



**Chalmers Memorial Church Newsletter**  
**Autumn 2010**



From the Locum Minister:

One of the pleasures of retirement is to give a hand where it is required. After a month in the job I would like to say how much I am enjoying being your locum minister.

In particular I enjoy the worship. Whether it is at the free and easy 10.15am service or the morning worship at 11.00am there is a real sense of sharing together in faith. I love the singing and I appreciate the range of music in the Church. I realise also what a special resource is offered by the computer and screen.

I have noticed the way so many people participate in the life and worship of the Church. It makes a huge difference to know that there are so many people who willingly give time to serve the Church and community.

I have been astounded by the Guild who work so hard and with such great spirit. Their baking threatens my waistline! I look forward to the evening they have planned when the Eyemouth Choir is visiting on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

And then I witnessed the once a month lunch and realised Chalmers was involved with the community in a very caring way.

And so it goes on. I look forward to sharing these next months with you. Every week is a new experience and I find myself blessed in my association with the church. I have set myself the task of learning a few names each week. It is quite a task and the list of names gets longer week by week.

I had mixed emotions when I heard that your interim moderator is set to move. On the one hand I was pleased for him that a call had been issued that he was willing to accept but on the other I was sorry he would not be able to see things through at Chalmers. I am sure however he will have helped you to move on by the time he leaves and his successor will be able to finish the task with you.

My own position as locum will not be affected by the changeover and you can be sure that I am praying for a happy outcome to the vacancy.

With best wishes,

Graham Black

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**EDITOR'S NOTE**

Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue of the Church Newsletter. The next issue will be available on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November** Articles for this edition should be with me by **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November** If you would like to E-Mail news you can contact me on:  
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*Sheila Bulloch*

**NEW INTERIM MODERATOR**

(1<sup>st</sup> November)  
 Rev Christine M Clark

**Sunday School News.**

A big 'thank you' to everyone who donated gifts of foodstuffs etc. at the Harvest Festival. Everything was greatly appreciated by the Edinburgh City Mission who use them in their "Basics Bank" Project.

As the Sunday School starts another session, we ask you to remember us in your prayers. Please pray for all the teachers and children and continue to encourage any young people in your family, or among your wider circle of friends to come and join us on a Sunday morning!

*Rich and poor have this in common: The Lord is the Maker of them all. Proverbs Ch. 22 v. 2*

## PRAYER DIARY

**Sunday:** Gracious Heavenly Father as we meet together to worship you this day we thank you that *all* are equal in your sight, no matter our circumstances, no matter where we live, no matter the colour of our skin, skilled or unskilled, rich or poor, to you we are all special. You are indeed a Great Big God and you do love us. Forgive us for all our failures and help us by the power of Your Holy Spirit to "To see You more clearly, to love You more dearly and to follow You more nearly". Amen.

**Monday:** Pray for all who have the responsibility of the day-to-day running of the Church during the vacancy, especially remembering Mr Black, our locum. Pray that he may feel very welcome and encouraged in our fellowship. The Nominating Committee especially need our prayers for the task with which they have been entrusted.

**Tuesday:** Remember all organisations starting up again after the summer break: the Guild, the Sunday School, Boys' Brigade, Brownies and Rainbows and hopefully the Rock Solid Club. Pray for all leaders responsible for these organisations that they may feel strengthened and encouraged in all they do.

**Wednesday:** Pray for all leaders of Government in Westminster and Holyrood as they consider the difficult question of the country's financial situation.

**Thursday:** There are many in our Church fellowship who need our prayers at this time: elderly and lonely, those who are not so well, those who in recent days have lost a loved one, and families who have problems. Pray that God will meet their particular need, remembering that "God has no hands but our hands to do his will".

**Friday:** Bring before God the children known to us, in our family, along our street, in our local school, praying that they may grow in strength and wisdom and come to know Jesus as their Lord.

**Saturday:** On the world front there are many situations we must continually bring before God daily: the Church of Pakistan struggling to cope with the flood devastation: the Chilean miners still trapped in the mine: the struggles still going on in Afghanistan and Iraq: the hardships caused by HIV/AIDS and poverty all over the world. Pray that God may give grace and strength to all who go out to alleviate such suffering.

*Child's Prayer: Dear Lord, for all the suffering children who are ill or sad, please heal their scars. Amen*

### INFANT BLESSING

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September  
Asia Jessica JOHNSTON,  
28 Seton Wynd, Port Seton

### WEDDING

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September  
Bernhard Rudolf Lukas EGGER  
to Ruth Hunnam DONALDSON,  
Strossigasse 17/11 1080 Vienna

### FUNERALS

On 2<sup>nd</sup> September Janet Alison THOMSON,  
2 Forth Wynd, Port Seton

On 6<sup>th</sup> September Helen Johnston SCHMIDT,  
Edenhall Hospital

On 16<sup>th</sup> September Janet Ross ARMSTRONG,  
10 Glassel Park Road, Longniddry

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

On 15<sup>th</sup> September  
Alison Patterson HICKIE,  
formerly Gosford Road, Port Seton

## Thanks

Thanks are expressed to all who donated to the Pakistan Appeal, we raised **£364.50**.

*Isabel and David Weaver* would like to thank everyone for the flowers and good wishes received after Isabel's foot operation.

*Isabel & Annette* would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers over the past few years regarding Auntie Helen's health. We would like to thank Rev Black for his comforting service and to the ladies of the guild for the lovely food provided and also for the flowers which they put in the church. All were much appreciated.

*George Armstrong* and family would like to express their thanks for all the cards and words of sympathy at the sad time of our loss. Special thanks to Ian and Amanda for the hospital visits and prayers, and also to Rev Graham Black, for his service and help. Thank you also for the church flowers and to all who attended the services.

*Alan & Isobel Stirling* would like to thank everyone for the cards and beautiful flowers received on the occasion of their Ruby Wedding Anniversary. They were much appreciated.

### Who and what is a Rookie?

My name is Karen Taylor and I was born and bred in Banchory, so now living elsewhere is new, different and very challenging for me. I moved here to be a Rookie and to work with Nicola for a year, and I am sure it'll be an experience to remember.

A Rookie is someone I have become very used to over the years as they have been a large role in my home youth group. A Rookie – or a gap year worker – works alongside the youth worker for a year to gain experience of youth work in either a new or familiar place; for me it's completely new. As a Rookie I will be working with Nicola in youth groups, schools, church services and more and getting involved in everything possible.

I chose to take this job because Rookie is an opportunity I've been interested in for a while, but was unsure about doing it in my hometown as it wouldn't be as big an adventure or challenge to do it in a place or with people I know well. When the opportunity of Rookie elsewhere was offered to me it seemed like the perfect fit and it offered me the challenge I was looking for.

So a few months down the line here I am. I am ready to get stuck in with different projects, meet people and work with the youth. I can't wait to see what God has in store for me this year and I am very excited to get going!

### Vacancy Update

What's happening? - Quite a lot! Here's an update.

We all want the process of finding our new minister to go smoothly and as quickly as possible so your nominating committee has been meeting with Rev. Robert Simpson to get the framework right. By the time this newsletter is published, we will have a new person as our interim moderator and we thank Robert and wish him well.

We have a timescale and when possible will keep everyone informed as we follow through on it.

Firstly, the parish profile and the advert are complete. Both will be put on the church web site when November's Life and Work is published.

We should have applications to consider and be able to draw up a long list in December. During January and perhaps February 2011 interviews can be held. Obviously, applicants will want to visit and ask questions as they too try to find if God is calling them to our parish.

After this part of the process, we should be able to draw up a short list which leads us to go and hear them preach. Only after this stage will we be able to bring a sole nominee to the whole congregation.

So, you can see that it will be late spring or early summer before we have our new minister. This is assuming everything goes to plan!

The nominating committee is very conscious of our need for wisdom, guidance and support as we carry out what we know to be a task entrusted to us to represent the congregation. We need your prayers, encouragement and understanding as we take each step of this journey-----it's not just our journey but our prayer is that with God's help, together we will reach His destination.

### DEPUTY ORGANIST REQUIRED

As we no longer have Mr. Glover to fall back on if Pamela is off at anytime, either on holiday or taken ill, we are asking if anyone would volunteer to play the organ. Even if you have never played the organ but have played piano, you could still help out. Lessons could be arranged. Please speak to Pamela if you are interested.



## Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox Sunday - 21<sup>st</sup> November 2010

It's that time again; time to buy items to go into your shoebox. Time to get the knitting needles out to make some hats, scarves, gloves, socks.....you knit it, we'll take it!!

Boxes can be made for girls or boys within the following age ranges:

2 - 4 years / 5 - 9 years / 10 - 14 years.

Leaflets will be available from Amanda Johnston from Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October.



## Services and Meetings

### Sunday

- 10:15 a.m. All-age Family Worship (in Hall)  
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship (with Crèche)  
6:15 p.m. Evening Worship

### Monday

- 7:15 p.m. The Guild (Oct - March)

### Tuesday

- 10.00 a.m. Chalmers Ramblers Walking Group  
(every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)  
7.30 p.m. Prayer Meeting for the Vacancy



### Welcome Wednesday

- 10a.m – 12noon Coffee Time (1<sup>st</sup>)  
12-2p.m. Lunches (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
10 - 11a.m. Prayer Time (last)  
5:15 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Port Seton Rainbows (Sept. - June)  
6:30 p.m. Boys Brigade –  
- 7:45p.m. { Anchor boys and Junior Section  
{ Company Section (Sept. - June)  
8.00p.m. Badminton Group

### Thursday

- 5:00 p.m. Rainbows }  
6:30 p.m. Brownies } (Sept. - June)

### Saturday

- 8.00 – 9.15a.m Prayer Breakfast (last of month)

## OUR WORSHIP

**Rev Graham Black our Locum Minister will be preaching at the  
11am services unless otherwise indicated**

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship - Anne SUTHERLAND  
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship - David COOPER  
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship - Joyce BUCHANAN  
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Sacrament of  
**HOLY COMMUNION** (with Crèche)

6.15 p.m. Evening Worship - followed by a brief  
celebration of **HOLY COMMUNION**

Rev Tom GORDON

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship - Ian BULLOCH  
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

- (N.B. **No 10.15 a.m. Service** this Sunday)  
10.50 a.m. Service at War Memorial  
11.15 a.m. (approx.) Remembrance Service with  
Cockenzie & Port Seton Royal British Legion in  
attendance and Musselburgh & Fisherrow Trades Band

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Shoebox Sunday**

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship - Amanda JOHNSTON  
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November (1<sup>st</sup> in Advent)**

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship - Tom GORDON  
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
6.15p.m. Evening Worship – Duncan MORGAN

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December (2<sup>nd</sup> in Advent)**

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Nicola BRUCE  
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December (3<sup>rd</sup> in Advent)**

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Joyce BUCHANAN  
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

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