

Cornerstone

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Resurrection
Lamb King Gift
Savior
Easter
Sacrifice
Redemption CROWN
Love Risen

Dear Friends,

On Sunday at worship a young family of the church came to me with their hearts open and hurting. They came seeking help. They needed to find expression and so share what had broken their hearts: the tragic news of their friends, another young family living on the other side of the world, and the accidental death of their 10-year-old son. They cried and I cried in worship that day – maybe you noticed? Certainly, I saw one friend close to tears in seeing my struggle at the point of having to get some words out! Two other people, as they left church through the main doors, also quietly and lovingly acknowledged the moment we had shared. One held me by the hand and looked me in the eyes before speaking. Another, making sure she embraced me at the door, communicated *without the use of words*, the bond of trust and the strength of love!



As I write this letter to you, we are still in the season of Lent. Easter will soon be upon us too, but not yet! First we stand in the shadow of the Cross. Perhaps we can see Mary, the mother of Jesus, standing there too. She sees what is happening to her son and she cries. Some of the disciples are not far off either. I have no doubt they struggled to find the words to speak of what they saw happening to their master and friend.

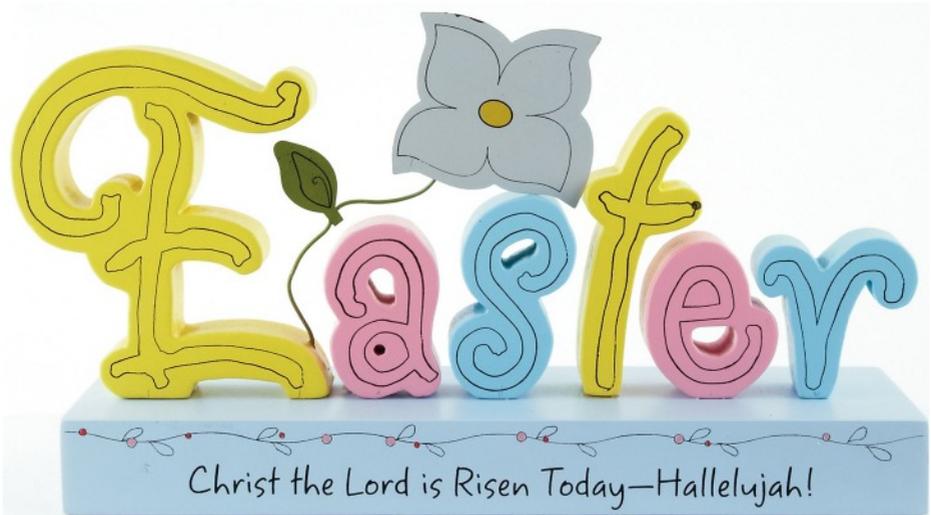
On the Sunday I refer to in my opening paragraph above, Alice was preaching and in doing so, she led us to the Cross with some questions: *"What do you feel when you look up at Jesus nailed to the Cross. Do you feel loved? I hope so"*, she said. *"Do you feel valued? I hope so!"* The message went on to affirm for us a truth which lies at the heart of faith, *"....nothing...can express more just how precious and beautiful we are to God than Jesus on the Cross. God did this for us!"*

Our joy and embrace of life, even in the midst of sadness, is a fitting response to God. As John puts it in these familiar words in his gospel:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John chapter 3, verse 16)

May you know the bond of trust that holds you and may the strength of love raise you to life today, tomorrow, eternally!

Ian



*A very
Happy Easter
to all our readers!*

News from the Soup and Cheese Lunches

The Soup and Cheese Lunches, as many of you know, provide delicious homemade soups and a selection of cheese, amidst stimulating company, with proceeds going to a good cause .

As from 1st January 2014, the benefit from the lunches is for the Foundation Pro-xy. Last year we made a profit of 1300frs. This year, through your presence at these lunches, we hope that the profit will be increased.

Pro-xy is a foundation which provides relief to Carers who look after a loved one, a parent or a friend suffering from prolonged illness or are severely handicapped. People from Pro-xy are able to relieve the Carer from time to time, for an hour or more. It collaborates with the medico-social centres and with public and private institutions in the canton.

My personal thanks go to all my regular helpers, Susan Giddons, Chantal

Pineau and others who help in the kitchen, and the ladies who make the soup. Also, to all who contribute, by their presence, in making our Soup and Cheese Lunches such a great success.

Ilze Condemi
(the Soup and Cheese Lady)



Prayer Requests



A book is available in the Church entrance, should you wish to request a friend, loved one or even yourself be mentioned in the prayers of intercession at the Sunday morning service.

Pastoral Care Team Report 2014 -2015

During the past business year, the Pastoral Care team, with the support of the Rev. Ian McDonald, continued to offer a helping and loving hand to members of the Congregation, who found themselves in need.

Although this mainly involved visiting senior and/or sick members via home or hospital visits, helping with shopping and transportation; 3 younger church members also reached out for prayer and physical support. We hope that this is a sign that the team is becoming better known.

Some new initiatives were introduced during the year:

- ✓ The circulation of a "Prayer List" to team members. It names everyone in our care and as new prayer requests are received, either for those already on the list or for other church members, the list is updated and distributed to the team. Any member wishing their or someone else's name to be added should contact Catherine Cowper (021 801 21 06).
- ✓ A new method for the distribution of church flowers.
- ✓ The sending of cards was broadened to cover the wider community (48 mailed to date).
- ✓ Cornerstone article was re-designed in line with the Pastoral Care leaflet launched in 2014 and a web-page was created on the Scots Kirk website.
- ✓ Contact established with CFOA Caring for One Another core group at Scots Kirk, Geneva led to our convener being invited to one of their meetings. A reciprocal visit is planned.

In early October, the team hosted an afternoon tea at *Le Débarcadère* in St. Sulpice. It was a beautiful day and a good time was had by all who attended.

Four new elderly ladies have been added to our care list in the past few months. One of whom as a result of her brother in Australia reading the Pastoral Care page on the Kirk's website and contacting Ian. A contact was established and one of the team visits his sister on a regular basis. We have received an expression of appreciation and thanks from her brother.

Two team members, Thabbeth Cotton and Tina Hong Kaiser, stepped down at the beginning of the year. It is good to have Cynthia back safe and well from her one year absence in Australia, and we are naturally thrilled to have Daniel back in good health.

Sadly in February, we lost Claudine, our Prayer Link, a very dear, much loved and valued member of the team – she will be sorely missed.

Catherine Cowper

March 2015

Congratulations!

Scots Kirk's Johann checkmates rest of Switzerland

11 year-old member of the Scots Kirk and chess prodigy, Johann Williams, has won the Swiss Under 12 Rapid Chess Competition held last weekend in Solothurn. Johann lives with his sister Joanna (also a chess player) and his parents, Williams and Sinthiah in Morrens. Johann has been creating a stir in chess circles over the last couple of years with a series of superb performances at competitions around the country. Success while early in his career, does not come easily and Johann, who works hard at improving his game, has been playing most weekends at competitions around the country.



Many congratulations...

... to Silas Goodman, who has been awarded a place to study music at the School of Fine Art of the University of Boston. Well done, Silas.

... to Yolande de Meuron, who recently celebrated a "significant" birthday.

CHRIST FOR ME

The **PRESENCE** of Christ

Is the **JOY** of my life.

The **SERVICE** of Christ

Is the **BUSINESS** of my life.

The **WILL** of Christ

Is the **LAW** of my life.

The **GLORY** of Christ

Is the **CROWN** of my life.

Deadline for the next edition of Cornerstone:

17th May 2015

World Day of Prayer, 6th March, 2015

This year, all the English-speaking churches in our area united with us at the Scots Kirk. The Service was prepared by the people of the Bahamas.

Mrs. Faith Fookes, (see photo with her daughter Naomi), daughter of our friends, Joy and Geoff Fookes, from St.John's church in Territet, resided in the Bahamas for several years, and gave us a wonderful talk on the work being accomplished at the Ranfurly Homes for Children.

The homes were founded in 1956 by Lady Hermoine Ranfurly, wife of the then Governor General of the Bahamas. Following the aftermath of a fire in Nassau and the ensuing cleanup, she discovered a group of homeless children sleeping in cardboard boxes in alleys near the burnt buildings and was moved to do something about it.

The congregation was very moved by Mrs. Faith Fookes' exposé and we shall be able to contribute a very generous offering to be sent directly to this very worthwhile cause which at present cares for more than 45 children.



The Service was well attended and gave us another opportunity to see our friends from our sister churches in the area and welcome other visitors. A buffet lunch followed, alimented by many and appreciated by all.

Geraldine Ewen

Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting of the Scots Kirk Lausanne was held on Wednesday, March 25 with 23 members in attendance.

Ian McDonald opened the meeting with prayer and those present approved the minutes of the 2014 ABM.

Janet Beard was recognized for her seven years of service as Session Clerk, and Lindsay McTeague highlighted that she was one of the first to "get out of the boat", taking on the Session Clerk responsibilities after only three years as an Elder. Those present gave a warm acknowledgement and thanks for Janet B's contribution to the Scots Kirk.

In the Minister's remarks, Ian shared highlights of 2014 in pictures featuring the Book Bazaar, La Nuit des Eglises, the church weekend at Crêt Béard, property upgrades including the new floor in the hall and carpet in the church, an updated church history, the Lenten book discussions of "If You Want to Walk on Water You've Got to Get out of the Boat", the marriage and parenting courses, promoting the Scots Kirk in the Christmas midnight run, the Youth Group Christmas talent show, many lunches sharing fellowship and the annual snow Sunday in Les Mosses. It was indeed an active year.

Next Robert Kenneth presented the 2014 accounts. He highlighted that the church continues to be financially secure though with a few areas of concern. Positive elements in 2014 were increases in rental income and contributions from the Bring & Buy Books, reduced general expenses, growth in church investments and property and fabric improvements. The greatest area of concern is the reduced regular giving, coming specifically from pledges and direct bank giving. The accounts were approved by the congregation and William Wright was elected again as auditor.

Catherine Cowper shared the outcomes from the "Communications" theme of the 2014 ABM. A small work group reviewed the comments, discussed them with Ian, and took actions to implement them where appropriate. Key elements focused on more communication about teams, convenors and activities, more personal communications and information sessions about using Facebook, and requests for worship elements. Catherine highlighted that most of the suggestions have been implemented.

Finally, Robert Kenneth and Janet Shaner facilitated a discussion of Sustaining and Growing the Scots Kirk. Robert compared the Scots Kirk to the Sagrada Familia, asking the question: Are we a completed building or a work still in progress? The group discussed how we currently contribute our time, talents and money to support the vision of the church and its three pillars of Faith, Hope and Love. Then we discussed possibilities for implementing the "+10" initiative proposed by the finance team: giving 10 more of something over the

year in 2015. Robert challenged us with ideas including attending church 10 more times, reading the first 10 books of the Bible, adding 10% to your giving, bringing 10 more people to church, serving coffee 10 times and running the Lausanne 10km in a Scots Kirk t-shirt. All contributed their own ideas for "+10" and agreed that a similar discussion and challenge should be shared with the entire church.

The evening closed with the saying of the grace.

Janet Shaner, Session Clerk

Caring & Sharing

"Looking after each other's wellbeing"



The Pastoral Care Team of the Scots Kirk, together with the Minister, is available to offer help and support – practical and spiritual – to anyone in need.

Should you, or someone you know, be in need of such help, please contact the Minister, the Pastoral Care Coordinator, Catherine Cowper, or one of the team – identifiable by a blue badge with the above emblem.

All matters are treated with respect and in confidence.

The Ghanaian National Day, Friday, 6th March

It is fast becoming a tradition as for the fourth year running our Ghanaian friends invited the Congregation to join with them in their celebrations the previous Sunday, 1st March. The Congregation was asked if possible to attend in African costume and one lady in particular wore a very colourful dress with matching headdress and our minister sported an African tunic. Frank Obeng and Adjei Buabeng read lessons. The feast which followed, organised by Johnny but to which they all contributed, can only be described as sumptuous, spicy and delicious. At least one hundred people attended but as always there was plenty for everybody. Once again we have to thank them all for again arranging such a splendid and colourful occasion which I think we can now say is an annual event in our Church and one of the highlights of our year.

Great Scot!

49: Gordon Jackson

Here comes another subject of whom many have heard, many have seen on both the large and the small screen yet most cannot quite put a name to the face. Gordon Cameron Jackson OBE was born in Glasgow on December 19th 1923. In later years he would become known as 'Angus Hudson' (*Upstairs Downstairs*) or 'George Cowley' (*The Professionals*) the two television roles which contributed to his 'domestic fame' in many households (and not only those in the UK). There are, however, other portrayals by Gordon Jackson which may spark a few 'memory buds' amongst readers – portrayals that earned GS 49 awards and recognition as a fine character actor (although he could never disguise, dilute or convert his Scottish accent). This might have restricted the scope of a lesser man but GJ was able to bend his thespianistic talent to fit the emotions of whatever character he was incarnating. However, he did not start out on the path of fame by completing a course at RADA or by studying 'method' acting. Instead he dabbled in 'Am Dram' at school and this led him to playing on *Children's Hour* on BBC Radio. But Gordon Jackson left school aged 15 and went to work as a draughtsman at Rolls-Royce. That might have been that – end of story, but Ealing Studios were looking for a



young Scot to play a part in one of their propaganda films (this was 1942), *The Foreman Went to France*. Jackson was recommended, took the role, played it well then went back to his drawing board at R-R... but his talent had been spotted, he was offered more film roles and he left the drawing office for good. *Whisky Galore!* was filmed in 1949 on the tiny island of Barra in the Outer Hebrides and is based on a true happening when a ship transporting a few thousand gallons of whisky ran aground and the local inhabitants 'unloaded' part of the cargo before the excise men arrived. Did you know that Barra Airport is the only one in the UK (and probably everywhere) which operates without a runway? The youthful Gordon Jackson, portraying George Campbell, wins the hand of his sweetheart despite the objections of his mother. This a happier ending than that which befell Alastair MacFarlan – Jackson's role in the 1942 work, where he was killed by the Luftwaffe. 1949 was a romantic year for GJ, not only did he get the girl in *Whisky Galore!* but filming *Floodtide* that year he

met his wife to be, Rona Anderson. They married in 1951. For over 20 years, our subject landed mainly supporting roles – you may remember him in *The Great Escape* (1963) and the dreaded “Thank you” line which led to him being recaptured; a small part in *The Quatermass Xperiment* (1955); television work – *Gideon’s Way*, *The Avengers*, *ABC of Britain*, but nothing like the stardom that Gordon Jackson was to achieve later in his career.

In 1965 it happened and GS49 became an international film star when he played Carswell in *The Ipcress File*. In 1969 he and his wife starred in *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* (original book by GS4 – Muriel Spark) then came the two important TV series mentioned above and roles in films, on television and on the stage (ironic is it not that Jackson left the drawing board behind only to find himself ‘on the boards’ in later life) but his portrayals are too numerous to list, let’s turn to his awards. 1969: Clarence Derwent Award, best supporting actor as Horatio in *Hamlet*; 1974 British Actor of the Year; 1976 an Emmy for Outstanding Single Performance by a supporting actor in *The Beastly Hun* on television; 1979 appointed OBE; 1981 Logie Award for his portrayal of Noel Strachan in *A Town Like Alice*.

But back to irony – one would think, looking at the long list of dramatic roles and awards with the name Gordon Jackson attached, that our subject took great pleasure in his chosen career – not so! He said that he did not enjoy seeing his own performances and never watched himself on screen. Further he claimed that he felt uncomfortable and lacking in confidence in front of a camera or on stage. Well, it did not show. Gordon Jackson’s career was cut short by bone cancer and he died on January 15th 1990.

John McKillop

Reserve the date now!

20th May from 3 p.m. To 6 p.m.

The Big Book Bazaar

in the church hall

Remembering Claudine Chavannes

Dear Claudine

You were a valued member of the Scots Kirk for some 30 years.

Your life has been a long service to God and others, but particularly to children with learning difficulties and other handicaps. You knew from an early age that serving others was to be your life work. I will always think of you when we sing "Brother, sister, let me serve you", because not only did you serve, but humbly allowed others to be of service to you. These last years when your mobility declined and you had to give up your car; it must have been a terrible blow to give up this part of your independence.

But, as God works in mysterious ways, it was at this point that I got to know you so much better. It was a great privilege to be part of the group that made sure you could continue to join us in worship every Sunday. As we drove along you would chat and share your conversations with God and how He showed you His way in so many different circumstances.

When you had your 90th birthday, my daughter Sophie was asked to write a biography of your life for Cornerstone. I accompanied Sophie on a couple of visits to chat about what had been the formative events of your life. We were fascinated to learn of your early life and the decision to become a teacher. After teacher training college in Lausanne all through the war years, you went on to higher education in order to teach children with learning difficulties. In 1953 you travelled to the UK where you devoted three years of your life to theological studies while working day shifts in a hospital to pay for your studies. These three years, from your 30th birthday until you were 33, was a thanksgiving present to God for the 3 years of Jesus' ministry. It was at this time that you learned your excellent English.

You went on to travel to Bermuda, the US and Canada, always working, and sometimes under terrible conditions. These were the years that changed your life, but that God said this was His purpose for you at this time. From 1970 until 1985 when you retired, you were teaching the children in the Orthopaedic Hospital of Lausanne. These were children in hospital for long periods. Many were from *Terre des Hommes* who came from Africa and other countries to be treated and operated for *noma* and other terrible diseases. You had to cope with many language barriers as well as different faiths and cultures. None of this fazed you and you devised many ways to teach, creating games and other ways of holding their attention.

In your retirement, Claudine, you enjoyed Scrabble and knitting. You didn't have a television, but, in your retirement, you spent your time knitting,



Claudine with Jim Sharp

playing Scrabble, meditating and praying for others. You had an extensive collection of Bibles and books on the gospels and gospel writers. You were always up for a Bible study and your knowledge was vast and insightful. You enjoyed potluck lunches and the chance to talk and get to know others.

I will remember you, Claudine, with great affection, as will so many in our church family. Your family, sister, nephews and nieces, great nephews and nieces who held you in great respect and affection, will miss you as will we all. Your faith and devotion to the way of Christ was an inspiration to us all. Your pew where you sat with a smile for everyone will seem empty, but we give thanks for your life and all that you have given to this church.

Although I shall miss you, I cannot feel sad, in fact, I cannot help but smile when I think of you, because you have gone home and are at peace in Jesus' care.

Sylvia

“Faith, Growth & Belonging”

Church Weekend at
- Crêt Bérard -

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th
June 2015

Our guests and keynote speakers
for the weekend will be
Neil & Dorothy Urquhart
from Irvine, Scotland.



Getting away to build friendships,
explore faith and simply have fun.



A Snow Sunday selfie at Les Mosses!



Ghana National Day service

"Who's New in the Pew?"

Jane Thornton and Alan Oldham

Dear friends,

Like many in this congregation, our story began elsewhere. Work and life and love have all had a hand in directing our travel from Canada that led us to Lausanne and into the Scots Kirk.

Jane arrived first, making the move in late August to begin her medical residency. Following numerous trips to visit through the fall and a Christmas



wedding in Canada, we returned together to Lausanne in January.

It was during one of these visits in October that we found the Scots Kirk. More precisely, it was the Scots Kirk that found us, standing out from the rest as we searched online for a church we might visit for a simple Sunday service. We would visit a different church each weekend we were in Lausanne together, we decided.

But plans changed almost immediately as we entered the church to warm greetings at the door (despite our arriving five minutes late) and a sincere welcome extended in every smile and hand-

shake we met. Before that first visit was over, Jane was signed up to help with tea and coffee the next week and we knew we had found a second home.

We have found within these walls a community whose spirit reaches far beyond the stone and shingles of the place itself. Our stay in Lausanne may not be long, but we are both so grateful to have found the Scots Kirk and are glad that we can share what time we have here with this community.

Jane & Alan

Deadline for the next edition of Cornerstone:

17th May 2015

WCC expresses support for Indian churches amidst increasing acts of violence

19 March 2015

The World Council of Churches (WCC) general secretary Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit has expressed support to the churches in India amidst increasing acts of violence and vandalism affecting Christian communities in the country.

"I was deeply disturbed to hear of one more act of vandalism on a church in Hisar district of Haryana state on Sunday, 15 March 2015, and of the gang rape of a septuagenarian nun in the Convent of Jesus and Mary High School in Ranaghat town of West Bengal state a few days earlier," said Tveit in a letter to Rev. Dr Roger Gaikwad, general secretary of the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI). The letter was issued on 19 March.

Tveit went on to say that these attacks are a cause of concern as they are perceived to be part of a wider pattern of repression against minority communities and their fundamental right to practise and profess a religion of their choice.

"In this regard, the recent rise in attacks on Christians and Christian institutions poses a deep threat to the secular and pluralistic social fabric of India where various religious communities have thrived and lived harmoniously through the ages," he added.

"The World Council of Churches condemns any act of violence or violation which targets people and places on the basis of their religious identity, and upholds the sanctity and dignity of all life and the universal right to religious freedom," Tveit stressed.

Affirming the stance taken by the NCCI in its 2 December 2014 letter to the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi urging the government to "bring in suitable measures to cultivate a culture of democratic secularism", Tveit encouraged the government to "take appropriate and urgent measures to prevent further violation of human dignity or violence against the Christian community in India".

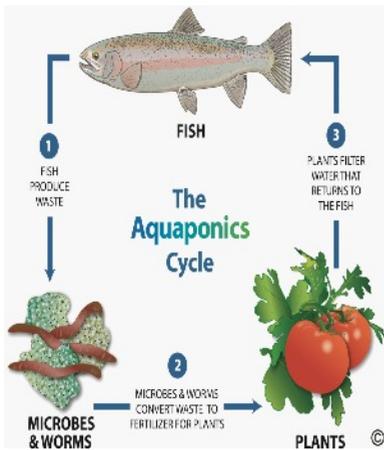
World Council of Churches, www.oikoumene.org

Presbytery Meeting, Fuengirola March 6-8, 2015

Once again the presbyters of the International Presbytery met together in their bi-annual meeting, this time in Fuengirola. It sounds great, but the weather was cool and very windy when we arrived. Luckily, it warmed up over the weekend, but we were diligent in our committee meetings and the Ordinary meeting! Meanwhile, the spouses were visiting Mijas, a "white" village in the hills above Fuengirola.

On Friday morning, committee meetings took place, each dealing with its own particular business. There are six standing committees; Business, Superintendence, Mission, Publicity, Education and Training, and Finance and Property. It was decided that "Finance and Property" would be divided into two committees from the next Presbytery meeting, due to the amount of work to be covered. There are other groups and offices that report to the Ordinary meeting which takes place on Saturday. At the moment we have the International Presbytery Working Group, the Presbytery Plan Group, the World Mission Council and Europe Committee, a Prayer Coordinator and Presbytery Chaplain.

Last year in Budapest, my first Presbytery meeting, I joined the "Mission" committee. At our meeting, we received a report on the Presbytery Mission Project "A Place at the Table" which raised more than 11,000 euros for this project in Syria. The Project for 2015 is underway and is "Word made Flesh" in Romania. This is a monastic religious community that works with vulnerable children. They are building an "earth ship" with old tyres, filled with earth and used for growing vegetables to sustain the community. The next phase is to have two aquariums with fish, and the water circulates to create an aquaponics cycle. For more information, see the website "Word made Flesh" <http://wordmade flesh.org/communities/romania>



In May this year, it is the turn of the Scots Kirk, Lausanne to attend the General Assembly in Edinburgh. This is an annual event for the Church of Scotland, a week of meeting where all the business and policies are discussed and decisions made. This is all new to me and I am looking forward to it with just a little trepidation. Our Presbytery will be participating in the open forum "Heart and Soul" and it is the Mission Committee which will have a tent to raise the profile of the International Presbytery and its mission throughout the world, in particular, St Andrew's, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

On Saturday evening we had a very nice meal in a local restaurant, all organised by the congregation in Fuengirola. The entire weekend ran smoothly due to the organisation and attention to every detail provided by their welcoming committee. Everyone made us feel at home and we are very grateful for their kindness and hospitality.

*Sylvia McKillop
Presbytery Elder*



Grins'n'Groans

ACTS 2:38

A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services, when she was startled by an intruder.

She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled: 'Stop! Acts 2:38 (Repent and be Baptised, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.)

The burglar stopped in his tracks.

The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar: 'Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you? 'Scripture?' replied the burglar. 'She said she had an Axe and Two 38's!'

Knowing scripture can save your life - in more ways than one.

Congratulations



Johann!

2015

Swiss Junior Rapid Chess Champion

Well done Schamm
have fun Helene

Super! Alice G. (5)

Very well done Johann! we are proud of you
Jacqueline

we are all proud & happy for you
Vivien & Hana

Super! bravo!

Well done! Geraldine

Congrats on the victory Fabien

Way to go Johan! Bravo Mark

Excellent!!

Well done!! Zin

Hamish

Congratulations!!! Emma 😊

Congrats! Helen

Checkmate! Jane Theodora Conrads!

AMM

Congratulations JOHANN! FFM Me Johann!

well done gnan

well done Aline

Good, Anne

The Challenge of Our Age: Dementia and the Church

The number of people with dementia in Scotland is forecast to rise by 75 per cent in the next 25 years. Jackie Macadam discovers some of the Church of Scotland projects trying to help.

No-one wants to think about developing dementia, but most of us know someone who has developed the condition. Though a great deal of research is going into treating and preventing the condition, for those diagnosed with it now or caring for someone who is affected, there are lots of initiatives to help turn a potentially frightening existence into living as fully as possible.

For many, one of the places they turn to first is their local church – and many are in the forefront of not only catering to those in their congregations who have been diagnosed, but also in looking towards the future and making their churches more accessible to people with dementia.

The Rev Barbara Sweetin, minister of East and Old Parish Church in Forfar, says she has always believed that the church should be at the heart of the community it serves.

“After arriving in Forfar I noticed that there seemed to be a high percentage of people with dementia, and I asked one of my elders, Pat Brodie, who worked for Alzheimer Scotland, if that was the case.

“Pat explained that Forfar was an ageing community and most of the people in the six local nursing homes and those attending the two day care units were people with Alzheimer’s and dementia.

The church is involved in several projects geared towards helping those with the diagnosis of dementia and their carers.

“Every Monday we hold ‘The Music Café’ where we sing old hymns, old Scottish songs, favourite songs from the musicals and many, many others.

“One congregation member who felt she couldn’t do much in the church volunteered to play the piano for us – and now only misses the club when she’s on holiday, so it’s been a great way of involving the whole church. Every second Friday we have ‘The Friday Fling’ where we have old style dancing and ceilidh dancing plus some modern favourites – like the Birdie Dance! It doesn’t matter if people actually dance – some just walk around the floor to the music – but it really doesn’t matter. I think I’ve been most surprised by the way that God is in the moment when we are working. It is all about being right there and present when working with those with dementia – and finding God in the here and now, even just in the tiny ways we can help.”

In Glasgow, St Andrew's East church also have a raised awareness of dementia and the ways the church can make a real difference in the community.

There, the Rev Barbara Quigley says they are conscious that care homes normally provide a total package – care, social interaction and all their personal needs, but St Andrew's East is trying to offer a chance to keep in touch with the outside.

"We have a dozen volunteers, mainly retired people," she says. "We operate what is effectively a 'youth club' for the elderly, called 'The Granary'. This kind of club has been a vision of mine for over 10 years, since I was a locum at Whitfield in Dundee. I guess my ultimate vision – maybe just a pipe dream, but still a dream – would be to create a purpose built centre with professional staff who could carry on what we're doing. Maybe some day."

The Scottish Government is also working towards dealing with the expected rise in cases of dementia as the population ages. Since 2012, every health board must have a dedicated dementia nurse specialist to take the lead on driving up standards and improving the quality of life for people with dementia, their carers and their families within general hospitals.

CrossReach, the Church of Scotland's social care arm, were the first care provider in Scotland to ensure at least one Dementia Ambassador is in place in every service they operate. Pamela Mackay, a specialist Dementia Development Co-ordinator for CrossReach, says: "There are currently around 88,000 people living with a diagnosis of dementia in Scotland. Population changes would imply that in the next 25 years, the population with dementia is liable to increase by 75%.

"My role is very interesting, and very challenging at times. At CrossReach we are conscious that as we move into an era of people with dementia rightly becoming more and more involved in driving the provision of care today and in the future, we want to be an organisation that provides professionals on tap – not on top, because that's where the people with dementia must be."

From Life & Work, the magazine of the Church of Scotland

Notice to parents and guardians

We occasionally publish photographs in Cornerstone and on the Kirk's website of children and young people belonging to the Scots Kirk. If for any reason you would prefer that a photograph of your child should not be used in this manner, please let the editor know on cornerstone@scotskirklausanne.ch.

Discerning God's Call

The Rev. Professor David Fergusson considers the subject of vocation

The subject of vocation is one which currently exercises our church. We speak routinely of the way in which God's call comes to all who are baptised. This is the ministry of the whole people of God. But what sense can we make of the language of vocation?

The boy Samuel provides us with one of the many memorable stories of God's call in Scripture (1 Samuel 3:1-10).



As a youth, he is summoned to a great cause in Israel. Marked for a purpose by God early in life, he hears his name being called during the dead of the night in the temple. This is a dramatic and stylised picture of God's call—it illustrates vividly a reality that is often much more messy, modest and gradual in our own lives. We used to sing of it in a hymn that has since disappeared in CH4.

*O give me Samuel's ear,
The open ear, O Lord,
Alive and quick to hear
Each whisper of Thy Word,
Like him to answer at Thy call,
And to obey Thee first of all.*

This story of God's call is matched by others in both the Old and the New Testaments. Patriarchs, prophets and apostles are summoned, sometimes in even more dramatic ways. Some of them like Jonah sought to evade the Spirit but it pursued him wherever he fled, even into the belly of the great fish.

How do we discern God's call in the midst of our lives? I think that this happens when we face three different ways. These are suggested by Ruth Harvey in her helpful reflections on vocation in the recent Learn publication on Eldership by the Church of Scotland.

First, we discern our calling by looking towards God. A sense of God's movement in our lives arises through the regular practice of prayer and worship. We gain insight into our lives by committing to prayer and by listening each Sunday for a 'word in season'. Then, second, there is the sense of self that each of us has by looking inwards. We crave direction in our lives as we reflect upon who we are and where we're going.

A former colleague used to say to his students that they should follow their own interests in the matter of vocation. Looking back, I now regard that as sound advice. It's not an encouragement to be narrowly selfish, but to develop that inner sense of self and calling that underlies so much of what we do.

And, third, there is the counsel of other people—for this we have to turn to our companions. Friends, family and sometimes strangers can help us through their conversation better to understand ourselves and where we are being led.

Perhaps this last element is most overlooked. We have a collective responsibility to encourage others in their calling of God and not to leave them isolated. Instead of abandoning them to get on with it, or unfairly blaming them when times are difficult, we should consider what support we can offer. That is what Eli once did for Samuel.

In doing so, we can recover the confidence that God continues to call women and men in diverse ways to the service of the church and the world. These ancient stories of vocation should still resonate with us today.

From Life & Work, the magazine of the Church of Scotland

Recent meeting of the Kirk Session

At the meeting of the Kirk Session on 4th February 2015, the following subjects were discussed. Further information can be obtained from the minutes of the meeting on the notice board in the church hall or by speaking to a member of the Session.

AV equipment support meeting; Use of the church premises by the Adventists; Carrying out of the Bible; Christmas lunch; Update on Christmas Services; Charities and Lent; Presbytery Plan; Joint Session Meeting with Scots Kirk Geneva; Update on Statutes; Safeguarding; If you want to walk on water... Lent 2015; Church weekend 2015 at Crêt Bérard; Finance update; Annual Business Meeting; Attendance Count; Concierge; Snow Sunday at Les Mosses; User Need for Web Hosted Sermons; Update on Year in Australia (Cynthia Gunn); Oiko Credit; Ghana Day; Conference Funding.

Next meeting of the Kirk Session: 8th April 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

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17th May 2015

Notice Board

Fire extinguishers in the Scots Kirk:

Where are they?

Church:

1. Vestibule: just inside the front door
2. Library: by the door leading to the toilet

St. Andrew's House:

3. Basement: in the cloakroom
4. First floor landing: at the entrance of the Appin Rooms
5. Third floor/Manse: landing

Fire Blankets:

One in the basement kitchen

One in the Fellowship Centre kitchen first floor



To all users of the Fellowship Centre kitchen

The instructions for using the vitroceram top, the oven and the washing-up machine (which was chosen for its short cycle, and is very easy to use), are to be found in the kitchen, on plastic cards. The cleaning products that are used are phosphate-free, and therefore eco-friendly. Should more information be needed, please contact Rosemary Bissegger (Property & Fabric Team). Thank you.

Please note that nothing should be stored in the boiler room in the basement or in the organ loft. This is not only highly dangerous and against official fire regulations, but our fire insurer would consider their liability to be reduced in the event of a fire and we could well not be reimbursed in full for any damage.

Cornerstone Classifieds

Organic, flower/sapin honey for sale. Call: cell phone: 079 230 45 40 or 021 652 62 10 if possible afternoons or evenings please for information. Diana Sears or B. Vuillemin, Montolieu 25, 1010 Lausanne.

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www.as3.ch/bpp; contact Tania on 078 790 02 51 or goudast@yahoo.com

I'm looking for work as a concierge or similar in the Lausanne or Geneva area. If you can help, please contact Simon Sieman on 079 100 93 82. Thank you.

English speaking car experts. We are A2B Automotive, a small company who specialise in helping people with all aspects of car related issues here in Switzerland. If you have any questions relating to a car, we can probably offer a service that suits you, or just give you honest advice. We are based in Pampigny near to Morges but serve the Geneva and Lausanne area. www.a2bautomotive.com; Contact: info@a2bautomotive.com; 078 878 43 18/078 868 18 08.

Bible Study

Friendship Bible Studies (Stoncroft) are informal, ecumenical studies that take place in homes in the Lausanne area. We enjoy coffee, snacks and good discussions about what the Bible has to say about daily life. Come join the fun and meet new friends! For more information about available groups, please contact Alice Goodman: alice.goodman@sunrise.ch or at 021 946 1727.

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Scots Kirk Pledging Scheme

The Scots Kirk is fully self-funded and receives no income from church or State authorities. We rely on the giving of our members for the ministry and upkeep of the church. During our Annual Business Meeting, open to everyone, an update on our finances is given. The Pledging Scheme is very important: it helps plan our budget and stabilise our finances. In order to do this well, we would like to know : 1) the amount you choose to pledge and your preferred method. 2) your name and address to send the pledging envelopes or the *bulletins de versement* (BVR).

Your pledge is a moral commitment, not a legal obligation. The amount you give remains anonymous.

Please fill in the Pledge Form. If you need envelopes, fill in the Order Form too. Separate them and put them in the Pledging Box at the entrance of the church on your next visit to church.

Thank you for your commitment and for taking the time to complete this form.

Stewardship Committee, Scots Kirk, Av. de Rumine 26, 1005 Lausanne

Email : pledge@scotskirklausanne.ch

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In 2015, I would like to contribute to the Scots Kirk Lausanne by means of the Pledging Scheme.

I intend to contribute CHF weekly/monthly/yearly (please underline your choice).

My preferred method is :

weekly envelopes/*bulletins de versement*/standing order/internet banking

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Order form for envelopes or *bulletins de versement*

To make my contribution I need to have Weekly envelopes/*bulletins de versement* (underline your choice). Please send them to my address :

Name :

Address :

As banking is becoming more automated, we encourage you to consider using a standing order or internet banking.

Kirk Bankers: Banque Cantonale Vaudoise

Place Saint-François 14, 1003 Lausanne (CCP 10-725-4); Account: Scots Kirk, U 5113.11.76; Clearing 767; SWIFT: BCVLCH2LXXX;

IBAN: CH3500767000U51131176.



WHAT'S ON AT THE KIRK!

**All are welcome to attend
these mid-week activities!**

**Mondays at 7.30 p.m.
Scottish Country Dancing**

**Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m.
Informal Art Group**

**Wednesdays 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Bring & Buy Books**

**First Wednesday in the month
at 12.30 p.m.
Soup & Cheese Lunch**

**Third Thursday in the month
at 7.30 p.m.
Scots Kirk Business Network**

**Some of these regular activities may
not take place during the summer
holiday period or at special festivals,
such as Easter or Christmas, so do
check before you come!**