Although it was slightly wet it dampened no ones spirits and an enjoyable afternoon's bowling was rounded off by high tea, all enjoyed by club members and their guests

We were all saddened by the death of Bill Duncan on the Friday after the outing. He had enjoyed his day out with us all. He will be missed at our weekly afternoons as he was a regular and well loved friend.

The first meeting of the new session will be on the 25th September and we welcome any new members for the Monday and Wednesday afternoons at 2.00p.m.

Wellwood Grierson



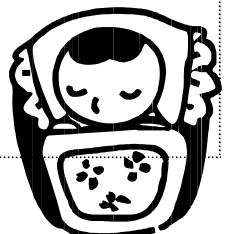
Out of the mouths of babes.....

A little girl noticed her mother had several white hairs shining through her Brunette head.

"Why are some of your hairs white, Mummy?", she asked.

"Well, every time you do something wrong or make me unhappy, one of my hairs turns white."

"Is that why Grandma's hairs are all white?" the little girl replied.





CASTLEHILL “CONTACT COMPANIONS”



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

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

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

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

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

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



Castlehill Guild

The convenor Mrs. Marion Reid and the committee are looking forward to the new session of the Guild. A warm welcome awaits former members and new members alike.

The Guild meets on Wednesday nights at 7.30p.m. over the winter and spring months with a break for Christmas and New Year.

The opening social is on 4th October at 7.30p.m. in the North Hall and we are looking forward to "Rich Heritage", our entertainers for the evening. The following Wednesday is enrolment night, where the full and varied syllabus is made available.

The committee is looking forward to welcoming all Guild members new and old.

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

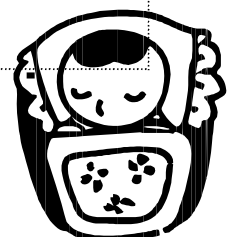
Out of the mouths of babes.....

A wee Glasgow boy comes home from school and tells his mother he has been given a part in the school play.

"Wonderful." "What part is it?" she asks.

"I play the part of the Scottish husband."

"Go back tomorrow and tell your teacher you want a speaking part!"



The Prawns

Far away in the tropical waters of the Caribbean , two prawns were swimming around in the sea - one called Justin & the other called Christian.

The prawns were constantly being harassed & threatened by sharks that inhabited the area. Finally one day Justin said to Christian, "I'm fed up with being a prawn, I wish I was a shark, then I wouldn't have any worries about being eaten."

A large mysterious cod appeared & said, "Your wish is granted " and Lo and behold, Justin turned into a shark. Horrified, Christian immediately swam away, afraid of being eaten by his old mate.

Time passed (as it invariably does) and Justin found life as a shark boring and lonely. All his old mates simply swam away whenever he came close to them. Justin didn't realise that his new menacing appearance was the cause of his sad plight.

While swimming alone one day he saw the mysterious cod again and he thought perhaps the mysterious fish could change him back into a prawn. He approached the cod & begged to be changed back, and, lo and behold, he found himself turned back into a prawn.

With tears of joy in his tiny little eyes Justin swam back to his friends and bought them all a cocktail.
(The punch line does not involve a prawn cocktail - it's much worse).

Looking around the gathering at the reef he realised he couldn't see his old pal. "Where's Christian?" he asked. "He's at home, still distraught that his best friend changed sides to the enemy and became a shark", came the reply.

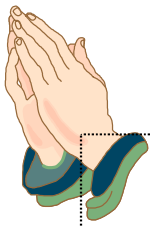
Eager to put things right again and end the mutual pain and torture, he set off to Christian's abode. As he opened the coral gate memories came flooding back. He banged on the door and shouted, "It's me, Justin, your old friend, come out and see me again."

Christian replied, "No way man, you'll eat me. You're now a shark, the enemy, and I'll not be tricked into being your dinner." Justin cried back "No, I'm not. That was the old me. I've changed.".....

"I've found Cod. I'm a Prawn again Christian".

*The minister suggests for the original version.
Please see the Bible!!!!*





PRAYER CHAIN

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

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

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"Faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love"

1 Corinthians 13: 13

*"There is a prayer which is a challenge for today.
A challenge for us to look in the mirror and see
not our face, but a glimpse of the face of Christ."*

May the Lord Jesus Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you to the end of the road.

May the Lord Jesus Christ who serves with wounded hands help you to serve others.

May the Lord Jesus Christ who loves with a wounded heart be your love for ever.

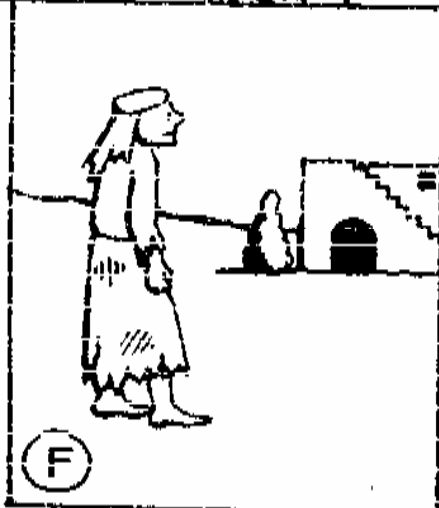
May you see the face of Christ in all you do each day.

May all whom you meet see the face of Christ in you. Amen.



FOR OLDER CHILDREN TO TACKLE!

The Lost Son



Put these pictures in the right order to tell the story in Luke 15:11-32.
To start you off, E = 1.

For Younger Children

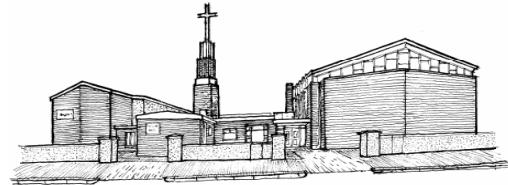
**For the wee ones - colour this picture,
then ask someone to read mark CH. 2 V. 23**



One Sabbath He was going through cornfields.



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



The Winter 2006 Newsletter
will be issued in mid November
If anyone has any articles
they should be handed into the office
by the end of October

PASTORAL CARE ~ HOSPITAL VISITING

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

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

Contact Nos. of team are as follows :

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



All information will be strictly confidential.



Meditation –The Lemon Tree

People who have given up on love probably agree with the words to the song “Lemon Tree” by the folk group Peter, Paul and Mary:

“Don’t put your faith in love, my boy,” my father said to me, “ I fear you’ll find that love is like the lovely lemon tree.” Lemon tree very pretty and the lemon flower is sweet, but the fruit of the poor lemon tree is impossible to eat.

Many people feel that way. “Love is bitter,” they say, because they’ve been used or abused. But there is a love that is sweet : “God is love” (1 John 4:16). The world around wants to turn John’s phrase around. “Love is God,” they say, and seek love has the highest good. But John did not say that love is God. “God is love,” he said. Author Frederic Buechner wrote, “To say that love is God is romantic idealism. To say that God is love is either the last straw or the ultimate truth.”

The last straw? Yes for some it is. They have looked for love in all the wrong places and have no other place to turn. But when they give themselves to God, as He is made real and personal in Jesus, they find the love they’ve been looking for all their lives.

God is not indifference, abandonment, and abuse, my friend.

God is love.—David Roper

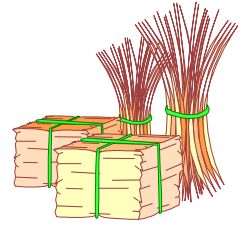
*Loved with everlasting love,
Led by grace that love to know
Spirit, breathing from above,
Thou hast taught me it is so.--Robinson*

CHURCH FLOWERS

We have received many letters and phone calls in appreciation of the flowers that people receive on a Sunday from the Church. Continuing thanks goes to all those who donate , arrange and deliver the flowers each week.



Thought for Harvest



Upon all who are suffering from hunger,
Lord, come in hope.
Upon the world's refugees,
Lord, come in hope.
Upon all prisoners of tyranny and war,
Lord, come in hope.
Upon all who are exploited,
Lord, come in hope.
Upon the underprivileged,
Lord, come in hope.
Upon all who are without work,
Lord, come in hope.

Father of all creation, we thank you that you have given us a world rich in resources and made us stewards of your mysteries. Help us to act responsibly, not wasting or destroying what we do not need. Not polluting the earth or sea or sky, that we may act with love towards all things and so reflect the great love that you have for the work.

Amen

Out of the mouths of babes.....

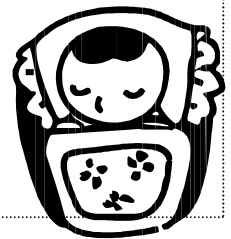
A little boy came home from school, crying.

"What's wrong?" his mummy asked.

"Teacher gave me a row for answering a question noe of the others could answer."

"And what was the question?"

"Who put the glue on my chair?"



Would you like to be a "puppy walker"?

Please see posters in the Church or
contact the Church office for details.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder

This is without a doubt one of the coolest illusions I have seen so far

Follow the instructions:

1. Relax and concentrate on the 4 small dots in the middle of the picture for about 30-40 seconds.
2. Then take a look at a wall near you (any smooth single coloured surface)
3. You will see a circle of light developing
4. Start blinking a couple of times and you will see a figure emerging...
5. What do you see? Moreover, who do you see?



Traidcraft

There will be a Traidcraft stall in the fellowship area on Sunday 3rd September . All the usual Fairly traided goodies will be available so please support the stall.

Dates for your diary:-

Make poverty history Days

Saturday 30th September in London

and Saturday 14th October in Leeds

Call The Fairtrade foundation for details on

020 7440 5942

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WEDDING

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

Mr. Paul Paton
To
Miss Christina McLennan
29th June 2006



FUNERALS

April

Margaret Carrington, Orchard House
Grace Main, 23 Woodlands Crescent
Pat Rowan, 9 Campion Court
Kathleen Taylor, 63 Peggieshill Road
Olive Dalziel, Cumnor Hall
James Forbes, 66 Ellisland Square

May

Lillie Macey, 57 Ellisland Square
Agnes Allison, 60 Kincaidston Drive
Arthur Green, 8b Woodpark
Hugh Hamilton, 55 Caledonia Road

June

Isabella McClymont, 15 Firbank
James Munn, 6 Forest Way
Jean Taylor, 29 Morton Road
William Blair, 90 Lochlea Drive
Jessie McBurnie, 153 Hillfoot Road
Jean Kidd, 17 Burnbank Road
David Howatson, 110 Dalmellington road
Mary Wilson, Carrick House
William Colvin, 22 Forehill Road
John Robertson, Glenfairn Nursing Home

July

Susan Maitland, 14 The Loaning
Agnes McWilliams, 3 Armour Drive
Bill Duncan, 1 Gower Place
Eileen Muir, 31 Masonhill Road
Duncan Rae, 57 Alderbank
John Paterson, 9 Laurel Bank

Their journey's just begun

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

E. Brenneman

Jesus said :-

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

Regular Weekly Events

Sunday

Youth Church

Bell Ringers

Morning Service

Creche

Monday

Bowling Club

Tiny Tots

Highland
Dancing

Brownies

Guides

Tuesday

Guides

Coffee
Shop

Line Dancing

Rainbows

Brownies

Anchor Boys

Child Minders
Group

Wednesday

Badminton

Line Dancing

Music Makers

Cheerleading

Guild

Bowling Club

Thursday

Seniors
Keep Fit

Weightwatchers

Tai Ji

Board & Session

Friday

Boys
Brigade

Choir

Enjoy-a-ball

Hazelbank

Mothers & Toddlers

Saturday

Weightwatchers

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

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