

Medical School Building, University of Glasgow, 5.30pm, Wednesday 29 October. Contact m.mast@admin.gla.ac.uk if you plan to attend.

THE Newton Mearns Wednesday Quilters hold a Crafts and Coffee fundraiser in aid of Alzheimer Scotland at St Margaret's Newlands on Saturday 8 November, 10.30am–2.30pm.

A TIME to Remember is a special service at St Margaret's Newlands to give thanks

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ITEMS for the December/January issue may be submitted by **Monday 17 November** in prose text (not as leaflets or PDFs, please) to editor Susi Cormack Brown:

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for the lives of loved ones on Saturday 1 November, All Saints Day, at 3pm. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

NEXT year's Ministry Celebration service takes place in St John's Dumfries on Saturday 30 May.

To encourage as many as possible of those involved in licensed and authorised ministry and their supporters to attend, the service will start at 1.15pm.

Dependent on rail timetables, it is hoped to provide light snacks and drinks from noon.

Music at Newlands

ST Margaret's Second Sunday concerts continue on **9 November** at 3.30pm, when the Fejes Quartet perform Mozart's String Quartet in D minor. They will be joined by RSNO colleagues for Prokofiev's Quintet in G minor. Tickets are £5 (£3 concessions, under-16s free).

St Margaret's Church centenary concert

Saturday 22 November, 7.30pm

Glasgow Chamber Choir, conducted by Michael Bawtree, present music by Heinrich Schutz, Johannes Brahms and Hans Gal.

Tickets are £10 (£6 concessions) on the door.

For more information visit: www.glasgowchamberchoir.org.uk

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We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

1 Thes 4.14 (NIV)

Questions in the silence

ON the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the Armistice that halted the fighting on the Western Front signalled the end of the First World War.

This year, at the same hour of the same month but 90 years later, two minutes of silence will be widely observed so that we remember the terrible effects of war and those who died.

Some years ago there was concern that people were beginning to forget the sacrifices made by servicemen and women on their behalf.

With the passage of time veterans from the First World War are extremely few and even the youngest of those who fought in the Second World War are now in their 80s (depending on how truthful they were about their age).

ENDURING

Through the enduring work of bodies like the Royal British Legion, the needs of those damaged by war have been kept before us and in recent years the two-minute silence has been re-established not only on Remembrance Sunday but on the 11th itself. Has this renewed emphasis helped in

the resolve to avoid the dire consequences of war of all kinds— not only the current more localised wars in which people are persecuted for their ethnicity, lawlessness becomes the norm, families are destroyed and the whole globe is affected by attempts to mediate?

Is the current economic crisis, as some commentators think, a form of war triggered by the same forces that unleashed the 9/11 attacks in 2001, or is it a consequence of sinful greed and the inevitable judgement? *CONTINUED OVER . . .*

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Sharing experience – sharing concern

THE National Commission for Pastoral and Social Care hosted a conference entitled Sharing Experience – Sharing Concern in Perth last month. ANN GLENESK reports.

The interfaith, ecumenically led conference aimed to raise awareness of violence against women and, in particular, to consider how domestic violence affects children.

One woman dies every three days in Britain as a result of domestic violence. For every woman who is killed or violated, the children who witness or hear the violence are also violated. Perpetrators of violence steal control and disempower rather than lose control. Unlike arguments where both partners engage, women are reduced to spectators in arguments where domestic violence exists.

Children often hear or witness the abuse of their mother and they, like their mothers, feel there is no-one with whom they can share this trauma. The violence ensnares them.

Delegates were encouraged to find out what was happening in their own areas to help all who are subjected to violence. The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is 25 November.

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Or to put it another way, do we remember and learn from the lessons of the past and not only the World Wars of the 20th Century but also the revelation of God in scripture?

Interestingly the three-year cycle of Bible readings which come up at Remembrance-tide in our church calendar includes ones which are strikingly relevant.

From almost 3,000 years ago there are oracles from the prophet Haggai (2.8) dealing with economic woes, the consequences of exile and the task of rebuilding the symbols of nationhood.

From almost 2,000 years ago the apostle Paul (2 Thes 2) speaks to confused and disheartened people who are experiencing persecution and affliction; and Jesus speaks about life after death (Luke 20).

I am constantly struck by the way Bible stories speak to our present day situation and it was interesting to note that church attendance increased in on the Sunday following 11 September 2001. I wonder if it will do so again now in the face of an economic form of disaster? While I clearly have a vested interest, I hope it will.

There are complex issues before us in our world just now. There is much in Christian tradition which can help us deal with them. Let us witness to it!

Canon Robin Paisley, Rector, St John's Dumfries

News and events in brief . . .

THE 40th anniversary of Bishop Idris's ordination as a priest, and 10th anniversary of his consecration as a bishop will be celebrated by a special service of Choral Evensong at St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on Sunday 23 November at 6.30pm.

KIRKCUDBRIGHT churches all joined in worship for Harvest Festival at the Church of Scotland this year.

Members of the local congregations have shared harvest lunch together for several years, but this was a new step forward. The Revd Douglas Irving led the service and the preacher was Revd Roger Cutler, of Greyfriars Episcopal Church. Proceeds of £288 from this year's lunch donations were sent to Food for the Hungry, working in Bangladesh.

ANGELUS Singers, who help out with Evensong in churches with small choirs, now have a weblog:
angelussingers.wordpress.com.

THE proposed November Diocesan Conference on the Anglican Covenant attracted too few expressions of interest to warrant a full-scale conference.

A smaller event will be arranged

on a different date. Those who expressed interest will be contacted to find a suitable date and venue.

NOVEMBER events to celebrate the centenary of St Margaret's Church building at Newlands include Festal Eucharist with the Bishop on St Margaret's Day, Sunday, 16 November. The Dean will join the congregation for Festal Evensong at 6.30 pm that evening.

The City of Glasgow Council is giving the church a civic dinner on Monday 17 November.

IN Troon, St Ninian's Christmas Fayre takes place in the church hall, Bentinck Drive, on Saturday 6 December, 10.30am-1pm, with stalls, Santa's grotto, coffee and home baking.

There will be an ecumenical Advent carol service on Sunday 7 December at St Ninian's at 6pm in aid of the Scottish Bible Society.

CLERICAL shirts made from 100% Fairtrade certified cotton are now available. Visit fairtradeclergyshirts.co.uk.

OXFAM'S Head of Research, Duncan Green, delivers a lecture on *From Poverty to Power* at Gannochy Room, Wolfson

Holy City looks at discipleship

WHAT'S the difference between a disciple and an admirer?

Holy City's new programme of monthly worship and workshop events, Subways, poses this question as part of a series on the demands, delights and dilemmas of discipleship today.

Glasgow-based Holy City is enabled by the Iona Community's Wild Goose Resource Group with 'a motley crew of Glaswegian citizens'.

Each event looks at one aspect of the vocation of discipleship. What does it mean to 'follow'? Is there a cost? How does lifestyle reflect faith? Is discipleship a private or public matter? How is it related to culture and politics? Do we need to know exactly what we believe? Do actions speak louder than words? What does it mean to be a 'light for the world'? Do we need to change?

There are also parallel events.

LTQ Expo is for folk interested in using the Living The Questions faith exploration programme.

And Holy City DIY Centre is for those interested in running a Holy City-style event in their own locale.

From October, Subways takes place on the last Sunday of the month (second-last in December) 7-10pm, at Renfield St Stephen's, Bath Street, Glasgow. Visit holycity-glasgow.co.uk or call 0141-332 6343.

Building young esteem

BEAUTY for Ashes is a Scripture Union conference for those who want to help young people grow in confidence in God's love for them.

It starts with how a child's identity and self worth are formed, and how they can be damaged. Seminars then explore topics such as building Biblical self esteem; mentoring those at risk of exclusion; self-harm; and working with children from families with drug or alcohol problems. Seminar leaders include John Hayward and Kathryn Copsey. Dates are 7 February in Glasgow; and 21 February in Dundee. Limited places. Contact jenny.abbott@suscotland.org.uk.

CHURCH magazine editors from all over the diocese gathered last month to hone their skills and pool experience.

The Editors Day, arranged by the Information and Communication Action Network, was hosted at St Margaret's Newlands, with presentations from journalists and seasoned church magazine editors.

A session on privacy and protection of children and vulnerable adults proved among the best-received of the day.

But at least as important as the curriculum was the opportunity for 22 editors to meet, share ideas, and take home a bundle of resources including one another's magazines.

Bishop's Staff Group 2007-08 report

UNDER the diocesan constitution, the Bishop's Staff Group is responsible to the Diocesan Council for the day-to-day management of the diocese and its resources.

It accounts for its actions and decisions at each Council meeting. In addition it reports after each meeting to each Region, Diocesan Council member, and - through Diocesan News Service (DNS) - to the diocese.

It currently consists of the Bishop, the Dean, the Provost, the Synod Clerk (as one of the diocesan trustees), the Diocesan Treasurer and the Diocesan Secretary.

Over the past year the Staff Group has been dealing with, among many other issues, the following matters:

- ◇ Vacancies at: South Ayrshire, King's Park, Lenzie, Cambuslang & Uddingston, Cumbernauld, Clarkston, Hillington, Largs, Bearsden & Milngavie, Hyndland, and East End.
- ◇ Support for: the Drumchapel Partnership; projects at St Silas', Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, St Mungo's Alexandria, St Mary's Hamilton; and Gothenburg Diocesan Partnership.
- ◇ Appointment of the Diocesan Ministry Development Officer, DNS Editor, Conveners for MAG and Youth Networks.
- ◇ Monitoring Child Protection compliance, management accounts and the work of the Property Committee.
- ◇ Dissolution of St George's Maryhill, and St Columba's Clydebank.
- ◇ Arrangements for Diocesan Synod, Diocesan Council meetings, pre-

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, visits Glasgow University for a question-and-answer session with Professor Mona Siddiqui on Wednesday 29 October, 5.30pm.

The event is free and open to the public.

If you wish to attend, register with C.Laidlaw@admin.gla.ac.uk or call 0141 330 4978.

Lambeth hospitality, a Clergy Synod, and consultations on the draft Anglican Covenant.

- ◇ Emergency help where needed in the diocese.

The Staff Group is responsible for the operation of the Diocesan Centre under the management of Mrs Jean Graham, the office manager.

*Gib FitzGibbon,
Diocesan Secretary*

Telling and being the Good News

Mothers' Union diocesan president ENID SCOBIE looks back over a busy 12 months...

MOTHERS' Union has opened new branches in the past year: St Cyprian's Lenzie and Heart for the City, whose members come from 14 different countries mainly in Africa.

The Lenzie branch is busy planning its MU banner which will be dedicated at the Festival Service in St Cyprian's on Saturday 23 May at 11.30am. Worldwide president Rosemary Kempzell will preach and the Primus, together with MU chaplain Revd Scott Robertson, will officiate. The choir from Heart for the City will sing African hymns. Guests will include representatives from our Link dioceses. All are welcome to the service and lunch.

Two Lady Day services are held, one in the north of the diocese, and one in south. The result has been a doubling in attendance. The annual Festival Service was held in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, 17 May, when the choir from Heart for the City provided a joyful note with their vibrant singing. The MU chaplain officiated and Revd Dr Geoff Scobie preached on our theme for 2008, Time for Relationships.

Keeping members up to date with the work of the MU overseas and at home is a key task.

OVERSEAS

Overseas Days in Largs and Castle Douglas were arranged for October. An African lunch was so successful the recipe will be repeated in members' churches and homes around the diocese! The programme was wide-ranging, including how the Overseas Fund was managed centrally and the way the Relief Fund responded immediately to disasters.

An innovation is the Family Life Programme in Uganda, currently operating in eight dioceses.

The aim is to empower community groups (women, men, youth) to tackle problems they identify in their communities. Training in a variety of areas (HIV/AIDS, parenting, environmental protection and management, micro-enterprise development) is provided by MU Facilitators. Trainers then return to their communities and set up model homes. These model homes provide practical examples of hygiene (with new latrines and washing facilities), vegetable gardens (improving soil, storing excess crops) and energy-efficient stoves.

Funding is raised through self-saving schemes so that chickens, goats, seed etc. can be bought by the group. Approximately 8,750 people are part of the family life groups with a further 91,000 people being helped indirectly.

One husband commented: "There used to be a huge problem with domestic violence. Husbands didn't have respect for their wives. Now they discuss issues with them and also their children. They even encourage women to talk freely in the community." (Jackson, male group member, Sebei).

DIOCESAN PROJECTS

It is great fun to have a stall at Freshers Week in Glasgow University. The students can buy our recipe book, enjoy the home baking on offer and hear about the work of MU. This is our fourth year there. Now students are telling us how useful they have found the book and recommending it those hesitant to spend 40p!

ANGEL POCKETS

One person's dream of providing angel pockets and baby garments for premature and babies born asleep came to fruition this year. The Princess Royal and the Queen Mothers now gratefully receive these items. For one bereaved mother the little angel pocket allowed her to bury her tiny son with dignity.

PUBLICATIONS

There are two new publications. *Families First*, with a new format, replaces the *Home and Family* magazine and will have a supplement, *Families Worldwide*, three times a year. Well worth a look.

Members in the diocese have contributed to a book of prayers – In the Palm of God's Hand (£4.50 plus p&p). For ordering details e-mail enid.scobie@ntlworld.com.

The MU website has a wealth of information: themothersunion.org.

The Union is encouraged and supported by many clergy in the diocese and this is a great strength and blessing. The MU is the mission arm of the church. A branch meeting provides an ideal opportunity to invite non-church people to a non-threatening and welcoming Christian fellowship. Church can be daunting for the unintiated!

I hope that those churches who do not yet have an MU branch will consider sounding us out; we have much to offer for men and women!

Together, we can 'tell the Good News' and 'be the Good News' ✠