

Buccleuch & Greyfriars

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Summer 2007

Minister's Update

Summertime and the livin'
is easy

Fish are jumpin' and the
cotton is high (George
Gershwin)

Summer's here and the
time is right

To go racin' in the street
(Bruce Springsteen)

Popular song is full of references to summer. Summer is either a time to take life easy, or a time for frantic activity. Either way it's a time for leisure and pleasure. We feel this particularly in the most northerly and most southerly regions of the world, where the days of winter are short and cold, but the days of summer are long and warmer (although not always the latter as May and most of June demonstrated this year!)

It's good to have times of relaxation and leisure and holiday. Our human nature requires it. Jesus himself took his disciples away by themselves for a time to rest (Mark 6:31). And it is God who created the world and ordered the seasons:

“It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter” (Psalm 74:17) and “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease” (Gen. 8:22). God made summer!

But the Bible also speaks of summer as a time of opportunity. That is because it is the time to get the harvests in. For most of us city-dwellers, this is something we tend to forget, because we can go into any supermarket and buy almost any food at any time of the year, due to the ease of transport from any part of the world. But in Biblical times (and indeed throughout most of the world still) summer is the time of harvest and you have to take the opportunity, you have to get the harvest in at the right time.

One of the most plaintive cries in the Old Testament is “The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved” (Jer.8:20). It speaks of opportunities missed. And there was no need for it. Jeremiah exclaims, “Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is

there no healing for the wound of my people?" There is no excuse for our missed opportunities. The Great Physician is ready to apply his remedy. All we have to do is come to him. The gift of eternal life is being freely offered. Take it!

The passing of the seasons also reminds us that time is short. Jesus said, "Now learn this lesson from the fig-tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away" (Matt. 24:32ff). What was Jesus speaking about? He was talking about the coming destruction of Jerusalem and linking that to the last great Day of Judgement. We see the signs that time is passing—and passing very quickly. Take the opportunity now!

Summer is the time to work. It's no use trying to harvest in winter. It's not use waiting until winter to do all

those jobs that require dry warm weather—painting the outside of the house and so on. It's no use waiting till winter to harvest the strawberries. Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest" (Proverbs 6:6-8). Take the opportunities! Work while it is day!

Alex MacDonald

Assistant Minister's Update

I needed a cook for camp – 7 days in Uist, beautiful beaches and plenty of water activities but no cook. I should have organized that about six months ago but for one reason or another which seemed like a good idea at the time, I did nothing but hoped for the best. Camp was a mere 17 days away and our only prospect for a cook said no. 15 teenagers and 7 leaders needed to be fed after a day of water sports and no one was lined up to do it. I did two things, I prayed and sent an SOS to my friend Iain MacAskill and within 24 hours we had a cook who was eager to help.

Last week, I learned that

my dad's health and strength has been steadily deteriorating and I wondered whether I should go home for a visit. The timing was not right – especially with camp so close but I asked those I knew best for their advice and prayers and I too prayed for guidance. Very quickly commitments were reorganized and a very cheap ticket was found. So now I can celebrate Dad's 75th birthday on July 1st and America's 231st birthday on July 4th.

There are many lessons that can be gleaned from these events, not least not to put off important decisions while hoping for the best. These two events reminded me of a passage in James – a letter noted for its direct upfront style. James encouraged his audience, "Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise." (James 5:13) and then he cited the example of Elijah, "Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops." (James 5:17 – 18). The simple

lesson – if you are in trouble - pray; if you are in need – pray; if someone is sick - pray; if you don't know the answer – pray. Paul gave this helpful summary, "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 18). See you on Wednesday night or Saturday morning! There is plenty to pray about.

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

Summer Student Placement

Since May 28th, John Johnstone, a first year student at the Free Church College, has been on placement with us. John has already preached several services and has visited many in the congregation.

Please continue to make every effort to make John and his wife Sarah and their children Rachel and Samuel feel welcome in Buccleuch and pray that this experience would be a blessing to him and to our own congregation.

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.

Communion Services - Sunday August 26th

We next celebrate the Lord's Supper on Sunday August 26th. Alex MacDonald will conduct the Communion service at 11am. There will be a pre-communion service on Saturday 25th August at 7.30pm which will also be conducted by Alex. If you are interested in joining the congregation by professing faith in Jesus Christ or by transferring your membership from another congregation, the session would be delighted to

meet with you on Saturday evening after the service.

Home Bible Study

There will be no home Bible studies in the months of July and August. The next home Bible study will be on Wednesday, September 12th. We will continue our studies in the New Testament book of Ephesians using a Bible study book prepared by John Stott.

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, 24 Blantyre Terrace, EH10 5AE (447 6908)

South West

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

Buccleuch Church Hall

Prayer meeting

The First Wednesdays – July 4th, August 1st & September 5th @ 7.30pm Church Hall

On the first Wednesday of each month (July 4th, August 1st & September 5th), at the usual time of 7.30pm, we are encouraging the entire congregation to join together in prayer in the hall. If you can attend only one prayer meeting in the month, please make every effort to attend this meeting. If you don't usually attend the midweek meeting, please attend this meeting. The focus will be on prayer with a reading and a short Bible message. The meeting will finish promptly at 8.30pm. We as a session realise that there are legitimate pressures on many in the congregation. We do not wish to add to these burdens but rather to find a way to encourage regular and concerted prayer in the congregation.

Of course we will continue to have our regular Prayer Meeting and Bible studies and Home Bible Studies on the other Wednesday evenings and each Saturday morning at 9am we will have our prayer breakfast where all

are welcome to share food fellowship and prayer.

Bob Akroyd

Guest Service

The next in our series of guest services will be on Sunday, August 26th at 6.30pm when Alex MacDonald will preach. Please take this opportunity to invite your friends to church.

Thursday Night Dessert & Discussion

(**New Time:** 7.00pm - 9.00pm)
Following our Discipleship Explored Course, we are running a follow-up course entitled "Just for Starters" on Thursday nights in Buccleuch Church Hall. We start at 7pm and we are serving dessert and tea and coffee. We will cover the following topics:

July 5 Saved by God
July 12 Trusting in God
July 19 Living God's way
July 26 Listening to God

Please come along, enjoy dessert, listen to a talk and join in a discussion. For more information contact: John Tweeddale, 667 7990, jxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx or Jeff Brannon, 557 3297, jxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Meetings of Kirk Session and Deacons' Court

The Kirk Session will meet on the following Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the manse (except at Communion, when they will be held in the vestry).

July - No meeting
 August 25th/26th Communion
 September 18th
 October 7th Communion
 October 23rd
 November 23rd-25th Comm.
 December - No meeting

The Deacons' Court will meet on the following Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the hall.

August 21st
 October 16th
 December 4th

Informal English Classes

The informal English classes will resume after the summer holidays.

The Klub

Thank you to all the leaders for organising the Klub's programme this year.

Summer Sunday School

There is a sign up sheet for the Summer Sunday school in the hall. We require two people to help with this each week. Please

see Willie Lytle for further details.

Thanks to all the Sunday school teachers for all their work with the children this session.

EEFC Camps

This year Eastern Europe for Christ camps are very low on leaders. The camps run in Hungary and Romania for a week each from 7th July to 11th Aug. They involve teaching English to teenagers as well as leading Bible studies. They're a great way to spread the Gospel and over the years people of all ages have found them a worthwhile way to spend a week in the summer. If you're at all interested speak to Rob.

SOULGAI 07

A revised version of 'Soulgait' - which last year ran for one week in the Edinburgh Fringe - will this year run from 6th to 19th August at 5.50 pm on week-days and 3.00 pm on Sundays. In this show audiences join actors and strolling singers and musicians on a walk around the Old Town using the Psalms to highlight both key events in Edinburgh's history and the relevance of God's Word for today. The

starting point is Parliament Square on the east side of St Giles. Tickets - £5 (£4) - can be purchased from the Fringe Booking Office, High Street, (www.edfringe.com or Tel: 226 0000) or at start of the tour. 'Soulgait' presents a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbours who may be church-shy.

Silent Auction

The silent auction will now take place in September.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Illness

Let us remember Betty Bell who has been unwell for the past few weeks and to her family Ronnie, Morag, Jean and Lindsey who have been caring for her.

Let us also remember Bob who is in America this week to see his family (see Assistant Minister's Update).

Happy Birthday

A belated happy birthday to Mhairi and Ana who had birthdays in June.

Happy birthday to Beth

who has a birthday on 16th July, Angus on the 7th July, Neil M. on the 28th August and Dolina on the 10th August.



A special Happy Birthday to Mabel Fraser who celebrated her 90th Birthday on the 14th of June.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Amy Campbell, who has been made Dux at the Royal High School.

Congratulations to James Forsyth who graduated Master of Divinity in May in the USA.



Mentoring

The Kirk Session wishes to commend mentoring to the congregation, with the objective “to partner individuals with mature Christians, for spiritual sharing and prayer together”. If you would like to be mentored, or wish to find out more about what is proposed, please contact Alex or Bob (phone numbers and email addresses to be found at the end of this newsletter) or any of the other members of the Kirk Session. At the end of the summer a small team appointed by the Kirk Session will then pair you up with a mentor. There will be training provided for the mentors, and the system will be reviewed annually.

Crèche Helpers

Due to the fact we have an increasing number of children in the crèche, we are having to increase the helpers from two to three each week to meet the ratio guidelines (1:3).

So we're looking for more helpers. If you have already been disclosed, that would be ideal. However, if you haven't yet been disclosed, we can look at getting the appropriate forms sorted out. Please speak to Norma MacLean.

Children's Safety

The crèche has now moved to the opposite side of the church (vestry side). The screens will remain up until the church is vacated, so that children can be collected from the crèche / preschool safely. Juice will be served to the children there. Due to Health and Safety children MUST NOT be at the kitchen side of the hall unsupervised. If children are in the church, then they need to be supervised, and should not be eating, drinking or climbing over the pews.

The Weekend Away

The congregational weekend away took around forty of us, of

varying ages, to Pitlochry. As a relative novice to such events I was looking forward to it, but not quite sure what to expect.

The weekend began with worship on Friday evening. Those of us who arrived in advance headed out to various eating establishments for some dinner.

Saturday morning brought with it good weather and even better talks from Steven Myers on Revelation. The hotel provided a hearty breakfast (food was to prove an integral part of the weekend, to my delight) and then we settled down to be enlightened. And enlightening it was. Having found Revelation to be among the more opaque books of the Bible, it was amazing to hear a well-studied and spirit-led exposition of the book as a whole. Not only did I emerge with a better understanding of Revelation, but also, in its turn, of the whole Bible. For example: the numbers in the book centre on seven, ten or multiples (or fractions) thereof. Seven and ten are representative of perfection. I was aware of the latter point in respect to the number seven, but I had never before noticed the relationship

between the numbers in the book. In this, I was not alone. The incomprehensible revealed to make perfect sense. In such moments I feel the infinite, benevolent, wisdom of the Lord is almost palpable.

After more food :o) Saturday afternoon was given over to communal activities. There was something for everyone, including trips to Blair Castle, Scotland's smallest distillery, swimming, putting, a short hike up a Corbett, and games. This was a great time to enjoy one of the primary purposes of the weekend away: fellowship. In a congregation the size of Buccleuch it is possible to speak to many, without speaking to all. The weekend away is a perfect antidote to that problem. It is an opportunity to forge new relations and strengthen existing ones.



After more food :o) :o) Saturday evening was a time for more fellowship. This began with what felt like a throw-back to teenaged years: make-up and spots (in the context of a game). Some of us proved to be more prone to spots than others...

On Sunday we had a morning service and then headed back to Edinburgh, tired but happy (and rather stiff in my case, owing to over-exuberant hill climbing the previous afternoon).

Thus, my first congregational weekend away had come to an end.

I thoroughly enjoyed myself and shall (d.v.) be going again next year. Again, in this, I was not alone.

Rebecca Maslin

Anyone for Tennis?

Come and keep fit on a Saturday morning and have a game of tennis. We are now playing at Craiglockhart due to the weather, and the time can vary. If you are interested speak to Evelyn, Heather, Mairi or Moira.

Greeting cards

Alison Fraser has a selection of greeting cards for sale price

£1.25. They are hand crafted by the ladies at the Lima Evangelical Seminary. If you would like any more information or to see examples of the cards please speak to Alison Fraser.

Pregnancy Crisis Centre Update

Amica Pregnancy Crisis Centre is located at 29 Nicolson Square, above the Clydesdale Bank. It is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 am until 6 pm.

The centre is staffed mostly by volunteers who have been trained to see men and women with unplanned pregnancies or who are struggling to come to terms with a previous abortion experience. The volunteers, management committee and trustees are all Christians from a variety of churches in Edinburgh and the Lothians. We see people from many backgrounds and of many ages - from young teenagers to people in their late forties and older. Some people may still be looking for a safe place to talk about something that may have happened many years ago.

At the present time we

have many opportunities and many challenges.

Opportunities

We are currently preparing for the new academic year and endeavouring to build a strong team of volunteers who will be willing to go into schools to educate young people about the difficult consequences of unplanned pregnancies and abortions. We are putting together a training programme to help people who might have the gifts needed for this exciting work. We have a policy of going into schools in twos as this allows more opportunity for interaction in small groups. We also would team up people with different skills and one of the pair would be a volunteer who has experience of working in the centre.

Challenges

We are urgently looking for people to support the work in a number of ways. Recently quite a number of people have had to step down from their involvement. This includes the coordinator, our legal advisor, treasurer, trustees and some of the volunteers. Many of these roles do not demand huge

amounts of time, in fact some of what is required is very minimal. In my experience, people who know their subject can do in seconds what it might take the uninitiated hours and weeks to achieve. What is a burden to some can be a joy to another! So please keep reading. No one is going to be invited to do something they just cannot do, but I am sure that within the readership there will be those who have the talents we are looking for. In fact you may phone and find the job already taken and then you could feel good about having been willing.

Project Co-ordinator (paid post)

Job purpose: to provide vision for the work of Amica including work in schools, manage and promote the Centre, seek funding and liaise externally. The hours are negotiable.

Legal advisor

The main areas where we have required legal advice and input have been to do with employment law, commercial property (drawing up the lease for the property we rent), and also training regarding the

abortion law. The input we are looking for does not demand a great deal of time and sometimes the input required is in bursts, such as when we need a new lease negotiated every 5 years.

Accountant/Treasurer

The above role involves dealing with salaries every month (there are only three employees so this takes up a few minutes each month), answering ad hoc queries, attending committee meetings and preparing accounts from the already prepared cash book (about 15 hours work in the year).

Trustees

There is a group of trustees who are ultimately responsible for the direction of the work, the management of the centre and the employment of staff. At present we are looking to recruit at least two new trustees. There are three or four trustee/management committee meetings a year and it is useful if the trustee can attend all of these. They usually take place in the evening at 29 Nicolson Square. The main qualities we are looking for in such a person are a commitment to and

enthusiasm for Amica's objectives. People who have been involved in the past have come from a wide variety of backgrounds, so it is not a professional qualification we are looking for. To quote one trustee "the position is not an onerous one."

Volunteers to work in the centre and local secondary schools

Amica is largely staffed by volunteers who have been appropriately trained for the work they are expected to do. We are urgently needing volunteers who are prepared to join a schools team and also volunteers to work in the centre. There will be opportunities to train for these roles. The work of Amica has transformed many lives over the years and we really need more help for this to continue. The main qualification for helping is simply a desire to help women and men with unplanned pregnancies.

We would ask you to give prayerful consideration regarding these needs. It may be that you would be able to become involved in one of these ways or it may be that you

know of someone who would be suitable. It does not have to take up too much of your time. As Amica is a Christian charity, we would ask that all those who become involved would share our ethos.

Once again thank you to all who encourage and support us in this work by your expressions of concern, practical involvement, prayer and financial giving. It is very much appreciated.

FUND RAISING DINNER in support of Amica Pregnancy Crisis Centre

It is planned to have a dinner and auction to help raise funds for Amica on Saturday 27th October at 7.00pm in St Columba's Free Church hall. The occasion will be appropriate for people of all ages and sexes to attend. Tickets will cost £15.00 each. It will be possible to reserve a table of eight, so why not get a group of friends together and use it as an opportunity to catch up.

Here are just a few examples of what we will be auctioning:

- Christmas gift wrapping service

- Dinner for 6 prepared and served in your own home
- Relaxing Massage
- Foot pampering appointment with chiropodist

There will be more details about this event in future newsletters, but this is advance notice to get this important date in your diaries.

For further information on any of these subjects please contact Liz Ferguson in any of the following ways.

Address:- Amica PCC
29 Nicolson Square
Edinburgh
EH8 9BX

Work Tel 0131 667 7800

Home Tel 0131 664 7567

E-mail enquiries@amicapcc.org

Check out our web site:
www.amicapcc.org

CHURCH FINANCES

See the statement from the Congregational Treasurer, Donald Forsyth, on the following page.

March 2007

1. Attendances

The average attendances at Sunday services are as follows:

	This year	Last year
Average – morning service	127	134
Average – evening service	66	79

2. Giving to Buccleuch

Those of you who attended the AGM will have already heard my plea to the congregation to increase their contributions to Buccleuch. Increase your contributions by 15% because:

- You haven't increased your giving for ages
- Your income has increased since you last considered your giving
- The rate of income tax is going down
- We need to pay for the kitchen
- There's lots of good work to do

3. Financials

Statement of financial activities	General Fund	Fabric Fund	Special Millennium	Funds Other	31/03/2007 Total
Gross ordinary income	£23,735		£3,705	£751	£28,191
Transfer to fabric fund	-£2,373	£2,373			£0
Net ordinary income	£21,362	£2,373	£3,705	£751	£28,191
Expenses	-£6,111	£0	-£3,705	-£600	-£10,416
Surplus before EDO and central funds	£15,251	£2,373	£0	£151	£17,775
Extra-denominational objects	£0				£0
Church funds	-£12,000				-£12,000
Deficit for the year	£3,251	£2,373	£0	£151	£5,775
Opening balance - at start of year	£0	£20,195	£5	£7,195	£27,395
Closing balance - at 31 March 2007	£3,251	£22,568	£5	£7,346	£33,170

4. General fund

Income of **£23,735** is £1,000 less than the budget and c£2,500 **more than** the same period last year. Expenditure so far is below budget and below last year.

5. Fabric fund

At 31 March we hadn't spent anything on fabric – we spent about £15,000 on the kitchen in April. The total cost will be in excess of £30,000. This will wipe out the existing fabric fund and the special funds that we've raised for the kitchen to date.

6. AGM

If you didn't make it to the AGM and would like a copy of the full accounts for 2006, please email me donaldcforsyth@hotmail.com and I'll send you a pdf of the signed accounts.

Donald Forsyth

Congregational Treasurer
5 May 2007

Buccleuch & Greyfriars Management Accounts
January to March 2007

WONDERFULLY MADE

The Light of Her Eye

Paul Brand, the leader of a leprosy research team in India, was married to Margaret, an ophthalmologist who became an expert eye surgeon. She often took a mobile unit into the Indian countryside where, on a specific date and in a designated building, she would receive a number of Indians who had severe eye infections or were blind. If no building were available, they would set up operating tables under a shade-giving tree. Sometimes two doctors would perform over one hundred operations in a day.

In 1956, the team worked for several weeks in an area that had been devastated by drought for five years. The wells of drinking water were dry. People came from all directions, begging for food. Thinking that they would have to stay at the camp to receive food, some volunteered for unnecessary surgery to get something to eat. One even asked that an eye be removed quite unnecessarily so that he would receive the food available at the camp.

Young boys volunteered

to assist at the camp. Margaret was helped by a shy youngster of about 12 years of age. The lad stood on a box in a baggy hospital gown with instructions to hold a torch so that the light beamed on the cornea of the patient's eye. Margaret was unsure whether a young village boy who had never watched surgery could endure seeing people's eyes sliced open and stitched together again.

The boy carried out his duties with remarkable composure. During the first five operations he followed instructions with great precision, changing the angle of light when requested and aiming the beam with a steady, confident hand. But during the sixth operation, he faltered. When Margaret gave the direction, "Show the light properly", he would do so briefly, but then he would move the light away from the eye she was operating on. Obviously he could not bear to watch the eye she was working on. Margaret stopped and asked if he was feeling unwell.

Tears ran down his cheeks and he stuttered, "Oh, doctor -I, I cannot look. This one, she is my mother."

Ten days later, the boy's suffering was over. His mother's stitches were removed, and the team gave her spectacles. At first the light dazzled her, but finally she focused and for the first time in her life saw her son. A smile

broke out on her face as she reached out to touch him. "My son," she said, "I thought I knew you, but today I see you." And she drew him close to her.

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**

1 st July	Jocelyn Hammer Jennifer Macleod Neil Campbell.
8 th July	Flora MacPhail Jen Brannon Anne MacRae.
15 th July	Kenny Macleod Evelyn MacDonald Lisa Myers
22 nd July	Mairi Forsyth Anne MacDonald Norma Maclean
29 th July	Alison Wall Sarah Lytle Kirsty Clunie.

Amplifier

1 st July	Graham
8 th July	Shanana
15 th July	Ken
22 nd July	Kenny

Cleaning

30 th June	Kenny Macleod Johnnie Macleod Rebecca Copty
7 th July	Lois Eddie Dolina Mac. Mairi Forsyth
14 th July	Rob/Mary Bonne Michael Bennett
21 st July	Calum/Norma Maclean Karen Murray
28 th July	Alasdair/Esther Black Heather Akroyd
4 th Aug	Kenny Macleod Johnnie Macleod Rebecca Copty

Door Duty

1 st July	Willie Mackay	Calum MacLean
	Rob MacDonald	Kenneth Macleod
8 th July	John MacRae	Neil MacRae
	Chris Somerville	Jenny Somerville
15 th July	Roddy Macleod	Neil Campbell
	Ken Mackenzie	Alison MacDonald
22 nd July	Eric Mackay	Alasdair Black
	Esther Black	Stephen Hammer
29 th July	Donald Forsyth	Mairi Forsyth
	Dolina Macdonald	Willie Lytle

ACTIVITIES (in church building unless marked by *)

Sunday	11:00am	6:30pm
1 st July	John Johnstone	John Johnstone
8 th July	John Johnstone	Alex MacDonald
15 th July	Bob Akroyd	Bob Akroyd
22 nd July	Bob Akroyd	Bob Akroyd
29 th July	Alex MacDonald	Alex MacDonald
5 th Aug.	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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Buccleuch and Greyfriars web page www.buccleuchfreechurch.co.uk

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