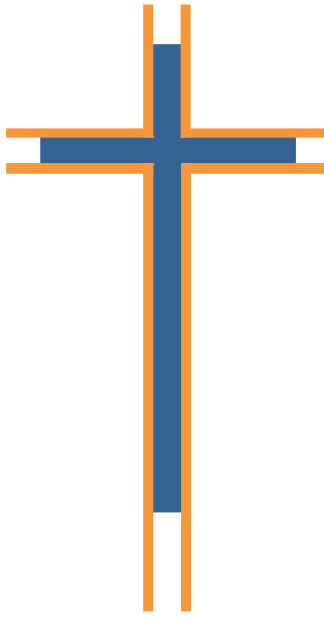


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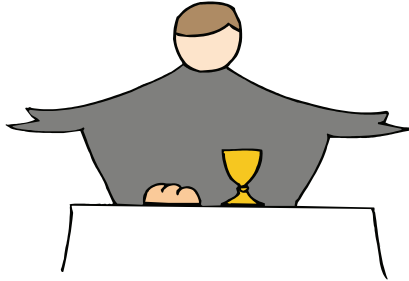
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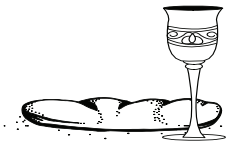
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**Matthew 22:1-15**

**"The kingdom of heaven is like a King who prepared a wedding banquet and sent out invitations...."**



**~ Sacrament of Communion ~  
Sunday 3rd June at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.**



Could anyone wishing Home Communion please  
contact their Elder, the Minister or the office.

*To Castlehill Church*

*To you dear friends, my thanks sincere  
These lovely flowers my heart did cheer  
All members love I do not know  
Because they never told me so  
When all the memories are unfurled  
I'll have no enemies in this world  
Please read this note from pulpit fall  
And tell them clear, I love them all.*

*Allan Ramsay*

*This poem was discovered in a book handed into a second hand  
book shop and they passed it on to us. Enjoy...*



Our magazine editor Joyce Anderson has decided to retire. We would like to take this opportunity to wish her well and thank her most sincerely for the years of work she contributed to our church magazine.

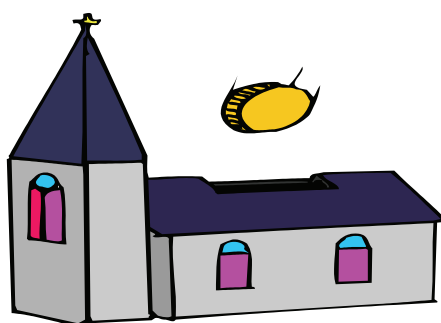
I would like to say thank you for all the cards and best wishes I have received over the past few weeks since my accident.  
I hope to be back at church again soon.

James McClurkin

## CASTLEHILL CARILLON HANDBELL RINGERS



The Handbell Ringers meet on Sunday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm in the lesser hall.  
Anyone interested in coming along please speak with the Minister.



### Wee Kirks

While all the collections are not in yet, it would seem that the amounts donated are slightly up on last spring. We are very grateful for the continued support and also to the collectors for their hard work in making the collections. As usual there are still a few wee kirks available for anyone wishing to take one and these are available from the office or Wellwood Grierson.

## Bowling Club - President's Report :

This has been another successful season with a slight increase in membership and attendances on the increase as well. So much so that on occasion both on Wednesday's and Monday's some have been unable to have a game. There was another good day out at Girvan at the outdoor bowling green in July where all had a very enjoyable day despite not too good weather.

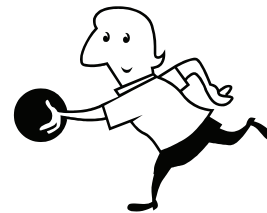
We were saddened that a few days after the outing Bill Duncan died. He is greatly missed at the club and will continue to be always in our thoughts. A sum of money was left by him for the use of the Club and it was decided that we inaugurate a new singles competition for the ladies. Accordingly we purchased a silver plate to be known as The Bill and Betty Duncan plate and this has been competed for this year.

I am grateful for the cooperation of the members to enable us to complete all the competitions, though at times we did not think we would make it. My thanks are also due to the tea committee under the direction of Jean Hunt, our treasurer Helen Lynch for keeping us solvent, my Vice President Jim Roy for his support and not least to the band of carpet lifters and layers under the command of Michael Hardie and David Lynch.

### Election of Office Bearers for 2007/2008 :

President: W.G. Grierson  
Vice President: Jim Roy  
Treasurer: Helen Lynch  
Tea Convenors: Jean Hunt and Joan Macfie

Prize Winners for 2006/2007:  
Thomson Rose Bowl Monday Points :  
David Yates      Runner Up Wellwood Grierson  
Kerr Rose Bowl Wednesday Points:  
Jean Hunt      Runner Up David Lynch  
Ina Walker Trophy Mixed Pairs:  
Nan McClymont / Wellwood Grierson  
Runners Up: Jean Wands / Betty Taylor  
Edgar Grierson Quaich Ladies Pairs:  
Nancy Gordon / May Harris  
Runners Up: Betty Dunlop / Elise Henderson  
Gent's Singles Trophy  
Wellwood Grierson Runner Up Michael Hardie  
Bill & Betty Duncan Plate : Ladies Singles  
Nancy Gordon Runner Up Jean Hunt.



Dates for Next Year: Opening 24<sup>th</sup> September 07, Christmas Break 10<sup>th</sup> December to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008 , Closing 7th April 2008

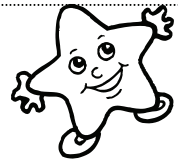
Subscriptions for year 2007/2008 were agreed at £4.00 and tea money at 50p

Under any other business the president was asked to organise another outing during the summer and keep the members informed.

David Kerr proposed that there should be a Gents Pairs competition. This was approved and the President indicated that either a trophy be donated from some source or the Club would require to purchase one itself. The decision on this was left meantime, but the competition would go ahead.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the President.

## Annual Visit to the Youth Church and Crèche



On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of February I visited the Youth Church and Crèche taking with me the best wishes of the Kirk Session.

I was welcomed warmly by these younger members of the congregation, and by Marilyn Forbes and the other leaders in charge of them.

The "All Stars" 4 to 5 year olds were working on a Scripture Union material with Moira Alexander and Marion Reid. The other "All Stars" group of 6 to 10 year olds were also using Scripture Union material with Karen Kerr and Catherine Holland.

Both groups chatted happily as they worked on pictures and puzzles.

The Bible Class for 10 to 16 year olds were working under the guidance of Margaret Houston and Marion Turnbull. They follow a varied programme including topics such as "Spiritual Mapping", "Racism" and "Soul Food". They were currently working on a World Day of Prayer project on Paraguay.

Numbers vary each week in the Youth Church. The two younger groups generally vary between six to eight in each group.

The Bible Class usually comprises around nine or ten.

The Crèche is ably managed by Frances Russell, Mae Harris and Dawn, who keep the babies and toddlers happy by reading stories to them and playing with them.

Our grateful thanks is due to all the Youth Church and Crèche leaders for the care and guidance they offer to the children throughout the year.

Margaret Cairns

## Anchor Boys

Think of energetic boys in P2&3 wearing bright red jerseys with smiles on their faces and you know they are Castlehill Anchor Boys.

Under the able leadership of Margaret Graham assisted by her willing helpers Gregor ( working for his Duke of Edinburgh Award) and his sister Rachel.

Linda Telfer and I saw a typical evening. Some of the boys were quick to remind me that another helper Mrs. Dunlop, wasn't there that evening so the "wee speech " of thanks to the leaders was suitably enlarged before well earned applause was given by the boys.

We were shown the achievement record as careful note is taken of each boy's work.

Meanwhile they continued playing games and enjoying the marvellous facility of the large hall. Both Linda and I thanked leader and helpers on behalf of the Kirk Session and left the hall full of admiration, but also wishing we had just a little of the boys' energy....

*Linda Telfer and Morven Petticrew*





## GIRLGUIDING

We have now reached the end of another Guiding year, with all sections working on their weekly activities.

Kincaidston Brownies and Tuesday night Guides had a joint holiday weekend in April which was successful with the added bonus of a sunny weekend. Monday night Brownies are having their pack holiday the first weekend in June and hopefully they will be as lucky with the weather.

Some of Tuesday night Guides and Kincaidston Brownies are going to Switzerland at the beginning of July to the Guiding chalet and that will be a great adventure for them.

With three girls from Monday night Guides having already obtained their Baden Powell award earlier this year, we are glad that another two have started on the award and we wish them luck in this Challenge.

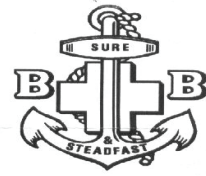
Betty Cruickshank, our Guider from Kincaidston is retiring from Brown Owl at the end of this Session and we would thank Betty for the years she has given to Kincaidston Brownies. However, she is not completely retiring and will be staying on as a helper for Arlene, who has agreed to take on the pack and we would wish Arlene well in this.

Our units will all start up again in September and if anyone is interested in any of the sections, please contact Linda McClurkin, District Commissioner on 265873.



If you know of anyone who would like a tape of our Sunday services. Please contact the office.

## Visit to Boys Brigade Company Section



David Lynch and myself visited the BB Company Section earlier this year. We were met by Captain Ian Queen in the North Hall who gave us a warm welcome. The boys were decorating flower pots and putting bulbs in them for Mothers Day.

We then were invited over to the lesser hall to watch the boys practising drumming. They were very good at this and seemed to be enjoying it. We then went to the Main Hall where the boys gave us a demonstration of their marching.

The boys had a weekend away in November to New Lanark, which involved swimming, games and a visit to the heritage centre.

Mr Queen stated the numbers were healthy at the moment and everything was going well.

James McClurkin

## Seniors afternoons

Another successful afternoon was held at the beginning of April when the entertainment was given by Jim Colvin and his Group, There was an attendance of over fifty and the company enjoyed a variety of singing and were able to join in.

The new season will start again in October when a syllabus will be made available. Thanks are due to the ladies of the Coffee Club for their help and generous donations.

If you have a friend or neighbour who would like to come along please invite them to join us.

A limited amount of transport is available on request.





## 17<sup>th</sup> "C" Brownie Pack

The 17<sup>th</sup> C Brownie pack meet in our North Hall on a Tuesday evening between 6pm and 7.15 pm. On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2007 Andrew Graham and Alf Britt visited the pack on behalf of the Congregation and Kirk Session taking their best wishes to them. The pack is still under the control of Yvonne Blair, Brown Owl and she was being helped by a parent. Out of the pack 20 girls 16 were in attendance this evening and were split into 4 groups called Foxes, Hedgehogs, Rabbits and Squirrels. They were all enthusiastic about the evening's programme playing a game and then as part of a Crime Prevention badge learnt about fingerprinting. The girls spread around two tables each having pieces of card, a stamp pad, and a magnifying glass. Each girl then produced their own fingerprint on to the card and was then given a folded piece of card to print more finger prints before decorating this card. They will also soon be going to the Police Station as part of the badge work. The evening ended with the girls in a circle and one Brownie read a prayer. Again we were pleased to see the enthusiasm of the girls and their leader.

Andrew Graham & Alf Britt



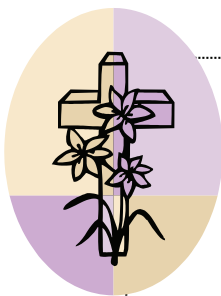
## Nana and her computer

The computer swallowed Nana, yes honestly its true.  
 She pressed control and enter, and disappeared from view.  
 It's devoured her completely, the thought just makes me squirm.  
 Maybe she's caught a virus, or been eaten by a worm.  
 I've searched through the recycle bin, and files or very kind.  
 I've even used the internet, but nothing I could find.  
 I asked Jeeves in desperation, my searches to refine.  
 The reply from him was negative, not a thing found on line.  
 So, if someday in your "in box", our Nana you should see.  
 Please "scan ", "copy" and "paste" her, in an e-mail back to me.

*This was handed in by Margaret Irvine*

Our Church magazine is now available on our website  
 ([www.castlehillchurch.org](http://www.castlehillchurch.org)).

It is also available to be sent by email. Anyone wishing the magazine to be sent to themselves or indeed friends and family, please let the office know.



## 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

### Pause for Prayer

Have you ever thought sometimes "What am I doing here? Or what is the purpose of my life?" When I hear the words of the song ~What have I done today to make me feel proud? it makes me ponder, and wonder, what have I done with my time.

We can't be active all the time, as we also need time to rest and refresh our bodies, and recharge our batteries. But, in the quiet times, still be close to God and hear his voice guiding us, that is, if we listen and act on it.

I have an old friend who is almost 105 years old. She has been an inspiration to me many times, as she has given her lifetime energies to the Church. She always makes people welcome in her home, baking pancakes for her visitors, and up to last year was subscribing articles and poems to the Church magazine. In essence, being a Martha and a Mary.

She is well loved and respected, and only in the last few years has had to be looked after in a nursing home, though still holding forth when her friend call to see her. Jean would be the first to say I'm not special, but she surely is a true servant of God, and a fine example to follow.

Will you come and follow me, if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know, and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known?  
Will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?



Margaret MacCormick ~ Prayer Promoter

# PUZZLE

C

## Best books

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Do you have a favourite book? Every bedtime Lily chooses a book for Mum or Dad to read. Her favourite is *Cinderella*. Mum often says, "Do you really want me to read this *again*?"

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"Yes, please," laughs Lily. "It's lovely!"

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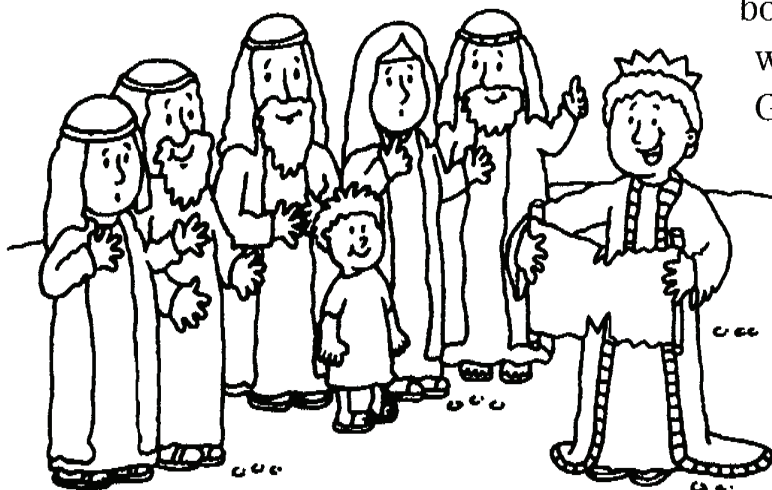
Lily enjoys other books too. They are all different – some are happy, some are scary, some help her to learn her numbers and letters, and some are stories from the Bible.

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When King Josiah read the special book from the wooden

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box, he knew he was reading God's words.



Josiah was both happy and sad. He was happy because God's words had been found again.

That was wonderful. But he was sad because it meant that no one had been reading God's book for many years. Josiah was about to change that! He called everyone together and read to them from God's book.

## Pray

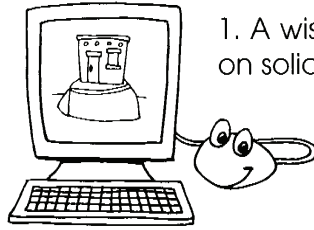
Can you tell God about your favourite story from God's book, the Bible?



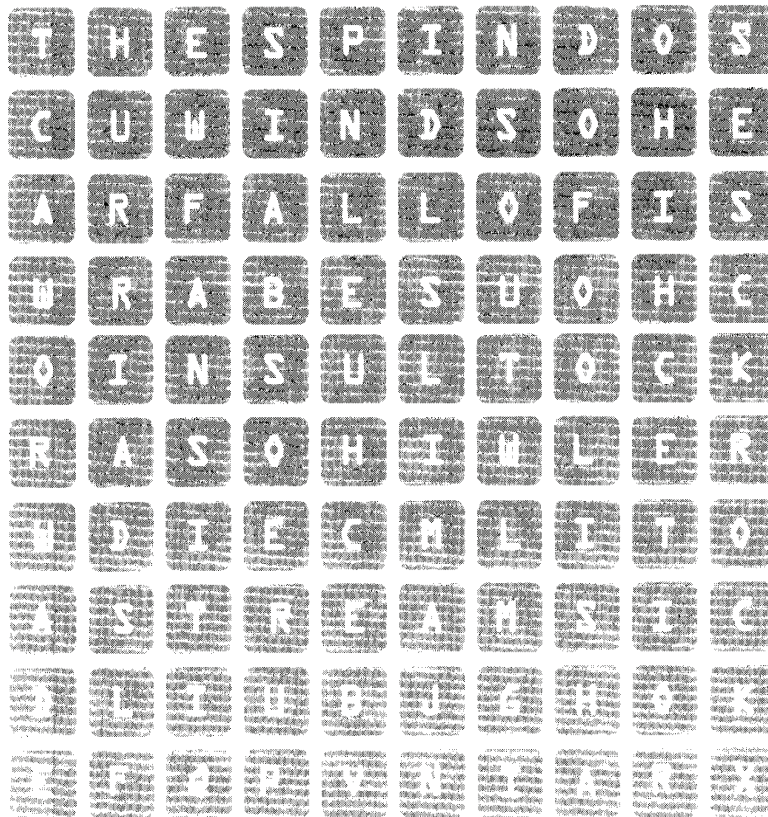
**2 Kings 22 – 23**

P.S Please colour in the pictures

Yes, that's right Harry, and he told his listeners that if they did the things he'd taught them, they'd be like the wise man in this story. Please show us Click.



5. Soon, a loud crash was heard. The house on the sand had fallen down.



Can you find these words hidden in the word search?

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streams  
winds  
rock  
house  
wise  
foolish  
build  
crash

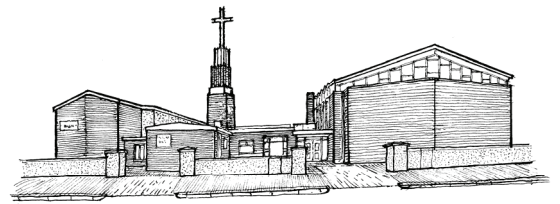
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# CORNER



At a recent Session Meeting we gave a lot of thought about what goes on in Castlehill Church. We identified many areas where we as a Session believe we are doing well but were also conscious that there may be some gaps in what we provide. It would help our planning if you could let your elder know if there is anything you would like us to consider doing to supplement what we already have.

If anyone is interested in taking on the Editorship of the magazine, could they please contact the Minister



The Summer 2007 Newsletter will be issued in mid August. If anyone has any articles, they should be handed into the office by the 10th of July.

#### 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
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Biggart Hospital	Margaret MacCormick	263949
	Margaret Grierson	285903

Ailsa Hospital 261486	Andrew Graham
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Ayr Hospital 267749	Pat Colquhoun
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# 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.



## Visit to Rainbows

We visited the Rainbows on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January as arranged. Cathy Elliot was ill that evening so Marion Turnbull was organising the Burns Night. When we arrived the girls were in a circle, all wearing an item with tartan in it, they all had a chance to say a piece of Burns if they wished. The girls then had a game while "supper" was set up. Everyone then sampled haggis, neeps and tatties with Irn Bru and some shortbread. Another game then followed whilst the tables were cleared away. The evening finished with the girls doing some highland dancing.

We had a chat with Marion and thanked her for the warm welcome and introducing us to the girls. The Rainbows have a full group at the moment with a large waiting list. The years programme is arranged at the beginning of the year so everyone is aware of what is taking place. Marion informed us that they had received a grant from the Halifax/Bank of Scotland which has given them the opportunity to buy some equipment and they passed on their thanks to Robert Forrester for making their cupboard secure.

There were no problems at the moment so we passed on the best wishes of the Session and wished them well for the remainder of their programme.

Trudy McLeod and Liz Reid.



## Parish in the glen

Some time after Christmas. Three wise men, or at least two of them were, came from the East to visit the Guild. The speaker for the evening was one of our own. Ian Macdonald, who, in his inimitable way, reminisced of his experiences as a newly ordained minister in Strathfillan.

In a huge parish stretching 51 miles in length, situations he encountered were to stand him in good stead over his long ministry. Being appointed honourable beadle gave the responsibility for lighting the fire, so that the church was heated in time for the morning service. The manse served both as home and a base for Session Meetings and Sunday School.

We were introduced to many characters of the parish. Angus McDonald, who would greet the bride to be by piping her in at the front door of the church, running down to the organ to play her down the aisle and trebling as accordionist at the wedding reception.

Miss Carruthers, the organist, would arrive at the manse on a Saturday evening to collect the praise list. She had a permanent drip on the end of her nose. By a judicious toss of the head it, i.e. the drip, never once dropped and must have saved a fortune in non-laminating her music!

Visiting was of paramount importance, whether to Youth Fellowship, parishioners, schools or hospitals. Arriving at the home of Donald and Janet McCrae, Ian found Janet reading 'The People's Friend'. She had spent much of her time in psychiatric hospitals, so this was the church coming to them – long before the term Church without Walls, had been coined. Donald, who worked at Gorton Station, was both stationmaster and signalman. He was paid £1 per week by the Post Office for delivering letters to himself, because of the remote location. The signal box usually had a roaring fire." the fire is needing coal" Donald would call to his daughter, Alma. Equal opportunities had never been heard of in those days.

Patients met in hospital, included Angus, a Harris man. "Will you cut my toenails?" he inquired of Ian. Angus had been brought up in the Gaelic. The few English words he had were rather rude (No examples were given!). Billy, another patient, requested Ian to sit on the end of his bed and to look up and down the ward. "So that I can have a fag". By the next visit to the ward, Billy had sadly passed away.

At Strathfillan a wee man came into Church. "You must help me. I'm destitute. I'm the man with the prams." The first pram held clothes, the second pram cooking utensils and the third pram spare parts for the first two prams. "I've nowhere to go and plenty of time to get there."

All too soon the evening was over with the audience roaring for more (Well not quite, as Guild members don't do that sort of thing!) A return visit would be most welcome. Thank you, Ian, for a wonderful trip down memory lane.

*Tom Petticrew*

## Property

A regular member of our congregation mentioned some time ago that there was something different about the interior of the Church but could not think what it was. When it was pointed out that we had a new carpet, they said 'I knew there was something but I could not think what it was.' We thought that it was worth pointing out that the outside of the Sanctuary has been painted. The communion table, lectern, font and pulpit have been cleaned and varnished. Some of the property committee cleaned and decorated the lounge, and various other wee bits and pieces have been done. It is hoped that during the summer the outside of the main hall will be decorated. These items have all been budgeted for and are part of the ongoing fabric upkeep of the Church. There are a few other items on the agenda and we will keep you up to date as to their progress.

Property Committee.



## **BB Junior visit**

The BB Junior section was visited on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. At the meeting there were 14 boys in attendance out of a normal average attendance of 20 from a roll of 24. There were 2 officers taking the junior section, they are assisted by 2 Company Section boys who are doing their Queens Badge. Harry Cant the officer in charge opened the evening with Roll Call and a Bible reading.

The Junior section is split into 3 squads and each squad took part in a memory game. The boys then changed into P.E. kit and practised forward rolls as part of the P.E. competition they are going to be taking part in. Four of the boys who were not taking part drew a picture of their favourite Bible story.

At the end of the meeting one of the boys closed with a prayer he had written himself.

On the whole the officers were happy running the Junior Section but as always could do with more help as following the new rules and regulations it means that if only one person is in charge at a meeting it has to be cancelled. Therefore if anyone in the congregation could help on a Friday night at 6.30 p.m. to 8p.m. they would be very welcome.

Elizabeth Graham & Robert Forrester  
Visiting Elders





Congratulations is due to the town of Ayr on receiving the status of "Fair Trade Town". Please support this venture by continuing to buy fairly traded products these are becoming more widely available in supermarkets and local shops. There are also plans to go into local schools and raise awareness of this worth while project. If you are interested in finding out more or indeed wish to help.

Please contact Norma Duncan on 01292 266035

Or email ~ [Norma.Duncan@btopenworld.com](mailto:Norma.Duncan@btopenworld.com)

### **~ A Fair Trade Recipe ~**

#### ***Banana choc chip Muffins Makes 7-8***

100g plain flour

40g cornflour

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

90g unrefined (golden) Fairtrade sugar

40g melted butter

1 egg, beaten

2 ripe Fairtrade bananas, well mashed

80ml buttermilk

50g Fairtrade milk chocolate, chopped into small chunks

Preheat oven to 200°C/400°F/gas mark 6. Sieve flour, cornmeal, baking powder and bicarbonate of soda together into a large bowl. Stir in sugar. In a separate bowl, mix together the butter, egg, bananas and buttermilk. Add wet ingredients to dry and mix gently (do not over-mix). Fold in the chocolate chips. Fill a muffin tin (ideally lined with muffin cases) to just under the rim. Bake for about 30 minutes until golden-brown and firm to the touch.

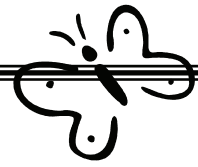
Allow to cool in the tin.

#### ***An extract from a letter of thanks from the Ayrshire Music Festival***

..... To express our very grateful thanks for all the help and kindness of your Kirk Session and congregation in hosting part of the 2007 Festival. All the feedback we have received has been extremely positive, many commenting on the ambience and acoustics of the Church and the warmth of the welcome.....

***Well done everybody for making this a success***





## Castlehill Guild

We would like thank all our members for supporting us this past winter and look forward to seeing everyone again in October. We would also like to thank our visiting elders Tom Pettierew and Alastair Hendry for their visit, which the ladies very much appreciated including the following kind words from Alastair ....

....Whilst conveying the best wishes of the Session Alastair also passed on their congratulations to Marion and her Committee for their wonderful winter's programme. The Kirk Session fully appreciates the tremendous contribution that the Guild makes to the life of Castlehill Church.....

New members to our Guild are always welcome. Please contact Margaret Cairns (265217) or the Office for more information.

Marion Reid ( Convenor) ~ and the Guild Committee



### *Visit to 17<sup>th</sup> "D" Brownies*

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007 ~ 6-7p.m.

Michael Hardie and Marlene Forbes had a most enjoyable visit to the

Brownies. Of the 26 girls 19 were present on this particular night.

Their leaders Lynda McClurkin and Irene Ireland had organised a craft evening. All the girls were in small groups having great fun making valentines Cards. The girls were putting a lot of thought and effort into their creations.

While chatting to the groups the girls were happy to tell us who the cards were for.

This session the Brownies are working towards gaining their environmental badges, this included topics such as finding out about different energy sources and recycling.

They are also working towards their water safety badges.

Lynda and Irene said that the whole pack was looking forward to taking part in their church dedication service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

There were no issues that the leaders wished to be brought to the attention of the Session.

## Bible Meditation ~ From the Scottish Bible Society

### Psalm 19

*Read the Psalm through slowly a couple of times.  
Let your mind linger on any phrases that leap out at you.  
Get the drift of what the Psalmist is saying  
Take a section at a time and ponder the following points*

### Verses 1-6

*God speaks in nature; it is his handiwork  
What do you like best in the natural world?  
Why?  
Ask yourself "What does this part of nature tell me about God?  
Does it have something to say about his character?"*

### Verses 7-11

*God speaks in his Word; it is his voice  
What rich language is used to describe God's Word!  
He speaks to us at every level of our being  
"revive" (v7) ~ spiritual impact  
"make wise" (v7) ~ intellectual enlightenment  
"bring joy" (v8) ~ emotional effort  
"give light" (v8) ~ moral guidance  
Are you eager to listen to God and know the impact of his  
word deep within you*

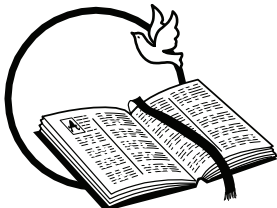
### Verses 12-14

*God speaks in Jesus Christ, his Son who is the rescuer.  
The Psalm ends with the writer very conscious of his sin and  
his need to be free from guilt so he will be pleasing to God. We  
know this is only possible through Jesus Christ and the writer  
captured his hope in God for rescue with his last word -  
"redeemer".*

### Prayer

*Lord, thank you for being the God who speaks. Help me to  
eagerly listen to you and allow you to impact my life.*

*Amen.*





When illness comes as it does to us all.  
We feel so helpless and lost and small  
But behind the clouds the sun is shining  
For every cloud has a silver lining

Helen Stinger Rice

### *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".

## FUNERALS

### January

Irene Carroll  
19A Glendale Crescent  
David Muir  
49 Ellisland Square  
Alex Coughtrie  
19c Glendale Crescent

### February

Helen Dickie  
25 Dalblair Court  
William Robertson  
25 Savoy Park  
Margaret Pringle  
92 Castlehill Road  
Norman Davidson  
26 Glenconner Road

### March

Robert Armstrong  
5 Clement Terrace, Hollybush  
Steve Prout  
20 Taybank Drive  
George Thomson  
30 Belmont Crescent  
Robert Mitchell  
81 Burnbank Road

### April

Mary McKinnon  
England, ( 4 Sims Lane, Ayr)  
Anne Strain  
2A Meadowpark  
Marina McKie  
17 Chestnut Road  
Janet Baillie  
17 Afton Court  
Robert Kirkland  
10 Seafeld Crescent

# *Regular Weekly Events*

## *Sunday*

Youth Church

Bell Ringers

Morning Service

Creche

Bowling Club

## *Monday*

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

Bowling Club

Guild

## *Thursday*

Seniors

Keep Fit

Weightwatchers

Tai Ji

Board & Session

## *Friday*

Choir

Boys  
Brigade

Enjoy-a-ball

Hazelbank

Mothers & Toddlers

## *Saturday*

Weightwatchers

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