

Buccleuch & Greyfriars FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Minister's Update

Part of my summer holiday was spent putting a new kitchen in our flat (where Alison and Rob live). I have done a lot of DIY in my time, but this was by far the biggest job I have attempted – including plasterwork, plumbing, joinery, laying vinyl, tiling and decoration. Most of this was done single-handedly, apart from essential help at strategic times from family members and on one memorable evening from Jonnie McCrea with his patent “biscuit jointer” (on whom be blessings)!

Emotions seesawed between “I will never do this again!” to “You know, I could do this for a living!” It’s all right, in the end I decided to return to the ministry! Perhaps some might think I should stick to the DIY!

There were many fraught moments (some much longer than moments), the most memorable of which is my attempt to find where the mains water turned off! It’s funny, isn’t it, how so often it isn’t the big things that cause the problems. I was worried about fixing the units to the walls or cutting the worktops correctly.

But the biggest problem was turning off the water! There was nothing obvious inside the flat, so I went outside to find the stopcock on the street. Sure enough there was a whole selection ranging from the ancient to the positively antediluvian! No toby key in the flat, so back home to borrow the manse one. Back to the flat. Problem. Couldn’t get the iron cover off to get the toby key down. Off to DIY store to get a heavier hammer and chisel. Got the cover off. Turned off the stopcock. Investigated the result. Had turned off a neighbour’s supply. This happened several times. Investigated the antediluvian stopcock covers. Toby key too short. Went to plumbers’ merchants to get a longer one. New key long enough, but it didn’t seem there was any stopcock under the antediluvian covers. Despair. Back into the flat. Searched high and low, even lifting the floorboards in the bathroom beside the window where the mains came in. It was while I was on my knees (in all senses of that expression) beside the bath, that I happened to look to the other side of the window. And there

staring me in the face was an obviously boxed in section in the wall. I had seen it a hundred times, but because it was on the “wrong side” of the window, I had not made the connection. In two seconds I had ripped the panel off and there – yes, you’ve guessed it – there was the stopcock. At long last work could now proceed. It was one of these situations where truly I didn’t know whether to laugh or cry!

Well, I’m sure you’re having a good laugh at my escapade. But, do you know, we’ve all done it. We’ve done it about the little things in life like finding a stopcock. But we’ve also done it about the big things too. And we’ve done it about the biggest thing of all. All our lives we are looking for satisfaction - for love, joy and peace. We try everything we can think of. But all the time the answer is staring us in the face. It’s Jesus.

Alex MacDonald

Assistant Minister’s Update

Summer is almost over and a new term of ministry and activities are about to begin. We look forward to welcoming new people to the congregation

and to the wide range of ministry opportunities available here. Let me give you a brief introduction to some of what we do here. In everything we try to focus on Jesus – his life, his death and his message of good news. We preach Jesus, we grow in our knowledge of Jesus and we serve others in his name.

We live in a city with a great heritage and history, but Edinburgh also has great needs. There are opportunities to serve in the immediate vicinity of the church and to be involved with Bethany Christian Trust and Edinburgh City Mission which seek to help the needy and vulnerable in the name of Jesus. If you are not yet a Christian, I would warmly commend our Christianity Explored Course which begins on 21st September in our hall. It is a chance to ask questions and to spend time with others who are searching for truth and answers to the big questions of life.

In addition to the Sunday services, there are many opportunities for teaching and fellowship. We meet on Wednesday nights for prayer and Bible Study. Once a month (second Wednesday) instead of

our regular midweek meeting, we divide into five groups and meet in different houses throughout the city. These are great opportunities to meet and get to know people in the congregation while enjoying a time of Bible Study and discussion. On Saturday mornings, breakfast is served and we gather for a time of prayer at the start of the weekend.

As you read through this newsletter, you'll see much more about what is happening in the congregation. In short, there is something for everyone to benefit from and to participate in. Whether you are a member of longstanding or a new visitor to the city, you are most welcome here and we wish God's blessing upon you and all that you do.

Bob Akroyd

Hello from Our Interns: Sarah Harris & Katie Shelt

Hello! I'm Sarah Harris, from the east coast of Florida, and I attend Belhaven College with Katie in Mississippi. It is so exciting for us to be in Edinburgh and join the congregation of Buccleuch this term. I am in my last year at

Belhaven College studying English and Music with interests in ministry. It has been amazing how God has directed both Katie and me to serve as interns at Buccleuch Church at this time. Already we have been blessed by the wonderful and generous people of Buccleuch, and I am looking forward to getting to know you all and serving you in any way I can.

Hi! I'm Katie Shelt, from Jackson, Mississippi. Along with Sarah, I'm a senior university student at Belhaven College in Jackson. My primary subject is English, but I also enjoy my classes in Christian ministry and music. After I graduate, I hope to teach, do ministry, and follow God's leading. It's long been a dream of mine and Sarah's to spend a semester serving in Scotland. We are both very happy to be here among you all at Buccleuch. God has so clearly led us here, and I am amazed at how he has paved our way. Thank you all for your kindness and hospitality to us already. We look forward to meeting more of you as we continue our time here.

You can contact both Katie and Sarah on their mobile, 07754 112459, x
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, or
73/9 Bread Street, Edinburgh
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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.

Welcome to Buccleuch

We are delighted to welcome Johnnie Macleod (also known as Johnnie Culbokie) and Jenny & Chris Somerville into membership here at Buccleuch. Thank you for already being part of the work and witness of the congregation and we wish God's continued blessing upon you all.

We are also very pleased to welcome the Burns family from America to Buccleuch. Rob, Emma, Emma & Isaiah have only been in the country for a few weeks but they have already committed themselves to the congregation and have

become involved in several activities.

It is also great to have Douglas, Julia, Ovayo, Mari and Beth on furlough from South Africa.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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, September 13th. We will conclude our studies in the Old Testament book of Zechariah. Please look out for the study sheet listing the subject and venues nearer to the time.

Guest Services

The next in our series of guest services will be on Sunday September 17th at 11am when Bob Akroyd will be our preacher and on Sunday

September 24th at 6.30pm when Alex MacDonald will preach. Please take these opportunities to invite your friends to church to hear the Good News about Jesus Christ and pray that God would use these occasions to challenge and convert those who attend.

Christianity Explored 2006

(Thursday Evenings 6.30pm – 8.30pm)

Our Christianity Explored Course will soon begin on Thursday nights in Buccleuch Church Hall. This course introduces us to Jesus; who he is, what he has done and what he expects from us. On Thursday evenings from 6.30 - 8.30pm, we will have the opportunity to share a meal, watch a video and join in discussion. The topics for discussion are as follows:

September 21st Introduction

September 28th Jesus – Who Was He?

October 5th Jesus - Why Did He Come?

October 12th Jesus - His Death

October 19th Break- School Holidays

October 26th What is Grace?

November 2nd Jesus - His Resurrection

November 9th What Is A Christian?

November 16th Continuing as a Christian

What Can You Do?

Pray - Pray that people would come, hear the message of Jesus and come to believe in him. Pray for leaders and speakers. Please start praying now!!

Attend - Come along if you'd like to find out more. This course is very helpful and everyone would be welcome. You can sit and listen or ask as many questions as you like.

Invite - Ask your friends, family member and neighbours. This is a great opportunity for people to hear the gospel - take advantage of this opportunity!

Volunteer- we need caterers and helpers for the kitchen. We need people to set up and people to clear up. We need table leaders and others to help on the night. Can you help?

If you need any more information, please contact:

Alex (667 4651, alexjmacdonald@blueyonder.

co.uk) or Bob (664 6306, bobandheather@talk21.com)

Meetings of Kirk Session and Deacons' Court

Kirk Session: on Tuesday 19th September at 7:30pm in the manse

Deacons' Court: on Monday 11th September at 8:00pm in the manse

Joint Missionary Meeting

On Wednesday September 27th, 7.30pm, there will be a Joint Missionary Meeting at St Columba's Free Church, Johnston Terrace. Douglas and Julia Campbell will speak about the work of the Free Church in Southern Africa. Please make every effort to attend this meeting to find out more about this exciting and challenging work.

Welcome lunch

On Sunday September 24th there will be a lunch after the morning service in the church hall to welcome the Campbells. If you can contribute a pudding or drinks, please sign the sheet on the noticeboard.

Missionary Meeting at Buccleuch (Latin Link)

On Wednesday October 4th, 7.30pm, there will be a Missionary Meeting in the

Buccleuch hall when Martin Haworth will speak about the work of Latin Link. Please make every effort to attend this meeting to support this work in prayer.

An International Opportunity

Angela and I are looking forward to helping with the International Meal this year. We believe this is an important ministry of the church. Our prayer is that these gatherings will serve as an encouragement to internationals attending Buccleuch and as an outreach to those without a church home. God has brought the nations to our doorstep, and we long to bring the nations to the throne of our God!

Even if Scotland is your home, you can help in at least one of three ways: 1) by praying for this ministry, 2) by attending a meal, and 3) by hosting one of the monthly fellowships in your home. If you are interested in finding out more about this ministry or hosting an International Meal, please contact me (John Tweeddale) at jxxxxxxxxx.

John Tweeddale

International Students' Meal

The Next International Meal will be hosted by **Bob and Heather Akroyd** (275 Guardwell Crescent) on Saturday 23rd September at 7pm. If you need a lift or can provide a lift, please meet at church at 6.30.

Informal English Classes

The informal English classes will restart at the beginning of the university term in the church hall on Tuesdays from 2:00pm-3:30pm. Please speak to Ena Mackay for more details.

Child Protection Training

To all workers with children and young people including elders and ministers

Colin MacDonald, Child Protection administrator, has agreed to hold a meeting on the evening of Tuesday 12th September at Buccleuch. It is important that as many people as possible attend not only because Colin is devoting an evening of his own time for this but we also have a responsibility to make use of training opportunities. St Columba's, Leith, Livingston and Falkirk have also been invited. For further information

re the programme and notification of your attendance please speak to John MacRae or Roddy Macleod.

John MacRae

Care Van

Buccleuch will be involved with the care van on the following dates during 2006: Sun 29th Oct, Wed 29th Nov. If you are able to help please speak to Douglas MacDonald.

Douglas MacDonald

Women's Fellowship

The first meeting of this term will be on Friday 22nd September at 7.30pm in the church hall. We've entitled the evening "Supper and Song". It is hoped to have a barbeque and enjoy some singing from Katie and Sarah, our new American friends. Please keep this date free - it should be a good night. Invitations will be distributed nearer the time.

Mary Campbell

Precentors Workshop

There will be a Precentors Workshop on Saturday 7th October from 10am till 12 noon at St Columba's church hall. The workshop is for precentors,

budding precentors **and especially for all others interested in improving congregational praise.**

John MacPherson

BGs Youth Club

BGs club meets every Monday night. It's for local children and is the only one in the Southside area for this age group. Over the past few years we have made contact with a lot of young people – over 50 - who otherwise wouldn't have any contact with Jesus. The challenge for us is to make a fun club that young people want to come to but also to challenge them with God's message.

There are so many ways in which God has blessed this work and we have seen changes in the attitudes of some young people but there are still lots of difficulties with behaviour and a general antagonism to "religious" messages.

What is so encouraging is that despite tough talk and difficult behaviour they are smart and sometimes ask really important questions.

The club is undergoing a few changes. We are trying to make it suitable for different types of people, not all of them

like table tennis and football. We are going to try and adapt some other areas of the building to allow different things to happen at once. We are also changing the age range slightly to try and make it work better for everyone who comes. The club was previously for 10-14 year olds, now it will be for 12-15 year olds.

As you would imagine discipline can be one of the biggest challenges for the leaders. We have responded to some concerns from parents and young people that some members can make the club less fun for others. We need to be firm about rules but want to make the club accessible to all. We need help from God about this.

Finally the format of the club is games/ sitting and chatting, tuck shop and bible-based discussion. The leaders meet at 6.30pm, the club starts at 7pm and we finish at 8pm. We always welcome any time that people feel they can offer whether that be as leaders, preparing short talks or discussions or praying for this work. Let us know how you would like to be involved in this club which is vitally important

to the life of the congregation.

Kenny Macleod and Ali MacDonald

Men Makers

This is a teaching conference to be held on Saturday 4th November at Destiny Church. The brochure says "...we are bringing men together for an inspirational day of relevant teaching to equip them to live great lives with God's help in today's work. This year our speakers are men of influence from a rich variety of backgrounds, and all with an inspiring faith and an exciting message." Booking can be done using the brochure (I'll find some for the hall) or via www.destiny-church.com/menmakers

Stephen Hammer

Men's Meal

After the Men Makers conference, it is planned to book a restaurant for the men of the congregation to go out for a meal together. This would be from 7:30pm onwards on the day of the conference.

Note: there is no obligation to attend the conference. Suggestions for venues are welcome.

Stephen Hammer

Eco-congregation workgroup.

I would like to get a team of people together to make the church greener. If anyone is interested in doing this, please speak to me or Jocelyn.

Stephen Hammer

OM

OM are organising a day seminar which will take place in Charlotte Chapel on 30th September from 9:30am-4:30pm. It focuses on, 'Muslims - a Christian Response'. The programme includes workshops on topics like, 'What is God doing in the Muslim world?', 'Fundamentalism', 'A Biblical and Theological Response to Islam' and 'Islam in Europe' as well as videos and a question and answer session.

Please contact Catriona Macdonald for more details.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Congratulations

Congratulations to:

To Johnnie MacLeod and Rebecca Maslin on their recent engagement. They are planning to get married on 31st August next year. Also to Rob MacDonald and Anne

Macdonald on their engagement. They are planning to get married at Easter next year.

Mingxiu and Yifeng

We, Yifeng (Jeff) and Mingxiu (Michelle), would like to express our sincere appreciation to the members of our congregation for your concern and love to us during our hard times. The last several months were eventful for us.

Yifeng suffered from a serious arrhythmia called Ventricular Tachycardia. It can suddenly cause black out and syncope even during rest. It is considered as a life-threatening disease and the cardiologists in Hong Kong decided to do an operation (Electrophysiology Study and Radio Frequency Ablation, EPS+RFA) for him. On receiving the news, I worried very much and wanted to go back to accompany him during the operation. It was a very stressful time since I need to suspend my study unexpectedly and there were lots of things to deal with before leaving. I would like to say thank you to Alex, Eric and our church for supporting and arranging my trip back to Hong

Kong, and for giving me lots of consolation and love.

The following 3 months in Hong Kong were not very good since the first operation failed, and in consequence we had to consult with more cardiologists and conduct more investigations. Some of them were quite risky. During that difficult period, we received emails from friends in Buccleuch from time to time. I know there are lots of people praying for us and we are not alone.

Yifeng was implanted with an ICD at last, and we came back to Edinburgh on 14th of June. I restarted my study, while Yifeng is staying at home to get more rest and to write up his thesis at the same time. Thank the Lord, he did not suffer from the disease again after the ICD implantation.

Before we came back, Eric told us that people in the church collected some money to help towards our expenses, and we received the cheque from our congregation last week.

We really appreciate everybody for the great help and great love, however, we still think we are not going to

accept the money. Because the ICD implantation, which is the biggest expense, was covered by a public fund from Hong Kong Hospital Authority, and the rest of the expenses are ok for us. We are financially ok at this moment and hopefully we can finish our study and find a job within one year. May God give us the wisdom so that we can finish our study soon.

We really thank you for your love and concern, but we have decided to give the money back to our church so that we can use the money to the people who are in great need of it.

May God bless us, so that in the future we will be in a position where we can give rather than receive, so that we will have the ability to help other people and spread HIS love to more people.

Sincerely yours,
Yifeng and Mingxiu
15th July, 2006

Off To University

Let us remember Derick Macleod who will be starting at Aberdeen University on the 16th September. Let us also remember those young folk in the congregation who will be sitting standard grade and

higher exams this academic year.

Leith Free Church

Let us remember Colin and Jessie MacLeod and their family as they settle into their new home. We should pray for Colin as he begins his work as minister in the Leith congregation.

Coffee Rota

If there is anyone wishing to help out on the coffee rota on a Sunday morning please speak to Christine MacLeod.

Crèche

We need helpers for the crèche. You would be on crèche duty approximately once every five weeks. If you are interested in helping please speak to Norma MacLean.

Shoe Box Appeal 2006

It is that time of year again! This is a great way of supporting the work of Blythswood. Get collecting and filling your shoe boxes. The boxes will be collected in November. Please speak to Dolina for more details.

June 2006

Attendances

A mixed message! We see a rise in the attendances at the morning services and a fall in the attendances at the evening services.

	This year	Last year
Average – morning service	135	128
Average – evening service	74	82

Perhaps the numbers can be explained by the number of babies and small children in the congregation. They swell the numbers in the morning, but more Mums and Dads have to stay at home in the evenings to put them to bed! Theories on a postcard to ...

Giving to Buccleuch

A number of people have increased their monthly standing orders over the past few months – when did you last review the amount of money that you give to the church?

As we don't generally discuss how much we give to Buccleuch I thought you might find the following information helpful.

There are 37 people in the congregation who give to the church by monthly standing order; the average monthly giving by standing order is £126.

Range	No of people
£150 plus	11
£101 to £150	10
£51 to £100	6
£1 to £50	12

Standing orders are a secure, reliable and organised way to give money to the church. They also help me manage the finances! Please do speak to me if you would like more information on standing orders or gift aid.

General fund

Income of **£53,640** is c£5,000 less than the budget and c£3,000 less than the same period last year. Our expenditure to date of **£17,170** is c£3,000 more than the budget and c£4,000 higher than the same period last year. Remittances to central funds for the three months were **£32,430**; £3,000 less than last year.

Fabric fund

All of the expenditure to date is for the refurbishment of our building (and doesn't it look wonderful!)

Did you know?

HM Revenue & Customs (no, please read on) recently published a comprehensive piece of research into donations to charities from individuals and their use of tax relief. They found that the total value of charitable donations made by individuals has remained unchanged since 1998 – let's see if we can do better than that.

Arnold Farquhar

Congregational Treasurer
5 August 2006

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Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Josh Clunie on the 30th September and David Topping on the 25th September.

On The Move

Richard, Sarah, Carys and Abi Lytle have moved to 10/2 Craighall Crescent Edinburgh EH6 4RY. Tel: 0131 551 1529

Congregational Directory - 2006/7

The new congregational directory is being prepared for publication. If you are not currently in the directory and would like to be included, or if you are included in the directory and would like to be omitted, please let Bob know. If your address/phone number has changed or if you would like your e-mail address listed in our new directory, please contact Bob Akroyd by phone (664 6306) or by e-mail: bobandheather@talk21.com.

We include name, address phone number, mobile number and e-mail address.

Gift Cards

Gift cards, which have been made by the ladies of Lima Evangelical Seminary, are on

sale via Marie Christine Lux at £1:25 each. Contact Marie Christine at G2, 274 St Georges Road, Glasgow, G3 6LA. Ena Mackay has samples if you would like to see them.

Steven's Green Tips

Cars

Cars are not the biggest polluters in Britain (industry and power generation top personal transport in carbon dioxide emissions) but along with our homes, they are one of the biggest polluters that we have personal control of. Our car use does, however, contribute to industrial and power generation pollution – cars need petrol, oil, tyres and numerous chemicals, and they are made of plastic, rubber, steel and paint, all of which need factories and power. So cutting down on car use would cut down on more than just transport pollution. But how do we do it? Cars are just so useful, and our lives are often designed around them. However, plenty of people in the Western world have decided to choose car-free or car-lite lifestyles, and have found it very satisfying, much cheaper and more ethical than solely

relying on the car. Let's look at ways to cut down on our car use.

1) Short trips. Most journeys by car are less than 2 miles in length. Two miles is the distance from Buccleuch to Leith Free Church. A simple way to cut down on car use would be to walk, use a bike or public transport for such short distances. Two miles on a bike would take about 20 minutes at an average speed of 10 miles per hour, and you don't have to be a lycra-wearing sporty cyclist to go that fast!

2) Long journeys. If you have four people plus luggage and are going to a place away from public transport networks, hire a car. If you need to travel alone with not much luggage, use a bus or the train. Public transport is usually a more relaxing experience than driving everywhere – someone else does all the work for you.

3) Shopping trips. I've never tried buying stuff from Ikea with a bike (although they do a home delivery service, which is less stressful than loading a car with two bookshelves, a large mirror and a stool). However, thanks to the City Car Club

(www.edinburghcitycarclub.co.uk) you can get a car for an afternoon or a couple of hours whenever you need it from a variety of locations across the city. It also costs less to join than having your own car. For smaller shopping trips, bikes can be fitted with panniers. Alternatively, use a bike trailer.

4) Lifestyle. Do you drive to the gym? Cycle, walk or jog there instead. Do you drive to work? Consider finding a house closer to where you work and walk/cycle/use public transport instead. Do you drive to church? Car share with someone who lives nearby. Or give someone a lift who can't get to church easily. Or walk, cycle or use public transport. Be creative. Using the car just because it's easier is no excuse!

Competition!

If you want to cut down on car use, and thus cut down on your personal contribution to world pollution, there are plenty of resources available for more information. One of them is "Divorce your Car" by Katie Alvord. I'll give a copy of this book to the person who writes to me with the best response to the following question: "What

would Jesus drive?" Closing date: 17 September.

I'll announce the winner in next month's newsletter.

PS Erratum. In the last Green Tips on Babies, I said that in Britain we use about 8 millions disposable nappies a year. We actually use about 8 million disposable nappies a DAY!!! Imagine that (on second thoughts, don't. Six or so nappies a day is bad enough for me to think about...).

Stephen Hammer

Accommodation Sought

John Chamberlain (who attends Bellevue Reformed Baptist Church) is a 3rd year student at the Edinburgh College of Art. He is seeking accommodation in a flat or with a family from September to Mid-December and from Mid-January to Mid-February. If you can help, contact John on 01924 450060 or mxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.com.

WONDERFULLY MADE

The Kangaroo

The kangaroo is the largest marsupial - an animal that carries its young in a pouch on

its abdomen. In Australia, there are about 230 species of mammals and almost half are marsupials - kangaroos of many different sizes, the koala, the cuscus, the gliding possum, the wombat, the marsupial mole, the numbat or banded anteater, insect-eating mice, the eastern native cat or quoll, and the Tasmanian devil.

There are many different kinds and sizes of kangaroo, from the large red and the great grey over seven feet tall and weighing about 200 pounds, through the wallabies - the red-necked about three and a half feet long and the hare wallaby less than two feet long, to the musky rat kangaroo less than a foot high.

The kangaroo has large and powerful hind legs, small front legs and a thick powerful tail. It moves in a series of leaps, sometimes quite small, but a large kangaroo may leap about 25 feet and travel at speeds up to 30 miles per hour. Normally it sits in a watchful, upright position, resting on its hind legs and its tail. When it grazes it may drop on all fours. Its head is small, with large upright ears and a long muzzle, and looks rather like a deer.

Baby kangaroos are called joeys, but there is usually only one in a litter. They are very small indeed and undeveloped when they are born. Even the largest kangaroos would be less than an inch long at birth and they then have to make the long journey to the mother's pouch where they are fed and cared for until they can move about by themselves. They may remain with the pouch as their base for as long as 6 months.

The kangaroo is timid and depends on its keen sight, hearing and smell, as well as its speed, to escape from its enemies. If cornered, it will defend itself vigorously, striking hard blows with its strong hind legs and using its tail for support. Each foot has four toes, one of which has a long lethal claw. In captivity, kangaroos can be tamed and are gentle and friendly. Those who remember Skippy will be aware of that.

Open plains provide a frequent habitat where the kangaroos feed on grass and other plants. With their sharp teeth they crop the grass very

close to the ground. Where they graze on cattle or sheep ranches, they are a nuisance to the stockmen and many are culled. Their meat is almost free of fat and their hides are useful for leather. The wallaby hide is used for fine shoes, gloves and handbags. Like deer in this country, they are a danger to traffic on the road, especially as night falls.

Some wallabies escaped from a zoo in England and have settled and survived for a number of years - I think on the slopes of the Pennines.

The wallaroo, also known as the rock kangaroo, is a large grey kangaroo which lives in the mountains.

Some may have seen a recent TV programme describing the search for the elusive tree kangaroos found in the tropical forests of Queensland in North-Eastern Australia.

Of many types and many sizes, kangaroos have come to be the representative animal of Australia.

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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	To worship God together To spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ To care for and encourage one another To show practical compassion for those in need
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

10 th Sept	Jocelyn Hammer	Jen Brannon
17 th Sept	Heather Akroyd	Flora MacPhail
24 th Sept	Kenny MacLeod	Anne MacRae
1 st Oct	Evelyn MacDonald	Norma MacLean
8 th Oct	Mairi Forsyth	Kirsty Clunie

Amplifier

10 th Sept	Rob MacDonald
17 th Sept	Ken MacKenzie
24 th Sept	Douglas MacDonald
1 st Oct	Graham Hardy

Cleaning

9 th Sept	Rob/Mary Bonne	Douglas MacDonald
16 th Sept	Dolina Macdonald	Calum/Norma MacLean
23 rd Sept	Karen Murray	Rob MacDonald
30 th Sept	Lois Eddie	Mairi Forsyth
7 th Oct	Esther/ Alasdair Black	Alison MacDonald

Door Duty

10 th Sept	Eric Mackay	Alasdair Black
	Stephen Hammer	Willie Lytle
17 th Sept	Donald Forsyth	Dolina Macdonald
		Mairi Forsyth
24 th Sept	Willie Mackay	Calum Maclean
	Rob MacDonald	Kenneth Macleod
1 st Oct	John MacRae	
	Neil MacRae	Iain Gill
8 th Oct	Roddy MacLeod	Neil Campbell
	Ken MacKenzie	Alison MacDonald

ACTIVITIES (in church building unless marked by *)

Sunday	11:00am	6:30pm
Sep 3 rd	Bob Akroyd	Bob Akroyd
Sep 10 th	Alex MacDonald	Alex MacDonald
Sep 17 th	Bob Akroyd (guest service)	Bob Akroyd
Sep 24 th	Alex MacDonald	Alex MacDonald (guest service)

Crèche and junior Sunday School during morning service.

Monday

BG's Youth Club 7-8pm – contact Alison MacDonald (664 9038) or
Kenny MacLeod (555 1010)

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

*Deacons' Court 8pm monthly –

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

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 10:00am-12 noon

Women's Fellowship as announced

Saturday

Prayer Breakfast 9am

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