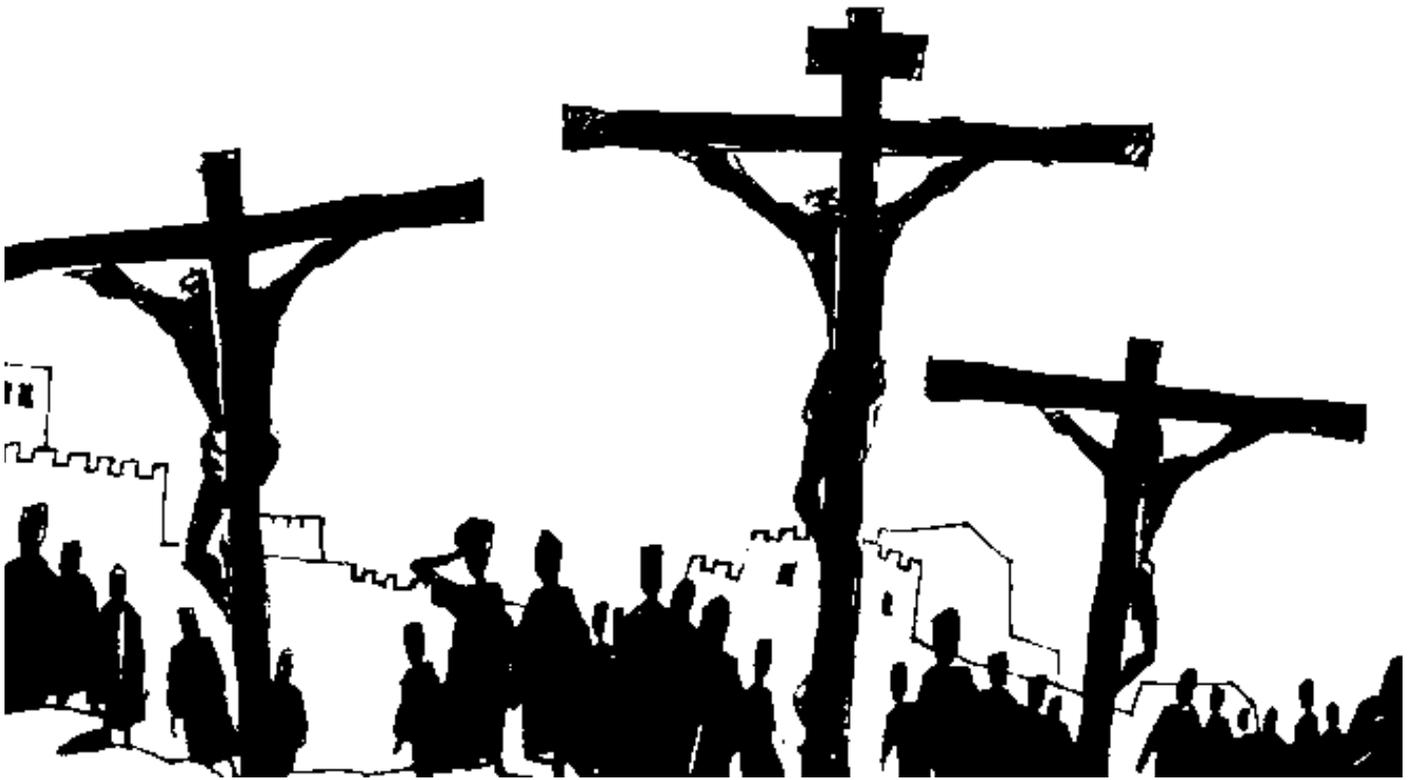


# SteepleTalk



**THE MAGAZINE  
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BOUROCK PARISH**

**Easter 2006**

## **Who's Who In Bourock**

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Boys' Brigade (Junior)	Lawrence Webb	571 4330
Boys' Brigade (Anchor)	Mary Murray	881 1564
Guides (2nd)	Jennifer Stewart	881 7320
Guides (3rd)	Barbara Jones	881 0391
Brownies (2nd)	Susan Morrison	580 5292
Brownies (3rd)	Karen Stevenson	563 4724
Tweenies	Morag McKenzie	880 5077
Young Woman's Group	Susan Morrison	580 5292
Mother & Toddler	Helen Grant	639 2602
Variety Club	Linda Dye	876 1201
Coffee Club	Norma Duncan	881 4668
Craft Club	Dorothy Ramsay	571 5260
SteepleTalk	Ken Dye	876 1201
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March 2006

Dear friends,

The journey has started. We are travelling towards Easter. Now well into Lent we should be contemplating more and more the life of Jesus and what it means for us. Lent is very much a time for reflection. A time to consider what is necessary in our life and what is not! A time to try to re-align our lives more with the life of Jesus than with the way of the world.

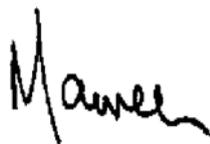
For some, that process is helped by giving up something they enjoy so that when they feel drawn to whatever pleasure it is, then they might stop and reflect on all that Jesus Christ gave up for us. For others, it is helped by making a conscious decision to do something positive each day to change the world for the better. Whatever you choose to do in Lent let it be associated with some deep reflection on what Christ did for you by journeying towards that cross - there to hang and die so that he might rise again with the joyful message of sins forgiven and death overcome.

Why should you think about it? Simply because he did all this FOR YOU. I think that is amazing! Problem is, that these days, people seem to have forgotten all about it. They appear to think that they, themselves, have achieved this. They didn't - it was only achieved through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Lord. Please don't forget that and please, make the effort to come and praise our wonderful God through the period of Lent and especially the glorious day of Easter.

I visited the Holy Land in January and have written an article about that visit. It was very worthwhile and I would like to organise a group from Barrhead to undertake a similar trip. Listen for the intimation about it.

We have had a hectic round of fund-raising since Christmas and the Building Fund and African Partnership have both benefitted. As well as raising money the events have offered a good opportunity for socialising and that has also been appreciated. So, thanks to all who have worked hard at these events.

I would like to wish you all a joyful Eastertide and my prayer is that you are filled with a new sense of peace and hope

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Anne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.



# **JUNIOR CHURCH**



Can I start by thanking everyone in the congregation for the tremendous support given to our “shoe box appeal”. Once again we raised the number of boxes sent and this could not be accomplished without your continued generosity. Since this has become an annual event in Bourock, we have started collecting shoe boxes already. So ... if you have decided on a new Spring outfit and have bought the shoes to match, remember Junior Church needs your empty box! I know that many of you collect things for the boxes throughout the year and I think that this is a great way to do it.

We continue to work on the Seasons Of The Spirit material and although our numbers vary from week to week, the children seem to enjoy the programme. Sometimes we find the material to be quite challenging but we like working on the lectionary passage and feel that using the same piece of scripture as “Senior Church” is beneficial to both old and young.

Our annual trip to Kelburn Country Park will take place on Saturday 24th June, leaving the church at 11:00 and returning around 18:00 - more details to follow. This year, however, we are only booking one bus. We have noticed over the past few years that more people are choosing to take their cars which means that the buses have not been full, resulting in a loss. We want people to come on the trip, as it's a real family day out but this year it will be on a first come first served basis for the bus. Hopefully, everyone will be accommodated either on the bus or by car.

Linda Dye

## 2nd Barrhead Boys' Brigade - Company Section

We are currently forging ahead with our programme and will soon be starting work on our annual display. This promises to be the usual mixture of drill competitions, reports, presentation of awards and of course the chaotic “show” section. We very much look forward to our display which will take place on Friday 2nd June. We hope that you will be able to attend this event which has been well attended by members of the congregation along with parents, relatives and friends.

On the subject of support, we are very grateful to everyone who supported our annual fund raising dance which took place at Fereneze Golf Club on Saturday 11th March. We enjoyed a fantastic night and appreciated everyone's attendance and superb contributions to the raffle. I appreciate that there have been a number of fund raisers recently and I can only thank everyone who helped us raise almost £400. This will help greatly towards the ever increasing costs of running the company.

Another event which will take place later in the year is our 80th anniversary dinner. This will again take place in Fereneze Golf Club and we invite ex-members, friends and anyone with a connection with the company to come along and join us. We will give you more details in the near future ... so watch this space!

Thank you once again for your continued support and we look forward to the rest of the year.

Graham Manson  
Captain

## Tribute To John Wallace

It was with sadness that we learned of the death of John Wallace on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 2006 in Perth Infirmary. John, and his wife Evelyn had moved from Barrhead to Bridge of Earn in 2003, so that they could be nearer their daughter Sandra.

John will be remembered by many in Barrhead through his work in the motor trade, his church activities and his singing. Everyone who knew him will remember his cheerful disposition and his kindness to those he met.

These qualities were to serve him well in the motor trade where he worked for McDiarmid's. John started off as a mechanic and then became involved in the sales aspect and eventually was appointed as General Manager. John enjoyed the trust of those who came to buy a car and he certainly didn't disappoint.

John had served in the Royal Navy during the Second World War and achieved the rank of Chief Petty Officer. He served on Landing Craft and was involved in the D-Day landing at Sword Beach. His craft was mined as was the next one he boarded and he only survived by swimming to a third.

John had a great love of choral singing and he was a member of the Barrhead Philharmonic and the Thomas Coats Memorial Society as well as the Church Choir. He really did enjoy the fellowship of these days.

John and Evelyn have a son, Ian and daughter, Sandra and four grandchildren. Family life was always important to John and he loved to be involved with their activities wherever possible. He certainly was very proud of what his family had achieved.

John was ordained an elder at Bourock in 1957 and he received a long service certificate from the church. I know that many speak fondly of John's warmth and welcome towards new members and old members alike.

I know John will be sadly missed by family and friends and our prayers are with them at this time. We, in Bourock, give thanks for all he shared with us and added to our fellowship. "he fought the fight, he completed the course, he kept the faith"

## Flower Rota

### **May**

7 Mrs. E. Thomson  
14 Mrs. I. Alexander  
21 Mrs. F. McKinnon  
28 Mr. N. McClune

### **August**

6 Mrs. I. Blair  
13 Miss F. Rankin  
20 Mrs. E. McKenzie  
27 Mrs. D. Ramsay

### **June**

4 Mrs. N. Downie  
11 Mrs. M. Buchanan  
18 Mrs. B. Hamilton  
26 Mrs. B. Watson

### **September**

3 Mr. J. McKenzie Allan  
10 Mrs. S. Miller  
17 Mrs. J. McLeod  
24 Variety Club

## African Visit 2006

The visit by the group from Bourock to Africa is finally a reality. Over the last few weeks, we have enjoyed a tremendous upturn in our fund raising success and we now have the funds to pay for the air tickets and the accommodation for the group in the Methodist Church Hostel. We have recently received a substantial donation from the Provost and hope to raise further funds from the Band Night which is to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Over the next few weeks, the group are getting together to finalise the programme for their visit. Our friends in Vision Africa and the Presbyterian Church of East Africa are currently getting together in Kibera near Nairobi to discuss the content of the visit and how they can work together to help the visiting group get full benefit from the visit. We are really grateful to them for their input and collaboration.

The visiting group are the Rev Maureen Leitch, Angus Leitch, Jim Mitchell, Iain Glover, Lorna Simpson, Fiona Corrigan, Alison Mitchell and Carol Glover. If you have any questions about the trip, please contact any of the Group. We are planning to buy a video camera to capture the preparation for the visit and to record the activities during the trip. We look forward to sharing these memories with you on their return. The camera is to be donated to Bourock after the visit.

Please remember the Group in your prayers as they prepare for the visit and thank you for all your support.

Nancy Darroch  
African Partnership Group

## Christmas 2005 Crossword Solution



## Bourock Friends Group

A warm hello from the Bourock Friends Group (formerly the Young Women's Group). The membership of this group has remained steady over the last year with approximately 15 of us attending the meetings. At the last meeting, we enjoyed what is turning out to be our annual pancake making evening in Irene Glover's house. The teddy bear shaped pancakes made by a couple of our members were extremely tasty! Over the year, we have played Bingo to raise funds for the Mary Russell School, watched DVDs at Moira McCartney's house, raised some money for CHAS, continued our commitment to sponsoring the girls in the Seed of Hope in Africa and celebrated the Chinese New Year courtesy of Susan Morrison.

The Group continues to provide the opportunity for us to catch up with friends each month for a chat and socialising, as well as undertaking some good deeds for charity. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Susan Palmer or myself for information.

Nancy Darroch

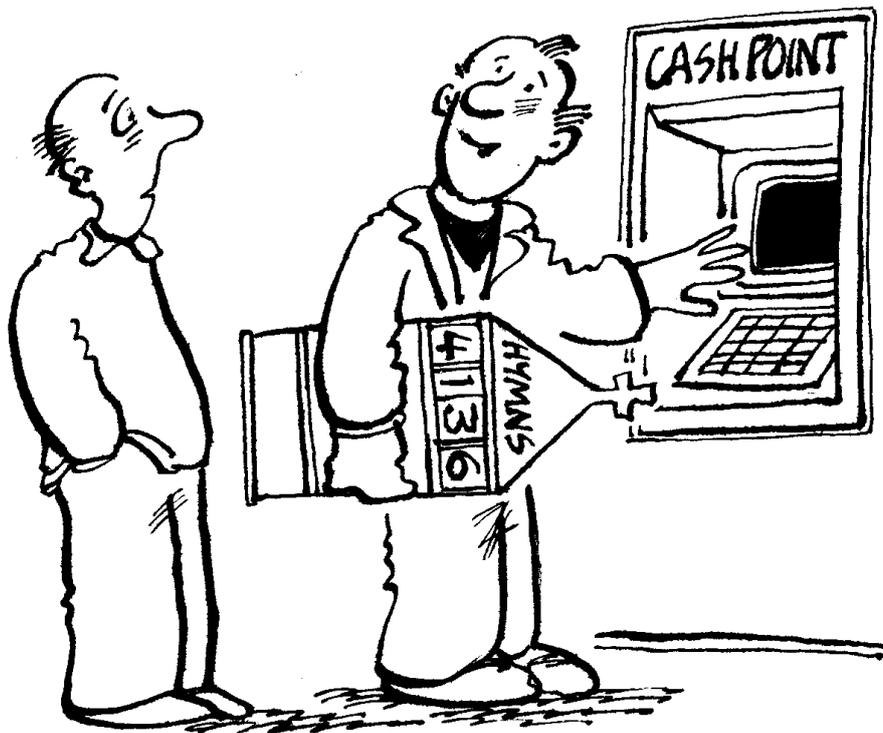
## Tweenies

The Tweenies finish on 27<sup>th</sup> March after a very busy year. We have had 46 girls this year.

We have enjoyed games, music and crafts. We attended the Variety Club Show, which everyone enjoyed. We have had the usual parties at Halloween and Christmas.

Carol Glover, one of our young leaders is going to Kenya in June. The Tweenies had a sponsored Games Night in February for the Kenya Trip. This raised £531 and a big thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Morag McKenzie (Leader) Tel. 880.5077.



*...between you and me, it's the  
only way I can remember my PIN number!*

## 3rd Barrhead Guide Company

On February 5, Gemma Paton was presented with her Baden-Powell Challenge Award at a church service and the following evening February 6, Pamela Walker and Elizabeth McDougall chose to have their BPs presented to them at an ordinary Guide meeting. A presentation tea and celebration cake were enjoyed by all the Guides, parents and friends.



Monday, February 20 the Guides prepared Thinking Day Tables where they collected memorabilia and prepared food for the countries they chose ie France, Italy and Mexico. Everyone had a super time sampling all the dishes that had been prepared.

On Wednesday, February 22, East Renfrewshire Guides and Brownies held a Thinking Day Celebration in Glen Halls, Neilston. Many girls took part in this event. Australia was the chosen country from Bourrock. Rebecca Campbell and Laura Kennedy represented the 3rd Company.

We all enjoyed pancakes with many fillings on Monday, February 27 for Shrove Tuesday.

March 6 saw the Guides, parents and friends taking part in a Keep Fit/Aerobic workout in the hall led by Margaret MacRae. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

The Guides are preparing for an Easter Bonnet Competition which will take place on April 3 and they are 'Designing a Float' Competition for Gala Day.

The Parents Evening takes place on Monday, May 8.

Thanks once again to everyone who collect used stamps, ink cartridges and toners. These are given to Guide Dogs for the Blind. (Unfortunately, some stamps have been handed in which have been trimmed too close to the stamp and are useless - please leave at least 1/2" border all round).

Gayle and Barbara

Nearly forgot - Gayle is keeping up the Guiding tradition by having a baby daughter - Katie - on January 3. A new member for the 3rd Company in a few year's time!!

(A presentation of a pram set was made to Gayle from all the Guides)

Barbara

## Summer Club

The Summer Club this year is based on the story of Joseph - quite appropriate considering that the Variety Club has once again performed "Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor<sup>®</sup> Dreamcoat".

The title this year is PYRAMID ROCK and will be held in the church halls from Monday July 3rd until Friday July 7th. Further details will be posted very soon on the web site.



## Our Giving Makes A Difference ....

We give money to make a difference to the life of our community, our nation and our world by sharing the gospel through the work of the Church.

Our giving helps maintain our buildings.

Bourock Church is

- A house of prayer in the midst of a busy world,
- A place for hearing God's word for our lives,
- A venue for baptisms, marriages and funerals,
- A centre for children and young people to grow in their Christian faith
- A home for Church groups – Guild, Boy's Brigade, Guides, Brownies, Variety Club etc.
- A place for community groups to meet – Weightwatchers, Dancers, Summer Club etc.

Our buildings enrich the life of our community.

Our giving helps to provide 1000 parish ministers throughout Scotland.

Maureen serves our congregation and parish through

- Leading worship and preaching God's word,
- Caring for people, especially when they are ill, anxious or bereaved,
- Helping people to celebrate in baptism or marriage,
- Conducting funerals for members of the congregation and parish,
- Chaplaincy at Cross Arthurlie Primary School, Mary Russell School, and shared chaplaincy at Barrhead High School,
- Providing spiritual leadership.

Our minister is an asset to our community.

Our giving makes a difference beyond our community through the national and global work of the Church of Scotland-

- Providing chaplains for hospitals, prisons and the world of industry and commerce,
- Caring for the most vulnerable in society in a Christian environment,
- Partnership with Churches in some of the poorest countries of the world e.g. Kibera in Kenya,
- Resourcing congregations for mission, education, stewardship and new ways of worship,
- Recruiting and training ministers and specialist workers for tomorrow's church,
- Engaging with the social, moral, political and technological issues of today and commenting on these from a Christian perspective,
- Developing ecumenical relationships with other Christian Churches and faith communities.

Please give generously according to your means.

Angus Leitch

# Parish Register

## Baptisms

### January 2006

Carris Anne Allison 'Greenloaning', Gateside Road

### February 2006

Katie Gayle Harvey 27 Glen Avenue, Neilston

## Funerals

### November 2005

Edward McNairn 110 Crossmill Avenue

\*Ann McLean 39 Gleniffer Drive

\*Peggy Gillies 104 Carnock Crescent

### December 2005

\*Molly Wright Parkview, 4A Henry Street

Jimmy McLatchie 18 Sunnyside Place

David Wallace 19 Netherton Drive

Vera Adair 45 Craighead way

### January 2006

Arthur Bradford 31b Graham Street

\*Mary Gray Westlea Home

### February 2006

\*Frank Forsyth 33 Heys Street

Robert Connelly 8 Fereneze Avenue

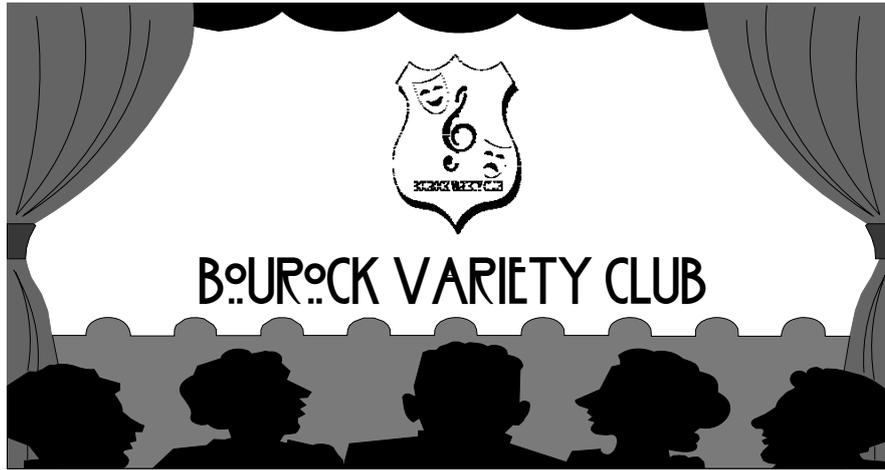
John Wallace Earnbank, Bridge of Earn

### March 2006

Isabella Hunter Westlea Home

Maureen Buchanan 3 Linnhe Drive

\* denotes a member



The club would like to thank everyone who supported “Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor<sup>®</sup> Dreamcoat”. After a slow initial response to tickets, the afternoon performance was well attended and the evening performance finished up a full house. The profit made, after expenses, which included royalties to The Really Useful Group and the hire of sound and lights was around £1,000. I am anticipating Lloyds TSB donating a further £400 via their “matched giving scheme”. Accord Hospice, I am sure, will be delighted with this donation and the club is once again very pleased to be associated with a local charity. Marion Ford, the Hospice Administrator attended the evening performance and gave a wonderful vote of thanks. It was gratifying to know how much the hospice have appreciate the support shown by the club over many years. The club is now in preparation for the Maundy Thursday service. We hope once again to participate in worship using pieces from “Jesus Christ Superstar”. As you may have deduced, the club is very keen on Andrew Lloyd Webber music!

Next up will be rehearsals for our Christmas show. At present, we have no idea what this will be - other than having a Christmas Theme (maybe!). As always, we would like to welcome along new members. The club has grown steadily over the past few years, and it is great to have so many younger members. This does not exclude the not so young. If you think you have anything to offer - either front stage or stage crew, please speak to me or any club member. Men please note!!

Our first meeting to discuss the new show will be on Thursday 4th May at 7:45pm in the lower hall.

Linda Dye

## Easter Club

We will once again be holding an Easter Club in the church halls on Saturday 15th April 10:00 - 12:00. All children of nursery school to primary 7 ages are more than welcome to attend. This will take the usual format with games, craft, drama and singing.

Please encourage your children to come along to what has always been a fun filled Easter Saturday.

Anyone who would like to help on this day, please meet with Linda in the upper hall after worship on Sunday 9th April.

## Trip To The Holy Land

In January of this year I fulfilled a long held ambition. I visited the Holy Land!

This trip was undertaken as part of an organised group to take ministers of the Church of Scotland on a 'promotional' tour to familiarise them with the Holy Land.

We travelled out to Jerusalem and spent three days there, visiting sites such as the Mount of Olives, the Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, The Western Wall (Wailing Wall), the Garden of Gethsemane and more. Our hotel was situated just outside the 'old wall's' of Jerusalem and to look out on them was amazing - what sense of history!

Looking down on Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives is quite stunning with the golden Dome of the Rock very prominent. The guides who accompanied us were excellent and they gave us all the background to the sites we were visiting. We also stopped and read appropriate passages of Scripture and sang hymns when we could. Standing at the top of the Mount of Olives, looking over Jerusalem, and hearing some 70 Scottish voices singing "All people that on earth do dwell" was quite a special moment.

We also travelled out through the "wall" (30 foot high concrete blocks) that surrounds Jerusalem to visit Bethlehem. It was quite a shock for us to encounter the security of Israel and having to go through a checkpoint caused everyone to fall silent.

Whilst in Bethlehem we visited the Al Shurooq school for blind children, which is run by an elder of the Church of Scotland in Jerusalem. Here we heard stories of how they struggle to keep going with little or no government support. Indeed we heard of the plight of many of the children whose lives are very difficult because the land which the families own have been confiscated –they lie on the Jerusalem side of the wall! Without a doubt, life is a struggle for many ordinary Palestinians. We went on to visit the Church of the Nativity, which is reputedly built over where Jesus was born

We also visited Joppa and Tabeetha School, where our Overseas Partner, Karen Anderson works.

Then it was a journey through the Judean wilderness down to the Dead Sea and Quumran. Here we saw the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found - initially, by a shepherd boy, looking for a lost sheep, then by renowned scholars. We also studied the community where the Essenes had lived.

We travelled to Jericho and went, by cable car, up the Mount of Temptation. The view from the top was spectacular - over the Jordan valley and the Dead Sea. Here we viewed caves in which monks still retreat in order to reflect and they have their food lowered in baskets!

Following that, we travelled along the Jordan Valley to Tiberias which would be our base for the next three days. We stayed in the Scots Hotel which is owned by the Church of Scotland - it was once a hostel for pilgrims but is now a 5 star hotel.

This area is where Jesus spent much of his teaching and healing ministry. We visited the Church of the loaves and fishes, the Mount of the Beatitudes and, one of my personal favourites, Capernaum.

A special time was the visit to Mensa Christi. Here on the beach is the place Jesus appeared to his disciples after the Resurrection. It is a lovely place and there is a wonderful feeling of peace about it. It was really nice to have a Communion Service on the shores of Lake Tiberias.

We were treated to a lunch of Peter's fish - 'nice' if you can work your way round all the bones - it is served in its entirety - a bit off-putting for some!

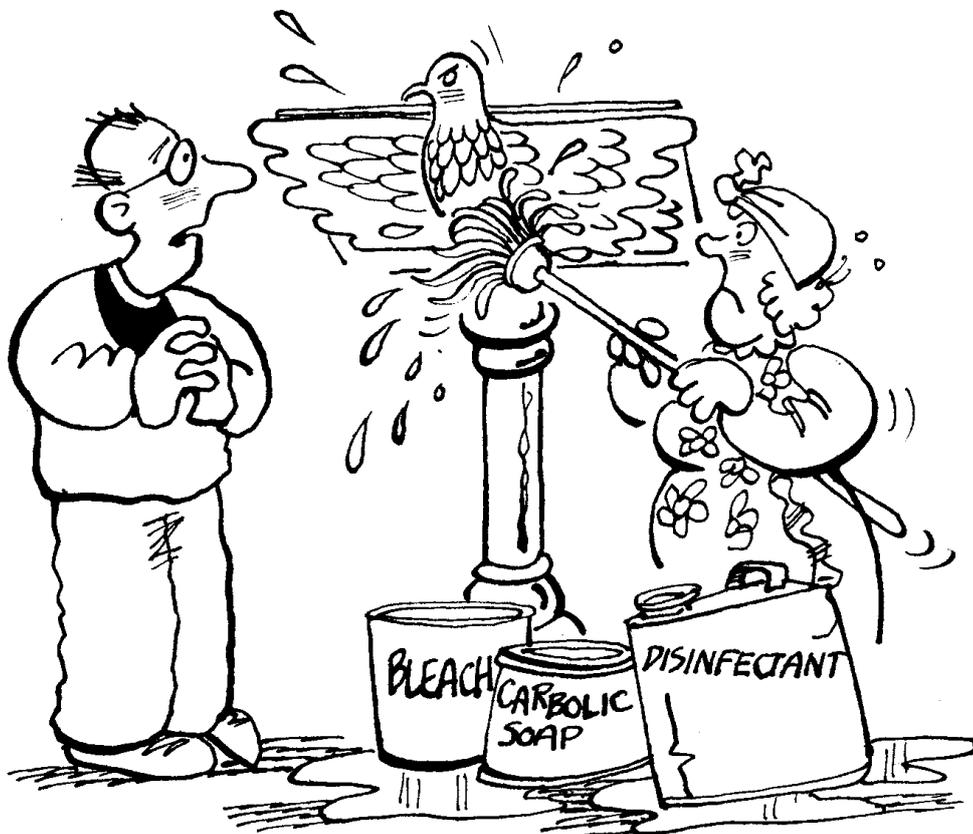
We sailed on a boat and were treated to a fishing lesson by our host. He demonstrated how the disciples would have fished in Jesus' day. He didn't catch anything!

Our last day saw us in Nazareth. We visited the Basilica of the Annunciation and the Church of the Annunciation - one Orthodox and the other Roman Catholic. Both were beautifully decorated but in very different styles. We also visited a recreation of Nazareth village. It was very well presented and offered a good insight into life in Jesus' day.

It was a wonderful trip and there was just so much to take in. I certainly will look at Scripture passages in a different way now because I have a better sense of the geography. The trip certainly has given me much food for thought.

In the future, I would like to take a group from Barrhead out to the Holy Land. It certainly is worth visiting. The accommodation and the guides are excellent and I think it would be an experience you won't forget in a hurry. So if you are interested, speak to me or listen for an intimation

Maureen



*Mabel, I can't help thinking you're taking this risk of bird 'flu a bit too seriously!*

## Finance Report - March 2006

The following is a report on the Church's Accounts presented at the Stated Annual Meeting for the financial year 2005 and should be read in conjunction with these Accounts. In line with the General Assembly's guidelines, a summary is included in the next page.

We started off 2005 by carrying forward a small deficit of £672 from 2004; this was taken from the General Fund, meaning as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005 the General Fund stood at £10,155. You will notice at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 the General Fund now stands at £10,742, and increase of £587, however this is offset by a considerable reduction in the Ferguson Bequest – (see later on).

During 2005 total offerings rose by £2,330. Total offerings received via WFO and Standing Order rose from £50,972 in 2004 to £53,676 in 2005, an increase of £2,704 – this is encouraging as there has been a significant increase in the income we claimed Gift Aid on (around 9%). In addition we earned a substantial sum from letting other organisations use our premises.

Expenditure rose by £5,829 in 2005 in comparison to 2004, which can be summarised as follows –

- A significant increase in National Ministry and Mission & Wider Work, over which we have no control. This is set to rise further in 2006.
- Lower Local Staffing Costs, mainly due to a reduction in the hours worked by a cleaner.
- Increase in Buildings Costs, which included necessary repair work on the manse grounds – the cost of this was taken from the Ferguson Bequest.
- Considerable reduction in Local Costs.

We also undertook major building work in order to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act, costing in excess of £45,000 – so far we have raised over £26,000 towards this and received £13,000 in grants – ultimately any shortfall will be taken from our reserves. It is not too late to donate further.

On behalf of the Finance Committee I would like to thank everyone who contributed to allow this work to proceed.

In 2005 we reclaimed over £11,000 back from the Inland Revenue - as this is just short of 14% of our total income for the year the significance of this income cannot be underestimated.

Should anyone who –

- currently contributes by WFO or Standing Order,
- pays income tax, &
- has not signed a Gift Aid declaration

please consider completing a Gift Aid form - any such income will allow the church to reclaim a further 28.2p for every £1 received, at no expense to you. Speak to Robert McKenzie, Karen Johnston or myself and we will provide you with the necessary form.

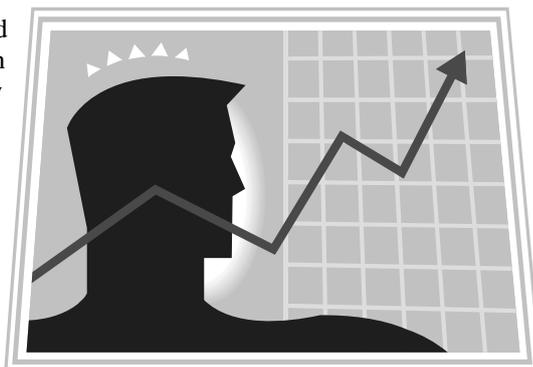
In 2005 over £21,000 (over £400 per week) was contributed where no income tax was recovered.

There are obviously members who do not currently pay income tax; therefore nothing can be recovered from their contributions. However I am sure there are many who do pay income tax and I feel it is worthwhile considering that for every £100 per week (£5,200 over the year) that Bourock can reclaim income tax on, the church will earn an extra £1466.40 per year – it is literally money for nothing.

Please consider the above if you are in such a position, as we are now so dependent on other income – almost a fifth of our total income in 2005 came from Gift Aid & outside lets.

Personally, I would like to thank all members of the Finance Committee for their assistance in 2005.

Derek Palmer  
Finance Convenor



**BOUROCK PARISH CHURCH**  
**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2005**

	2005	2004
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Offerings	72,804	70,474
Other General Income	7,336	5,868
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,140</b>	<b>76,342</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
National Ministry and Mission and Wider Work	48,521	44,447
Local Staffing Costs	7,124	8,434
Building Costs	19,947	13,755
Other Local Costs	7,251	10,378
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,843</b>	<b>77,014</b>
(Deficit)/Surplus	(2,703)	(672)

**FUNDS AS AT 31st DECEMBER:**

	2005	2004
	£	£
Fabric Fund	2,780	2,433
Building Fund	0	4,193
Flower Fund	352	352
Reserve Fund	36,773	57,501
Kitchen Refurbishment Fund	1,600	1,600
Kenyan Fund	3,107	-
Youth Fund	(223)	744

**BUDGET FOR 2006**

	£
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
National Ministry and Mission and Wider Work	50,089
Local Staffing Costs	7,450
Building Costs	16,735
Other Local Costs	9,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>83,274</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Offerings	73,874
Other General Income	9,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>83,274</b>
(Deficit)/Surplus	0

These accounts are a summary of the full Congregational Accounts which have received an unqualified audit report. Both the full accounts and the summary accounts have been approved by the Congregational Board.

# Jesus and the little child



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONCE, SOME OF HIS SPECIAL FRIENDS STARTED ARGUING ABOUT WHO WAS THE GREATEST

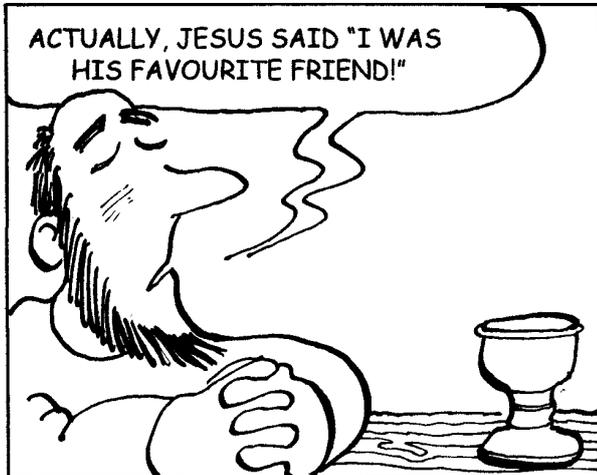
I AM SURE JESUS THINKS I AM BETTER THAN YOU!



NO! I KNOW I AM BETTER THAN YOU



ACTUALLY, JESUS SAID "I WAS HIS FAVOURITE FRIEND!"



THE ARGUMENTS GREW WORSE AND WORSE

THEN JESUS TOOK A LITTLE CHILD AND PUT IT BY HIS SIDE



WHOEVER WELCOMES THIS CHILD IN MY NAME, WELCOMES ME

JESUS LONGED FOR HIS FRIENDS TO BE LOVING AND HUMBLE. JUST LIKE THE LITTLE CHILD

see Luke 9.46-48