

Buccleuch & Greyfriars FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Ministers' Updates

Human Trafficking

I have just attended a meeting of church representatives with Kenny MacAskill, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Frank Mulholland, the Solicitor General, concerning human trafficking.

The meeting was organised by the Scottish Government and invitation was extended to representatives of ACTS (Action of Churches Together in Scotland) and some others, including me as a representative of the Free Church of Scotland.

The curse of human trafficking had been raised at a previous meeting with the First Minister, Alex Salmond, and this latest meeting was a follow-up.

ACTS are producing a report on human trafficking, and the Salvation Army in particular have experience of dealing with some of the victims.

Human trafficking has been likened to the slave trade of the 18th and 19th centuries. In 2006, the Council of Europe stated that "people trafficking has reached epidemic

proportions over the past decade, with a global annual market of about \$42.5 billion." Trafficking victims typically are recruited using coercion, deception, fraud, the abuse of power, or outright abduction. The resulting exploitation includes forcing people into prostitution or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery and servitude. For children, exploitation may also include forced prostitution, illicit international adoption, trafficking for early marriage, or recruitment as child soldiers or beggars.

In Scotland it is not known how many victims there are. There has as yet been no successful prosecution, but some of those responsible have been convicted of other crimes. It is thought that most human trafficking in Scotland is connected with prostitution and drug factories.

I was very impressed with the government representatives and their support team. They were knowledgeable and concerned, and were appreciative of the churches' concern.

As far as prosecution is concerned, it is very difficult to get a conviction, because the victims are afraid to testify – due to threats made not only against themselves, but also against their families in their home countries.

At the moment, victims are guaranteed support for a 45 day “period of reflection”.

Assurances were given that this could be extended and if they agreed to testify there would also be a witness protection programme. Mr MacAskill also undertook to raise the matter of extending the support period with the UK Home Secretary.

Training sessions concerning human trafficking are to be held for senior police officers in July, as it is essential that investigating officers are aware of all aspects of the problem.

The Government representatives urged us to do all we could to raise awareness of the problem. Victims are often held in ordinary houses

and flats, not only in the cities, but also in towns and country areas as well. It is important that we are all vigilant and report any suspicious circumstances to the police.

It is dreadful to think that women and children are being imported into Scotland in a new slave trade in the 21st century. But such is the depravity of the human heart.

It is encouraging that Government and the legal profession and the police are treating the problem seriously, and we ought to remember them in prayer as they go about their often difficult and/or dangerous business.

Alex MacDonald

Communion

There will be a preparatory service on Saturday 22nd August and the Communion service on Sunday 23rd will be led by Bob Akroyd. The evening service will be a guest service led by Alex Macdonald.

Welcome

It is always a pleasure to see new people in the congregation, whether they are students, new residents in Edinburgh or visitors passing through Edinburgh on holiday. We hope you feel welcome and that you enjoy your time with us at Buccleuch. Please feel free to

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

Alex MacDonald (667 4651, alexjmacdonald@blueyonder.co.uk) and Bob Akroyd (664 6306, bobandheather@talk21.com)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Objections to the Christian Faith

Currently Alex is preaching a series of sermons on various objections to the Christian faith. He is dealing with the following objections on these dates (all at the morning service, 11am). Any change of date or subject will be notified on the website – www.buccleuchfreechurch.co.uk

1. The Bible isn't reliable - 8.3.09
2. Jesus can't be God - 22.3.09
3. Miracles are impossible - 29.3.09
4. Science has disproved God - 5.4.09
5. Christianity is only one religion - 26.4.09
6. Religion has caused wars - 3.5.09
7. Suffering disproves God - 17.5.09

8. A loving God can't send people to hell - 21.6.09 (Sermons 1 to 7 are now available online).

Side Door

Recently there have been a couple of instances when people have knocked on the side door during the service. On both these occasions this door was opened to ascertain the situation.

Please do not answer the side door during the service! The reasons for this are:

1. It causes an interruption of the worship and, depending on the caller, this could escalate into a serious disruption.
2. It could be unsafe for those opening the door, as it is not known who is on the other side.

It is the responsibility of those on door duty to attend to such situations by exiting the main door and approaching the callers from outside.

The Deacons' Court

Congregational Outing

The congregational outing is to be on Saturday 20th June to Vogrie Country Park, Midlothian (near Pathhead). The plan is to have BBQ at about

1:00pm. People should aim to be at the park for 12:30pm. Please see the noticeboard for details of food, races and games. You may have already been signed up for something, so probably best check the board to ensure that you are happy with what you have been committed to. If you are not happy then you will have the opportunity to make a change, but only if you do so before the 20th.

Lifts will be available. All are encouraged to come along. Speak to Willie Lytle for more details.

Sunday School Prize Giving

The Sunday School prize giving will be after the morning service on Sunday 21st June.

Training Day For Sunday school Teachers

There will be a Training Day for Sunday School Teachers in Falkirk Free Church on Saturday 5th September, 10am - 4pm. This is organised by the Youth Committee of the Home Missions Board, and is open to all Sunday School Teachers and those interested in becoming Sunday School Teachers.

More details are available

from Irene Howat - and our Sunday School Superintendent, Willie Lytle, should have application forms.

International Meal

The next meal will take place on Friday 26th June at the home of Neil and Mary Campbell, 54 Strachan Road. It will be a BBQ.

If you need a lift, please meet at church at 6:30pm for dinner at 7pm. Arrive in good time to avoid your hamburger contributing to your carbon footprint.

Prayer Breakfasts

We continue to meet weekly at 9am on Saturday mornings for prayer, food and fellowship. 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 Studies

There will be no Home Bible Studies in July and August. They will resume on 9th September.

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 – *1st July and 5th August @ 7.30pm*
Church Hall.

On the first Wednesday of each month at the usual time of 7.30pm, we are encouraging the entire congregation to join together in prayer in the hall. If you can attend only one prayer meeting in the month, please make every effort to attend this meeting. If you don't usually attend the midweek meeting, please attend this meeting. The focus will be on prayer with a reading and a short Bible message. The meeting will finish promptly at 8.30pm. We

as a session realise that there are legitimate pressures on many in the congregation. We do not wish to add to these burdens but rather to find a way to encourage regular and concerted prayer in the congregation.

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

Bob Akroyd

Meetings of Kirk Session and Deacons' Court

Kirk Session Meetings for 2009:

15th June (Monday)

15th September

12th October (Monday)

Deacons' Court Meetings for 2009:

23rd June

18th August

13th October

15th December

Meetings of the **Deacons' Court** are generally 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.

Induction

The induction of Rev Nigel Anderson (Bill and Sheila's oldest son) to Livingston Free Church will take place on Saturday 4th July at 2 pm. The Moderator of Presbytery, Rev Neil MacMillan, Kirkcaldy (Mary MacMillan's middle son) will preach and preside. The congregation are looking forward to sharing this occasion with friends from near and far, and all are assured of a warm welcome.

Mentoring

If you 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!

Ladies' Bible Study

The next ladies Bible study will be on Saturday 1st August at Rebecca Green's home and on Friday 4th September, venue to be arranged.

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

Edinburgh City Mission

Between June and September this year Edinburgh City Mission will be running a Christian Heritage Centre on the Royal Mile. The purpose for this will be to communicate the Christian faith in word and deed through an information desk,

exhibition of the spiritual history of the Royal Mile, Christian book-table, Celtic Tour and media presentation. You do not have to be a historian or expert to serve Jesus in this outreach, but just have a desire to love people and share the Gospel in a friendly way.

We are aiming to run the Christian Heritage Centre based at St Columba's Free Church between June and September two days a week. If you would like to help out as a volunteer one afternoon a week (or more), we would love to hear from you soon. Training will be given.

Yours faithfully Ann Laidlaw
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CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Scholarship for Colegio San Andres, Lima

The proposal to set up a scholarship to enable a student to attend Colegio San Andres to undertake their secondary education, starting in March 2010 and lasting for 5 years, has received still more encouraging support from the congregation.

FOR SCHOOL YEAR:	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
Scholarship						
Total required (inc 3% inflation p.a.)	£1,500	£1,545	£1,591	£1,639	£1,688	£7,964
Amount sent to San Andres so far	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Promises received						
Committed	£1,329	£1,329	£1,329	£1,329	£1,329	£6,647
% of total required committed	89%	86%	84%	81%	79%	83%
Still to be committed	£171	£216	£262	£310	£359	£1,317
Donations received						
Raised so far	£329	£139	£139	£139	£139	£887
% of total required raised so far	22%	9%	9%	9%	8%	11%
Still to be raised	£1,171	£1,406	£1,452	£1,500	£1,549	£7,077

Summary: 89% of total for 2010 committed
22% of total for 2010 raised so far
83% of total for 5 years committed
11% of total for 5 years raised so far

Thanks to people's generosity we are now almost there. If five more people were to commit to £5/week, then we would have enough committed to see the project through.

Almost £900 has been given already, and we are going to ask those who have committed to giving but who have not yet made a contribution to start doing so in July so that we can make payments at least each term in advance (starting in January 2010), if not for the whole year in advance. People may choose to give by monthly standing order or by marked envelope in the plate, but whichever way, are asked to keep Eric Mackay informed so that the running total can be updated.

During his recent visit Bob Akroyd was to inform Clive Bailey, headmaster at San Andres, that the congregation have shown support for this project. Please pray for the process of awarding the scholarship, and for the eventual recipient – that their time at San Andres would be a blessing to them and to their family.

Newsheet

All notices for the newssheets for the month of July and up to the 16th August need to be given to Christine Macleod who has kindly agreed to print the weekly newssheets whilst Moira is away.

Rotas

Due to people leaving we are looking for two volunteers for the kitchen rota. It is not a big commitment-half an hour every few weeks. Please speak to Moira if you can help.

Amplifier

Volunteers are also required for the amplifier rota. Again this is an important work of the church. Please speak to Ed Forsyth if you are able to help out on a Sunday morning and evening.

Farewell

Farewell to Rob and Anne MacDonald

Rob has got a job in Aberdeen with Aquadata, and he and Anne are moving there shortly. There will be a farewell party for them at the Manse this coming Saturday (20th) from 7.30pm and all are welcome.

We are sorry to lose them,

but wish them every blessing in Aberdeen.

A message from Rob and Anne

‘I will soon be starting a new job in Aberdeen working in the oil and gas industry. Anne and I will soon be leaving Edinburgh. This new chapter brings with it a mixture of feelings. We are delighted that I have a job after a long period of searching and we are thankful to God for answering prayers in this regard. With our baby on the way in August, God's timing has been perfect. At the same time, it breaks our hearts to leave this city that we love and especially the people of Buccleuch. It has been a privilege to grow together in knowledge of the Lord and to work together in his service. The people of Buccleuch have been a great example to us of thoughtful, welcoming, kind and joyful faith. We will keep the congregation in our prayers and, who knows, one day we may end up back in Buccleuch.’

Rob and Anne

Farewell to the Burns

Rob, Emma, wee Emma, Isaiah and Micaiah have been very much part of the Buccleuch congregation for nearly three

years. They will be returning to America at the end of this month. They will be missed. Let us remember them in our prayers as they return home.

News from old Friends

We, Jon and Bilgay, wanted to write and thank everyone at Buccleuch so much for your kindness! It would be impossible to say how much we owe to you. For the last ten years, Buccleuch was Jon's home. It became the place where we first met when in 1998 Bilgay bumped into Elizabeth MacKenzie having walked into Buccleuch out of curiosity. Your welcome and generosity to both of us has been continual and greatly appreciated. We are moving to the United States on 26th June - to Philadelphia where we will be taking up posts at the University of Pennsylvania - but we wanted to express to you something of our appreciation for what you all have meant to us over the last decade. If/when we return to Edinburgh for visits, we will certainly come and say hello. Thank you again for everything! With every blessing!

Jon and Bilgay

West Highland Way

Congratulations to Ryan Gallagher who completed the West Highland Way last month.

Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal

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

And on the subject – here's a message from Blythswood.

As a Christian charity, based in Scotland, Blythswood Care combines the Christian message with practical help for those in need at home and abroad, regardless of their political or religious beliefs or ethnic origins.

You may be aware that our lorry calls in your area once a month so that local people can donate goods to Blythswood. I have attached the schedule for July to December 2009. Please encourage your congregation to bring clothing, foodstuffs, bric a brac, household goods, toys and small items of furniture to the lorry. We can only continue to distribute international aid and to supply our shops (which support our project work) if we receive a steady supply of goods. The attached schedule

gives the collection venue, dates and time for your area. We are also once more approaching the 2009 Shoe Box Appeal. We are grateful to all the churches which support the Shoe Box Appeal enabling us to distribute over 130,000 shoeboxes in 2008 to people of all ages in Eastern European countries, India and Sri Lanka. Once more we are reliant on all our supporters who kindly take the time to cover and fill a shoebox with items which, although largely basic, bring a lot of joy at Christmas time. The new shoebox leaflet for 2009 is now available. Please phone the Glasgow depot on 0141 882 0585 if you require leaflets; we encourage people to order as many leaflets as they plan to do shoeboxes, so that they have full instructions and a copy of the checklist to go on the top of each box.

Finally, if you would like to hear more about the work of Blythswood Care, please email or phone her. We would be delighted to have the opportunity to speak to a group in the church and to update them on our work.

Thank you for supporting the work of Blythswood.

Further information on
Blythswood is available on
www.blythswood.org.

Blythswood Care, 35 - 37
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www.blythswood.org

Regards
Jean

Jean MacSween
Area Fundraising Coordinator

BLYTHSWOOD CARE ROUND SOUTH COLLECTION

JULY TO DECEMBER 2009

Please help us to help others by donating goods to the lorry

Driver's mobile 07947 617047 Tel No 0141 882 0585

The Round South truck accepts clothing, small items of furniture, bric a brac and foodstuffs.

All soft furnishings(eg beds, sofas, three piece suites etc) must have a fire label with the British Standards code (BS7177) attached.

The uplift of any larger items of furniture can be arranged by calling Hillington on 0141 882 0585

We regret that we cannot accept the following - books, bikes, carpets, coat hangers, gas appliances prams, televisions, small electrical appliances, exercise equipment and wall units.

Please check with the driver as to whether goods can be of use.

Thank you for supporting the Round South collection

* As these locations can be busy, the truck will be nearby. Please turn over to view all stops on schedule

TOWN	LOCATION	DAY	TIME	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Bathgate	Iceland	WED	11.00 - 11.30	8	5	9	7	4	9
Livingston	Somerfield (Craigshill)*		12.00 - 12.30	8	5	9	7	4	9
Edinburgh	Costco (Straiton)		13.00 - 13.30	8	5	9	7	4	9
Coatbridge	Hollywood Bowl		15.30 - 16.00	8	5	9	7	4	9
Longniddry	Swing Park *	THURS	9.15 - 9.30	9	6	10	8	5	10
Gullane	Church of Scotland *		10.00 - 10.30	9	6	10	8	5	10
Dunbar	Somerfield*		12.30 - 13.15	9	6	10	8	5	10

Use of Church Hall

Since the Arch Language School have ceased to use the Hall, the Deacons' Court are exploring ways in which we can make good use of the facilities we have for the work of the gospel. Any suggestions you may have should be passed on to Alex or Bob or Ian Urquhart (Clerk of The Deacons' Court) and will receive careful consideration.

A note about Hit Squad From Ian Urquhart

You may not know that I am a volunteer (through Rotary) and a director of Fresh Start (representing the Free Church). The function of the Hit Squad is to provide practical support with painting and decorating. Through guidance from volunteers, new tenants learn new skills that will enable them to establish and maintain their new home. Anybody who is interested in volunteering can get more info from the web site www.freshstartweb.org.uk or speak to Ian Urquhart

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.

Fund Raiser in support of Amica Pregnancy Crisis Centre

The Amica team wish to thank those who supported the Book Evening held in St Columba's Church Hall on Thursday 28th May. £401 was raised through this event. Book readings, books and baking were very much appreciated. We ask that you would continue to remember the work of Amica in your prayers.

Excerpts from Presbytery of Edinburgh & Perth Prayer Requests: June

Aberdeen Give thanks that following a seven month break to conclude PhD (June to December 2009) Jonathan Worthington (our Youth Worker) will resume his work in the congregation. Pray for Jonathan, Lyndsey and Anya.

Buccleuch & Greyfriars Give thanks for our student placement, Alex Stewart, from Kyle who has just completed

his second year at the college. Pray that this experience would be helpful to him as he prepares for the ministry.

Currently our church hall is under-utilised during the week. Pray that we would be given wisdom as how to best use our facilities for the benefit of the congregation and the community.

Cobham Some more folk have said they intend moving away (on account of work) over the next six months: 4 families, giving a total of 17 people - our average morning attendance has been 43. There are also a couple of young people due to go away for studies after the summer.

Dundee Please pray for the ongoing building re-development.

There have been encouragements in recent weeks with more new people attending services.

Dunfermline Pray that the final preparations for the joint Holiday Club with the local Church of Scotland would go well and that we would be united around the Gospel. Pray

that we would share the desire to reach out to the local community with the good news of Jesus. The club will take place from 10am-12pm on the 27th -31st July.

Pray that we would have enough leaders for the Holiday Club. Although we are a small congregation a number of our folks have agreed to help. However, we would really love to be able to commit a few more people from the Free Church to the team.

Falkirk Our Kids club is over for a Summer break. Do pray for the Children all of whom received very colourful Bibles appropriate to their age grouping. Pray especially for those from non Christian homes and for our growing relationship to the parents.

Kirkcaldy Pray for the Deacons' Court as it examines the applications for the position of Community Worker. We hope to interview some of the applicants in June. Pray that the right person be appointed and that the community work would continue to progress and develop.

Leith We have a Guest Service on the 14th and a congregational meal afterwards- please pray that the congregation will invite friends along and make use of the time of fellowship around food afterwards.

Livingston Remember, and give thanks for, the Induction of Nigel Anderson, scheduled for Saturday, 4 July.

Pray for the Children's Mission from 10-18 July, supported by a team from Evangel PCA Church, Alabaster, Alabama.

London City LCPC have signed a call to Angus Lamont, Dornoch, which will probably be disposed of at a meeting of the Northern Presbytery on 23rd June. Pray for both the London and Dornoch congregations, that they may rest in the Lord's will and know his blessing in their worship and witness.

Perth Pray for wisdom as we prepare a welcome pack for those who will be coming to live in the new houses beside the church either in late June or maybe early July.

St Andrews David Wilkinson has just been accepted by Wycliffe Bible Translators and will begin his training after the summer holidays.

St Columba's Please pray for the Christian Heritage Centre that the Edinburgh City Mission are running in St C's for two days a week from June to September (Some of our own folk are involved).

We are also sending a small team from the congregation to France in July to help a small Presbyterian church in Lyon and their minister, Rev Alex Sarran. The team are all French speakers!

College Remember their application for accreditation re foreign students.

Chaplaincy Remember:

- Robert Macleod, and the NHS work;
- Colin Macleod, in the army – just a couple of months before taking on a new posting.

Congratulations

Golden Wedding

Congratulations to Willie and Ena Mackay who celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on the 30th July.

Wedding

Congratulations to Rebecca and Jonathan who got married on Saturday 2nd May in Massachusetts. (See photo on front cover).

Let us also remember Fiona Mackay and Iain Meredith who get married in Buccleuch on the 3rd of July, and Neil Macrae and Ruth MacDonald who get married in August.

Graduation

Congratulations to Lindsey Macleod who graduates with a BN from Napier University in July and started her first nursing job in orthopaedics on 8th June.

Rob MacDonald will also be graduating with a PhD on Monday 29th June.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Mhairi Maclean who has a birthday on 11th June, Lily Beth on 24th July, Neil Campbell who will

be 18 on 28th August and Dolina who will be 21 again on 10th August.

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, and should not be found installing duck islands in the precentor's box nor building moats around the pulpit. Claims for such will not be countenanced by the Deacons' Court.

Anyone for Tennis?

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

WONDERFULLY MADE

James Clerk Maxwell: 1831
– 1879

In 2003, a book was published with the title “The Man Who Changed Everything”. It wasn’t a book written about Jesus Christ or even Charles Darwin, but about James Clark Maxwell. It was written by Basil Mahon who gives Darwin a couple of brief mentions, but doesn’t consider him on the same level as Clerk Maxwell.

Mahon commences the introduction to his book with a quotation from Albert Einstein: “One scientific epoch ended and another began with James Clerk Maxwell”. Maxwell changed our understanding of reality, laying the foundations for many of the scientific and technological advances of the past two centuries. By discovering the nature of electromagnetic waves, those waves which have been the topic of recent newsletter articles, he made possible the development of television, radio, radar and the mobile telephone. He took the first colour photograph. He introduced the system of thought experiments that

Einstein was later to use.

He started a revolution in the way that physicists look at the world. He began to think that the objects and forces that we see and feel may be merely our limited perception of underlying reality which is not accessible to our senses, but may be described using mathematical equations. He used field equations to represent physical processes and physicists now use them to model what goes on in the vastness of space and also within the structure of atoms.

Light, according to his prediction, was a wholly electromagnetic phenomenon and its speed was the ratio between the electromagnetic and electrostatic units of charge. Maxwell, compared to Newton or Einstein, is almost unknown outside professional circles – perhaps because of the fact that his ideas were so far ahead of his time. In fact, it was only last year that a statue in his honour was erected in George Street by the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Maxwell was born in Edinburgh in 1831, closely related to the Clerk family of Penicuik, but his early

childhood was spent at Glenlair, his father's estate in the Galloway region of South-West Scotland. Frances, James' mother, was almost 40 when James was born. She acted as his tutor and James enjoyed history, geography and literature. An important part of the domestic routine was family worship. Each day the household, including the servants, met for prayers and every Sunday they went to Parton church, five miles from their home.

Unfortunately, his mother died of cancer when she was 47 and his father was too busy to take on the responsibility of acting as tutor to his son. His father's widowed sister lived in Edinburgh, not far from Edinburgh Academy and it was decided to send him there. After a difficult adjustment to his school, James gradually found his feet and made excellent progress and some good friends. When James was 14, he wrote a paper dealing with oval curves, producing geometrical propositions. His father showed the paper to James Forbes, the professor of Natural Philosophy (Physics) at Edinburgh University. When

he checked to see if others had done anything similar in the past, he discovered that the French philosopher and mathematician, Descartes, had done research in the seventeenth century on the same subject, but that James' results could be considered an improvement. Professor Forbes took the paper to the Royal Society and read it, James being considered too young to do it himself.

In 1847, at the age of 16, he commenced his university studies in Edinburgh and, in 1850, went to study in Cambridge.

During this time he continued his research and wrote papers on various subjects. In 1856, his father died and James was appointed as Professor of Physics at Marischal College in Aberdeen, moving to King's College, London four years later, again as a Professor. In 1865, he resigned the chair in London and returned to live in Glenlair on his estate, continuing his researches and writing scientific papers. In 1871, he was appointed Professor of Experimental Physics at Cambridge University. There

he supervised the design and construction of the Cavendish Laboratory building and also published important books and papers, including his "Treatise on Electricity and Magnetism".

He died in Cambridge in 1879 of abdominal cancer at the age of forty-eight, but was buried at Parton near Glenlair.

His doctor at Glenlair sent information on James' health to the doctor in Cambridge, but added his personal note of admiration. "I must say he is one of the best men I have ever met, and a greater merit than his scientific achievement is his being, so far as human judgement can discern, a most perfect example of a Christian

Gentleman".

His own appreciation of himself was given to a colleague. "What is done by what I call myself is, I feel done by something greater than myself in me ...

I have been thinking how very gently I have always been dealt with. I have never had a violent shove in all my life.

The only desire which I can have is like David to serve my own generation by the will of God, and then fall asleep."

James Clerk Maxwell, one of the greatest of the world's scientists and one of the humblest of Christ's gentlemen.

WMM

These two pages are intentionally left blank for children over 14 to produce geometrical propositions, or children under 14 to make a drawing for inclusion in the next newsletter.

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**

21 st June	Evelyn MacDonald	Mairi Forsyth	Anne Macrae
28 th June	Kenny Macleod	Norma Maclean	Jennifer Macleod
5 th July	Sarah Lytle	Kirsty Clunie	Jocelyn Hammer
12 th July	Neil Campbell	Flora MacPhail	Rebecca Macleod

Amplifier

21 st June	Ed
28 th June	Graham
5 th July	Shanana
12 th July	Ken

Cleaning

20 th June	Rebecca Green and the YF	
27 th June	Calum/Norma	David Ferrier
4 th July	Dolina Macdonald	Willie/Anne Lytle
11 th July	Heather Akroyd	Ali MacDonald
18 th July	Kenny MacLeod	Flora MacPhail

Door Duty

21 st June	John Macrae	Ken MacKenzie
	Chris Somerville	Jenny Somerville
28 th June	Roddy Macleod	Neil Campbell
	Neil Macrae	Rebecca Green
5 th July	Eric Mackay	Alasdair Black
	Esther Black	Stephen Allison
12 th July	Donald Forsyth	Dolina Macdonald
	Mairi Forsyth	Willie Lytle
19 th July	Willie Mackay	Calum Maclean
	Rob MacDonald	Kenneth Macleod

ACTIVITIES (in church building unless marked by *)

Sunday	11:00am	6:30pm
21 st June	Alex MacDonald	Alex Stewart
28 th June	Alex Stewart	Bob Akroyd
5 th July	Alex MacDonald	Alex MacDonald
12 th July	Bob Akroyd	Bob Akroyd
19 th July	Bob Akroyd	Bob Akroyd
26 th July	Bob Akroyd	Bob Akroyd

Crèche and Junior Sunday School during morning service.

*Youth Fellowship meets fortnightly - see Kenny MacLeod for details

Forum meets after the evening service - see Jenny Somerville for details

Monday

*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

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