

CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

SUNDAY :Morning Worship (August) 10 a.m.



Morning Worship (September onwards) 9.30 & 11 a.m.

Morning Worship - Pitcorthie "Outreach" 11 a.m.
 Sunday School 11 a.m.
 Pitcorthie Sunday School 11 a.m.
 Youth Fellowship 6.30 p.m.

MONDAY :Mums & Toddler Group 10 a.m.
 Beavers 6 p.m.
 Guild 7.15 p.m. (Fortnightly)
 Scouts 7.30 p.m.
 Venture Scouts 8 p.m.

TUESDAY :Mums & Toddler Group 10 a.m.
 Kirk Session 7.30 p.m. (Second Tuesday of Month)

WEDNESDAY :Prayer Meeting 10 a.m.
 1st. A Brownies 5.30 p.m.
Boys Brigade -
 Anchor Boys 6.15 p.m. - Pitcorthie
 Junior Section 6.15 p.m. - Pitreavie
 Company Section 7.15 p.m. - McLaren Hall

THURSDAY :Friendship Group 2 p.m. (Fortnightly)
 Cubs 6.45 p.m.
 Y.F. Senior Bible Study 7 p.m.
 Congregational Board 7.30 p.m. (Last Thursday of Month)

FRIDAY :Rainbow Guides 5.30 p.m. (Morris Hall)
 1st. A Guides 7.00 p.m. (Morris Hall)
 1st Brownies 5.30 p.m. (McLaren Hall)
 1st Guides 7.15 p.m. (McLaren Hall)

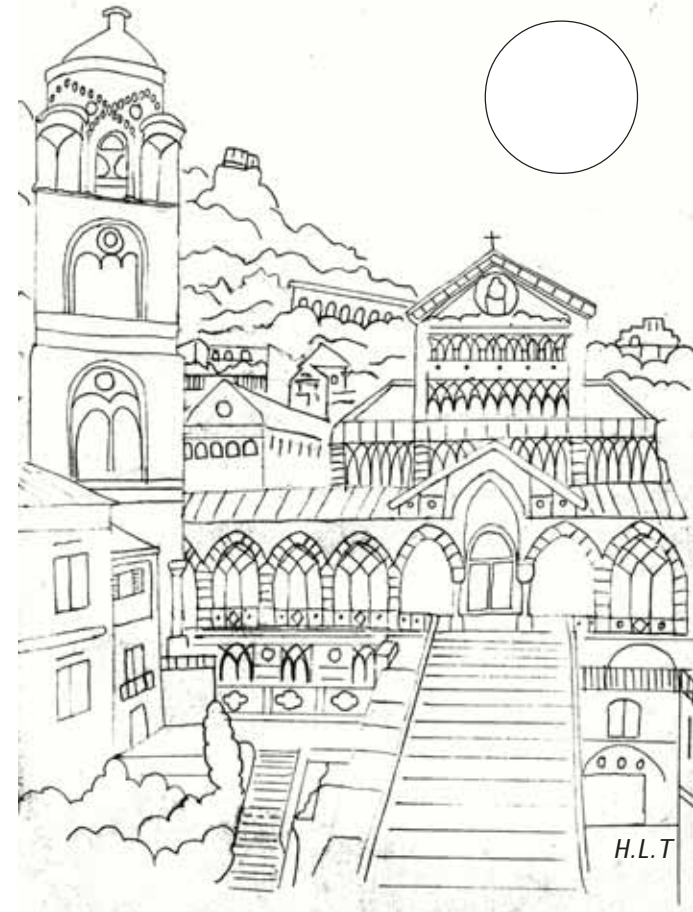
Playgroup Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

OUTLOOK

AUGUST, 2004

St Leonard's - The Family Church

AMALFI CATHEDRAL



St Leonard's Parish Church

2 Brucefield Avenue, Dunfermline, Fife, KY11 4SX

GENERAL INFORMATION

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REFLECTIONS (CONTD.)

Together we have gained Strength through Gods Promise, Gods Presence and Gods Empowerment and more recently we have dared to Care with Courage. We have had discussion nights on various topics, "Overcoming Violence" and "Who Cares".

All this and there's more... so much more... so if you want an evening away from the TV, in good company, with a good cuppa, then why not come along.

Forthcoming attractions, our very own new minister will be conducting our Dedication Service and on the programme for this year we hope to have Tam the Gun from Edinburgh Castle, a speaker on the Street boys of Peru and a visit from a past Moderator and much, much more.

You will have gathered by now that like the WI, the Guild is much more than Jams and Jerusalem, we even thought about doing our own calendar but sadly have been beaten to it this year by Iain Wilkinsons excellent calendar, which lasts for 16 months. But who knows maybe next year!!!!

So if you are young, not so young, young at heart, or someone who enjoys company and a delicious cuppa, (made with tender loving care) why not come along and join us. We meet fortnightly on Monday evenings in the Morris Hall at 7:15. Our session this year begins on 13 September at 7:15 pm, with an Open Evening. By the way Gentlemen, this also includes you look forward to seeing you there.

*Lyn McKean
One of the Keepers of the Guild China.*

INDUCTION SOCIAL

A light supper for 200 ??? Not a problem for the Congregation of St Leonard's. I am sure that those of you who came along to Andrew Philips Induction Service and stayed for supper will have enjoyed the refreshments provided that helped to stave off those hunger pangs during the "social" part of the evening.

I am sure you will appreciate that catering for such a large number of people took some organisation and I should like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make the evening such a success. To everyone who cooked, baked or made sandwiches, thanks. I am sure you will have gathered by the empty plates that everyone enjoyed the splendid feast of savouries, cakes and biscuits.

A special thank you to Anna for the flower arrangements for the tables, these beautiful decorations certainly provided the finishing touch.

To all those who came along on the day to set up tables, pour tea and coffee and help clear away after – a great big thank you.

A special thank you to the team who helped me with the organisation and arrangements and kept me calm during the day, namely Jeanette Penman, Helen Stewart, Margaret Doolan and Stuart Laird, what would I have done without you ????

Well-done St Leonard's – what a team.

Lyn McKean

REFLECTIONS FROM A “KEEPER OF THE GUILD CHINA”

I will always remember my Mother-in-law’s comment when I told her I was going to join the Guild. “But you’re not old enough to be going to the Guild”. (This from a Guild Member and wife of a Minister). You can imagine then it was with some trepidation that I went along on my first night. That was 8 years ago but how wrong she was, not only was I old enough but I was (and still am) young enough to be a “keeper of the valuable Guild China.”

Why was she wrong???? Not only are we not a Knitting bee, or makers of Jam (well on occasions and for a good cause) but we are a group of people within St Leonards who like to have fun and fellowship.

Over the years we have had a demonstration from a wood turner, heard about the final resting place of the Dunfermline Opera House and learned about the Union Canal and the millennium project – the Falkirk Wheel.

Members of our church have come along, our own MEP Catherine Stihler gave us an insight into the work of an MEP, and faced the challenge of questions from members of the Guild and the Congregation, and Barry Meiklejohn has given us an introduction to “The Readership”.

We have been entertained by Bill Tulloch and Mary Kidd, with a Victoriana evening of stories, poems and songs. We have also raided our own attics, unearthing items of yesteryear (once the height of fashion) and shared family memories.

And proving that we are a group of people with many talents, we have provided our own entertainment, who will forget “Goldilocks and the 3 Bears, and Freda’s rendition of “Gaun yersel Moses” left people crying in the aisles, (with laughter I hasten to add) and what about our very own Last Years Christmas Fairy. Who might that be? Why not come and find out? A Guild team put in a strong performance at Call My Bluff – defeating a very gallant team of our very own Elders!!!! Better luck next time gentlemen.

A tour of Edinburgh (by bus) and a trip to Glasgow to see the Christmas lights followed by very welcome meals of Fish and Chips. You have to give in to temptation sometime – don’t you – sorry Andrew, I really did pay attention to your sermon the other Sunday. Fish and Chips do weigh heavy in the rucksack; so will try not to yield in the future.

Our Christmas meals at Garvock House have set us up nicely for our own Christmas festivities, with an excellent meal, home made entertainment and carols.

And... don’t we make delicious pancakes and make the best ever cuppa??? Have you been to one of our coffee mornings? Over the years we have raised funds for a village in Croatia, MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship), the Lodging House Mission in Glasgow and more recently the Sunflower project in Edinburgh. Mollie Tulloch and a group of children from the Sunday School have planted our own Sunflowers in the church grounds, so please take a moment to visit them to see their progress.



Dear Friends,

Thank you for the warm welcome given to Elizabeth and me on the evening of my Induction as your Minister, and for all that you have done so far to make us feel at home in Dunfermline. A great deal of hard work has been done by so many people – the nominating committee, the team who have worked on the Manse, those who prepared and served us so well at the Induction service, all those I’ve not seen but who have been quietly working away and especially those who have been upholding the whole process in prayer. Thank you one and all!

For the past 8+ years we have lived in the east end of Glasgow, where I was minister at St. Enoch’s Hogganfield. Elizabeth was initially teaching RME in secondary and special needs schools but is now employed by the Church of Scotland, working as a Parish Assistant at Garthamlock and Craighend East Parish Church. Although her work continues to be based in Glasgow, I know that she is keen to be with us for some Sunday services as her diary permits.

Elizabeth and I met in Edinburgh while at university (we were both involved in the ministry of the Grassmarket Community among the homeless) and married while I was a Probationer at Newhills Church in Aberdeen. Prior to that I had worked as a Production Engineer based in London.

When it was suggested that I consider ministry with you at St. Leonard’s in Dunfermline I said to folk that, apart from living in Falkirk until the age of 10 and a year or so later in life, I was really a city kid. What a sense of humour God has – as I drove here back in April the road sign welcomed me to the City of Dunfermline!

The Bible has a fair bit to say about God’s concern for cities and their populations. As believers we are charged with the responsibility of reaching this generation for Christ. That means our church life should always be mission orientated.

I am grateful for God’s very clear leading throughout my life and for bringing us together at this stage for our shared journey. I hope very quickly to get a feel for who you are, the prospects for ministry in the parish, and the ways to give people the opportunity to begin or renew relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Your friend and minister,
Andrew J. Philip

INDUCTION SERVICE MARK II 15 JULY 2004

“Mark II” because, of course, a glance at your carefully preserved back numbers of ‘Outlook’ will remind you of another Induction service in Dunblane, but enough has been written and said about that one!

What about ‘ours?’ It was a warm summerish kind of evening and as sports writers have been wont to say the crowd was slow to gather but suddenly, as seven o’clock approached the Kirk looked pleasantly full and the Rev Elizabeth Kenny was able to wonder officially whether anyone had any objection to the Rev Andrew Philip being inducted to the charge of Dunfermline, St. Leonard’s. There being no-one so disposed, out she went by the east door only to re-appear with her Presbytery colleagues through the main door. Clever trick, that.

The opening worship - ‘You are within me Lord, and all around’ was sung to the tune ‘Highland Cathedral’ (That explains the kilt, said someone) and did much to set the mood of the evening. Then words - words of welcome, words of prayer. Biblical words from Joshua and Romans another hymn and then the Order of Service said ‘Sermon Rev. S. Burton’. Never did words so accurate in themselves, conceal a much greater truth. Adjectives such as ‘inspired’ and ‘inspirational’ should not be chucked around lightly, but this address was worthy of both. From his opening question ‘Are you excited tonight?’ (muted replies of ‘Aye, well, maybe’ were not accepted and he eventually dragged the truth out of us), through his description of the

daunting tasks which lie before Andrew to his final challenges to us in the congregation of St. Leonard’s, all were delivered eloquently, humorously but with total conviction. In different circumstances the response would surely have been loud cheering, waving of banners and a march on the nearest seat of government.

Then to the heart of the service as Andrew clearly and firmly took the vows which made him our Minister. These are promises which we felt certain Andrew would try his utmost to keep and indeed we already have evidence of his doing so. But we the congregation of St. Leonard’s did not escape. We too took our vow to support and strengthen him in his work with us and with our parish. It is to be hoped that he has, in his turn, seen evidence that we intend to keep that **vow**.

“The Lord bless thee, and keep thee’ we sang as his new colleagues welcomed him to Dunfermline Presbytery with the right hand of fellowship.

The closing hymn ‘Be thou my vision,’ the Benediction - and suddenly it was all over.

Well not exactly, I thought Syd had a ready-made headline for ‘Outlook’, “Congregation Split over new Minister’s Induction” but it turned out to be a way of allowing some of the gathering to eat the goodies in the McLaren Hall whilst others ate in the Morris Hall. Presbytery members ate in the crèche. Incidentally, would Jeanette Penman, Guild members et al take several very deep, well-deserved bows?

THE FOUR CROWS

Thank you very much to all the workers,
Thank you very much, thank you very much,
The ones who scrubbed and the ones who painted,
Thank you very, very, very much!

Thank you very much to Maureen Black,
Thank you very much, thank you very much,
She used a whip so naebody could slack,
Thank you very, very, very much!

We were awfy glad o’ her organisation,
Thank you very much, thank you very much,
We really think she missed her vocation,
Thank you very, very, very much!

Thank you very much to the Session Clerk,
Thank you very much, very much.
Looking after St Leonard’s with all his heart,
Thank you very, very, very much!

He kept us together as a congregation.
Thank you ...
He gave us strength and jubilation.
Thank you ...!

Thank you very much to the Interim Moderator,
She’s no very tall, but she led us all
We’ll aye remember her help and compassion,
She encouraged us in true Christian fashion

So thank you to the folk in the pews,
Worshipping each week and waiting for news
You faithfully sang and prayed each week,
Your prayers are answered and you’ve had a keek!

Thank you too to the vacancy committee,
You went out searching in town and city
You listened to sermons, grim and fine,
Then you prayed and looked for a sign

We never thought we’d see his knees,
The other men will be spitting green peas!
Thank you too to ‘his’ Maw and Paw,
We think his ginger hair’s quite braw
Elizabeth’s a bonus we didn’t expect,
For this we’re really glad you met.

Now home to Carnock I must go,
It’s time to leave as well you know
Thank you very much one and all,
We really think you did awfy braw.

So thank you for all the past months,
It’s not been easy but you’ve come up trumps
S. Anon. Laird & Others

This ‘ditty’ was ‘sung’ at the induction social and is printed by “public demand.”

LIFE & WORK MAGAZINE

God in school

In this month’s cover story Lorna Hill examines the role of the Christian faith in Scottish schools and discovers the meaning of new guidelines on religious observance.

An international principal

The Rev Dr Tony Sargent, principal of the International Christian College in Glasgow, is the subject of this month’s monthly profile.

A positive inspiration

The Rev Norman Drummond, Church of Scotland minister and former head of Loretto School in Edinburgh, is the founder and chairman of a company which specialises in life coaching, business skills and media management. Victoria Masterson outlines his varied career and his recently published book *The Spirit of Success*.

Moderator’s message Dr Alison Elliot compares the hospitality of churches to Scotland’s tourism industry and emphasises the importance of welcoming strangers to public worship.

A string of pearls

The Rev Denis Duncan begins a new series of Bible Study with reflections on the letter from James.

3RD DUNFERMLINE BOYS' BRIGADE COMPANY

At our close of 2003/04 session, MEP Catherine Stihler congratulated the boys on their achievements and presented the awards gained over the past session. The Company held a display raring from singing, circus acts, drama and drill.

Gary Hynd was presented with his Queen's badge the highest award in the movement. Gary came up through the ranks from Anchor boy at 6 years of age to Senior section at 18 yrs of age, he is now taking on new responsibilities as a young officer in the company.

Company section attended annual camp at Pitlochry sharing Christian fellowship with officers and boys from Tulliallan, 4th Dunfermline and Inverkeithing companies.

The Junior section are due to attend their annual weekend camp at B.B. Headquarters, Carronvale in September.

This session will see some changes in the staffing levels of each section. In the Anchor section, Shona Ewing is taking a well earned 'time out' Carol Jasper will move from Junior section to take charge of the Anchor boys. Steven Watt is moving down south due to work commitments, this leaves the Junior section short of 2 experienced officers.

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP? Jan Hamilton and Mark Falconer will continue to work with boys 8-11 yrs (approx. 20 weekly) however we urgently require adult assistance CAN YOU HELP? We have the boys, please don't let us lose them due to lack of adult help.

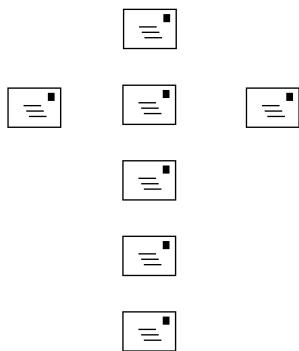
Working with the young folk of our community is really rewarding and fun, spreading the Good News is a privilege. A few Sundays ago, did you put your hand up for a badge when Elizabeth Philip asked if you were involved with the various aspects of church life in St. Leonard's? Here's your chance to wear that badge, step forward and help the Boys Brigade within St. Leonard's.

Contact Jan Hamilton 725317

or

Company Captain Malcolm McGregor 728462

Jan Hamilton



Thanks for the many stamps received so far for St Columba's Hospice in Edinburgh. I would be delighted to receive more stamps at any time. Put the stamps in an envelope for me at the back of the church. Please try to leave 1/2 - 1" round the stamps or the stamp collectors won't buy them.

Andrew Christie

INDUCTION SERVICE (CONTD.)

Back to the Church most of us went including Andrew and Elizabeth's family and friends from the West (and the middle, to be accurate). Dr Valerie Duff gave us a fuller description/definition of Andrew, to which Andrew was given a right to reply.

I sketched a picture of St. Leonard's - warts and all. Elizabeth Kenny spoke from the heart, albeit humorously of her experiences as our Interim Moderator and was joined by Mike Caffyn, Alison Cook and Stewart Laird in singing thanks (in several keys simultaneously) to a myriad of Vacancy Helpers. The Choir sang too, in four parts, but managed to keep in one key. Mike, on our behalf, acknowledged debts of gratitude and presented gifts of welcome and thanks.

Barry performed wonders by succeeding in gathering the evening together and by proposing the inevitable but well-deserved Votes of Thanks and, in his first ministerial duty, Andrew pronounced the final benediction.

Bill Tulloch

P.S. There had to be one, for after all the smooth running there was a slight hiccup at the end when a bus which was to take some of Elizabeth's Glasgow friends home, broke down. But extra cups of tea, buns and sandwiches and a lot of very good humour saw the mini-crisis pass and some time south of midnight the travellers were on their way home. One question remains. Did I see members of a Glasgow congregation of the Church of Scotland dancing the Slosh in St. Leonard's car Park at 11 pm? Oh, I hope I did!

IS IT A MINISTRY – OR JUST A JOB?

- If you are doing it because no one else will, it's a job
- If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a ministry
- If you are doing it just well enough to get by, it's a job
- If you are doing it to the best of your ability, it's a ministry
- If you will only do it so long as it doesn't interfere with other activities, it's a job
- If you are committed to staying with it, even when it means letting go of other things, it's a ministry
- If you quit because no one praised you or thanked you, it was a job
- If you stay with it even when no one else seems to notice, it's a ministry
- If you do it because someone else said it needs to be done, it's a job
- If you do it because God has convinced you it needs to be done, it's a ministry
- It is hard to get excited about a job
- It is almost impossible not to get excited about a ministry
- People may say "Well done", when you do your job
- The Lord will say "Well done", when you complete your ministry
- An average church is filled with people doing jobs
- A great church is filled with people involved in ministry.

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CHURCH DIARY

| Day: | Date: | Time | Event: |
|----------|--------|-----------------|---|
| Sunday | 15 Aug | 10:00 am | Main Church - To be announced |
| | | 11:00 am | Pitcorthie - Rev Andrew Philip |
| Sunday | 22 Aug | 10:00 am | Main Church - Rev Andrew Philip |
| | | 11:00 am | Pitcorthie - Ian Kirk / George Ross |
| | | 11:15 am | Morris Hall - Sunday School Teachers Meeting |
| Thursday | 26 Aug | 7:30 pm | Session Room - Congregational Board |
| Saturday | 28 Aug | To be announced | Thanksgiving Gift Day - details to follow |
| Sunday | 29 Aug | 10:00 am | Main Church - To be announced |
| | | 11:00 am | Pitcorthie - Barbara Leppard |
| Sunday | 5 Sep | | Normal Services Resume |
| | | 09:30 am | Main Church - Rev Andrew Philip |
| | | 11:00 am | Main Church - Rev Andrew Philip |
| | | 11:00 am | Sunday Schools resume |
| | | 11:00 am | Pitcorthie - To be announced |
| | | 6:30 pm | Youth Fellowship resumes |
| Monday | 6 Sep | 8:00 pm | Committee Room - Kirk Session Committee |
| Sunday | 12 Sep | 09:30 am | Main Church - Rev Andrew Philip |
| | | 11:00 am | Main Church - Rev Andrew Philip |
| | | 11:00 am | Pitcorthie - To be announced |
| | | 6:30 pm | McLaren Hall - Youth Fellowship |
| Tuesday | 14 Sep | 7:30 pm | Morris Hall - Kirk Session |
| Friday | 17 Sep | 7:30 pm | Main Church - Centenary Celebration |
| | | | Communion - Rev Andrew Philip |
| Saturday | 18 Sep | All day | Centenary Event - Displays etc. - details to follow |
| Sunday | 19 Sep | 09:30 am | NO SERVICE |
| | | 11:00 am | Centenary Celebration Service - Rev Finlay Macdonald (Principal Clerk and ex Moderator of General Assembly) |
| | | 11:00 am | NO SERVICE AT PITCORTHIE |
| | | 6:30 pm | McLaren Hall - Youth Fellowship |
| Sunday | 26 Sep | 09:30 am | Main Church - To be announced |
| | | 11:00 am | Main Church - To be announced |
| | | 11:00 am | Pitcorthie - To be announced |
| | | 6:30 pm | McLaren Hall - Youth Fellowship |
| | | | Minister on holiday |
| Sunday | 3 Oct | 09:30 am | Main Church - To be announced |
| | | 11:00 am | Main Church - To be announced |
| | | 11:00 am | Pitcorthie - To be announced |
| | | 6:30 pm | McLaren Hall - Youth Fellowship |
| | | | Minister on holiday |
| Sunday | 10 Oct | 09:30 am | Main Church - Rev Andrew Philip |
| | | 11:00 am | Main Church - Rev Andrew Philip |
| | | 11:00 am | Pitcorthie - To be announced |
| | | 6:30 pm | McLaren Hall - Youth Fellowship |
| Tuesday | 12 Oct | 7:30 pm | Morris Hall - Kirk Session |

A LOVE STORY

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The Editor,
Outlook.

Dear Sir/Madam,

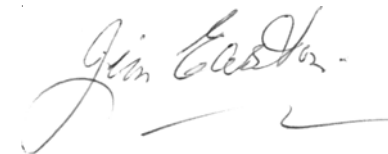
AMALFI CATHEDRAL.

With reference to the above item which appeared in the latest issue of the Outlook:-
Andrew Watson was a very great friend of both my wife and myself, and a colleague when we both served in the British Transport Police.

During the Second World War, Andrew served in Italy with the Scots Guards. It was at this time that he met and subsequently married Raffaella Theresa. (Terry) At the end of the war they both returned to Scotland, and settled in Dunfermline, and had a daughter named Rosemary. Unfortunately Rosemary died from meningitis at the age of ten years.

Over the years, Andrew and Terry became very good friends with my wife and I, but not long after he retired from the B.T. Force, Andrew died suddenly, and is buried beside his daughter in Dunfermline cemetery. Although Terry continued to live in Dunfermline for a number of years, and was joined by her sister Anna, she eventually decided to return to Amalfi where she first met Andrew, she still lives there and we regularly hear from her.

I am sure the plaque on the pew in Amalfi Cathedral was placed there by Terry, in loving memory of Andrew.



WHAT IF...

What if God couldn't take the time to bless us today because we couldn't take the time to thank him yesterday?

What if God decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we didn't follow him today?

What if we never saw another flower bloom because we grumbled when God sent the rain?

What if God didn't walk with us today because we failed to recognise it as his day?

What if God took away the Bible tomorrow because we would not read it today?

What if God took away his message because we failed to listen to his messenger?

What if God didn't send his only Son because he wanted us to pay the price of sin?

What if the door of the church was closed because we did not open the door of our heart?

What if God stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love and care for others?

What if God would not hear us today because we would not listen to him?

What if God answered our prayers the way we answer his call to service?

What if God met our needs the way we give him our lives?

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THE MANSE

To welcome our new minister a great effort was made by a dedicated group from the congregation who decorated the manse from top to bottom.

A number of green fingered individuals not only tidied the garden and cut the grass but also removed all of the resulting debris. It's amazing the amount of weeds and grass that can grow in the space of just a few months.

The more destructive members of the group took great delight in breaking up some built in wardrobes and ripping out carpets that had seen many years of excellent service. The removal of wallpaper throughout also gave a deal of satisfaction to this band.

The artistic / constructive division then took over and the manse had all its walls filled, wood glossed, and finally the walls and ceilings were emulsioned.

Our minister also took part in the activities by laying the hardwood floors upstairs.

The end result looked very good and it is hoped that Andrew and Elizabeth can enjoy their surroundings for a while before the process has to be repeated!!!

Norman Macleod



FAREWELL TO OUR YOUTH WORKER

On Sunday 12 July we said our fond farewells to Andrew (Andy) Howard and presented him with a cheque and a goody bag of St. Leonard's' centenary memorabilia. His wife Andrea received a bouquet of flowers.

Andy joined our church in June 2000 as our Youth Worker. This position was created following research undertaken by the Kirk Session into the ministering of our youth both within St Leonard's and the wider parish. Through prayer and the generosity of the congregation we were able to raise sufficient finance to fund our first youth worker. Andy has been with us for 4 years, over which time he has developed a very positive Christian presence within the local Primary and High schools. Many of the children were previously unchurched and Andy has been able to take the word of God to them, and in so doing help them to make sense of their world today and develop a faith and relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Within our church Andy developed the Youth Fellowship Group from a handful of young people to a group of over 30, proving that indeed God had sent him to reach out to our younger generation. The Youth Committee members have been amazed at their exuberance and enthusiasm as they take delight in sharing their knowledge and faith with all. Andy was highly respected by them all.

The summer mission this year was Andy's final event, supported by a very dedicated team of adults. As in previous years, it was attended by over 60 children of school age. The atmosphere over the week was wonderful. On the final Friday evening the children were once again full of exuberance and eager to share their experiences. Andy has sown many Christian seeds during his tenure with St Leonard's and helped many young people develop their faith and relationship with our Lord.

Soon after arriving here, Andy married Andrea, who has also been a great support to him in his work. Her active involvement with the Youth Fellowship and within the church generally is greatly appreciated. On 11th July this year, their son Owen celebrated his first birthday. As a Fifer we hope to see him return to his birth place from time to time bringing his parents with him to visit their many friends here.

Andy and his family have now moved to Andrea's home city of Belfast where he has taken up a position as a Youth Pastor. We at St. Leonard's wish them every happiness for the future.

The future – When the Kirk Session meets again in September a discussion will take place regarding a replacement youth worker. We will keep you informed of developments.

Sheila Leel



MY WEEK

Hi.
This has been my second year of being in the team, and enjoyed it so much last year, that I really couldn't wait for this year's.

Last weekend a lot of the team, including myself, were really busy making banners for the different teams, or practising the drama, the music for the band, or Mondays' memory verse and so on. The atmosphere and team spirit at the weekend was brilliant, and I just knew that the week would be successful because the team was so strong and everyone was close to each other.

I was definitely impressed with the huge turnout on the Monday morning; there were lots of children queuing, really eager to get into the Hall and start the Holiday Club. I think there were around 105 children there in total including the Penguins. It was so encouraging, and I felt sure that the week would be successful.

I was in the X-Ray team in the older group alongside Fiona, Jennifer, Ian and Gill, and the children we had in our group were amazing. They were all so enthusiastic about everything they did whether it was the worksheets, the singing, the drama, the games, Peg Leg, whatever they did, they were 100% enthusiastic. They were clearly wanting to learn about Jesus and on Friday when they were asked about things they believed in but couldn't see, they said, God, Jesus and Heaven. I had a lot of fun with my team and I'm certain that they really enjoyed the Holiday Club. They were really delighted that our team won, and so was I!

The Holiday Club is really hard work for the Team and a lot of effort goes into it. I really enjoyed the Teenage Programme in the evenings as it was a chance for us to just relax. We had a lot of fun, we laughed a lot and at the same time we heard some really interesting and inspirational testimonies.

The food... well what can I say? It was excellent and definitely kept the team going throughout each day and the week, every day I looked forward to the meals! The X-force band was also amazing and the children evidently enjoyed singing the songs.

On Friday afternoon, I was involved with the Crafts, and was making a cross bead badge, which took some effort but the end result was great! When I had finished, I was approached by a little girl who wasn't even eight years old. She asked me if she could write out the song words to two of her favourite songs she had sung during the week, which were "We want to see Jesus lifted high" and "Great Big God". I found her a pad of paper, a pencil and the song words. I helped her with the words and spelling as she painstakingly wrote out the words. She told me she didn't go to Church, but that she really liked these songs. God had clearly touched her heart during the week, and I do think that a seed had been planted there. I felt really encouraged by this and felt that there was evidence that God's Power was working this week through us.

It has been absolutely fantastic to be a part of the Team this year. God has undoubtedly blessed us so much and helped us to be strong and kept our energy and enthusiasm high, even when we were tired, through Andy, Alan Childs, Cecelia and others.

CHURCH CENTENARY

As many of you will be aware, 2004 marks the centenary of St Leonard's Parish Church in Dunfermline. The church was dedicated in September 1904 and a number of events and projects are being undertaken to commemorate our first 100 years.

On Friday September 17 there will be an evening Centenary Service at the church, starting at 7.30 pm which will include Communion.

Tea and coffee will be available after the service.

The following day, Saturday 18 September, there will be an Open Day at the church from 10.00 to 2.00 where church buildings will be open to members and visitors and details and programmes of all organisations who use the church will be on display. This will enable those who know little about St Leonard's as well as those who have been associated with or members of the church for many years to learn more about all facets of church life. Refreshments will be served from 10.00 am.

The Centenary Service will be held on Sunday 19 September and we will be welcoming back many who have been associated with the church in the past. The service will be conducted by the Very Rev. Finlay A J Macdonald MA, BD, PhD, DD. who is the principal clerk of the Church of Scotland and a former Moderator of The General Assembly.

Amongst others who have been invited we hope to welcome Alex and Liz Mitchell, Andrew Patterson, Jan Gillies, Arthur Christie, John McLean and Andrew Ireland

Guests will also include many members of Dunfermline Presbytery and other local dignitaries.

The church has produced a 16 month Centenary Calendar and an updated History Booklet on St Leonard's and these will be available from early September.

Many of you might also wish to note that the August edition of 'Life and Work' has a short piece on St Leonard's Centenary and copies of this month's issue will be available from Rosemary Annandale for those who do not receive a subscription copy.

*John Allen
Chairman, Centenary Committee*

"CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

St Leonard's Church, Dunfermline, begins a year of centenary celebrations next month (Friday September 17) when the congregation will welcome back many people formerly associated with the church at a Centenary Service. During the year of celebrations the congregation also plans to support two charities - the Bethany Trust and World Vision. Over £2000 was already raised earlier in the year during a sponsored fast. The church has produced a 16-month Centenary Calendar and an updated history booklet which will be available next month.

*LIFE & WORK
AUGUST 2004*

HOLIDAY CLUB

It would be untrue of me to say that this year as the Holiday Club approached I didn't have a few reservations as to how it would be. There was no Alex to steer us all through the week with what looked like complete ease and control.

It was always a case of just turn up and do whatever was asked of you, none of us had ever had to plan or think of the 101 things that needed doing. I think some of the other "veterans" felt the same. Would the congregation give their support? Would we gather a big enough team to run the full programme? Would the kids turn up? Lots of little doubts creeping in. There was no problem with the actual material we were using. Andy Howard had that all arranged and the programme for the games and activities worked out.

The first appeal to the congregation for catering went out, and Faye Munro and Margaret Malcolm came forward to ask what they could donate. On hearing that we didn't have anyone to run the kitchen they immediately volunteered their services. The team began to form. Scripture Union forms to be filled in to make sure everyone was cleared to work with young people were followed by more forms, and then by more. Regulations now are so tight, references have to be followed up and every person on the team had to complete "Disclosure Scotland" for clearance through the police. Would all this paper work be completed in time?

Faye and Margaret took control of the catering and the enormous amount of work to feed a team of, at times, up to 40 people is no mean feat. Aided by Faye's husband John, and helped in the kitchen on occasions by Anna McDonald, Margaret Watson, Dorothy Arnott and Beryl Waddell, the team were treated to five star meals the whole week. Without their hard work and the congregation's generosity, I can honestly say the full day programme of activities with the children would not be possible.

Young Christians came from Aberdeen and Dundee universities, some of our own youth fellowship's friends, who worship elsewhere in Dunfermline, came to swell the musicians, and friends of some of our more mature members, also from other churches, came to join our team. Why did I ever doubt? When you are doing God's work there is no need to worry, He provides everything required.

The holiday club has come and gone. Friendships have been born or renewed, fun was had, memories made, but over the whole week, there is absolutely no doubt that the news of Jesus Christ was not only taught to the kids in Pitcorthie, but His love was demonstrated by the prayers of the congregation, and by everyone who donated food or money, time or talents. This was for me a humbling experience.

Libby Nisbet

MY WEEK (CONTD.)

We were all there for a purpose and I believe that God did work through us, whether we were up on stage or working with the children on the worksheets or on the Registration Team. I continue to be amazed at Andy Howard's enthusiasm, energy and drive and he has really made the Holiday Club extra special for me and I'm sure many others. He will really be missed. Well, now you can probably tell that I had so much fun. It really was an incredible experience for me and I'm looking forward to next year! Thank you.

Rebecca Foster

CONGREGATIONAL ROLL

DEATHS

Mr D Dewar, 59 Gillie Court
Mrs Findlay, 26 Whirlbut Crescent
Mrs K Richardson, Kirkcaldy

TRANSFER OUT

Mr Mann, 9 Gordon Terrace

TRANSFER IN

Mr & Mrs Churchill, 14 Shinwell
Place, Rosyth
Mr & Mrs D McMaster, 12 Knapphill



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr & Mrs S Laird, 13 Rowan Grove
to 170 Inverewe Place

THE NEW MEENISTER

We've got a brand, new Meenister
Ah've asked him in fir tea
Noo, laddie mind yir manners
So yeh won't embarrass me,
The meenister is no long back
Fae some funny foreign land
But mak nae mention o' his nose
Ah jist hope ye understand.

Yeh see it's awfy big and red
He got bittin by some fly
So dinny sit and stare at it
You'll really hiv tae try.
Ah've niver seen a nose sae big
In aw ma born days.
Ah'm sorry fir the Meenister
It fairly spiles his face.

Oh, there he's chappin at the door
Noo, mind whit you've been telt
If yeh dare tae let me doon
Jist mind yir fir the belt.
Good afternoon, Sir, Meenister
Yir welcome tae oor hoose
This is oor wee Alistair
He's quieter than a moose.

Hiv a nice wee sandwich
That's guid ham oot o' Low's
Oh, ah forgot tae ask yeh
Dae yeh tak milk in yir NOSE?

*Jim Douglas,
"Dogs, doos and dancing"*

28 — 29 AUGUST ST LEONARD'S BIG WEEKEND

Information will be dropping through
your letterbox soon.
LOOK OUT FOR IT.
BE PREPARED FOR ACTION.
ST LEONARD'S NEEDS YOU!

Congregational Board

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT FIRST SEVEN MONTHS 2003 & 2004

| | ACTUAL 1.1.04 to 31.7.04 | ACTUAL 1.1.03 to 31.7.03 |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <u>INCOME</u> | | |
| Annual Covenants | 1,182 | 1,150 |
| Collections - Free Will Offerings | 23,332 | 23,112 |
| Collections - Ptcorthie | 484 | 650 |
| Collections - Plate | 3,813 | 4,748 |
| Collections - Sunday School | 509 | 626 |
| Dividends | 4 | 4 |
| Donations - Church Organisations | 1,244 | 1,385 |
| Interest from Deposits & Current Accounts | 340 | 301 |
| Life & Work(Net) | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL ORDINARY GENERAL INCOME | 30,908 | 31,975 |
| <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | | |
| <i>Congregational</i> | | |
| Church Telephone | 249 | 220 |
| Cleaning Materials | 461 | 332 |
| Council Tax | 0 | 931 |
| Education | 1,238 | 1,229 |
| Electricity | 1,247 | 1,452 |
| Gas | 2,125 | 905 |
| Heating & Lighting Donations Outwith | -2,771 | -3,236 |
| Insurance | 2,372 | 2,206 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,367 | 318 |
| Organ & Piano | 560 | 305 |
| Repairs | 1,024 | 1,944 |
| Salaries - Beadle | 665 | 637 |
| Salaries - Cleaner | 1,885 | 1,805 |
| Salaries - Organist | 1,442 | 1,588 |
| Stationery | 895 | 918 |
| Water Rates | 1,057 | 759 |
| Total Congregational Expenditure | 13,815 | 12,312 |
| <i>Local Ministry</i> | | |
| Housing & Loan Fund * | 0 | 242 |
| Insured Pension Fund * | 0 | 180 |
| Locum Costs | 684 | 0 |
| Main Pension Fund * | 0 | 2,423 |
| Manse Telephone & Postage | 0 | 299 |
| Minister's Stipend * | 15,716 | 11,917 |
| Minister's Travelling Expenses | 0 | 772 |
| Ministerial Assistance * | 0 | 797 |
| National Insurance * | 0 | 1,254 |
| Pulpit Supply | 1,472 | 47 |
| Service Supplement | 0 | 2,574 |
| Vacancy Costs | 5,368 | 0 |
| Total Local Ministry | 23,240 | 20,505 |
| <i>Mission & Wider Work</i> | | |
| Donations - Mission & Wider Work | 0 | 230 |
| Mission & Aid Fund | 0 | 6,876 |
| Ptcorthie Expenses | 482 | 446 |
| Presbytery Dues | 813 | 813 |
| Total Mission & Wider Work | 1,296 | 8,366 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 38,351 | 41,182 |
| OVERALL TOTAL | -7,443 | -9,208 |

The figure shown for Minister's Stipend in 2004, is a collective figure calculated by 121 George Street for items previously shown under separate headings. These items are marked.