

Buccleuch & Greyfriars

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Climb a hill in the north of Scotland, and you just don't know who you might bump into. Then again, you *could* hazard a guess....

February 2009

Minister's Update

We were saddened by the death of Mabel Fraser on Christmas Eve, and I thought it would be good to include here the tribute from her funeral. Ministers and elders of the Free Church get formal obituaries in the Monthly Record, but I think it right and proper that ministers' widows should also be honoured. And I trust that by faith she still speaks, though she is dead (Hebrews 11:4).

Mabel was born on 14th June 1917 at Kirkwall, the third of four children born to Donald and Annie Cumming. She was born prematurely, and the doctor thought she would only live a week. It must be the longest week known to medical science! God had obviously other plans for Mabel.

She was educated in Kirkwall Grammar School, Edinburgh University (from which she graduated MA in Modern Languages) and Moray House Teacher Training College (as it was then known).

Communion Dates**in 2009**

21-22 February

26 April (pm)

29-31 May

29-30 August

27 September (pm)

27-29 November

Her first teaching post was in Dalbeattie where she taught evacuee children during the Second World War. It was here again that we see God's hand at work in a remarkable providence. Mabel was accepted as a teacher in Trinity Academy in Edinburgh, but before taking up post, a friend of hers from Dalbeattie, Hazel Knight, who was taking a course in

Skerry's College in Edinburgh, recommended her for the post of French teacher in the College.

Mabel took up the post and it was while she was teaching evening classes there that she met Donald Murdo Campbell from the Isle of Lewis. Murdo was training for the Free Church ministry, and like many of that generation was studying at Skerry's to gain university entrance qualifications.

Murdo spoke to her about the gospel, and Mabel realised that although she was a church member, she wasn't a Christian,

and so she sought the Lord and came to trust in Christ and to follow him. The friendship between Mabel and Murdo blossomed into romance and they were married by Dr James Stewart in North Morningside Parish Church on 1st July 1946. On completion of his studies, Murdo was inducted to Milton Free Church, Glasgow, where he ministered for a short time before accepting a call in 1951 to Inverness Free North where he served up to his sudden death in October 1967.

Mabel had left her teaching career 20 years before to devote herself to making the manse the hospitable home it was. After being widowed she returned to teaching, first in secondary and latterly in primary.

On 7th August 1973 she married the widowed James W. Fraser, then minister of the Free North, and in 1974 they moved to Edinburgh when her husband became Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament in the Free Church College.

On 22nd November 1983, she became a widow for the second time. During her time in Edinburgh both as wife and widow, she attended this

congregation of Buccleuch and Greyfriars until her death on Christmas Eve, 24th December 2008.

Such is a brief description of her life and times. But it would be wrong to leave it at that. Mabel was very humble. She thought that there would be very few people at her funeral! At one point she drafted instructions for her funeral and said that there should be no tribute. On the day before she died I was blessed with a long conversation with her, and she said that she was leaving the funeral completely in my own hands. So I have taken the liberty of delivering this tribute. All she said was that the focus should be on Christ, not on herself, and I trust I follow her wishes in that.

In the providence of God, Mabel was blessed with a lovely and attractive personality. Who can forget her smile! No doubt her genetic inheritance and her family upbringing played their parts in all that. But supremely she was what she was because of the grace of God.

Mabel was a devoted stepmother and friend to many. Her niece Anne has said she

was “a most loving and inspiring aunt and great-aunt, very dearly loved by us all”.

As an instance of her devoted friendship, she spent many years of her widowhood caring for a sick friend in America.

Mabel was a much loved member of this congregation. Her support and encouragement were legendary. It did you good to visit her! One of her friends has said, “She was a very dear godly friend, gifted with a remarkable retention, appreciation and sharing of spiritual truth.

On that latter point, another friend has told me how Mabel would telephone her after the Sunday services and recount the whole sermon to her! I don’t know if I could do that myself! But such was her love of the word of God, she could do it.

You might wonder why anyone so obviously good as Mabel was would be attracted to the gospel, because the gospel is good news for sinners. I am convinced that she was so good, because she realised she was not good (if that doesn’t sound too much of a contradiction in terms to you!)

On her deathbed she confided in me that she was terribly bothered by her sins (you may find that hard to believe - but who knows the secrets of the human heart?) But she told me she came back to the truth that her husband Murdo had brought to her attention so long before - “The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin” - and in that faith she died.

We honour God for the life and faith that he gave Mabel Fraser and for allowing us the privilege of knowing her. We mourn the passing of a great saint of God. For us left behind it is a grievous loss, but for Mabel it is gain - to be with Christ which is far better.

Please continue to remember her step-children and their families: Donald, Andrew, Alan and especially Alison who stayed with Mabel for so many years.

Alex MacDonald

Assistant Minister’s Update

At noon on Tuesday 20th January (Eastern Standard Time), the eyes of the world were fixed on one man, Barak Obama. After repeating a thirty three word oath and concluding with the words, “so help me

God,” Obama was sworn in as the 44th President of the United States. Expectations are running very high as the new President faces an unprecedented combination of military, economic and social challenges as the leader of the most powerful nation on earth.

Many commentators are quick to remind their audience that there is a limit to what one man, even the President of the United States, can do. Obama is eloquent, charismatic and intelligent but he is not messianic.

However, there is one man who changed the world by himself; his name is Jesus Christ. After thirty years of obscurity, Jesus commenced a three year, preaching, teaching and healing ministry that culminated in his death, burial and resurrection. To understand how uniquely important Jesus is, you have to experience him for yourself.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus met a woman at a well and following a short conversation, her life was changed forever. The first thing she did was to tell her neighbours. “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever

did. Could this be the Christ?” The villagers urged Jesus to stay longer and he remained for two more days teaching them about himself. At the end of that period, the people said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.” (John 4:42) One man did save the world. You can hear about him, read about him, and others can tell you what he has done for them, but until you know him for yourself, you can never fully appreciate Jesus for who he is.

In these difficult times, by all means, let us pray for our leaders that they be given wisdom to govern wisely and make good decisions, but we should never suppose that our ultimate destiny rests on the success or failure of Gordon Brown or Barak Obama or any other president or prime minister. As the psalmist confidently asserted, “Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.” Psalm 20:7

Yours faithfully, Bob Akroyd

Let continue to remember Bob as he has returned to America to be with his mum who is unwell.

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

Communion Services – Sunday 22nd February

We celebrate the Lord's Supper on Sunday 22nd February. Alex MacDonald will conduct the Communion service at 11am. There will be a pre-communion service on Saturday 21st February at 7.30pm to be conducted by Bob Akroyd. 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Joint Evening Service at St Columba's – 1st February

At 6.30pm on Sunday 1st 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 David MacPherson, Aberdeen. After the service, there will be a fellowship in the hall to which you are all welcome.

There will be no service in Buccleuch that evening.

Baptism

The Kirk Session have appointed the sacrament of Baptism to take place at the morning service on 8th February. Calum Lytle and Lauren Clunie are due to be baptised.

Visiting Speakers

On Wednesday 25th February we have Ian Hall of the Gideons

coming to speak at our midweek meeting, and on Wednesday 11th March we are due to welcome Clive Bailey, Headmaster of the Colegio San Andres school in Lima, who will be back in Scotland for a short visit.

Please make every effort to attend these meetings and encourage these brothers in their work and witness.

Guest Service

The next in our series of guest services will be on Sunday 22nd February at 6.30pm when Alex MacDonald 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. 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.

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

12th February Transformed By Christ (*Philippians 2:12-30*)

19th February Break - School Holidays

26th February Righteous in Christ (*Philippians 3:1-9*)

5th March Knowing Christ (*Philippians 3:10 - 4:1*)

12th March Rejoicing in Christ (*Philippians 4:2-9*)

19th 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 11th February. 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: Hope - Psalm 130.

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

Youth Fellowship

The Buccleuch YF is 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 (4th 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

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

Quinquennial Visitation

This is a five-yearly “health check” conducted by the Presbytery. A panel of three members of Presbytery will meet with the congregation, the ministers, the elders and the deacons on Wednesday 18th March at the mid week meeting. All are exhorted to attend this meeting and discuss the wellbeing of the congregation with the panel.

Meetings of Kirk Session and Deacons’ Court

Kirk Session Meetings for 2009:

16th March (Monday)

5th May

15th June (Monday)

15th September

12th October (Monday)

Deacons’ Court Meetings for 2009:

17th February

21st April

23rd June

18th August

13th October

15th December

Meetings of the **Deacons’ Court** are held on Tuesdays, and **will be in the manse** (pro tem) at 7:30 pm, and Kirk Session meetings are also held at the same time in the manse, except at Communions.

Deacons’ Court

At the December meeting of the Deacons’ Court, amongst other things the following was discussed and decided:

Finance – the Kitchen Fund still had some £5718 to go, so a final appeal would be made to the congregation (see subsequent note from Treasurer below). It was agreed that we should target giving £70k to central funds in spite of the fact that this would leave our Fabric Fund very seriously underfunded. The following donations to extra-denominational objects (EDOs) were agreed

AMICA PCC	£300
Bethany	£300
CARE	£100
Edin City Mission	£100
Interserve	£100

Slavic Gospel Mission	£100
Fresh Start	£50
Scottish Bible Society	£300
Scripture Union	£100
Day One	£100
<i>Total</i>	<i>£1550</i>

ACM – The Annual Congregational meeting (to give it its proper name) will be held on Wed 25th March.

Risk Assessment – A Risk Assessment Review was carried out. Surprisingly, this did not assess the risk of a risk assessment occurring.

Mandatory Maintenance of Manses – The manses have been inspected, and various issues need to be addressed. Inter alia, the Gilmour Road manse is to have loft insulation installed at long last, and all members of the Deacons' Court can now spell “buddleia” and “diplomacy”.

Church Maintenance – Side windows and a blockage in a drain pipe from the roof are to be repaired, new tables and screens are to be bought to replace damaged ones, weeds at the rear of the building are to be killed, the lightening conductor has been tested (heavier precentors next?) and the faulty heating time switch has been replaced (see below). Hooray!

Diaconal Support for Elderly or Infirm – The court is considering how best to provide practical support for those in the congregation who might benefit from it. This is intended in love, so please do not be offended if someone asks you if you would appreciate some form of practical support, and you don't feel you need it. Please do think if there is any practical support you would appreciate receiving, or you think someone else would benefit from, or you consider you could offer. If you do think of something, speak to a member of the Deacons' Court. That's part of what they're there for.

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:

27th Feb *Karen MacCormick*

27th March *Morag Millar*

April *no meeting*

1st May *Music*

Mairi Forsyth

Mentoring

Mentors and those being mentored are asked to review how the mentoring process is going, and to use this occasion to consider any changes that may be beneficial. Our apologies to anyone who may have expressed a wish to be mentored, and who has not yet been paired up. If you are in that position, or have recently decided that you wish to be mentored, then please contact Alex MacDonald, 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!

Pastoral Group

There will be a meeting of the Pastoral Group, on Wednesday 18th February after the Prayer Meeting in the Vestry.

John Macrae

Ladies' Bible Study

Saturday 28th February at Anne Lytle's home

Friday 27th 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 mornings 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

South Africa Mission Trip

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 will take place on Friday 6th March at 7pm.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Thank You

Alison Fraser would like to thank the congregation for their support during the six months of Mabel's illness - especially for the prayers that were offered up on behalf of us both. We were very conscious of answered prayers.

I would like to thank all who visited and telephoned, and for the many expressions of love shown to Mabel during her illness - not least the practical help we received which enabled me to spend more time with Mabel

Alison Fraser

Church Heating

The Deacons' Court wish to apologise to the congregation for the failure of the church heating on two occasions in December - on some of the coldest days of the year.

The Church heating is controlled by a timer and a thermostat (similarly to domestic central heating). The timer determines the hours of operation and the thermostat regulates the temperature. The problem was not caused by the thermostat. The problem was that the timer failed to switch the heating on. The timer we had was a mechanical type and several problems could result from adjusting it, particularly when any attempt was made to adjust the time (say to bring the heating on earlier, or to switch on the heating on a different day).

A new timer has now been fitted (an electronic one). It has worked well so far, and hopefully will continue to do so. It is easily adjusted and flexible. Thanks to electrical engineer, Finlay Macleod, for fitting it.

In addition, the Deacons' Court will continue to monitor the heating. Finlay is providing some magic computer chip that will monitor temperatures and see what further improvements can be made.

Alex MacDonald

Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal

If you have any unwanted shoe boxes over the next few months please pass them on Dolina Macdonald.

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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Lee and Kirsty on the safe arrival of their baby daughter, Lauren Anne Clunie on Friday 27th November weighing 7lbs 2ozs. Lauren is a little sister for Joshua and Matthew.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Finn who has a birthday on the 24th of February, Abigail on the 22nd, Matthew on the 7th, Lindsey on the 9th and Ed who will be 18 on the 20th.

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 children are in the church, then they need to be supervised by an adult at all times. Experiments devised to test whether any remaining water in the minister's glass follows a parabolic trajectory when ejected from the pulpit are generally to be discouraged.

Anyone for Tennis?

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

Treasurer's Report

2008 year end financial position

I'm currently working on the full financial statements for 2008, which will be handed to our auditor at the beginning of February and will be available for the congregation by the middle of March.

In the meantime, the summary below shows the headline figures. There may be some further changes between this statement and the final figures.

There is a lot to be thankful for in the finances for 2008, including an overall increase of £9,500 in total income received, and the response to the kitchen appeal which has now seen the outstanding balance cleared.

Alasdair Black

Buccleuch & Greyfriars

31/12/2008

Statement of financial activities	General Fund	Fabric Fund	Special Millennium	Funds Other	Total
Gross ordinary income	£105,522		£15,714	£18,952	£140,188
Transfer to fabric fund	-£3,904	£19,424		-£15,520	£0
Net ordinary income	£101,618	£19,424	£15,714	£3,432	£140,188
Expenses	-£29,642	-£3,995	-£15,714	-£3,670	-£53,021
Surplus before EDO and central funds	£71,976	£15,429	£0	-£238	£87,167
Extra-denominational objects	-£1,550				-£1,550
Church funds	-£70,000				-£70,000
Surplus for the year	£426	£15,429	£0	-£238	£15,617
Opening balance - at 1st Jan 08	-£426	£0	£0	£1,247	£821
Closing balance - at 31st Dec 08	£0	£15,429	£0	£1,009	£16,438

WONDERFULLY MADE

Ultraviolet Light

Between X-rays and the violet end of the visible light spectrum lie the Ultraviolet rays. They cannot be seen by the human eye and are sometimes known as invisible light or black light. Within the electromagnetic spectrum their wavelengths vary from sixteen-millionths of an inch to about 100 times shorter.

The sun is a strong natural source of ultraviolet rays, but the air absorbs much of this radiation especially where there is smoke and dust. Most of the shortest ultraviolet rays do not reach the surface of the earth. This is fortunate because extremely short waves harm the skin and body tissue. Other ultraviolet rays are beneficial.

Ultraviolet light is invisible, but it can be detected in various ways. It registers better on photographic film than does light from the visible spectrum. Under the influence of ultraviolet rays, some oils, minerals and chemicals become fluorescent. Fluorescence was first described in detail in 1833 by Sir David Brewster, a scientist and university

administrator who invented the kaleidoscope, and supported the Free Church of Scotland in 1843 along with his brother, Dr. James Brewster, a minister of the Free Church.

In fluorescent lamps, an electric current passing through mercury vapour produces ultraviolet light. A coating on the inside of the glass absorbs the ultraviolet light and changes it into visible light. Different coatings produce different colours of light.

The fluorescent effects of ultraviolet rays have important industrial uses in testing materials, identifying ores in mining and lighting the instrument panels of aircraft. Old documents may be examined under ultraviolet rays because the fluorescent effect makes them more legible.

Sunlamps produce ultraviolet light which, in excess, may produce cancers. Special glasses should be worn in the presence of ultraviolet lamps because ultraviolet light is harmful to the eyes.

Germicidal lamps are used to disinfect bacteria in the air. The lamps produce ultraviolet rays, destroying bacteria and viruses and are used to sterilise

the air in hospitals, operating theatres and restaurants and kitchens.

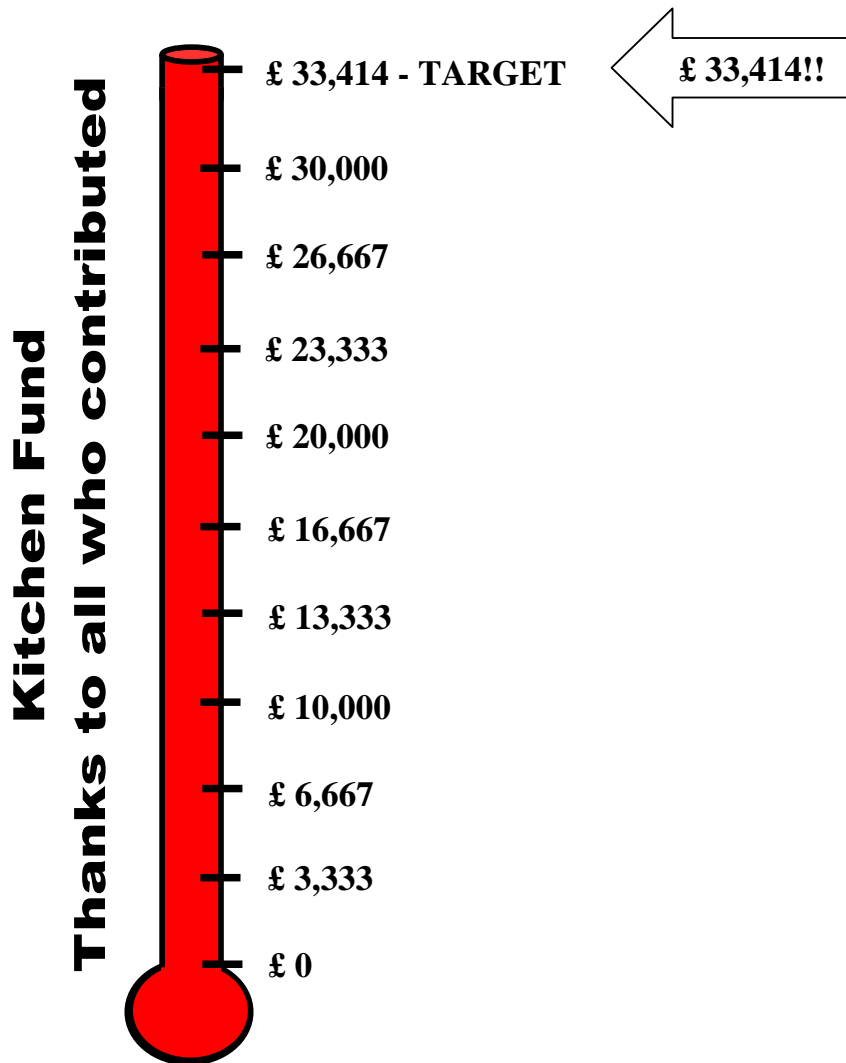
Some ultraviolet rays have a beneficial effect on the human body and have important applications, serving as a disinfectant, helping to heal wounds, and being used to treat tuberculosis, rickets and some skin diseases.

An ultraviolet star is one of a class of invisible stars

giving out intense ultraviolet radiation.

In the consideration of electromagnetic energy, we have still not reached the boundary of white light which is the narrow band of light which is visible to humans under normal circumstances. That should form the subject of the next note.

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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**

8 th Feb	Jennifer Macleod Sarah Lytle Kirsty Clunie
15 th Feb	Jocelyn Hammer Neil Campbell Flora MacPhail
22 nd Feb	Rebecca Macleod Evelyn MacDonald Mairi Forsyth
1 st March	Anne Macrae Kenny Macleod Anne MacDonald
8 th March	Norma Maclean Sarah Lytle Jennifer Macleod

Amplifier

8 th Feb	Rob
15 th Feb	Ed
22 nd Feb	Graham
1 st March	Shanana

Cleaning

7 th Feb	Dolina Macdonald	Willie/Anne Lytle
14 th Feb	Rob MacDonald	Anne MacIntosh
21 st Feb	Michael Bennett	Mairi Forsyth
28 th Feb	Kenny Macleod	Flora MacPhail

Door Duty

8 th Feb	Roddy Macleod	Neil Campbell
	Neil Macrae	Rebecca Copty
15 th Feb	Eric Mackay	Alasdair Black
	Esther Black	Stephen Allison
22 nd Feb	Donald Forsyth	Mairi Forsyth
	Dolina Macdonald	Willie Lytle
1 st March	Willie Mackay	Calum Maclean
	Rob MacDonald	Kenneth Macleod
8 th March	John Macrae	Ken MacKenzie
	Chris Somerville	Jenny Somerville

ACTIVITIES (in church building unless marked by *)

Sunday	11:00am	6:30pm
8 th Feb	Alex MacDonald	Bob Akroyd
15 th Feb	Alex MacDonald	Alex MacDonald
21 st Feb	Bob Akroyd, Saturday pre Communion service at 7:30pm	
22 nd Feb	Alex MacDonald (Communion)	Alex MacDonald (Guest Service)
1 st March	Bob Akroyd	Bob Akroyd

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 nd 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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Buccleuch and Greyfriars web page www.buccleuchfreechurch.co.uk

PROCEDURE FOR BOOKING THE CHURCH HALL

- 1) Check availability at www.buccleuchfreechurch.co.uk -> Newsletters -> Church Year Planner
- 2) Contact Steven Willis (buccleuchyearplanner@hotmail.co.uk), who will check suitability with the ministers and respond to you