

Buccleuch & Greyfriars

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Minister's Update

I was very thankful to hear at the recent Presbytery meeting that Bob is staying as our Assistant Minister. While recognising the need of the Rosskeen congregation, both Bob and I feel that he has a unique work here which is ongoing. For the many of you who were not able to be there, the following is a summary of what I said to the Presbytery.

Inevitably some of us are going to be disappointed this evening, but I trust that we will all be able to accept the Lord's sovereign providence in whatever is decided.

I'm sure the need of the Rosskeen congregation is glaringly obvious to everyone here. Apart from anything else, they have no minister and Buccleuch has two.

It is also glaringly obvious that Dr Bob Akroyd has the necessary gifts to minister in a congregation like Rosskeen with the particular type of community outreach that has been established there over many years.

Bob has a unique combination of gifts: not only does he have great intellectual and academic abilities (with a

PhD in History) - apparent in his preaching; he also has great motivational and organisational skills; and supremely, great people skills in pastoring and outreach.

With this combination of gifts, it is obvious that Bob would do well in any pastoral situation, and particularly in Rosskeen.

Having said all that, why don't I just sit down and accept that he should go to Rosskeen?

I cannot do that, because I believe that Bob's skills and abilities are being used to their maximum in his ministry in Edinburgh. They are being used in unique ways that would be impossible to replicate elsewhere.

Notice I said "Edinburgh", not Buccleuch only. This is because Bob was appointed as an assistant minister with a particular outreach role. This role has developed over the years: Prison Chaplain, University Chaplain, Outreach to homeless people, Pastoral work with young people, Outreach to overseas students.

Let me give an example from the last few days: Last Thursday at Christianity

Explored we had 10 Chinese post-graduate students with no Christian background. Around eight of them were at Bob's table. I overheard him saying "But I wasn't a Christian when I first came to this country either..." That kind of testimony is invaluable.

On a more personal note, myself and my family have benefited enormously from Bob's ministry.

As far as our work is concerned, we have established a team ministry which would be very difficult, if not impossible, to replicate.

As you know, the 13 years I have been in Buccleuch have not been easy - coinciding as they have with major troubles in the Church, which I was thrust into from the beginning. They have been the hardest years of my life, and I would not have survived but for the grace of God.

But on this occasion, whatever the outcome tonight, I want to put it on record that, humanly speaking, I would not have survived (or survived as relatively intact as I have!) were it not for the support and encouragement of Bob Akroyd.

Now that Bob is staying, it

gives us stability for the present, and the ability to plan for the future. But it also places a huge responsibility on us as a congregation to fully support (with our encouragement, our work and our giving) Bob's appointment, bearing in mind that we have two ministers while other congregations have none.

Alex MacDonald

Assistant Minister's Update

Well, after a long time of consideration and prayer, I am staying here in Edinburgh as your assistant minister. Thank you to everyone who has prayed and has supported Heather and me over this period. I continue to pray for the congregation of Rosskeen and the people of Invergordon and Alness. Please pray that they would soon find a minister.

I am persuaded that doors of opportunity are open here in Edinburgh. Our recent Christianity Explored course has been a great encouragement to everyone who attends. It seems remarkable that each time this course has been run, completely new people to the congregation have come along. From school pupils to

international students, we have had a wide cross-section of our cosmopolitan community take part in discussion and exchange their ideas about the person and message of Jesus. Please pray that an appropriate follow-up to this course would continue to draw people along in their desire to find out more about the Bible and our Christian faith.

On Sundays especially at the morning service, we continue to welcome visitors from across Scotland and the world. Please make every effort to welcome new people who may be visiting Edinburgh or who may have come here to live work or study. A warm welcome and kind hospitality are among the most effective ways of introducing people to Christianity.

In addition to welcoming new people to the congregation, we have the responsibility of caring for and looking out for one another. There are many who need encouragement, support and help. A phone call, a card or letter can make all the difference to someone who may feel isolated or upset. There are many people in Edinburgh, but sometimes cities can be the

loneliest of places. Let us continue to strive and pray that our church is place of welcome and support. As we reach out to others, we realise now much we need God himself to comfort us and equip us. The opportunities are great and the challenges are many, but God has placed our church and its people here for a purpose – to worship God, to love one another and to reach out with the love of Jesus to a lost world.

Yours faithfully, Bob Akroyd

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

**Communion Weekend Friday
November 24th - Sunday
November 26th**

We next celebrate the Lord's Supper on **Sunday November 26th**. **Rev James MacIver** from the Knock Free Church on the Isle of Lewis, will be our

preacher for the entire weekend. If you are interested in joining the congregation by professing faith in Jesus Christ or by transferring your membership from another congregation, please contact Alex or Bob or any of the elders in the congregation. There are pre communion services on Friday 24th November and Saturday 25th November at 7.30pm. The services on Sunday are at their usual times of 11am and 6.30pm and the evening service is a joint service for all three Edinburgh congregations. The Sunday evening service will be evangelistic and would be an excellent opportunity to invite your friends to church to hear the good news of Jesus.

Missionary Speaker

There will be an after church fellowship tonight where Catriona Macdonald will update us about her work with OM.

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, December 13th. We will continue our studies in the New Testament book of Ephesians. Please read Ephesians 2:1-10 in preparation for the study. We are using 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, November 19th** at **11am** when **John Tweeddale** 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 on November 16th is “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)

Missionary Meeting at Buccleuch (December 6th) SASRA

On Wednesday December 6th, 7.30pm, there will be a Missionary Meeting in the Buccleuch hall when **Iain**

Alasdair Macdonald (father of Anne Macdonald and future father-in-law of Rob) will speak about the work of **SASRA** (Soldiers' and Airmen's Scripture Readers Association). Please make every effort to attend this meeting to support this work in prayer.

Meetings of Kirk Session and Deacons' Court

Kirk Session: will meet during the communion weekend.

Deacons' Court: on Tuesday 5th December at 7:30pm in the hall.

Deacons' Court

At the Deacons' Court meeting on 9th October the following decisions were made:

Water tank. The door duties will be redrafted to include water temperature testing for health and safety reasons. Work was carried out on the water tank on 12th October.

Kitchen dampness. It was agreed to allow the walls to dry out. Mary Campbell, Sarah Lytle and Elaine Murray have met to consider the refurbishment. (More on this under Ladies Fellowship Quiz Night).

Fixed Wiring Test. This work will be carried out during November.

Cycle Parking. A suitable rack will be bought from eBay .

Car Park. One disabled space and three others to be marked out on the tarmac.

Tower Room. It was agreed that a group should be formed to consider what work would be required to make this room more usable.

Public Address System Wiring. The wiring to be extended to the hall and two additional speakers to be purchased.

Work Team. A Team met on Saturday 28th October to deal with a large number of repairs, replacements and improvements around the church building. (Thanks are expressed to all those who helped.)

Stonework Survey. To be conducted.

Deacons' Court Meetings. It was agreed that in future, meetings of the Court will normally be held in February, May, August and November (although there will be a meeting on 5th December this year).

Lease Agreements. It was agreed that ALL Non Congregational users of the

church MUST have a Lease Agreement, irrespective of whether they are paying a rent or not.

International Students' Meal

International Meal: Free Food & Fellowship!

Attention all internationals: Our next International Meal is on 18th November 2006 hosted by Alasdair & Esther Black. Meet at the church at 6:30pm. For more information, please contact John & Angela Tweeddale xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
We look forward to seeing you!

John Tweeddale

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:

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 remaining topics are:

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 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 28th November - 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.

1st Dec: Cinema

15th Dec: Christmas Party

Christian Life and Work

Thank you to those of you who have expressed an interest in or prayed for the first meeting of Christian Life and Work which took place last month. Those who came along found it stimulating and helpful.

Each session looks at a different topic and so “stands alone”. This allows individuals to select particular subjects that interest them and come along. Our next meeting takes place on

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER at 7.30pm in the hall of Leith Free Church when we will look together at “Why on earth are we working?” This time we will have refreshments at the end of the evening giving people further opportunity to talk about issues that have been raised or want to discuss. Hope to see you there.

P.S. This group is for those looking for a job, about to start work, those presently employed and those of you who are retired (from whom we can learn loads!)

Joan Macdonald

Women's Fellowship

Quiz Night

The Women's Fellowship is hosting a quiz night on Friday 1st December to raise funds to help with the planned refurbishment of the Buccleuch kitchen.

The start time is 8pm and EVERYONE - men, women, boys and girls of all ages are welcome. If you want to take part then this is the deal.

1. The competition will be between teams of not more than 6 persons.

- 2. A donation of £30 will be payable by each team.
- 3. Teams will require to pay their donation to Mary Campbell or Mairi Forsyth by no later than Sunday 26th November.
- 4. Each team is required to choose a coordinator and a team name eg. "Buccleuch Brains". Both of these names should be given to Mary Campbell or Mairi Forsyth by 26th Nov.
- 5. If you do not wish to be in a team but would like to support the fundraiser you will be most welcome. £2.50 can be paid at the door.
- 6. There will be a prize for the winning team.
- 7. There will be a Christmas Gift Stall that night. To find out more about this contact Mairi Forsyth.

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 Mairi Forsyth - 228 4791
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 Mary Campbell - 343 6067 -
 mxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
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Mary Campbell & Mairi
 Forsyth

Gift Stall

It is hoped that we can have a Christmas gift stall at the

Buccleuch Quiz Night to help with the fund raising effort. If you knit, sew, make cards, jam, chutney, jewellery, etc we would appreciate anything you can produce before 1st December! If you have any questions speak to Mairi Forsyth.

Mairi Forsyth

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

Copies of the new Congregational Directory are now available. Please see Bob Akroyd if you haven't already received a copy.

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

Men's Meal

Sixteen of the men in Buccleuch gathered to eat exotic dead things and have fun on 4th November at the Khublai Khan Mongolian Barbecue Restaurant. A good time was had by all.

Now that the rumour is going around amongst the ladies of Buccleuch that the men are starting to organise

themselves, what should we do next?

Some ideas:

- * Hillwalking trip
- * Trip to Ratho Adventure Centre
- * Bike maintenance classes
- * A bike trip somewhere
- * Cookery classes
- * Ten pin bowling
- * Football tournament
- * Frisbeeing

I thought we could do something once every three months or so. Who wants to organise our next social outing?

Steven Hammer

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 Deacons' 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

From Edinburgh City Mission(ECM)

Edinburgh City Mission (ECM) has launched the “Jesus is my Reason” campaign which aims to challenge all Christians to ensure Jesus is central on every Christmas Card they send this year. Jesus is getting crowded out by the secularisation of Christmas, and ECM wants to encourage Christians to be bold enough to assert their faith. To help people do this, we are offering free sheets of specially designed stickers.

At ECM we are passionate about evangelism, and we'd be delighted to hear from you if you'd like to find out more about us, or explore opportunities of working together to reduce spiritual poverty in our communities.

Please do all you can to raise awareness in your congregation of the “Jesus is my Reason” campaign this Christmas.

Thanks in advance
Bill Chalmers, Church
Relations, ECM
Tel 0131 554 6140
www.ecm.org.uk

Bethany Christmas Tree Initiative

The nights are drawing in and the hours of daylight are getting fewer, a sure indicator that Christmas is getting closer. As the darkness increases we begin to make festive plans to dispel the gloom of winter.

With decorations and seasonal lighting we bring cheer to our homes and communities. Candles, sparkling tinsel, Christmas trees and strings of lights appear in homes, shops and offices to mark the birth of the Christ in the world.

The Apostle John uses the image of a light shining in the darkness dispelling gloom to describe the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In the depth of a dark Scottish winter when we crave the light, this metaphor is particularly poignant. We like light; it means safety, warmth, it is cheering.

We don't like to be left out in the cold and dark. Yet this is the reality for some people today. Every day on our city streets we pass homeless people left out in the cold and dark without light or love in their lives. John tells us that God is love and since God so

loved us, we also ought to love one another. How can people experience that light and love when they have no contact with it?

As a practical outworking of Christian faith, bringing light to the lives of those in darkness, Bethany seeks to show God's love to people on the fringes of society. Bethany's Winter Care Shelter works with over 60 churches across the city to provide homeless and vulnerable people with a place where they can experience warmth, comfort and love over the coldest winter months.

To help fund the Care Shelter, Bethany run Caring Christmas Trees. The enterprise, run extensively by volunteers, sells top quality Christmas trees that people must order in advance. For the cost of one Caring Christmas Tree, the Care Shelter provides a homeless person with a hot meal, a bed for the night and breakfast.

To support the Care Shelter again this year and make a difference in the lives of homeless and vulnerable people please buy a Caring Christmas Tree, and encourage your friends and colleagues to do the

same. The purchase of your Caring Christmas Tree could provide the opportunity for a homeless person to turn their life around and leave the darkness of life on the streets.

In short, by buying a Caring Christmas Tree, you are allowing someone to experience God's love in a practical way and giving them hope - and you get a beautiful tree to enjoy all Christmas.

Trees can be ordered on-line at <http://www.caringchristmastrees.com> or by phoning 0845 111 TREE (8733)

Last date for orders is 10 December.

Bethany needs 440 volunteers to help with promotions and distribution of trees. To volunteer visit our website or call the tree hotline above or email info@caringchristmastrees.com

Claire Durham

Bethany Events & Promotions

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Sam MacLean who has a birthday on 8th November and to Carys Lytle who has a birthday on 26th November.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Rob and Emma Burns on the safe arrival of Micaiah Wallace on the 17th October. A wee brother for Emma and Isaiah

Congratulations to Iain and Marion on the safe arrival Kirsten, born on 16th October. Iain and Marion would like to take the opportunity to especially thank Anna for her calm manner and assistance with a lift to the hospital at a rather unsociable hour - almost as if she had seen a woman about to go into labour before!

On The Move

Joan Macdonald has moved to Flat 3, 35 Wester Drylaw Park, Drylaw

Illness

Let us remember Ian MacLeod (Bruntsfield) who suffered a stroke last month and is now in the Astley Ainslie Hospital receiving rehabilitation treatment.

WONDERFULLY MADE
THE BLUE-RINGED OCTOPUS AND
THE BLACK STINGRAY

Many animals have mechanisms that they may use to defend themselves. Some of these are dangerous to humans and it is important to be aware of what these are, how they work, and when they may be used. Normally these are not used except to defend the animal when it senses that danger threatens. However, an animal may consider that it is being threatened even when there is really no such threat.

The blue-ringed octopus is found in Australian waters. In the north it grows to about eight inches and in the south to about five. In a rock pool the octopus is inconspicuous, but when disturbed or taken out of the water, it turns very dark and the rings on its tentacles become bright peacock blue.

It differs from other species of octopus in that it only uses its ink sacs to deter predators in its infancy; it only lays 100 - 200 eggs which remain fastened to the mother's arms until they hatch - in contrast to the thousands of eggs attached to rocks or plants laid by other species of octopus.

This type of octopus only breeds once and the females die shortly after hatching their eggs.

Both species of the blue-ringed octopus found in Australia can be deadly to humans. When provoked they will use their parrot-like beaks to pierce the skin, forcing venomous saliva into the wound. Within minutes paralysis sets in and the capacity to breathe is lost, although the person may remain conscious. Artificial respiration may keep the person alive until the effect of the poison wears off, but that may take an hour or two. Fortunately, the octopus is not aggressive to humans and rarely bites unless taken out of the water.

The black stingray is found in the warmer waters of the north of Australia and has become more widely known because of the death of Steve Irwin who was swimming above one when it clearly considered that it was being threatened and fired off the barbed spine which projects from the base of its tail. The spine penetrated his heart and caused his death.

In 'the Scotsman' of 20th October there was the report of

an 81-year-old man in Florida who was stung by a stingray after it had jumped on to his boat and he had tried to remove it. In this case it was a spotted eagle ray and it left a foot-long barb in his chest. The man suffered a collapsed lung, but surgeons were able to remove the barb.

The stingray is often about three feet across, shaped like a triangle with the longest side at the front and wings on either side which they use to propel themselves in the water and a long thin tail protruding from the rear apex of the body. The barbed spine projects from the base of the tail and its edges carry rows of sharp back-pointing barbs which cause

tears and lacerations. Two grooves with venom glands run along the top of the spine and poison can enter the gashes made by the barbs. This causes pain, but is not normally life-threatening.

Stingrays lie on the ocean floor or bury themselves in the sand or mud. They are related to sharks, but their teeth are small and are used to grind molluscs and crustaceans that form their diet. The spine is used to deter enemies, but the rays are not basically aggressive and the death of Steve Irwin probably occurred because the ray considered that his presence was a serious threat to it.

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**

19 th Nov	Kirsty Clunie	Jonnie McCrea
26 th Nov	Neil Campbell	Jocelyn Hammer
3 rd Dec	Jen Brannon	Flora MacPhail
10 th Dec	Kenny MacLeod	Anne MacRae
17 th Dec	Evelyn MacDonald	Norma MacLean

Amplifier

19 th Nov	Rob MacDonald
26 th Nov	Ken MacKenzie
3 rd Dec	Douglas MacDonald
10 th Dec	Graham Hardy

Cleaning

18 th Nov	Lois Eddie	Mairi Forsyth
25 th Nov	Esther/Alasdair Black	Alison MacDonald
2 nd Dec	Kenny MacLeod	Johnnie Macleod
9 th Dec	Heather Akroyd	
16 th Dec	Mary/Rob Bonne	Douglas MacDonald

Door Duty

19 th Nov	Eric Mackay Stephen Hammer	Alasdair Black Willie Lytle
26 th Nov	Donald Forsyth Mairi Forsyth	Dolina Macdonald
3 rd Dec	Willie Mackay Rob MacDonald	Calum Maclean Kenneth Macleod
10 th Dec	John MacRae Neil MacRae	Iain Gill
17 th Dec	Roddy MacLeod Ken MacKenzie	Neil Campbell Alison MacDonald

ACTIVITIES (in church building unless marked by *)

Sunday	11:00am	6:30pm
19 th Nov	John Tweedale (Guest Service)	John Tweedale
24 th Nov	Preparatory service at 7:30pm	James MacIver
25 th Nov	Preparatory Service at 7:30pm	James MacIver
26 th Nov	James MacIver Communion	James MacIver (Guest Service)
3 rd Dec	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)
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Wednesday

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

Thursday

*Eight-a-side Football	9:30pm – contact William Lytle (477 1403)
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Friday

Mothers and Toddlers	10:00am-12 noon
Women's Fellowship	as announced

Saturday

Prayer Breakfast	9am
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PROCEDURE FOR BOOKING THE CHURCH HALL

- 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