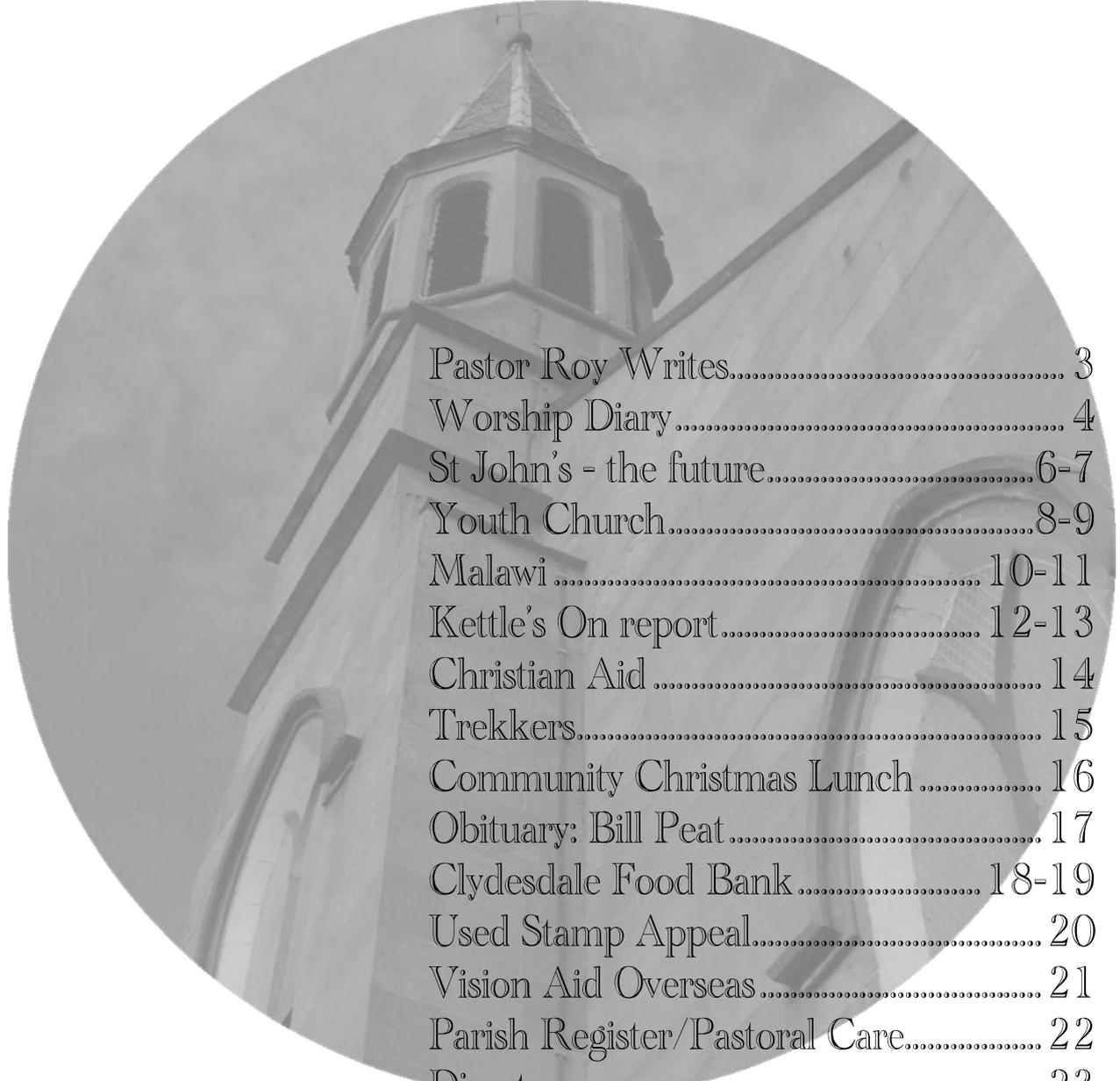


St John's News

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Pastor Roy Writes...

Dear Friends,

As this magazine reaches you there is basically a whole month of March ahead before we reach the most sacred, yet exhilarating, of seasons in the Christian calendar: Holy Week and Easter. It is a time when the church at large desires to reach out again to others that they might come in to the Church and enjoy this special season of events.

The great preacher, John Wesley, once said “*Some people have just enough religion to make them uncomfortable*”. That may have been true in his day, back in the mid 1700s, but to-day I tend to think most people have just enough religion or spirituality to make them feel ‘*comfortable*’.

Whether their sources are a fantasy film from Hollywood that satisfies their need, the latest best-selling New Age book or a novel with enough spirituality in it to be dangerous, most people to-day rarely consider the church as an avenue to explore when it comes to spiritual issues.

Which is such a shame. When the church acts as though it has a secret instead of being filled with pulsating joy at the ongoing miracles of changed lives in its midst, is it any wonder that most people pass it by, hoping to find what they are looking for along other avenues?

If you find yourself in that category of searching, looking for spiritual answers to the dilemmas of life, can I appeal to you to try again the church and maybe in doing so, you will come face to face with Him who declares Himself to be the only Way, Truth and Life. After all it is He who is central in all we do, and is especially commemorated and celebrated this coming Easter season.

The world is filled with ordinary folk who have found He who is Jesus to be their only Hope, and the Answer to life’s questions.

Bless you all,

Roy and Christine

Worship Diary

Normal Sunday Services are held at 11:00am. Once per month, there is an afternoon service, with prayers for healing, at 2:00pm. A short, mid-week service is held on Thursdays at 10:30am.

Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Special services between now and the next issue of **St John's News** (all at St John's, except where indicated):

Easter 2013

- March 24 Palm Sunday**
Family Service at 11:00 am
Joint Evening Service at Kirkton at 7:00 pm
- 28 Maundy Thursday**
Service at Kirkstyle Baptist Church at 7:30 pm
- 29 Good Friday**
Service at Kirkstyle Baptist Church at 7:30 pm
- 31 Easter Day**
Community Service for Easter Day at Market Square at 8:30 pm, followed by breakfast at Kirkstyle Baptist Church.
Easter Celebration Service at St John's at 11:00 am

**Celebration of Sacrament of Holy Communion
will be held on Sunday, 2 June 2013**

Information Update

Have you recently changed, or are about to change, your name and/or address?

Please take a moment to complete, then return this form to help us keep church records accurate. You can post it back, hand it in at the door any Sunday or email details to: office@carluke-stjohns.org.uk

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St John's - the future

On 14 March, the Presbytery Planning Group will present their report to Lanark Presbytery. This report contains their proposals on how the Presbytery should be organised in response to the instructions passed down by the General Assembly of 2010. Changes in the pattern of ministry throughout Scotland are considered vital to the survival of the Church of Scotland in light of changes in population, social behaviour and church finance.

At the morning service on 3 March, our Session Clerk, Glenn Walker presented a summary of the proposals to the congregation.

While the Plan covers the whole Presbytery, the following concentrates on that part which affects St John's the most.

The Plan proposes that the congregations of St John's and St Andrew's enter into a *Deferred Union*. A deferred union between two (or more) congregations is one which, while agreed, only comes into effect once the last current minister demits (leaves) their charge. For us, this means that, when our minister, Pastor Roy, leaves in the summer, a new minister will be called to the vacancy in our church and will, to all intents and purposes, be "our" minister.

However, because of the deferred union, he or she will be called on the understanding that, should the Rev Helen Jamieson leave her post as minister of St Andrew's during his or her tenure at St John's, then the deferred union will automatically come into being and "our" minister will become the minister of the united congregation. In the interim, the two congregations will begin to work more closely together so that, when the union does take place, we are already well on the way to being united in Mission and Worship. Should "our" minister leave St John's before Mrs Jamieson leaves St Andrew's, then another call will be made on the same basis to fill St John's vacancy.

Since any minister called to St John's during the deferred union would become, automatically, the minister of the united congregation, the Nominating Committee will contain members from both congregations, in proportion to their sizes. As is the normal procedure in Parish Groupings, there will also be non-voting representatives on the Committee from Kirkton.

The Kirk Sessions of both St John's and St Andrew's have agreed to the content of the proposal as being the best way forward for both our congregations and the future mission of the Church of Scotland in Carluke.

It is to be emphasised that this is a **PROPOSAL**. Nothing has been decided yet. After the proposal has been submitted to Presbytery, if Presbytery approves it, it is then submitted to the Ministries Council in Edinburgh. It is for that body to decide whether the plan is acceptable and meets their criteria. Once the plan has been agreed and further formalities completed, the congregations of St John's and St Andrew's will have the opportunity to vote for or against the proposed deferred union.

One further aspect of the proposed Presbytery Plan is the recommendation that Law Parish Church should be invited to join the existing Carluke Parish Grouping of St John's, St Andrew's and Kirkton. This is not a new issue, as the matter has been considered before although not acted upon.

Contributions for the next issue of St John's News can be submitted at any time, but no later than Sunday 19 May, 2013.

Contributions may be hand-written, typed or, preferably, emailed to the editor at editor@carluke-stjohns.org.uk

Youth Church

The children want to say thank you for all the kind comments they received from folk in the church after they shared in the Christmas service. They really enjoyed taking part and felt that all their hard work was worth it. It was great fun working with them and they are looking forward to Easter and preparing a small contribution to the service.

The Christmas party was a great success, complete with a visit from Santa and we hope to have a trip in June to the seaside.

The children have decided that this year the money coming from their weekly collection should be split between New Beginnings and sponsorship of a child in Malawi. We hope to have the link established soon and the children will be able to see for themselves how their new friend gets on over the coming years.

We continue to have good numbers on youth church. We have been looking at prayer with the children and encouraging them to pray every day. We have also looked at the attributes of God and how God is loving and faithful. In the run up to Easter we will be focussing on key events in the last days of Jesus life.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the children, they are a great bunch and full of questions.

Malawi 2013

This June, Karen Gillon and 4 of the young people who take part in our holiday club and Jedburgh mission will be embarking on an exciting adventure to Malawi. Karen , along with Carolyn Watson, Fraser Dickson, Dave Smith and Fraser Russell will be working with Open Arms Malawi for 10 days, undertaking a variety of work including working with the babies and children in the orphanage, maintenance of one of the orphanage buildings and organising activities for the boys in the foster home. They also hope to visit Nawita Primary school and see for themselves the difference our kitchen is making.

The children of Nawita Primary in Malawi are very grateful for all the support that they have received from people in St John's. The children are all receiving a meal every day through the kitchen we have supported. Already attendance has improved and children are doing better in tests and exams. The head teacher is confident that this is the start of a very exciting time for the children. Thank you again for your kindness.

The group are busy fundraising and have a coffee morning in St John's on 9th March, a quiz night in Carluke Bowling Club on 14th March and a ceilidh planned for May. If you are able to help in any way please get in touch. It is sure to be a life changing experience for us all and we are rue that God will use our time in Malawi to good effect.

Your youth church needs you

Children are a really important part of the church and here in St John's we always try to give them the best start to their Christian journey. We have a good number of children coming to youth church and their ages range from 0 to 15 however that means that we need more teachers.

Do you feel that you could help in this important ministry? Are you prepared to come along once a month and support the children? Then please get in touch with **Karen Gillon** on **750063** or speak to her in the hall after church.

[KG]

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Malawi

Over the past several years, St John's has had, and continues to have, links in Malawi. The Scottish Bible Society have produced a brief fact sheet about Malawi and its problems.

Location: Southeast Africa bordering Zambia in the West, Tanzania in the East and Mozambique in the South.

Area: 118,480 sq km (slightly smaller than Greece)

Capital: Lilongwe; Blantyre is the commercial capital

Independence: 6 July 1964, British-ruled Nyasaland becomes Malawi

Population: c. 16 million

Official Language: Chichewa is the most common language spoken in Malawi. English is also used in business and government.

Religion: Christian (82.7%), Muslim (13%)

Lake Malawi, the world's 10th largest lake, covers about 20% of the long, narrow country in the east. It is one of the world's most biodiverse freshwater lakes. Malawi's beautiful scenery also includes the Great Rift Valley, mountains and Plateaus.

Malawi and Scotland

Links between Scotland and Malawi began with David Livingstone's journeys up the Zambezi and Shire Rivers to Lake Malawi in 1859, long before the borders of the modern nation of Malawi had been established. Both the Church of Scotland and the Free Church of Scotland had established missions in Malawi by the mid 1870s. These missionaries persuaded the UK government to declare the area a British Protectorate. This colonial arrangement lasted, in various forms, until full independence was achieved on 6 July 1964, with Malawi becoming a member of the Commonwealth.

Malawi - The Challenges

Landlocked Malawi is among the world's poorest countries. Most of its population lives in rural areas, where population density is high and water-related diseases and HIV/AIDS are widespread. Only 15-30% of the rural population have access to a latrine. HIV/AIDS affects 30% of those living in urban areas and 15% in rural areas. Nearly half the population is under 15 years old and many are orphans.

Most Malawians rely on subsistence farming, but the food supply situation is precarious and the country prone to natural disasters of both extremes - from drought to heavy rainfalls - putting it in constant need of thousands of tonnes of food aid every year.

Its single major natural resource, agricultural land, is under severe pressure from rapid population growth, although the government's programme of fertilizer subsidies has dramatically boosted output in recent years, making Malawi a net food exporter.

Malawi is one of the least developed countries in the world, with over half of Malawians living below the poverty line.

Almost three-quarters of secondary school-age children are either working or staying home to care for their families instead of receiving an education. The HIV and AIDS pandemic continues to grow, killing tens of thousands of Malawians each year. More than 550,000 children have lost one or both of their parents to HIV and AIDS.



Kettle's On!

Thursday Mornings at St John's

2012 was a busy year for everyone involved with the Kettle's On at St John's. Since the Kettle's On moved from the Small Hall into the Large Hall at the beginning of 2008 (due to limited space) we have been delighted to witness a steady increase in the numbers of visitors enjoying tea/coffee and fellowship after the service.

The church service begins at 10:30 am and lasts for approximately 25 minutes. It too has enjoyed a steady increase in numbers in recent years, averaging around 60 worshippers, with even more in attendance when Holy Communion is celebrated. Pastor Roy usually leads worship, and he always has an amusing anecdote to share as well as a serious message to impart. Additionally, we have a group of gifted "lay" speakers who each bring a fresh and varied insight into what it means to be a Christian in today's society. Other local ministers occasionally preach. This service attracts a wide range of people for a number of reasons: some because they are unable to sit for a full hour on a Sunday; work commitments or transport problems on a Sunday.

Most people, however, just enjoy the unique, friendly atmosphere that worship on a Thursday morning offers. In recent weeks, it has been a delight to welcome residents from the nursing home at Morningside.

The Kettle's On Team serves tea and coffee from 10:00 am onwards. Often people come in for a chat and a coffee before worship though most take refreshment after the service. No charge is made, but thanks to the generosity of our visitors we have been able to donate £1,500 to the following charities and good causes during 2012: Christine Stone in Nepal, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Acorn Christian Foundation, The Chile Children, Alzheimer's Society, Erskine Hospital, Street Level, St Andrew's Hospice, Guide Dogs for the Blind and Karen Gillon's Malawi trip

A big thank you goes to all of those people who have made these worthwhile donations possible.

The Kettle's On Team comprises of a group of very willing men and women who for fifty-one weeks of the year not only do a great job of serving tea, but more importantly, strive to create a friendly and welcoming environment where people have the opportunity to make new friends and to meet old ones. At our January meeting, we welcomed three new members onto the Team. We hope that Alice Clelland, Anne Reid and Ann Gracie find serving on Thursday mornings rewarding and as much fun as the rest of us do.

By the time you read this article in the Newsletter we will be into March and looking forward to celebrating Easter which is at the end of the month. You are invited to celebrate this most holy of seasons on the Christian calendar with us on Thursday mornings. A warm welcome awaits you. Hot cross buns will be served on Thursday 28 March.

[LJ]

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Christian Aid

Christian Aid Week 12-18th May 2013

During 2013, Christian Aid will be playing a major role in a nationwide campaign against hunger, called the *IF Campaign (Enough Food for Everyone IF...)*. This movement, involving many international development agencies, churches, civic society and people of goodwill around the country, believes that hunger, in a world, which has enough food for everyone, is a scandal and must be challenged.

Christian Aid Week is a central part of our commitment to overcoming poverty and ending the agony of hunger, and the efforts of you our readers will be at its heart.

We thank you for all you do to raise money for Christian Aid, whether you have been doing it for years or are new to the role. Please do what you can to make Christian Aid Week 2013 a success. Be part of our churches' response to poverty - BITE BACK AT HUNGER.

This year we really need more volunteer collectors. Having you on our team would mean that we could cover more streets, raising even more in donations for Christian Aid's work to restore hope and a future to some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people. Whatever time you can spare will be a real help. You can volunteer on your own or with a friend - but either way, you'd be part of our churches' efforts to love our neighbours, wherever they may be in the world.

The Christian Aid cafe, in St John's Church hall, will be open again this year, with each church taking responsibility for a particular day. This year's rota will be;

Monday 13 May - URC

Tuesday 14 May - St Athanasius

Thursday 16 May - Kirkton

Friday 17 May - St Andrew's

Saturday 18 May - St John's

Join us this Christian Aid Week and help us deliver a powerful boost to the fight that goes on against global hunger.

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Trekkers

The Trekkers normally walk one Saturday per month and have anything from 10-25 taking part, with an average of 18 hardies who come along faithfully. Our members come from the various churches in Carluke, also a number of non- church goers and friends and family from Motherwell, Hamilton, Glasgow and Edinburgh. So we are well and truly a mixed lot and a really happy bunch.

Over the months since I last wrote we have walked hill and field, loch and riverside in Ayrshire, Perthshire, Renfrewshire, the Lothians, Fife and Peeblesshire. We have donned our boots and walked in all kinds of weather but on the whole have been blessed with dry days. I can only recall a couple of occasions when we experienced a real downpour.

All the outings have been great but over the last couple of years a few have been more memorable than others: Antonine's Wall and the Forth & Clyde Canal; River Earn at Crieff (where the challenge was to find Mr Mole's House - a tiny little red door at the base of a very large tree!); the hills above Girvan on a truly glorious day which we ended by having an ice cream and paddle at Girvan seafront; Dumbarton Crag, where the views across the Firth of Clyde were spectacular; Loch Ard and Forest of Loch Ard with its autumn colours was breathtaking; and *The John Buchan Way* - Peebles to Broughton, a mere 13 miles! Our latest walk was the Water of Leith Walkway which runs from Balerno, west of Edinburgh to the Port of Leith east of the city, taking you through parks and gorges, narrow cobbled streets, old and interesting building with fascinating architecture. To think you are walking through the heart of a busy city and yet it is so peaceful and green is hard to believe.

We truly live in a very beautiful part of the Great Britain and we are very fortunate that we are able to get out and about to enjoy it. More walks are planned for the forthcoming months and details will be posted on the notice board, in the Sunday Bulletins and on-line.

[RW]

Community Christmas Lunch

It was the second year that St John's hosted a lunch on Christmas Day, the inspiration of Georgene and Jim McLaren. This time there were 21 guests from all points between Law and Lanark. Most of the guests were middle aged to elderly folk living alone but we also had two families - one lady with a 3 year old girl and her sister-in-law who had three wee boys.

Georgene and Jim did a huge amount of work in advance of the day in collecting the names of those who wished to attend, ordering supplies and arranging taxis. They deserve our special thanks for that.

Once again, suppliers were very generous in their support and among others who fall into this category are **Ramsay's the butchers**, who supplied all the meat and **Occasions card shop**, who donated helium balloons to decorate the tables. Also several individuals, not just from St John's, were generous in their donations of items of food.

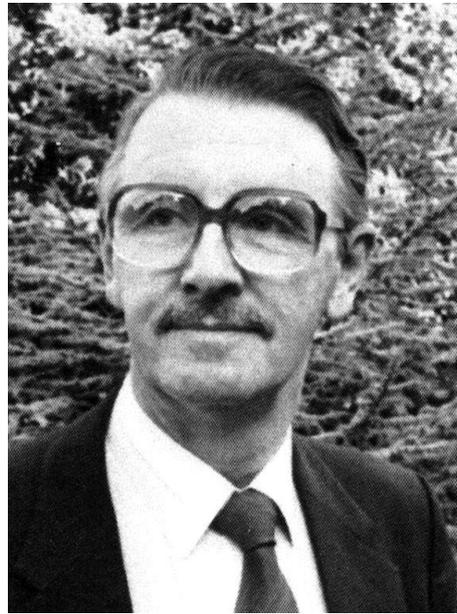
On Christmas Eve morning there was a good turnout of people to make soup, prepare vegetables and set the tables and on Boxing Day we had just about enough people to wash dishes and to generally clear up and put everything away. Many thanks to all concerned. However, on Christmas Day itself, we could have used a few more to help with serving. If there had been many more guests we would certainly have struggled to get meals hot to the table.

So, make a note for Christmas 2013. Could you, or someone in your household, spare a couple of hours in the afternoon to help? You do not need to be able to cook as that is all taken care of. As long as you can put food onto plates, carry them to the table and clear them away afterwards you will be most welcome. There is also a place for anyone who can entertain by singing or playing an instrument. It may also be helpful to have someone to entertain children who tend not to spend so long eating and so get restless between courses.

So watch for the notices towards the end of the year and don't be shy about volunteering. It is a fun afternoon and the reward is to know that you have helped make Christmas more meaningful for people who would otherwise spend it alone and may not otherwise have anything to mark it out as being different to any other day. As one gentleman said, "It is just so good to hear a human voice on Christmas Day."

[LB]

Obituary



Stanley William Peat
5 May 1929 - 14 February 2013

It was with great sadness that members of the congregation learned of the passing of Dr Bill Peat on 14 February, 2013, aged 83. Dr Peat was our minister between 1977 and 1984.

After leaving George Heriot's School in Edinburgh, he served in the civil service and the RAF before attending Edinburgh University to study physics. He lectured in physics in Heriot-Watt College (later University) in Edinburgh before returning to Edinburgh University to study for his BD. He came to St John's after a year as probationer assistant at St Ninian's Church, Corstorphine, Edinburgh. He left St John's to go to St Serf's in Edinburgh.

After his retirement, he served as a Pastoral Assistant in several congregations in Edinburgh before moving, for a spell, to live in France.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Eleanor, and their children and grand-children at this time.

Clydesdale Food Bank

Families find themselves in crisis for all sorts of reasons. It could stem from job loss, illness, relationship breakdown or maybe there has been a large and unexpected expense such as a heating or car breakdown (in rural areas, a car can be a necessity for getting to work and not just a luxury for social use). In those circumstances how do you choose between paying for repairs or buying enough food for the week?



New Beginnings Clydesdale provides food parcels to those who have been re-housed and who are receiving their household starter pack so it has been decided that the *Clydesdale Food Bank*, which has come from the Parish Grouping, will work in association with them to extend this work to those with homes but no money to buy food. Churches throughout the Clydesdale area are being invited to collect food for the bank.

The Food Bank works exclusively in partnership with referrers from statutory agencies, local faith groups and other charities. It is intended to have distribution points around the Clydesdale area so that those in need will have rapid access to help. At the time of writing, Forth St Paul's and Greyfriars in Lanark have offered to be distribution points.

Each participating church has been invited to choose one Sunday in the month on which to focus their food collection. St John's has chosen the first Sunday. St Andrew's Kirkton the and Kirkstyle Baptist Church are also collecting food. In addition to the food there is a need for some money to pay for expenses such as reimbursing travel costs and providing Christian tracts in each food parcel. Gift aid envelopes are available in each church so that tax payers can increase the final value of their gift at no expense to themselves.

The response to the collections, so far has, been wonderful. A **HUGE** thank you to all who have contributed. Watch out for the reminders of the next collection in the weekly bulletin. Please consider donating something from the list below, making sure it has a long date:

Milk – UHT or powdered	Jam	Rice
Sugar (500g)	Biscuits/snacks	Pasta
Tea bags	Chocolate	Noodles
Coffee - instant	Tinned soup	Instant mash potato
Fruit juice – carton	Cup-a-soups	Salt and pepper
	Tinned meat	Ketchup/sauces
Cereals	Tinned fish	
Porridge oats	Tinned spaghetti	Tin openers
Tinned sponge pudding	Baked beans	Strong clean carrier bags
Custard	Tinned tomatoes	Money to cover
Tinned rice pudding	Pasta sauces	expenses
Tinned fruit		

[LB]

Senior Citizens' Supper

The Young Woman's Group regret that, due to unforeseen circumstances, there will be NO Senior Citizens' Supper this year. The YWG apologise to all who may have been looking forward to this annual event.

[MD]

Stamp Appeal 2012-13

The World Mission Stamp Appeal runs from March to February each year. While most of the stamps collected come around Christmas time, the collection goes on throughout the year.

In the year ending February 2012, the appeal raised just over £3700. It is hoped that this total will be over £4000 this year.

The money raised will be used to help the work of our partner, *The Middle East Council of Churches* through the *Joint Christian Committee for Social Services in Lebanon*. In particular, support will be for their agricultural work with Palestinian Refugees. The project will be to renovate an existing structure so that chicken rearing can be taught as part of the agricultural syllabus.



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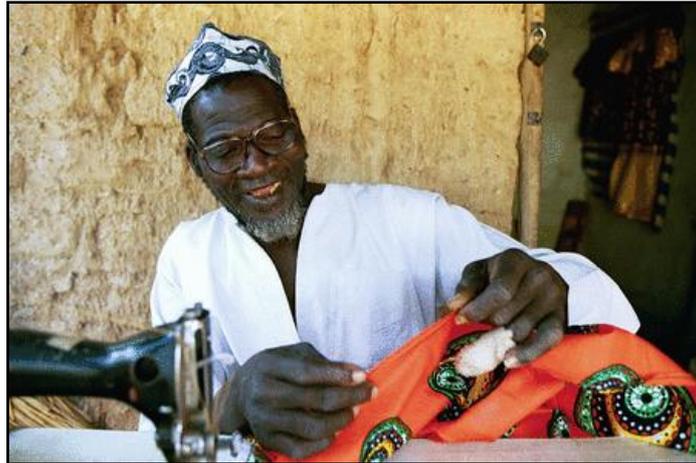
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Phillipe, a tailor and father to six was finding it difficult to see to work and therefore losing his customers. He was getting very worried because his family were dependent on his income for their survival. Fortunately, he heard about a Vision Aid Overseas team who were coming to a village near him. He was found to have presbyopia and was given a pair of glasses to correct this. After he put on his new glasses he exclaimed, 'now I can see to work!'

Just one of the many cases who have been helped by Vision Aid Overseas. So many of us wear glasses and have old ones lying in the bottom of drawer somewhere. They can be used to give people a new lease of life, the opportunity to complete education or to support their families.



More information can be found at
www.visionaidoverseas.org

The Back Page

A cowboy was riding his trusty horse followed by his faithful dog along an unfamiliar road when he suddenly remembered dying, and realized that the dog beside him had been dead for years, as had his horse. Confused, he wondered what was happening, and where the trail was leading them.

After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall that looked like fine marble. It was broken by a tall arch topped by a golden letter **H** that glowed in the sunlight.

Before it, he saw a magnificent gate that looked like mother-of-pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like gold.

As he got closer, he saw a man to one side. Parched and tired out by his journey, he called out, 'Excuse me, where are we?'

'This is Heaven, sir,' the man answered.

'Wow! Would you happen to have some water?' the cowboy asked.

'Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up.'

As the gate began to open, the cowboy asked, 'Can I bring my partners, too?'

'I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept pets.'

The cowboy thought for a moment, then turned back to the road and continued riding, his dog trotting by his side.

After another long ride, he came to a dirt road leading through a ranch gate that looked as if it had never been closed. As he approached, he saw a man inside.

'Excuse me,' he called to the man. 'Do you have any water?'

'Sure, there's a pump right over there. Help yourself.'

'How about my friends here?' the cowboy gestured to the dog and his horse.

'Of course! They look thirsty, too,' said the man.

The trio went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old-fashioned hand pump with buckets beside it. The cowboy filled a cup and the buckets with wonderfully cool water and took a long drink, as did his horse and dog.

When they were full, he walked back to the man who was still standing by the tree.

'What do you call this place?' the cowboy asked.

'This is Heaven,' he answered.

'That's confusing,' the cowboy said. 'Down the road is Heaven, too.'

'Oh, you mean the place with the glitzy, street and fake pearly gates? That's hell.'

'Doesn't it make you angry when they use your name like that?'

'Not at all. Actually, we're happy they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind.'