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From the 'Manse'

Did you see it? Brought in by the Scottish Bible Society, a high-tech, multimedia, mobile classroom, *Bibleworld Mobile*, visited Kirkcaldy from Monday 29th October to Friday 9th November 2012. The huge 'Tardis-like' trailer, containing, what is effectively a travelling classroom, included six activity zones and, thanks to Fife Council, was sited at Kirkcaldy Esplanade Basin Car park.

Working in partnership with nine local primary schools, the project was supported by Bennochy, St Bryce Kirk, Abbotshall, Auchtertool, Linktown and Kinghorn Churches. And extending beyond the school day, local adults and accompanied children experienced *Bibleworld Mobile* for themselves by visiting during the open sessions. These were two evenings and a Saturday afternoon. We also have to say a big thank you to Brian Souter who, through Stagecoach Bus Company, gifted the transport that enabled the schools to get to BibleWorld

So who came to BibleWorld? 703 local school children and 202 adults, including volunteers, teachers and others who visited during the open sessions, enjoyed this highly acclaimed education resource that uses computer technology to tell people about the bible. Think about it, how else could the local church make contact with nearly a thousand people, over just two weeks, telling them about scripture and some of the stories of Jesus? We believe that to be a great success!

What did people say about BibleWorld? The children,

"I learnt a lot from you about the Bible and most of that I never knew before."

"You encouraged us to learn and you helped us understand the meaning of things."

And because the children were only able to do three of the six activities, many came back with family and friends to the open sessions!

The teachers, *"Bibleworld was 'beyond my expectations.'"*

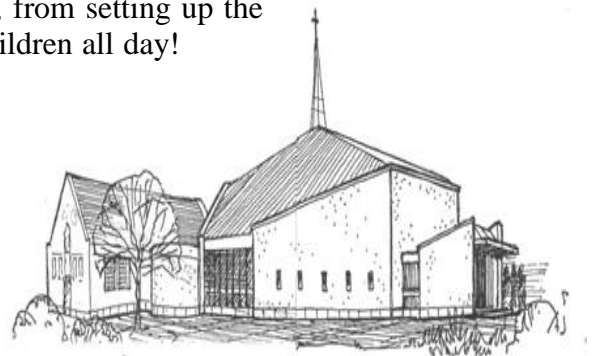
"It has opened a new perspective for teaching."

We could not have done it without the financial support of local churches, to the tune of £1360 and the many volunteers who gave of their time to come down and help Hannah, the Scottish Bible Society staff member, who was there every day, from setting up the trailer, to closing up and dealing with many excited children all day!

Thanks to Hannah for her dedication and enthusiasm.

It is our hope that seeds sown during the visits to Bible World will encourage children and adults alike to think further on issues of faith in later years and see the relevance of the bible to modern life.

Robin



Bennochty Prayer Group

At the November meeting of Bennochty Prayer Group prayers were said for the safety of pupils and staff at Tabeetha School in Israel. With the recent increase in violence between Gaza and Israel the school is again vulnerable.

On November 16th two members of our group – Sandra Marshall and Mary Sherrard – attended the annual meeting of Friends of Tabeetha School, which was held in Edinburgh. Tabeetha School is the only school owned and administered by the Church of Scotland. Lessons are in English; pupils range from nursery class to those preparing for university. The school is situated near Jaffa, has consistently served students of all faith communities – Christian, Jewish, Muslim and others – and encourages tolerance and understanding across nationality, culture and religion. In March 2013 Tabeetha School will celebrate 150 years of service, and plans are in hand to mark this significant date. Tabeetha's commitment to inter-community tolerance is rare in today's Israel and is desperately needed.

We invite you to pray for Tabeetha School in these difficult and dangerous times.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday December 19th at 2 p.m. in the Prayer Room for one hour. All welcome. Prayer request boxes are in the Church vestibule and in the Prayer Room.

The Prayer

*I pray you'll be our eyes,
and watch us where we go,
and help us to be wise,
in times when we don't know.
Let this be our prayer,
when we lose our way,
lead us to the place,
guide us with your grace,
to a place where we'll be safe.*

*I pray we'll find your light,
and hold it in our hearts,
when stars go out each night,
let this be our prayer.*

*Let this be our prayer,
when shadows fill our day,
lead us to a place.
Guide us with your grace,
give us faith so we'll be safe.*

*We ask that life be kind,
and watch us from above.
We hope each soul will find
another soul to love.*

*Let this be our prayer,
just like every child,
guide us with your grace,
give us faith so we'll be safe.*

Christmas Fayre - The amount raised at the Christmas Fayre on 17th November is £2,485. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard and everyone who supported the Fayre and helped to raise this magnificent amount.



Blythswood Care Shoe Box Appeal 2012 - Love in a Box

Many of the congregation and friends have been covering and filling shoe boxes for people in other countries who have so little. Things we take for granted (soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, scarves and hats) can often be luxuries for people living in desperate poverty. Dunnikier schoolchildren have also been filling shoe boxes with simple gifts which can bring joy and laughter to someone this Christmas. The lorry uplifted 142 boxes from Bennochry Church and 95 boxes from Dunnikier School on Thursday before being transported to the depot and then on to countries where there is a lot of poverty. This is a wonderful boost to the appeal and thank you very much to everyone who filled a shoe box or gave a donation. Boxes have been filled for boys, girls, women, elderly women and men. I hope they enjoy opening their boxes as much as we enjoyed filling them! Thank you to all those who filled a shoe box.



Christian Aid - The total amount raised for Christian Aid this year is as follows:-

	2012	2011
Soup and Sweet Lunch	£494.50	£394.71
Donations	35.00	39.10
Door to Door Collection	3094.29	3067.78
Sale of tablet	99.05	-----
Christian Aid Sponsored Walk	338.50	400.00
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Total for 2012	£ 4061.34	£ 3901.59
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Thank you to all who gave donations, took part or supported our Christian Aid events this year and to all our door-to-door collectors who can be out in all kinds of weather. This is an excellent result and your help is much appreciated.

Gift Boxes - The yellow Gift Boxes are available in the church vestibule and the money collected in them goes towards our church funds. Please keep saving your small change for the gift boxes. If you are unable to get one, then please speak to your elder who could uplift one for you. Thank you to all those who continue to fill the gift boxes.

Flower List 2013 - The Flower List for 2013 is now available in the vestibule of the Church. If you wish to put flowers in the Church on any Sunday, please add your name against the appropriate date on the list. If you are unable to be at Church and wish to provide flowers, please contact Senga Booth (890972) and she will add your name to the list. Please note that names are not carried forward automatically from the previous year.

Flowers in the Church

*My garden beautifies my yard and adds fragrance to the air.
But it is also my cathedral and my quiet place of prayer.
So little do we realise that the glory and the power
of he who made the universe lies hidden in a flower.*

By Helen Steiner Rice

The flowers in our Church every Sunday bring pleasure to the bereaved, sick and elderly of the congregation. Thank you to everyone who donates the flowers, and to the ladies who deliver them. They are very much appreciated by everyone who receives them.

Flowers are for all occasions, sad, happy and sometimes for comfort. Flowers are one of God's most beautiful gifts which come in all shapes, sizes and colours.

*Among the unsung heroines
who grace this world of ours,
are those who give and who arrange
their Church's lovely flowers.*

*I wonder if they realise
the pleasure that they bring
to people who will gather there
to worship and to sing.
Or warm the friendship that they send
when given to those who can't attend.*

If you wish to assist financially with the provision of flowers on a Sunday, but do not wish to put your name on the Flower List, you can always put a donation at any time in the Flower Box in the vestibule of the Church. This will be very much appreciated.

Poinsettias in the church on 16 and 23 December - If you wish to have a poinsettia in the Church in memory of a loved one or friend, please put your name on the Poinsettia List in the vestibule of the Church by Sunday 9th December. These plants will decorate the Church on Sundays 16th and 23rd December. After the service on 23rd December you can take the plants home. The cost of a plant is £6.



Deaths

9.12	Mrs Wilhelmina McArthur, Methilhaven Home, Buckhaven
9.10.12	Mrs Norma Reid, 15 Ratho Place, KY2 6XL
17.10.12	Mr Frank German, 43 Winifred Street, KY2 5SR
18.10.12	Mrs Catherine Mabon, 7 Ross Gardens, KY1 2DZ
20.10.12	Miss Effie Cooper, 13 Dean Road, KY2 5SB
10.11.12	Mrs Margaret Loch, 27 Oriel Crescent
11.12	Mr John More, 37 Turnbery Drive



In our June Newsletter it was intimated that Mrs Ina Leckie of Glenbervie Road had recently died. This information was incorrectly received and communicated. May I, on behalf of Bennoch Parish Church, apologise to Mr R & Mrs M Leckie of Glenbervie Road and their family and friends for any distress caused.

George Drummond
Session Clerk

Bennochty Church of Scotland Guild

On Thursday 15th November almost 200 members of Kirkcaldy Presbyterial Council Church of Scotland Guild gathered in the Dean Park Hotel for a dinner to celebrate 125 years of our organisation. We were joined by distinguished guests, including the Moderator of Kirkcaldy Presbytery, Rev Tony Fowler, the Depute Provost, Kay Morrison, the Guild's General Secretary, Iain Whyte, our National Convener, Marjorie Paton and our National Convener, Mary Ford. Ten members of Bennochty Guild attended and we all agreed the evening was a happy one, and congratulations were due to Linda Young, our Presbyterial Council Convener for her planning of the occasion.

We shared memories and experiences, and we looked forward with anticipation and even excitement to our future. In the year of our birth, 1887, the Woman's Guild was somewhat different – meetings were conducted by men and it was young women who were eager to become members. We were perhaps the suffragette movement of the Church of Scotland. For many of us the Guild has opened doors, helped us express and live our faith, given us friendship, challenges, fun.

Our own Bennochty Guild act of dedication and thanksgiving for 125 years is part of the morning service on 25th November, the Sunday which marks the end of our annual Guild Week. We have planned to meet together after the service for lunch in the Victoria Hotel, so that we may truly celebrate 125 years of worship, prayer and action.

Get Together

The Get Together meets on a Thursday from 2.00 till 4.00 p.m. Fun and laughter are had by all. We wish Grace Fyall a speedy recovery. New members welcome! We are looking forward to our Christmas party.

Wishing everyone at the church a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Helen Lundie & Wilma Wright

Fabric Report

It has been decided that due to the financial deficit envisaged for this year, no major projects will be undertaken until the sale of the former St. Andrews Church has been completed.

However, we anticipate that this will occur in the near future and during this time the Fabric Committee will be investigating and evaluating various schemes to ensure that our buildings will be adequately equipped to undertake the functions required of them in the future.

Presently, work will commence on the erection of our new external signboard, sited within our grounds at the corner of Meldrum Road and Elgin Street, when weather permits.

We now have a brown refuse bin and we extend a very warm welcome to anyone willing to lend a hand in keeping our gardens neat and tidy.

Essential and day to day maintenance still goes on and we would like to remind everyone that we have a list on our main internal notice board on which to record any defects to our buildings or grounds.

My personal thanks go to all the members of the Fabric Committee and others who have assisted in the many tasks carried out this year in the upkeep of our buildings and grounds.

Thanking you all for your continuing support.

R Sellars

Précis of Congregational Board Meeting of 19th November 2012

The moderator welcomed Mrs Christine Low to her first Congregational Board Meeting.

Bruce Davies is to perform a concert in Bennochly Church, in aid of church funds, on 2nd March 2013. More information will be available at a later date.

The shoe box appeal by the church for this year brought in 142 boxes. This collection is in support of the Blythswood appeal for distribution in Eastern Europe. These will be leaving the church on Thursday 22nd November to a central distribution point. Many thanks to all who contributed.

The business team will be reviewing the committee structure within the church.

In view of the discussions on-going as to the future of the church premises it has been decided to hold fire on all non-essential projects at present. The open doors project is moving along at an even pace. This is a massive undertaking which both Board and Session are committed to, but as we are still in the investigation stage there is still much work to be done. More information in due course.

St Andrew's Church building is still on the market. There has been interest shown from several sources. By the time of the next Newsletter there may be more news on this sale of this property.

The finance team reported that the recent Stewardship campaign would appear to have had a degree of success, but time will tell.

They also brought proposals to the Board that Hall let fees would be held at £20:00 per hour, as would the fee for the kitchen, to external users. The fees for charities would be held at £15:00 per hour, with discretionary reductions being made in appropriate cases.

The fabric committee informed us there is now a brown bin available for garden waste. This should mean no more compost heap. The on-going saga of the notice board is almost at an end! Installation should be soon. This committee point out there is a sheet on the notice board at the side door for jobs which may need attention. If you see anything amiss please use this sheet.

The Health and Safety group, part of the fabric group, are to be given an autonomous role within the church.

As this will be the last Newsletter of 2012, may I on behalf of the Board wish all members of Bennochly Church a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year?

Malcolm B S Walker
(Clerk to the Board)

Indoor Bowling Group

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

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas lunch on Monday 26th November at the Dean Park Hotel at 12 noon, followed by the annual Boys versus Girls match, which will be keenly contested as usual.

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, with fees being shared between our Church and The Gunners Club.

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.



KART CORNER WINTER 2012



Registered Charity No. SC037866

What's been happening:

The Ignite (SU group), led by Chris and Shanana, restarted in September at Viewforth HS. They have been working their way through the 'Youth Alpha' course and the numbers have rocketed up with as many as 24 pupils attending. ☺

Numbers have also increased at Fair Isle Primary School Football training club with 15/16 children attending every Tuesday. There is now a waiting list of children wishing to attend!

Chris has been visiting Valley Primary school and has led 4 assemblies there so far this term with the school happy for him to come back.

Coming up

Together with other Fife Associate Workers Chris will be taking part in the Journey through the Bible Tour which takes place at the end of January.

Chris will be a leader at the Fife, Perth and Kinross weekend for P6-S6 pupils in February.

Chris will be taking part in RME classes and leading a lot of school assemblies in the run up to Christmas.

Chris will be leading a 'Personal Search' week at Viewforth High School from the 18th-22nd of March. The whole of S1 and S2 will spend the week looking at their lives and God.

Points for Prayer

Give thanks to God for all the SU groups held in the Kirkcaldy area. Pray that the numbers will continue to increase and for more groups to be established thanks to volunteers offering to lead them.

Pray for all school assemblies, especially those in the lead up to Christmas.

Please pray for all those involved in the 'Personal Search' week at Viewforth. Please pray for the planning and for God to be at work in the lives of all the 1st and 2nd year pupils who will hear the Christian message presented in a variety of different ways.

If you would like to find out more about the work of Chris and KART then you can see our Annual Report which is on the KART website at www.kart.me.uk/

If you would like a copy of the KART Annual report please contact :

Alison Doyle on Tel No: 07939313037

If you would like more details on any of the above information please contact Chris by:

Email - chris.beattie@kart.me.uk Telephone - 07746373860

Thank you for your support ☺

St Andrew's Day Concert

There will be a St Andrew's Day Concert in Bennochty Church on Friday 30th November at 7 p.m. with the East Fife Ladies Choir and a choir from the North Primary School. Tickets are £10 per person or £15 for a family ticket.

Free Will Offering Envelopes - Along with this Newsletter you should receive, where appropriate, Free Will Offering envelopes for the coming year. If you no longer require these envelopes please inform either Ena Thomson, our FWO convener (tel 269630), or your elder, or leave a note in the office to ensure that they are not re-ordered for the following year.

Christmas Services

2 December	Youth participation service
9 December	Gift Service to support the work of the Salvation Army in Kirkcaldy. Please bring a gift or toy (<u>not clothes</u>) for distribution to the needy in the district.
16 December	Service of Lessons and Carols led by the choir
16 December	Advent meditation at 7 p.m.
23 December	Christmas Service with contribution from the Sunday School
24 December	Watchnight service at 11.30 p.m.
30 December	Joint service at Linktown Church



CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKE RECIPE

Ingredients

1 cup water	1 tsp baking soda
1 cup sugar	1 cup brown sugar
4 large eggs	8 ozs nuts
2 cups dried fruit	juice of 1 lemon
1 tsp salt	1 bottle whisky

Method

1. Sample the whisky to check for quality.
2. Take a large bowl. Check the whisky again. To be sure it is of the highest quality, pour 1 level cup and drink. Repeat.
3. Turn on the electric mixer. Beat 1 cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add 1 tsp of sugar and beat again.
4. Make sure the whisky is still ok. Cry another tup.
5. Turn of the mexerer. Break 2 eggs and add to the bowl and chuch in the dried fruit. Mix on the turner.
6. If the fried druit gets stuck in the beaterers, pry it loose with a drewscraver.
7. Sample the whisky to check its tonsistency.
8. Next sift 2 cups of salt. Or something. Who cares?
9. Check the whisky.
10. Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add on table. Spoon. Of sugar or something. Whatever you can find. Grease the oven.
11. Turn the cake tin to 350 degrees.
12. Don't forget to beat off the turner. Throw the bowl out of the window, check the whisky again and go to bed.



“Full of festive cheer”