

PARISH NEWS



EAGLESHAM PARISH CHURCH



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Announcements

Baptisms

Millie Belle Clark
Daughter of Emma and Graham
Holehouse Road
(13 April)

Funerals

Peter Primrose, Montgomery Court
(22 March)

Mrs Elizabeth Lennox, Cartvale Nursing Home
(18 April)

Mrs Rita McCosh, Mearnskirk Nursing Home
(26 April)

Cover photo:

Church Builders released balloons after the Easter Sunday service to symbolise the resurrection of Jesus

Musings from the Manse

'Child Protection' is a phrase often used nowadays, reflecting society's concern with the safety of children in clubs & organisations run by people who are entrusted with their care. It's also a theme which has been prominent in the press recently. As I write, there has been news of two families of children murdered by their fathers, one here in Glasgow; and we have marked the anniversary of Madeleine McCann's unsolved disappearance. Never have we been so conscious of the need for child safety, yet our children can never be completely protected from all risk – and being over-protected is surely a risk in itself, as they need to develop the skills and social awareness to allow them to become responsible adults.

Child protection has also been in focus in church recently. This month we have welcomed the start of a friendship with new missionary partners Alastair and Chrissy Muir (see page 6), who are off to Thailand with their three small children in the summer. Alastair is a police inspector who senses God's call to work putting policies in place which will help protect vulnerable Thai children from exploitation and abuse. The plight of these children breaks God's heart even more than ours, and it's easy for us to feel helpless in the face of such evil. We are therefore privileged to be able to support this family by our prayers and giving as they fulfil God's task for them, and look forward to news of their joys, difficulties and successes in years to come.

Thank God that our own young people are not at the same risk – yet they face a subtler kind of danger. Statistics tell us that less than ten percent of Scottish teenagers have any connection with church. I wonder what the average Eaglesham teenager thinks about Eaglesham Church – if it crosses their mind at all! I suspect that most of our younger generation are growing up in a moral and spiritual vacuum where the Christian gospel seems left over from the past, and their hunger for 'real life' seems to have nothing to do with God. Like many churches, we struggle to communicate the Gospel in their language – hence the proposal that we work to appoint a Youth Ministry Student to help us with this vital task (see page 3). Surely their spiritual wellbeing is as vital a concern as physical safety, and demands our best efforts and support. It would be wonderful to see a flourishing group of young Christians as part of our church life in years to come – let's pray for that!

Wishing you all God's blessing and a hopefully hot and restful summer!



Rather than showing signs of slowing down, our congregation is experiencing some frenetic activity as we head towards the summer.

The Annual Displays of the Anchor Boys, Junior Section and Company Section of our Boys' Brigade Company are taking place in mid May when parents and friends will watch enthralled at the accomplishments and achievements of our boys in the culmination of their year's work. The children and staff of the Church Builders will also celebrate another enjoyable year when prizes will be awarded for attendance on Sunday 18th May. That day we will welcome the Rev. Alistair Bull who will be leading our Service as Lynn attends the General Assembly in Edinburgh. This remains a busy time for our Minister as she prepares for the June Communion Services, on return from the Assembly, followed by the final Second Sitting Service of this series, also taking place in June. We have the Talents Auction scheduled to take place in June, another innovation which should be great fun as well as generating some much needed revenue for our steeple fund. Hard on the heels of Second Sitting come preparations for this year's Holiday Club to be held once more in August, a couple of weeks prior to the children returning to school after the summer holidays.

Finally, as you are all aware we are hoping to attract a student Christian youth worker commencing in September for a three year sponsorship and, if we are successful, this should be one of the most exciting steps forward for our witness here in Eaglesham that I can remember. This initiative has come directly from our Youth Team and they should be congratulated on their foresight and commitment. The Kirk Session shares their enthusiasm and I

encourage us all to help make this vital innovation a reality. We need to take some preparatory steps leading up to, and subsequent to, the process of interviewing potential candidates so, as I said at the beginning, there are no signs of a summer slow down. An indication, I believe, of a vibrant and spiritually healthy congregation.

On behalf of my fellow elders I wish you all a very happy (and active) summer.

Craig Wishart

Early Morning Worship

We plan from the autumn to offer an opportunity once a month for those who wish to attend an earlier Sunday morning service. Our early service will take place on the last Sunday of each month, starting September 28th, and will be from 9.30–10.15. It will happen on the last Sunday of every month (*except December – please note!!*) until and including May 2009, after which we will review how it's going and whether it should continue.

This service will be similar to the 11am service in the hymns, Bible readings and sermon, but will not have the choir, orchestra, or any children's talk or facilities for childcare. We envisage that it will have a quieter and more reflective mood for those who prefer this style of worship, and that the earlier time may suit those who have work or other commitments on Sundays.

Our aim is to offer a variety of worship opportunities and styles on an occasional basis, while maintaining the 11am service as our main focus of worship as the whole Christian family. We look forward to this added opportunity to worship.

Lynn

>>>>>The Future of Eaglesham Church!>>>>>

Central to the future of our Church here in Eaglesham is how we attract and involve our young people in the life of the Church. Through our organisations, we have over 200 children and young people associated with the Church. However, very few actually attend. Without engaging our young people – what future is there for Eaglesham Church?

It is absolutely vital that we meet the challenge of bringing our young people to personal Christian faith. This is why it has been proposed by the Kirk Session that the Church employ a Youth Ministry Student from the International Christian College, Glasgow, to live and work in our Parish over the next three years.

Think of the possibilities –

- Forging even stronger links with Eaglesham Primary and Mearns Castle – perhaps restarting SU groups.
- Helping with BB fellowship and with the other organisations.
- Turning ‘afters’ from Second Sitting in to a fully fledged Youth Fellowship.

These are just a few examples!

This is a fantastic opportunity – and of course it will cost money. We need to raise approximately £10,000 per year for the next three years for salary, expenses and accommodation. At first glance, it looks like a lot, but if only 40 people each gave £20 per month we would reach our target.

Pledges for monthly, quarterly, annual and single gifts are all welcome. Pledge forms are available in Church or from our Treasurer, Marlyn McInnes (tel number in the printed mag).

I have only been able to give you this exciting initiative in outline. If you care passionately about the future of our Church, want to know more and perhaps ask some questions, please come to one of our two meetings on —

- Tuesday 27 May 7.30 Carswell Halls
- Sunday 8 June 12.30 Carswell Halls

Also, please feel free to call me anytime.

Alistair McBride, Convenor Youth Strategy Team

Fabric

The recent spell of good weather has renewed enthusiasm and enabled ground care to commence.

At the manse the carpet in the hall area and living room have been replaced, the manse family assisted with the renewing of paint work prior to laying the new carpet. Vandalism to the fence in the lane has been repaired.

At the Church the keyboard for the multi-media system has been replaced and touching up of the exterior paint work is in progress.

At the mid hall the small hall at the rear has been re carpeted and is proving very satisfactory for all users. Redecoration of the large hall has commenced and in general a feasibility study into the use of all our halls is in progress.

The main floor of the Carswell hall has been re varnished, and replacement of some office equipment is imminent. Our pyro person continues to dispose of combustible material and weeds and grass have started to receive attention.

The Fabric Mole

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MUSIC & WORSHIP

Wendy Armstrong Convener

Many visitors to services in our church comment on how good worship is here in Eaglesham. And well they might! We are blessed with a fabulous organist/choir master, an enthusiastic and committed choir, a vibrant orchestra (involving mainly young people), and most recently a youth choir named Musical Mayhem (Peter had to veto various titles for the Group which included his name...!). We have recently acquired, through donation, a new digital piano in the sanctuary which will enhance worship even further. We also have regular input at worship from many members of the congregation in relation to prayers, Bible readings, children's talks etc. which enrich the worship in our church. A major energising factor in our worship in Eaglesham is the contribution and commitment of the whole congregation.

So where do we go from here?

On the Music and Worship Team, as well as recognising the strengths of our established worship traditions, we are aware of the Biblical calling to all of us to 'Sing a new song to the Lord', and thus to look for new ways to involve and reach others in worship and music. Our Team has been involved over the past session in:

- *Supporting Second Sitting and Musical Mayhem*
- *Developing our prayer life in the church by involving a prayer co-ordinator*
- *Supporting the involvement of members of the congregation in worship*
- *Proposing a monthly reflective early morning service*
- *Planning an annual service of thanksgiving and gratitude for those who have been bereaved*

Our worship in Eaglesham is varied, but we are one church with one God; one vision, but looking at this vision sometimes through different lenses.

Team Members

Wendy Armstrong
(Convener)
Lynn McChlery
George Mundell
Stephen Dron
Alan Fulton
Brenda Bain
Chris Ide
Allison Leitch
Peter Howard (ex officio)

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FELLOWSHIP



Margaret Pitcairn Convener

It is the aim of the fellowship team to provide opportunities and encourage our church family to meet and enjoy time together. Not everyone wants to join a group or be in an organisation but if people are drawn to our Sunday worship they should feel the warmth of our welcome from the moment that they are greeted at the Church door and that feeling of being at home in Church should be felt by us all.

Since August last year the fellowship team has had regular meetings to discuss how best to build on and improve the fellowship which already exists and is evident within our congregation – Sunday coffee, Guild, the Monday and Thursday Groups, youth organisations and badminton are a few examples of the sharing of interests. This is a strong foundation on which to build a deeper and wider sense of caring for each other in the community.

Under the guidance of Sandy Robertson and Pat Wishart with the help of Flo MacIntyre a walking group has been established. It is particularly pleasing that, as well as around twenty from the church, a number of non church members meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month to enjoy some physical and social activity.

The current initiative of the Fellowship Team is the production of a welcome pack which will give information on worship, church activities and organisations. It will be designed to be inviting and informative to those new to our church and community.

In the near future we plan to hold an informal lunch for our new members and those who join us in church on a regular but less formal basis. It is hoped that we will also be joined by the elders in whose districts they stay and by other church members who are involved in the organisations which the new members may be interested in.

We invite each one of you to become an informal member of the fellowship team, caring reach for each other and building stronger relationships within our church, and widening our reach into the community.

Team Members

Margaret Pitcairn

Pat Wishart

Sandy Robertson

Douglas Maclauchlan

Jim Donaldson

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Meet the Muir family our new missionary partners

An interview with youth group reporter Gemma Lightbody



Alastair and Chrissy Muir with their family and members of the Youth Group who raised £150 for the Muirs' project in Thailand and presented them with a 'Best Wishes' cake!

We were delighted to have the Muir family from Torrance to our church on Sunday 11th of May to tell us about their new life in Thailand. Alastair will be taking up a post advising in the field of child protection. All the family will be moving to Thailand in August and we wanted to meet them to give them our best wishes personally. After Church I had a chance to ask them a few questions over a cup of coffee in the Carswell Hall.

“ Thank you for telling us about yourselves before you leave.

Why did you decide to go to Thailand?

'We didn't, God decided. We heard about the work that needed done and we thought that we could make a difference to the lives of the endangered children.'

Was it scary to make such a big change in lifestyle?

'Yes, but we knew that God wanted us to go.'

How long do you expect to be there?

Five years.

Alastair, will you be working for the Thai government?

I'll actually be working for the Church of Christ in Thailand which is the country's primary protestant church but I will also be working closely with the government and other non-government organisations.

How will you help Thai children?

Many children in Thailand are poor and therefore very vulnerable. It will be my job to help care for them by writing child protection policy and training Thai personnel.

Have you done any other charity work?

Yes but just for individual charities, although, in his job as an Inspector in the Police Service, Alastair was involved in child protection policy.

Where will you be living?

For the first year we will be in Bangkok. Isla (1) is still too young for school but Rhian (7) and Kirsty (4) will be attending the international school there. After that we may all move to Chiang Rai in the north of the country

There has just been a terrible cyclone in Burma and an earthquake in China both close to Thailand. Did these scare you?

Not really. But we realise that the poorer areas of the world suffer more when natural disasters strike.

How can we in Eaglesham Church help you to help the children?

Firstly by praying for us to learn to speak Thai! The girls will be going to an English speaking school but Alastair and I will need a year to learn the language. You can also help by fund raising and by taking an interest in the project. We will try to write a newsletter every three months which we hope you will publish in your magazine.

Thank you and our very best wishes go with you all to Thailand.”

Gemma Lightbody

1st Eaglesham Guide Unit

Summer is here again, why does it arrive so quickly, or is it that our Guide Unit is so busy? As we draw to a close our last term has indeed been busy with girls sitting lots of interest badges such as cook, confectioner, performing arts, animal active, craft, hobbies and film lover to name but a few. Our thanks go to our testers who kindly gave up their time to test the girls; Ivor Lough, Sheila and Doug Lamont, Brenda Bain and Shelagh McHugh, thank you. The Spring holiday came and went and our first night back took us outside to The Orry where a game of rounders was thoroughly enjoyed.

The next week the girls made up pictures of what Guides means to them done with natural objects - very creative. On 12 May the girls enjoyed a 'Cinema' night with a DVD and popcorn, then hopefully a little fund raising night for the girls going on

International Camp with a "Bring and Buy" sale.

We will then finish on 2 June with our usual sausage sizzle and awards for Best Patrol and most Promising Guide, these have still to be decided as this is written.

Six of our Guides are going to Kilwinning in the summer for a week with guides from all over the world coming to visit, so we will keep you posted and tell you all about it in September.

Thanks to all the leaders Ann McCormick, Christian Potter, Margaret Alexander, our Young Leaders Lesley McBride, Amy Ruddock and Catriona Lamont for all your help and support throughout the year, and thanks to all the guides and parents to. Have a good summer.

Louise Lightbody Guide Guider

The Choirs

The Choir — has come to the end of a very busy season! On Maundy Thursday we contributed two pieces to the service, both of which were well received. I was even told by someone that they had never been moved so much in their life by a piece of music – this could be taken two ways but we're taking it as a compliment!

Our coffee morning raised a magnificent £631.43 Thanks to everyone who supported it and to Ismay and her team for ensuring it ran smoothly. This year's session concluded with an enjoyable meal at the Peking Village and the AGM. The choir will re-start on 2 October. Please consider joining the choir. Remember you do not need to be able read music!

Musical Mayhem — We have changed our name from 'Youth Singing Group' to 'Musical Mayhem Youth Choir' – practices are normally mayhem although not always musical!

Easter Sunday was our first 'performance' where we sang two pieces one jointly with the church choir. This was a great success, I think Lynn's comment afterwards was 'more of that!' So, that's what we're doing – We will be contributing to the June Second Sitting when we will be singing Any Dream Will Do from Joseph and a quieter piece by Bob Chilcott called Can You Hear Me which involves some sign language.

Musical Mayhem stops practicing for the summer on 8 June and we are having an end of session buffet lunch the following Sunday. We will re-start on 17 August. Children currently in P4 or above are welcome to come along.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributes to the variety of music that we have in Eaglesham Church

Peter Howard Organist and Choirmaster organist@eagleshamparishchurch.co.uk

205th BB Company Section

Yet another successful session for the 205th Company Section.

Our recent 79th display was opened by Session Clerk Craig Wishart, the Inspecting officer was Louise Lightbody leader in charge of Eaglesham Guides, the first lady ever to be our inspecting officer!

The night was a complete success with the boys hitting the high notes in our band item! Our vaulting teams also did very well in doing difficult routines over the vaulting boxes. We also had an opera number, games and agility routines.

Congratulations to the boys who gained the following trophies and awards –

Attendance

1st year – G Robertson, F Robertson, E Paterson, D Scott, A Campbell

2nd year – C Clark, J Gemmell, R Jamison, G Shearer

3rd year – M West, G Thompson

4th year – R Cunningham

Table Tennis Champion – R Cunningham

Badminton Junior – J Gemmell

Badminton Senior – C King

Footballer of the year – F Stern

Best Sports Squad – Sqd 1 – S Mcarther, R Jamieson, G Robertson, A Steel, D Scott

Best Squad Uniform & Attendance - Sqd 1

Laird Cup Christian Faith Paper – L Dolan

Best all round squad – Sqd 5 – C Shearer, A Nealis, A Agnew, J Gemmell, G Armstrong, L Cocker.

Best Recruit - E Paterson

Best Boy - Cameron Smith

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Bronze - S Mcarther, Liam Dolan

Presidents Awards - R Jamieson , J Walker, L Dolan, S McArthur

Queens Badge - D Doyle , M Eves, C King, A Lamont, A McCallum, C Shearer.

Finally a thanks to all my staff for giving their time and effort this session to make the 205th Company Section a great company to be part of. Thanks also to Chris, Gail, Ronnie and all the Parents & Friends Committee for their hard work throughout the session.

We now look forward to our summer Expedition Programme and 53rd consecutive camp at King's Cross, Arran on the 18 July.

Have a good summer !

Richard Burt
Officer in Charge



Top - Louise Lightbody presented the awards

Middle - Operatic interludes and gymnastic displays enthralled the guests

Bottom - Company Section raised £1500 from their sponsored walk for the Steeple Fund as well as £500 for Action Research Scotland

Anchor Boys

The anchor boys held their Annual Display on Tuesday 13 May with Stuart McChlery as our inspecting Officer. After the boys showed off their skills of 'going under', 'over' and 'around' in many different games it was time for the formal presentation of the 2008 awards:-

Best Squad - Green Squad
Iain Mair, Grant Black, Jake Goodhall,
Cameron Clark, Nial Hilditch

Best Boy - Iain Mair

Junior Section

Another successful Junior Section session comes to an end in the middle of June when we take our P5 and P6 boys away for the weekend to Newton Stewart. As always this will be an action packed weekend enjoyed by boys and staff alike! Until then we will be running games night every Thursday up to and including Thursday 12 June.

Our annual display was on 15 May when the Boys put on a great show in front of their parents, families and friends. Having had such a busy year we had a huge collection of medals and prizes to present. Due to excellent attendances over the session all the boys have achieved their badges. We had individual and team medal winners in the swimming gala, district sports and league and cup football.

The winners of our annual prizes were:
Billy McAuslan Trophy - *David Lamond*
S.Laird Shield - *St.Andrews Squad*
(*John McBride, Adam Bennett, Jack McInna, Alexander Greenlaw, Tom Pound*)
Best Boy Trophy - *John McBride*
Promotions (to Company Section) - *Martin Kerr, David Lamond, John McBride, Matthew Rigg, Robert Rigg, James Strang, Gordon Todd*
Congratulations to all of the boys on an excellent year!

Both Mark and I would like to thank all

Best Boy, runner up - Fraser Cocker
Achievement - Glen Thompson
Bible Knowledge - Jack McPhail

We shall be continuing for the next few weeks hopefully making use of the lighter nights before breaking up for the summer. Any boys due to start school in the autumn are welcome to join us in August. Good luck to our P3's who move up to Junior Section.

Alistair Todd
Officer in Charge

our fellow members of staff who have helped and supported us throughout this session. Without them nights like our annual display, and BB sessions like we have just had would not be possible.

Thanks to all who have participated this session whether it be in transporting the Boys to various venues or supporting the Football team on a Saturday morning.

I will see many of you over the coming weeks but will take this opportunity to wish everyone a good Summer!

Gary Rushworth
Joint Officer In Charge



Sandra McAuslan presents David Lamond with the Billy McAuslan Trophy.

Church Builders

It is hard to believe that another session has come to an end and I would like to thank all the Church Builders staff for their continued support and for their contribution in either leading or assisting Sunday by Sunday. Hopefully we have all played a part in bringing faith to the young people in our congregation. A big thank you too to all the mums and dads who encourage and bring the children to join us, without them Church Builders would be meaningless.

This year has been particularly enjoyable. The puppet show and party at Christmas was a huge hit with children and adults alike. There must have been about sixty MacDonald Happy Meals consumed. The children also made a fabulous contribution to the Christmas Family Service with a rainbow of angels singing and acting.

We are looking forward to the Church Builders' Trip. Last year we all enjoyed the Teddy bear's picnic to Calderglen Park so we have decided to return for a safari! This will be the most inexpensive safari you could hope to attend and no inoculations or passports are required.

Instructions as follows – Saturday 14th June, weather permitting, leaving Mid Road at 11.30 am in a convoy of decorated cars to Calderglen Country Park, East Kilbride. You bring - yourself, safari pet and picnic. Staff bring games and fun for all! Please join us young or old!

Although Church Builders is not on during the summer the Sunday 'Not in Service Club' takes over for games and fun while the 11am service is on.

Church Builders resumes back on Sunday 17th August and we look forward to seeing you then.

Beverly Miller

Parking Reminder

Concern has been expressed regarding the availability of parking in front of the Church on Sunday mornings and some periodic announcements have been made from the pulpit together with printed notices in the weekly bulletin/ order of service. In clarification of the situation, the Kirk Session would simply draw attention to the road traffic notice applicable to the yellow line on the road appearing between the Church and the traffic lights; parking is prohibited here between the hours of 8am and 10pm, seven days a week.



Parking is available above the yellow line outside the Church and up Montgomery Street. However, we would ask you to try to leave the area in front of the Church free for those of our members who are less fit and find parking further away difficult. There is one 'disabled' space available at the side gate of the Church and this should be reserved for that purpose.

Craig Wishart

Creche

We thank our dedicated team of mums, aunts and grannies who provide care for the tiny tots who are too young for Church Builders. If you are a mum, auntie, granny, or just an ordinary lady or gentleman and feel you would like to be added to the crèche rota please get in touch with Nan Stirling as soon as possible. All who have contact with children within the Church of Scotland must have Child Protection Disclosure – some time is required to achieve this but it is a straight forward process.

Beverly Miller

Walking Group

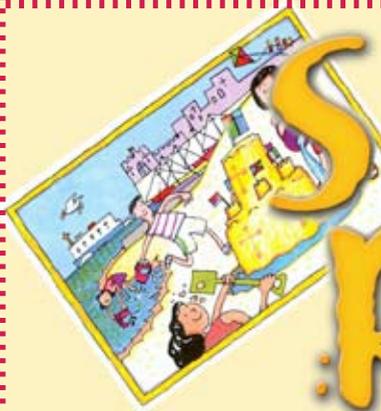
The Walking Group continues to meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Recent highlights have included walks to Windy Hill in Muirshiel Park above Lochwinnoch, and through a lovely bluebell wood south of Galston.

Future dates are June 11 and 25, July 9 and 23. Hopefully the warmer weather will encourage some new participants. Possible venues in the coming months are the Falls of Clyde, the Ayr Gorge at Failford, Dean Castle and Mugdock Country Park.'

Sandy Robertson



A recent spring outing through fresh grass and foliage near Galston



Seaside Rock

4th - 8th August



**Explore the Bible through
Drama, Fun, Music & Games!**

Holiday Club is free of charge and open to all Primary school children (session 2007/08). Places are in great demand and numbers are limited so please register now by phoning Maureen Hunter on 01355 302647 or email mhunter@polbae.fsnet.co.uk

Letters

Montgomery Court
Eaglesham



Dear all,

Graham, Claire and I would like to thank all friends and family for their kind expressions of sympathy during our recent sad loss. Thanks also to Lynn and the Choir for making it a very special service. Finally, thanks to all who gave so generously to the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice in memory of Peter.

Betty Primrose

Flenders Avenue
Clarkston

Dear Doug,

Please would you include this short note in the Parish News.

This is a very big 'thank you' to all the lovely people in the Eaglesham congregation who sent me cards, prayers and good wishes after my recent operation. They certainly were a great help and comfort to David and me. I am well on the way to a full recovery.

My sincere thanks.

Regards

Olive Reid

Via Email

Doug,

We found this in the Church at Failford, Glos. and thought it worth circulating.

Best wishes,

Ronald McLean

Perhaps we should forward it to Peter? – Ed

CHOIR RULES IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

(An extract from *The Australian Musical News*, March 1st, 1915)

The practice shall commence at 8.30 or at such time as a sufficient number shall have gathered together. Members are thought more of if they arrive late.

The choir meets one evening a week for the following purposes: to discuss politics, tennis, scandal, or church affairs; to arrange socials, excursions, etc., and to flirt. NB. If there is any time not occupied in the foregoing manner, and if the members feel inclined, it might be desirable to have a little singing.

The choir shall consist of sopranos, altos, tenors and basses. All those ladies who cannot read music shall sing alto. Should any lady with a high voice object to singing alto, she is recommended to consult a voice specialist, who will be almost certain to pronounce her a deep contralto, with a faulty method of production.

The tenors shall consist of many fair gentlemen, who do not mind straining their voices. All the gentlemen left over are required to sing bass.

Basses are at liberty to sing tenor, if they feel that their extensive compass is not duly recognized. He must be a poor worm of a bass who cannot sing tenor if he takes.

No notice should be taken of the conductor. Do not trouble to look at his beat. He should tap. What your next door neighbour is saying is sure to be of greater interest to you.

The conductor is always pleased to receive advice from individual members. He likes to receive hints as to choir management, suggestions as to 'tempo' and expression, and is delighted to be instructed in the elements of musical grammar. If you think he has made a mistake, tell him so!

Members of the choir are recommended to take home copies of music to look over at their leisure. It really doesn't matter if they don't bring them back, because choir funds are usually in a flourishing condition, and more copies can always be bought.

Recent Wedding



*Fiona Ritchie to Mark Robertson in Mearnskirk Parish Church
The service was conducted by the Rev Joe Kavanagh
(26 April)*

Baptismal Baby



*Millie Belle Clark,
daughter of Emma and Graham of Holehouse Road
(13 April)*

Who says the devil always has last laugh?

Imagine yourself to be the nun that is sitting at her desk grading these papers, all the while trying to keep a straight face and maintain composure! Pay special attention to the wording and spelling. If you are even remotely familiar with holy scripture, you'll find this hilarious! It comes from a roman catholic elementary school test. Kids were asked questions about the old and new testaments. The following statements about the bible were written by children. They have not been retouched or corrected. Incorrect spelling has remained.

1. In the first book of the bible, Guinessis, God got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of ark. Noah built and ark and the animals came on in pears.
3. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
4. The jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.
5. Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a jezebel like Delilah.
6. Samson slayed the philistines with the axe of the apostles.
7. Moses led the jews to the redsea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients .
8. The egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, moses went up to mount cyanide to get the ten commandments.
9. The first commandments was when eve told adam to eat the apple.
10. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
11. Moses died before he ever reached canada. Then joshua led the hebrews in the battle of geritol.
12. The greatest miricle in the bible is when joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
13. David was a hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
14. Solomon, one of davids sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
15. When mary heard she was the mother of jesus, she sang the magna carta.
16. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived they found jesus in the manager.
17. Jesus was born because mary had an immaculate contraption.
18. St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.
19. Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.
20. It was a miricle when jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
21. The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels.
22. The epistels were the wives of the apostles.
23. One of the oppossums was st.matthew who was also a taximan.
24. St. Paul cavorted to christianity, he preached holy acrimony which is another name for marraige.
25. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotomy.

