

Emmanuel Church Clermiston

A Church for all people to celebrate Good News

May
2012

DIAMOND JUBILEE - 60 YEARS OF SERVICE



Jubilee - celebration and a time for rejoicing! Thousands of beacons will be lit around the world on June 4th to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's 60 year reign, 60 years of tireless service! We have a King, the Lord of all creation, who rejoices in becoming the servant of all - the spotless one who tended the weary feet of his beloved friends. Jesus set us an example. May we be willing to serve one another with the same love and humility.

Dorothy Robertson

Street Lights

Sunniva says: Do you have a neighbour, friend or family member who is searching for God? Street Lights welcomes you to bring them along. (See dates to remember).

The Seedling

In December, after 25 years, the 'Granary' coffee morning closed with a celebration. St Anne's church felt that it would be good for all the local churches to still meet together for coffee and fellowship, but without a speaker. 'The Seedling' started in March for an initial period of 4 months. We still meet on the last Monday of the month, 10-1130am, and finish with an epilogue and prayer about 11.20am. Do join us if you are shopping in Corstorphine!

Inspire - 'Stories to lift your spirits'

Every month we receive 10 free copies of the magazine 'Inspire' which is published by CPO. It is distributed free to around 65,000 each month in churches across the UK. The April edition features stories that show something of the transforming power of Jesus to change lives. There are great giveaways, puzzles, fun and more. **Don't miss out! Get your copy now.** We can order more if necessary.



Pray for...

- ❖ **One another**, especially for those in our church family who are dealing with ongoing health problems.
- ❖ **Our weekly services at the Rannoch Centre**, giving thanks for our 'cafe' service on 22nd April and all who came and enjoyed soup, bread, cheese and fellowship!
- ❖ **The 'Give a Day Back'** leap year appeal to encourage people to donate their extra day to volunteer at Bethany, week beginning **30th April**. Pray that this will capture the imaginations of those who want to make a difference.

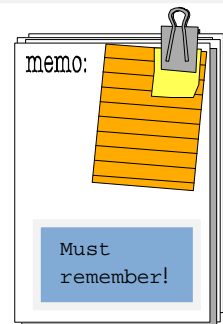
Dates to Remember

Sunday 29th April
City Praise 2012
Usher hall 8.00pm

NEW Monday 30th April
'The Seedling'
An Inter-Church Coffee Morning
Old Parish Church Hall
Kirk Loan 10.00 - 11.30am

Tuesday 1st May
Street Lights
At 9/2 Bughtlin Loan
10.30am

Sat. 12th May - Friday 18th May
Annual Christian Aid Book Sale
St Andrew's & St George's
George Street
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Rev. Terry Harkin

A LIFE WORTH LIVING (A New Confidence)

This is the title of the Alpha Follow-Up course being held this year. The group meet in people's homes, and are discovering:

- ❖ That God is sometimes more interested in what He is doing *in* us than what He is doing *through* us.
- ❖ That it can be a bit alarming to see Him pointing out the shaky things we appear to trust to give us that feel good factor.
- ❖ That it is even more scary when it appears that He is lovingly, yet firmly orchestrating the downfall of our little counterfeit gods.
- ❖ What a JOY it is to discover the true confidence which comes when we recognise that much of the stuff we cling to, to give us a sense of security, self-worth and significance, is as 'refuse' compared to 'the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord' as the apostle Paul would say.
- ❖ Afresh their real identity as they are reminded in their wee group of 'alphers' that they are children of the extravagantly loving, self sacrificing God of the whole of creation....and that He's their Dad too!

Keith Driver

DAVID IN EAST AFRICA

I will be spending July in East Africa (Kenya, Uganda, and Rwanda in particular) to work alongside some indigenous Christian legal aid organisations and to do general missions work as well. In these countries there is a real need for legal relief work and a great opportunity to have a Christian witness while doing this. On the mission, I'll have opportunities to teach legal education seminars and preach the gospel in outlying villages. I'll also work alongside lawyers in the justice system as they seek the release of prisoners who are being unfairly detained and represent the poor and needy. I'm very excited to see God at work in another culture and can't wait to get stuck in!

Having said that, there are several things I would appreciate prayer for:

- ❖ All the logistics of the mission. I need to raise a lot of money and am only part way towards my goal.
- ❖ That I would prepare well and make the most of this opportunity.
- ❖ That I would work hard to make a real difference.

Your support is very much appreciated. *David Nelson*



Kenya: One of the countries David will be visiting



Sermon Series

May

6th May Guest Speaker:
Rev. Mike Parker

13th May 'Life in the Spirit'
Romans 8:1-17
Iain MacRobert

20th May 'The Promise of
the Holy Spirit'
Acts 1:8
Steve Davies

27th May 'The Coming of
the Holy Spirit'
Acts 2:3
Iain MacRobert



Let your creative juices flow...

- ❖ Please give Dorothy items for the **June** Newsletter by **Friday, 18th May**. email ken.dorothy.893@btinternet.com
- ❖ Please let Dorothy know any **change of address or phone number**.
- ❖ **Remember you can post articles directly to the blog** on the website by emailing info1588.emmanuel@blogger.com A few people have done this and it is really easy!!
- ❖ **Jane has started to update the website** to reflect the change to the Rannoch Centre but **please review the website** and email janerobbo@blueyonder.co.uk with any new information. It is important to keep the website up-to-date as many people looking for a new church will check the internet first.

All the latest news can be found on our blog at www.emmanuelclermiston.org.uk

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