

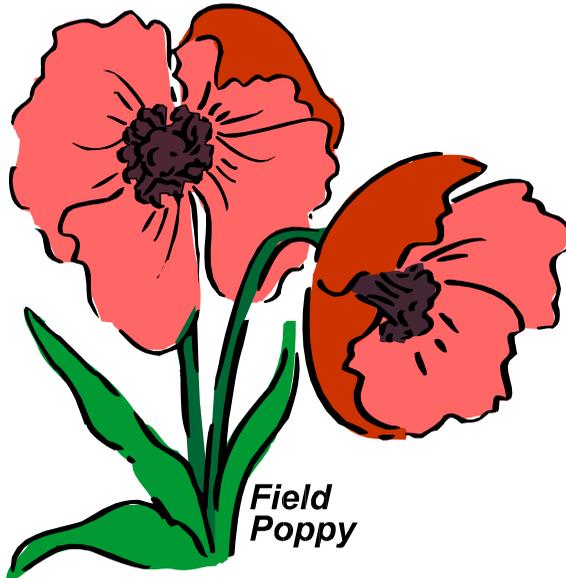
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NEW VISION



*Field
Poppy*

**We will
Remember**

Our Mission Statement:

*'Showing forth the love of Christ in
a Multi-Faith Community'*

Minister:	The Rev David Black	423 4000
Session Clerk:	Mrs Mary Morrison	632 1659

Sunday Services Ahead

10 th Nov	10:50am	Service for Remembrance Sunday
17 th Nov	11:00am	Guest Preacher
25 th Nov	11:00am	Service for Guild Sunday
1 st Dec	11:00am	Sacrament of Baptism
8 th Dec	11:00am	Sacrament of Holy Communion
15 th Dec	11:00am	Gift Service
22 nd Dec	11:00am	Nativity Service led by Junior Church
29 th Dec	11:00am	Service of Lessons and Carols

Details of the services on 24th December at 11.15pm and 25th December 11:00am will be announced next month

Mid Week Service

A 15 min. mid-week service is held every Wednesday in the Kenmure room at 9:45am – 10:00am. We sing hymns, pray and listen to a Bible passage. The leader who takes the service continues with an explanation.

This is followed by Coffee Break 10:00am – 11:30am. Tea, Coffee + chat in Glencairn.

Everyone is invited to come along to either of the events.

Copy date for the next New Vision is 17th November 2013



Message from the Manse

We celebrated the many good things we do together as church even as we acknowledged the challenges of finance and the future in our special service last month. It is too early to say what the results of our gift day have been except that you are generous people, committed and caring both for the church and its work and in playing your part in it.

The more we face difficult and changing times the more we need to focus and celebrate the good of the past, even if at times that means acknowledging the old ways are changing and we need find modern equivalents.

We remember this month the sacrifice of those who died or were injured in war, and the collective trauma such events are for the whole nation. We do this always with the challenge in mind of how do we prevent such war and loss happening again; what needs to change in us and in others that we might all live in peace, the whole world live in peace?

Of ourselves we can give no answer, but we can point to the promises of God given in Isaiah and incarnate in His Son Jesus, of his promised day of peace.

And as our hope for the world is in Jesus, so is our hope for the church here at congregational level. We cannot foretell the future, but we can stand on the rock of our faith which is in Jesus Christ and live out our calling as his people empowered by the Holy Spirit to

do the good we can to offer the Gospel as a place to start. As we gather week by week so we find the hope and strength for our living, for accepting change and challenge and most of all finding God true to His promises today as well as yesterday or tomorrow.

With all good wishes

Rev David Black

Coffee Morning

**St Ninian's Church
1 Albert Drive**

**Coffee Morning
9th November
10:00am – 1:00pm**

**Enjoy a chat over coffee, tea & cakes
Home baking & traidcraft stalls**

Everyone is welcome

The Induction of Pollokshaws

On Thursday 3rd October, Janice and I attended the Induction of the Rev Roy Henderson as Minister to Pollokshaws Parish Church. As these occasions always are, it was a very happy event. The sermon was preached by the Rev Catherine Beattie, the minister of Giffnock South. This was appropriate because Pollokshaws is linked with Giffnock South, and they try to help each other.

The Service took the standard form, with the Minister taking vows, signing a formula, the prayer of Induction and then the members of Presbytery giving the right hand of fellowship to the new minister. The congregation are then required to stand and promise to support the minister. After this the minister is ceremoniously presented with first, a Bible, then Water for Baptising, then Bread and Wine for Communion. In this way, the members of the Congregation are involved in the ceremony.

Pollokshaws Church is a very historic church. When you approach it, it does not look like a church: it looks like a large old mansion. This is because it is one of the original Secession Churches.

The Secession Church was formed in 1820 as a union of various protesting churches. It had an honourable history of social concern and at the time of the union consisted of about 280 churches. Pollokshaws Church,

its self, was built in 1842.

We would like to extend to Mr Henderson and the Congregation of Pollokshaws our best wishes for their future ministry.

K G Ross



Pollokshaws Parish Church

Journeys

from Frank Topping Lord of Life

Every minute of every day (and night)
Thousands of people are on the move
On motorways, on underpasses, by-passes and fly-overs,
Somehow we are not really in the world but just passing through it.

Journeys at speed are not remembered;
They are just a blur, a passing of time between one place and the next.

A walk on a beach or through a village or city holds more memories
than I can hope for in a thousand miles of high speed travelling.

Our Lord spent days travelling on foot,
His greatest journey on a donkey.
He left behind a trail of hope and love and peace.

May we know that it is not the distance travelled that matters
But the quality of the journey in all our travels.

I think of roads and travelling as I drive from Balloch to
Pollokshields Parish Church

I remember crowded roads and quiet roads travelled in
the past.

Even now as you read this people are on the move –

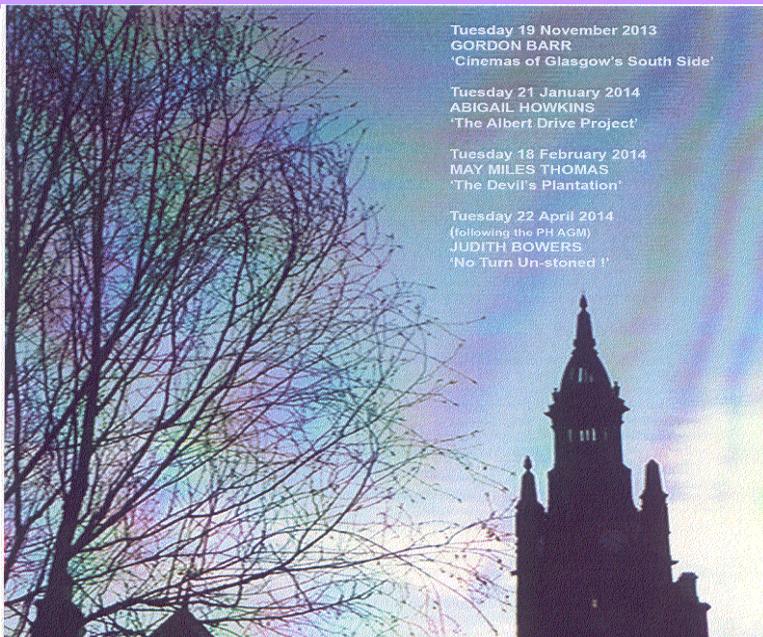
May we pray in all our travelling

Christ be before me, Christ behind me, Christ beside me,
Christ be at my end and at my departing.

Margaret Nutter

POLLOKSHIELDS HERITAGE

LECTURE SERIES 2013-14



The first in the Lecture Series will be held on Tuesday 19th November in the Georgeson Room of the Fotheringay Centre 7:00pm for 7:30pm, £5 with wine.

It is entitled 'Cinemas of Glasgow's South Side' by Gordon Barr.

Gordon completed his Ph.D. in 2003 at the University of Glasgow. His first degree was also from Glasgow – a M.Sc. in Chemistry in 1999 – and for many years he was a post-doctoral research fellow in theoretical crystallography. His other interests included books, architecture and history, and in April 2010 he was appointed as the first Heritage Development Officer for the Maryhill Burgh Halls Trust. Gordon gave a talk to Pollokshields Heritage last season on his work at Maryhill which was very well received, and he promised to return to speak about his other passion – Glasgow's cinemas, past and present. How many of them can **you recall....?**

WELCOME TO LIFE AND WORK

Again included in the middle of this magazine is the order form for Life & Work and our own Church Magazine.

On page 13 is an abridged version of an article that appears in the November issue. It reflects on the meaning of Remembrance.

The full article and many more articles appear in the Life & Work. If you wish to order a copy please return your order form to Mrs Teasdale before **10th November 2013**

Below is a welcome from the Editor of Life & Work telling you about a new way that you can receive the magazine.

Welcome to the online home of Life and Work, the magazine of the Church of Scotland.

The launch of this site is yet another landmark in the magazine's 134-year history and brings the award-winning editorially independent title to a new audience.

The site was launched in March 2013 and brings Life and Work into the digital age.

It offers our readers and followers an enhanced and up-to-date experience of the magazine of the Church of Scotland and we hope you'll join us on this new journey in our evolution.

Let us know what you think of our new presence by email at magazine@lifeandwork.org and [share this web address www.lifeandwork.org](http://www.lifeandwork.org) with your friends and family. Follow us on [Facebook](#) or on [Twitter](#). You are now able to read the free Gaelic supplement online.

We're looking forward to your company on our journey.

Lynne McNeil
Editor

Gone but not forgotten

(Taken from the Scottish Bible Society, Autumn 2013 booklet)

On 1 November 1889, twenty-nine girls and women lost their lives after a wall collapsed on a weaving shed on the site of the original Templeton's Carpet Factory in the east end of Glasgow's Calton area. Many others were injured, some seriously. The incident became known as the 'Greenhead Disaster'.

Strong winds were blamed for the accident that saw a partially-constructed wall (built for the new extension to the factory) blown over, crushing the shed where these women worked. The oldest victim was 25-years-old and the youngest just 14 years.

A memorial garden paying tribute to the victims of the Greenhead Disaster has been refurbished this year to give the Calton community a new, modern and bright place in which to remember the victims. The project, which includes a new community hub, has been developed through a partnership between Thenue Housing Association and Calton Housing Association, the local community organisation. The changes include a renovated plaque for the original 1954 granite memorial as well as paving stones engraved with the names of the disaster victims.

During her research into the disaster, Alison Kevan, Corporate Services Manager for Thenue, made contact with the Scottish Bible Society when she found that the Stoddard Templeton archives at the University of Glasgow included Bibles given to the families of the victims and to

the survivors with a special message of condolence from the Society.

In our own archives we found an entry in the 1889 Annual Report with reference to the Greenhead Disaster, stating: "A memorial Bible with a suitable inscription was provided in the name of the Society." The report confirms that the Bibles were given to the households of the victims as well as to the ninety-nine survivors.

Speaking about the Greenhead Disaster, Alison Says, "Industrial accidents were common in industrial Britain but the magnitude of what happened here caused shock and grief nationwide. It's reassuring to know the Bible Society provided support to all the families involved in their time of grief. After 124 years it may have slipped from the public's consciousness but it is still remembered vividly by the Calton community today."

As part of the exhibition about the Greenhead Disaster, a copy of the extract from the 1889 Annual report with reference to the event will be displayed at the Calton Heritage and Learning Centre, which overlooks the memorial garden.





Thank You from the Flower Team

The Flower Team wishes to thank the volunteers who assisted with the distribution of the Harvest Gifts on Sunday 29th September.



Lilias Campbell

As we give thanks for our harvest gifts read below about the people who are not so lucky.

World Food Day

World Food Day was held on the 16th October

The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations is celebrated every year on this date, bringing awareness to the political need to end hunger.

Christian organisations and charities are using the day to encourage people to 'eat sustainably for food security and nutrition'.

Oxfam are urging people to 'reflect' on the issues behind our food and remember that 1 in 7 people around the world go to bed hungry.

'Alternative' food systems are being celebrated in their 'Food Heroes' project.

The Smallholder and Grower Festival in Forfar, the

Culture Kitchen Relay across Scotland and the Southside Foodshare project in Glasgow are among the nominations.

Christian Aid is highlighting the innovative ways that people in hot countries are able to use modern techniques to preserve food instead of it rotting in the heat.

The UN's official figures reports that 870 million people are 'chronically undernourished' and 165 million children under the age of five are stunted thanks to malnutrition.

The wastage of 'imperfect' fruit and vegetables is highlighted as a particular source of frustration, with almost 300 million tonnes of food thrown out by developed countries because its 'shape' is wrong. Director-General of FAO, Jose Graziana da Silva said 'that figure is more than the total net food production of sub Saharan Africa and would be sufficient to feed the estimated 870 million hungry people in the world.'

The Southside Foodshare

The Southside Foodshare is a great example of individuals coming together to source fruit and vegetables locally.



Church Music

Liam will be playing the following music on the Organ in November 2013.

Sunday 3rd November:

Anthem: *From the Rising of the Sun* - Ousley

Offertory music: *O Lord whose mercies numberless* from *Saul* - Handel

Recessional voluntary: *Tuba Tube* – C S Lang

Sunday 10th November: Remembrance Sunday

Anthem: *Pie Jesu* – Lloyd Webber

Offertory music: *Ich bin der Welt abhanden gekommen* – Mahler

Recessional voluntary: *Prelude in C Minor* - Bach

Sunday 17th November:

Anthem: *Cantate Domino* – Pitoni

Offertory music: *O Star of Eve* – Wagner

Recessional voluntary: *Trumpet Tune* - Stanley

Sunday 24th November:

Anthem: *Soul of my Saviour* - Faber

Offertory music: *Ombra maifu* from *Serse* – Handel

Recessional voluntary: *Arrival of the Queen of Sheba* - Handel

November Life and Work



We shall not forget.

In this special issue, the Principal Clerk of the Church of Scotland, the Rev John Chalmers reflects on the meaning and poignancy of Remembrance.

The youngest son of Mr Chalmers, John James 'JJ', was badly injured whilst serving as a marine reservist in Afghanistan in May 2011.

“What has struck me, since our son, John James, was injured in Afghanistan just over two-and-a-half years ago is that we have never talked about an enemy or thought at any time that the price and pain of war was one sided.

“We know there are extremists and we know the world is a dangerous place. We know too that as long as there is such danger we will need brave women and men who are prepared to stand between us and the frontiers of terror, “said Mr Chalmers.

He adds: “For me Remembrance Day is about considering how we break the unending cycles of violence. It is about working out how we reduce our dependence on the bullet and the gun while

increasing international understanding and tolerance.

“Our family cannot forget the price that has been paid in young lives and we shall not forget. Just before the two minutes on the 11th of the 11th at 11 o’clock our thoughts will be for real people with real families; but, with just as much passion we shall pray that soon it may be the turn of the peacemakers to do something heroic and unexpected, something magnanimous and compassionate and we find a way to hang our trumpets in the hall and study war no more.

The issue also includes a special Remembrance prayer from the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland the Right Reverend Lorna Hood.



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Anything you would like to share with
other people

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