

# Buccleuch & Greyfriars

## FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

# Newsletter

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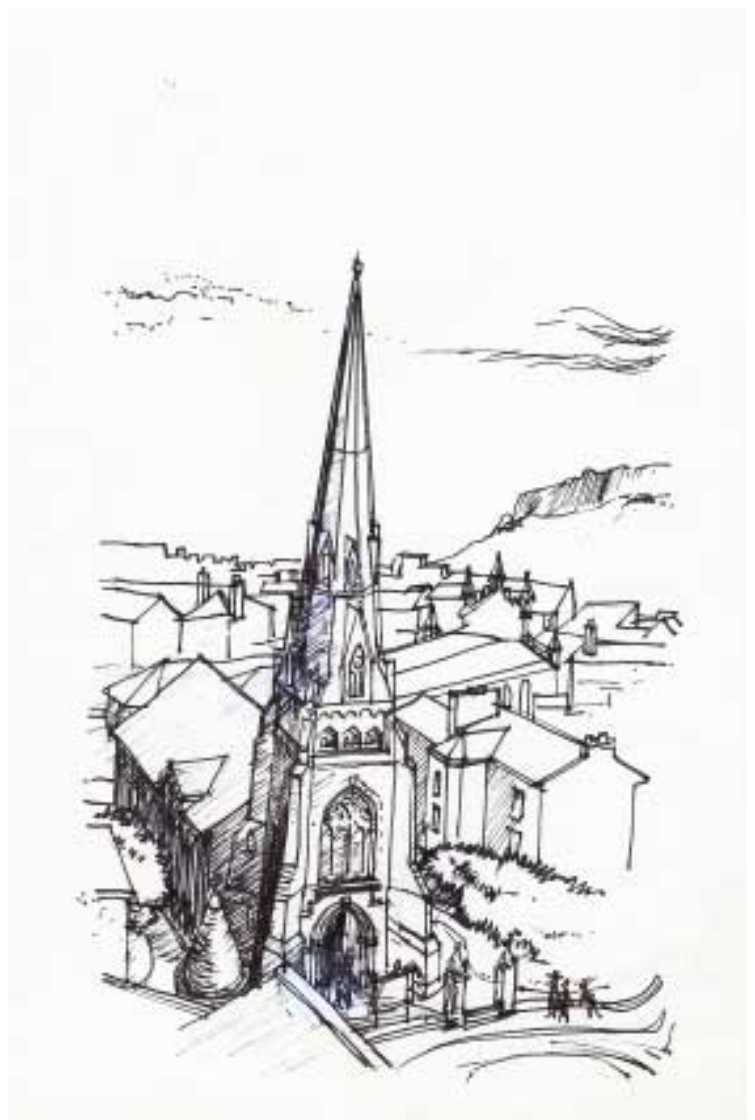
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## MINISTER'S UPDATE

This is a magical time of year. Long dark or starlit nights. Crisp frosty days. Christmas New Year. Holidays. Getting together with family and friends.

Talking of 'magical' reminds me of how words change their meaning and the muddle that can cause sometimes. You have perhaps heard of the Chinese man who was speaking in Glasgow about the wonderful growth of the Church in China. A Glaswegian came up to him afterwards and said, "Aw, that's magic, wee man!" In some consternation the man from China replied, "Ah no! Work of Holy Spirit!"

For most of us today the words 'magic' or 'magical' don't bear any occult overtones. Of course it's good to remember that the word 'magic' comes from the Greek word used of the Wise Men in Matthew's Gospel – the Magi (astrologers/astronomers). So perhaps it's only right and proper that it is being reclaimed for something wonderful and amazing.

Another word that we associate with this time of year is 'merry' and the related word 'mirth'. 'Merry' particularly is changing its meaning, but in the opposite direction. 'Merry' derived from an Anglo-Saxon word and meant 'joyous', 'full of laughter or gaiety'. 'Mirth' is a related word meaning 'merriment' or 'laughter'.

The word 'merry' is now often used in the sense of 'intoxicated'. Originally its meaning was more positive. William Tyndale (1494-1536) is famous for his

translation of the New Testament into English which has influenced new translations ever since. He described the gospel as "Good, merry, glad and joyful tidings, that makes a man's heart glad, and makes him sing, dance and leap for joy".

The Authorised Version (1611) still used the word in this positive sense: "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones" (Proverbs 17:22, AV). However, it also used it in more negative contexts too: "And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry" (Luke 12:19, AV). It is interesting to note that this is one of the few places the NIV still uses the word indicating the change that has taken place.

The AV translation of Luke 15:32 brings both uses of the word together: "It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found." Here undoubtedly it is in the context of eating and drinking and celebration, but for the best of reasons. As the Preacher says in Ecclesiastes, there is "at time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance".

So it is good to wish one another a "Merry Christmas". Neither do I have any scruples about the word 'Christmas'. I know it derives from 'Christ-mass'. But I no more want to celebrate the birth of Christ with the RC Mass, than I want to worship the Sun on Sun-day, the Moon

on Mon-day, Woden on Wednes-day, or Thor on Thurs-day! Our language is a complicated thing influenced by history. It's good to rejoice because of the birth of Jesus, and if this is the time of year people may tend to think of it, let's do it!

But let's make sure we do do it! It's all too easy to get caught up in 'magic' of the time of year and forget the Magi and their witness, to stress the 'Merry' and not the 'Christ'.

I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David as Saviour has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord.

(Luke 2:10,11)

Alex MacDonald

### **ASSISTANT MINISTER'S UPDATE**

It is late on Tuesday night after a long meeting of Presbytery. This may not be the best time to write my update but the deadline has come and gone so I better get going.

On Friday night, I had an experience which brought home to me the great opportunity and challenge that we as a church face in ministering to 21st century Scotland. After an enjoyable meal with Alan and Erica Mackenzie in Giffnock, I navigated the unfamiliar highways and streets of Glasgow to speak to the Glasgow United Youth Fellowship (GUYF) at St Vincent Street Free Church. Here were about sixty young people ranging in age from 15 to 30 from all over the Glasgow area and further afield. My topic was Living the Christian Life based on Paul's letter to the

Colossians. They were eager, interested and enthusiastic. Most were Christians but all were very open to the message of the Gospel. We have a lot to look forward to with young people like these in our churches but we have a responsibility to encourage, disciple and nurture them so that they can realise their great potential in Christ.

After speaking and talking with the young people over a cup of tea, I returned to the unfamiliar roads to drive about 7 miles to a different world. Ferguslie Park, Paisley used to be the largest housing estate in Europe. Anyone who has read May Nicholson's Miracles from Mayhem (written by Irene Howat and published by CFP) will know something about this area of urban deprivation and anyone who has not read this book should read it! Homelessness, drug and alcohol misuse, violence, and family break-up typify the lives of many in Ferguslie Park.

On Friday, I met my friend who I first encountered at a bible study in Polmont. Through him over the past year, I have met most of his family and several friends. He has come to hear me preach and has enjoyed an evening of Christianity Explored at Buccleuch. Friday night, I was struck that the people I saw in Paisley were from the same age bracket (17 - 25) as the young people in Glasgow. I also noticed that there was an openness to the Gospel and a hope that God could somehow intervene to help. As I left Paisley, I prayed with my friends there as I had prayed with my friends in Glasgow.

The same God is at work in both places and he is calling us to bring the good news of Jesus to everyone we come in contact with. The words of Paul (2 Cor 5:17) are a constant encouragement, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come." The Gospel that saves us is the same Gospel that compels us to go into the world. So please pray for the young people I met in Glasgow and Paisley. Pray that God would raise up a new generation of men and women who know and love Jesus. At Christmas we are reminded that Jesus, 'the light of the world' has come into this world of darkness. As John remarked, "In him was life and that life was the light of men." Let us pray that the light of Jesus would shine into the hearts and lives of many throughout Scotland and they would come to know life that is truly life.

Yours faithfully,  
Bob Akroyd

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Student Lunch**

Young people (and not so young people) mark your calendars: Friday afternoons 1pm – Free food at Buccleuch! Please come along and bring your friends! The student lunch will **begin again** in the new year.

### **Prayer Breakfasts**

We continue to meet weekly at 9am on Saturday mornings for prayer, food and

fellowship. Thanks to all who have made these breakfasts possible and thanks to all who attend. If you haven't been able to come, please stop by one Saturday morning to enjoy this special time of fellowship and prayer together.

### **Home Bible Study**

The next home bible study will be on Wednesday 8th December and the subject will be Samuel. A study sheet with details about the venues and the topic will be available in the hall. If you haven't come along to a home bible study yet, please consider coming - it is a great way to meet people and to get to know the Bible better.

### **Youth Fellowship**

5 Dec Glorifying God at work - Donald Forsyth

12 Dec Culture and the Christian - Alex MacDonald

(See Alasdair Black for details)

### **THE BIG W**

Does the thought of the office party fill you with dread, and that's just thinking about what to wear?! The office Party is the theme of the next Big W meeting, giving you a chance to explore and pray about issues which come up at your office party. The meeting is on Thursday 9th December at 7:30pm in Buccleuch. To get you into the right mood for a party, mince pies and hot chocolate will be served from 7:30 - 7:45pm.

## **Advance Dates**

Jan 14<sup>th</sup>: Witnessing at Work

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> : People think you're the difficult one? Dealing with Challenging colleagues.

March 4<sup>th</sup>: Moving on: Career choices  
Steven Hammer

## **Congregational Weekend Away**

It is planned to have a Weekend Away on the 29th April 2005. We are going to go back to Balvonie Conference Centre in Ayrshire. So put it in your diaries now. Further details in the New Year. Any suggestions for speakers , seminars or topics please see Donald Mackay, Roddy MacLeod or Norma MacLean.

Norma Maclean

## **Guest Service**

The next in our series of Guest services will be on Sunday evening 12 December at 6.30pm when Alex MacDonald will be preaching on the birth of Christ. Invitation cards are available today and please take this opportunity to invite friends along to hear the good news about Jesus.

## **New Year's Day Service**

As in previous years, we will have a New Year's Day Service at 12 noon. Alex MacDonald will be the preacher.

## **Meetings of Kirk Session and Deacons' Court**

Kirk Session: (7.30pm, Manse)

7<sup>th</sup> December

Deacons' Court: (8pm, Manse)

13<sup>th</sup> December.

## **International Meal**

The next meal for international students and friends in the congregation takes place on FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm at the home of John and Mary Mackay (26 Bonaly Gardens). Those wishing a lift should meet in front of the church at 6.30pm. People are needed for coming along and chatting to folks as well as for providing transport. Please contact Catriona Macdonald for more details (667 1546 or [catriona@swissmail.org](mailto:catriona@swissmail.org)). Catriona is also looking for those willing to host any of the forthcoming meals which are held monthly.

Catriona Macdonald

## **The Klub**

Coordinator: Nigel Anderson

### **PROGRAMME**

10 Dec [Early] Christmas Party – Joint Klub

Venue: St Columba's

Nigel Anderson

## **Drug Proofing Course**

For all those who attended the Drug Proofing Course it is intended to have a follow up meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 13th at 12 Cammo Brae to decide where we go from here. Those who are unable to attend should pass their thoughts/views on the course to John MacRae or some other member of the course who is attending.

## **CHILDCARE/PROTECTION COURSE.**

It is intended to hold a course on Child Protection for the benefit of all youth

work leaders and helpers and anyone else interested. This course will be held in the hall on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday, 10th and 11th. January 2005, commencing at 7.30pm.

Each session will last between two to two and a half hours. All those who are able to attend please notify John MacRae or Roddy MacLeod in order that the correct amount of literature can be provided. Those interested but unable to be there on this occasion should note their interest as it is hoped, (DV) to hold another course later in the year and then regularly on an annual basis.

John Macrae

### **Christian Union Carol Service**

The Edinburgh Universities and colleges Christian Unions Carol Service is this Friday night, 5.30pm & 8.30pm at St Cuthberts Church. Evangelist Roger Carswell will be speaking on John 1. The capacity is over 1600 between the two services and during this week the students will be inviting friends, carol singing, fliering, doing lecture shouts, rehearsing, making Christmas dinners etc.

Please pray for Paul and his team as they plan and prepare for the occasion to communicate the wonder of Christmas and the truth of the gospel, for students to invite their friends to come and for people to place their trust in Jesus as a result of hearing the gospel message.

Bob Akroyd

## **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

### **A Letter of Thanks**

*This is an extract from a letter sent to John Macrae for the Congregation:*

Thank you for your warm letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> October. We were very grateful for the opportunity to worship the Lord and join in fellowship with the Buccleuch Congregation on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October. It was the first time either of us had been to Buccleuch and Greyfriars and we found the service a great blessing, in the reverence of worship and the teaching of the Word. Thank you for your kind welcome and fellowship.....

Yours in Christ  
Jonathan Phillips

### **New Address**

Duncan Noble moved to Austria on the 30<sup>th</sup> November. His contact details are:

c/o Raidl, Fernkorngasse 54-58/1A/  
304, 1100 Wien, Austria.

Telephone Number: 0043 1 922 9333 if phoning from UK.

### **Freewill Offering Envelopes**

Freewill Offering Envelopes for 2005 are now available in the hall. If anyone

would like a set of envelopes for the first time, please speak to Sheila Anderson.

Sheila Anderson

### **Biscuit Eaters!**

For all those who enjoy a biscuit after the morning service please eat them in the hall and **not** in the church or the pulpit! Think of the poor cleaners!

### **Missionary News**

There was a special fund raising meal before the prayer meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November to raise money for Moisés Meza, who is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year at the Lima Evangelical Seminary (SEL). Moisés has given up a career as a school teacher to undergo theological training, and last year we undertook to support him and his family during his period of study. It is estimated that SEL will need to provide some £1500 for his maintenance this year, and at the supper evening we raised £235 towards this. The fund is still open for those who may not have had the opportunity to contribute yet.

The meal, which was prepared by Anna MacDonald, Catherine Thompson and Mary Macmillan, was a good opportunity for fellowship, and immediately after it Alex gave an overview of the work of SEL, and the purpose of Moisés' training.

At the midweek meeting proper, Catriona Macdonald gave a very informative presentation of the work she was engaged in over the summer in Azerbaijan.

### **A Note From Kenny Robertson**

Thanks for those of you who have been praying for me over the last couple of months as I have settled into my new ministry with UCCF in Cornwall. My latest prayer letter is attached for your interest and prayers.

A couple of extra points for prayer - pray as you read them!

- Please pray for a student called Lucy, with whom I had a long conversation about the gospel over the weekend. Give thanks for her interest and pray that God would open her eyes and she would come to put her faith in Jesus.

- This weekend I am speaking at Plymouth Uni CU houseparty, on Jonah. I'm a bit short on prep time this week with much left to do! Pray that I have productive time in study this week and that God speaks powerfully through his word.

- Please continue to pray for my fiancée Anna as she battles with chronic fatigue.

## October 2004

### General fund

Income of **£85,924** is £4,338 behind budget.

Expenditure of **£22,985** is c£2,900 less than the budget. The main under spends are as follows:

Area	Variance	Explanation
Repairs & replacements	(£1,551)	Insurance cheque from last year
Student levy	(£1,134)	Invoice for financial support levy not yet received

The Assistant Minister's expense claim for October is not included in these figures.

### Church funds

Remittances of **£58,000** are c£10,000 higher than last year and exactly £2,000 ahead of budget. The £58,000 represents 75% of our net ordinary income of **£77,332**.

The balance on the general fund at 31 October is a deficit of **£336**. By curtailing our additional contributions to central funds we should be able to restore the general fund to a small positive balance before the end of the year.

Whilst I am confident that we will give more to central funds than we did last year, in both absolute [£74,000] and relative [70%] terms, we may not achieve the full 77% of net ordinary income.

### Fabric fund

Description	Amount	Paid to:
Church - wall & gates	£7,252	Stonemason
Church – roof repairs	£2,826	Morris & Spottiswood Ltd
Manse – bathroom	£7,141	Various
Assistant's Manse - Service and parts for boiler	£395	Arnott & Mann Limited
<b>Total expenditure to date</b>	<b>£17,614</b>	

### Millennium fund (for the expenses of the Assistant Minister)

No comments.

### Other special funds

Donation of £50,000 received in June. No other comments

Statement of financial activities	General Fund	Fabric Fund	Special Millennium	Funds Other	Total
Gross ordinary income	£85,924		£11,425	£52,580	£149,929
Transfer to fabric fund	-£8,592	£8,592			£0
Net ordinary income	£77,332	£8,592	£11,425	£52,580	£149,929
Expenses	-£22,985	-£17,614	-£11,672	-£1,632	-£53,903
Surplus before EDO and central funds	£54,347	-£9,022	-£247	£50,948	£96,026
EDO	£0				£0
Church funds	-£58,000				-£58,000
Surplus for the year to date	-£3,653	-£9,022	-£247	£50,948	£38,026
Opening balance - at start of year	£3,317	£37,462	£247	£910	£41,936
Closing balance	-£336	£28,440	£0	£51,858	£79,962

Balance sheet	General Fund	Fabric Fund	Millennium Fund	Other Fund	Total
<i>Fixed assets</i>					
Guardwell Crescent	£146,775				£146,775
Loan from Bank of Scotland	-£99,264				-£99,264
Loan from Bob & Heather Akroyd	-£45,703				-£45,703
Fixed assets at cost less debt	£1,808	£0	£0	£0	£1,808
<i>Other items</i>					
Advance to Alex for expenses	-£396				-£396
Advance to Bob for expenses	£637				£637
Prepayments	£575				£575
Cash	-£2,960	£28,440	£0	£51,858	£77,338
Closing balance	-£336	£28,440	£0	£51,858	£79,962

Other special funds comprise	
Special donation	£50,000
Sunday School	£543
James & Roszie Forsyth	£679
Willie Raeburn Benevolent Fund	£253
Missionary support	£200
Mother & Toddler	£100
CWI	£50
Romania	£30
Campaigners	£3
	£51,858

## REMARKABLE WITNESSES

### John Knox: 1514 – 1572

The latter part of John Knox's life can be divided between two main sections - when he was based on the Continent between early 1554 and 1559 and after he returned to Scotland in 1559.

With Edward VI's death, there was a rapid change in the whole religious situation in England. The Duke of Northumberland had his daughter-in-law, Lady Jane Grey, daughter of Edward's cousin, proclaimed Queen, passing over both Mary and Elizabeth who were Edward's half-sisters. Many people supported the continuation of the Tudor line through Mary. Within two weeks Mary had been proclaimed Queen, Jane Grey was imprisoned in the Tower shortly after, and her father-in-law, the Duke of Northumberland, was executed a month later. Mary, as Queen, demonstrated from the outset that Roman Catholicism was to be reinstated as the established religion of England.

John Knox was now in a very difficult situation since Roman Catholic bishops had been reinstated, and reforming ones imprisoned. A law banning the use of the revised Book of Common Prayer of 1552 had been passed and it was probable that Knox's name was now on a list of 'wanted men'. His friends urged him to seek safety. A further problem facing him was that his future father-in-law now showed little interest in him as a suitor for his daughter, changing his religious views to suit the times. With Mary of Guise influential in

government in Scotland, Knox would find little comfort there.

Early in 1554, he sailed for Dieppe in France where his brother William was a merchant. During the months after the death of Edward in July 1553, Knox wrote a Treatise on Prayer, a letter with the heading 'John Knox to the faithful in London, Newcastle, and Berwick, and to all others within the realm of England that love the coming of our Lord Jesus, wisheth continuance in godliness to the end', and 'A Fort for the Afflicted' which is an exposition of Psalm 6, dedicated to Mrs. Elizabeth Bowes, mother of Marjory Bowes (to whom Knox was betrothed) and wife of the Captain of Norham Castle, Sir Richard Bowes.

From Dieppe, Knox travelled to Geneva where John Calvin was established. Knox learned much during a brief stay and visited other reformers in Zurich and Lausanne before returning to Dieppe to gain news of the situation in England and Scotland. There he discovered that Mary and Philip of Spain were now married, with close links to Charles V, Philip's father, ruler of what was known as the Holy Roman Empire and that there would be little sympathy for his religious views there. He returned to Geneva.

Invited by a congregation of exiles to minister in Frankfurt, Knox's efforts to bring a settled and peaceful ministry were disturbed by a group of English exiles led by Dr. Cox, an ex-Chancellor of Oxford University. They were determined to follow a liturgy related to the Book of

Common Prayer over against the simpler form of worship which the Frankfurt congregation, following the Genevan example, had agreed with Knox should be used. Cox and his friends, although newcomers, determined to gain control of the congregation, denounced Knox to the magistrates of high treason against the Emperor Charles V, his son Philip II of Spain and Queen Mary. Knox had no option in the circumstances but to leave. His colleague, Whittingham, wrote to Calvin that Knox had been unjustly accused, with the regret of all good men, including the civil magistrate.

By April 1555, Knox was back in Geneva and Geneva was his base for the next four years. There was quiet and peace for him in contrast to the turbulence of the previous eight years. Other English exiles arrived in Geneva and Calvin arranged for them to have the use of a church for worship. Knox and Christopher Goodman were appointed joint pastors.

However, in August 1555 he received a summons from his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Bowes. Probably for religious reasons and possible persecution she felt that she had to leave her husband and, with Marjory, travel to Geneva with Knox. They would wait for him in Berwick. Knox returned to Scotland.

When he landed in Scotland, far from being able to join Marjory and Mrs Bowes directly, he found great enthusiasm from many leaders for reformed teaching. After preaching in private houses in Edinburgh, he set out through Fife, Angus, the Mearns and Lothian where he was often given

hospitality by the nobility and gentry. There was a real appreciation on the part of many for the truth Knox proclaimed.

The church authorities were alarmed by the effect of his preaching and summoned him to appear before them in Edinburgh in May 1556. He arrived accompanied by nobles and gentlemen, and the bishops decided to drop the case, probably on the advice of the Queen Regent who did not wish to be troubled by religious disturbance. Knox continued his preaching to very attentive congregations.

Shortly after he travelled south to the north of England where he was married to Marjory Bowes. Receiving an urgent call from Geneva to return to his congregation, he arranged for his wife and mother-in-law to travel to Dieppe where he joined them in July. By mid-September they were back in Geneva. The Scottish bishops summoned him after he had left and, when he didn't appear, they burned him in effigy at the Mercat Cross.

The English congregation in Geneva had prospered during Knox's absence and he was soon active in preaching and pastoral work. Marjory acted as his secretary and kept his papers in order. She was diplomatic and charming and soon became popular with his friends. In May 1557, their firstborn, Nathanael, was baptized.

That same month a delegation from Scotland arrived with a letter from the Earl of Glencairn, from John Erskine Laird of Dun, and from Lord James Stewart, half-brother of Mary Queen of Scots requesting him to return to Scotland. He consulted

with the congregation in Geneva and some months later rode to Dieppe arriving in October only to find that those who had issued the invitation had taken cold feet. After ministering briefly in Dieppe, Knox returned to Geneva by a southern route and by March 1558 he was back with his family and the congregation.

To Knox the future must have seemed very dark. Mary Tudor was still Queen of England, married to Philip II of Spain. Over 280 people had suffered death for their Christian faith during her short reign - burned at the stake. Among them were 5 bishops, 16 priests, 9 gentlemen and ladies, 26 weavers and clothworkers, 75 labourers, 50 women - mainly poor widows, and a number of young people. In Scotland, Mary of Guise was Regent and, in April 1558, Mary Queen of Scots was married to the heir to the throne of France. The prospect of female rule continuing on did not please John Knox. Early that year he published 'The First Blast of the Trumpet against the Monstrous Regiment (Rule) of Women'. It was the strongest possible protest against Mary Tudor's rule, but generalized the situation into an objection against any female exercising supreme political power in a nation. Perhaps he would have written more carefully if he had realized that Mary Tudor would be dead within the year. He had planned three 'Blasts', but only produced one.

November 1558 brought significant changes. Mary Tudor died and Elizabeth, a protestant, came to the throne of England. A delegation from the Scottish Lords urged

Knox to return to Scotland as they deemed the time ripe for his participation in a religious reformation. They even contacted Calvin to urge him to convince Knox to return. A second son, Eleazar, was born and baptized at the end of the month.

Knox heeded the call and left for Dieppe at the end of January. From there he applied to Queen Elizabeth for a travel permit to cross to England and thence to Scotland by land. Twice she rejected his application. He then wrote twice to William Cecil, Elizabeth's Secretary of State, but he also ignored Knox's request. The 'First Blast' had made a very negative impact. Eventually, in April, Knox decided to proceed to Scotland by ship. He arrived in Leith on the 2nd May, 1559.

Knox gained much from his experience in Frankfurt and Geneva. He contributed to 'The Forme of Prayers and Ministration of the Sacraments' for the English-speaking congregation in Geneva, to the translation and annotation of the translation known as the Geneva Bible, and was also involved in extensive correspondence and the preparation of pamphlets. He made the acquaintance of John Calvin and other reformers and learned much about the needs and difficulties of establishing a reformed church. All of this was to be of considerable service to the church in Scotland in the last fourteen years of his life.

(to be continued)

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## ROTAS

### Crèche

5 Dec	Heather Akroyd	John/Anne Macrae
12 Dec	Evelyn MacDonald	Norma Maclean
19 Dec	Mairi Forsyth	Rebeca Topping
26 Dec	Kirsty Clunie	Neil Campbell

### Amplifier

5 Dec	Rob MacDonald
12 Dec	Douglas MacDonald
19 Dec	Graham Hardy
26 Dec	Ken MacKenzie

### Cleaning

4 Dec	Douglas MacDonald	
11 Dec	Dolina Macdonald	Calum/Norma Maclean
18 Dec	Rob MacDonald	
25 Dec	Catriona Taylor	Antonio /Catriona Lopez

### Door Duty

5 Dec	Alison MacDonald Nick Middlemiss	Dolina Macdonald
12 Dec	Eric Mackay Steven Hammer	Jocelyn Hammer Neil Campbell
19 Dec	Donald Forsyth Nigel Anderson	Mairi Forsyth Colin Macleod
26 Dec	Willie Mackay Rob MacDonald	Calum Maclean Kenneth Macleod

## ACTIVITIES (in church building unless marked by \*)

<b>Sunday</b>	11:00am	6:30pm
5 Dec	Bob Akroyd	Alex MacDonald
12 Dec	Bob Akroyd	Alex MacDonald
19 Dec	Bob Akroyd	Bob Akroyd
26 Dec	Alex MacDonald	Alex MacDonald

1 Jan (Sat at Noon) Alex MacDonald

Guest Service in the evening of 12<sup>th</sup> December

Creche and Sunday School during morning service.

\*Youth Fellowship after the evening service – see Alasdair Black

### Monday

BG's Youth Club	7-8pm – contact Jonnie McCrea (337 9233)
*Bethany House Outreach	8-10pm – contact Bob Akroyd (664 6306)
Deacons' Court	8pm monthly – contact Andy Cumming (667 9291)

### Tuesday

Informal English Class	2-3pm – contact Ena Mackay (447 5937)
Campaigners	6:30pm – contact Colin MacLeod

### Wednesday

Prayer Meeting	7:30pm
*Home Bible Studies	7:30pm (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month)

### Thursday

Christianity Explored	6:30pm – meal followed by discussion
Late Night Bible Study	9:30pm (with food) – contact Bob Akroyd (664 6306)
*Eight-a-side Football	9:30pm – contact William Lytle (477 1403)

### Friday

Mothers and Toddlers	9:30-11:30am
Student Lunch	1pm (free food during term!)
Women's Fellowship	as announced

### Saturday

Prayer Breakfast	9am
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