

DECEMBER 2012

May I begin by saying that I thank God again for the privilege of being minister at TPHD and that He has granted to us another year in which to serve Him. It has not been easy for us but with mutual support, love and encouragement we can be faithful in the discharge and exercise of our God-given duty, responsibilities and do so joyfully.

To be a minister is not like being a one-man band with a supporting cast. Rather the Church is a corporate entity where each one has a responsibility to make a contribution to the common good, each bearing the same responsibility before God to use our God-given gift in the way that befits our gifting.

We have much work to do to build up the congregation to be a true and continuing representation of the glory of the Church of Jesus Christ. If we do not make upward and onward progress we do not stand still but recede into a state that is not worthy of the gospel of our Lord. We need to work with determination to make progress. A good test of whether we consider our Church a Church worthy of the Lord is to ask whether we could or would invite friends or neighbours to join us. If we could not then something is wrong.

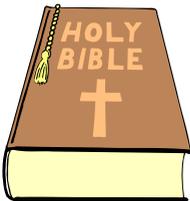
Having said that we sometimes get so taken up with what we can see that we forget what we cannot see and what is the real value of our meeting together. We meet in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ who is King and Head of the Church as we submit to his kingship, his sovereign rule of our lives, his presence, his blessing and help in praise prayer and fellowship.

We come to the time of year when we remember the incarnation of the Word who created all things, but forget the link between that and the existence of the Church. The reason Jesus came, lived died and was resurrected was so that there would be a Church one that included not only Jews but Gentiles from all over the world.

This Christmas as we give thanks to God for the Lord our Saviour let us also remember those who share in his suffering. The Church in Syria that is being systematically destroyed by Islamists, the Church in China that is having a problem printing sufficient Bibles for the need there is and for the Church in Europe where there is such a sad decline in understanding the truth for what it is and believing it. Let us pray for ourselves as we grow in grace come to understand, know and live the truth and invite others to know the Lord Jesus as Saviour.

Your friend and Minister,
Richard Buckley

VERSE FOR THE YEAR



The Bible verse to encourage us through 2012 and 2013 is Psalm 21 verse 13:

*"Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength;
We will sing and praise your might."*

WHEN IN CHURCH...

Be silent, be thoughtful, be reverent,
For this is the house of the Lord.
Before the service, speak to God;
During the service, listen to God;
During the service, let God speak to you;
After the service, speak to one another.

A notice seen in St. Peter's Church, Heysham

FLOWER DELIVERY



Thank you to all the ladies who participate in the delivering of the flowers to members of the congregation each Sunday. Your efforts are appreciated very much, particularly as it is done so willingly in all kinds of weather.

The kind words and visits are always appreciated by the members of the congregation who receive the flowers.

There is still room on the rota and I would like to invite any other ladies in the congregation who would be interested in assisting with the flower delivery to speak to me any time.

Norma McKenzie

JUST A THOUGHT...

"I'm quite prepared for you to say what you want about my faith,
as long as I can say what I like about your lack of it!"

Milton Jones
Award – winning comedian





TWINKLE TUNES

We have been really enjoying Friday mornings in the large hall where more than 25 families have been coming for songs and a chance to play.

The preparation starts on Wednesday after the prayer meeting when all the toys come down off the stage. Thursday sees organising the toys, checking they are clean and ready, preparing the music and props and baking the cakes!

Friday mornings start off with a chance to play with all the different kinds of toys - suitable for all the different ages and stages of children we have. Then we have a half hour session of singing, dancing and learning about instruments - always good fun and very hectic...

After a break for tea and cakes we have a wee story and are planning that this time for the next few weeks be our preparation for Christmas!

We say good morning to everyone on arrival and so say goodbye to everyone at the end, which takes quite a lot of breath some days!

Once everyone has left then starts the putting away of toys, washing the dishes, and sweeping up the crumbs. Happy Days!

Charis Brodie



WOMEN'S HOUR

Our session started on the 2nd October when the minister, Richard Buckley, told us a little of his family history. He spoke very movingly about his mother's Christian commitment and the influence she had had on his life.

Following on from that, Barry Dixon, a Procurator Fiscal, came and told us about his journey from humble beginnings in a room and kitchen in Maryhill to his experiences in courts of law, while also describing his spiritual pilgrimage which sees him now as an elder in Glasgow Cathedral.

Derek Wood brought us a PowerPoint presentation about a project in Malawi to bring clean drinking water and water for irrigation to a school for AIDS orphans. Since his visit we have been collecting wool and knitting needles to send to the school, as we learned that the little girls there are desperate to learn to knit.

In the last two weeks we have heard a message taken from a collection of tea-towels and listened to some amusing, comforting and uplifting poems and readings.

As our meetings continue, we look forward to hearing from a variety of speakers – ministers and lay people – who will tell us their stories or encourage us with words from scripture.

Our meetings are very relaxed and cheerful with time for a chat over a cup of tea. So far this year we have welcomed a couple of new members and would love if any other ladies in the congregation who are free on a Tuesday afternoon would like to come and join us.

Thanks to all the ladies of the committee who work so hard to make the meeting what it is, some of whom have been struggling recently with health problems. I really appreciate their help and support. Thanks also to Billy Johnston who puts on the heating for us and is always willing to help in any way he can.

We have learned a little closing hymn for each meeting which is a prayer and blessing, sung to the tune 'Edelweiss'. I share it with you here:

*'May the Lord, Mighty God
Bless and keep you forever
Grant you peace, perfect peace
Courage in each endeavour
Lift your eyes heavenward and see His face
Seek His grace forever
May the Lord, Mighty God
Bless and keep you forever'*

*Eva Campbell
President*

Some recent photos of the ladies attending the Women's Hour:





If you've been along Saracen Street, you will have noticed the new building opened in August housing the offices of **ng homes**, and if you've noticed that it is called Kenna Rossine House, the name should strike you as being somewhat familiar! And so it should, because one of the names – Rossine – belongs to our own Bill Rossine.

Pat Kenna has been a tenant volunteer member of **ng homes** for 24 years, and for the past 5 years she has been Chairperson. Bill, as you all know, lives in Possilpark, and has volunteered for over 20 years. Over the years Bill has held all four officebearer positions on the Board of **ng homes**.

The Vice-chairperson of **ng homes**, Frank Miller, said, "Naming the Possilpark office Kenna Rossine House is a fitting tribute to Pat and Bill and reflects all the hard work carried out over the years by all committee members."

Bill Rossine has completed numerous training courses ranging from Housing Law to Outdoor Survival Safety. He is also a tireless fundraiser and has taken part in abseils and walks in aid of the British Heart Foundation and Marie Curie.



Would you like to know more about the Christian faith? What's the Bible about? What's so important about Jesus, anyway?

If these are some of the questions that you'd like to hear answers to, look out for our **CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED** evenings beginning in the New Year.

You won't be asked to sing, pray, or read aloud to everyone – but you will have a chance to think about some of life's important issues.

For further information, contact Robert Wilson, Peter Kay, or any of the other Elders – they'll be happy to help!

SERMON SCRIPTURE READINGS

Here are the passages from the Bible that the sermons in our Morning and Evening services for the first quarter of 2013 will be about. You can read them in advance!

Note that Palm Sunday (24th March) and Easter (31st March) will have their own lessons.

January	6 th	New Year	no service
	13 th	Mark 3:1-6	1 Kings 12:25-33
	20 th	Mark 3:7-12	1 Kings 13
	27 th	Mark 3:13-35	1 Kings 14:1-20
February	3 rd	Mark 4:1-20	1 Kings 14:21-15:24
	10 th	Mark 4:21-25	1 Kings 15:25-16:7
	17 th	Mark 4:26-29	1 Kings 16:8-28
	24 th	Mark 4:30-34	1 Kings 16:29-17:1
March	3 rd	Mark 4:35-41	1 Kings 17:2-16
	10 th	Mark 5:1-20	1 Kings 17:17-24

Here is prayer used in the Church of England. It's a good one to use before you read your Bible:

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.



'All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.'

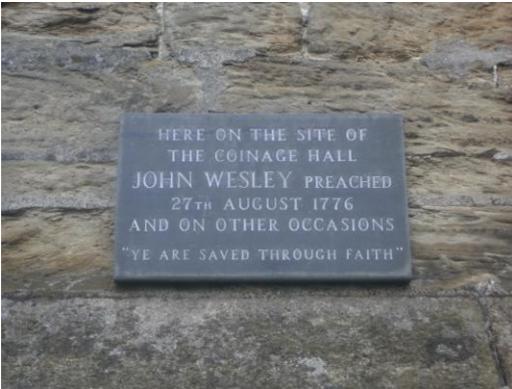
2 Timothy 3:16

O BROTHER!

Brothers! You probably know some: you may even be one! They can be bitter enemies, or they can be the best of friends. The Bible has many examples of brothers, from Cain and Abel to James and John.

At Christmas, one of the carols you will probably either hear or sing will be 'Hark! The herald angels sing'. This hymn was written by Charles Wesley. Charles had a brother, John, who was a preacher and tireless evangelist. In an age before car travel, he journeyed the length and breadth of Britain on horseback, preaching to those who would – and those who wouldn't! – listen. It is estimated he travelled thousands of miles in his ministry, reaching thousands who would never go to church. In some places he was warmly welcomed; in others he was violently attacked and driven out of town by mobs!

You can find evidences of John Wesley's ministry all over the country, plaques on places where he preached.



The photos are from Truro, in Cornwall.

If you are a reader of the diaries of famous people, then you could buy no better diary to read in the New Year than that of John Wesley!

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations go to Lisa Docherty, who married Steve Young at Brightons Church, Polmont, Edinburgh on Saturday 17th November. The wedding ceremony was performed by our Minister.



Steve and Lisa



Hugh and Mary Docherty, their daughter Lisa, and grandson Calum

WHO DO YOU RECOGNISE?

As with the Girls Brigade photos, no prizes - just a bit of fun! Do you recognise anyone in the following photograph? It was taken around 1965 and is the 275 Boys Brigade Lifeboys on parade!



Or - perhaps someone in this 275 Boys Brigade Company photo??



For *some* answers speak to Isabel Whyte...



CHRISTMAS 2012 AT TPHD



**Sunday 16th December
11am Gift Service**



**Sunday 23rd December
11am Family Service**

*Church Lunch after Morning Service –
Soup, Sandwiches and Something Seasonal*

6.30pm Carol Service



**Monday 24th December – Christmas Eve
11.30pm Watchnight Service**

*The Service finishes in the first few minutes of Christmas Day
Light refreshments will be served in the large Hall from 10.30pm onwards.*

