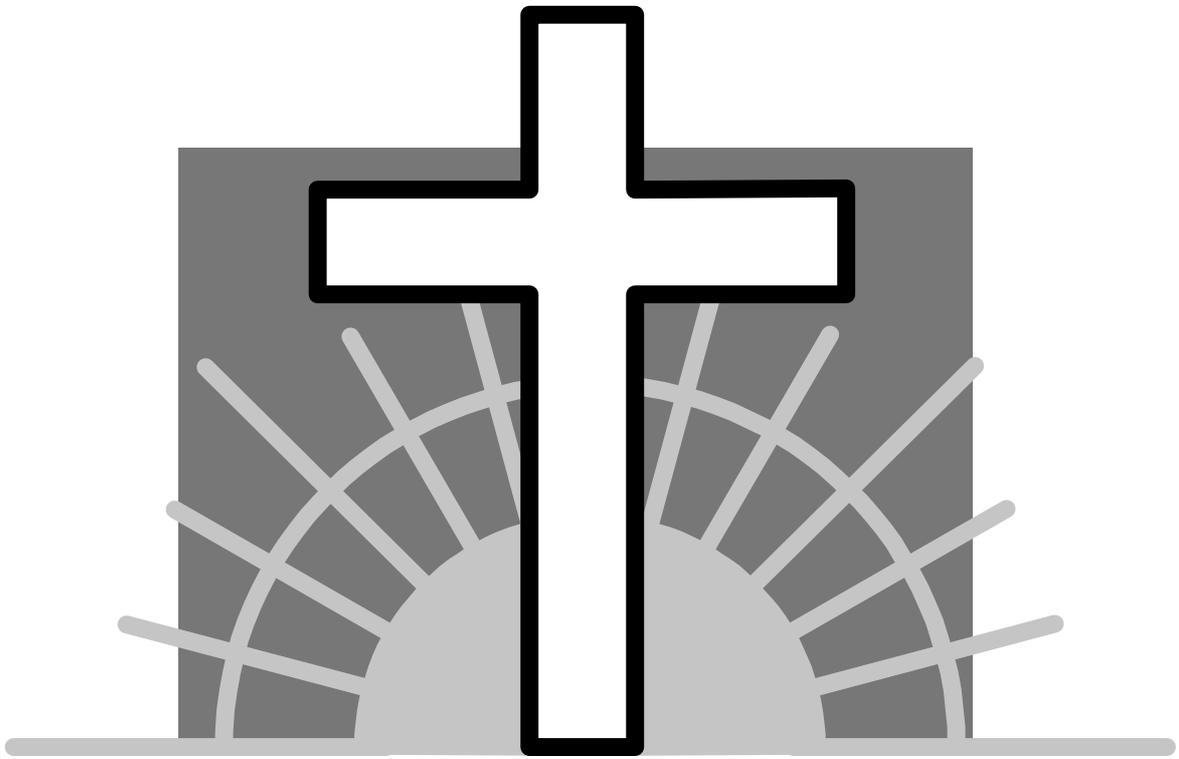


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Guides (3rd)	Barbara Jones	881 0391
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Brownies (3rd)	Karen Auchincloss	881 6143
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Young Woman's Group	Susan Morrison	580 5292
Mother & Toddler	Debbie Mitchell	571 5536
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Coffee Club	Jim McLeod	881 3585
Craft Club	Dorothy Ramsay	571 5260
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Mission	Agnes Brown	580 0059
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Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, I am looking forward to going to St. Andrews for our summer break. When you get this edition of Steepletalk that break will be behind us. Part of any holiday is the time of anticipation - the holiday itself just seems to fly past. The summer and good weather bring a time of re-creation. I hope that the summer has been a time of refreshment for all of you.

By this time you will have received a letter from the Board asking for a donation towards the roof repair. I hope that people will respond positively to this - each according to their means. We have had a busy time with various fund raising events and these have proved to be fun as well as successful in raising money. We had our Church Fete which was very successful and also various events such as sponsored sleep-overs, line dancing and aerobics, car-washes, coffee mornings, nearly new sales and I know there are other events planned. One of the great results of these events is not the money raised but the fellowship that has grown and the fun that was shared.

However, as I said in our last edition of Steepletalk, our ongoing work continues. We had another very successful Summer Club with over 300 children attending - my thanks to all the leaders who gave their time, talent and energy to Go for Gold, especially to Doug Swanney who planned the event and encouraged, cajoled and inspired the leadership team as well as leading to club all week.

Although we have been worshipping in other churches over the summer weeks, we have not forgotten our own and have taken the opportunity to carry out some cleaning and painting in the halls area. Many thanks to those who gave of their time to do this.

The most important ongoing work for us is the worship of God. That is our reason for being church. No matter what is happening with our building and repairs we must not lose sight of the fact that we are a church for the purpose of meeting in fellowship to worship God and be empowered to go out and share the story of Christ with others. I am always disappointed by the attendance over the summer. Yes, I know that people are on holiday - but not many are away for six weeks or more! That is the length of time some people are away from the church and I miss them and our fellowship suffers because of it. God does not take a holiday from us - we would be sorry people if He did! Let us not fall into the habit of taking a holiday from Him. In particular, let us not teach our children this habit.

I hope to see everyone back to church so that we can fulfil our potential as a vibrant worshipping community. I feel that we are ready to grow and I would welcome any suggestions about new ventures in worship or our community life that people would like to share. Your voice is important - let it be heard. In a time where there is much gloom about the future of the church, I am excited by the future of Bourock and you are the future.

Blessings

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From The Editor

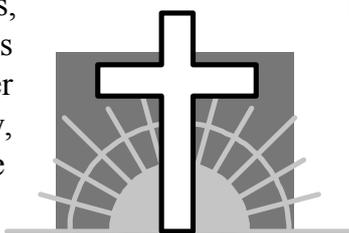


Here we are again at the time of the summer holidays, although by the time this edition reaches you, the summer may be over for most. Hopefully, however, it will be well worth the wait.

You will notice once again a few changes and new items in the magazine and while I suspect that some (and hopefully most) of these are welcome, I would be grateful for any feedback whatsoever.

I should also let you all know that by

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the time you read this, it will also be available worldwide on the internet. Again, I would welcome any comments regarding this venture.

Now that the new session is upon us, I would be happy to publish any anecdotes regarding holidays as well as the regular items from the organisations. Anything you may wish to have published should be with me by the end of October for the Christmas edition.

Ken Dye (Editor).

If Only

If only I'd been born wealthy
To enjoy the pleasures of life
If only I'd been endowed with great power
Then no-one could cause me no strife
If only I'd been an Adonis
Then my looks would bring me acclaim
If only I'd been a great sportsman
My feats would have brought me great fame

But

I would never have known the satisfaction
Of the work I did with my hands
I would never have known the pleasure
Of being with family and friends
I would never have known the married bliss
Or a true love as long as I live
I may never have starred on the sports field
But my efforts were all I could give

But

Now as I ponder and wonder at life
I realise that we've not been alone
God's guidance has always been with us
Providing our needs and a home
"If only" dreams are a fantasy
That man is far better without
And although life has never been easy
God's love was never in doubt

Splinters From The Cross

The next time you are having a bad day, remember the following words:-

Little headaches, little heartaches,
Little griefs of everyday.
Little trials and vexations,
How they throng around our way.
One great cross immense and heavy,
So it seems to our will
Might be borne with resignation
But these many small ones kill.
Yet, all life is made of small things;
Little leaves make up the trees,
Many tiny drops of water
Blending, make the mighty seas.
Let us not then by impatience
Mar the beauty of the whole
But for love of Jesus bear all
In the silence of our souls,
Asking Him for grace sufficient
To sustain us through each loss,
And to treasure each small happening
As a splinter from His cross.

Mary Murray

Britain And The Church

At present Scotland and Wales are ecstatic about having their own parliament, although not having total independence. Ireland is a separate issue.

This has led to a further division between the Scots, English and Welsh with now some English counties looking for their own parliaments. Where is this leading us? Are we going to become a nation of small independent states.

We now find ourselves in a European state. Where at one time Britain was at the head of an empire, we now find ourselves being led into European domination. What Hitler failed to do is now being achieved by other means, although not under his political views. At least dealing with our commonwealth we remained united and free.

I can see a parallel here with the church. At one time the Church of Scotland was a power in the land and now this power has been eroded by modern life. No doubt many of the church's congregation would feel patriotic and vote for a Scottish parliament, as would people in Wales vote for their parliament.

This brings out the human dilemma as people on one hand vote for their country to be split up but now realise that their church, because of fragmentation, is in danger of disappearing altogether.

The big question to be answered is :- how can we account for human nature? Is there a religious answer to both the church and country's problems?

H. McKenzie

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

9 April 2000	Kyle Stuart Urie	86 Divernia Way
14 May 2000	Adam David Gray	25 Northpark Ave
14 May 2000	Ruaraidh Mackinnon	37 Anderson Road, Bishopton
21 May 2000	Grant John Gray Duncan	23 Southpark Ave

MARRIAGES

March	Archie Wallace and Shona Urquhart
April	Ian Grant and Lynne Hopkirk
May	Scott Mackintosh and Patricia Hair
June	Derek Pattison and Angela Jones
July	Craig Cunningham and Michele Lyall

FUNERALS

April 2000

*Helen Shaw	9 Cuillin way
*Susan Simpson	75 Kelburn Street
*Jimmy Struthers	Marcus Humphery Home
Douglas Ferguson	8 Fern Drive

May 2000

*Annie Lawson	34 Gertrude Place
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June 2000

*Janette Laidlaw	100 Boylestone Road
*Isobel Love	159 Paisley Road
Helen Smith	Renfrew
William McEwen	Dunlop

July 2000

*Bessie Turner	38 Burnbank Drive
Margaret McLellan	Elderslie
Janet Winters	4 Eildon Drive
*Jimmy Paton	19 Maxton Grove

* denotes member of congregation

2nd Barrhead Guides

This year we have done very well with our numbers and have had 29 Guides, 13 of which had perfect attendance, the girls have also done very well with their badges gaining a total of 156 which includes interest badges, emblems & service flash.

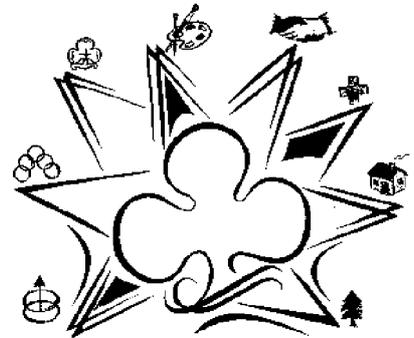
Our Pancake morning this year was held on Sat 23rd October where we raised a total of £330.00, which helped take us to GX Superbowl in Paisley in November and the Variety Club Pantomime in December. This also pays for various materials and badges throughout the session. The Youth dedication service was in the afternoon this year and took place on the Sun 24th which most of the Guides managed to attend.

At Christmas we again had a joint Ceilidh with the Boys Brigade which proved that 'Girl Power' is still alive as the girls outnumbered the boys considerably!! (maybe next year we'll ask the Junior section too).

Sat 19th February at the SECC in Glasgow the Guides held a huge Millennium Thinking Day event which 2 of our guides attended and said that they had a great time, also the District Thinking Day that we usually have turned into a county event which was held in St. John's and was very well attended and a lot of fun!

Then just recently on Friday 5th May we thought that to raise

money for the Church roof we could have a sponsored 'Stay Awake' well we had great fun cooking popcorn, making racing spiders, millennium bugs and decorating biscuits along with practising for the Parent's night (all the leaders now know every routine for every Steps, S Club 7 and Shania Twain songs!) The total raised was £450.00 so a big THANKS to everyone who helped out. (especially to the bouncers Jim Mitchell & Derek Palmer who kindly stayed overnight in the office)



Finally on Sat 24th June the Guides throughout the UK held a huge millennium event which involved lighting campfires at 2000hrs hoping to make the Guinness Book of Records, which was great fun although a bit wet!!

This year prizes went to the following :

Best Guide	Amanda Burrell	
Best Patrol	Thistle	
Perfect Attendance	Karen Baillie Emma Burns Susan Johnston Sarah Leckie Jennifer Lewis Catherine Sclater Jillian Webb	Amanda Burrell Carole Glover Pamela Kettings Jillian Lewis Alison Mitchell Hazel Webb

Our new session starts again on Monday 4th September so we look forward to seeing you all then.



Rehearsals are now well underway for our annual show, which this year is undisclosed at this time. The club is busy rehearsing songs and routines while the script is currently being written.

If you would like to join the cast, it isn't too late yet But you will have to come soon. If, however, you feel that treading the boards is not your scene, then why not come along and make a scene with our stage crew.

Our rehearsals for both cast and crew take place every Thursday from 7:30pm - with a coffee break at around 9:00pm. If any past members would like to drop in for a chat they would be made most welcome.

Linda Dye

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 5 December (ACCORD)	-	7:30pm Show
Wednesday 6 December	-	7:30pm Show
Thursday 7 December	-	7:30pm Show
Friday 8 December	-	7:30pm Show
Saturday 9 December	-	2:00pm Show
Saturday 9 December	-	7:30pm Show



Costumes For Hire

The Variety Club has an extensive wardrobe now for hire.

Minimum donation
£2 per item
£5 per costume

Contact - Morag Brown
(880 6466)








Junior Church



The new session of Junior Church is almost with us and once again we are hopeful of good attendances. Bourock is fortunate to have so many children regularly attending Junior Church and we are hoping to build once again on the success of the summer club.

We have a busy programme planned once again for every age group, with the emphasis as usual on fun!

We will also be learning some new songs, which the congregation will no doubt come to learn as well at some point in the future.

One project we will continue this year is our successful shoe box appeal. The children last year were delighted with the support of the congregation and as you will remember managed to fill 88 boxes to send to Kosovo, Serbia and other troubled countries.

You will see from our pictures that the Junior Church Trip to Kelburn Country Park was once again a great success with everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves. This will be another of the fun things we will be doing in the session 2000/2001, so watch out for notices publicising future events.

If you would like to help out in Junior Church or would just like to visit, please feel free to drop in any Sunday.

Linda Dye

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photographs which make the pdf file too
large for use on the internet.**

Prayers About Friends

Thank you God for my friends
Friends keep secrets with you
Thank you for caring about me
Thank you for kind and caring friends
Thank you for friends who play football
Thank you for friends who are nice to me
thank you God for all our friends here in Junior Church
Help us to remember that You are always our friend

Amen

Help us to look after each other and show what is right
Lead us to do what is right and not what is wrong
Keep us well and look after our friends and family

Amen

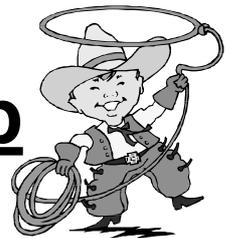
Dear Father God,
Will You forgive us if we do wrong
Will You help us to keep friends
Help us to say sorry when we are wrong
Keep us all well
Help us to love our enemies
Look after us all but especially Debbie, who is in hospital
Let her know we are thinking of her
Thank you for our friends and look after them

Amen



Bourock Toddler Group

Wanted



Decorating your "wee one's" bedroom?
Wondering what to do with your old baby changing unit?
Wonder no more!!! It would be made very welcome by the "backs" of the many mums and
grans who come along to our church.
We would also be grateful for a safety gate and any LARGE toys/play equipment.
We are able to uplift if necessary.
Thank you.

Debbie Mitchell
(571 5536)

Fund Raising

As you will be well aware, we have to raise a considerable sum of money in order to repair the church roof.

In view of this, a fund raising committee has been set up to help assist this process.

Several events have already been planned, including a Christmas Fayre on 18th November between 1pm and 4pm.

Over the next few months other fund raising events will be taking place, often organised by individuals or organisations - we need as much support as possible.

The committee would like to remind the congregation that if you sign a gift aid declaration, so long as the donation is made by either weekly/monthly givings or a lump sum by cheque, then the church can claim back tax on that donation. Please give this your consideration.

It is a big challenge to raise the sum involved but hopefully this can be met reasonably quickly. Remember that the longer it takes to raise the sum necessary, the more likely it is that the cost will rise.

Derek Palmer
Convener

Fund Raising Committee

David Miller
David Johnston
Andrew Ramsey
Bruce Brown

Elizabeth McKenzie
Helen Patrick
Norma Duncan
Margaret McKechnie

Making A Difference

**A hundred years
from now it will not
matter what my
bank account was,
the sort of house I
lived in, or the kind
of car I drove, but
the world may be
different because I
was important in
the life of a child**

The Gardener's Hymn

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all

But what we never mention, though gardeners know it's true
Is when He made the goodies, He made the baddies too

All things spray and swatable, disasters great and small
All things paraquatable, the Lord God made them all

The greenfly on the roses, the maggots in the peas
Manure that fills our noses, He also gave us these

The fungus on the goose-gogs, the club root on the greens
The slugs that eat the lettuce and chew the aubergines

The drought that kills the fuchsias, the frost that nips the buds
The rain that drowns the seedlings, the blight that hits the spuds

The midges and mosquitoes, the nettles and the weeds
The pigeons in the green stuff, the sparrows in the seeds

The fly that gets the carrots, the wasp that eats the plums
How black the gardener's outlook, though green may be his thumb

But still we gardeners labour, midst vegetables and flowers
And pray what hits our neighbours, will somehow bypass ours

All things bright and beautiful

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Yesterday is history,
Tomorrow is a mystery,
Today is a gift.

That is why it is called THE PRESENT

Worship

What is worship? If I remember correctly, Maureen said in a sermon that someone could go to church every Sunday, but never actually worship God. Two people can sing the same hymn. One merely sings words, while the other is worshipping, using those words to express the same thought or feelings as the hymn writer.

Another obvious way to worship is through prayer. Again that's more than just saying words, whether out loud or silently. It involves communication with God at a deeper level. However, there are many other ways of worshipping. Any activity, which is done to glorify God, can be considered worship. Some people worship through dance, music, drama, art or writing. the banners that adorn our church are acts of worship by the ladies who made them.

During a service we are often asked to "continue to worship with the offering". That, of course, refers to an offering of money, but we can also worship with an offering of our time, like those who tend the church grounds or help with the maintenance of the building. When Doug asked for volunteers for the summer club, it wasn't just dozens of people that were needed, but scores to cope with the hundreds of children who come. What a great opportunity for worshipping with a "time offering".

In a house group Bible study, the discussion that began with Paul and the Philippians ended up with the church toilets! there is no telling what a Bible study will lead to. The point being made was, it's not so much what you do, as why you do it. Even washing the church loos can be an act of worship, if it's done as a service to God.

If you come across a different form of worship that you think would be a good idea for Bourrock, please pass it on to the the liturgy group, worship committee or your elder.



An Explanation

The Calendar

In 6AD astronomer Dionysius Exiguus compiled a table of dates. He reset the system of counting years to honour the birth of Christ so that the year 249 Anno Diocletiani became 532 Anni Domini Nostri Jesu Christi, or 532AD for short. He made two mistakes: He left out the year 0 and he thought that Christ was born at the end of the year 1BC. Research indicates that Christ was probably born in 6BC and certainly by 4BC.

Julius Caesar introduced leap years. The Julian calendar uses the fact that the length of the year is close to 365 $\frac{1}{4}$ days. The basic year became 365 days with an additional day every fourth year. In the 16th century Pope Gregory realised that the small discrepancy meant that the date of Easter would become closer and closer to Christmas. In 1582, the Gregorian calendar was instituted. It stated that century years should only be leap years if they were divisible by 400. Britain adopted the the Gregorian calendar in 1752 when 2nd September was followed by 14th September. We still use the Gregorian calendar today and so the year 2000, which is divisible by 400, is a leap year.

Millennia

A millennium is a period of 1000 years. The first year of the millennium hinges on the date of the first year AD. The sequence of years going from BC to AD does not include a Year 0, the sequence running 2BC, 1BC, 1AD, 2AD etc. Therefore, the first year of the first millennium was 1AD. The one thousandth year was 1000AD and the first day of the second millennium was 1001AD. It is thus clear that the start of the new millennium will be 1st January 2001.

Other Calendars

There about 40 other calendars in use throughout the world. A few are listed below showing their years on 1st January 2000:

Byzantine	7508
Chinese	4636
Indian (Saka)	1921
Islamic (Hegira)	1420
Jewish (AM)	5760

the date on which the year changes is different for each calendar.

Ken Dye

With thanks to to the Information Services Department of the Royal Greenwich Observatory.

FIVE YEARS - IT CAN'T BE

BUT IT IS! - FIVE YEARS SINCE THE LEITCH FAMILY ARRIVED IN BARRHEAD. FIVE YEARS SINCE WE LEFT GRANGEMOUTH TO COME WEST TO SUNNY BARRHEAD. IT WAS VERY SUNNY FOR THE FIRST WEEK AFTER WE ARRIVED - WE THOUGHT WE HAD MOVED ABROAD TO THE MEDITERRANEAN. THAT THOUGHT SOON DISAPPEARED AND DURING OUR FIRST CHRISTMAS HERE WE THOUGHT WE WERE IN AUSTRIA OR SWITZERLAND AS WE STRUGGLED ON FOOT THROUGH VERY DEEP SNOW BECAUSE WE COULD NOT GET THE CAR OUT OF MAXTON AVENUE. HOWEVER WE NOW KNOW WE ARE IN SCOTLAND BECAUSE OF THE RAIN!

WHEN WE ARRIVED, LYNSEY WAS JUST STARTING HIGH SCHOOL AND NOW SHE HAS LEFT. TIME JUST FLIES! SO WHAT OF THE LAST FIVE YEARS?

ANGUS HAS COVERED MANY MILES ON HIS JOURNEYS TO AND FROM STIRLING - VERY USEFUL FOR LEARNING THE WORDS OF SONGS AND LINES FOR THE VARIETY CLUB AND PHOENIX CHOIR.

ALEC HAS HAD MANY ADVENTURES - WE WON'T GO INTO THAT.

THE FIRST BABY MAUREEN BAPTISED (MATTHEW HEPBURN) IS STARTING SCHOOL THIS YEAR. ALL BAPTISMS ARE SPECIAL AND WE HAVE HAD SOME VERY SPECIAL MOMENTS BUT TO BAPTISE TRIPLETS MUST BE SOMETHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

TWO DAYS AFTER MAUREEN WAS ORDAINED SHE CONDUCTED HER FIRST WEDDING. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY MORE SINCE THEN AND OF COURSE, THE LONGER SHE IS HERE THE MORE SHE KNOWS THOSE WHO ARE BEING MARRIED AND THAT MAKES BEING INVOLVED ALL THE MORE SPECIAL FOR HER.

THE FIRST COMMUNION SHE CONDUCTED WAS A SCARY EXPERIENCE BECAUSE THE RITUAL YOU USED WAS UNFAMILIAR. NOW IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TIME OF WORSHIP WHICH WE HAVE DEVELOPED TOGETHER AS A CONGREGATION.

THE SANCTUARY HAS CHANGED WITH THE CHAPEL AND THAT PARTICULAR AREA IS AESTHETICALLY PLEASING AS WELL AS BEING OF GREAT PRACTICAL VALUE.

WE HAVE EXPERIMENTED IN WORSHIP - PARTICULARLY AT THE "HIGH" TIMES SUCH AS CHRISTMAS AND EASTER - IT HASN'T ALWAYS WORKED - BUT OFTEN IT HAS, AND WE HAVE ACHIEVED A VISUAL FOCUS AS WELL AS A HEARING FOCUS.

OUR OUTREACH TO THE TOWN IN THE SUMMER CLUB MUST BE MENTIONED--IT HAS GROWN BEYOND OUR IMAGINING--HARD WORK BUT GREAT FUN! THEY SAY PRIDE IS A SIN BUT WE ARE PROUD THAT AS A CHURCH, WE CAN ORGANISE, RUN AND FINANCE A VENTURE LIKE THIS FOR OUR WHOLE COMMUNITY.

OF COURSE, THE PEOPLE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF OUR LIVES. BARRHEAD IS A FRIENDLY PLACE. THE FAMILY FEELS QUITE SETTLED HERE. WE HAVE ALL MADE MANY FRIENDS AND BECOME INVOLVED IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH AND THE TOWN. WE HAVE SHARED IN MANY CELEBRATIONS---WE HAVE GRIEVED WHEN WE HAVE LOST THOSE WE HAVE COME TO KNOW.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE? WHO KNOWS? ALL WE KNOW IS THAT WE WILL CONTINUE UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF GOD WHO WILL LEAD US IN LOVE TO THE FULFILLING OF HIS PLANS. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

THE LEITCH FAMILY

SCIFU Report

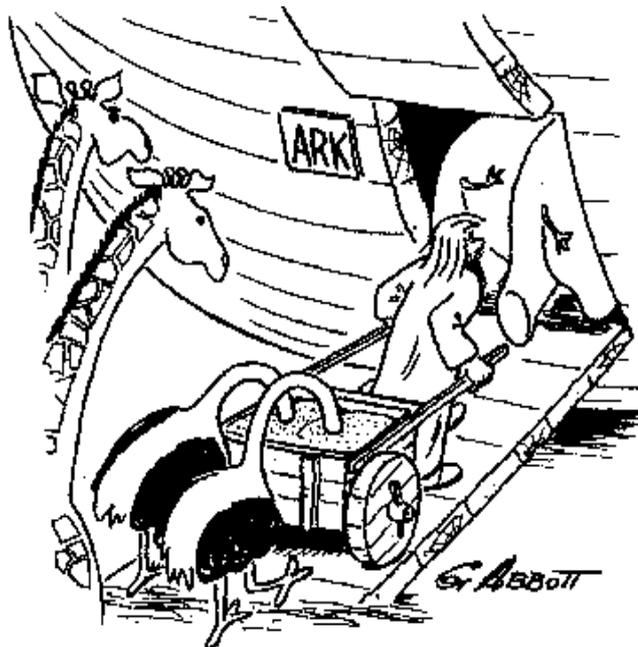
In June of this year we held a meeting of the congregation to bring people up to date with the discussions that have been taking place on the issue of the possibility of four churches in the town (Arthurlie, Bourock, South and Levern and the United Reformed Church), coming together to form one parish, mainly for outreach and mission work. As you know these discussions have been ongoing for over a year now. We had a very good meeting with many questions being raised and much discussion taking place.

However, it would be true to say that the attendance was disappointing. I would like to emphasise, once again, that there will be no decision taken on this matter other than what you, the congregation want. **It is your decision.** In order to make that decision it is important that you are fully informed and to this end, a newsletter which is common to all four churches was distributed and further editions will be forthcoming . The most important factor is that you should come along to the meetings of our congregation so that your voice can be heard. The next meeting will be some time towards the end of this year and we want everyone to be there to express their opinion.

This meeting will be publicised well in advance so remember, put the date in your diary and come along to add your voice. The people who have been charged with going to these discussions on your behalf (Elizabeth McKenzie, Dorothy Ramsay, Geoff Orry and myself) need to hear what you are saying so that they can represent your views.

I look forward to sharing in the discussion

Maureen



12 Easy Steps To Make A Delinquent

1. Begin in infancy to give him everything he wants. In this way he will grow up thinking that the world owes him a living.
2. When he picks up "bad" or "dirty" words, laugh at him. That will make him think that he is cute. He will then run off and pick up other words to blow your head off.
3. Never give him any religious or spiritual training until he is 21, then let him decide for himself. By the same logic do not teach him any English. He may want to speak Bantu!!
4. Praise him in his presence to all the neighbours. Show him how much smarter he is than all the neighbours' kids.
5. Avoid the use of the word "wrong". It may develop in the child a "guilt complex". This will prepare him to believe that when he is punished later on for wrong doing, society is against him and he is being persecuted.
6. Pick up everything after him:- his shoes, his books, his clothes. Do everything for him so that he will be experienced in throwing burdens onto others.
7. Let him read and look at anything he wants. Have no concern for what goes into his mind. Provide sterilised cups for his lips but let his brain drink from any dirty container for words and ideas.
8. Quarrel frequently in front of your children. In that way they will be prepared for broken homes later on.
9. Give him all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own.
10. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink and everything that has to do with the senses of taste and touch, gratifying every sensual desire.
11. Take his part against neighbours, teachers and the police. They are all prejudiced against your little child.
12. When he gets into real trouble, always defend him by saying "I never could do anything with him".

Issued by the police department, Houston, Texas.

Please note that "him" can be replaced by "her".

Session Matters

Over the next few issues of Steepletalk we hope to give you an idea of the work of the committees of the Kirk Session.

In March of this year we were very pleased to welcome to the Kirk Session May Cumming, Gordon Lawson, Angus Leitch, Anne McCulloch, Susan Morrision, Willie Robertson, Doug Swanney, Lawrence Webb.

The Chapel is now finished and was dedicated to the memory of Margaret Ferguson and the furnishings to the memory of many others on 4 June. A memorial book will be in place soon. Our thanks must go Gordon Simpson and his team for all their work.

The Summer Services are now over and the Kirk Session would like to hear your thoughts on how they went. Please pass on your comments.

Care and Concern Committee: Report from Convenor - Morag Brown.
The Care and Concern Committee's remit is to care for our Church Family.

We do this by visiting the housebound, those in long-term care, those who are ill in hospital or at home and those who have been bereaved, and by organising transport to church services.

We send Christmas and Easter cards to all our Senior Citizens and Get Well, Sympathy, Special Birthday and Anniversary cards to all our members when the occasion arises. Christmas gifts and plants and flowers at Harvest are organised for the housebound and those in hospital. We also organise the Senior Citizens Night.

There is a team of volunteer visitors and drivers to whom we are very grateful. There is always room for more visitors and drivers. If you can help let the Committee know, you will be very welcome.

You can also help by letting us know of people who are in hospital or people whom you think need a visit. There are clipboards at each door of the Church for name and addresses, just tell the elder at the door and they will pass it on. Let us know and we will act accordingly.

Mission Committee: Report from Convenor - Agnes Brown.
The main purpose of the Mission Committee is to extend a welcome to all members of our parish to share in the worship and fellowship at Bourock. We do this by organising our team of volunteers to deliver leaflets to each house, over 3,000 now, at Christmas and Easter. We also deliver a welcome leaflet to new homes.

Copies of the welcome leaflet are in the office, please take one if you live in the Parish and have a new neighbour.

Elizabeth D. McKenzie
Session Clerk.

Annie Lawson 1925 - 2000

Born in Kelburn Street in 1925 Annie lived and grew up in and around the town with her best friend, her sister Isabel. On leaving school her career began in the Scottish Fellmongers in Barrhead until its closure, when she moved on as bookkeeper to companies in Glasgow and Kilbarchan. She was an excellent bookkeeper.

Her Boss at the time, Mr Cairns often commented that he couldn't do without her, she ran the office in Barrhead. Whenever anyone went to train with her as a bookkeeper not only did they receive a good grounding in accounts, they learned to knit, sew, crochet, and make rugs. She hated to see anyone idle, so if you were finished your work you got to be creative. If you couldn't count you could definitely knit.

Annie was a founder member of Arthurlie Community Association, serving as treasurer for many years, also Arthurlie Tennis Club and latterly became Honorary President of the Club.

Music was a very big part of her life and she was always willing to use and share her gift. Annie was a great singer, taking playing parts in local pantomime, she played piano for children's parties, for the Co-operative Choir, and the Lifeboys - she would never see anybody stuck.

Annie loved her church and its way of life and certainly the communion and community of faith here at Bourock. She was a woman of quiet but strong faith - a faithful member and attender. She was organist here for many years, and led both junior and senior choirs in song and praise. She was always willing to help and would play for any church that needed an organist. Annie was a teacher in the Senior Sunday School and was always ready with a quiet word of encouragement. She enjoyed the fellowship of Bourock's activities - the Craft Club, House Groups, the Guild, she rarely missed the Coffee Club and Thursday service, even leading the service on occasions. Bourock Church was her life.

Annie was also a member of the Townswoman's Guild and helped the Dunlop Young Farmers club for many years with the annual show. She learned to drive in her fifties and said herself that the ability to be mobile opened up a whole new life for her.

Annie never married or had children of her own. She made everyone her family, from her place of work, her church, her clubs, but especially her nieces and nephews and their children whom she loved as if they were her own.

Annie's life was very full, she was a proud and strong woman, who had many gifts, and she will always be remembered for her smiling and cheerful personality. Whenever anyone came to visit her they always left feeling the better of the visit.

In everyone there sleeps a sense of life lived according to love. To some it means the difference they could make by loving others. Annie liked a nice way of life. She loved life and she loved people. She made a difference during her life. Her love was selfless and the lives of those she touched are all the better for knowing her.

Annie's life drew to a close how she had lived, embraced in the love of her family on Monday 22nd May 2000. ...and now she waves beyond the stars that all is well in the presence of the one who she has served in this world - Jesus Christ.

Tweenies

The Tweenies start again for a new session on Monday 4 September from 6.30pm until 7.30pm. This is for girls between the ages of 4 and 7 years of age. Come along and have fun playing games, learning action songs and doing lots of crafts.

The Tweenies earlier this year had a half hour Sponsored Silence to raise money for the roof repair. This was a very successful event and raised £455. Thanks to everyone for their support.

We need more help this year, so if you could help at the Tweenies, please come along on Monday 4 September or ring Elizabeth McKenzie 880.5077.

Flower List

September

3 Mrs. I. Blair
10 Mrs. R. Hopkirk
17 Mrs. D. Miller
24 Mrs. J. McLeod

November

5 Mrs. R. McDonald
12 Mrs. I. McCartney
19 The Guild
26 Mrs. I. Hassan

October

1 Variety Club
8 Mrs. J. Brown
15 Mrs. B. Brown
22 Miss E.E. Rodger
29 Young Woman's Group

December

3 Miss J. Renfrew
10 Mr. D. Gebbie
17 Mrs. M. Leitch
24 Flower Fund
31 Flower Fund



Thank you to everyone who donates the flowers during the year. Thank you also to those who put money in the flower fund boxes, this helps to buy additional flowers and also oasis for the vases.

Internet

As you will be aware, the church has been designing for a while now an internet site. This is not quite ready yet but Steepletalk as well as some other items are already there! Why not try the address below?

<http://ourworld.compuserve.co.uk/steepletalk>

Crossword

This is yet another new venture for SteepleTalk. You will see, however, that since the program which generates the grid is an American one, I have put a couple of answers in to help you out.

Just remember to think American Ken D.

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46	A	N	A		47				48				R
49					50					51	E	S	T
52					53	E	M	C	E	E		54	A

Across

1. "___ Misérables"
4. Andrew Lloyd Webber musical
9. Q-U connection
12. Bracelet site
13. Bedclothes fabric
14. Biblical suffix
15. "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor ___"
17. "___ whiz!"
18. Lie around
19. USN officer
20. Andrew Lloyd Webber musical
21. Immigrants' island
23. "___ luck!"
24. With 33-Across, Andrew Lloyd Webber musical
28. Hawaiian dish
31. More frigid
32. Actress Sue ___ Langdon
33. See 24-Across
36. High-spirited horse
37. "Good golly!"
41. Length of office
42. Sapphire, for one
45. Mud
46. Santa ___, CA
47. "Jesus Christ ___"
49. Obtain
50. Like a bear
51. Pennsylvania hrs.
52. Previously, in poems
53. Game-show host
54. Whale's home

Down

1. Serving spoon
2. Flynn of swashbucklers
3. Odour
4. Massachusetts state tree
5. "Miami ___"
6. Privy to
7. Pekoe and Earl Grey
8. Aardvark's morsel
9. Rowing competition
10. Broad-brimmed cowboy hat
11. One and ___ (identical)
16. Came to rest
20. Jailbird
22. ___ away from (recoiled)
23. Partner of Moe and Curly
25. Environmental prefix
26. "Great Expectations" hero
27. "___ Haw"
28. Mailing cost
29. More frequently
30. Say again
34. Skirt edge
35. Prepares to shoot
38. Windy-day toys
39. Get the lead out?
40. Big name in mattresses
42. Largest of the Mariana Islands
43. Large-scale
44. Nothing more than
47. "Isn't ___ Lovely?"
48. Ham on ___

Go For Gold - Bourock 2000

GO, GO, GO FOR GOLD! Was the shout that could be heard all around Bourock for the week of the Summer Club. And that Gold was achieved by the children and all the leaders.

Packed out once again to our 'usual' number of over 250 children a night, we told the story of Paul running the race with Jesus and encouraged the children to do the same. From Paul's conversion to his imprisonment and shipwreck the story, told on a video, enthralled the children from start to finish. Every night the teaching was reinforced through the drama and the learning of a memory verse. The children would eagerly learn the verse and recite it back to us the next night. Along with the usual mix of games, craft, food, challenges, much singing, and the relationships we built with the children the whole week was one of the best clubs we have run for years.

There are many things that stick out for me this year that I feel are worth sharing with you all.

This was the first year that we have had a dedicated prayer time for the Club. Firstly, the week prior to the Club a group met at David and Sandra's house and gave the evening over to prayer for the Club. Secondly, before the Club every night a group of us met in the Chapel and spent some time in prayer before the mayhem of the evening began. Both these gatherings proved to be both fulfilling and spirit filled. The result was a week where we all felt the spirit moving through us and blessing the work we undertook. I hope that this prayer time will grow over the next few years and become a cornerstone of our work. At times we all forget what can be achieved by, and also our need of prayer.

This year the Club was actively supported by the Board of Parish Education. This is the department of the Church that has children's, youth, and adult ministry and lay leader training as its remit. Through their staff, administration support and financial support we were able to achieve new heights in organisation and background support. Their help should not be underplayed, it send a clear signal to us that our work is gaining national recognition and that others want to learn from us.

Sadly, on a less positive note, this year was the first year that we appeared to have a problem with volunteers to run the event. But appearances can be deceiving and we ended with a team of almost eighty involved in many ways. One of the huge delights for us this year was the many Crossroads and Boys Brigade folks that got involved. A special thanks to them for their commitment.

It would be impossible to list everyone that gave their time talents and money in order for this week of mission to happen. To those of you that donated to the Club, I thank you. To those of you who took the time to come and visit us, I applaud your interest and enthusiasm. But it is to all those who worked so hard to staff the Club that I overflow with heartfelt thanks. You are the people that make it happen. You are the people that give our children a glimpse of the kingdom and show them they are welcome in our church. I am struck by the words of the 14th Dalai Lama who said, "It is not enough to be compassionate. You must act." This is as true of Christian witness. It is not enough to care about the work of spreading the gospel to our children; you must be the one that tells them. Go For Gold certainly saw all the

leaders spreading that good news. Lets hope that it has implanted itself in the hearts and minds of the children and will lead them to knowing and loving Christ. I hope Go For Gold was as fun for all that took part as it was for the children. I also pray that this is just another step on our adventure and that much more lies ahead of us.

With thanks and love,

Doug.

Summer Club Co-ordinator

GO FOR GOLD REUNION - OCTOBER 2000 - WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS.....

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photographs which make the pdf file too
large for use on the internet.**

Finance Matters

By the time you read this, all members will have received a letter outlining the problems with our roof and giving the cost. We will have to raise £100,000 to have all the necessary work carried out and, to do this, all of us will have to play our part. There may be some grant aid available but this is far from certain and may not amount to any significant amount, so the bulk of the money must be raised by us, the members of Bourock.

Although we need to raise £100,000 for the roof repairs, the ongoing work of the church must continue. We still require an average weekly income of £1065 to meet our budgeted financial commitments for the current year.

In this issue of Steepletalk two members of the Finance Committee have written articles about their areas of responsibility and I would commend their contributions to your attention.

Robert McKenzie
Finance Convener.

Gift Aid

By now all members of our congregation should have received a Gift Aid Declaration Form. As you will have noticed, this form differs greatly from the old Deed of Covenant Form. It is far less complicated and requires very little information from the donor. Signing one of these forms means that you are increasing your giving at no further cost to yourself.

Gift Aid has several advantages over Deed of Covenant. These include:

1. Not having to specify how much you will give over the year
2. You only have to sign once
3. If your circumstances change and you feel you have to increase/decrease your giving there is no requirement to inform anyone or to sign another declaration
4. Signing the declaration enables the church to claim tax on all your donations, not just Sunday offering
5. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return
6. Even if you sign now, the church can still reclaim tax on everything you have given from April 6th this year

Of course in order for the church to reclaim tax on your giving it is necessary for you to pay tax equal to the amount of tax being reclaimed therefore you must be a tax payer to sign a declaration.

There are many members of our congregation who could sign one of these declarations and by doing so would increase the church's income considerably. If you are one of those people and can pay by standing order, cheque or free will offering envelopes please complete and return your Gift Aid Declaration to the Treasurer.

If you have any questions or require another form you can contact either myself, Heather Boklach, on 0141-880 6937 or Robert McKenzie on 0141-880 5077.

Heather Boklach

WEEKLY FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

As WFO Convener, may I take this opportunity to speak to the members of Bourock Parish Church who do not contribute via the W.F.O. scheme.

You will be aware of the Church's need in these difficult times for a regular source of income and I should point out that approximately 60% of our members currently contribute by the above method.

Should you wish to avail yourself of this scheme please complete the tear off portion below and return it to me either via the collection plate or to 58 Gleniffer Drive, Barrhead.

Alternatively, a number of members now make regular payments by means of a Bank Standing Order. Should this method of giving appeal to you please contact Mr. Robert McKenzie (Finance Convener) on 880-5077.

Should you be a taxpayer and be interested in making your contribution through the new Gift Aid Scheme, which replaces Deed of Covenant, please contact Mrs. Heather Boklach (Gift Aid Co-ordinator) on 880-6937.

John McGarrie
W.F.O. Convener

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I/We wish to make REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS to Bourock Parish Church by means of the W.F.O. envelope scheme.

NAME NO.1 NAME NO. 2

ADDRESS

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EARS

WORD MAZE

The healing of a deaf and dumb man. (Mark 7:31-35)

Then Jesus left Tyre and Sidon and went down to the Sea of Galilee. Some people brought a man to him who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man.

Jesus took the man away from the crowd, and put his fingers in the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue, and with a deep sigh said to him "Ephphatha" which was "Be opened." At this the man could hear again and he began to speak plainly.

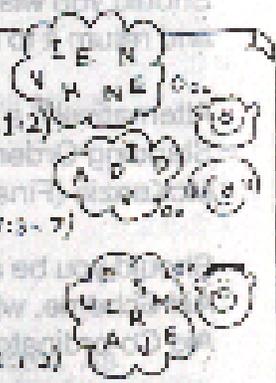
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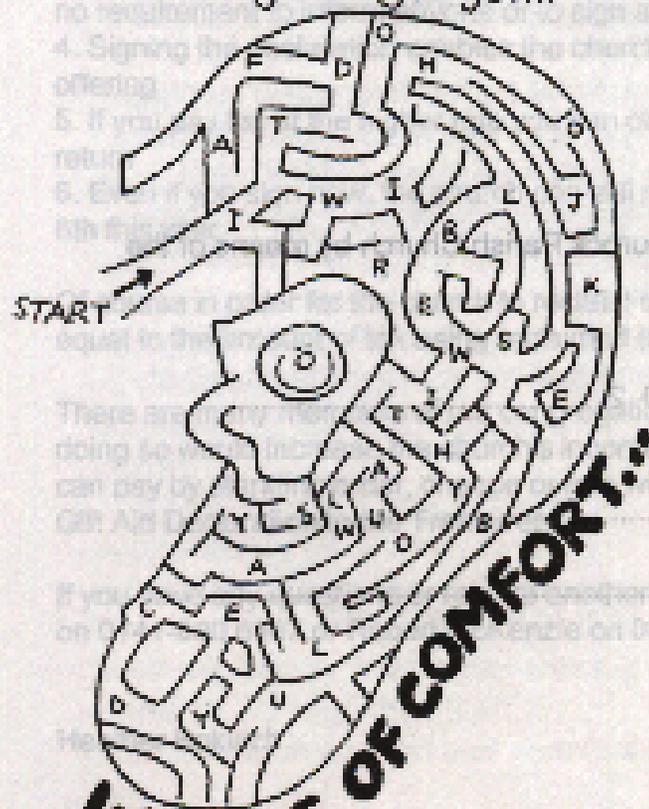
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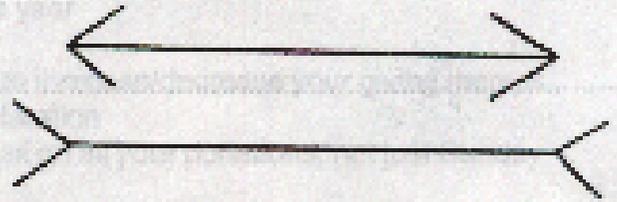


Children's Corner

1. Find your way to the centre of the ear, reading Jesus' message as you go...



Measure the lines for a surprise.



Read 1 Samuel 18:1-7
Things aren't always what they seem!

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