

DUNDEE PARISH CHURCH (ST. MARY'S)  
THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

## CHRONICLE



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### Kirk Session Meetings

The Kirk Session will meet in the Church Hall for ordinary business at 7.30 p.m. on the following dates.

2010	1 <sup>st</sup> June (if required)	14 <sup>th</sup> September	9 <sup>th</sup> November
2011	22 <sup>nd</sup> February	26 <sup>th</sup> April	7 <sup>th</sup> June (if required)

Material for the Autumn issue of the "Chronicle" should be in the hands of the Session Clerk, no later than Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2010. All things being equal, the magazine will be ready for distribution on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

Dear Friends,

It has been said that, "poetry is the language of religion."

How true.

The poet's way of looking at life certainly seems to yield deeper truths about the nature of reality than any other literary discipline. Indeed, in our quest for meaning about the purpose of our living in this world, the rather rigid language of law and logic or philosophic and scientific reason fails to express that which underlies religion. This is not to deny the importance of coherent thinking or to suggest that religion is irrational but it is the case that poetic insights take us nearer to the heart of ultimate reality.

The implements, we may say, employed by the poet are the very vehicles whereby we glimpse a measure of the truth which other words cannot begin to express: the poem and the parable, the metaphor and the myth, the story, the symbol, the imagery, the imagination. These not only inform our thinking but touch our hearts and encourage us to persevere in our quest for truth and to illumine further our faith. Isn't this why the parables of Jesus are so embedded in our culture?

Have we, I often wonder, become so concerned in the Church to produce neat definitions and water-tight statements of belief, forgetting to our peril that the peace we seek, "passes man's understanding"? The groping, the partial understandings of the poet, it seems to me, helps to lift the veil on the mystery of the created order without dispelling the enigma of faith completely.

I relish poetry, as you will no doubt have gleaned from my musings on a Sabbath! The works of all sorts of poets throughout the ages help to release me from the concern about whether all the narratives recorded in the Bible can be squared with the results of contemporary scholarship and research. The Bible is not an infallible book but rather a rich treasure trove providing us with resources to cope with all the highs and lows of the human predicament. The tales recorded therein have inexhaustible meaning and in that sense we should be content to savour insights rather than expect strict literal truth.

It was one of the most sagely of Biblical poets who first recognised this when he observed: "deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts; all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me."

Ever sincerely yours,  
Keith F. Hall

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

**PARISH REGISTER**

**June**

06 11 a.m. Morning Worship  
Sacrament of Baptism The Minister

13 11 a.m. Morning Worship  
Junior Church Presentations The Minister

20 11 a.m. Morning Worship The Minister

27 11 a.m. Morning Worship The Minister

**July**

04 11 a.m. Morning Worship  
Rev Graham Taylor  
St Luke's Broughty  
Ferry  
Pulpit Exchange

11 11 a.m. Morning Worship The Minister

18 11 a.m. Morning Worship The Minister

25 11 a.m. Morning Worship The Minister

**August**

01 11 a.m. Morning Worship The Minister

08 11 a.m. Morning Worship The Minister

15 11 a.m. Morning Worship The Minister

22 11 a.m. Morning Worship The Minister

29 11 a.m. Morning Worship  
Holy Communion The Minister



**BAPTISMS**

"In trailing clouds of glory do we come from God who is our home.  
Heaven lies about us in our infancy."

30<sup>th</sup> May 2010, David John Mackay, infant son of Dr. Frank & Mrs Louise Mackay,  
30 West Acres Drive, Wormit.

6<sup>th</sup> June 2010, Lucy Ann Robertson Cram, infant daughter of Zoe Cram,  
52 Glamis Road, Dundee.

**IN MEMORIAM**

"The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God. There no torment  
shall touch them."

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2010, Evelyn Wishart, 72c Byron Street, Dundee.

10<sup>th</sup> April 2010, Oscar Summers, 53 Mains Loan, Dundee.

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010, Mina McGouldrick, 20 Shiel Court, Barnhill.

30<sup>th</sup> April 2010, Margaret Stewart, "Balnoe", Rattray, Blairgowrie.

8<sup>th</sup> May 2010, Cath Gray, 4 Glenogil Avenue, Dundee.

13<sup>th</sup> May 2010, Laurie Watson, 8 Old Craigie Road, Dundee.

## Three Good Samaritans

A stained glass window in our Church that I occasionally study (not during the sermon!) is of The Good Samaritan. The richly dressed priest and the Levite have haughty expressions as they pass by on the other side, while the Samaritan tends to the injuries of the stricken man. As Stuart Bannerman has pointed out, the background of trees creates an ominous feeling that it might be a dangerous place for a lone traveller.

It is interesting to note how this famous parable is illustrated in two other churches. In Kinnoull Parish Church there is a large window with panels depicting fourteen of Jesus' parables. This window, known as the Millais Window, was designed by Sir John Everett Millais, the pre-Raphaelite artist, and sponsored by George Gray of Bowerswell, Perth whose daughter, Effie, married Millais. Unlike our window, you do not see the face of the Samaritan who is busy supporting the victim while his beast, a rather noble looking animal, looks on. The backgrounds of all the panels are Perthshire scenes and this one shows a Highland glen. Helping one's neighbour is not confined to the road to Jericho.

In the Chapel of the Garioch, near Inverurie, the parable is the subject of a mosaic in Venetian glass in rich colours on which is placed a line drawing in wire of the three acts of the Good Samaritan. The artist was Sean Crampton. In the first scene the Samaritan has his arm round the wounded man as he ministers to his needs, in the second he sets him on his beast, and in the third he gives the innkeeper two denarii (two days' wages) to care for him until his return. The two who passed by are drawn symbolically as grey shadowy figures.

Incidentally, all three churches have royal connections. Margaret Tudor, widow of James IV, remarried in Kinnoull Church in 1514; Her granddaughter, Mary, Queen of Scots, worshipped in the Chapel of the Garioch in 1562; Mary's son, James VI, attended the General Assembly when it was held in St Mary's Church, Dundee.

Ian McCraw

## The Jerusalem Cross



You will sometimes see this symbol on our printed Orders of Service. According to Carl Liungman's *Dictionary of Symbols*, it is known as the Jerusalem Cross and was used for a time as a symbol for the Kingdom of Jerusalem after it had been conquered by the Crusaders until eventually Jerusalem was defeated by a Muslim force in 1291.

## The Mission Aviation Fellowship

I only recently learned of the existence of the Mission Aviation Fellowship. It is a Christian organisation which flies to remote areas in developing countries taking much-needed help to people in need. Every three minutes an MAF plane takes off or lands somewhere in the world. The latest MAF magazine tells us that these flights ensure that medical care, adequate food, clean water and Christian hope reach thousands of people. In one article we are told that during the 1990s MAF carried out many medical flights, supported Bible translators who were all busy working on the Scriptures of the Chachi people who live in a remote part of Ecuador, and in an attempt to combat river blindness, transported blood samples to the nearest laboratory. It is hoped that this disease will soon be eradicated. It can certainly be kept under control with the help of a vaccine. It is not possible to restore the sight of those who are already blind, but river blindness can be prevented from affecting others.

Elsewhere in the magazine we learn of some of MAF's work in the Congo and in Madagascar. The Church of Scotland Guild has chosen as one of its new projects to support the work of MAF in remote areas in Madagascar. One of their representatives is coming to speak to our Guild early next year. I am sure that he or she will be worth listening to.

Kenneth C Deas

## Mr Andrew Chisholm

St Mary's owes a great debt of gratitude to many people, one of whom is the late Mr Andrew Chisholm. During the last few years he has been responsible for entering the names in our Book of Remembrance.

He was a kind and gentle man. He had wide interests and enjoyed meeting people. His working life was spent in Edinburgh, where he taught in the College of Art. An excellent calligrapher, he was often called upon by Universities and learned bodies to design and produce scrolls which marked the achievements of those who had distinguished themselves in some way. He was very interested in heraldry and was well qualified to speak on the differences between Scottish and English Heraldry.

In retirement, he and his wife moved to Broughty Ferry where he pursued his sailing interests. He enjoyed sailing in the Firth of Tay and in our coastal waters.. He also joined Dundee Probus Club, served as President for a year and designed scrolls for two long-serving members who also happened to be elders in St Mary's. About this time he became our calligrapher, taking, as one would expect, great pride in his work and carrying it out meticulously.

During the past year he had a long spell of illness and recently died. Our thoughts and sympathy go out to his wife, Connie, and to all members of their family.

Kenneth C Deas

## The Guild

We have enjoyed another year of interesting talks and programmes. Our numbers have kept up, both men and women, but we would be very happy to welcome more when we restart on Tuesday 14th September at 2.15 in the hall. We completed the session with a very enjoyable outing with our Link Guild, Guthrie Rescobie, again having a very tasty lunch at Coupar Angus followed by a fascinating afternoon at the new centre for training Guide Dogs for the Blind in Forfar, the only one in Scotland.

Office bearers for 10/11 are:

Co-ordinator	Mrs Anne Gibson
Leadership Team	Mrs Kathleen Clarkson, Miss June Laburn, Dr Anne Langlands, Mrs Betty Nicoll, Mrs Elizabeth Ogivie, and Mrs Annabelle Yamauchi.
Treasurer	Mr Ian McCraw
Minutes Secretary	Mrs Kathleen Clarkson
Committee	Miss Etta Flin, Miss Ena Henney, Miss Jess Smith & Miss Marlen Stewart.

Anne Gibson. Co-ordinator.

## The Wednesday Club

We had a change of speaker on 17 March after Alf Ingram had to call off. His wife Joy kindly agreed to come in his place. She gave us an illustrated talk 'Antarctic Adventurers - Early Explorers to the present day', which included an account of her own trip with the Royal Scottish Geographical Society to celebrate the centenary of the Scotia Expedition.

At the AGM the office-bearers and committee were re-elected apart from Isobel McFatrige who wished to step down. The President thanked her for several years of service to the club. Joe Burke was welcomed as a new committee member.

The summer outing took place on 19 May, when we enjoyed high tea at the Scone Arms Hotel. The delicious home baking was a particular treat! During the afternoon most of us had visited Scone Palace or elsewhere in the local area.

The programme for the next session is well underway, and barring any last minute alterations the dates are as follows:- Sept 15, Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15, Jan 19, Feb 16, March 16. Further details will be in the Autumn Chronicle.

Dorothy Forrester

## Where Our Money Goes

Earlier this year a letter was received from the Stewardship and Finance Department of the Church of Scotland thanking you, the members of our Congregation, for supporting its work for the Church at home and abroad through your offerings. The Department would like you to know what your money is used for.

We are fortunate in being able to meet the cost of having a minister. We also help other parishes less fortunate than ours to provide for their own ministers, and contribute towards the cost of training candidates for the ministry. Some of our money is used to help vulnerable people in this country and in some of the poorest parts of the world. The remainder is used to help meet the financial, legal and other costs of the Church, including the cost of holding the General Assembly and the expenses of the Moderator as he fulfils his ambassadorial role during his year of office.

In order to meet these requirements, the Church of Scotland needs to raise £115 million this year. Our share is £57,624 i.e. £2283 more than last year. It is essential that we raise this sum. In order to do so, we are asking as many of you as possible to increase your offerings. If at all possible, please do so.

Kenneth C Deas

Congregational Giving					
March		April		May	
7	£593.50	4	£471.97	2	£459.60
14	£398.00	11	£459.50	9	£648.30
21	£465.81	18	£554.48		
28	£663.75	25	£1015.50		

## POLYMYALGIA RHEUMATICA AND GIANT CELL ARTERITIS



SCOTLAND

(Formerly Tayside PMR & GCA Support)

Dundee Parish Church (St Mary's) Group

Scottish Charity No:SC037780

As from the 18<sup>th</sup> May our name has changed, with permission from OSCR, in order to reflect the ever expanding area of our activities. Our Group was added to the Patient UK website last July and recommended, with the result that we found it difficult to keep up with the number of enquiries and had to "employ" a volunteer to help with administration. After the head of Channel 4 News and Current Affairs became ill with both of these conditions and wrote a double page article in the Daily Mail in January quoting our website as a source of help we were inundated. We then had to look for an office so that we could use more volunteers. We have found an office in the Technology Park but it needs a bit of refurbishment and will not be operational until sometime in June.

Our monthly meetings are well established now but the bulk of our work is supplying support and information in response to emails, telephone calls and letters. Because we have developed into a helpline we are about to join The Helpline Association as an associate member with a view to becoming full members in time.

We successfully applied to Awards for All for a grant to equip the office, print brochures etc and attend trainings with the Helpline Association. As Awards for All do not give grants for running costs and the Charitable Trust which has generously funded us up till now has been wound up we are now looking for funding to cover these costs.

In the first 18 months of its existence, the National Group, PMRGCauk has been a disappointment. It had no chair from September 2009 but I am very happy to say that at their first AGM an excellent Chair was appointed, Dr Kate Gilbert, who is about to take early retirement because of PMR and has a doctorate in Business Management. I hope the UK group will soon be able to take over what we do here, apart from the monthly meetings.

We were invited to send a delegate with PMR to a conference run by the Rheumatology Department in Bristol. Our Secretary, Alison Jeffrey attended and was impressed with the interest shown by the Rheumatologists in what the patient thought and wanted. We were also invited to have an exhibition stand at a day conference on Arthritis in Portsmouth last December which I accepted. I also attended a lecture on PMR there.

We were the first charity in the UK and set up the first website in the UK specifically for people with PMR & GCA and the increasing volume of enquiries shows that there must have been a need for this.

Once again we must thank the Minister and Kirk Session for their encouragement and support, Helen Davidson for her help with refreshments and administration, Kenneth Anton for his support in including a broadcast about our organisation on Hospital Radio and lastly the volunteers who have helped with administration and in creating our logo.

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## The Flower Calendar

*"To beautify the place of My Sanctuary"*

June 2010

6 Mr & Mrs K.H. Wood

13 Lady Hardie

20 Mrs Rena Gillespie

27 MrsDorothy McGovern's Family

July 2010

4 Mr & Mrs John Brewster

11 Mr & Mrs R.M. McGregor

18 Miss Jean Colquhoun

25 In memory of Mrs Helen Black

August 2010

1 Mrs Dorothy Rollo

8 Miss Jean Taylor

15 Dr and Mrs I.S. Henderson

22 Flower Fund

29 Mr and Mrs Scott C. Henderson

## Congregational Giving

When considering the Annual Accounts and Budget the Kirk Session had again this year to give very serious consideration to the growing financial deficit of the expenditure in St Mary's over the income. Quite simply the expenditure in each of the last few years has far exceeded the normal income from the congregation even allowing for the invested funds which are available for general purposes. The Kirk Session have implemented over the past few years stringent measures to hold or reduce expenditure but even so this in itself is not sufficient to eliminate these deficits entirely.

For the last few years the shortfalls have been made up from legacies left to St Mary's for general purposes but within a few years these legacies will all be exhausted in eliminating these annual deficits unless we improve our income. What can we do? Well, firstly I would ask every member of the congregation to review their offerings and increase these by whatever amount each individual feels able. EVERY LITTLE WILL HELP.

Remember that if you are a tax payer then giving by way of Gift Aid means St Mary's recovers from Her Majesty's Customs and Revenue 28 pence for each pound donated. Secondly I would ask anyone who is making or reviewing their will to consider including St Mary's in some way.

Adrian Stewart

Hon. Treasurer

**Elders' Duty Rota**

\* = In charge

**JUNE 2010**

Mrs D.L.G. Forrester

Mr J.L. Chalmers

Miss C.R. Henney

Mrs A. Yamauchi

Dr A.G. Forrester

Prof M Yamauchi

Mr D.G. Campbell

Mr J.M. Hardie

\*13th

\*6<sup>th</sup>

\*27th

\*20th

**JULY 2010**

Mrs P L Hourd

Mr A.A. Gray

Mrs K.E.B. McLeod

Mr S.C. Henderson

Dr A.D. Sands

Mr J. Burke

Mr N.P. Gray

Dr A.C. Hourd

\*11th

\*25th

\*18th

\*4th

**AUGUST 2010**

Mr K. Anton

Mr J.R. Brewster

Dr D.P. Thomas

Mr R.M. McGregor

Mrs F.E.M. Burke

Mr Neil Bell

Mr T. Willmott

Mr K.M. Murray

\*29th

\*8th

\*1st

\*15<sup>th</sup>\*22<sup>nd</sup>**SEPTEMBER 2010**

Mr I.M. Grieve

Mr D.P. Beattie

Mr G.B.R. Cram

Miss J. Laburn

Mrs K.N. Deas

Mr J.S. Carrol

Mr R.T. Lumsden

Mr M.J. Beattie

\*19<sup>th</sup>\*12<sup>th</sup>\*5<sup>th</sup>\*26<sup>th</sup>