

# **Buccleuch & Greyfriars FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

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**Assistant Minister's Update**

As I write this segment, I am packing again – this time for Peru. I like the idea of leaving winter in Edinburgh to enjoy summer (at least for a week) in Peru. Please pray for our missionaries in Lima – Donnie & Julia Smith at Lima Evangelical Seminary and Clive & Ruth Bailey at Colegio San Andres. In the last thirty years, the population of evangelical Christians in Peru has risen from about 1% to almost 15% of the population. Millions of Peruvians have come to trust in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. A country which used to be the destination for missionaries is now exporting Christian workers, evangelists, and teachers to other nations! In Scotland, the picture of the Church tends to be one of decline rather than growth. Nonetheless, God is still at work in our land and in our congregation.

Please pray for the services on Sunday and the outreach meetings (Christianity Explored & Discipleship Explored) on Thursday evenings. Can I ask you too to pray for Alex and me? Alex has wide responsibilities in the

wider church (heading up the new Home Missions Board) which require great wisdom, tact and imagination. I appreciate your prayers for me in my work within the congregation, in the prison and at the University. There are still many opportunities to serve Christ and to witness to him. I hope you find opportunities of sharing your faith with others.

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!

Yours faithfully, Bob Akroyd

*Let us continue to remember Bob's mother in America who has recently undergone major surgery.*

### **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](mailto:alexjmacdonald@blueyonder.co.uk)) and Bob Akroyd (664 6306, [bobandheather@talk21.com](mailto:bobandheather@talk21.com))

### **Congregational Directory - 2008/9**

The new congregational directory is being prepared for publication. If you are not currently in the directory and would like to be included, or if you are included in the directory and would like to be omitted please let Bob know. If your address/phone number has changed or if you would like your e-mail address listed in our

new directory, please contact Bob Akroyd by phone (664 6306) or by e-mail: [bobandheather@talk21.com](mailto:bobandheather@talk21.com)

We include name, address, phone number, mobile number and e-mail address.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **Guest Service**

The next in our series of guest services will be on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6.30pm when Alex MacDonald will re-tell a story from the Bible. 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.

If you would like to listen to some recent stories which Alex has retold, check out [www.buccleuchfreechurch.co.uk/stories.htm](http://www.buccleuchfreechurch.co.uk/stories.htm)

#### **Prayer Breakfasts**

We continue to meet weekly at 9am on Saturday mornings for prayer, food and fellowship. If you haven't been able to come, please stop by one Saturday morning to enjoy this special time of fellowship and prayer together.

**Discipleship Explored 2009**

(Thursday Evenings 6.30 – 8.30pm)

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 Jesus 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. New in 2009: there is a DVD to accompany Discipleship Explored – Check it out for yourself.

22<sup>nd</sup> January Confident In Christ (*Philippians 1:1-11*)

29<sup>th</sup> January Living In Christ (*Philippians 1:12-26*)

5<sup>th</sup> February Standing Together In Christ (*Philippians 1:27 - 2:11*)

12<sup>th</sup> February Transformed By

Christ (*Philippians 2:12-30*)  
19<sup>th</sup> February Break - School Holidays

26<sup>th</sup> February Righteous in Christ (*Philippians 3:1-9*)

5<sup>th</sup> March Knowing Christ (*Philippians 3:10 - 4:1*)

12<sup>th</sup> March Rejoicing in Christ (*Philippians 4:2-9*)

19<sup>th</sup> March Content in Christ (*Philippians 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 and please set aside some time to pray on Thursday nights.

*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, alexjmacdonald@blueyonder.co.uk) or Bob (664-6306, bobandheather@talk21.com)

### **Home Bible Study**

The next home Bible study will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. We are studying selected Psalms using the study guide, *Perseverance: A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*. This month the subject of the study is: Joy - Psalm 126

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.

The Hosts and Venues for the next Bible study are:

#### *North West*

Neil & Mary Campbell

#### *East*

Bob & Heather Akroyd

#### *South East*

Fergus & Dolina Macdonald,

#### *South*

Donald & Mairi Forsyth

#### *South West*

Donald & Joan MacDonald

Buccleuch Church Hall

### **International Meal**

Date: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December,  
Hosts: Bob & Heather Akroyd  
Time: meet at 6.30pm in front of Buccleuch Church for dinner at 7pm.

If you want to make your way directly to Bob & Heather's you can take the 29 or 3 bus from the bridges. Guardwell Crescent is just past the Robin's Nest pub and before the Morrison's supermarket on Gilmerton Road.

If you can provide a lift or need more information please contact:

Ken Mackenzie, Rebecca Copty, Bob & Heather Akroyd, (bobandheather@talk21.com)

or Eric Mackay, (Eric.Mackay@pet.hw.ac.uk)

All are welcome!

The next international meal will take the form of a Burns Supper at the home of Moira, Eric and Lindsey Mackay on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 6:30pm.

### **Youth Fellowship**

The YF has started in Buccleuch for all teenagers who want to come. Every two weeks we meet after the evening service in someone's home, and discuss a topic. For the next few meetings we are going to cover prayer. YF is open to all teenagers and it would be great if you all came; even if you don't normally come to the evening service. Transport will be provided and it won't go on too late. Please speak to Bob Akroyd or Kenny Macleod if you want to know more.

### **Prayer meeting**

*The First Wednesday of the month (3<sup>rd</sup> Dec and 7<sup>th</sup> Jan) 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

### **Monday Club**

The Monday Club has started again in the hall from 7:00 to 8:00 pm with games, tuck shop and talks. It is for children aged 11-14. Please pray for the year ahead that we will get more children coming along and that those who came last year will come back. Speak to Ali or

Kenny for details.

Alison Macdonald

### **Meetings of Kirk Session and Deacons' Court**

*Kirk Session Meetings for 2008:*  
December - no meeting

*Deacons' Court Meetings for 2008:*

16<sup>th</sup> December

All meetings are on a Tuesday. Meetings of the Deacons' Court are held in the hall at 7:30 pm, while Kirk Session meetings are held at the same time, but in the manse - except at Communions.

### **Women's Fellowship**

All meetings for the women's fellowship will be in the hall at 7:30 pm unless intimated differently. Everyone is welcome. The programme is as follows:

5<sup>th</sup> December *Pippa Harry*

16<sup>th</sup> Jan *Kenny and Rita MacDonald*

27<sup>th</sup> Feb *Karen MacCormick*

27<sup>th</sup> March *Morag Millar*

April *no meeting*

1<sup>st</sup> May *Music*

The next Women's Fellowship will be in the Church Hall on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7.30pm. Pippa

Harry will speak on "Image". Pippa is a founding member of Rectrix which offers encouragement and mentoring for women. They have a wealth of online resources for both reading and listening and also run the annual "Soul Feast" retreat. More information can be found on [www.rectrix.org](http://www.rectrix.org).

Kenny and Reta MacDonald will speak at the Women's Fellowship on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January. Their topic is "The Christian Walk".

Mairi Forsyth

### **Pastoral Group**

There will be a meeting of the Pastoral Group on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm at 12 Cammo Brae.

John MacRae

### **Mentoring**

There will be a meeting for mentors after the prayer meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December in the church hall. Anyone wishing to be mentored should please contact Bob Akroyd, Mary Macmillan, Mary Campbell or Eric Mackay.

### **Informal English Classes**

The informal English classes on Tuesday afternoons are in full

swing. Please contact Ena Mackay for further details.

### **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.

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!

### **Gaelic Services**

14<sup>th</sup> December Professor John Angus Macleod at St Columba's Free Church.

### **Ladies' Bible Study**

The ladies bible studies will continue in the New Year.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January at Rebecca Copty's home

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January at Anne MacDonald's home

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February at Anne Lytle's home

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at Sarah Lytle's home (*take your welly boots!*)

### **Crèche Rota**

As we need to comply with the new Free Church guidelines for crèches - requiring 1 adult per 2

children - we need more helpers for the crèche. Please speak to Norma MacLean if you are able to help.

Norma Maclean

### **Toddler Group**

Have you pre-school children? Do you like cake? If so come to Toddlers on Friday morning between 10 am and 12 noon for play and a chat. The group is very informal and all are welcome. Good fun, good coffee, good times.

Sarah Lytle

### **Narration and Carols from the Sunday School**

We plan to have a carol service on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm in the church hall. All are very welcome. More details will follow in the newssheet.

Catherine Thomson

### **Freewill Offering Envelopes**

Freewill offering envelopes for 2009 will be available next Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Sheila Anderson

### **Abortion in the 21st century: the medicine, the ethics and the law?**

**- exploring the issues...**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 6.30-

8.30pm, Assembly Hall, New College (The Mound, EH1 2LX)

At a pivotal time in the history of abortion provision in the UK, this discussion will explore the issues in order to equip and inform medical professionals, medical students, policy makers and members of the public.

The evening will focus on the moral, social and psychological questions surrounding abortion today but the discussion is bound to range widely.

The keynote speakers are:

\* Professor John Wyatt, Professor of Neonatal Paediatrics at University College, London; contributor to the House of Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology

\* Ann Furedi, Chief Executive of the British Pregnancy Advisory Service, the UK's largest independent abortion provider; as seen on Channel 4's "Dispatches".

The discussion will be chaired by Dr Kate Guthrie, consultant Gynaecologist and consultant in Sexual and Reproductive Health.

The evening will consist

of presentations from the invited keynote speakers followed by an extended opportunity for discussion and Q&A from the audience.

Tickets: £5 (£3 students)

To reserve tickets or for other enquiries, please email [tickets@edmedethics.com](mailto:tickets@edmedethics.com)

Tickets will also be available on the door. Arrive early to avoid disappointment! Doors will open at 6pm.

### **South Africa Mission Trip**

For a variety of reasons it has been decided to move the mission trip to South Africa to Easter 2010.

A Supper Evening to raise awareness and to start fund raising is proposed for Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March (2009!) at 7pm. It should be stressed that at this stage the date is provisional – confirmation of this date or a change of date will be announced in the weekly news sheet.

## **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

### **Bereavement**

Please remember Willie and Anne Lytle and Willie's brother and sister in your prayers following the death of Willie's father.

**Farewell**

Dear Buccleuch Family,  
 Thank you for your steadfast prayers, support, encouragement, and friendship over the past three years, and especially for all your help with 'wee' Amelia. Actually, thank you isn't nearly enough. You have welcomed us into your lives and, most importantly, shown us in both word and deed the immeasurable love of God in Jesus Christ. Jesus said that the world would know his disciples by their love for one another. Since our first visit to Buccleuch on a Wednesday night prayer meeting, we knew we were with Christ's disciples. It's always hard to leave what has become home and the people we have come to love. Please keep in touch.

We will miss you.

Every blessing in Christ,  
 John, Angela, & Amelia  
 Tweeddale

**PASTORAL TEAM**

You may recall a notice in the newsletter a couple of years back intimating that the Session was intending to put in place a pastoral team. Although well

advanced at the time, that initiative fell by the wayside for want of a leader. It remains, however, the Session's view that there is a need in the life of the congregation for some pastoral provision to bridge the gap between, on the one hand, informal support and guidance among individual believers (which may or may not be available depending on the nature of people's friendships and networks) and, on the other, "intervention" by elders, in that capacity, or by the Session as a whole (which can sometimes be perceived as "official" or disciplinary – and too late!). In addition, pastoral cases are as likely to concern women as men, and female involvement will usually be important, and often essential, in such situations. A pastoral team of male and female members appointed by and accountable to the Session is felt by the Session to be the best means of meeting these needs and bridging these gaps.

The role of the team would be to supplement the pastoral role of the Session, among all those who attend Buccleuch, proactively, by "looking out for" those who

may need encouragement, friendship or direction and, reactively, by responding to approaches from individuals seeking help and guidance.

We are pleased to report that such a team has now been established and the initial members, appointed by the Session, are:-

Sarah Lytle

Anne MacDonald

Fergus Macdonald

Kenny MacLeod

Roddy Macleod

John MacRae

Mary Campbell

Neil Campbell

John MacRae and Neil Campbell will also have leadership responsibilities.

In case you should be new to the congregation, photographs of the team members will be posted up on the hall notice-board in due course!

The members of the team would value your prayers as they seek in their new roles to serve the congregation and to assist the Session in providing timely pastoral help and support to all those for whom we have a responsibility.

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you

will fulfil the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6 v.2). “...let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.” (John 3 v.18)

Neil Campbell

### **Shoe Box Appeal**

Thank you to all those who contributed to the shoe box appeal. Eighteen boxes were collected.

Dolina Macdonald

### **Inspire!**

Inspire was the name of the Latin Link conference that was held from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> November in Larbert. We certainly felt inspired by what we heard there. There were reports from people serving in Peru, Brazil, Colombia and Bolivia. There was even a live video link-up with Fiona Christie in Colombia! People from Latin Link are involved in all kinds of things: work with street kids and drug addicts; starting children’s clubs in shanty towns; teaching theology; teaching English...it was great to hear about everything that God is doing through them. We got to know some of the people in Latin Link Scotland who support those who leave home

and serve overseas.

We also gave a talk about our plans. We have now been accepted as members of Latin Link, and we are busily researching where to go and who to work with in Spain, with the aim of reaching Latinos and helping to equip them to reach others. We plan to head there in 2010 once Jocelyn has finished her counselling course. Before that, we plan to go to Spain sometime in the next six months to visit other possible collaborators.

Please pray that we'd

- plan well what we hope to do
- know where to go
- persevere for now in all that we're involved in.

Thanks!

Steven and Jocelyn (and Ben and Ian) Hammer

### **On The Move**

Ian Macleod has moved to a care home in Gilmerton. He greatly appreciates visitors from the congregation. If you are able to visit either regularly or occasionally, please contact Alex MacDonald, Bob Akroyd or Iain Gill for more details. Please continue to remember Ian and his daughter Katrina and son Andrew in your prayers

as Ian settles into his new surroundings.

### **Maintenance Book**

A maintenance book has been placed on the noticeboard next to the kitchen hatch.

This is to record any blown bulbs or broken tables etc. so the deacons know what to fix. Please make use of this.

### **Letter from America**

Hi everyone,

I'm happy to report that Ian Hunter Wall was born this Monday. He and Ali are healthy and we're all home from the hospital. He weighed 9 lbs. 6 oz. (4.25 kg) and was 21.5" (54.6 cm) and was born at 12:10 pm EST. Peter is a very gentle and sensitive big brother.

Praise the Lord for a great gift!

We miss you and hope you are all well in Edinburgh and elsewhere.

All the best from  
Syracuse,

Treven Wall

### **Happy Birthday**

A very belated happy birthday to Kirsten MacKenzie who had a birthday on 16<sup>th</sup> October (sorry!)

A belated happy birthday to Emma who had a birthday on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, to Sam on 8<sup>th</sup> November and to Carys on 26<sup>th</sup> November.

Happy Birthday to Amy Kate who will have a birthday on 17<sup>th</sup> December, to Alexander on 8<sup>th</sup> December, to Ben on 28<sup>th</sup> January, to Isaac on 26<sup>th</sup> January and to Eva on 29<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Children's Safety**

The crèche is on the vestry side of the church hall. The screens remain up until the church is vacated, so that children can be collected from the crèche / preschool safely. Juice is served to the children there. Due to Health and Safety children **MUST NOT** be at the kitchen side of the hall unsupervised. If adults are in the church, then they need to be supervised by a child at all times. As we need to comply with the new Free Church guidelines for churches - requiring 1 child per 2 adults - we need more helpers for the church.

### **Anyone for Tennis?**

Come and keep fit on a Saturday morning and have a game of tennis. We are now

playing at the Meadows, weather permitting. Since in fact the weather does not permit - readers will have noticed that winter is upon us - we play indoors at Craiglockhart instead, which is much cosier. If you are interested speak to Evelyn, Heather, Mairi or Moira.

**GIG**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October saw the debut performance of Alex Macdonald and band, with a cameo by Donald Forsyth, performing tracks from Alex's new album, Like the River. There were over 100 in attendance and a good time was had by all. The gig raised £1000 in funds for the Kirkcaldy outreach project. For more information on Alex's music, and to get your hands on his CD if you have not already done so, surf

[www.alexjmacdonald.co.uk](http://www.alexjmacdonald.co.uk) and take special note of his lovely photos!

Jenny Somerville

### **Quarterly accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

#### **General fund**

Income of £77,664 is £2,480 less than the budget and £1,610 less than the same period last year. Expenditure is £5,580 less than budget, and £1,900

more than last year.

#### **Fabric fund & kitchen fundraising**

There has been an excellent response to the appeal to the congregation to have the kitchen balance paid off by the end of this year. The total received to date (23<sup>rd</sup> November) is £27,286. This leaves £6,128 to go!

With the efforts on the kitchen fundraising, the fabric fund is now returning to a healthier position.

#### **Central funds**

Following the temporary suspension of contributions to central funds to allow the renovations payment to be made, we have now reinstated our monthly standing order. We will need to address our shortfall by the end of the year, when we should have a better cash position with gift aid to be received and hopefully more donations for the kitchen.

Alasdair Black

## WONDERFULLY MADE

### Light

In a previous article, light was considered as electromagnetic radiation which covers a broad spectrum. In that spectrum visible light is a very small proportion of the total. Other of the main elements are a) gamma rays – considered in the previous article b) X-rays c) ultraviolet radiation d) visible light e) infrared radiation f) various radio frequencies.

*X-Rays:* In 1895 X-rays were so named by their discoverer, William Konrad Roentgen, because they were then rays of unknown origin, 'x' being used as a scientific symbol for the unknown. They are sometimes known as Roentgen rays in honour of their discoverer.

The rays cannot be seen, but can penetrate body tissue, heavy metal castings, or the latticework of atoms inside solids. They leave a record on a photographic plate of the internal state of what they penetrate. They provide invaluable information in medicine, in industry and in scientific research.

The wavelength of X-rays

is among the shortest in the electromagnetic spectrum, being about four thousand millionths of an inch or one angstrom.

X-rays are produced in a vacuum tube by heating the negative terminal or cathode by an electric current so that it glows white hot, giving off a stream of electrons or cathode rays which move towards the anode or positive electrical terminal of the tube. If the electrons strike the anode, which in an X-ray tube is called the target and is usually made of metal, they cause the atoms of the target to give off X-rays. The target in X-ray tubes is frequently made of tungsten because it is not easily melted by the heat from the impact of the electrons.

The higher the electric voltage applied to the cathode, the shorter are the wavelengths of the X-rays given off. Scientists speak of hard X-rays produced by higher voltages and soft X-rays produced at lower voltages.

*Uses of X-rays:* Almost everyone at some time or another has experienced the usefulness of X-rays in connection with various

medical conditions. The outlines of broken bones can be seen and the bones reset; abscesses in teeth can be diagnosed; tuberculosis of the lungs may be observed; the position of bullets or other objects embedded in tissue located. With stomach ulcers, patients may be asked to drink a liquid containing a compound of barium and X-rays are then used to locate the ulcers.

Hard X-rays are used to destroy the newly growing cells found in cancers, but these rays may have a harmful effect on healthy cells nearby.

X-rays may help in analysing the chemical content of substances and the electronic configurations inside atoms.

In Industry, X-rays are used to examine castings and other objects for flaws, for example car wheels and rail components. They are used to check luggage for air travel and packages sent by post for objects that may present a hazard.

*Care in the use of X-rays:* Hard X-rays in particular may have a harmful effect on healthy cells and great care is taken to avoid exposure to them. Equipment is often housed in

lead-lined rooms and workers are protected by special clothing and by lead or lead-glass shields.

The powers inherent in X-rays have presumably existed since light was first created, but have only been discovered and utilised over the last 120 years.

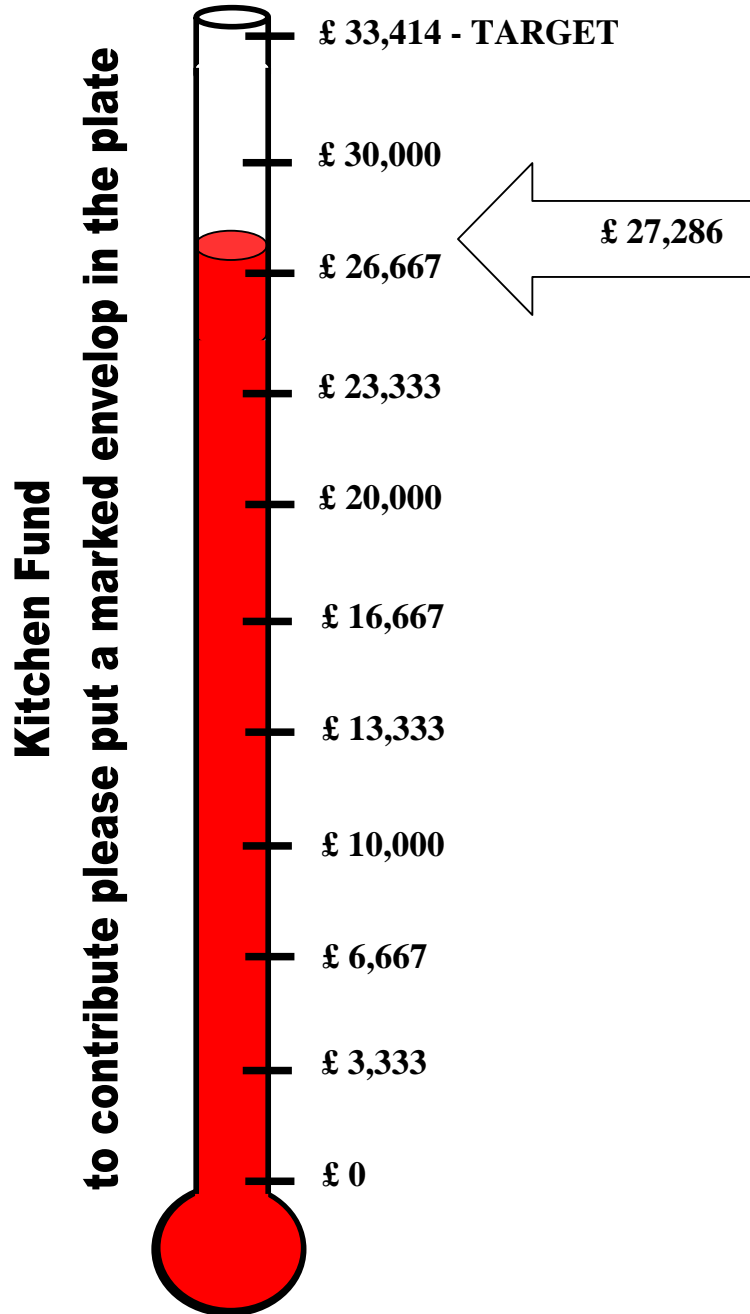
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### **From The Editor**

Thank you to all who have contributed to the newsletter over the past year whether it has been on a regular basis or occasionally. Without the articles there would be no letter.

As 2008 draws to a close let us give thanks to God for all who have come through the doors of Buccleuch to hear the Gospel message whether it has been through Christianity Explored, the informal English classes, Monday Club, Mother and Toddlers, Sunday school or at a guest service. However let us not forget those who no longer come to hear the Gospel. Let us continue to remember, in prayer, Alex and Bob as they preach faithfully to us, for our Elders and Deacons and for all those who lead the various clubs and groups that meet during the week.

Moira



<b>BUCCLEUCH &amp; GREYFRIARS FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND</b> <b>Our identity, mission and vision</b>	
<b>Identity</b>	Local congregation of the Free Church of Scotland which is a branch of the universal Church of Jesus Christ
<b>Mission</b>	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
<b>Vision</b>	<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**

7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Jennifer Macleod Sarah Lytle Kirsty Clunie
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Jocelyn Hammer Neil Campbell Flora MacPhail
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Rebecca Macleod Evelyn MacDonald Mairi Forsyth
28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Anne Macrae Kenny Macleod Anne MacDonald
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Norma Maclean Anne MacIntosh Jennifer Macleod

**Amplifier**

7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Rob
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Ed
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Graham
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Shanana

**Cleaning**

6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Calum/Norma Maclean Greg Thomson
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Dolina Macdonald Willie/Anne Lytle
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Rob MacDonald Anne MacIntosh
27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Michael Bennett Mairi Forsyth

**Door Duty**

7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Eric Mackay	Alasdair Black
	Esther Black	Michael Bennet
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Donald Forsyth	Mairi Forsyth
	Dolina Macdonald	Willie Lytle
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Willie Mackay	Calum Maclean
	Rob MacDonald	Kenneth Macleod
28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	John Macrae	Ken MacKenzie
	Chris Somerville	Jenny Somerville

**ACTIVITIES (in church building unless marked by \*)**

<b>Sunday</b>	11:00am	6:30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Bob Akroyd	Bob Akroyd
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Bob Akroyd	Alex MacDonald
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Alex MacDonald	Alex MacDonald (guest Service)
28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Bob Akroyd	Bob Akroyd
1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Alex MacDonald at Noon	

Crèche and Junior Sunday School during morning service.

\*Youth Fellowship meets fortnightly - see Kenny MacLeod for details

**Monday**

Monday Club	7-8pm – contact Kenny MacLeod
*Bethany House Outreach	8-10pm – contact Bob Akroyd (664 6306)

**Tuesday**

Bible Study for Men	7:30-8:30am
Informal English Class	2-3:30pm – contact Ena Mackay
Deacons' Court	7:30pm as announced

**Wednesday**

Prayer Meeting	7:30pm
*Home Bible Studies	7:30pm (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed of month, except July & August)

**Thursday**

*Eight-a-side Football	9:30pm – contact Finlay Macleod
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**Friday**

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

**Saturday**

Prayer Breakfast	9am
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- 1) Check availability at [www.buccleuchfreechurch.co.uk](http://www.buccleuchfreechurch.co.uk) -> Newsletters -> Church Year Planner
- 2) Contact Steven Willis ([buccleuchyearplanner@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:buccleuchyearplanner@hotmail.co.uk)), who will check suitability with the ministers and respond to you