

Buccleuch & Greyfriars

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Minister's Update

As good Calvinists, we believe in the sovereignty of God. But so often it is a mere intellectual belief. So we are surprised when we actually see God's sovereign hand at work!

An example of this occurred recently. It was at the first Christianity Explored meeting last month. As usual we had produced invitation cards and encouraged you all to use them and invite friends along. We'd put up notices. We'd put an item on the website and so on. But at the first meeting people turned up out of the blue – not through any of this publicity. The most striking examples of this were a couple of young people who showed up late as we had almost finished the meal. They wondered if this was like an Alpha course and when we assured them it was, they came in and joined us. On being asked how they knew about Christianity Explored, they said that "Robbie the Pole" had invited them. Now we had a Pole at our course last year, but his name was not Robbie, so it remained a bit of a mystery.

They sat down at one of the tables and fell into

conversation with one of our young people. She asked them what they did and they said they were at school. Which school, she asked. They told her, and she said, "I've just started teaching at that school!"

It turns out that "Robbie the Pole" actually belongs to another church and was inviting them to an Alpha course there. They turned up at Buccleuch "by mistake". So what were the odds of them sitting down at a table with a teacher from their school! Amazing! We see God's sovereign hand at work - everyone acting naturally and making their own choices, but God guiding the result.

The young people liked Christianity Explored so much they came back the following week with a friend and intend to bring another friend to the next one.

There is a lesson here for us about outreach as well as about God's sovereignty. If we weren't running a CE course, these young people would have found a Church with a closed door, and so we would never have seen this example of God's amazing providence. It is something I have seen so often. If we attempt nothing, is it any

surprise we see nothing? But when we respond to God's commands to make Christ known, when we act prayerfully, God blesses - often in unexpected ways.

So let's be good Calvinists! Let's obey God's sovereign commands. Let's look to the Sovereign Lord in prayer. And let us expect great things from the sovereign Lord.

Alex MacDonald

Assistant Minister's Update

I hate to mention Christmas in October, but I realized that if I wanted to see my family in December, I better book plane tickets now. We got a great deal to fly to America for two weeks, but if we had waited the price would quickly rise and many seats would be sold out. I tend to delay rather than act quickly and decisively. The Bible discourages procrastination and instead urges us to live for today. While we are to make sensible plans for the future, today and every day is an opportunity that can with be wasted or used wisely. With regard to salvation, the Apostle Paul makes quite clear, "As God's fellow workers we urge you not

to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, "In the time of my favour I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6: 1 - 2) I fear that many are in the dangerous position of putting off Jesus and his Gospel to another day – a day which may never come.

In terms of every day life, Jesus encourages his disciples to seek God first and not to worry unduly about tomorrow, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:33 – 34) The Bible doesn't give us answers to all of life's questions but it does give us principles and guidelines by which to live well and wisely.

So if you are putting off to tomorrow anything that should be done today – delay no longer. We know that life is short and very fragile but God is eternal and strong. As the psalmist puts it, "As for man, his days are like grass, he

flourishes like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children." Psalm 103: 15 – 17. If our lives are short and the future is precarious, doesn't it make sense to trust in the one who is eternal, all-powerful, and ever-reliable.

Yours faithfully,
Bob Akroyd

Call from Rosskeen

The congregation of Rosskeen (which serves Alness and Invergordon in Easter Ross) has addressed a call to our assistant minister, Bob Akroyd, as they wish him to be their minister. This call will be dealt with by the Presbytery of Edinburgh and Perth at its next meeting on Tuesday 31st October, at which representatives of both the Rosskeen and Buccleuch congregations will have the right to speak, in addition to Bob himself. The Presbytery will then have to decide, in light of what they hear, whether to "place the call in his hands", when Bob will have to declare

whether he accepts the call or not.

Rosskeen is a strategic congregation which is intimately involved in the local community, and we understand why they should desire Bob as their minister. But we also know what an extensive (and deeply appreciated) ministry Bob conducts here in Edinburgh, through prison and university chaplaincy, involvement in Bethany and with young and old in the congregation. Please pray for Bob, the Presbytery and all concerned, that all would have wisdom and guidance as to the right decision.

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.

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.

Harvest Thanksgiving

The harvest thanksgiving service will be on 15th October. There will be a retiring collection for Tearfund at the service.

Home Bible Study

The next home Bible study will be on Wednesday, October 11th. We will begin our studies in the New Testament book of Ephesians. We will use a Bible study book prepared by John Stott – copies are available from the group leaders (see below) or from Bob. Please take this opportunity to join a district group if you haven't already done so as this enables you to get to know more people from the congregation.

The Hosts and Venues for the next Bible study are:

North West

John & Anne Macrae, 12 Cammo Brae EH4 8ET (476 1844)

East

Bob & Heather Akroyd, 275 Guardwell Crescent EH17 7SL (664 6306)

South East

Fergus & Dolina Macdonald, 113 St Albans Road EH9 2PQ (667 1546)

South

Donald & Mairi Forsyth, 5 Gillespie Crescent EH10 4HT (228 4791)

South West

Donald & Joan MacDonald, 6 Craiglockhart Grove EH14 (455 8777)

Buccleuch Church Hall

Guest Services

The next in our series of guest services will be on Sunday October 29th 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 is running 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 have the opportunity to share a meal, watch a video and join in discussion. The topics for discussion are as follows:

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 17th

October at 7:30pm in the manse

Deacons' Court: on Monday

9th October at 8:00pm in the manse.

Deacons' Court

Topics covered during the September Deacons' Court meeting included:

1) Insurance Review – to ensure we have adequate and appropriate insurance cover.

2) Manse maintenance – Loft insulation is required for the Gilmour Road manse – anyone wishing to volunteer to help with transporting and/or installing insulation please contact a deacon.

3) Church maintenance – plenty of items ongoing,

including painting of stanchions at front railing to reduce risk of tripping, requirement for those on door duty to measure tap water temperatures, repair to guttering outside kitchen to remove source of dampness ahead of kitchen refurbishment, side door draft proofing, fixed wiring test, provision for cycle parking, disabled space in car park, properties inspection, repair to lightning conductor, assess use of tower room, and extend public address system to the hall.

4) Duties and responsibilities of Charity Trustees (which all members of the Deacons' Court are).

5) Web based Congregational Year Planner (see box at bottom of last page).

Congregational Survey

There were 34 respondents to the recent congregational survey which had invited participants to identify particular activities in which they had an interest. The principal activities mentioned in the responses (listing them in descending order by reference to the frequency with which they were mentioned, together with % of respondents who

expressed interest) were:-

(i) *Mentoring (65%)*: To learn more about mentoring in practice the Kirk Session have invited Derek and Catriona Lamont to speak to an after-church fellowship, at a date to be announced, about their experience of mentoring in St Columba's

(ii) *Prayer/Prayer Triplets (44%)*: Some men and women in the congregation already meet regularly in twos or threes for prayer. Prayer activity of this kind is clearly something the Session wishes to encourage, and are currently seeking to identify if lessons might usefully be learnt from other churches that can applied in the context of our own congregation.

(iii) *"Home Socials" (35%)*: Rather than seek to reintroduce the district fellowship programme, the Kirk Session felt that it would be preferable to leave it to individual elders in their districts to be flexible in arranging whatever activities they thought best suited to those in their area.

(iv) *Psalm Singing Group (32%)*: It was again felt that a flexible approach rather than

the reintroduction of a regular activity would be the best approach to meeting interest in improved congregational signing.

(v) *Summer Mission Trip (21%)*: The Session was conscious that any such activity would require very careful consideration not only in terms of planning and cost but also in terms of identifying the ends intended to be served. It was remitted back to the Evangelism and Outreach Work Group to explore possible options for such trips and to report back on these to the Session so that better consideration could be given to the desirability and feasibility of any particular project.

International Students' Meal

Upcoming International Meals

Mark Your Calendars:

Saturday 28th October,
Time: T.B.A. Hosts: John & Anne Macrae, 12 Cammo Brae.

Saturday 18th November,
Time: T.B.A. Hosts: Alasdair & Esther Black, 2/2 New Orchardfield.

For more information contact:

John & Angela Tweeddale, 667 7990 xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx or Bob

& Heather Akroyd, 664 6306
bobandheather@talk21.com

Junior Youth Fellowship

A Sunday evening get together has been arranged for young people in the three Edinburgh congregations who are S3-S6 in High School. It will meet every second Sunday, 8-9.30pm, and rotate round 3 different homes. The meetings will be fairly informal with a light supper and a short time of worship. The planned dates up to Christmas are:

29th October, 13 Denholm Road, Musselburgh (Macleods 653 0231)

12th November, 5 Gillespie Crescent (Forsyths 228 4791)

26th November (Lamonts)

10th December (Macleods) The details are also on the Buccleuch website. All young people are warmly invited.

All Age Sunday School Autumn 2006

Calvin & Calvinism by Jon Balsarak

This is a special five-week course designed to provide an overview of the life, theology and legacy of John Calvin (1509-64). There will be an opportunity to ask questions

and discuss the themes raised. 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:
October 29: The Life of Calvin
November 5: The Reformation and Justification by Faith
November 12: The Theology of Calvin (Part 1)
November 19: The Theology of Calvin (Part 2)
November 26: Later Calvinism

Informal English Classes

The informal English classes meet in the church hall on Tuesdays from 2:00pm-3:30pm. Please speak to Ena Mackay for more details.

Care Van

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

Douglas MacDonald

Music Group

The music group will meet on Tuesday 24th October - if you forget, you can find it on the Buccleuch website in the hall

planner!

Please come along with 5 or 6 songs to share. Please bring your musical friends!

Donald Forsyth

The Klub

Come along if you are S1-S3 and bring your friends. It meets in Buccleuch hall from 7:00-9:00pm.

27th October: Quiz night

10th Nov: Mayhem 2

1st Dec: Cinema

15th Dec: Christmas Party

Christian Life and Work

Do you find it difficult to formulate a Christian response to situations at work? Do you have a ministry to your work colleagues? Do you struggle to keep your life and work in balance? Are you a retired person with many years of work experience?

If you answer 'yes' to any of these questions you may be interested in coming along to 'Christian Life and Work'. This is an informal gathering open to all three congregations where people discuss issues they face in the workplace. (We will be looking at some different topics to those who covered by the 'Big W'). We will use the video

series by Mark Green to stimulate and guide our discussion.

The first two meetings will take place on Friday 27th October and 8th December at 7:30pm in Leith Memorial hall. Hope to see you there.

Joan Macdonald

Women's Fellowship

The next Women's Fellowship will be on Friday 27th October, 7.30pm, in Mairi Forsyth's (5 Gillespie Cres, 228 4791). The speaker will be Liz McCune. Liz and her husband work in Dunfermline with Mission to the World. Everyone is welcome. Please feel free to bring your friends along.

Mairi Forsyth

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

Anyone For Tennis

Come and keep fit on a Saturday morning and have a game of tennis at the Meadows tennis courts from 10:00-11:00am. If you are interested speak to Evelyn, Heather, Mairi or Moira.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Congregational Directory - 2006/7

The new congregational directory is being prepared and a draft copy will be circulated for correction. 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.

Child Protection Disclosure Forms

At present there are 15 Disclosure and Job Application Forms outstanding. Some have been so for a very long time, the remaining majority in more recent weeks and months. I have to emphasise that those who have indicated their desire to be involved in youth work and made application will be unable to commence that work

until their Disclosures have been returned from Disclosure Scotland - but first they have to be submitted there. That process in itself can take some time and any delay in submitting just makes it even longer. It would be appreciated if these outstanding forms could be submitted ASAP.

John MacRae

Buccleuch Website

The Buccleuch website is being updated. Already there are recent newsletters, a church year planner (including hall bookings), a church calendar, a contact list (which needs a password, obtainable from the webmaster) of people responsible for various congregational activities, and details of Forum, Klub and Junior YF. In addition, there are some more sermons and stories (in text form), but the really new venture is that because sermons are now available in audio form (see next item), some recent ones are available online. It is intended that most sermons from now on will be available in this form.

Please contact Alex, alex.macdonald@freechurch.org, if you have any problems or

suggestions about the website.

Saving Sermons

On the 18th December 2006 our congregation will reach a fairly significant milestone: the one-hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the present church building. At least in one way, 2006 mirrors 1856; in 1856 the assistant minister was called Bob as well. More formally, he was the Reverend Robert Gordon. I'm not sure if his friends called him Bob, his "superiors" probably called him Gordon. History is seldom neat and we can't have every thing matching, so the senior minister was not called Alex, he was called "Dr. Clason" - you can see his monument in the vestibule, behind the drapes.

You may ask what has a history lesson to do with "saving sermons"? Well, the advert below provides the answer:

FREE BUCCLEUCH CHURCH

Two Sermons delivered, the one at the Closing of the Old, and the other at the Opening of the New Church, by the Rev. Dr. Clason and Rev. Robert Gordon, ministers of the congregation.

Published by request

Edinburgh: Edmonston and Douglas
1857

1. The stone of help: a discourse preached at the closing of the Old Church by the Rev. Patrick Clason DD.
1 Samuel VII 12
2. The spiritual temple: a discourse preached at the opening of the New Church by the Rev. Robert Gordon.
1 Kings VI 7

From the very early days keeping a record of the word preached has been important in the life of the congregation. In the nineteenth century this involved shorthand writers and compositors and all the paraphernalia of printing.

In due course tape recording systems have replaced notebooks and pens: although notebooks and pens are still in evidence. From the mid 1980s sermons have been systematically taped and the congregation now has a library of over 1200 tape cassettes.

The sharp eyed among you will have noticed that a computer has appeared in the amplifier corner, this is the next stage on the road to saving sermons. Over the past month sermons have been recorded electronically and now can be listened to from the Buccleuch

website

(www.buccleuchfreechurch.co.uk), if your home computer has suitable software to enable this.

This move forward throws up a few questions it would be useful to have answers to:

- First, do you borrow tapes from the Tape Library?
- Second, if you had a choice between tape or CD what would be your preference, and why?
- Third, have you listened to the sermons accessible from the Buccleuch website?

The reason for these questions is to gauge for how long we need to continue tape recording sermons. For the time being tape recordings are being made in tandem with the computer recording. I know that many folks still listen to tapes in the congregation, and it would be good to know how many of you also have access to CD players as well as tape cassette players. The new technology should hopefully enable recording to both formats, but we need to look into this.

Please have a word with me if you have any thoughts on the above questions.

Graham Hardy

Loop and Hall PA

If you use a hearing aid and are having any problems hearing in church, speak to either Rob Macdonald or Finlay Macleod. The “sound men” will also soon be extending the rejuvenated PA system to the Hall again.

Thank You

Thank you all so much for your kind wishes, generous gifts and your continued prayers for us as a family. We have settled well into the church in Leith and are enjoying being involved in the life of the congregation. We would love to see anyone who had the will and energy to make their way out to Musselburgh, as some of you have done already. Having five bedrooms, a study, a kitchen, and a large living room is quite a change from our two bedroomed flat in Comely Bank Avenue, and we are so happy to be here.

We continue to pray for you as a congregation, and we trust that you will pray for 'us' as a congregation too. It took me some time to stop referring to Buccleuch as 'us' or 'we', but I guess that proves that we felt very much at home when we were with you.

May the Lord bless you all, and may He bless the work that he has called each and everyone of us to.

Yours in the Lord Jesus
Colin, Jessie, Matthew, David,
Rebekah and Lydia

Their new address is:

13 Denholm Road
Musselburgh
EH21 6TS

The West Highland Way



After seven days of walking and consuming lots of chocolate, to keep the energy levels up, Carol and Moira completed the West Highland Way! We met some interesting people along the way and the scenery and weather were fantastic. Thank you to all those who helped us raise £688.75. This money will be divided between the WFM project and the rheumatology department at the Sick Children's hospital. Thanks must go to our back up team,

Eric and Lindsey, who provided lunches and transport (for our luggage and not us!)

Moira Mackay

Running The Race

Thank you to all those who sponsored and supported both Johnnie Macleod and myself in running the 10k race which took place on 9th September in Strathclyde park. Following the race in the morning a Christian choir and musicians entertained runners and supporters during a lovely sunny afternoon. It is hoped that this event will have raised £50,000 for Tearfund.

Special congratulations go to Johnnie who came fifth among several hundred runners finishing the race in approximately 39 minutes - so well done Johnnie. (This begs the question – has he missed his vocation!)

I would like to express my appreciation to my sister, Grace and to Tom Buchan who acted as my personal trainer and coach respectively. Without their advice, skill, encouragement and tremendous enthusiasm I would not have been able to continue training and finish the race.

Joan Macdonald

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.

Rotas

If you are unable to carry out rota duties on any given occasion, as a matter of respect to those whom you would be serving, and as a matter of courtesy to others on the rota with you, please arrange for a substitute.

Mail

This is a note to remind everyone that there are trays for mail in the vestry. Trays are marked for the Minister, Assistant Minister, Session Clerk, Clerk to the Deacon's Court, the Treasurer and Others. To ensure that mail doesn't get misplaced in the hall please put all mail in the relevant tray.

Donald Forsyth

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.

Wonderful Maid!

So many people have asked me about the brocolli salad made for the Women's Fellowship Barbeque that I thought you might like the recipe. It was given to me by Judy Honeycutt who attended Buccleuch several years ago and who many of you will know.

2 bunches broccoli - dice stalk and stem

1 red onion - also chopped small

1 cup raisins

1 cup nuts (eg walnuts)

4 rashers smoked bacon - cooked and chopped - optional

Dressing : 1 cup Mayonnaise, 1/2 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar Mix the dressing ingredients together and then stir in all remaining ingredients. I like to use slightly less sugar than stated.

Mairi Forsyth

Old Friends

Dear all,
I have just finished my National Judicial Exam. I hope I can pass. But it is really tough exam, it is said to be the hardest exam in China. Now, I will try to find a job. I have sent out two application forms. One for a law firm, another for an international cooperation. I will let you know if I find a job.

How are you? Hope everything goes well. Fringe Festival just passed. It must be an exciting one. Right now, if I didn't remember wrongly, the weather should be very nice in Edinburgh these days. Miss you all.

Yours Nancy Tang

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Ovayo Campbell on the 8th October, Keir Greatorex on the 9th October and Cameron Greatorex on the 26th October. Bob Akroyd also celebrates his **40th birthday** on the **13th October!**

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jonnie and Mada on the safe arrival of their son, Jacob Francis Voicu on 4th October. A brother for Ana.

On The Move

Jonnie, Mada and Ana McCrea have moved to 43 St John's Road EH12 6NU. We presume Jacob will be taking up residence there also.

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



Need any more clues as to whose 40th it is this month?

WONDERFULLY MADE**Tasmanian Devil**

The Tasmanian Devil is another unusual mammal. About the size of a small dog, with a body length of two feet and a tail half as long, it is black with white patches, usually on the rump and sometimes on the tail. While in the prehistoric past the animal was found in many parts of Eastern Australia, it is now to be found exclusively in the state of Tasmania, separated from mainland Australia by the Bass Strait. There it is most often seen as a road casualty. Since it is nocturnal, it is often hit by vehicles at night on the roads.

It is the largest of the living dasyurids - a flesh-eating marsupial - and is found in various types of habitat such as damp forest, woodland and scrubland. It spends the hours of daylight sheltering under fallen timber, in rock crevices or in hollow logs.

Adult animals are restricted to the surface of the

ground, but their young can climb trees with sloping trunks and prey on the eggs and young of nesting birds.

The young are kept in a backwardly-opening pouch for about 14 weeks and then suckled in a den until they become independent another 14 weeks later.

They are probably called devils because of their dark colour, their ferociousness and the loud screams they make when they are fighting one another for food. Since they usually feed and fight at night, their screams are all the more frightening. They feed on the carcasses of weak or immobilised mammals, birds - especially domestic poultry, and beetle larvae. Their jaws are extremely powerful and they can consume all the parts of a carcass and even crush the skull of a sheep.

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	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**

15 th Oct	Madaleine McCrea	Neil Campbell
22 nd Oct	Jocelyn Hammer	Jen Brannon
29 th Oct	Flora MacPhail	Kenny Macleod
5 th Nov	Anne Macrae	Evelyn MacDonald
12 th Nov	Norma MacLean	Mairi Forsyth

Amplifier

15 th Oct	Rob MacDonald
29 th Oct	Ken MacKenzie
5 th Nov	Douglas MacDonald
12 th Nov	Graham Hardy

Cleaning

14 th Oct	Kenny Macleod	Johnnie Macleod
21 st Oct	Heather Akroyd	
28 th Oct	Rob/Mary Bonne	Douglas MacDonald
4 th Nov	Dolina Macdonald	Calum /Norma Maclean
11 th Nov	Karen Murray	Rob MacDonald

Door Duty

15 th Oct	Eric Mackay Stephen Hammer	Alasdair Black Willie Lytle
22 nd Oct	Donald Forsyth Mairi Forsyth	Dolina Macdonald
29 th Oct	Willie Mackay Rob MacDonald	Calum Maclean Kenneth Macleod
5 th Nov	John MacRae Neil MacRae	Iain Gill
12 th Nov	Roddy MacLeod Ken MacKenzie	Neil Campbell Alison MacDonald

ACTIVITIES (in church building unless marked by *)

Sunday	11:00am	6:30pm
15 th Oct	Alex MacDonald	Alex MacDonald
22 nd Oct	Bob Akroyd	Bob Akroyd
29 th Oct	Alex MacDonald	Alex MacDonald (guest Service)
5 th Nov	Alex MacDonald	Alex MacDonald

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

*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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- 1) Check availability at www.buccleuchfreechurch.co.uk -> Newsletters -> Church Year Planner
- 2) Contact Alasdair Black (buccleuchyearplanner@hotmail.co.uk), who will check suitability with the ministers and respond to you