

Buccleuch & Greyfriars

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Minister's Update

Buccleuch is moving!

This will be our last Sunday in Buccleuch for a number of weeks. The refurbishment of the Church begins on Monday 23rd January and will last for a couple of months.

On Sunday 29th January, and until the work is completed, we will be worshipping in the University Chaplaincy Centre, 1 Bristo Square (Potterrow). The Chaplaincy Centre is only a few hundred yards from Buccleuch (see map) and the entrance to the Centre is at the north-west corner of the building.

For those who come by car, you can park where you normally do and walk along, or you can park in the George Square area (pedestrian access is from Charles Street). For those who come by bus, there is a bus stop (for LRT Nos. 41,42) on the dual carriageway Lothian Street (not Road!) just outside the Chaplaincy Centre. This will also be a convenient dropping off point for disabled people and others, but allow a little time to park afterwards!

LRT buses 23,27,28,45 all stop nearby on Forest Road. Walk back along Forest Road,

turn left on to Teviot Place and at the junction with Bristo Place, turn right across Lothian Street, continue to your left along Lothian Street a short distance to the Chaplaincy Centre on your right.

If travelling by bus on the Bridges, get off at Surgeons Hall and walk through Nicolson Square and Marshall Street. Cross Potterrow and walk between the building site and Potterrow Students Centre. Turn right and the entrance to the Chaplaincy Centre is at the far end of the building.

All Sunday activities - Sunday Services, Adult Sunday School, Crèche and Sunday School will be in the Centre. All weekday meetings, including the Wednesday Prayer Meeting, will be in Buccleuch Hall.

Although the refurbishment of the church causes us a bit of upheaval, not only will it give us a more attractive and serviceable building internally, it will also give us an opportunity to take advantage of the change of location and the return to our building by inviting friends to join with us in worship at this exciting juncture in our

congregation's history.

No doubt there will be teething problems, but with goodwill and God's help we will overcome these and the congregation will benefit in the long run.

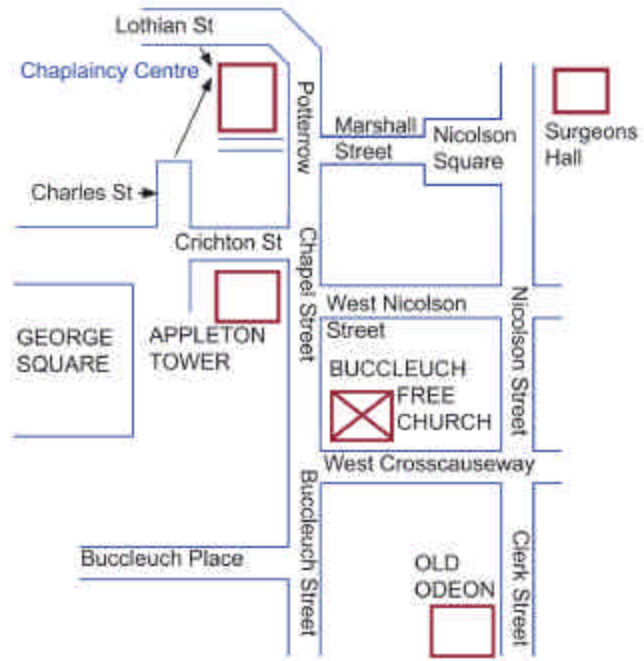
I am disappointed that I will miss the first two Sundays in the Chaplaincy Centre – I have longstanding preaching engagements in Kilmallie and in Partick. I don't normally like being away from Buccleuch two weeks in a row, but I somehow took on these two consecutive engagements due to their being in different months. Bob, however will be on duty, and we must thank him and, through him as Free Church University Chaplain, the Chaplaincy Centre for helping us in our need.

Let us pray that all the arrangements would go smoothly and that this would be a time of real blessing for us, and a time when we can be a blessing to others.

Alex MacDonald

Assistant Minister's Update

I have a lot of packing to do! As I write this, I have two things on my mind. First, I am



travelling to Lewis to speak at a youth conference and then to preach. Second, I am then off to Turkey to meet with church leaders there. What could Back and Istanbul have in common? Two different languages, cultures and histories and yet, I am persuaded that there is one message that is suitable for them all. In his introduction to the letter to the Romans, the Apostle Paul wrote, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile." There is one gospel message because there is one Saviour. Please pray for the small but growing church in Turkey as well as the small and

growing church in Scotland. There are encouragements. Many young people in Lewis have become Christians and I am looking forward to finding out what God is doing in Turkey. I'll let you know what I find out!

There's a lot happening in Edinburgh too. In a week's time, we will be moving temporarily to the Chaplaincy Centre. We will have a new venue for a few weeks but the life of the congregation will continue and the same message will be preached. Again, we have much to be thankful for. God is at work here as well as further afield and we need to pray and seek his blessing. Please pray that people would become Christians and that Christians would grow in their faith. Why not come along to Discipleship Explored to see for yourself what it means to be a Christian – a disciple of Jesus.

There are plenty of ways to serve God in Buccleuch – this is one sure way that your faith will grow but becoming involved and serving alongside other disciples of Jesus.

Yours faithfully
Bob Akroyd

A New Year

As a congregation and as a new year has begun we should thank God for Alex and Bob, our ministers, and pray for health and wisdom for them as they carry out their work in the congregation and in the wider church.

We should also be thankful to and pray for Neil Campbell, our Session Clerk and Donald Forsyth, our Congregational Treasurer.

As the renovation work is about to begin we should thank all those involved in getting the plans to this stage, with particular thanks to Richard Lytle who has seen to much of the organising and liaising with the contractors. Jonnie McCrea also does a power of work around the building.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Welcome

It is always a pleasure to see new people in the congregation, whether they are students, new residents in Edinburgh or visitors passing through Edinburgh on holiday. We hope you feel welcome and that you enjoy your time with us at Buccleuch.

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 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, February 8**. We will continue our studies in the Old Testament book of **Zechariah**. Please look out for the study sheet listing the subject and venues nearer the time.

Meetings of Kirk Session and Deacons' Court

Kirk Session: February 25th and 26th Communion and March 21st at 7:30pm in the manse.

Deacons' Court: February 13th at 8:00pm in the manse.

Communion - Sunday February 26th

We celebrate the Lord's Supper on Sunday February 26th. Bob Akroyd will conduct the Communion service at 11am. There will be a pre-communion service on Saturday 25th

February at 7.30pm to be conducted by Alex MacDonald. If you are interested in joining the congregation by professing faith in Jesus Christ or by transferring your membership from another congregation, the session would be delighted to meet with you on Saturday evening after the service.

Communion Dates for the year

February 25th, 26th

May 26th, 27th, 28th

August 26th, 27th

November 24th, 25th, 26th

Joint Service at St Columba's

At 6.30pm on Sunday 5th February there will be a joint evening service for the three Edinburgh congregations at St Columba's Free Church on Johnston Terrace (opposite the Hub near the top of the Royal Mile). There will be no service at the Chaplaincy Centre that evening.

Guest Speaker

On Wednesday, February 1st at 7.30pm, Sam Gordon, Transworld Radio, will speak about his work of spreading the gospel. Please come along to hear about this exciting work which is reaching many

countries otherwise closed to the gospel.

Late Night Bible Study

We are meeting again on Thursday Nights from 9:30 – 11pm for pizza fellowship and Bible study – all are welcome. The schedule and theme for this semester is:

Matthew's Gospel Concluded

February 2

Matthew 23 Seven Woes

February 9

Matthew 24 The End of the Age

February 16

Matthew 25 Three Final Parables

February 23

Matthew 26:1 - 46 The Conspiracy

March 2

Matthew 26:47 – 27:10 The Arrest and Aftermath

March 9

Matthew 27:11 – 27:56 The Crucifixion

March 16

Matthew 27:57 – 28:20 Burial, Resurrection & Commission

Guest Services

The next in our series of guest services will be on **Sunday February 19th at 11am** when

Alex MacDonald will preach and **Sunday February 26th at 6.30pm** when Bob Akroyd will preach. Please take this opportunity to invite your friends to church to hear the Good News about Jesus Christ and pray that God would use this occasion to challenge and convert those who attend.

International Students' Meal

The next meal for International students and friends from the congregation will take the form of a Burn's Supper, complete with address to the haggis and a piper. It will be held on Saturday 28th January at 7.00pm in the home of Eric, Moira and Lindsey Mackay, 7 Shandon Street. This is a great opportunity to meet internationals and enjoy good food. If you've never attended an international students' meal before, why not come along?

As usual, please meet in front of the church at 6.30pm if you need a lift. More helpers are needed in providing transport, making friends and providing hospitality. Please contact Catriona Macdonald for more details.

The International meal in February will take place on

Friday 24th February at the home of Neil and Mary Campbell, 54 Strachan Road.

The KLUB

The Klub dates are January 27th, February 10th and 24th and March 10th and 24th. The senior Klub is in Buccleuch from 7:00-9:00pm and the Junior Klub is from 7:00-8:30pm in St Columba's.

Mairi Forsyth

Women's Fellowship

The next meeting will be on Friday 3rd February in the church hall. It will take the form of a quiz night. All are welcome.

Mary Campbell

Care Van

Buccleuch will be involved with the care van on the following dates during 2006:

Sun 29th Jan, Wed 29th Mar,
Sun 30th Apr, Wed 31st May,
Sun 30th Jul, Wed 30th Aug,
Sun 29th Oct, Wed 29th Nov.

If you are able to help please speak to Douglas MacDonald.

Douglas MacDonald

Silver City Youth Conference 2006

We are delighted to CONFIRM that Jean Larroux III will be the

speaker at the Silver City Youth Conference in Feb 2006! He is from Independent Presbyterian Church in Memphis, USA, and is an excellent speaker. If you don't believe me, ask David Meredith.

It will be the weekend of the 17th - 19th of Feb '06, and will be held in Aberdeen. We hope to have many people coming from Inverness, Glasgow, Dundee (yes, especially from Dundee!), and Edinburgh and beyond. This is a good while before the annual Free Church Youth Conference in Easter. PLEASE keep these dates free.

John Johnstone

Youth Assistant, Bon Accord
Free Church, Aberdeen

Adult Sunday School

An overview of Christian doctrine led by Principal Donald Macleod

A special six-week course designed to provide an overview of some of the key theological themes of the New Testament has started on Sunday Mornings. Everybody is very warmly invited to attend! The course will be held at 9.45 a.m. It will end at 10.30 a.m. in time for coffee before

the morning service. The weekly topics are:

22 January Predestination

29 January Creation

5 February What Is "Man"?

12 February Christian Liberty

19 February The Last Days

Discipleship Explored

Discipleship Explored is a journey into the book of Philippians. Philippians is a letter written to young Christians, encouraging them to stand firm and live for Christ. It is compelling, challenging and inspiring - particularly to those beginning the Christian life, because they are on exactly the same journey as the Philippians! As they discover Paul's extraordinary letter, participants explore for themselves the meaning of Paul's words: "For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." Also built into the course is a Bible reading plan to help every participant explore each theme further - and develop the habit of reading the Bible daily.

Who is Discipleship Explored intended for?

DE is for all who want to make the most of their Christian lives.

How long is Discipleship Explored?

The course lasts eight weeks, with each weekly session lasting about 2 hours.

What happens during a typical session of Discipleship Explored?

Each session begins at 6.30 pm with a meal in the church hall, followed by a short talk and a Group Discussion based on a portion of Philippians. Each session finishes by 8.30 pm.

Dates and Topics:

February 2

Confident in Christ
(Philippians 1:1-11)

February 9

Living In Christ
(Philippians 1:12-26)

February 16

Standing Together In Christ
(Philippians 1:27 - 2:11)

February 23

Transformed by Christ
(Philippians 2:12-30)

March 2

Righteous in Christ
(Philippians 3:1-9)

March 9

Knowing Christ
(Philippians 3:10 - 4:1)

March 16

Rejoicing in Christ
(Philippians 4:2-9)

March 23

Content in Christ
(Philippians 4:10-23)

Volunteers are required to cater for and help with the Discipleship Explored Bible Studies. You would not have to be there on the night as food can be prepared in advance and then reheated by others. Sarah Lytle would gratefully receive any offers of help and will answer any queries.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

From the Deacon's Court

Finances. At the December meeting of the Deacons' Court decisions always have to be made about what the final figure for givings to the denomination's central funds should be, along with donations to other organisations that we may wish to support. Our givings to date in November were below budget, and because we ended 2004 with a deficit in order to send us much to the central funds as possible that year, the options were somewhat limited this time round. One alternative would have been to transfer money out of the Fabric Fund, but this fund is already below the target identified in the Annual Report. Running up deficits or

transferring out of the fabric fund is not a sustainable practice, and so the decision was taken to give the maximum possible to Central Funds without ending the year with a deficit – and a target of £70,000 was set.

In view of the anticipated givings to central funds being below budget, it was decided to reduce donations to other organisations outside of the Free Church. The amounts decided upon are listed below:

Amica	£300
Bethany Christian Trust	£300
CARE	£100
Edinburgh City Mission	£150
Fresh Start	£50
Scottish Bible Society	£300
Gideons	£50
Emmanuel Healthcare	£100

If you would like to know what activities any of these organisations are involved in, then ask one of the deacons, and they will either be able to tell you, or will point you in the direction of someone who can give you details.

Health & Safety. The Deacons' Court decided that to minimise the risk of very serious burns occurring, the hot water urn we use for Sunday morning coffees, etc. should be a device

that is plumbed in rather than one that is free standing and which needs to be tipped over to be completely emptied. Installation of an appropriate device is currently being looked into.

Renovations. Much of the meeting was taken up with discussion of the renovations and making decisions relating to the temporary move to Bristo Square. Most of the important bits of information are covered elsewhere in the newsletter. A group of individuals from the congregation with an eye for interior décor had been consulted, and the decision has been made to go with magnolia paint for the walls and a burgundy carpet across the entire floor space (to replace the current blue carpet that covers the aisles, precentor's box and steps to the pulpit – this carpet, which is still in reasonable condition, can be made use of by the Lochinver congregation).

Whether we will have to pay VAT on the replacement heating system is a matter that is currently being investigated – in our calculations we have assumed that VAT will be payable.

During the renovation

work, the doors between the church and the hall will be sealed shut. This means that activities that usually take place in the hall can continue, but that access through the church will not be possible. A lock has been fitted to the front door to allow access to the hall during the period of the renovation. There will be no access to the church's car park during this period. Thus, while the locks on the front gates are being replaced, these gates should not be locked until after the renovation work is complete – otherwise nobody other than the contractors would be able to get into the church at all!

The court agreed in principle to the purchase of a freezer for the church kitchen, so that food prepared in advance of an event could be stored in the church. Details of cost and location to be worked out.

Congregational weekend away. The subcommittee charged with organising the 2006 weekend away reported that they had investigated a number of locations, but none were suitable. The search continues.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jeff and Jennifer on the birth of their son Colin Michael Brannon on the 16th December.

A message of thanks from Jeff and Jennifer:

Our involvement in Buccleuch over the past year and a half has been a great blessing. We feel we have learned and experienced the true meaning of fellowship and community within the church. So many people have reached out to us and we have made many friendships as a result. It has also been a great blessing for Buccleuch to rejoice with us in the birth of Colin. We truly appreciate the support and encouragement we have received in the form of prayers,

phone calls, visits, meals, gifts, rides, and conversations over the past few weeks. Your friendship has truly enriched our time in Edinburgh thus far and has provided a family for us overseas. With much love and appreciation,

Jeff, Jennifer, and Colin
Brannon

Congratulations to Stephen and Lisa Myers on the birth of their daughter, Quinn Marie on the 12th January.

A message from Stephen and Lisa

We would like to thank all of the members of our Buccleuch family for the wonderful help that you have been to us over the course of Lisa's pregnancy and, most recently, with the birth of our daughter Quinn. From providing lifts to us, to welcoming us into your homes, and most recently by feeding us wonderful meals after Quinn's arrival, you have all made what could have been a challenging time to be no problem at all. You have all made us feel most loved and very well cared for - a debt we shall never be able to repay.

You may all take great joy in knowing, furthermore, that your

love to us has not been a testimony only to our growing family. Several times over the past weeks, we have had occasion to tell others from outwith the Buccleuch congregation of the kindness and care you have shown to us. Without fail, such tellings of your care for us have evoked admiration and even questions of "What church do you attend?" In keeping with Christ's promise in John 13:34-35, in loving your brethren, you have shown your love for Christ and have borne testimony to the truth to a world that knows only lies and indifference.

Thank you again for caring for us and, in that care, for bringing glory to the Saviour Whom we trust will one day draw little Quinn to Himself. We are, once again, humbled to be among your number.

In Christ, Stephen, Lisa, and Quinn Myers

Let us remember Jeff and Jennifer and Stephen and Lisa in their new responsibilities as parents especially when they are living away from family.

On the Move

Catriona Macdonald has moved this month to Glasgow. She

will be working part time with OM and teaching part time. Let us remember her in our prayers that she will settle into a new church and for her continuing work with OM. We thank her for all the work that she has done in Buccleuch over the past few years.

Her new address is:

1/1 286 Allison Street
Glasgow, G42 8HD.

Visiting list

We are currently updating the visiting list for the congregation. If you would like to receive a regular visit from someone in the congregation, please contact Heather Akroyd.

Many in the congregation visit others regularly, but if you feel you could give some time to visit someone in the congregation on a regular basis, please speak to Heather.

Sunday School

We are looking for volunteers to teach the Preschool Sunday School class. If there are enough volunteers, it could be on a rota basis, so don't feel that volunteering would mean a commitment for every week. You would be teaching three delightful, quiet young boys!

Please see Willie Lytle or Norma MacLean.

A teacher is also needed for the Junior Sunday School which currently consists of a small class of 2 or 3 6-8 year olds. Anyone willing to consider doing this part-time or full-time should speak to Willie Lytle.

Willie Lytle

Music Group

There will be a meeting of the music group on Tuesday 24th January at 7:30pm in the home of Donald Forsyth.

Cookery Book

Would anyone who has ordered a copy of the new cookery book but has not yet collected and paid for their copy see Sarah Lytle ASAP.

Sarah Lytle

Happy Birthday

This month it is Happy Birthday to Ben Hammer who will be one on the 28th January, Lindsey Mackay whose birthday is on the 9th February, Maddie Cumming and Hannah Ferguson whose birthdays are on the 10th February and Ed Forsyth whose birthday is on the 20th February.

Christians at Work

Are you needing encouragement in your job? Do you want to build more fruitful relationships with your work colleagues? Then mark the 25th of March in your diary. Mark Greene (author of the book "Thank God its Monday" which inspired a few of us to set up the Big W group) is coming to Glasgow for a one-day conference entitled "Getting God to Work Mark 2". This interactive, multimedia presentation, which is for those in paid and unpaid employment, will focus on the importance of Christian witness in the market place. As well as hearing Mark Greene, you will be able to choose 1 of 4 seminars on work-life balance, stress and anxiety, possibilities for workplace ministry and human rights and the workplace.

It takes place at Jordanhill Campus, University of Strathclyde from 10am-4.30pm. It costs £25 (includes coffee and lunch). You need to register in order to attend. You can register and get more info online at www.care.org.uk (select 'what we do' then 'CARE for Scotland'). Or contact can be made by post to GGTW2,

Evangelical Alliance, Challenge House, Glasgow G4 0AD

Your Work Matters to God

Last year 3 of us attended an evening seminar on Christians and work given by David Oliver. It was very inspiring. His new book 'Love Work Live Life: releasing God's purpose in work' was published on 20th Jan. In the article of the 2006 spring issue of Care for the Family magazine, it states that whether you are in paid or unpaid employment this book "can transform your work, your family, your work colleagues, your faith and even your boss". You can order your copy by visiting www.careforthe-family.org.uk/buyonline or telephoning 029 2081 0800

Joan Macdonald

Looking For A Job?

EMMS International, a Christian Charity, seeks two part time Shop Managers. Experience of retail sales and the ability to recruit a team of volunteers is essential. You will be responsible for achieving sales targets, obtaining and sorting stock.

To apply please call 0131 313 3828. The closing date is

the 27th January 2006.

FINANCES

December 2005

General fund Income of **£119,460** is £7,340 less than the budget. Expenditure of **£28,803** is £1,527 less than the budget.

The general fund shows a surplus for the year of £7,341. About half of this amount has been used to make good last year's deficit. This leaves us with funds of £3,618 in the general funds. As the general fund bank account is overdrawn by £1,876 we don't have the cash to give any more to central church funds.

Church funds Remittances of **£70,000** are £8,000 less than budget and £5,000 less than last year.

Fabric fund Expenditure for 2005 of **£18,549**

Millennium fund (for the expenses of the Assistant Minister) No comments.

Other special funds No comments

Congregational Treasurer
14 January 2006

Statement of financial activities	General Fund	Fabric Fund	Special Millennium	Funds Other	Total
Gross ordinary income	£119,460		£15,580	£10,464	£145,504
Transfer to fabric fund	-£11,946	£11,946			£0
Net ordinary income	£107,514	£11,946	£15,580	£10,464	£145,504
Expenses	-£28,803	-£18,549	-£15,580	-£7,054	-£69,986
Surplus before EDO and central funds	£78,711	-£6,603	£0	£3,410	£75,518
EDO	-£1,370				-£1,370
Church funds	-£70,000				-£70,000
Surplus for the year to date	£7,341	-£6,603	£0	£3,410	£4,148
Opening balance - at start of year	-£3,723	£29,197	£0	£50,978	£76,452
Closing balance	£3,618	£22,594	£0	£54,388	£80,600

Balance sheet	General Fund	Fabric Fund	Special Millennium	Funds Other	Total
<i>Fixed assets</i>					
Guardwell Crescent	£146,775				£146,775
Loan from Bank of Scotland	-£97,223				-£97,223
Loan from Bob & Heather Akroyd	-£46,501				-£46,501
Fixed assets at cost less debt	£3,051	£0	£0	£0	£3,051
<i>Other items</i>					
Alex's expenses	£179				£179
Bob's expenses	-£578				-£578
Amounts owed to the Congregation	£3,220				£3,220
Cash	-£1,876	£22,594	£0	£54,388	£75,106
Bills to be paid	-£378				-£378
Closing balance	£3,618	£22,594	£0	£54,388	£80,600

Other special funds comprise

Church improvements	£53,763
Sunday school	£302
Willie Raeburn - benevolent fund	£133
Mother & Toddler	£100
Foreign Missions	£50
Congregational outing	£40
	£54,388

WONDERFULLY MADE

The Grasshopper

What Olympic athlete could jump a distance twenty times his own height - about 120 feet? It's a feat that grasshoppers accomplish easily, regularly jumping twenty times their own length without going on to a special training regime.

Grasshoppers are usually found in meadows where there are plenty leaves to eat. They are not found in the coldest regions near the North and South Poles. They are difficult to find and catch even when you see their landing-place because their colour matches well with the grasses of their environment.

In Britain, the grasshoppers we usually see are long-horned grasshoppers - they have long antennae or feelers. The body of a grasshopper has three sections - the head; the thorax - in humans the chest, but in insects the part of the body that has the legs and wings; and the abdomen - in all about one inch long.

The antennae grow forward and curve upward from the head. There are two and the

grasshopper uses them to examine its food before it eats. Two lips and two powerful jaws with sharp teeth form the mouth. There are thin fingerlike growths on both sides of the mouth which contain the taste buds.

A grasshopper has five eyes. There is a large compound eye, made up of thousands of single lenses, on each side of its head. Using these two eyes the insect can see well to the front, side and back. There are further single eyes above the base of each antenna and a single eye below and between the antennae - what these eyes do is a mystery.

The wings are attached to the thorax. Most grasshoppers have two pairs of wings. Some have short, useless wings, but others have no wings at all. Where there are wings, those at the front are narrow and tough. They cover the large, thin hind wings which fold up like fans under the front wings.

The grasshopper has six legs, also attached to the thorax. The front legs hold food when the insect eats and the organs of hearing are located below the knee joint. The hind legs are

much longer and stronger and have stronger thigh muscles. These muscles help it to leap forward or shoot it into flight.

The abdomen of the grasshopper expands and contracts to pump air in and out of ten pairs of breathing holes. These are found along the sides of the abdomen and thorax. Tubes carry air from these holes or spiracles to all parts of the insect's body.

Each female has an ovipositor at the rear of the abdomen. She uses this to dig holes in the ground or slit leaves or plant stems where she can hide her eggs. Most lay

their eggs in late summer or autumn and these hatch in the following spring.

Newborn grasshoppers look like the adults, but have no wings. During the first six to eight weeks after hatching the young grasshopper moults five or six times, shedding its shell and growing a new one. After the last moult, the wings grow to full size.

Proportionally, leaping further than a kangaroo, and listening to the world around it through ears in its knees, that is what a grasshopper does.

WMM

BUCCLEUCH & GREYFRIARS FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND Our identity, mission and vision	
Identity	Local congregation of the Free Church of Scotland which is a branch of the universal Church of Jesus Christ
Mission	<p>To worship God together</p> <p>To spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ</p> <p>To care for and encourage one another</p> <p>To show practical compassion for those in need</p>
Vision	<p>A church which is characterised by friendliness towards, and genuine interest in, all those who cross the door whether regularly or only once.</p> <p>Relevant-to-the-times, applied preaching and enjoyable worship.</p> <p>An increasing proportion of those attending committed to Buccleuch as central to their life and Christian witness.</p> <p>A congregation increasingly united as a “family” through fellowship and through working together in the “in-reach” and “outreach” work of the congregation.</p> <p>A church that values all of the people who are associated with it and in particular one that appreciates its full-time ministers.</p> <p>A church with strong and effective leadership whose leaders lead by example and which equips its members to fulfil their calling as witnesses and servants.</p> <p>A church where the members gladly serve one another in love.</p>

ROTAS**Crèche**

29 th Jan	Mairi Forsyth	Kirsty Clunie
5 th Feb	Madaleine McCrea	Neil Campbell
12 th Feb	Jocelyn Hammer	Heather Akroyd
19 th Feb	Anne Macrae	Evelyn MacDonald
26 th Feb	Norma MacLean	Mairi Forsyth

Amplifier

29 th Jan	Ken MacKenzie
5 th Feb	Douglas MacDonald
12 th Feb	Graham Hardy
19 th Feb	Rob MacDonald
26 th Feb	Ken MacKenzie

Cleaning

28 th Jan	Kenny Macleod
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Door Duty

29 th Jan	John MacRae	Seoras MacGillivray
	Neil MacRae	Iain Gil
5 th Feb	Roddy Macleod	Ken MacKenzie
	Neil Campbell	Alison MacDonald
12 th Feb	Eric Mackay	Alasdair Black
	Stephen Hammer	Willie Lytle
19 th Feb	Donald Forsyth	Dolina Macdonald
	Colin Macleod	Mairi Forsyth
26 th Feb	Willie Mackay	Calum MacLean
	Rob MacDonald	Kenneth Macleod

ACTIVITIES (in church building unless marked by *)

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>11:00am</u>	<u>6:30pm</u>
29 th Jan	Bob Akroyd	Bob Akroyd
5 th Feb	Bob Akroyd	Joint at St Columba's
12 th Feb	Alex MacDonald	Alex MacDonald
19 th Feb	Alex MacDonald	Alex MacDonald
25 th Feb	Saturday preparatory service at 7:30pm Alex MacDonald	
26 th Feb	Communion Bob Akroyd	Bob Akroyd guest service

Crèche and Sunday School during morning service.

*Youth Fellowship after the evening service – see Johnnie Macleod

Monday

BG's Youth Club 7-8pm – contact Alison MacDonald (664 9038) or Kenny MacLeod (5551010)

*Bethany House Outreach 8-10pm – contact Bob Akroyd (664 6306)

*Deacons' Court 8pm monthly – contact Andy Cumming (667 9291)

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting 7:30pm

*Home Bible Studies 7:30pm (2nd 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

Women's Fellowship as announced

Saturday

Prayer Breakfast 9am

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