

Cornerstone

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You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.

You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.

The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

Psalm 65: 9-13



Notes from the Manse

Dear Friends,

Here's a quick question! What do you think the Scots Kirk is best remembered for as discovered in a recent Sunday straw poll of visitors? I am sure you'll not be surprised to read that number one, top of the list and most positive experience is the welcome and hospitality received when coming into church for



the first time. This is what motivates people to stay with us, or gives them a reason for returning time and again whenever they are back in Lausanne. Perhaps your story of belonging also relates to the welcome that was given to you as a newcomer to Lausanne. Maybe you were thinking to do the rounds of churches in the town but came to stay "with us" at the Scots Kirk because you were so immediately and warmly welcomed by someone's greeting, or by being taken to someone's house for lunch straight after worship! I know that this tradition continues. Long may we express our commitment and determination to build the

fellowship of church by sharing our homes with those whom the world might regard as strangers but whom we are to call our friends, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Over the weekend of 7/9 October we will be hosting the meeting of the International Presbytery. Those attending, from the various Church of Scotland charges located across Europe and beyond, will have their overnight accommodation provided for at a local IBIS hotel in the city. However, we will be hosting the Presbyters as we seek to meet their need for various meals and an immeasurable volume of tea or coffee during their discussions and business over the weekend. The Presbytery meets in public (in the sanctuary) and you are welcome to attend any of the sessions. The first one starts at 18h00 on Friday the 7th. Mind though, the only reward you can expect from doing so and then only if you time it right, will be a nice cup of tea!

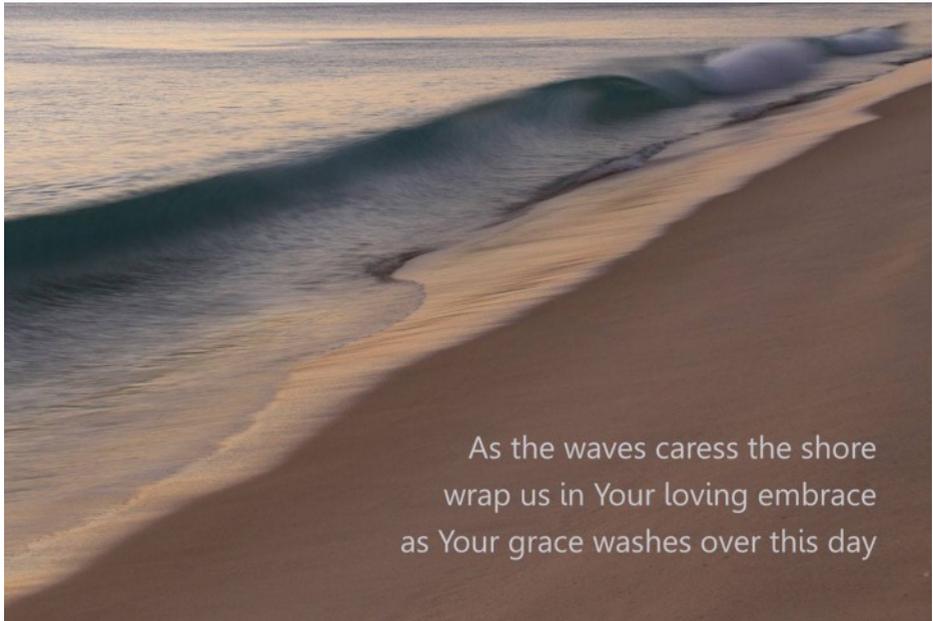
Looking beyond the Presbytery visit I want to share with you the continuing excitement and energy of Crêt Bérard. Do please read the report and enjoy the photographs in this issue of Cornerstone. I am working with a number of people to consider the feedback from participants as we look forward to seeing plans fall into place for the next Scots Kirk Church Weekend Away in 2017.

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Our experiences in worship and with prayer, the various ways in which we express our faithfulness and commitment to God are what gives shape and voice to our proclamation of the Gospel. Whether it is on occasions such as the church weekend or in our regular meeting together for worship Sunday by Sunday, we are all disciples. As such we are always learning and being shaped, indeed reshaped, by our relationship with God whom we know in Jesus. Although we have recently finished reading through the Gospel of Mark together in church it's true to say, in fact, it is never at an end! The story of Jesus Christ, the Gospel, the Good News of God, continues *without end*, until that promised day when Christ will come again!

Meantime, it's all about Jesus, Mark says to the church! We are made and bound by the love of God, given in Christ the Son, who calls us into his blessing. Reformed, always reforming we seek to find new ways to touch the hearts of all to share the authentic, beautiful and challenging love of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Your minister and friend,
Ian



We extend our condolences to our Minister, Ian McDonald, and his family on the recent death of Ian's father in Scotland.

*The Scots Kirk Lausanne
Welcomes
The International Presbytery
of the Church of Scotland
to
Lausanne
7-9 October 2016*

“Raise the Roof”

In the call to giving for the Roof Fund,
to date 8 pledges have been lodged, totalling CHF 8,150.
Further pledging slips may be returned to Ian.

Scots Kirk Bazaar 2016

Date: 5th November



Our objectives for the 2016 Bazaar:

- To welcome all our faithful bazaar fans
- To have a great day together
- To raise as much money as possible for the church and the church charities

We will have all the usual stalls and activities:

Silent Auction • BBQ • Books • Home baking • Toys •
Jams & marmalades • Gifts & crafts •
Christmas & International products • Hidden Treasure •
Jewellery, Hats & Accessories • Tea Room •
Kids' Corner • Church visits

Plus...? And this is where you come in...

Do you have any ideas or suggestions for this year's bazaar?

Contact Daniel Blaser on blaser2@bluewin.ch

or 021 634 56 35. He will be pleased to hear from you.

A meeting to discuss bazaar organisation will be held in due course.

HALLOWEEN – A MYSTERIOUS FESTIVAL

On 31st October almost anything can happen which on any other day would be regarded as extraordinary – groups of heavily disguised children threatening neighbours with the words ‘trick or treat’, meeting a witch in the street or on your doorstep, scary lanterns made out of turnips etc. etc. Why? Because it is Halloween – but that still is no answer – Why? Nowadays Halloween is an important date in the retail calendar because it gives trade a much needed boost during the long quiet period between the summer and Christmas. However when I was growing up in the London area Halloween was largely ignored because we were busy commemorating events of 400 years earlier – Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot which took place on 5th November 1605 – and it seemed that a choice had to be made between the two. However, the roots of Halloween are much much older than Guy Fawkes and even of the name Halloween itself. It is generally considered to have its origins in the Celtic end of year celebrations which culminated in their Festival of the Dead when people took the opportunity to have a last fling before the onset of winter and the dark period of the year and all the hardship that involved. The belief was that the dead were in contact with the living for a few hours on the last day of the Celtic year and also that evil spirits were on the rampage. The celebrations were apparently wild and extreme in an effort to ward off this evil.

At this time the Church had its own commemorations for the dead. These were in the early part of the year, usually the first Sunday after Pentecost, until Pope Gregory III (731-741) decreed that the Western Church should transfer its Festival of All Hallows (All Saints) to coincide with the Celtic New Year. This was presumably in an effort to Christianize this pagan celebration just as had been done earlier with Christmas and Easter. So the situation now is that the western Church celebrates All Saints Day on 1st November and the day before, (All Hallows Eve) Halloween, is marked by the remnants of the pagan Celtic Festival of Samhain and as a result children in 2016 dress as witches and ghosts and try to scare us all!

Pam Kirby

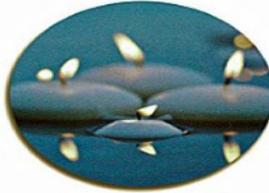


Informal Art Group

The Informal Art Group has hitherto met each Tuesday evening in the church hall at 7.30 p.m. As reported in the last edition of Cornerstone, it has been proposed that the group should meet one *afternoon* during the week. So far it has not been possible to definitely fix which afternoon it will be, but please note that the group will no longer meet on a Tuesday evening. Once a decision has been made about future meetings, an announcement will appear in the Order of Service.

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.

Church Flowers

Flowers decorate our church every Sunday and beautify our sanctuary for worship. Sometimes they are provided by members of the congregation celebrating a special occasion, like a birthday or an anniversary. Following the service they are often distributed (with the agreement of the donor), to the housebound, to those who are bereaved, to the sick or those in hospital, etc.



If you could help in delivering the flowers one Sunday, please make yourself known to Rosemary Bissegger or Geraldine Ewen (the Flower Ladies), Catherine Cowper (the Pastoral Care Convenor), or the Minister, after the service.

We are very grateful to those who offer flowers during the year, but would welcome new helpers! Should you wish to donate flowers and need more information on how to do so, please contact:

Rosemary Tel: 021 802 39 50 or Geraldine Tel: 021 648 37 41.

**Deadline for the next edition of Cornerstone:
13th November 2016**

Membership of the Scots Kirk, Lausanne

At a recent joint meeting of the Kirk Session Elders from both Lausanne and Geneva, the topic of Church Membership was discussed. Following this meeting we decided that it would be a good thing to review our approach to membership, the objective being to clarify what membership means in the context of the ongoing health of our Church, as well as in terms of voting rights, at Congregational Meetings.

A small team was formed, comprising our Minister — Ian McDonald, our Session Clerk — Janet Shaner, Janet Beard and William Wright. An approach, described below, has been determined by the small team and approved by the Kirk Session. As part of this process, the small team will contact members, to validate how they would like to be affiliated with the church. In principle there will be no change for those currently members of the Scots Kirk.

Membership categories

We have defined three categories, drawn from terms and practice within the Church of Scotland:

- **Church Members**
- **Adherents**
- **Friends**

Church Members are inscribed as such in the Congregational Roll:

- by profession of faith and/or
- by transfer, with valid certificates of transfer, and/or
- by resolution of the Kirk Session

A Church Member is a Member of Christ's Church, the Church of Scotland and of the Scots Kirk, Lausanne.

At regular meetings of the congregation, or in response to a single-issue vote being required by Presbytery, only Church Members have a vote. At other times, when an Electoral Register has been agreed, Church Members and Adherents (if their name appears on the lists) have the vote.

Adherents are those who do not currently wish to be a Church Member, but are regular worshippers in the congregation, are not active members of any other congregation and would like to be associated with the Scots Kirk as Adherents on the Congregational Roll. Furthermore, the Kirk Session needs to be satisfied that they desire to be permanently connected with the congregation and knowing of no reasons why they should not be admitted as Church Members, should they so apply. From time to time the Kirk Session will review

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the Congregational Roll and consider an invitation to Adherents to “transfer” to Church Membership. This definition is consistent with that applied by the Acts of the Church of Scotland when creating an Electoral Register, in the case of a vacancy.

Friends are those who may not worship regularly but wish to maintain a connection with the Scots Kirk Lausanne; for example, by being on the mailing list for Cornerstone.

The Membership Covenant/Membership Promises

We have developed the “Membership Covenant”, or “Membership Promises”, from a recent Church of Scotland brochure, “Exploring Faith”.

A Church Member (a Member) enters into a Covenant with God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Being a Member means:

- Belonging
- Worshipping regularly, reading the Bible and praying
- Participating in the work of the Church, including attending Meetings of the Members
- Giving of time, money and skills
- Professing publicly loyalty to Jesus Christ

The Congregational Roll of Members, Adherents & Friends

The Congregational Roll is a complete record of the names and addresses of all persons, adults and children, wishing to be connected with the Scots Kirk Lausanne. The above Members, Adherents and Friends categories are reflected in the Roll.

The Roll is under the responsibility of the Kirk Session and is maintained and controlled by the Session Clerk. Access to the Roll is managed according to Data Protection policy and principles.

A brief outline of these steps was presented to the Congregation at the service on Sunday October 2, 2016. Please feel free to raise any questions you may have with our Minister and/or Kirk Session Elders.

William Wright
October 2, 2016

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Scots Kirk Bookstall

Pre-Christmas Book Event

on Sundays 13th, 20th & 27th November 2016

from 11.45 to 12.45 approx.

in the church hall, St. Andrew's House,

Av. Rumine 26, Lausanne

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Books for adults and children • Calendars
• Gift items • Advent calendars and cards
• Bibles and Bible reading notes • Bible
study aids • CDs and DVDs • Christmas
and other cards
– all at our usual fantastic prices!**

LÉMAN

International Fair

The Scots Kirk will again participate in the Leman International Fair, hosting the Book Exchange where proceeds go to our new 5-year project charity: Kalumba.

The event takes place on 13 November, 11h-17h at the Beau Rivage Palace. Exhibitors come from a wide range of organizations providing information and activities for the international community in Suisse Romande.

If you would like to help with our booth and the book exchange, please contact Janet Shaner (shaner.janet@gmail.com). Otherwise consider stopping by to see what's new.

Janet Shaner



Our Family Directory

We will shortly be updating the Family Directory produced two years ago. If you would like your name to be included or if you wish to update the information you previously provided, please see page 28 of Cornerstone for more details on how to do this.

"People are equal in the same way pennies are equal. Some are bright, others are dull; some are worn smooth, others are sharp and fresh. But all are equal in value for each penny bears the image of the sovereign, each person bears the image of the King of Kings."
- G.K. Chesterton

**Kalunba Social Services
"Beyond Crisis"
The new 5-year charity
project at the
Scots Kirk Lausanne
More details shortly!**



- ▶ Previously part of the Refugee Mission of the Reformed Church in Hungary, the professionals at Kalunba have been assisting refugees since 2006 in various forms and via various programs in the fields of housing, employment, culture, legal protection, and education.
- ▶ With its team of recognized experts in the field of asylum, Kalunba works in synergy on refugee affairs to be able to better answer the needs of clients and deal with all the legal changes that affect them in an immediate manner. The non-profit provides practical support, such as free Hungarian lessons and assistance in finding housing, as well as psycho-social support to the population that it serves.
- ▶ Since Kalunba's founding in the spring of 2014, the team has not only coordinated its own professional projects, but has also provided essential support to asylum-related projects undertaken by St. Columba's Church of Scotland in Hungary as well as the Reformed Church in Hungary as a whole.



Dear Scots Kirk family,

It's only been 4 years since you welcomed us — the Lotz family — in your midst. From the first day, we felt at home in your international congregation. There was always someone to talk to, always someone interested in us, always someone smiling at us, always someone happy to share. Now, as we are returning to Germany end of August, we feel quite sad to leave.

Some of the most memorable moments in our lives are linked to the Scots Kirk: Ian being the minister at our wedding in 2013 (wearing a kilt!), Ian as the first visitor ever for our newborn son Niclas in 2015, and Niclas' dedication on 7th August. We thank you all so much for thinking of us on various occasions, for praying for us, and for the many good wishes we received from you before and after the birth of Niclas.

We have been blessed to share a part of our path with you. You will always be in our prayers and we hope to come back from time to time. May you all be blessed.

Katrin, Stephan & Niclas



Harvest

Come Ye thankful people come... and they did. All the congregation came with vegetables and proceeded to the altar to offer them to the Lord for all his goodness. What a wonderful celebration, and at 12 midday, the *Soupe Populaire* came to take our offerings for the soup for the poor and needy (they prepare 250 bowls daily!!). After our Service we all took off for our annual picnic in Mivy and were blessed with brilliant sunshine!

Geraldine Ewen



This day, open our eyes afresh
to the beauty around us
and the wonder of Your presence



The who, what, where, when, why and how of prayer—a report on the Scots Kirk church weekend at Crêt Bérard

Anyone who has been on a Scots Kirk church weekend knows it's all about fellowship – spending time together and getting to know one another. It's also about growing together as we explore our faith and who we are as a congregation.



The social aspect is as important as the spiritual, and time is set aside on Saturday evenings for games and relaxation.

Like the two previous annual retreats, the 2016 church weekend was held in the idyllic surroundings of Crêt Bérard, a conference centre in the style of a neo-Roman monastery set in acres of forest and with stunning views of the Alps. Facilitated by the Rev Martin Fair of St

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Andrew's church, Arbroath, this year's church weekend focused on prayer.

We all know prayer is vital to our life as Christians and as a congregation but nevertheless it is something many of us struggle with. Over five sessions, Martin helped us look at our communication with God from different angles through reflections, Bible passages, personal stories and discussion.



First off, we considered what prayer is. Martin spread a number of cards across the floor with quotes on prayer from many different Christian and non-

Christian sources. From Martin Luther there was the assertion that "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing", and from Søren Kierkegaard, "Prayer does not change God but it changes him who prays". We all selected a quote that meant most to us and shared those with the rest of the group.

This led on to why we pray. Martin shared with us personal stories from his parishioners of prayers – big and small – that had been answered. For instance, the woman suffering for a long time from a debilitating illness who prayed that a visit to the doctor would finally bring a diagnosis – and then found her exact symptoms described in a magazine article she happened to read in the doctor's waiting room! Of course, for every answered prayer there is one to which no



answer is received – or at least not the answer we want. So why *do* we pray? Simply because God wants to hear from us and longs to give to us. And in the words of Kierkegaard, because prayer changes us for the better.

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The next two sessions dealt with the who, when and where of prayer. Through group study of Bible readings from Genesis 18, I Kings 3, Psalm 51 and Luke 18 we saw how patriarchs, kings and even ordinary people have used prayer to express adoration and repentance, seek wisdom



and blessing and ask for justice to be done. We pray for others as well as for ourselves and in all situations. And we should never give up.

By Sunday it was time to start putting some of what we had learned into practice. We had the opportunity to pray and meditate alone at different prayer stations set up around the conference centre's beautiful grounds. We were invited to reflect on various Bible passages in the peaceful cloisters, to make a footprint in the sand and consider who God has made us to be, and to look at a map and consider where we have been and where we might be going in life.

Finally, we turned to how we should pray. We heard from Martin that we need to be disciplined in our prayer lives, setting aside regular and daily time for God. Colossians 4:2 tells us we should "devote" ourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Martin's tips included praying as we take a walk outdoors, praying as we read the daily newspaper, and keeping a prayer journal.

Within the Scots Kirk, Martin suggested using social media and prayer apps to keep informed of each other's needs and prayer requests. He also encouraged us to find prayer partners or to team up with two others to form prayer 'triplets'. To my knowledge, at least one such prayer partnership has already formed. Small beginnings, but who knows where they could lead!

Morven McLean Bennie

Notice to parents and guardians

We occasionally publish photographs in Cornerstone, on the Kirk's website and—to a lesser extent—on the Kirk's facebook page 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. Thank you.

The Difference

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task,
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered.
He answered, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on gray and
bleak;
I wondered why God didn't show me;
He said, "But you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's presence;
I used all my keys at the lock;
God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day;
I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.

Author: Grace L. Naessens

Many have asked me how I happened to write this poem. I tell them I only held the pen. The Father put the words there. My second son, Chris took the poem to school for a poetry class. I did not even know he had taken the poem from the house. He came charging in the door one day exclaiming how well sister liked the poem, The Difference and knew where it could be published. I declined as I was a little shy about my writings being seen by others. I guess God had his own plan for it wasn't long and it began to appear in published papers. So the poem became public domain and has no copyright. I have always felt much gratification knowing how much happiness and comfort the poem has brought to others. My husband passed away a few years back at the age of fifty-six of cancer. One of his last wishes was for me to try to get my name on the poem as the author. I would be very pleased if anyone who sees the poem could help me with his wish by passing on this writing. I happily give permission for the poem to be published and enjoyed but please place my name, Grace L. Naessens as the author. Thank You, In Gods Love Grace L. Naessens

Great Scot!

58: Duncan Macrae

Was he an actor or a comedian or a sailor or a friend of Dr. Finlay (see below)? I'm sure you've seen him on the 'telly' – above all, he was a Great Scot! Not to be confused with his namesake, the Scottish Rugby Union player, nor the celebrated supplier of Macrae Kipper Fillets™) not even the subject of the previous Great Scot (John Duncan Fergusson), this John Duncan (Macrae) was born in Maryhill, Glasgow on August 20th 1905, the fourth of six bairns, to Sergeant James Macrae of the 'Glasgie' police force. He studied at Allan Glen's school and had aspirations to be an engineer, pursuing this discipline at Glasgow University, in 1923-1924, where his studies came to nothing. So, what of Dr. Finlay in his wee TV practice in Tannochbrae and later Duncan's frolics on the waters around Scotland in the *Para Handy* series? In *Dr. Finlay's Casebook* – the original version shot in Callander – and in which one of his fellow thespians, for five episodes, was a certain Donald McKillop (no relation) – Duncan Macrae played the 'occasional' part of Albert Cogger; not without notice for Cogger led to bogger – sorry, I mean bigger, things and to the career of this talented Scottish portrayer of characters. It was in TV's popular *Armchair Theatre* that we see Mr. Macrae in a 'serious' role, that of the 'Miser' in Molière's *L'Avare* – no insinuation intended – and at the Mermaid Theatre (London), still with Molière, in *Le Malade Imaginaire*. As for *Para Handy* – och, a ken ye know where am'a goin – aboard a Clyde 'Puffer' – it's a boat (and also a brand of bottled stout brewed on Arran). This comedy series, aboard one of those modest steamships that plied Scotland's greatest river, ran from 1959 (with Macrae in the title role for that first series) to 1995. In 1961, Duncan Mac. played in another title role – that of *The Conscientious Gauger* (a 'gauger' being an excise man responsible for overseeing strengths and tariffs in the whisky trade). He was also Ebenezer Balfour in the TV series of *Kidnapped* in 1963 and 1964.



'Hogmanay' (New Year's Eve) is held dear to the hearts of many a Scot and in the 1950s and 1960s Duncan Macrae took centre stage in those hearts with his polished performance, in song (and in Scots dialect), of *The Wee*

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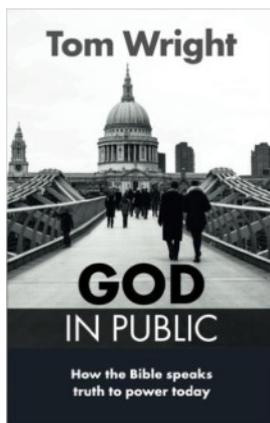
Cock Sparra. Our subject played in films from 1947 to 1967 the last of which *Casino Royale* and *30 Is a Dangerous Age*, *Cynthia* were released after his demise, which was on March 23rd 1967. Films, TV series (notably in *The Avengers* and *The Prisoner*) and December 31st apart Duncan Macrae was active elsewhere; as President of the Scottish branch of 'Equity' (actors' union) and for 20 years a teacher before turning to acting in the 1940s. In his early days he was a member of the Glasgow Citizens' Theatre in whose portals his first principal role, that of James VI in *Jamie the Saxt*, led to acclaim and a rich career as described above including an absorbing 'cameo' in *Whisky Galore* (1949) shot on Barra – the island with the unique airport.

Let's finish aboard a Clyde 'Puffer' in the harbour at Dunoon, this one called *The Vital Spark*. The name of this boat lives on, immortalised by a beer brewed near Loch Fyne and to which it has given its name. The beer is described, on the label, as "a very dark, rich ale" (not unlike GS 58) and at 4.4% abv is strong enough to please the palate without displeasing the local magistrate (I've tried this brew, of course....) so, go to Dunoon and there at the docks you will see Mr. Macrae* sitting happily aboard a local 'Puffer' ... well, he was there in 2009 when I saw him last.

John McKillop

*At least his statue!

New at the bookstall!



What has Christianity to do with power? Why must the church remind those in authority of their responsibilities? What can Christians do to act as the voice of the voiceless? How can speaking of God in public help to create new structures of international justice and peace? These are the central questions running through Tom Wright's latest book, in which he demonstrates the many ways in which faithful exegesis of scripture can throw fresh light - God's light - on the great philosophical and ethical problems of our day.



'A Future Without Fear'

Kathy Galloway reflects on a visit to refugee camps in Greece

Recently, I was looking after my four-year old granddaughter, and over ice-cream in Glasgow Botanic Gardens, I started to explain to her why I had been in an aeroplane the previous week.

'I was in a country called Greece,' I said, 'visiting some people who had to run away from their homes in a war.' 'What's a war, Granny?' she said – and suddenly, I was stricken to the heart, and didn't know how to go on.

How could I speak to her about the children screaming as bombs rained down on their homes, about their streets in shattered ruins, about crying from hunger because there was no food available anywhere?

Or about why the mummies and daddies finally decided that they couldn't stay in their houses any longer, and why they had to leave their toys, their friends, their schools and perhaps even their grannies, behind, and set out on a very long and horrible journey when they didn't even know where they were going to end up?

Could I tell her about staying in lots of different places with strangers who spoke many different languages that you couldn't understand, about sleeping in tents if they were lucky but in disused factories, or army camps surrounded with barbed wire, or even in the street, if they were not lucky? Would I tell her about walking for mile after mile, in the heat, in the rain, even in the snow; of being wet and cold and hungry and feeling sick? Could I tell her about going in the boats that had far too many people on board, and about the people who went in the water and never came out?

I am someone who is usually considered good with words. But I was silenced. 'What's a war, Granny?'

In my silence, several strands of thought ran side by side through my mind. One of them was focused on all the children, many of them younger than four, whom I had seen the previous week, in Samos, in Thessaloniki, in Athens, and all the millions I hadn't seen but knew existed. Their innocence had been

destroyed, their childhoods devastated. Did I have the right to protect my grandchild when so many mothers and grandmothers had been unable to? Was this just another kind of western privilege?

Simultaneously, I remembered my own mother who, at the age of seven, had been evacuated from Edinburgh along with her five sisters during the Second World War. Looking back, the evacuation of children during the war was quite extraordinary. Of course, this was a different crisis. But what is remarkable is that at a time when Britain was poorer, weaker and infinitely more at risk than it is today, a massive logistical operation, involving cultural upheaval for the entire population, was undertaken with almost the sole purpose of keeping children safe.

We should as a nation be better at understanding what drives people to the truly horrendous path of the refugee and the asylum-seeker. For at its heart, despite its abuses and its cultural, economic and political challenges, the vast majority of refugees are simply seeking what all of us want - safety, the necessities of life and a future without fear for our children.

For me, one of the most important values that people of faith can offer in the context of war and displacement is the belief that care, justice and compassion are not confined by state boundaries. From a Christian perspective, our country is the whole world. That is not to say that we can solve all problems. The challenge is not for us to do what we **can't** - but it is for us to do everything that we **can** do.

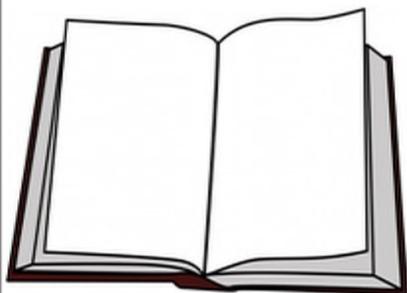
On my visit to Greece, I was struck by the efforts of Greek citizens, and of faith communities and organisations, even in the midst of their own economic crisis. Local people everywhere have responded with generosity and compassion, recognising that being 'illegal' does not make people less than human.

Thankfully, my granddaughter was diverted from her question by ice-cream. When the question comes again, as it surely will, I want to be able to say to her that there are also many people who are kind and help in the most immediate practical ways, who treat refugees with respect and dignity, welcome them into their homes, speak up against vile rhetoric and cowardly 'othering', lobby their politicians and support principled leadership. I will tell her that there are many people in every country in the world who **do** care. I want to change the story, to be able to tell her a different story, one that is more hopeful, more just.

And I want to tell her that Scotland is a part of that story.

Kathy Galloway visited refugee camps in Greece with a group of 12 women from different Christian denominations of the four nations of the UK, on behalf of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

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.

Recent meeting of the Kirk Session

At the meeting of the Kirk Session on 24th August, 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.

Roof project update ● Fundraising update ● Church weekend ● Membership update ● Open church during summer ● Summer apéro for neighbours ● Presbytery visit preparations ● Pension small group update ● Update on giving/budget ● Finance team update ● Bazaar – Saturday, 5th November 12 ● Mivy picnic – Sunday, 25th September ● Christmas Lunch ● Safeguarding ● Princeton student ● New cooker for the downstairs kitchen ● Correspondence

Next meeting of the Kirk Session:
12th October 2016 at 7.30 p.m

Bible Study

Friendship Bible Studies (Stonecroft) 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.

Cornerstone Classifieds

Mr. Be's bees offer excellent honey for cooking and cakes; please call Mr. B. Vuillemin/Sears (evenings) at 079 230 45 40 or 021 652 62 10.

BUKI'S PET PARADISE. Pet Care and Boarding, many years' experience spoiling your best friend. wwww.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.

Hurry Home

It has to be confessed that the minister was rather long-winded. During his sermon a young wife of the congregation remembered that she had left the Sunday dinner in the gas range without regulating the flame.

She hastily wrote a note and slipped it to her husband, who was an usher. He, thinking it was for the minister, calmly walked up and laid it on the pulpit.

The minister paused, took the note with a smile, which turned into a terrific frown as he read:

"Please hurry home and shut off the gas."

*A clear conscience is usually
the sign of a bad memory...*

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.



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 from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Bring & Buy Books

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

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!

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 2016, 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 (please underline your choice)

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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 St-François 14, 1003 Lausanne (CCP 10-725-4);
Account: Scots Kirk, U 5113.11.76; Clearing 767;
SWIFT: BCVLCH2LXXX;
IBAN CH3500767000U51131176



Our Family Directory

Two years ago we created a Family Directory in answer to numerous requests for a book of contacts between families and members of our Church.

We would now like to update this booklet. If you wish to be included or would like to update your details, we ask you to please provide the following information by 31st October giving or e-mailing it to either to our Session Clerk, Janet Shaner or Geraldine Ewen.

- Surname and Christian names of members of the family

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- Address

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- any phone numbers you wish to be mentioned

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- e-mails

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In order to respect confidentiality and privacy protection, this booklet will only be given to those who provide their information.

We sincerely hope you will find this document useful in contacting other members of our congregation. Indeed, we consider our church a family and the sole purpose of this Directory is for closer fellowship.

Yours in His Service

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