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## *From the 'Manse'*

March will be a very busy month in the life of Bennochty church, "Souper Sunday", annual bereavement service, Lent studies, the dedication of our new stained glass window and our ASM. It is good to be busy, but the challenge of maintaining congregational life is more than that. It is based on such things as good stewardship of our finances, how best to use and develop our church building, relevant communication with our local community, pastoral care and encouraging people in their life of discipleship.

It is when we are busy that there is more of a temptation to fall into the trap of thinking we can do this all by ourselves and God does not need to be involved too much. It's as if we don't want to disturb him! We get on with the work, but we know he is there if we run into trouble!

So how do we become a church that is 'healthy', 'missional' and seeking God's way ahead for the future? I believe we need to become a listening people, open and aware that God might like to speak to us at any time. How often do we miss his voice? God needs a faith community that has open 'conversations' with one another about the way forward, knowing that when this happens, it is done within the safe environment of friends. Where are the 'spaces' in congregational life that allow such 'conversations' to take place? And God also needs us to be people of vision, who pray with their eyes open and who are willing to take risks!

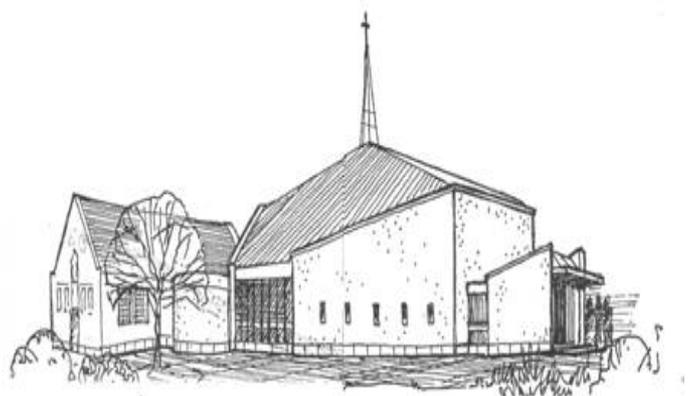
It is in this listening, communicating, watching and experimentation that we will be enabled to discern the way ahead for Bennochty church. A journey we are asked, each one of us, to travel in faith and hope, and if the destination is unclear, we know that God in Christ travels with us.

In a busy month, let us never forget, why as congregation we are here and let us keep listening out for the still small voice of God

With all God's blessing

**Robin**

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## **CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCH**

### **National Stewardship Programme**

The Minister, the Treasurer, along with four members of our Finance Team, attended the launch in Kirkcaldy Presbytery of the National Stewardship Programme in October last year. The General Assembly in 2011 welcomed the proposals for a National Stewardship Programme and instructed Presbyteries to instruct congregations to participate in the Programme. The meeting was led by the Director of Stewardship, the Rev Gordon Jamieson, along with Mrs Sandra Holt, the Stewardship Consultant for our area, who outlined the strategy for the National Stewardship Programme and described the options available to congregations in meeting the challenge set out in the Council of Assembly's Report to last year's General Assembly. Every Congregation will be expected to take some action with regard to Stewardship every year, with a focus on the giving of money at least every third year.

Congregations will be expected to adopt one of the following options:-

- (a) A Stewardship Season - a month in each year designated for consideration of the various elements of Christian Stewardship.
- (b) The Giving for Growth Programme based on the pilot "Together we make a difference".
- (c) A programme from another Church designed to promote Christian Giving.
- (d) Another approach that adopts the principles of Christian giving and is approved by Presbytery.

At the meeting of our Finance Team in November last year, discussion took place on how best we could participate in the Programme. These recommendations were reported to the Congregational Board at its meeting in January. The matter will again be discussed at the next meetings of the Finance Team and the Congregational Board.

Along with your Newsletter you will have received a copy of a leaflet about the National Stewardship Programme, which begins with a letter from the Rev A. David K. Arnott, Moderator of the General Assembly. The leaflet lists the reasons why we give, focuses on the vision of the Church of Scotland, and considers, with reference to the Bible, how we should give.

As you will understand, it will take some time for us to implement the Programme. A small Stewardship Team with a Convenor will have to be appointed. However, it was agreed that all members will be informed of the many ways there are of contributing to the Church e.g. Weekly Freewill Offering Envelopes, Direct Debits, Gift Aid, annual cheques etc. It is also proposed that a member of the Finance Team will be available in the Prayer Room every Sunday after the Service for a month so that people can come privately and individually to receive information of the many ways there are of supporting the Church financially.

Let us willingly accept this challenge to maximise the resources available for sharing the gospel through worship, mission and service of the Church.

***Brian A Booth***  
***Treasurer***

### **Special Offerings**

Since the issue of the last Newsletter, there was a Special Offering on Christmas Eve. This amounted to £236 which was divided equally between Samaritans, Kirkcaldy and District, and Aberlour, Scotland's Children's Charity. The Samaritans have acknowledged our donation expressing their thanks for our continued support to their work. Aberlour has also acknowledged our donation, saying that it will go towards supporting some of the most vulnerable children in Scotland. Your support to these two Charities is very much appreciated.

## **Bennochy Prayer Group**

One of the many delights of our prayer group is contact with projects in our community. We hear regularly from those involved in KART – Kirkcaldy Area Reachout Trust – from which Chris Beattie and a band of volunteers work with young folk in our schools and churches. We hear each week from our local Street Pastors, out every Saturday night on the streets of Kirkcaldy. We are beginning to learn of the Billboard Ministry and of what has already been accomplished in our town.

When we meet we include prayers for Bennochy Church, our minister Robin, our mission partner Jenny in Zambia. And of course there are the personal prayer requests. Please tell us if we can be of help to you.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with the women of Malaysia, who prepared this year's World Day of Prayer service, held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Services were held in Abbotshall, St Pius and Dysart Churches, part of a world-wide chain of prayer. The theme was 'Let Justice Prevail'.

There are prayer request boxes in the church vestibule and prayer room. We meet next on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2 p.m. in the prayer room for an hour. All welcome.

## **Bennochy Church Guild**

In 1887 Dr Charteris founded the Woman's Guild, and over the past 125 years the Guild has evolved, as indeed has the role of women in church and society. Two years ago Bennochy Guild was formed and members have fulfilled the aim of the Guild, while adapting to inevitable changes when two groups with different histories and traditions come together.

Over this past session meetings have been held on Tuesday afternoons and Monday evenings, twice as many meetings as last session. Some meetings have explored this year's theme, 'Walking Humbly with God'. Some have centred on this year's discussion topic, 'God's Creation'. We have learned of the Corrymeela Community, of the Iona Community, of Israel as it is today, of the Church's HIV programme, of our Bennochy Church mission partner in Zambia, of the women of Malaysia through this year's World Day of Prayer service. We have been updated on the six projects supported over three years by the Guild nationally. We have enjoyed talks from members and friends of Bennochy congregation on a variety of subjects.

A highlight was the Presbyterial Council carol service, hosted by us in December. Those of us who are able to attend Presbyterial Council rallies benefit from hearing of the wider work of the Guild and of the issues being raised at a national level.

How will Bennochy Guild adapt to the session 2012-2013? Our Annual Meeting of the National Guild will take place in Dundee in August. It will be a time of celebration for our 125<sup>th</sup> birthday, and a three year theme and six projects will be launched. Here in Bennochy Church Guild our prayer is that we will continue to grow together in friendship with each other, and will witness to our God, Whose We are and Whom We Serve.

## **Women's Group**

We are now in the second half of our 2011/12 session. Our next meeting is a visit to the Adam Smith Theatre to see Kirkcaldy Gilbert & Sullivan Society's production of Yeoman of the Guard on 8<sup>th</sup> March. Phyllis Dougal from Pathhead Nurseries will give a talk about Spring plants on 27<sup>th</sup> March.

A special family fun evening is taking place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April from 7 p.m. in the Methven Hall, when we are having a 'Bunny' Drive. Tickets are £4 for adults and £2 for children. This event is arranged for the second week of the schools' Easter holiday especially to encourage children to be able to attend. So come along and join in the fun! Prizes, supper and raffle – 'wow'. Our AGM is on 17<sup>th</sup> April. New members most welcome.

***Irene Wood (tel. 267995)***  
***Church Liaison Member***

## Communion Silver

At the Kirk Session Meeting on 7 November 2011 the Session Clerk agreed to carry out an inventory of the communion ware held by the former Churches. It was also agreed to use the communion ware from the former St John's Church at the Communion Service on 18 March 2012. This communion ware has not been used since March 2010, so this will be an opportunity for the Kirk Session and the Congregation to use and to view the communion ware.

For your information, the communion ware consists of 5 silver communion cups, a silver flagon and 2 plain circular plates. In the Booklet "The History of St John's 1899 to 2002" it states that in 1908 four goblets were presented to the Church by Mrs Alex Hutchison inscribed "To the glory of God and in loving memory of Alexander Hutchison, Provost of Kirkcaldy 1896 -1902". The Booklet also states that a silver flagon was presented to the Church by members Mrs Saunders and her daughters. The flagon is inscribed "To the glory of God and in loving memory of John & Adam Saunders who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War of 1914 -18. The gift of their widowed mother and sisters to St John's Parish Church, Kirkcaldy 24 October 1920"



## "Heart & Soul 2012"

Following the success of the "Roll away the Stone" event last year in Princess Street Gardens in Edinburgh, a similar event is being staged this year on Sunday 20th May and the invitation is:

- Seek - "Now devote your Heart and Soul to seeking the Lord your God", 1 Chronicles 22:19
- Love - "Love the Lord your God with all your Heart, Soul...." Matthew 22:37
- Serve: - "To serve the Lord your God with all your Heart and with all your Soul" Deuteronomy 10:12

Fischy Music and the Scotland African Massed Choir will be back again and you will be able to enroll for the massed choir once more. There will also be lots of new features:

- even more activities for children and young people,
- use of the Gardens right up to the edge of the Mound together with additional food outlets,
- congregational involvement will feature strongly.

Visit the [www.heartandsoul2012.org.uk](http://www.heartandsoul2012.org.uk) website for more information.

## World Mission

The February Newsletter from our Mission Partner, Jenny Featherstone, is to hand. It's seeding and planting time in the Southern Hemisphere given the warmth and rain, and the ladies of Ipusukilo are busy - With our support from the Harvest Thanksgiving service last September, they managed to rent a field for the basic crop - maize. They are putting down fertiliser just now and having to get local labour to help; this comes to about £120 plus another £15 for transport and food while out there.

The rats are a real problem as the field is more or less in the bush; people don't keep pets or farm cats, besides the rats are huge - the size of a dassie or rabbit! Sometimes, Jenny sees people at the roadside holding a dead rat up for sale!

Among all other items mentioned in Kitwe, Zambia, the ladies' project in the field is on the list for prayer and should hold our special attention.

Please note the reference to this on P.2 of the Newsletter. Jenny does not single out a church by name, it is not politic to do so, but our contribution is known and appreciated.

P.S. the term DOWIZA = Domestic Widows in Zambia, all of whom have lost family due to HIV/AIDS. They are the breadwinners for large and extended families

## **KIRKCALDY STREET PASTORS**

Street Pastors first took to the streets of Kirkcaldy in February 2010. Since that time a team has been out every Saturday night (10.00 p.m.-4.00 a.m.) with additional shifts over the festive period and the Links Market. The role of the Street Pastor is not about preaching and trying to convert, but is one of listening, caring and helping – showing Christian love and concern in an unconditional way.

To be a Street Pastor you need to be over 18 (no upper age limit), a church member and able to commit to our training programme.

The Pastors on the street are only part of the team. We have Prayer Pastors who pray regularly for the work - and often during Saturday night. Members of our Support Team spend time in worship and prayer with the Street Pastors before they head out. They also provide refreshments for their break time. Street Pastors work in co-operation with the Police and the Council.

Kirkcaldy Street Pastors has made its mark. Many folk look for our Pastors on a Saturday night and relationships are being built up all the time. Many have been grateful for their help and support or just a listening ear. Parents are glad to hear that their children have someone there on the streets watching out for them.

We are always looking for new people to join us as Street Pastors, Prayer Pastors and Support Team members. Interested? E-mail us on [kirkcaldy@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:kirkcaldy@streetpastors.org.uk) or phone Geraldine Beattie our Co-ordinator on 07906 399784.

### **THROUGH THE EYES OF A KIRKCALDY STREET PASTOR**

People often ask, "What is a Street Pastor?" or "Why do you do this?" We do this because we care about people.

In my life I've done a lot of things - some good and some bad. I've had many painful events and relationships, including a divorce. I was in the forces for 6 years (an awful long time ago!) and I've had a variety of jobs since. At present I am a carer. I have two daughters and 5 grandchildren. I know what alcohol can do to your body and your mind.

When I am out there on the streets with the Street Pastors some people who have been out and had a good time and are happy come up to us and tell us they like us and like us being there. That feels good!

Then I see others who've had too much to drink and they're not happy. Sometimes they tell us sad things or just want to talk. We are there to listen, not to judge in any way. Some of us have been there ourselves.

I care about my family and worry about the future for my grandchildren. I know there will be many Mums and Dads who worry about their sons and daughters going out, hoping they will always return home safely. Sometimes people can put themselves in really vulnerable situations. We just want to be sure they get home safely. We may see them into a taxi or we may phone a friend or relative to come and collect them. We will stay with them until they are picked up.

Street Pastors are all volunteers, we come out on a rota system on a Saturday night and patrol the streets and just talk to people. At the start of the night we hand out 'spikeys' which prevent drinks from being spiked. Later on we give out flip flops for ladies with very sore feet and space blankets for those who are cold. We rely on donations to enable us to buy supplies.

We are from a variety of churches around Kirkcaldy (and beyond) and yes, we do believe in God. We believe we are being guided by God to do this work. We do not have all of the answers but we try our best.

We have a support group who provide soup and sandwiches for us and a group who pray for us as we carry out this work. We are on the streets from 10pm until 3.30 or 4am. I hope this gives you a better idea about who we are, what we do and why!

And, if you meet us in the town centre please don't be afraid to talk to us - we are human too!!

*Liz Smith*

## **Kirk Session and Congregational Board**

Starting with this Newsletter, we intend to bring you brief reports of recent Board and Session meetings in order to keep you aware of the nature of discussions and decisions being made.

**Kirk Session - December Meeting** - The following items were discussed at this meeting:

The Moderator requested that members split into Groups to discuss how the following three topics could be developed.

- World Mission
- Christian Education
- Future use of Buildings

Feedback was presented at the end and collated for future consideration.

**Pastoral Care** – The Moderator provided an update on the last Pastoral Care meeting when it had been agreed the initial focus would be on organising lifts to church, visitations to the housebound and those with difficulty getting out of their homes. The Group are also looking to organise a Bereavement Service in February or March 2012 when bereaved families would be invited to attend a Service on a Sunday afternoon followed by Tea and Coffee.

**Samaritans** – The Session Clerk reported he had received a letter from the Samaritans thanking the Church for their support.

**African Children's Choir** – Brian Booth reported the Choir was planning a Tour between mid September 2012 to January 2013 and he asked if Bennochty Church wished to hold a Concert on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012. It was agreed that this would be investigated further.

**Stained Glass Window** – The Moderator reported that it was intended that the stained glass window be installed for the second anniversary of the Union and it was agreed that a Dedication Service would be held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2012 in the afternoon.

**Business Group** - George Grant then went through the paper on Communication and explained that it was hoped to arrange an event for all Organisations e.g. a BBQ at the close of their Session so that they could meet members of the Kirk Session. The Kirk Session agreed to this and should be planned for August 2012. It was also agreed to produce a guidance sheet for Elders to complete when doing organisation visits.

The Group had also discussed a Family Friendly Church and also any other improvements that may be necessary to meet any new needs identified.

**Board Meeting - January 2012** - The following reports were presented to the board meeting

**The Business Committee** reported the stained glass window was projected to be completed on time and within budget. They are in the process of looking at more ways of presenting Bennochty as a Family Friendly Church. Also, from presbytery a directive has been received to introduce a stewardship campaign regarding time, talents and money.

**The Finance Team** reported that the projected date for the stated AGM will be 25th March. The Church of Scotland are to run a home insurance scheme whereby a £20 donation will be made to the congregation of purchasers. The Bowling Club have donated £500 towards the cost of external lighting. Fife Council have approached the Church with the wish to use our halls for the forthcoming Council Elections.

**The Fabric Committee** reported that the work on the roof (at that time) was approximately 60% complete. Also recent storm damage repairs were in hand. An inspection of the lightening conductors will take place on completion of the roof repairs. Refurbishment of the vestry is ongoing. Outside notice boards are almost complete. The kitchen extractor fans repairs are in hand. Maintenance of the grounds is ongoing with removal of the Cherry trees being investigated. Church heating is also being investigated.

A new audio visual system is to be ordered and a budget has been set by the board for this equipment.

## **Fabric Report**

### **Church & Halls**

Following completion of the repair work to the coping stonework of the east and west gables of the Methven Hall etc. the final roof repairs to the Vestry, Office and Halls commenced but was unfortunately damaged by the gales at the beginning of January. Quotations for repair works have been obtained and we await the go-ahead from our insurance company for this work, but in the meantime all roofs have been made watertight.

Our lightning conductor system, which was also subjected to damage during the thefts of lead from the roofs, will be tested and repaired if necessary and this work is expected to commence on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

Also, on 5<sup>th</sup> March, the installation of our stained glass panels in the west window of our Sanctuary is expected to commence following strengthening and decoration work.

Installation of new external lighting to the Meldrum Road and Elgin Street elevations, together with the CCTV installation to the rear of our buildings are now complete. Due to problems associated with several trees in our grounds, we have had to take down the three trees in the bed on the corner of Meldrum Road and Elgin Street, but it is intended to retain this bed with ground cover and low growing plants, and the removal of the tree canopy will improve the natural light through our new stained glass window. Also, the two tall trees at our main entrance have been trimmed.

However, we still require more volunteers to adopt a small plot in our Church grounds and to litter pick on Saturdays. Names should be added to the list next to the plan of the grounds on the main Notice Board at the ramp entrance, or contact myself (202340) or Graham Harrower (201689). Unless we have more volunteers, this work will have to be carried out by contractors, with a consequent drain on our finances.

Internally, the recently fitted electric wall heater in the Prayer Room has not proved capable of heating this area adequately and a further heater from St. Andrews Church is due to be fitted shortly to improve this, although the new heaters in the Elgin Hall have proved to be very effective.

Alterations to the Vestry are now complete and the increased space has made this area much more user friendly.

Our office area is currently undergoing improvements, part of which is designed to improve communications with Elders, Session and Board members and these are now well advanced.

On a more historical note, during the Christmas Holidays our framed plan of the original St John's Church hanging in the office area fell down damaging the frame. During repairs it was found that the plan had been inserted in the frame over the top of an illuminated Cradle Roll from St. Johns dating from 1927. A new frame has now been provided for the plan and both now hang from opposite walls in the office area.

New internal signage is currently in progress to define the designations of various parts of our Halls area viz. Methven Hall, St. Andrews Hall, Elgin Hall and Meldrum Room.

### **Manse**

Only one item from the snagging list remains to be rectified and, on satisfactory completion, the final amount will be paid to the Main Contractor.

Finally, as can be seen from the above, a very considerable amount of work has been and is being done and everyone who has contributed in so many ways has my personal thanks.

Again, thank you all for your continuing support.

***Roddy Sellars***  
***Fabric Convener***

- Seen in the 'Sunday Post' on 19.2.12

“Aspire to inspire before you expire”



## KART CORNER SPRING 2012



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### What's been happening

Chris was part of the team leading a Christian Focus Week at Auchmuty High School in Glenrothes for 1<sup>st</sup> year pupils. It was an exciting week and gave all in S1 the opportunity to look at the important issues of life and their own character.

The first X-Cel took place in December with 34 young people in attendance. This is an event for all church youth groups to meet together. It was a good night with positive views from the youth leaders and young people.

Chris leads a football training club at Fair Isle Primary school every Tuesday after school. This club helps children to work on their football skills and to improve their teamwork.

### Coming Up

Chris will be a leader at a weekend away in February at Lendrick Muir for P5-S6 pupils. He will also be leading a Primary weekend away at Scoughall in May.

The event called "Strictly Come Praying" takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. This exciting prayer event is for young people aged P7-S6 and includes worship, Bible teaching, workshops, interactive prayer stations and dinner. A number of young people from the Kirkcaldy area will be attending this event.

Chris will be part of a team from SU presenting the "Journey through the Bible" tour in primary schools across Fife in March.

Chris will be co-leading the Fife SU primary event on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March. This activity time is for primary SU groups in Fife and will be held at Kirkcaldy Ice Arena.

KART will be holding a prayer supper on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March at Templehall Church. The focus of the evening will be to pray for the local schools in this area.

### Points for Prayer

Give thanks for the great opportunities and blessing of the Christian Focus Week. Please pray that God will lead and direct such an event within Kirkcaldy.

Please pray for all those attending residential weekends. Pray for God to be at work in their lives and for them to learn of His great love for them.

Please pray for the next X-Cel which takes place at Newcraigs on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March. Pray for good numbers attending and for encouragement of the young people as different youth groups meet together.

Please pray for local Primary Schools to take the opportunity to participate in the "Journey through the Bible" tour and to learn more about the relevance of the Bible today.

Thank you for your support ☺

## Corrymeela Sunday

On 25<sup>th</sup> March we are having a Corrymeela service in Bennochly Church. It will be about the work of the Corrymeela Community, an ecumenical Christian organisation, based in Northern Ireland, that promotes peace and reconciliation. It is the custom for churches throughout Britain and Ireland to have such a service on the nearest Sunday to St. Patrick's Day. We have put our service forward a week, because there is a Communion service on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

We will learn about the work of the Community which was founded in 1967. Corrymeela members work for peace by bringing people to their residential centre near Ballycastle, on the beautiful North Antrim coast, and also through projects in communities and schools throughout Northern Ireland. Young volunteers from all over the world contribute, and the lessons that have been learned about peace making have been taken to other trouble spots, so that Corrymeela has a strong international dimension.

The service has been put together by a worship group convened by Bob Docherty and is based on worship resources from Corrymeela. There will be input from our children and the Bennochly Prayer Group. So come along to a service with a Celtic flavour and sing and pray for peace.

**Bob Purdie**

## **Bowling Group**

Our 2012 indoor season continues at The Gunners Club at Gallatown (next to the Ice Arena, entrance from School Lane) on Monday afternoons between 2 and 4 pm with a mid session break for tea, biscuits and a chat.

Newcomers are always welcome as our Group is open to all, with no formal dress code, all equipment is supplied, except for a pair of flat soled shoes and no joining or membership fees other than a modest charge of £2 per session, which includes tea and biscuits.

We all enjoyed our Christmas Party in the Methven Hall and our annual Girls versus Boys match which, as usual, was keenly contested with the Boys winning, albeit very narrowly.

We are looking forward to our outdoor season starting in April/May at Gallatown Park with dates yet to be arranged.

Why not come along and try your hand, forehand or backhand, bring a friend or friends (and yourself) and enjoy a little gentle exercise and a friendly chat with us over a cup of tea.

***Roddy Sellars***  
***Treasurer***

## **Bennochty Walkers**

The group continues to thrive with an average of 15 people each time we meet. We've clocked up 42 walks since we started, having repeated only one, so we've seen a fair whack of Fife over the last three years. Other statistics which are fascinating are:

- We have had 2442 hits on our blogsite
- People from 10 countries including China, USA, Russia, Latvia regularly view the site
- People look us up using - iPad, iPhone, iPod, Android, BlackBerry – worldwide

Who would have thought that a wee walking group from Bennochty Church would stimulate such interest?

The next three dates have been set already –

25<sup>th</sup> March - Loch Leven – 6 miles

8<sup>th</sup> April – Falkland Hill (8.00am) – to celebrate Easter

29<sup>th</sup> April – Springfield – 7 miles



If you are interested in coming along on any of our walks they are always advertised in advance on the website and also in the weekly intimations. As always, all are welcome.

## **RNLI SOS Tea Afternoon**

The sum of £1,150 was raised on 24 February at the SOS Day. I would like to thank everybody who supported in any way and helped me to raise this fantastic amount. The money has been handed over to the Kirkcaldy Branch of the RNLI. On behalf of the Kirkcaldy Committee, I would like to thank Bennochty Church for the wonderful support given to us every year, and helping us to raise money for the lifeboats and crews who do such a wonderful job around our coasts, often in very dangerous conditions.

***Senga Booth***  
***Treasurer, Kirkcaldy Branch RNLI***

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11 MARCH	Memorial Service
12 MARCH	Guild Concert with 'Maximum Revs', 7.15 p.m.
18 MARCH	Communion Dedication Service for Stained Glass Window
24 MARCH	CELEBRATE & DISCOVER
25 MARCH	Special Corrymeela Service, followed by ANNUAL STATED MEETING Bennochty Walkers – Loch Leven
1-8 APRIL	Holy Week
10 APRIL	Women's Group 'Bunny Drive'
13-19 MAY	Christian Aid Week
20 MAY	'Heart & Soul'

### Celebrate and Discover

Kirkcaldy Presbytery are holding this major event in Kirkcaldy High School on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. This will be followed by a closing praise service. We understand that up to 24 churches will be taking part, including Bennochty Church, with displays and workshops. There will also be a stage area featuring the musical skills and talents of many congregations and individuals.

This is intended as an opportunity for congregations to meet and to learn from each other's successes: to be inspired and encouraged. Our own contributions will be on website development, Missionary Partners, working towards union and stained glass windows. Please see the posters in the church for more information and please encourage as many people as you can to drop in on this event.

### A date for your Diary

We are proud to announce that Bennochty Parish Church has again been chosen to host a Concert by the African Children's Choir on Friday 21 September at 7.30pm. If you attended their Concert several years ago in our Church, you will certainly remember the exuberance and energy of the children. Please support this exciting event where all the proceeds will help Africa's most vulnerable children, so that they can help Africa tomorrow. Again, we will be required to provide accommodation and meals for approximately 17 children and 8 adults. Further information will be available over the next few months.

### Deaths

7.12.11	Miss Margaret Beattie, 12a Stanley Park
10.12.11	Mrs Rachel Matthew, 25 Nile Street
1.12	Mrs Violet Chapman, Methven House, 14 Bennochty Road, KY1 1YQ
2. 1.12	Mrs Betty McIntyre, 13 King Street, KY2 5JR
3 1.12	Mrs Agnes Slater, 37 Dalmahoy Crescent, KY2 6SZ
9. 1.12	Mrs Margaret Foster, 54 Forth Avenue, KY2 5PS
18. 1.12	Mrs Margaret Jackson, Gowrie House Nursing Home, 18 W Albert Rd,

- Don't forget you can visit our website for a preview of Sunday's Order of Service each week. You can also read the minister's sermon notes. Please make use of our excellent website.

**Website: [www.bennochyparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.bennochyparishchurch.org.uk)**