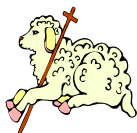


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Pastoral Care

Cards are available in the Church Vestibule to let the Minister know of anyone requiring a visit. Similarly, Payers for People cards can be found in the Church Vestibule.

Editor's Note: Thanks to those who have contributed to this issue of Trinity, and a reminder to those who wish to contribute to the next issue, that all articles should be in the hands of the Editor by end of morning worship on Sunday 10th May. 2009.

TRINITY



The Magazine of Oakshaw Trinity Church
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MARCH 2009



The Minister writes

Dear Friends,

The season of Lent has now begun. It is that time of year when we feel that winter is hopefully on its last legs and that Spring is just round the corner. The Reformed churches have never placed the same importance on Lent as have the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches. However, that does not mean that we should not use the weeks before Easter as a time when we can prepare ourselves to think carefully about all the events surrounding the final weeks of Jesus' life culminating in the crucifixion and resurrection. To help members prepare for Easter we shall once again be holding our own Holy Week services (details will be intimated nearer the time).

I often feel that it is when we come together to worship that the things of the Christian faith become clearer. Maybe it is because the distractions of daily life are not present during worship that helps us to concentrate our minds. Maybe it is the fellowship of our fellow-worshippers sharing with us that influences our hearts and minds to be receptive to the guidance of the Holy spirit. Whatever the case, I know that weekly worship is an important part of the Christian life. It was a habit that Jesus fostered and therefore should be a habit that we ourselves regard with importance. Lent, Holy Week and Easter have always been times that I have particularly felt that the worship of the church has had an importance for me. So let us all look forward once again to celebrating Christ's resurrection with a song on our lips and a warmth in our hearts.

Your minister and friend
Hutton Steel

In the Book of Ecclesiastes Ch.3 V1 we read 'For everything its season, and for every activity under heaven its time'.

After the dark winter nights comes the season of Spring. A time of joy, a time of hope, a time of new life. A time when we share the Good News of the Easter story .

PRAYER

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE MANY GOOD THINGS IN LIFE, FOR THE BEAUTY OF YOUR CREATION, THE LOVE OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND FOR THE FELLOWSHIP WE SHARE HERE IN OAKSHAW TRINITY CHURCH.

WE THANK YOU FOR BRINGING US SAFELY THROUGH THE WINTER AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE COMING OF SPRING WITH ALL ITS PROMISES OF NEW LIFE.

ALREADY WE SEE SIGNS OF NEW LIFE IN OUR PARKS AND GARDENS REMINDING US OF THE GROWTH YOUR LOVE CAN BRING INTO OUR LIVES.

ABOVE ALL, WE THANK YOU FOR THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE WHICH EASTER BRINGS.

HELP US LORD TO LIVE NEARER THE PATTERN YOUR SON GAVE US TO BECOME THE MEN AND WOMEN YOU WOULD HAVE US BE.

LORD, WE ASK YOUR BLESSING ON ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION, ESPECIALLY THOSE NOW NO LONGER ABLE TO BE PRESENT WITH US AT WORSHIP

MAY THEY KNOW WE ARE THINKING OF THEM AND MAY THE PROMISE OF EASTER GIVE THEM NEW HOPE. AMEN



To all our readers, from the Editorial Team



Dates to note in your diary

MARCH	7TH	Guild Coffee Afternoon
MARCH	21ST	Church Family Fun Race Night
MARCH	30TH	8 O'clock Club Fundraiser - Concert
APRIL	5th	HOLY WEEK SERVICES
APRIL	30TH	Church Choir Concert
MAY	8TH	Boys' Brigade Annual Review Inspection
MAY	10TH	Christian Aid Week



The Bookstall is open the first Sunday on the month unless otherwise intimated.

The Fairtrade Stall is available the second Sunday of the month.



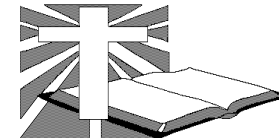
On the Register

Baptisms

Olivia Grace	Hunter	28th December 2008
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“Suffer the little children to come unto me”

Deaths



Mrs. Norma Wallace

15th December 2008

Jesus said “I am the Resurrection and the Life”



New Members

We are delighted to extend the hand of fellowship to

Mr. Hugh and Mrs. Sarah Collins who have been worshipping with us for some time now.

Sunday School

Jingle Bells and Christmas parties are all but a distant memory and a new year is up and running. Firstly, thank you for all the lovely things either passed on or said to me about our Christmas Nativity. We are very fortunate to have such talented children in Oakshaw Trinity. We hope to continue our theme of 'Caring for others' this year. We hope to have a full and varied calendar for the children to enjoy while teaching, using Scripture Union for the children's Christian education.

We look forward to welcoming your child/children to Sunday School, as are your comments /ideas.

**Janice McCallum
Sunday School Co-ordinator**



SYnNEWS

The 2009 Publication of the United Reformed Church Magazine is due out in the near future. This Publication is issued on a Quarterly basis at 25p per issue, that is £1.00 for the year - excellent value. The Magazine provides interesting and up-to-date news about your United Reformed Church denomination in Scotland.

If you do not receive this Magazine at present, but would like to receive it, please speak to David Barr.

THANK YOU

Mrs. Dorothy Young of Gallacher Court would like to thank her friends in Oakshaw Trinity Church for their kind thoughts and good wishes at Christmas time. They were much appreciated.

The Battalion Church Parade in April will include a section for Former members. Fuller details will be announced later.

**John Stewart
Battalion vice-President**



THE WYND CENTRE COFFEE SHOP

Notwithstanding there has been a number of new volunteers, there is an urgent need for volunteers on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and on Friday morning and afternoon. If you can give any assistance, please contact myself or the Wynd Office.

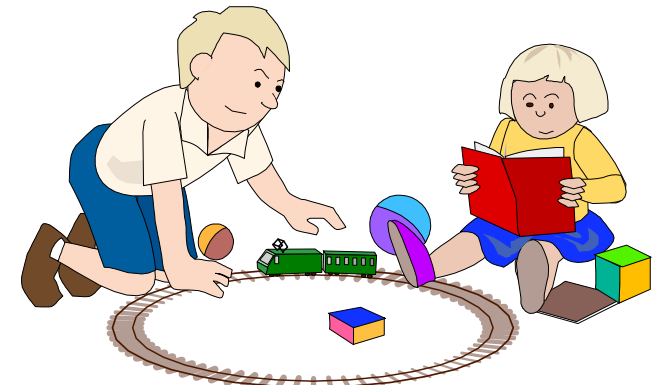
**John Stewart
Wynd Volunteer Co-ordinator**



Many thanks to everyone for their marvellous support of Christian Aid at Christmas. The boxes and envelopes raised the great total of £947.61. In addition, there will be Gift Aid of £385 of the total. Please put a note in your diaries that Christian Aid Week starts Sunday 10th May. More details to follow nearer the time.

Lesley Steel - Christian Aid Representative

TOTS AND TODDLERS



Have started back and we are fortunate that most of the volunteers from last year have said they will stay on this year's rota, so thank you. We run from 10.45 am till the end of the morning worship. We have a wide range of toys to suit new born to 3 yrs. So please tell your friends that this facility is available at Oakshaw Trinity.

**Jacqueline Forward
Creche Leader**



Practices resumed again on 8th January and so far have been well attended.

We enjoyed taking part in the music during the Christmas season and it was good to have our new robes dedicated at the beginning of the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. We would like to thank the Kirk Session and the Congregation for them.

A DATE for your diary/kitchen calendar 

Members of the Choir would like to make a token contribution towards the cost of our new Robes, and to do so, are hosting an evening of Light Musical Entertainment on *Thursday 30th April 2009* in the Church Hall. Tickets priced £5 will include a cup of tea/home baking, and will be on sale shortly. We promise the emphasis will be on "*light*" music - strictly no Bach or Handel on this evening. You may be surprised at the diversity of some of our fine upstanding choristers - hidden talents abound. Please come along on 30th April at 7.30 pm.

Isobel Craig
Secretary

for Anchor Boys, tobogganing at Xscape, for Junior Section boys and a night at Xscape's Skypark for company Section boys. All Sections are working well on a Friday evening. Membership in all three Sections of the Company has remained steady over recent months with a few new recruits joining the Anchor Boys.

At this time of year it is necessary to consider End of Session events. Please note that the Annual Review of the Company will be held on Friday 8th May at 7.30 pm in the Wynd Centre. All members of the congregation are invited to attend.

The 14th Paisley welcomes boys of all ages at any time during the Session. Please encourage anyone you think may be interested to come along on a Friday, to the Wynd Centre, and give the Boys' Brigade a try.

David M. Scott

The 125th Anniversary Tattoo is being held at Braehead Arena on April 25th with a cast of 500. Tickets can be obtained from the following website: www.ticketmaster.co.uk Former members can also take part in the parade of ex-members as part of the Finale.

Local events In addition to special evenings being held by individual Companies, the Battalion is holding:

BB. Exhibition in Paisley Museum from 24th September until 25th October 2009. If you have any memorabilia which might be of interest please contact me as soon as possible.

became Officer in Charge of the Anchor Boys and worked in the Company Section until around 2001. Throughout his time as Officer in Charge of Anchor Boys, assisted by Gail until 2006, he has maintained a healthy section with most boys working their way through the Company and many gaining their Queen's Badge. The congregation should be grateful for the commitment Graeme and Gail have given to the 14th Paisley over many years. We all wish Graeme, Gail, Lucy, Rebecca and Rachel good health and happiness. It is hoped that Graeme's "time out" will not last too long.

The current Company staff is as follows:

Lts.	Ailsa Hamilton Jennifer McDermid Jim McDerment David Scott Janet Stewart	AB/JS AB CS JS/CS AB/JS
W.O.s	Colin Deans Gavin Jardine Derek Murney Graeme O'Neil	CS CS CS CS
Helpers	Colin Crawford(3rd Paisley) Nova Scott	JS AB

Although this list looks reasonably healthy it is not uncommon for attendance to be as low as 60% due to illness and other commitments.

Following special Christmas events that included a party



THE GUILD

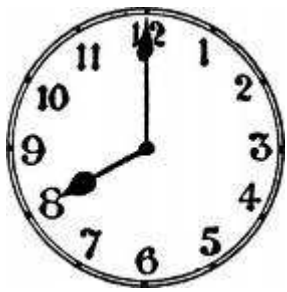
In November we held a fun evening to mark *Guild Week* and were disappointed that the congregation did not rally to support us. We continue to be represented at both National and District levels of The Women's Union as well as the Presbyterian Council meetings and some of the ladies also attended the Presbyterian Council Carol service.

The Guild is now into the second half of the Session and the attendances have been very good. Our first Speaker was Mrs. Shena Dougal who told us about the work carried out at Ekwendeni in Malawi and showed slides. We look forward to being enlightened by a Speaker from the Lydia Project and hopefully entertained by our other guests. The Syllabus is on the Guild Notice Board.

The Fundraiser to help us send our donations to our chosen Projects for this year - Mary's Meals and the Lydia Project, will be a 'SPRING COFFEE AFTERNOON' to be held in the Oakshaw Suite on *SATURDAY 7TH MARCH* from 2 pm until 4 pm. Please put that date in your diary.

Everyone, men and women, would receive a warm welcome any Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm in the Lang Hall.

Anne R. Brown
Secretary



O'CLOCK CLUB

Following a very successful Christmas Dinner we were entertained by Margaret and Cartriona Clark.

Our 2009 meetings began in January with Dr. Allan relating his amusing experiences during a long nursing career. This month we have an Easter Crafts evening organised.

At our fundraiser on 30th March we welcome the 'Arkleston Singers'. All are welcome to this evening of song. Tickets £5 can be obtained from any committee member. Please come and help us raise money for Al-Shurooq School for the Blind in Bethlehem.

Our AGM is in April when we end the evening with a Bunny Bounce!

The present session ends in May with a visit to Ayr for dinner at the Ellisland Hotel.

Although our membership is healthy we are always keen to welcome new members. Come along and join us when our new Session begins at the end of September.

**Moira McBay
Secretary**



In this 125th Anniversary Session of the Boys' Brigade it had been the intention of the Company to mark the achievement by holding an event in February celebrating the "The Boys' Brigade in Oakshaw Trinity". Unfortunately February is now upon us and it is unlikely that the Company has the staff resources required to organise and run this event. In the Church and Boys' Brigade we have become experts in planning the future and analysing the past and although both are important they should not be allowed to over shadow the present. Spending time on an Anniversary event is not considered to be in the best interest of the current Company membership. However, some time has been spent over the last few months tidying up the Company Archives. Within the history area of the Boys' Brigade section in the Church Website over 200 items from the archive can now be viewed. These include a selection of photographs, programmes, membership cards, Christmas cards and many other items from the 14th Paisley 108 year history.

Staffing in the younger sections of the Company has become very tight this session and makes planning a Friday programme a bit of a juggling act. In November Graeme McGowan indicated that he wished to take some time out from the Company following the recent additions to his family. Graeme has been a member of the 14th Paisley since Anchor Boys and became an Officer in 1990. Shortly after completion of his King George VI training at Carronvale House, Graeme