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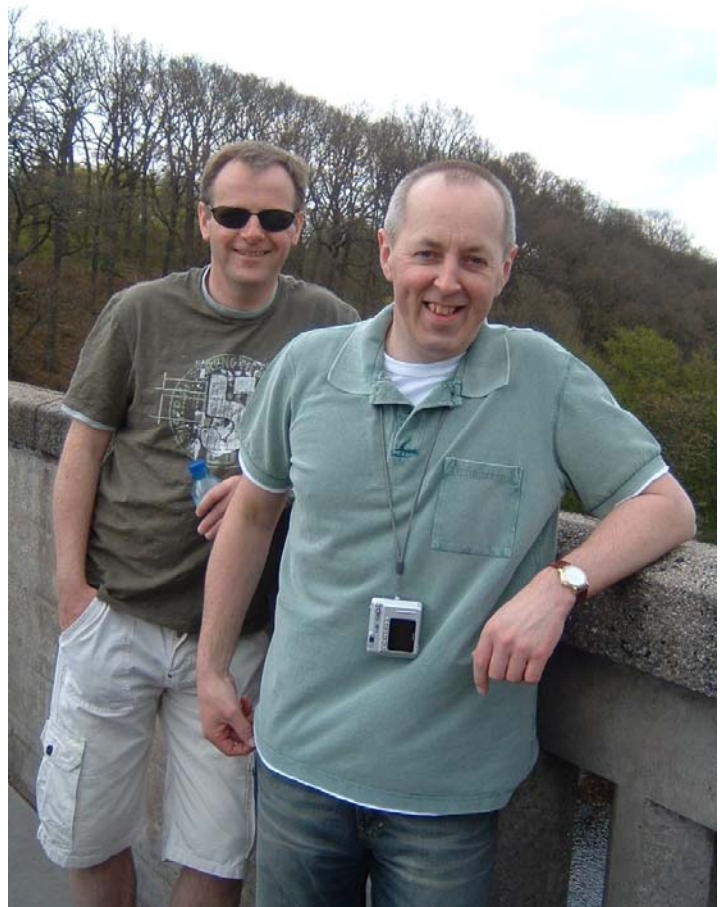
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Minister's Update

As you probably know, I was asked to be a panel member on the BBC debate show *The Big Questions* last Sunday. It is billed as a "religion and ethics" show and goes out live. So I thought you might like to know what it's like to be a TV star (well, famous for 15 seconds).

The show was being filmed in Telford College, which proved difficult to find, for a start. There is now a new Telford College, not at Crewe Toll, but in Granton. To complicate matters it has no sign outside advertising the fact it is Telford College. I passed this nondescript modern building at least twice without realising it was my destination. I even stopped outside it and asked a very helpful lady who was jogging past could she direct me to Telford College. She directed me back to the old college at Crewe Toll.

At this point I realised I needed to phone home to get the number of the nice lady from the BBC (which I had forgotten to take with me – not the lady, but her number) and get directions. She, not belonging to Edinburgh, was not sure, but would ask a man

who was. He was, but still did not explain that the building was incognito. I passed it yet again. By this stage I had visions of Nicky Campbell introducing Rev Alex MacDonald of the Free Church and the camera zooming in on an empty chair in the studio. "What is the Free Church's position on greed?" Camera focuses on empty chair. Silence. "What does the Free Church think about stress?" "Well if you were in the car with me now, I could tell you!"

Finally, on approaching this secretive building for at least the third time, I plucked up courage and decided to enter the narrow drive. It was with some trepidation. It might have been the Edinburgh home of MI5, or even a disguised base of Al Qaida. But no, on nearing the main entrance, I discovered it declared itself to be "Telford College". Relief. Nicky Campbell would not have to interview an empty chair.

Unfortunately, by the time you are near enough to discover that it is Telford College, you have passed the car park, and you are trapped in a one way system that insists on ejecting you from the campus altogether

and forces you to go round the block and come back in the narrow way (maybe there's a moral there somewhere, but I hesitate to draw any moral from that building, it is a maze of postmodern making).

On entering the building I was confronted by two men standing behind a makeshift desk blocking my way. "Hullo," I said confidently to the taller of the two (always address the tallest one first, otherwise he can turn nasty), "I'm Alex MacDonald". He looked at me suspiciously, and for a moment I thought I was in the headquarters of MI5. "You here for The Big Questions?" Something about the way he said it, convinced me I definitely was in the headquarters of MI5. But I smiled pleasantly, nodded and repeated, "I'm Alex MacDonald."

He obviously had never heard of Alex MacDonald (strange, I hear you say) and thought I was off my head. He was just about to call for back up, when I mentioned the name of the nice lady from the BBC, and I was directed to her colleague who escorted me to the "green room" (which was

neither green, nor was there much room) where my fellow celebrities and some privileged members of the audience were being given breakfast (coffee and orange juice in plastic cups, pastries and, inexplicably, a box of chocolates, obviously left over from the Christmas office party) and getting made up. Obviously some of us needed more than others. The make up lady spent ages on John Michie (Robbie Ross of Taggart fame) and Hardeep Singh Kohli, and some glamorous lady from the financial services sector, even making sure hair and beard were nicely coiffured. Then it was my turn. I expected a hair transplant or a wig at least, and some cement to smooth my wrinkles. Two dabs with powder on my shiny forehead and that was me. I suppose she took one look and decided it was a full day's job or nothing.

I must say they were all very nice and put me at my ease, rabbiting on about which area of London was best to live in and TV shows I had never heard of. At least I could have a conversation with Mona Siddiqui, Professor of Islamic Studies and Public Understanding in the University

of Glasgow's Divinity Faculty. She had some idea of Divinity.

And then it was through to the games hall for the debate. It was like no games hall I've ever seen. It's amazing what you can do with lights and painted panels. It was just like you see it on TV, only with cameras and microphones hiding in corners, and men making frantic signs. We panellists got a round of applause when we walked in (and I didn't see anyone holding up a board saying "Applaud now!") Then we got miked up, and the sound man told me earnestly on no account was I to clap. I think something dreadful would have happened to the whole sound system of the BBC. So I tried hard to keep my hands apart. As it turned out it was quite easy. There wasn't much to clap.

For those of you who have seen the show, I don't have to tell you what it was like, and... commiserations. For those of you who missed it and failed to watch it online using the BBC's new-fangled iPlayer (how could you?)... congratulations, you didn't miss much. It was a strange kind of a hotch-potch, with no time to get your teeth into any of the subjects. And it

does seem strange to have people there as specially invited guests and then hardly involve them. I suppose if you were more used to the situation, like Hardeep, you could jump in whenever you liked (if your mic was turned up).

But I must say I was impressed by the professionalism of all involved, particularly Nicky Campbell. He had obviously done a lot of research, and hardly put a foot wrong in what was an intricate dance around the floor trying to remember where everyone was and keeping the discussion flowing. His only mistake was calling his good friend John Michie "James", but he quickly recovered like the trouper he is.

Talking of James, I mean John Michie, after the show we were chatting on the way back to the "green room", and I was just about to get round to putting him right about Jesus claiming to be the Son of God, when the nice lady from the BBC came up and ushered him into the green room, while saying to me, "You're driving your own car, aren't you?" (BBC speak for "get lost pal".)

So that's what it's like to be a TV celebrity, you see. Just

as well I'm a Free Church minister and used to disappointments!

To be serious, many thanks for your prayers. I did have a couple of opportunities to bring a Christian emphasis.

Alex MacDonald

Assistant Minister's Update

Forty eight years ago, John F. Kennedy was sworn in as the 35th president of the United States. As he concludes his inaugural address he challenged his audience, "ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country." It is very easy to think that the government or the church or any other organisation should do the providing while we sit back and receive. That may be the pattern of the world but it is not the pattern of Christ and it is not to be the pattern of his church. When his disciples were vying for positions of honour, Jesus reminded them, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45) When Paul said his farewell to the church leaders in Ephesus, he reminded them of his own lifestyle and

the words of Jesus, "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20: 35)

In this newsletter as in every newsletter, there are countless opportunities to get involved in the life and work of the congregation. Many have already taken on responsibility and are contributing their time talents and treasures to Buccleuch. There are many opportunities to serve – all that is required is the desire and willingness. For example, Discipleship Explored is an excellent example of how to get involved. You could come along for yourself and take part, you could invite a friend to come with you, you could help with the catering or you could devote some time every Thursday night to pray for those leading and attending the course – everyone could be involved in some way!

More important than responding to appeals for help in church is how you respond to Jesus' appeal upon your life. He wants each of us to enter

into a relationship with him based on faith. This invitation is extended equally to young and old alike. You may feel that the best years have gone and many opportunities have passed but the door still stands open or rather Jesus still stands at the door of your heart, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me." Revelation 3:20. These words are both an invitation and a promise – if you take Jesus at his word, you'll never be disappointed. If you have recently come to trust in Jesus, please tell someone. As you do so you'll find that your faith and sense of assurance will grow as you share what God has done in your life.

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. 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)

Bereavements

Lets us continue to remember Findlay Macleod and his family following the death of his mother and Graham Hardy and his family following the sudden death of his father just before Christmas.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Joint Service at St Columba's - 3rd February

At 6.30pm on Sunday 3rd February, there will be a joint evening service for the three Edinburgh congregations at St Columba's Free Church on Johnston Terrace opposite the Hub near the top of the Royal Mile. The preacher is Rev Alasdair Macleod, Ullapool. There will be no service at Buccleuch that evening.

Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper on Sunday February 24th. Bob Akroyd will conduct the

Communion service at 11am. There will be a pre-communion service on Saturday 23rd February at 7.30pm to be conducted by Alex MacDonald. 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.

Guest Service

The next in our series of guest services will be on Sunday, February 24th at 6.30pm when Bob Akroyd will preach. Please take this opportunity to invite your friends to church to hear the Good News about Jesus Christ and pray that God would use these occasions to convert those who attend.

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, February 13th. We will a new study in the book of Proverbs. We will use the study guide, *Wisdom: Making Life Work*, by Bill Hybels. This is part of the IVP series of Christian Basics Bible Studies. Copies of the Bible study soon will be available at church – please take a copy. The subjects of the six studies are:

1. Pursue Wisdom
- *Proverbs 2:1-15*
2. Develop Discipline
- *Proverbs 6:6-11, 20-24*
3. Speak Truth
- *Proverbs 11:1,3; 12:19,22; 14:25, 15:4*
4. Honour Family
- *Proverbs 15:17; 17:1,6; 19:18; 21:9,19; 23:22*
5. Manage Anger
- *Proverbs 12:18; 15:1; 16:32; 19:19; 22:24-25; 29:22*
6. Trust God
- *Proverbs 3:1-12*

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. If you aren't sure about which study to join please speak to Alex or Bob.

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, 6th February at 7.30pm
in the Church Hall*

On the first Wednesday of each month 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

Ordination of Deacons

The Kirk Session had hoped to ordain new elders and deacons to serve the congregation. In the event, three men have agreed to accept the office of deacon: Alasdair Black, Neil Macrae and Chris Somerville. The ordination will take place at the morning service on Sunday 2nd of March.

Ladies Bible Study

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

Saturday 1st March at Anne MacDonald's home, 336 Gilmerton Road

March 15th venue TBA

April 11th venue TBA

For more details, please speak to Anne MacDonald.

Meetings of Kirk Session and Deacons' Court

The Kirk Session Meetings for 2008:

February Communion 23rd and 24th

March 18th

April 22nd

May Communion 23rd-25th

June 17th

July -no meeting

August Communion 30th-31st

September 16th

October 21st

November Communion 28th-30th

December -no meeting

The Deacons' Court Meetings for 2008:

February 12th

April 15th

June 10th

August 19th

October 14th

December 9th

All meetings are on a Tuesday and are held in the hall at 7:30pm.

Quiz and Auction Fundraiser

On Friday 22nd February we hope to have a general knowledge quiz plus some items for auctioning to raise funds for Buccleuch.

If you are 12 years or over you are invited to enter. Teams are to be composed of 6 members @ £7.50 pp (£45 per table). Teams will need to be seated by 7.30pm in the church hall.

To take part in the quiz please give your team name and team leader's name to Mary Campbell by February 17th

txt: 07811 377 488 email: mxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Payment to be made by Wednesday 20th February (cheques made payable to Buccleuch and Greyfriars Free Church).

Informal English Classes

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

Discipleship Explored

Discipleship Explored 2008
(Thursday Evenings 6.30 – 8.30)

Discipleship Explored is a journey into the book of Philippians. Philippians is a letter written to young Christians, encouraging them to stand firm and live for Christ. It is compelling, challenging and inspiring - particularly to those beginning the Christian life, because they are on exactly the same journey as the Philippians! As they discover Paul's extraordinary letter, participants explore for themselves the meaning of Paul's words: "For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." Also built into the course is a Bible reading plan to help every participant explore each theme further - to develop the habit of reading the Bible daily.

Feb 7th Living In Christ
- *Phil 1:12-26*

Feb 14th Standing Together in Christ - *Phil 1:27 - 2:11*

Feb 21st Transformed By Christ
- *Phil 2:12-30*

Feb 28th Righteous In Christ
- *Phil 3:1-9*

March 6th Knowing Christ
- *Phil 3:10 - 4:1*

March 13th Rejoicing In Christ
- *Phil 4:2-9*

March 20th Content In Christ
- *Phil 4:10-23*

What Can You Do?

Pray - Pray that people would come, hear the message of Jesus and come to believe in him or grow in their knowledge of 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 and to grow in their faith - 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,
alex.macdonald@freechurch.org

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

Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible study continues to meet from 7:30-8:30 am on Tuesdays, and all interested men are invited to join us. We are studying 1, 2 and 3 John. Come start your Tuesdays off on the right foot with a chance to study the Bible and to share in some good fellowship, coffee and snacks!

Treven Wall

Advanced Notice: EMMS International (operating as Emmanuel Healthcare)

The ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Davidson's Mains Parish Church Hall, 1 Quality Street, Edinburgh on Wednesday 9 April 2008 at 7.00pm. The principal speakers will be Mrs Esther Lupafya, HIV & AIDS Co-ordinator Ekwendeni Hospital, Malawi, Dr Syd Thyle, Eye Service Co-ordinator and Regional Director (Central) EHA India, and Dr Ann Thyle, Reproductive Health Co-ordinator and Regional Director (North) EHA India.

Charlie Douglas

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Session Clerk

After ten long years as Session Clerk Neil Campbell tendered his resignation just as the January transfer window opened, thus enabling the Session to secure the services of the notable midfielder Roddy MacLeod well before the transfer window closed. Roddy is renowned for controlling the game in the middle of the park, and the Session are confident that he will be able to exercise similar control in his role as Clerk.

John MacRae

We thank Neil for all the hard work that he has carried out quietly and uncomplainingly over the past ten years. Let us remember Roddy in our prayers as he takes up this post.

Year Planner

Alasdair Black has retired(!) from the post of organising the congregational year planner and Steven Willis has taken over this job. The same email address applies as previously: buccleuchyearplanner@hotmail.co.uk

Finances

Following the appeal at the end of last year, £5,092 was collected for the kitchen. This brings the total donations for the kitchen to £14,783.

The kitchen cost c£33,500. We're making good progress, but we still need to collect £18,700.

The other special collection at the end of last year was for Tearfund. £650 was collected for this.

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.

Congratulations

To Findlay and Jen Macleod whose daughter Amy was born on Monday 17th December 2007 at 10.44 pm, weighing 7lb 6 ½ oz, after a quick labour! A baby sister for Angus.

Congratulations to Richard and Sarah Lytle whose daughter Eva was born on the 29th January weighing 8lbs 8oz. A wee sister for Carys and Abigail.

A message from friends in America:

At 11:05 pm on January 12 (just in time to share his sister's birthday), Charles Stephen Myers II was born! He is named after his grandfather and we are going to call him Cale (an older nickname for Charles) for short. Cale weighed 9 pounds 3 ounces and was 22.5 inches long when he was born. Both Cale and Lisa are doing wonderfully and we are all rejoicing in God's faithful goodness to an undeserving family! We hope that all of y'all are doing well, too!

Stephen, Lisa, Quinn, and Cale Myers

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Finn Colledge who has a birthday on 24th February, Matthew Clunie on 7th February, Lindsey Mackay on 9th February and Ed Forsyth on 20th February.

Congratulations to Joan MacDonald who turned 60 last month!

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, preaching nor causing any other form of public affray that might lead to the issuing of an anti social behaviour order.

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.

Mentoring

A total of eleven people have asked to be paired up with a mentor. A small team appointed by the Kirk Session has identified and approached folks whom they think would be

suitable mentors for those who have requested to be mentored. It is planned to inform those being mentored who their mentors will be during this week.

Frequency, timing and location of meetings will be very much up to each pairing to decide. However, it is recommended that pairs should aim to meet on a regular basis at a given time and set venue to ensure continuity. It is an expectation that each pairing will spend some time in prayer together, and this should be borne in mind when choosing a location.

On Saturday 12 January there was a session to overview and discuss mentoring with the potential mentors, which was well attended. As a result, the mentoring handbook for Buccleuch has been revised, and there are copies available in the church hall for all interested parties.

The system will be reviewed annually by the Kirk Session, and if there is a need to review any particular pairing, this may be done at any time at the request of either or both members of a pairing.

If you would like to be

mentored, and have not yet given your name, 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.

Whether or not you are directly involved in mentoring, we commend this to your prayers, as a means of fostering spiritual sharing and prayer together.

WONDERFULLY MADE

Grizzly Bears

There are at least eight different types of bears in the world, most of them to be found in the Northern Hemisphere. The only ones found in the Southern Hemisphere would be the spectacled bears of the mountain forests of South America and the sun or Malaysian bears found in Borneo and Sumatra. Both of these are smaller than the large bears of North America and the Arctic.

The grizzly is given the name because of the white hairs that grow in their brown coats making them look grizzled or streaked with grey. They are sometimes called silvertips for the same reason. The grizzly appears on the seal and flag of California as a symbol of strength and determination. Many believe that grizzlies are the most dangerous bears in North America, although they are not as large as the Alaskan brown bears which may weigh as much as two-thirds of a ton.

A male grizzly can weigh over half a ton, but it is a fast mover and can easily outrun a

man. Its strength and speed make it a formidable hunter and it can make mountain sheep and the moose its prey; the moose is the largest of all deer. Meat is not the only contributor to its diet. In spring it feasts on new vegetation and roots. At the seashore it may use its powerful claws to uncover molluscs. In summer berries provide variety to its diet and it may tear into the burrows of mice, squirrels and marmots.

When the salmon begin to move up the Alaskan rivers to reach their spawning grounds, the grizzlies gather in groups beside falls and rapids where the salmon will have to leap and catch them with great skill from the air. Where the grizzly normally hunts on its own and preserves its rights to an area of 10 to 12 square miles, it may be found together by the dozen where the fish are abundant.

In Yellowstone Park the bears have discovered that, in July, the cutworm moths appear at night to feed on the flowers, but hide under rocks during the day. The bears climb as high as 10,000 feet to feed on them. A single bear may take as many as 30,000 moths in one day.

Winter sets the bear a

problem since, with such a huge appetite requiring constant food, the snow-covered ground is not likely to provide enough. It goes to sleep, but does not hibernate completely. Each bear finds a cave or hollow tree for itself and goes to sleep. Its temperature drops several degrees and its pulse slows to about ten beats a minute. For about five months it continues in this state of drowsiness and lives on its reserves of fat without eating or drinking. If, however, it is disturbed, it is able to move into instant action.

During the winter months, the female bear, as she dozes, gives birth to one or two cubs, very small in comparison to the size of the mother and also

bereft of any covering hair. For four or five months they remain in the darkness of the den, nourished by the mother and growing steadily. With the passing of the weeks, their eyes open, their fur appears and they grow larger. When spring comes, mother and young emerge into the sunlight.

The mother undertakes the education of the cubs, showing them differing sources of food as the year advances, warning them off what is unsuitable. They learn a sequence of food-gathering and may remain with the mother for a year or two until they are encouraged to go off on their own.

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| BUCCLEUCH & GREYFRIARS FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND Our identity, mission and vision | |
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| Identity | Local congregation of the Free Church of Scotland which is a branch of the universal Church of Jesus Christ |
| Mission | <p>To worship God together</p> <p>To spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ</p> <p>To care for and encourage one another</p> <p>To show practical compassion for those in need</p> |
| 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**

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| Feb 10 th | Alison Wall Sarah Lytle Kirsty Clunie |
| Feb 17 th | Flora MacPhail Jocelyn Hammer Neil Campbell |
| Feb 24 th | Kenny Macleod Jen Brannon Anne MacRae |
| March 2 nd | Anne MacDonald Evelyn MacDonald Mairi Forsyth |
| March 9 th | Sarah Lytle Norma Maclean Alison Wall |

Amplifier

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| Feb 10 th | Shanana |
| Feb 17 th | Ken |
| Feb 24 th | Kenny |
| March 2 nd | Stephen |

Cleaning

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| Feb 9 th |
| Feb 16 th |
| Feb 23 rd |
| March 1 st |
| March 8 th |

Door Duty

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| Feb 10 th | Willie Mackay | Calum Maclean |
| | Rob MacDonald | Kenneth Macleod |
| Feb 17 th | John Macrae | Ken MacKenzie |
| | Chris Somerville | Jenny Somerville |
| Feb 24 th | Roddy Macleod | Neil Campbell |
| | Neil Macrae | Johnnie Macleod |
| March 2 nd | Eric Mackay | Alasdair Black |
| | Esther Black | Stephen Hammer |
| March 9 th | Donald Forsyth | Dolina Macdonald |
| | Mairi Forsyth | Willie Lytle |

ACTIVITIES (in church building unless marked by *)

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| Sunday | 11:00am | 6:30pm |
| Feb 10 th | Bob Akroyd | Bob Akroyd |
| Feb 17 th | Alex MacDonald | Alex MacDonald (Guest Service) |
| Feb 23 rd (Sat) | Alex MacDonald preparatory Service | |
| Feb 24 th | Bob Akroyd Communion | Bob Akroyd (Guest Service) |
| March 2 nd | Alex MacDonald | Alex MacDonald |

Crèche and Junior Sunday School during morning service.

Monday

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| 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

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

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

Thursday

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

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

Saturday

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| 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 Steven Willis (buccleuchyearplanner@hotmail.co.uk), who will check suitability with the ministers and respond to you