

Cornerstone

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So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the LORD your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul—then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil.

Dt 11:13-14



Letter from the Interim Moderator

By the time you read this, things should be getting back to normal for the congregation of the Scots Kirk Lausanne – and my brief but enjoyable connection will be coming to a close.



It has been a delight meeting with the leadership of the church and discovering the commitment and talents, the vision and the strengths that are to be found within that diverse and talented group of people. They are all so different, with such different reasons for being in Lausanne and having made such different journeys on the pilgrim way – yet they are held together by a spirit of faith in Christ and love for his Church. I have certainly enjoyed my meetings with them – meetings

that have been carried out in a harmonious and constructive way. This can only be a good sign, and bodes well for the coming weeks and months.

These are challenging times for the church, with real pressures pushing hard, and tough challenges facing men and women of faith, trying to be the people of God in a world that is very busy, easily distracted and full of pain. In order to help people understand who we are and why we believe what we believe, live how we live, search as diligently as we do – we have to overcome many obstacles – cynicism, mistakes in the past, little understanding of the things that matter to us, and the issues we consider important. Translating what we believe into the language of people who seem to have a very different way of looking at the world, and living in it... while not compromising our convictions in order to be listened to, is a hard circle to square. We love to sing, to pray, to gather around the Bible and think through its truth – for other people, not familiar with that world, it seems strange, alien and often inaccessible.

Yet, we know – the truth is the same, the needs of men and women are the same – and there is reason and purpose in all that we do. Some things are not negotiable, so central are they to the character of the faith we espouse.

Have we reached an impasse – an awkward silence in our conversation with the world?

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Or will we keep singing the songs, saying the prayers and living the life – in the earnest conviction that this is the only way to win others to the Christian faith? One life piquing the interest of a seeker? And the Church being the praising, praying, loving family that it has been brought into being to be?

Answers on a postcard!

Love and blessings

Laurence Twaddle



Stamps

Just a little reminder that there is a box marked "Stamps" in the church vestibule. For those of you who do not know of this project, we collect used stamps in good condition. Once sorted out and trimmed, the Swiss ones are sent to the Royal Institute for Blind Babies in London—the organisers like receiving same-country stamps which sell well—towards their funds. All the others go to the Leprosy Foundation in Lonay. Last year it was possible to send them 4 kg of stamps, which were gratefully received.

Please join us in this rewarding project. Do not detach the stamps from the paper and be careful not to damage the edges.

It would be helpful if a more visible place were found for the stamps box. Any ideas? Thank you.

Yolande de Meuron

Annette Daniel 1936 – 2017

Many members of the Scots Kirk will recall with affection Annette Daniel who died in a nursing home in Yverdon on Sunday, July 30. Annette had been a faithful member of the church since 1976 when she saw an announcement for the SK Bazaar in Lausanne and she and her late husband, Balasan, began coming to the church regularly.

Annette lived in Mézières, in her family's home which was also the birthplace of Swiss Second World War hero, Général Guisan. A plaque outside above the front door proudly attests to this fact: 'Général Guisan: 21 Octobre 1878'. When Annette finished school she went to London and worked at Dr. Barnardo's Children's Home in Barking. From there she attended church at All Souls, Langham Place, widely known as 'the church of the BBC' as its offices were close by. The Rector of All Souls at the time was Dr. John Stott, one of Britain's most prominent clerics, and it was at the International Club he established in the church that Annette met her



husband-to-be, Balasan. The couple were married in 1969 by Dr. Stott. As an Iraqi Christian, job opportunities for Balasan were limited in his home country and in 1973 the couple moved to Switzerland to be near Annette's parents with baby Paul, born to them in London. Balasan found a job in Geneva and two more children, Marc and Lisa, were added to the family.

Before joining our church Annette and Balasan worshipped in the Eglise Réformée in Mézières. But once established at the Scots Kirk, they quickly found ways of service: Annette was a tireless worker, present at almost every service, Bible Study, and church event. They were particularly helpful at the Bazaar. Balasan was ordained an Elder, (along with André Durrenmatt) and proved his worth in many capacities. Annette and Balasan made a particularly supportive team.

Annette was a woman of deep-rooted faith, unafraid to stand up for her beliefs. Who can forget the evening when a Harry Potter film was shown in St. Andrew's

Hall and a vigorous debate: 'How should a Christian respond to Harry Potter?' was held afterwards. Annette made her views known in no uncertain fashion, but her generous spirit did not allow for any ill-will towards those who disagreed. She was warm and friendly to all, particularly to those in need or difficulty. She was hospitable and often invited church members to her home. Annette was also generous towards good causes and a good steward of her time and gifts. Balasan died in 2011 and it was only the loss of her car, due to disability, which prevented Annette from making the journey to the Scots Kirk from then on.

Her funeral was held in Mézières on Friday, August 4, attended by many friends and relatives as well as members of the Scots Kirk congregation.

Our sincere condolences go to Annette's children: Paul, Marc and Lisa and to her five grandchildren – she will be greatly missed.

Of Annette Daniel it can be truly said:

'Well done, good and faithful servant.'

Matthew 25 Verse 21.

A Sermon Walking

Reporters and city officials gathered at a Chicago railroad station one afternoon in 1953. The person they were meeting was the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize winner. A few minutes after the train came to a stop, a giant of a man - six feet four inches - with bushy hair and a large mustache stepped from the train. Cameras flashed. City officials approached him with hands outstretched. Various people began telling him how honored they were to meet him.

The man politely thanked them and then, looking over their heads, asked if he could be excused for a moment. He quickly walked through the crowd until he reached the side of an elderly black woman who was struggling with two large suitcases. He picked up the bags and with a smile, escorted the woman to a bus. After helping her aboard, he wished her a safe journey. As he returned to the greeting party he apologized, "Sorry to have kept you waiting."

The man was Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the famous missionary doctor who had spent his life helping the poor in Africa. In response to Schweitzer's action, one member of the reception committee said with great admiration to the reporter standing next to him, "That's the first time I ever saw a sermon walking."



Scots Kirk - "Fall In" Holiday Club 16th - 20th October 2017

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... fall into St Andrew's House, Scots Kirk for a week of fun.
Read Bible stories, learn songs, make a craft, take a part in a play.
Share food, laughter, time together.



All in spoken English



When:- Monday 16th - Friday 20th
October 2017
8.30am - 12.30pm

Who:- children 6 years - 10 years

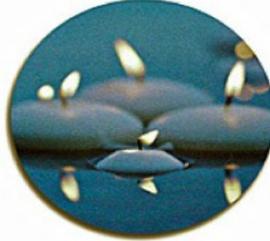
Where:- St Andrew's House
26 Av de RUMINE
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Friday 20th - 11am - 1pm
Parents are invited to share
a snack lunch.
See your children's work



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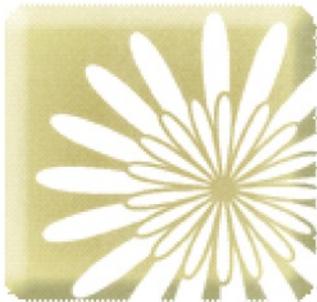
The Pastoral Care Team of the Scots Kirk, together with the Minister, is available to offer help and support – practical and spiritual – to anyone in need.

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.

Crèche and Sunday School

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

I'm writing this as the new school year starts, so too does Sunday School start a new curriculum. Sunday after Sunday, the children will be learning more about the people of the Bible, enjoying fun crafts and activities and spending time together. Would you like to spend the occasional Sunday with the younger members of the church family? Share your knowledge and experiences, join in the fun? Then please consider joining the Sunday School and/or Crèche Team. Do come and chat with me for more information.

Looking forward to welcoming you. Thank you in advance.

Melanie Whitlow

News from the Patersons

Thank you so much, Janet and Susan, for this very special edition of Cornerstone. The cover with red rose for Helen is beautiful, as are all the moving tributes. Sadly, we met her briefly only twice at the time of Ian's induction, but by all accounts she was a very special person and so our hearts go out to Ian and his family and to all of you in the Scots Kirk sharing in their huge loss. Please pass on our loving sympathy to all.

Your interim moderator Laurence is a friend through his late wife Alison, who succeeded Lorna as Guild General Secretary and was her colleague prior to that, so he knows at first hand something of what Ian is going through. But we were all delighted when he found Lindy and are glad that they are having this first experience of serving the church in Europe together.

Warmest regards to those who may remember us. Lausanne will be forever in our heart. We hope we might return one day but we have had a torrid winter of indifferent health and Lorna has just had a hip replacement operation while Ian struggles to get used to a mask he has to wear because of sleep apnea... so we may not make it!

Ian and Lorna

**Many congratulations to Tina and Lars
on the birth of
Simon Midem Kaiser**

Jane Haining to be commemorated in Holocaust Memorial Center

A Scot who died in Auschwitz is to be officially honoured in her adopted city 73 years after her death.

Jane Haining will be the focus of a new exhibition in the Holocaust Memorial Centre in Budapest, Hungary. Spokesman Zoltan Toth-Heinemann said the Church of Scotland missionary, who refused to return home and gave up her life to protect Jewish school girls during the Second World War, was a "unique and important" figure. But he admitted that the general telling of her story in Budapest had been "neglected" for too long.



Dr Gabor Maklari and Zoltan Toth-Heinemann of the Holocaust Memorial Center in Budapest, Hungary pictured at a memorial cairn to Jane Haining near Dunscore Parish Church.

Mr Toth-Heinemann said he was determined to ensure that as many people as possible learn about the Scottish Mission boarding school matron, who was posthumously honoured by the UK Government for "preserving life in the face of persecution."

Miss Haining, who grew up in Dunscore near Dumfries, was arrested and eventually taken to the Auschwitz-Birkenau extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland in 1944 where she died at the age of 47.

Mr Toth-Heinemann and his colleague Dr Gabor Maklari visited Scotland to seek inspiration for the temporary exhibition, which is going on show in the autumn. They visited Dunscore Parish Church, the National Library of Scotland and Queen's Park Church in Glasgow, where the missionary worshipped before moving to Budapest in 1932.

Mr Toth-Heinemann said: "Jane Haining's story is an important part of the Holocaust history in Budapest and sometimes, for the general public, it might be neglected. She was unique because all the other players – rescuers, victims and perpetrators – were local people. She was the only one who had the chance to choose if she would stay there and risk her life to save children or just leave and return to Scotland."

Calmness

Mr Toth-Heinemann said the exhibition will help ensure that her memory is kept alive and "illustrate her heroism" to visitors. "The primary objective will be the education of young people so they can learn that sometimes it is important to make a sacrifice," he added. "We have various items relating to her life – artefacts, photographs and documents – which will, along with testimonies from some of her former pupils, bring her story closer to visitors." A small exhibition about Jane Haining is on display in St Columba's Church of Scotland in Budapest and in the school next door where she used to work.

Mr Toth-Heinemann said: "It is incredible to be in Dunscore to see where Jane grew up. "I could not imagine the beauty of this place and would say that part of her strength came from the calmness and peacefulness of this area."

Fiona Malcolm, Faculty Head of Social Subjects at Braes High School in Polmont near Falkirk, said Jane Haining was a Scot whose story is one of "courage and sacrifice". "It is important that young Scottish people learn about her story, which is one that I teach to third year pupils. I am just back from an annual teacher training course organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. "It was a privilege to see Jane Haining's name in the Garden of Remembrance there. Dunscore is a beautiful, peaceful place and it breaks my heart that Jane ended her days in the hellhole that was Auschwitz."

Darkness

Rev Ian Alexander, Secretary of the Church of Scotland World Mission Council, said: "Jane Haining's story is heart breaking but also truly inspirational. Scottish missionaries were advised to return home from Europe during the Second World War but Jane declined, writing 'if these children need me in days of sunshine, how much more do they need me in days of darkness'".

A heritage centre, which will in part tell the story of Miss Haining, is being created inside Dunscore Parish Church, which has a memorial cairn in her memory nearby. Matthew Aitken, a member of the team behind the project which is expected to be open in October, said: "It is going to be amazing and so many people from the church and the local community have been involved. Jane Haining's story is just incredible. It is hard to put into words what she did and what she experienced. "We hope that people come and see the material that we have and learn about her story for themselves."

Sun day driver

My fifth total solar eclipse story (see *Cornerstone* archives for Siberia 2008, Shanghai 2009, Easter Island 2010, and Svalbard 2015) and still no end in sight to the 'sun day' pun titles. Sorry about that. The 'driver' part was significant this time round, because we took in the solar eclipse of 21 August 2017 as part of what I've called the Wild West road trip, a 3,000-mile-long clockwise circuit of Wyoming, beginning and ending in Denver.

The logo for the Great American Eclipse shows its path right across the United States, from Oregon to South Carolina, with a maximum duration of 2 minutes 40 seconds near the state line between Missouri and Kentucky. For us, the eclipse came at the very end of our trip, and once again the weather was perfect, though we did change our plans at the last minute when cloud predictions for Carhenge in Nebraska looked unpromising. Instead, we joined up with a group I've travelled with previously on a ranch near Douglas, Wyoming.

Having a car gave us the freedom to choose where we watched the eclipse, but did have its downside too. In a record migration, the state of Wyoming more than doubled its usual population of just over half a million during the eclipse, and a good number of those migrants headed south back to Colorado as soon as totality was over. A journey that would normally take three or four hours ended up continuing for over twelve, and we didn't arrive at our final overnight stop near Denver until after two in the morning. 400 km of the I-25 highway between Wyoming and Colorado turned into one enormous traffic jam. The awful traffic was predictable; exactly the same thing happened to me 18 years ago after I saw my first eclipse in Germany.

Surely a couple of minutes of darkness can't be worth standing in traffic for hours on end? But of course it can if you get to see the wonder of creation that is totality. A few days previously we had an overnight stay at an Airbnb in Cody, Wyoming. As Airbnbers will know, it's customary to introduce yourself to your future host when you make a reservation. I explained at the time that 21 August would be my seventh total eclipse. Weeks later, I received this reply from our host:

'When I saw that this is your 7th total solar eclipse, I thought: "OK, everybody has their weird thing they're into." Then yesterday I saw my first, and I totally get it. I've seen partial solar eclipses before, but to be able to load up the truck and drive to a favorite picnic spot and experience that was amazing. I figure now if I'm planning any travel, I'll keep an eye on future eclipses...'

What else can I write about this eclipse that I haven't written before? Our Wyoming ranch was over 1,500 m up, high in the mountains south of Douglas, so during totality we had a kind of 360° sunset that I don't recall seeing

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previously. I was also able to use the ranch's corral alley as a location for the photo I took when the sun was completely hidden by the moon. Another novelty was the strict instruction not to venture over the fences surrounding our viewing area, lest we disturb the local rattlesnakes!

Animal life was a theme of our Wild West road trip before the eclipse, especially in the national parks of Yellowstone and Grand Teton, right next to each other in the northwest corner of Wyoming. We saw bison, moose, deer, and pronghorn antelope at close quarters and even a bald eagle perched in a treetop by Jenny Lake. Of course, what we longed to see was a bear, but that didn't happen until many miles after we'd left Yellowstone, driving out of Cody towards Montana. The bear was about 200 m away, which was a good distance – close enough for it to see me and look up, but far enough away for me to jump quickly back into the car and for us to drive off if it became aggressive. It didn't, of course, simply sniffing the air a bit, then looking bored, and finally resuming a leisurely amble through the sagebrush.

Cody was an interesting place, named after Buffalo Bill Cody, the man who did more than anyone to immortalise the image of the American frontier, and through his Wild West Show became the first global celebrity over a 25-year period around the turn of the 20th century. A fascinating group of museums in Cody tell the story of the Wild West from different perspectives, including that of native Americans.

The very next stop on our road trip was the monument to the Battle of the Little Bighorn, where Indian braves defending their families defeated Custer's cavalry, alas only hastening the destruction of their culture by so doing. These days, there's a permanent memorial to the native American victims of the battle where Custer's Last Stand took place, though it really shouldn't have taken them more than 130 years to get round to building it.

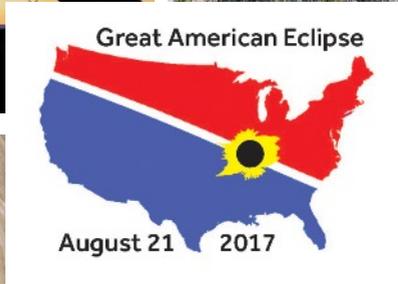
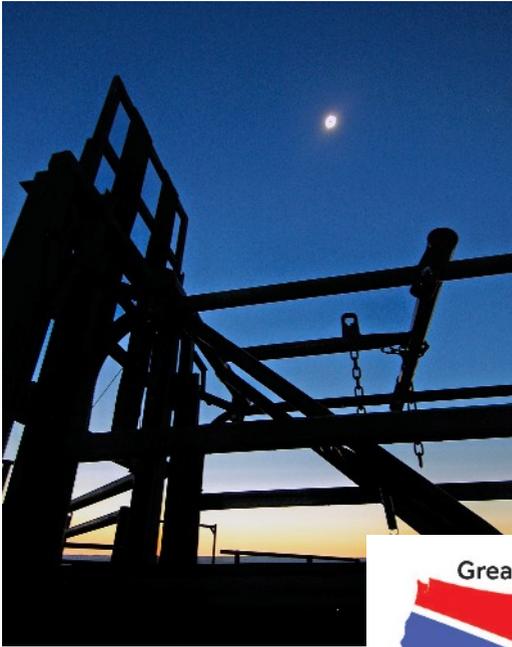
As for the rest of a great trip, I'll let my pictures tell the story. You can see them in the **Wild West road trip** album at

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/r0smor/albums> (note it's a zero, not an O, in r0smor).

Ross Bennie

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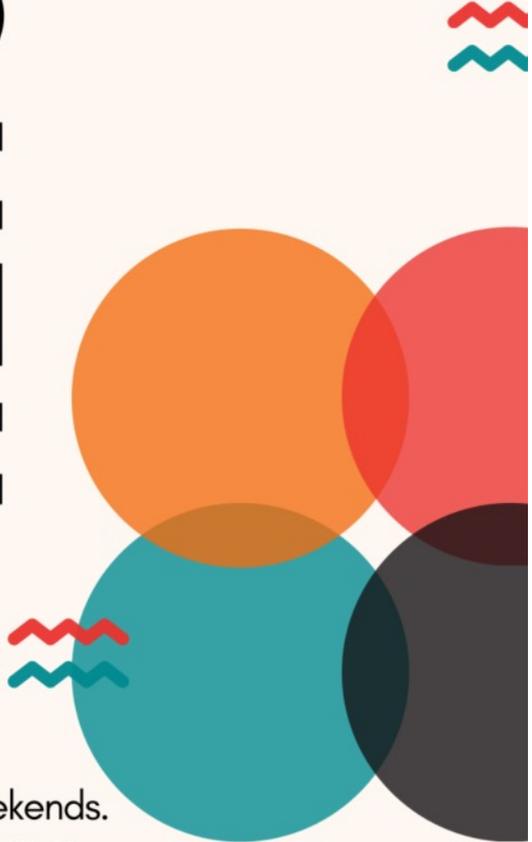
After-service walk to Col de Jaman at 1740 m. on 20th August.



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**Scots Kirk of
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Meets weekly on weekends.
A gathering for ages 15-18.

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Introducing... Hector & Marie Herrera

My wife, Marie, and I grew up in a suburb of Los Angeles, California and attended the same schools from our primary years into high school. Many people are surprised to hear that we have known each other since we were 8 years old, and although we weren't very fond of each other at that young

age, we grew close in high school. We were each other's best friend and after 3 years became boyfriend and girlfriend. That was almost 8 years ago and of those eight years, we have been happily married for two.



After high school, Marie and I went to different universities that were still close to each other. I attended the research institution of University of California, Irvine and received my bachelor's degree in Logic and Philosophy of Science with a minor in Political Science. Marie attended Chapman University, a small private university in Orange, California. There she developed an interest in educational research and teaching. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in Integrated Educational Studies and received two minors, one in English Literature and the second in Language and Literacy. From there she went on to

pursue her passion in teaching and attended the University of California, Irvine to receive her Master of Arts in Teaching and teaching credential. Throughout her master and credential program, she served for a year in bilingual elementary schools, teaching primarily in Spanish.

Shortly after Marie graduated from her Master's program and I finished my year of teaching math and science at Scale Academy, we got married and road tripped across the United States to New Jersey where I would begin my Master's in Divinity program. I am just finished my second year of graduate work and will have one more year once I return from Lausanne. There are two main theological thinkers that I have focused in on are St. Augustine and Bartolome De Las Casas. We have fallen in love with the East Coast, especially considering the fact that it was our first time experiencing all four seasons! We love our Christian community and beloved friends.

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Marie served as a 3rd and 6th grade math teacher for two years at an urban charter school in Trenton, New Jersey. Although those years proved to be extremely challenging, they have been formative and foundational in her growth as an educator. She plans to continue her career in teaching, hopefully here in Switzerland if given the opportunity, and if not, certainly once we return to New Jersey. I am truly excited to begin working here in Lausanne and serve everyone in the Scots Kirk.

Hector Herrera

The Scots Kirk Lausanne

presents

The 2017 Int'l BAZAAR



4 Nov. from 10h to 16h

*Tea Room - Barbecue - Bookshop - Brocante
Home baking - Marmelades - Gifts & Craft
Int'l Products - Toys - Kids corner - Christmas stall*

26, Avenue Rumine, Lausanne

Great Scot!

64 + 65: Ladies of Note(s)

Please forgive the terrible pun but the two subjects who figure in this GS offering were recently chosen to 'star' on banknotes issued by the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS). We have the gracious ladies, Nan Shepherd on the £5 denomination and Mary Somerville on the £10. Let's see who they were and why they grace the GS series.



£5: Nan Shepherd. Anna Shepherd was born on February 11th 1893 in East Peterculter (sometimes known as Culter) a suburb of Aberdeen. Soon after her birth the family moved to Cults (just to confuse the reader) to a house where our subject was to live for most of her life. After education at Aberdeen High school for Girls she enrolled at the University of Aberdeen where, in 1915, she graduated with an MA. Nan Shepherd contributed to Scottish Modernist literature with three novels, an anthology of poetry and a work of non-fiction. The novels were *The Quarry Wood* (1928) which portrayed the 'restricted' and sometimes 'tragic' lives of women in (her) contemporary Scotland (is this a possible reason why male subjects in this series well outnumber female subjects...?) 1930 saw the publication of *The Weatherhouse*, a work covering the interactions between folk in a small Scottish community (a sensitive subject if research for the book digs a little too deeply into family relationships). Nan's final novel was *A Pass in the Grampians*, published in 1933. All three plots are set in small communities in northern Scotland and were republished in the late 1980s.

GS 64's poetry arrived on bookshelves in 1934 under the collective title *In the Cairngorms*. It was re-issued in 2014. Notable poems in this anthology include *Loch Avon* (sounds Anglo-Scots!), *The Hill Burns*, *Summits of Corrie Etchachan* and *Real Presence*. It also contains some love sonnets written (according to the author) for a man but whom, we know not and Nan Shepherd never married. Finally, the work of non-fiction – *The living Mountain* – inspired by Nan's love of hill-walking and written during the 1940s, although not published until 1977 (the author's choice).

Anna Shepherd lectured on English at the Aberdeen College of Education and edited the Aberdeen University review until 1963. The university awarded her an honorary doctorate in 1964. She died on February 23rd 1981 and is commemorated in Makars' Court in Edinburgh and, of course, on a £5 note.

£10: Mary Somerville. Mary Fairfax was born in the Scottish Borders, at Jedburgh, on Boxing Day 1780. She was to rise to prominence in the sciences of mathematics and astronomy despite barriers and obstacles put in her way by members of her own family. At first it would appear that Mary enjoyed a privileged position in society from which her scientific ambitions could be satisfied and furthered. After all, her father was Vice Admiral Sir William George Fairfax and Mary's family was of distinguished stock. However, Sir William branded Mary "a savage" and packed her off for 'tuition' as a boarder in Musselburgh to learn the '3 Rs'. She returned with a smattering of French, a command of simple arithmetic and a faltering ability to read and write – an inauspicious start to life in the sciences, so our subject settled into life as a socialite in polite Edinburgh society; but a thirst for knowledge must be quenched and GS65 found a perfect drinking vessel in the form of Euclid's *Elements of Geometry*, a work from which she quaffed as if a drought were apparent. Things became worse at home when Mary's sister died aged 10 and her parents ascribed her demise to studying (so much for enlightenment amongst senior members of the Senior Service). Our subject was thus forbidden to study, but she continued – in secret.

Another obstacle almost barred the way when, in 1804, Mary married a distant cousin who was also the Russian Consul in London, a Captain Samuel Greig (another of the seafaring fraternity). This union produced two children but was not a happy one as the Captain did not approve of 'learned women' and took a prejudiced stance against Mary's pursuit of academic interests. This spouse died in 1807 and our subject moved back to Scotland. Spouse No.2 came along in 1812 in the form of Dr. William Somerville who actively encouraged his wife's quest for learning. With his support and contacts, Mary began to circulate in scientific and artistic circles meeting J.M.W. Turner (she appears in the film *Mr. Turner*), Sir David Brewster, the inventor of the kaleidoscope and William

Whewell who, in 1834, coined the term 'scientist' as Mary could not be termed a 'man of science'. Mrs. Somerville bore her husband four children, produced her first paper in 1826 (in proceedings of the Royal Society), became one of the first female members, in 1835, of the Royal Astronomical Society (with Caroline Herschel) and predicted the existence of the planet Neptune in 1842 (proven in 1846). The family moved to Italy in 1838 where Mary Somerville died on November 29th 1872 and is buried in the English Cemetery, Naples where there is a statue to her. On her death the *Morning Post* hailed her as "The Queen of Nineteenth-Century Science".

The name Somerville, thanks to this subject, crops up time and again around the world (indeed, and outside this world) at Somerville College (Oxford), Somerville Island (Barrow Strait, Canada), Somerville House (Burntisland, Scotland), at a committee room at the Scottish Parliament, Somerville House girls' high school (Brisbane), the Somerville Crater on the Moon, 5771 (a main-belt asteroid) and at the RBS.

John McKillop

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Eclipse Timing

An astronomer was on an expedition to Darkest Africa to observe a total eclipse of the sun, when he's captured by cannibals. The eclipse was due the next day around noon. To gain his freedom he planned to pose as a god and threaten to extinguish the sun if he was not released. The timing had to be just right. So, in the few words of the cannibals' primitive tongue that he knew, he asked his guard what time they planned to kill him.

The guard answered, "Tradition has it that captives are to be killed when the sun reaches the highest point in the sky on the day after their capture, so that they may be cooked and ready to be served for the evening meal."

"Great," the astronomer replied. The guard continues, though, "But because everyone's so excited about it, in your case we're going to wait until after the eclipse..."



Scots Kirk Bookstall

Pre-Christmas Book Event

on Sundays 12th, 19th & 26th November 2017

from 11.45 to 12.45 approx.

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

Av. Rumine 26, Lausanne



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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.

Letter received from the Fondation Mère Sofia concerning La Soupe populaire


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Eglise Ecossoise de Lausanne
Avenue de Rumine 26
1005 Lausanne

Lausanne, le 11 juillet 2017

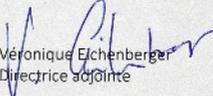
Madame, Monsieur,

Le dimanche 7 mai dernier, vous avez eu la gentillesse de me convier au culte en votre belle Eglise Ecossoise de Lausanne. Vous avez également eu la générosité de reverser à la Fondation Mère Sofia les dons collectés à cette occasion. Par ces lignes, nous voudrions vous exprimer notre immense gratitude.

Cette année, votre soutien nous est particulièrement précieux. En effet, Vous en avez peut-être entendu parler, la Soupe populaire doit quitter les locaux qu'elle occupe depuis maintenant une dizaine d'années à la rue Saint-Martin 18. Un projet prévoit en effet la démolition de ces locaux et la construction d'un nouveau lieu d'accueil à cette adresse. Ce projet étant soumis, comme toutes les nouvelles constructions, aux aléas des démarches administratives et à des contraintes techniques non prévisibles, il semble difficile d'évaluer la date de mise à disposition effective du nouveau bâtiment. Et en attendant ? La Soupe populaire distribue gratuitement en moyenne 220 repas chaque soir, et jusqu'à 320 les jours de grande affluence... Il est impensable que cela s'arrête, ne serait-ce qu'un seul jour !

A l'annonce de ce prochain chamboulement, la Fondation Mère Sofia s'est donc mise en quête d'un lieu pouvant héberger provisoirement la Soupe populaire ainsi que de fonds privés nous permettant de financer cette transition. Assurément, nous avons déniché le premier. Reste l'argent à trouver.

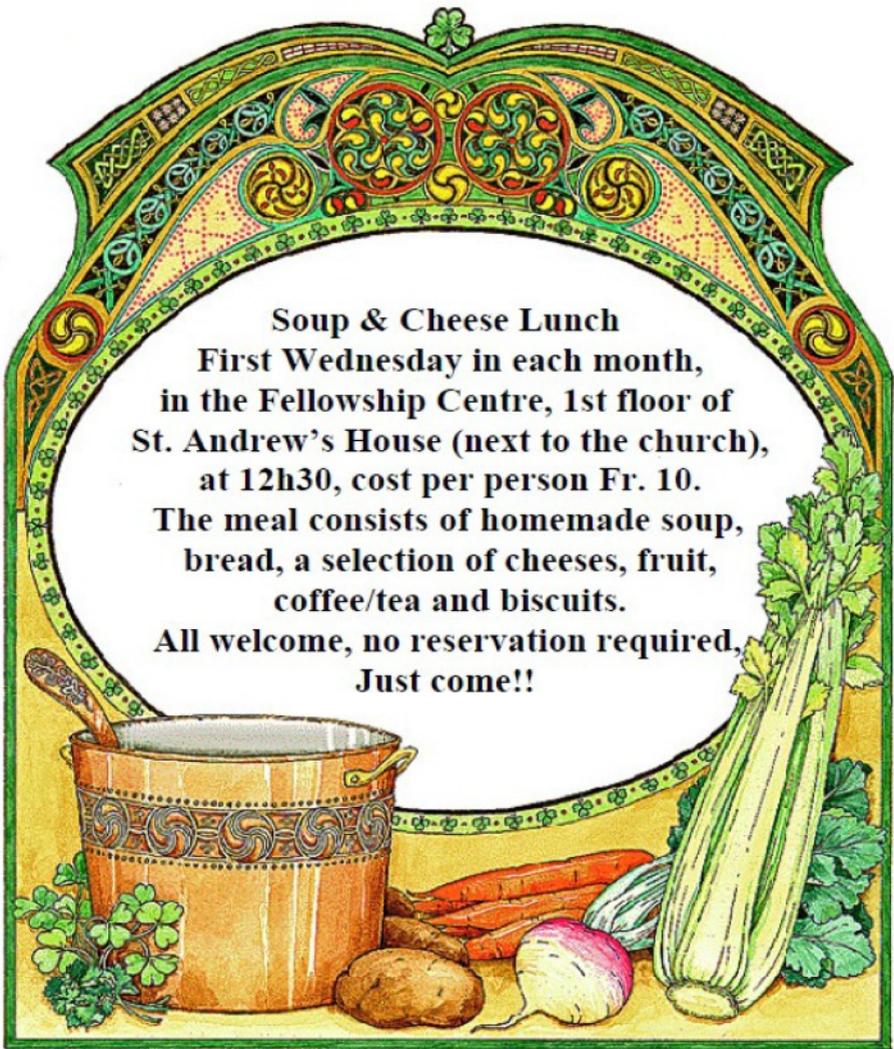
Aussi, nous vous remercions encore très sincèrement. Nous pouvons vous assurer que vos dons seront utilisés à bon escient et que les investissements consentis viendront améliorer concrètement nos conditions d'accueil. Nous vous adressons, Madame, Monsieur, nos salutations distinguées.


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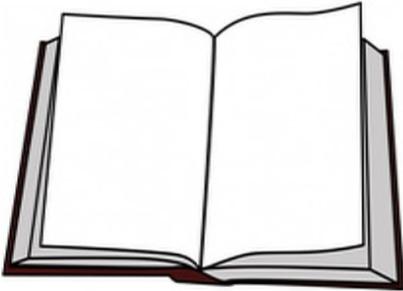
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Soup & Cheese Lunch dates for 2017
4th October, 1st November, 6th December

Deadline for the next edition of Cornerstone:
12th November 2017

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 23rd August 2017, 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.

Update on Ian McDonald's return to work; Roof project update; Keys; Telephony upgrades; Emergency procedures; Helen McDonald funeral; Church walks; Presbytery Local Church Review; Princeton student; Worship service and length; Holiday Club for children; Update on giving and stewardship; Revised Finance team roles; Renewing Adventist contract; Bazaar; Hetty Overeem; Mivv picnic; Safeguarding; Fundraising event.

**Next meeting of the Kirk Session:
11th October 2017 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.

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

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

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.

French Christian offers French and Spanish lessons (A1-B2 levels, that is beginners and intermediate), CHF 30.-/h. Contact Alexandre Dominique on 0787924269.



God of gardens, of wilderness, of all creation,
You have given us such wonders to care for,
yet too often we don't acknowledge the damage we do.
Forgive us, Lord.

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 2017, 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

WHAT'S ON AT THE KIRK!

All are welcome to attend
these mid-week activities!

Mondays at 1.30 p.m.
Informal Art Group

Mondays at 7.30 p.m.
Scottish Country Dancing

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!