

Buccleuch & Greyfriars

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Minister's Update

It was exciting to finally see my book *Tell Me the Story* in print. I did write two earlier books, *Love Minus Zero* and *Creation in Crisis?* But I feel this one is more special somehow. The other books were attempts to rationally analyse some of the problems facing the contemporary world and provide pointers to Biblical answers. In the very nature of the case, they have tended to date.

Tell Me the Story is different. It is, as you know, an imaginative retelling of gospel encounters with Jesus. As such, I hope it will communicate with people on a deeper than rational level – on the level of enjoyment, imagination and emotion. Hopefully also, as stories, they will last.

I have to thank many people in bringing the book into being. There were of course the staff of Christian Focus and the editor they engaged, Colin Duriez, who was most helpful. But I would also like to record my thanks to you as part of the congregation of Buccleuch. In one sense you pulled these stories out of me. It was initially my desire to communicate the

gospel to you and the friends you would bring along to the Guest Services which led me to think of this approach (which I understand since has been used elsewhere, particularly in America, but was novel here). But also, the encouragement I received from a wide range of people in the congregation meant that the stories kept on coming!

These stories were never written as some kind of intellectual exercise or a dry experiment in evangelistic technique. They were written conscious of people's needs and in the midst of a busy pastoral, congregational and denominational situation. Some were written under great pressure and in a ridiculously short space of time; others took some more research and time. But all were written with the feeling they had to be written and they had to be told, and most were written with tears.

So if this collection of stories proves helpful in bringing people to know Jesus or to know him better, you will have played your part in that. Thank you.

Alex MacDonald

Assistant Minister's Update

As I hurriedly pack for a brief trip to Istanbul, I am reminded of the weekend of warm fellowship as we celebrated the Lord's Supper. It was great to enjoy fellowship with Kenny Macleod over the weekend and we assure him of our prayers for himself, his family and his congregation in Carloway. It was especially encouraging to see the church so full on Sunday evening for the joint service with Leith and to hear of the Father's love for his prodigal sons. Many who heard the messages this weekend are not committed Christians - maybe God was challenging you through his word or even through the testimony that Kenny gave of his own conversion at the fellowship after the evening service. God is most surely speaking to us all through the events of our lives and most clearly through his word. If you are already a Christian, pray for those who are not yet Christians that they would receive the needed strength and assurance to profess faith in the Saviour. Some are undoubtedly close to the kingdom. If you are reading this brief note and you realise

that you are not yet a Christian, now is the best time to set the record straight and to come as you are to the one who promises to receive you; to the only one who is both able and willing to help you. I pray that both word and sacrament will be speaking boldly to many after the services this weekend. Remember the verse which Kenny quoted in one of his sermons, John 1:12-13, "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God." To become a Christian it is the simple equation of receive + believe = become. Receive Christ, Believe in his name and you become a member of his family by faith - this simple step will transform your life and your eternity.

Why am I going to Turkey you may ask? Well, for less than 48 hours, I'll be meeting workers supported by the International Missions Board of the Free Church of Scotland. We all need encouragement. Those who are facing opposition and persecution for

their faith in Jesus are easily disheartened and discouraged. Please pray for the work of the Gospel in Turkey a vast country in terms of size and population and pray specifically for Gurhan and Elcin and their two sons that they would know the grace and peace which comes from serving Jesus.

Bob Akroyd

Bereavement

It is with great sadness that we record the passing of Principal (emeritus) Clement Graham. He had cancer for several years, but it was only recently his condition took a turn for the worse, and he died early on Tuesday evening just as his brethren were gathering for a Presbytery meeting in Perth. But ere they met, he was called to a higher gathering where he would see the Lord face to face, the Lord who had prepared a place for him. For us there is the sadness of separation and loss; for him there is “joy unspeakable and full of glory.”

We extend our sympathy to John and his wife and family, Cora and Hamish and their family, Ann and Alan and their family.

The funeral service is to

be held in Buccleuch on Tuesday (4th) at 1pm, with the burial in Drumnadrochit the following day.

A full tribute will appear in the next issue of the newsletter.

Alex MacDonald

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. Please feel free to contact either of our ministers for information, pastoral support, and advice. Their contact details are:

Alex MacDonald (667 4651, alexjmacdonald@blueyonder.co.uk) or

Bob Akroyd (664-6306, bobandheather@talk21.com)

Congregational Directory - 2007/8

The new congregational directory has been published. If you would like a copy, please see Alex or Bob.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**Congregational Meeting**

There will be a congregational meeting in connection with a petition to the General Assembly to renew Bob's Assistantship. The meeting will be held at the close of the Prayer Meeting on Wednesday 16th January

Guest Service

The next guest Service will be on Sunday evening 23rd December at 6.30 pm. Alex will retell a story from the Gospel accounts of the birth of Jesus entitled "Light in a Dark World". Please take this opportunity to invite friends along to hear something of the real message of Christmas. It is the one time of year when people are most likely to accept such an invitation.

Christmas Coffee House

On Christmas Eve (24th) at 7.30 pm you are invited to a Christmas Coffee House when there will be seasonal goodies to enjoy, carol singing to participate in and a Christmas message. You are encouraged to bring friends and family along as well!

Book Launch

Some of the stories Alex has told at Guest services have been collected and published as "Tell Me the Story" by Christian Focus. It is available from the Free Church Bookshop price £6.99.

However, if you can make it to the book launch at Borders Bookstore, 26 Kinnaird Park, Fort Kinnaird, Edinburgh, at 7pm on Thursday 6th December, you will hear Alex reading one of the stories from the book and answering questions, and if you purchase a copy there, Alex will sign it.

Some of the "blurb" from the book:

"...a series of stories that superbly manage to retell well known historical facts in a way that magically takes us to the lands and times in which they happened."

Manuel Reaño, Medellín, Colombia

"They are a practical and helpful reminder that we often fail to capture people's imagination in telling the exciting story the narrative of the New Testament provides."

Derek Prime, Edinburgh

"We feel like contemporary witnesses,

participants even, seeing the truth and feeling its power.”

Alasdair I Macleod, St Andrews

“With delightful turn of phrase and surprising perspective, we are invited to hear afresh the storyline of the Gospel message.”

W Duncan Rankin, Tennessee

“Hmmm... This would make an excellent Christmas present.”

The Editor

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.

Baptism

Let us remember the families who had children baptised and for their responsibilities in bringing up their children in the Christian faith.

November Communion Weekend

We are grateful to our visiting preacher, Rev Kenny Macleod,

Carloway Free Church, for taking our communion services at the weekend. His ministry was greatly appreciated and we wish him every blessing in his own congregation.



Bob Akroyd and Kenny Macleod

We welcome three new members to the congregation, two who have transferred their membership to Buccleuch, Mrs Anne McIntosh and Mrs Anne Lytle and one by profession of faith, Miss Shanana Beattie. We are delighted that they have joined the congregation and we wish them every blessing as they find opportunity to serve and participate in the ministry of our church.

Home Bible Study

The next home Bible study will be on Wednesday 12th December. 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

Neil & Mary Campbell, 54 Strachan Road, EH4 3RG (343 6067)

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 Wednesday of the month, 5th December at 7.30pm in the Church Hall

On the first Wednesday of each month, 5th December, at the usual time of 7.30pm, we encourage 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

Ladies Bible Study

We are having a women's Bible Study - all ladies welcome. So far the planned dates are:

Saturday 15th December, 7:30pm, at 336 Gilmerton Road

Friday 11th January - time and venue tbc

Friday 1st February - time and venue tbc

For more details, please speak to Anne Macdonald.

Men's Bible study

We will meet in the church hall from 7:30-8:30 am and will be studying Colossians. Coffee, tea and a small snack will be provided.

This grew out of a need I felt for the men of the church to spend some time to pray and study God's word together.

Please spread the word to anyone you feel may be interested. And, if you would like to come and feel like coming extra-prepared, you could read Colossians. We'll look at an overview of the book (main themes, audience, etc.) to get started.

Treven Wall

Meetings of Kirk Session and Deacons' Court

The Kirk Session will next meet on Tuesday 15th January at 7:30pm in the manse.

The Deacons' Court will next meet on Tuesday 4th December at 7:30pm in the hall.

Informal English Classes

The informal English classes on Tuesday afternoons have resumed. Please contact Ena Mackay for further details.

Buccleuch Women's Fellowship

'A Festive Fish Supper with Christmas Carols'

The next meeting will be on Friday 7th December at 7:30pm in the hall. The singing will be led by Alison Wall and the cost will be £7:50, which includes supper, drink and dessert.

Freewill Offering Envelopes

Freewill offering envelopes for 2008 are now available in the hall.

Sheila Anderson

Psalm Singing Practice

This will take place on Sunday 9th December before the evening service from 6:10-6:20pm. Please speak to Willie Mackay for more details.

International Student Meal

The next international meal will be a Burn's Supper on Saturday 26th January at the home of Eric and Moira Mackay, 7 Shandon Street. Please be at the church for 6:30pm if you need a lift.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Amica Fundraising Dinner & Auction

Thank you to every one who came along and helped make the Amica Fund Raising evening such a success - so many people contributed in so many ways, and such a wide variety of gifts were displayed.

The beauty of the singing of Psalm 139 by Martha, Alison, Dieter and Steven was exquisite; the auction reached such a fever of excitement (and raised a lot of money) thanks to the silver tongued auctioneer Will Lytle, helped by Calum's PowerPoint display of items for bidding; the young people from Buccleuch, Leith, St Columba's and Dowanvale (David, Rebekah, Sally, Anna, Georgie, Donna, Georgie, Amy, Ben, Craig, Colin A, Scott, Graham and Effie) were fantastic in their waiting skills both for their pleasantness and general helpfulness (so many people commented on how well and how cheerfully they had been looked after); Audra and Katherine were the heroes of the kitchen without whom there would have been no dinner; and Derek and Catriona led by

example in the enthusiasm and energy they put in to the tidying up.

Thank you all so much. The Amica team were much encouraged by your support and are pleased to report that just over £1,800 was raised.

Liz Ferguson

Christianity Explored

If you find outreach too scary, read on:

Thursday 29th November was the final evening of the recent course of Christianity Explored. Although now in its 5th year, this was my first experience of the course (an ex treasurer has to fill his day somehow!). I am very impressed with the course and very encouraged by both the number of people who attend and their openness. The course materials present the gospel message accurately, simply and clearly.

If you haven't yet been involved I would recommend it to you. The evening starts at 6.30pm with a meal, at 7.30pm we watch a DVD presentation, at 8.00pm we discuss 3 questions on the issues raised in the presentation.

The evening finishes at

8.30pm sharp.

I was apprehensive about attending the course; after all, outreach is scary and I'm no theologian. Well fear not, sharing a meal with people is a great way to get to know them. The conversation over the meal really got going as the weeks went by and we all got to know each other better; it was generally chit-chat about what we'd all been up to during the week. As the majority of the folk who attended were foreign students we also had some fun discussing cultural differences and the English language. It is also a good way to get to know other people in the congregation better.

Please do come to the follow-up course that we plan to start in 2008. You needn't commit to all 8 weeks. If you can't make it along - could you prepare or serve the meal one evening? If not, please do pray that this work will continue and that God will continue to bless it.

Donald Forsyth

Missionary Supper Evening

Based on the responses from a congregational survey conducted in 2006, at the

request of the Kirk Session, and after exploratory discussion with Douglas Campbell, the outreach and mission group plan to send a team to South Africa in June 2009 to teach teenagers in a village near King William's Town, in collaboration with a local congregation of the Free Church in Southern Africa.

The team would be expected to engage in preparation, training and fund raising during the 12 months preceding the trip. They would then travel to South Africa, attend Sunday church services in the village in which the classes are to be held, and lead classes for five days (Monday – Friday). This would take place during South African school end of term winter holidays. Each day there would be time set aside for worship at which all attending the school would be present.

The objectives have been identified as:

- *Village teenagers* - to help them develop their English to improve their opportunities for further education
- *Village congregation* – to encourage them in their witness

- *Village community* – to enable them to see their local congregation doing something practical for them
- *Missionaries* – to provide fellowship and ongoing support
- *Team members* – to see South African teenagers and missionaries in their context
- *Home congregation* – to engage personally in work of church extension and to encourage a zeal for mission

The team would consist of

- Leader – Douglas Campbell
- 4-6 people from Buccleuch Congregation to travel to South Africa
- Support personnel (from within and without Buccleuch Congregation)

Key Dates

- June 2008 Team selected
- June 2009 Travel

Funding

It is anticipated that the cost of the trip will be ca. £7,000 (based on a seven person team). Those travelling will be expected to engage in fund raising with support from the organising team. Funds will not be sought from the congregational general fund.

Please pray for this mission activity, and

prayerfully consider whether you would be willing to go.

New Treasurer

So did you guess who our new treasurer, featured on the front cover, is?

Alasdair Black is married to Esther and has recently become Buccleuch's treasurer. I put some questions to Alasdair to see if we could get to know him that little bit better.

Alasdair grew up in Glenrothes, in the Kingdom of Fife. He went to Glenrothes High School and his favourite subjects were French and German. I then went on to ask him what he wanted to be when he was older and who did he look up to and his reply was that he wanted to be a lawyer but then decided it would be too dull! He looked up to his parents and his Minister and those who were in positions of authority. Alasdair came to Edinburgh to start University and at Christmas 2000 (during his first year at university) he became a Christian. At the moment, Alasdair's favourite food is beans, he even counts the beans before he eats them, and if he were to put on a CD he would play Jools Holland.

My final question to Alasdair was which football team he supports, to which came the reply that he used to go to watch a lot of Kilmarnock FC games and that he was a member of the Killie Boys and Girls Club.

A big thank you to Esther who provided the photograph on the front page!

Lindsey Mackay

Happy Birthday

A belated Happy Birthday to Emma who did not get a mention last month (sorry!)

Happy birthday to Colin who has a birthday on the 16th December, to Alexander on the 8th December and next month to Ben on 28th January and Isaiah on January 26th.

Shoe Box appeal 2007

Sincere thanks to the eighteen people who generously responded to the Blythwood Shoe Box Appeal. Thirty boxes were handed in—all generously filled, so well done to them!

Dolina Macdonald

The Campbells' News

The Campbells move through to Dunfermline over the festive season. Let us remember

Douglas and Julia as they begin their new work, and Ovi, Beth and Mairi as they settle into a new school and nursery.

Mentoring

A small team appointed by the Kirk Session has identified folks whom they think would be suitable mentors for those who have requested to be mentored. They will be approaching the prospective mentors over the next few weeks, before approaching those who have requested to be mentored to tell them who their mentors are.

There will be training provided for the mentors (Saturday 12 January 10:30am-12 noon in the church hall), and the system will be reviewed annually.

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, and have not yet given your name, 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.

Lost property

A selection of Tupperware and crockery has been cleared out of the kitchen and put in the lost property box. Please check to see if any of it belongs to you by the 2nd December as after this date it will be given to charity.

Children's Safety

The crèche has now moved to the vestry side of the church. 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, spreading germs or climbing over the pews.

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.

Finances up to Sept 2007

General fund

Income of **£79,275** is c£6k less than the budget and c£3k **more than** the same period last year. Expenditure for the year to date is c£2k **more than** budget. The overspends are on repairs & replacements - £700, mileage - £700 (we have very busy ministers) and presbytery dues and expenses - £900. Our expenditure for the year to date is only £500 higher than the same period last year.

At 30 September we had given c£43k to central funds; c£1k less than last year.

Fabric fund

At 30 September we had spent c£35k from the fabric fund. Other than £1,200 for minor work to the roof of the church building and the roof of Alex's manse, the remainder of the expenditure is for the kitchen.

At 30 June the fund-raising for the kitchen was £8,692. There has only been £30 of income for the kitchen in the past three months! We really do need more.

If you have any questions about the congregation's finances or, if you would like to start to contribute financially to the work of the church, please speak to our new congregational treasurer, Alasdair Black – I'm switching off my calculator!

Donald Forsyth
Congregational Treasurer
13 October 2007

Buccleuch & Greyfriars

30/09/2007

Statement of financial activities	General Fund	Fabric Fund	Special Millennium	Funds Other	Total
Gross ordinary income	£79,275		£10,756	£3,547	£93,578
Transfers	-£7,930	£16,622		-£8,692	£0
Net ordinary income	£71,345	£16,622	£10,756	-£5,145	£93,578
Expenses	-£24,326	-£35,176	-£10,731	-£849	-£71,082
Surplus before EDO and central funds	£47,019	-£18,554	£25	-£5,994	£22,496
Extra-denominational objects	-£165				-£165
Church funds	-£43,344				-£43,344
Deficit for the year	£3,510	-£18,554	£25	-£5,994	-£21,013
Opening balance - at start of year	£0	£20,195	£5	£7,195	£27,395
Closing balance - at end of year	£3,510	£1,641	£30	£1,201	£6,382

Balance sheet	General	Fabric	Millennium	Other	Total
<i>Fixed assets</i>					
Guardwell Crescent	£146,775				£146,775
Loan from Bank of Scotland	-£91,888				-£91,888
Loan from Bob & Heather Akroyd	-£46,712				-£46,712
Fixed assets at cost less debt	£8,175	£0	£0	£0	£8,175
<i>Other items</i>					
Owed to Alex for expenses	-£1,066				-£1,066
Advanced to Bob for expenses	£522				£522
Amounts owed to the Congregation	£1,265				£1,265
Cash	£3,938	£1,641	£30	£56,201	£61,810
Bills to be paid	-£9,324			£55,000	-£64,324
Closing balance	£3,510	£1,641	£30	£1,201	£6,382

Other special funds comprise

Willie Raeburn - benevolent fund	£545
Sunday school	£444
Women for Mission	£122
Foreign Missions	£50
Congregational outing	£40
	£1,201

Buccleuch & Greyfriars Management Accounts
January to September 2007

WONDERFULLY MADE

Skin

Skin, through our sense of touch, tells us about our environment, but it exists chiefly as a barrier - keeping the inside in and the outside out. If we had no skin, we might move around like an unstable jelly and lose our shape.

The skin's most important contribution is probably in waterproofing us. Our bodies are mainly made up of fluids which would evaporate if they were not protected by skin. On the other hand, having a bath would kill because, without skin, water would rush in, swelling the body with liquid, diluting the blood, and waterlogging the lungs. Skin's tight defences prevent disasters.

The capacities of skin are severely taxed in our modern world. Harsh detergents and soaps may place considerable pressure on our skin. Skin has to survive swimming in a chlorinated pool, spilled paraffin when used to light a bonfire, turpentine when cleaning paint brushes, and abrasive powders and rough

pads for scouring.

Hordes of bacteria cover the surface of the skin and microscope photography reveals the perforations of sweat pores and oil ducts with green bacteria growing round the openings. A single bacterium, living for only 20 minutes or so, can reproduce to a million in eight hours. It is said that there are as many of these on the surface of our bodies as there are people living on this earth. Skin uses a series of chemicals, electro-negative charges and groups of defending cells to keep the bacteria at bay.

Larger creatures also attack the skin - ticks, fleas, biting flies, scorpions and jelly fish. Where pressure squeezes the skin close to underlying blood vessels, some bugs feast themselves.

Severe pounding and bruising spread their impact across thousand of skin cells which absorb force that could damage hidden organs.

The outer layer of the epidermis provides a constant supply of skin cells, dry and scaly, that make room for moist, fresh cells from below. It has been calculated that we lose ten

thousand million skin cells per day. Shaking hands or turning a doorhandle can release several thousand.

When an arm is broken and cased in plaster for several weeks, dead skin cells coat the arm. Bedlinen collects dead skin cells, a breeze may carry off some, but about 90% of all

household dust consists of dead skin from the family and friends. Dusted off, it is thrown outside.

Replacement cells grow back while the body rests, mainly between 12 midnight and 4 am.

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**

Dec 9 th	Norma Maclean Alison Wall Sarah Lytle
Dec 16 th	Kirsty Clunie Jocelyn Hammer Neil Campbell
Dec 23 rd	Flora MacPhail Jen Brannon Anne MacRae
Dec 30 th	Kenny Macleod Evelyn MacDonald Mairi Forsyth
Jan 6 th	Anne MacDonald Norma Maclean Alison Wall

Amplifier

Dec 9 th	Ken
Dec 16 th	Kenny
Dec 23 rd	Stephen
Dec 30 th	Rob

Cleaning

Dec 8 th	Calum/Norma Maclean	Karen Murray
Dec 15 th	Alasdair/Esther Black	Heather Akroyd
Dec 22 nd	Kenny Macleod Johnnie Macleod	Rebecca Copt
Dec 29 th	Dolina Macdonald	Mairi Forsyth
Jan 5 th	Rob/Mary Bonne	Michael Bennett

Door Duty

Dec 2 nd	Roddy Macleod	Neil Campbell
	Ken Mackenzie	Alison MacDonald
Dec 9 th	Eric Mackay	Alasdair Black
	Esther Black	Stephen Hammer
Dec 16 th	Donald Forsyth	Mairi Forsyth
	Dolina Macdonald	Willie Lytle
Dec 23 rd	Willie Mackay	Calum Maclean
	Rob MacDonald	Kenneth Macleod
Dec 30 th	John Macrae	Neil Macrae
	Chris Somerville	Jenny Somerville

ACTIVITIES (in church building unless marked by *)

Sunday	11:00am	6:30pm
Dec 9 th	Bob Akroyd	Alex MacDonald
Dec 16 th	Alex MacDonald	Bob Akroyd
Dec 23 rd	Alex MacDonald	Alex MacDonald
Dec 30 th	Bob Akroyd	Bob Akroyd

January 1st At noon Alex MacDonald

Crèche and Junior Sunday School during morning service.

Monday

Monday Club	7-8pm – contact Kenny MacLeod (555 1010)
*Bethany House Outreach	8-10pm – contact Bob Akroyd (664 6306)
*Deacons' Court	8pm as announced –

Tuesday

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

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)

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