

Buccleuch & Greyfriars

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Neil and Ruth

November 2009

Ministers' Updates

Assistant Minister's Update

As I was surfing the web, I looked at the website of St Catherine's Argyle Church of Scotland (their minister, Robin Sydserff, will be preaching on the Friday of our November communion). They succinctly summarised the mission of their church in a vision statement:

Passionate for the Glory of God:

- Reaching unbelievers with the gospel
- Building committed disciples
- Training Gospel Workers
- Sending and Supporting Gospel Partners

The main point of this statement is that passion for God's glory that will show itself in obvious ways in the life of a church and individual Christians. We at Buccleuch have a similar statement of our identity, mission and vision (printed every month in our newsletter). How are we at living this out? If we place priority on worship, evangelism, pastoral care and serving the wider community, how is this demonstrated? As a part of this congregation, you have a part to play.

For some, it means responding personally and publicly to the invitation contained in the gospel. Attending church is very important, but a relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ is absolutely essential.

For others, it means taking seriously what a relationship with Jesus Christ really means. Is it your desire to serve Jesus here in Edinburgh? Are you growing in your knowledge of Jesus? Are your interests and priorities becoming more like his own? In short, if you tell someone that you are a Christian, is it obvious that you are a follower of Jesus?

Still others may be wrestling with the question, what is God calling me to do or to be? This might mean full-time Christian service or it might mean, how can I serve God where I am currently working or studying?

If you are new to this church, first let me welcome you to Buccleuch. You are most welcome here and I hope that you find this church a place where you can both receive and give. The city of Edinburgh is a wonderful place to live, study and work but it is a city filled

with men and women who need to hear about Jesus and to see the power of Jesus at work in the lives of real people. If you share this passion for Christ, there will be no shortage of opportunities to serve.

Yours faithfully
Bob Akroyd

Welcome

It is always a pleasure to see new people in the congregation, whether they are students, new residents in Edinburgh or visitors passing through Edinburgh on holiday. We hope you feel welcome and that you enjoy your time with us at Buccleuch. Please feel free to contact either of our ministers for information, pastoral support, and advice. Their contact details are:

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

Bereavement

Let us remember Donald Forsyth and his family following the death of his sister, and Anne Lytle whose grandfather died last month.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Communion

Communion Weekend Friday 27th November - Sunday 29th November

We next celebrate the Lord's Supper on Sunday 29th November. Rev Robin Sydserrff from St Catherine's Argyle Church of Scotland will preach on Friday evening and Principal Donald Macleod of the Free Church of Scotland College will be our preacher for Saturday and Sunday. If you are interested in joining the congregation by professing faith in Jesus Christ or by transferring your membership from another congregation, please contact Alex or Bob or any of the elders in the congregation.

The pre-communion services on Friday 27th November and Saturday 28th November are at 7.30pm. The services on Sunday are at their usual times of 11.00 am and 6.30 pm and the evening service is a joint service for all three Edinburgh congregations. The Sunday evening service will be evangelistic and would be an excellent opportunity to invite

your friends to church to hear the good news of Jesus.

Christianity Explored 2009
(Thursday Evenings 6.30 pm
- 8.30 pm)

Our Christianity Explored Course will soon begin on Thursday nights in Buccleuch Church Hall. This course introduces us to Jesus; who he is, what he has done and what he expects from us. From 6.30 - 8.30 pm, we will have the opportunity to share a meal, watch a video and join in discussion. The topics for discussion are as follows:

5th November

Introduction

12th November

Jesus – Who Was He?

19th November

Jesus – Why Did He Come?

26th November

Jesus – His Death

3rd December

What is Grace?

10th December

Jesus – His Resurrection

17th December

What Is A Christian?

What Can You Do?

Pray – Pray that people would come, hear the message

of Jesus and come to believe in him. Pray for leaders and speakers. Please start praying now!!

Attend – Come along if you'd like to find out more. This course is very helpful and everyone would be welcome. You can sit and listen or ask as many questions as you like.

Invite – Ask your friends, family member and neighbours. This is a great opportunity for people to hear the gospel – 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?

Speak to Sarah Lytle if you can help in this very important way.

If you need any more information, please contact:

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

Bob (664 6306,
bobandheather@talk21.com)

Prayer Breakfasts

We continue to meet weekly at 9am on Saturday mornings for prayer, food and fellowship. Thanks to all who have made

these breakfasts possible and thanks to all who attend. If you haven't been able come, please stop by one Saturday morning to enjoy this special time of fellowship and prayer together.

Joint Missionary Meeting

There will be a joint missionary meeting tonight (Sunday 1st November) in St Columba's at 8pm, when Rahmat Hussain will speak.

Home Bible Studies

The next home Bible study will be on Wednesday 11th November.

The Hosts and Venues are:

North West

Neil & Mary Campbell

East

Bob and Heather Akroyd

South East

Fergus & Dolina Macdonald

South

Willie and Anne Lytle

South West

Donald & Joan MacDonald

Buccleuch Church Hall

Guest Service

The next guest service will be on Sunday 20th December at 6:30pm. The preacher will be Alex MacDonald.

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 – 4th November - at 7.30pm in the 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:
27-29 November (communion)

Deacons' Court Meetings for 2009:
15 December

Meetings of the **Deacons' Court** are generally held on Tuesdays, and **in the hall** at 7:30 pm, and Kirk Session meetings are held at the same time, but in the manse, except at Communions.

Free Church College: Saturday Part-time Course

Programme for 2009/2010:

Classes meet in Edinburgh and Stornoway one Saturday a month from 10 am (coffee at 9.30!) to 4 pm on the following dates:

2009:

10th October, 14th November, 12th December

2010:

16th January, 13th February, 13th March, 17th April, 8th May

Courses for 2009/2010:

Revelation and the Bible
(Professor Donald Macleod)

After the Exile: What Next?
(Professor John L Mackay)

Studies in First Corinthians
(Rev Kenneth Stewart)

Care Van

Care Van Dates for the rest of the year are as follows:

Sunday 29th November

Wednesday 30th December

Volunteers are needed for both

these dates. If you have never volunteered before you would be very welcome. All you need to volunteer is free time between about 8pm and Midnight, warm clothes and a friendly smile (and the ability to make cuppa soup).

To volunteer or for some more information about the work of Care Van please speak to Christopher Somerville.

Care Van have started a regular newsletter called 'Care Van News' to keep you up to date with what is happening and give you information about volunteering. There are a small number of these on the vestibule table for you to read.

Night Shelter

The Night Shelter dates for this session are:

Saturday 14th November

Saturday 23rd January

Volunteers are needed for this vital ministry. If you are able to volunteer, the following on each date is needed:

Saturday afternoon - Move all the stuff out of the Church Hall.

Sunday Morning - Make sure the hall is clean and then move the stuff back in to the hall before the morning service.

For more information please contact Christopher Somerville (*who is both the church contact for Night Shelter and a new project worker with the Night Shelter Team - Well done Christopher on your new job!!*)

Chris Somerville

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.

Ladies' Bible Study

The next Bible study will be on Saturday 21st November at Rebecca Green's home. All meetings will start at 7:30pm.

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

New Futures Group

The purpose of this message is to draw to your attention the restart of our New Futures Group support group for those between jobs or facing redundancy which we have been running since the start of the year. Over this period we have managed to offer help and encouragement to more than 60 folk and have seen around a third of them move on into employment.

We restarted the programme again on Wednesday 2nd September and we would like to let anyone within your organisation who might benefit from the group know about it.

Details are on our website www.businessmattersedinburgh.com/events/.

With thanks in anticipation of your help in this.

Eric Smith

St Columba's Ladies Fellowship

The next meeting will be on 5th November at 2.30pm. The guest speaker will be Mrs Karen

MacCormick, and ladies from Buccleuch are welcome to join with us at this meeting.

Catriona Lamont

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Facebook

Are you on facebook? If so join the new Buccleuch group! It is a useful tool for sharing information about Buccleuch and also lets people who might want to, come see a bit more about us as a congregation. Please feel free to post relevant information on the wall. You can also use the discussion pages to have a chat to the other members - perhaps you might like to continue a Forum discussion or a topic that is in the news. So far we have 48 members and some excellent photos!

Sarah Lytle

Congregational Directory – 2009/2010

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.

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

Thank you

Thank you to Norma Maclean, who has organised the crèche rota for a number of years. Jen Macleod has now taken on this important job. Let us, as a congregation, remember the young children in the crèche and Sunday school and pray that they will all come to know the love of the Lord Jesus.

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.

Maintenance Book

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

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

Blythwood Shoe Box Appeal

If anybody would like to fill a shoebox to support the Blythwood Shoe Box appeal please speak to Dolina.

Harvest Thanksgiving Collection

The harvest thanksgiving collection for Tearfund totalled £659.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Kirsten MacKenzie who had a birthday on 16th October, Lauren who has a birthday on 27th November, Carys on 26th November and Sam on 8th November.

Anyone for Tennis?

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

Centre. If you are interested speak to Evelyn, Heather, Mairi or Moira.

Interview with Stephen Allison



Tell us a bit about yourself Stephen

I am currently studying for a diploma in legal practice after graduating, with a law degree, last year. I have a job when I am finished in Litigation. When I am not studying, which takes up quite a lot of my time, I am a Captain at a local Boys Brigade Company, I am involved in the university Christian Union group, I am involved in university politics and I like doing magic tricks.

I am the eldest of two children; my sister is 19 next week. My family live in Larbert, where I am from, and I visit fairly regularly. I have a girlfriend, Tizzy, for those of you who have been wondering if we got together. She is also a

student at the university and attends Duncan Street Baptist Church.

What brought you to Buccleuch?

I came as a new student to check it out as I had heard about this Free Church and thought it sounded a bit weird. It was better than I thought, and having visited a few churches but never settled I was looking for something a bit different to the Church of Scotland I went to back home. I went to some pretty charismatic churches but I was disappointed with the teaching. By this time I had met Johnny MacLeod, who was the one who introduced me to the Free Church ideas. When I came along I was first attracted by the friendliness of the people and the sermons being good. I settled here as I liked that it was a church that went beyond the basics and I learned new things about the Bible and the Christian faith.

How long have you been coming to the church and what are you involved in?

I have been coming to Buccleuch since my first year at university. I am involved in a

number of things in the congregation. I help with the Carevan team and with some of the rotas: sound desk, church cleaning and door duty. I have a mentor as part of the mentor scheme, I go to Forum on a Sunday evening and I did help with BG's (a youth group during the week), but it doesn't run anymore. I really benefit from the mentor scheme as it is good to meet with an older Christian and gain from their experience and wisdom. Forum is good too as I really like discussion and debate and I find it good for that and for developing the church community. I feel that the people I know best I have got to know through meeting at Forum.

When did you become a Christian?

I became a Christian in P5 when I was attending a Scripture Union Camp. I grew up in a church back home but I felt all I knew was just a number of unrelated stories from Sunday School and it was only when I went to camp I saw how things fitted together to create the gospel message. I was a Christian from then but in

my high school years I was presented with a real choice that tested my faith. Did I do what other young people were doing? Or did I stay true to my understanding of the gospel? After some questioning I decided that I believed what the Bible taught and I lived my life according to this truth. That is where I am today.

What is your favourite Psalm?

Psalm 51: I like this Psalm as in it a great king, David, admits his sin, which is tremendous sin, and records it for us to read. In doing this he shows how repentance works and about his renewed focus on God. I like that we can see God's grace even in our sin.

Tell us about someone who has been an inspiration to you

Kenny McKee. He was camp leader at a number of SU camps that I attended in my younger years and then was a leader at some camps I helped out at. I always admired his servant heart. He always taught us that leaders should be sacrificial (from Philippians 2), that we weren't there just for fun. I was inspired most by his practicing what he taught, he

could have got everyone doing everything for him but he was the one found cleaning the toilets on the last day of camp.

What is the book currently on your bedside table?

I have two: *The God Who is There* by Francis Schafer and *Redeeming Law*, which is about Law Practice as a Christian.

What was the last film you watched?

Not really a film, but the BBC version of *Pride and Prejudice*. This was because Tizzy, my girlfriend, made me watch it!

I like the *Matrix* though. It is perhaps the film I watch most regularly. I think that it is good because it is a bit weird, but also because there is a lot to unpack in terms of meaning in the film; it is good for encouraging discussion and debate.

What is the CD currently in your CD player?

Actually, it is *Like the River* by Alex MacDonald. I was listening to it on Saturday. Though it sounds like a fix - it honestly is the one!

What is going on in your life that you would like the congregation to pray for?

I am trying to get the Bibles put back into Pollock Halls, which were banned 4 years ago. I have to get some signatures and then present my request at a meeting. I would appreciate prayer for this as there is obvious opposition to the gospel; this is one vital way of reaching a lot of students with the word of God. Please pray that I would be successful.

Please also pray for my work and studies. Pray for my course and then as I make the transition into work next year that I would be an asset to the company that has employed me.

I have not long started in my role as BB captain, although I have been helping out for quite a while. Please pray that I would do well with the added responsibility of leading the company and makes decisions as to the future direction of the company.

Some information about Forum

What is forum?

Forum meets every Sunday evening (that there aren't other things on) after the evening

service. It meets in different people's homes each week and combines supper and discussion, based mainly around the evening sermon.

Where did forum come from?

Forum started as a place for those who felt they were too old for Youth Fellowship but didn't want to go home to go for fellowship. Since its start it has expanded and developed and is for anyone who wants to discuss things concerning their Christian faith.

Who is forum for?

Forum is for everyone – and that includes you! The only things you need to come to forum is a desire for discussion and a love of supper.

How can you get involved?

There are a number of ways that you can get involved in forum.

Come. Forum would love new people to join in our fellowship and discussion, please come along. You can come every week or once in a while, whatever suits you.

Pray. Please pray for forum, that we would continue to have good discussions that would build each other up and

would be to the glory of God. Please pray that forum would provide a place of growth in faith and knowledge for the people coming along.

Give. There are three things (other than your presence!) that you could give to forum:

1. Your home. We are always looking for places to meet. All you need is a space for us to meet and to provide some supper (tea and a biscuit is all that is required).

2. Your car. If you can help us get people to and from forum (even if you aren't coming yourself) then we would love to hear from you.

3. Your facilitation skills. To keep forum running in a timely and (relatively) orderly manner we have someone to facilitate the discussion each week. If you would be willing to do this once in a while please get in touch.

For more information

Please contact Jenny Somerville for more information/to volunteer/to offer suggestions etc.

Congregational Lunch

A congregational lunch was held on Sunday 27th September after the morning service. About 40 people enjoyed a bring and share lunch and a time of fellowship.



The next bring and share lunch will be on Sunday 22nd November. We are hoping to have a congregational lunch every couple of months: watch the newssheet for dates.

We would love for you to join us for the next one and you don't need to be able to cook; bread, cheese and juice are just as important.

If you forget about it and don't bring anything we would love it if you stayed for lunch anyway, and there will always be the next one to bring something to!

For more information contact Jenny Somerville.

Women's Fellowship

The women's fellowship met on Friday 25th October for an evening of 'Jam and Jumpers'. The Women's Institute style evening saw 15 women in the congregation meeting together and have tea, cakes and fellowship.

Thank you to everyone who helped set up, serve and tidy up.

The church lunch is a really good way of getting to know others in the congregation a bit better and sharing your cooking (or shopping) skills.



The evening also saw the opportunity to bring handcrafted items for a number of different categories including sewing, preserves, knitting and baking. After tasting, touching and trying on we were able to pick our favourites and the most popular in each category was given a prize.



Mary Campbell and Mairi Forsyth gave out the prizes, as

the 'retiring' organisers of the Women's Fellowship (even though I am assured that they are both only 21 years old). Mary and Mairi were presented with flowers as a small token of the huge thank you that we want to say for all their hard work over the years.

The next Women's Fellowship meeting will be 'So you think you know what Bethany do' held on Friday 4th December. We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information about the Women's Fellowship or to make some suggestions about what you would like to do at future fellowship meetings please speak to Sarah Lytle or Jenny Somerville.

FINANCE UPDATE

General fund

Accounts to 30th September

The accounts to the 30th September confirm that we're

still expecting a deficit this year in the general fund of around £10,000, after expected further income and expenditure for the final quarter, and meeting our target of £70,000 to central funds. The fabric fund will need to be used to meet the deficit, which will leave the finances in a difficult position.

Looking at income, there has been a reduction of over £600 per month in regular standing orders since the beginning of the year. This equates to an annual drop of over £9,000 per year, taking into account the gift aid that can no longer be claimed.

Giving to Buccleuch

If you would like to start contributing financially to the church, then please consider setting up a regular standing order. Standing orders should be made payable to the following Royal Bank of Scotland account.

If you are a taxpayer, then please speak to Neil Macrae about signing a gift aid declaration. The church can reclaim 28p for every £1 from gift aid donors.

Alternative ways of giving are through the envelope system (for more details speak to Calum Maclean) or by leaving money in the offerings plate in the hall.

New financial system for congregational remittances to central funds

The Free Church will be moving to a new remittance system as of the 1st of January 2010. One of the objectives of the new system is to allow congregations greater control over how they spend their money once local ministry costs are met. The Deacons' Court is currently considering the changes this will mean for Buccleuch, and there will be further information on this in the newsletter by the end of the year.

Alasdair Black

Buccleuch & Greyfriars

30/09/2009

Statement of financial activities	General Fund	Fabric Fund	Special Millennium	Funds Other	Total
Gross ordinary income	£71,659		£12,414	£14,783	£98,856
Transfer to fabric fund	£0	£11,273		-£11,273	£0
Net ordinary income	£71,659	£11,273	£12,414	£3,510	£98,856
Expenses	-£31,667	-£1,410	-£12,414	-£1,180	-£46,671
Surplus before EDO and central funds	£39,992	£9,863	£0	£2,330	£52,186
Extra-denominational objects	-£300				-£300
Church funds	-£41,166				-£41,166
Surplus for the year	-£1,474	£9,863	£0	£2,330	£10,720
Opening balance - at 1st Jan 09	£0	£14,294	£0	£1,008	£15,302
Closing balance - at 30th Sep 09	-£1,474	£24,157	£0	£3,338	£26,022

Balance sheet	General	Fabric	Millennium	Other	Total
<i>Fixed assets</i>					
Guardwell Crescent	£146,775				£146,775
Loan from Bank of Scotland	-£84,400				-£84,400
Loan from Bob & Heather Akroyd	-£46,712				-£46,712
Fixed assets at cost less debt	£15,663	£0	£0	£0	£15,663
<i>Other items</i>					
Owed to Alex for expenses	-£744				-£744
Owed by Bob for expenses	£406				£406
Amounts owed to the Congregation	£1,610				£1,610
Cash	-£13,705	£24,157		£3,338	£13,791
Accruals	-£4,704				-£4,704
Closing balance	-£1,474	£24,157	£0	£3,338	£26,022

Other special funds comprise

Willie Raeburn - benevolent fund	£471
Sunday school	£434
Congregational outing	£40
South Africa mission trip	£526
Colegio San Andres	£1,867
	<u>£3,338</u>

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 Nov	Evelyn MacDonald	Flora MacPhail	Rebecca Macleod
15 th Nov	Kenny Macleod	Mairi Forsyth	Sarah Lytle
22 nd Nov	Norma Maclean	Jennifer Macleod	Anne MacRae
29 th Nov	Neil Campbell	Kirsty Clunie	Jocelyn Hammer
6 th Dec	David Ferrier	Flora MacPhail	Evelyn MacDonald

Amplifier

8 th Nov	Graham
15 th Nov	Ed
22 nd Nov	Kenny
29 th Nov	Shanana

Cleaning

7 th Nov	Kenny MacLeod	Flora MacPhail
14 th Nov	Stephen Allison	
21 st Nov		Steve Willis
28 th Nov	Rebecca Topping	Mairi Forsyth
5 th Dec	Rebecca Green	YF

Door Duty

8 th Nov	John Macrae	Ken Mackenzie
	Chris Somerville	Jenny Somerville
15 th Nov	Roddy Macleod	Neil Campbell
	Neil Macrae	Rebecca Copt
22 nd Nov	Eric Mackay	Alasdair Black
	Esther Black	Stephen Allison
29 th Nov	Donald Forsyth	Mairi Forsyth
	Dolina Macdonald	Willie Lytle
6 th Dec	Willie Mackay	Calum Maclean
	Kenneth Macleod	

ACTIVITIES (in church building unless marked by *)

Sunday	11:00am	6:30pm
8 th Nov	Bob Akroyd	Bob Akroyd
15 th Nov	Alex MacDonald	Alex MacDonald
22 nd Nov	Alex MacDonald	Alex MacDonald
27 th Nov	Robin Sydserff - preparatory service at 7:30pm	
28 th Nov	Donald Macleod - preparatory service at 7:30pm	
29 th Nov	Donald Macleod communion Donald Macleod (joint service)	

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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Newsletter/sheet	Moira Mackay		

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