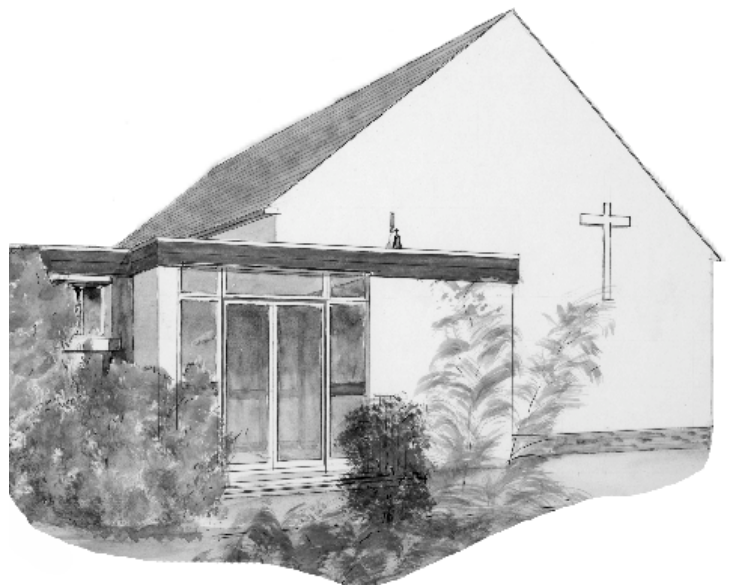


# The Link



**The magazine for the linked congregations and community of the  
West Kirk of Calder and Polbeth Harwood**

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## A Word From Our Minister

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Sunday, 26 January 2009

Dear Friends

You may spot a few changes to *The Link* this year. Most people know that a few years ago the West Kirk News became *The Link* to reflect the fact that the West Kirk and Polbeth Harwood are linked congregations. What you may not know is that for many years Hugh Clarkson & Sons printers have printed the church newsletter, by either name, for free (as well as a number of other church related items)! That's right, nothing to pay – gratis – por nada – free of charge!!! But as you can imagine, this is unsustainable, especially in the present economic climate. So, from this issue, we will be paying Clarksons to print *The Link*. It is good to support local firms, especially firms within the villages here and this is something both Kirk Sessions felt strongly about.

You will not be 'charged' for *The Link*, but should you wish to do so you can contribute towards the cost of printing (and I understand that some people have been doing so already – something I didn't know!).

In this first issue of 2009, I wish you God's strength and blessing as you follow Jesus Christ on the pilgrimage of life.

David A Albon

Rev David A Albon  
Minister of the Parish Churches of the West Kirk of Calder and Polbeth Harwood

## The Parish Record

### **Baptisms**

**23 November** – Andrew Thomas Farquhar, Nevis Drive, Livingston

**29 November** – Olivia Grace Bethune, Main Street, West Calder

### **Funerals**

**11 December** – Agnes 'Nessie' Mackie, Livingston Care Home

**15 December** – Anne Cowie, Chapelton Gardens, Polbeth

**8 January** – Jemima Fisher, Burngrange Nursing Home

**15 January** – Jim McLaren, Burnside Terrace, Polbeth

**21 January** – Robert Douglas, Park Drive, Polbeth

**29 January** – John Ness, Bankton Park East, Livingston

Sunday Morning Worship takes place in the West Kirk at 9.30 am and in Polbeth Harwood at 11.15 am.

## Polbeth Harwood Church Refurbishment

Some photographs showing the improvements made over recent times at Polbeth Harwood Church. We wish to express our gratitude to all who have donated items to the sanctuary.



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## In Between

**What?** a monthly alternative worship event  
**Where?** West Kirk Hall  
**When?** last Sunday of the month 7 pm to 8 pm

What's an alternative worship event?

Good question – it depends on what you put in. So far it has included music, juice, video, prayer, drawing, silence, stories, cakes, thinking aloud, biscuits, waiting, chat, jigsaws, listening, coffee, reflection, castle making [from cardboard], tea, fireworks – it can all be worship.

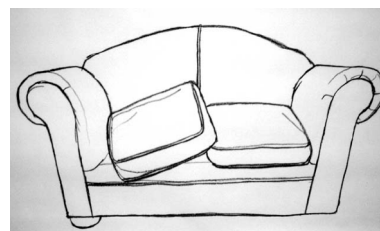
**How do I find out more?** Come along and see. All ages welcome.

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## Sunday Sofa

Looking for a comfy place in church? At secondary school?

Join us on the Sunday Sofa – first and third Sundays of the month in the Upper Room at Polbeth Harwood Church [enter by the rear door]. Time to chill, chat, play games and give God a look in before Monday morning.



**7 pm to 9 pm**

**Interested? Come along!**

contact Lorraine ([raineclarke@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:raineclarke@yahoo.co.uk)) or  
Rob ([rob.holden@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:rob.holden@tiscali.co.uk)) to find out more

## West Kirk Fundraising Group Report

The Christmas Candy Bar was very successful raising the excellent total of £1828.

The stalls made as follows:

Cake and Candy	£306	Bottle Stall	£57
Christmas Gifts	£350	Raffle	£182
Lucky Draw	£220	Quiz	£80
Silent Auction	£20	Christmas Cordial and Eco Bags	£19

The balance is made up from coffees, lunches and donations. Very many thanks to all who helped man the stalls, cook, bake, or be there as customers.

Throughout 2008, the Candy Bars plus the Whist Drive raised the huge total of £7245 – wow! Well done! This helps to maintain and up keep the West Kirk. Thank you!

The February Candy Bar may have passed by now, we hope successfully!

The Youth Link and friends will staff the Candy Bar on 7 March and the Guild on 4 April. We look forward to seeing you throughout 2009.



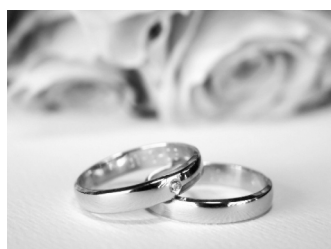
### ***A date for your diary***

On Friday 27 March 2009 at 7.30 pm, Willie McFarlane and his Scottish Dance Band will be performing in the West Kirk. We look forward to welcoming them after some years since they last entertained us. It will be a great evening of toe-tapping Scottish music. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.

*Jill Murray (Convener)*

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## Anniversary



Congratulations to Bill and Mary Calder who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 27 December 2008.

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## West Kirk Flower Rota

If you can help with either arranging or delivering the flowers please get in touch with Margaret Greenhorn.

If you would like to donate flowers please add your name to the list in the vestibule.



## West Kirk Guild Report

### Monday 1 December

Sam from "Woodfield" gave us a talk and demonstration on Massage Therapy. A member volunteered to be the person to receive, a shoulder neck and back massage; this was enjoyed and was found to be very relaxing.

### Thursday 11 December

Christmas Rally, St. John's Bathgate.

### Monday 15 December

This was our Christmas Party; we enjoyed a three-course meal, tea/coffee and tablet. The committee and some of the members put on a Pantomime, "Red Riding Hood and the Three Little Pigs"!!! Great fun.

### Monday 5 January 2009

Alison Baxter, our speaker for the evening, Alison is a member of our Guild and is the Project Coordinator. Alison informed us about the Guild Projects for 2009, no decision has been made yet on the projects the Guild will support, but will be put it in *The Link* when the decision has been made.

### Monday 19 January 2009

Vanda Fraser is our guest speaker and she is going to tell us about when she was, "Biking in Bengal"

#### Dates for your diary:

Monday – 2 February	Inter-Organisational Quiz – Guild, Choir, Elders, & Youth Link
Monday – 16 February	Waste Management – Alison Towers
Monday – 2 March	Armchair Exercises – Eileen Milne
Friday – 6 March	World Day of Prayer – Polbeth Harwood
Tuesday – 10 March	Spring Rally – Breich Valley
Monday – 16 March	"Surprise Night"





## West Kirk – Rota Information

### West Kirk Crèche Rota

15 February	Mary Calder
22 February	Olive Gibson
1 March	Aileen Hull
8 March	Val Occardi
15 March	Margaret Farquhar
22 March	Kathy Black
29 March	Shirley MacRae
5 April	Mary Calder
12 April	Olive Gibson
19 April	Aileen Hull

### West Kirk Tea Rota

Contact Olive Gibson 01506 871291  
*Note: Tea Makers, please bring milk.*

15 February	Olive Gibson	May Arnott
22 February	Moir McRae	Jill Murray
1 March	Margaret Lamb	Janet Meikle
8 March	Olive Gibson	Isobel McChesney
15 March	Alison McNaught	Alison Baxter
22 March	Margo McEwan	Hettie McIntyre
29 March	Olive Gibson	Katie Albon
5 April	George Stott	Morag Stott
12 April	Olive Gibson	Kate Jessiman

### West Kirk Flower Rota

If you cannot manage your turn to arrange or deliver flowers, please either swap, or contact Margaret Greenhorn (01506 871139) for help in finding someone.

We also could really do with a few more folk on the rota, both to arrange and to deliver – please consider this and let it be known if you can help.

	Given	Arranged	Delivered
15 February		Katie Albon	Ivy Johnstone
22 February	Liz Dyer	Rosanna Rabaeijs	Irene Grindlay
1 March	May Arnott	Margo McEwan	Moir McRae
8 March	Olive Gibson	Katie Albon	Kathy Black
15 March		Rosanna Rabaeijs	Ivy Johnstone
22 March		Margo McEwan	Irene Grindlay
29 March		Katie Albon	Moir McRae
5 April		Rosanna Rabaeijs	Kathy Black
12 April	Jean Fairley	Margaret Greenhorn	Ivy Johnstone
19 April		Margo McEwan	Irene Grindlay

### West Kirk Duty Rota

	Door Duty			Car Run
15 February	Evelyn Paterson	George Stott	Hazel Tod	Robert Hawes
22 February	May Arnott	Juanita Allan	Angus Baxter	Beryl Henderson
1 March	Liz Dyer	Richard Bryce	Lorraine Clarke	Alan Jessiman
8 March	Victor Ferguson	Jeanette Ferguson	Lorna Graham	George Stott
15 March	Beryl Henderson	Irene Grindlay	Rob Holden	Richard Bryce
22 March	Alison McNaught	Alan Jessiman	Aileen Milne	Hugh Clarkson
29 March	Jill Murray	Stewart Munro	Christine Nicholl	Robert Hawes
5 April	George Stott	Evelyn Paterson	Hazel Tod	Beryl Henderson
12 April	Angus Baxter	May Arnott	Juanita Allan	Alan Jessiman
19 April	Richard Bryce	Lorraine Clarke	Liz Dyer	George Stott



## Polbeth Harwood – Rota Information

	Taxi Rota	Banking Rota
15 February	David Prentice	Gordon Erskine
22 February	Eleanor Davidson	Ton Griffin
1 March	Margaret Marr	Ena Prentice
8 March	Charlie Sturrock	Linda Eardley
15 March	David Prentice	Charlie Sturrock
22 March	Eleanor Davidson	Sandra Dixon
29 March	Margaret Marr	Gordon Erskine
5 April	Charlie Sturrock	Tom Griffin
12 April	David Prentice	Ena Prentice
19 April	Eleanor Davidson	Linda Eardley

Polbeth Harwood Cleaning Rota		
(for week commencing)		
15 February	Marian Kinsman	Joan Philips
22 February	Ann Watson	William Watson
1 March	Margaret Marr	Jocky Marr
8 March	Esther Hamilton	Pat Erskine
15 March	Linda Eardley	Hazel Speirs
22 March	Ena Prentice	David Prentice
29 March	Mary Mabbutt	Frank Mabbutt
5 April	Laura Carroll	Petrona Carroll
12 April	Reeta Griffin	Tom Griffin
19 April	Mary Gray	Josephine Greer

Polbeth Harwood Duty Rota				
	Door Duty			
15 February	Betty Macauley	Gordon Erskine	Janet Russell	Alan Mercer
22 February	Anna Muirhead	Tom Walker	Reeta Griffin	Tom Griffin
1 March	Ena Prentice	David Prentice	Wilma Dickson	Lilias Fairley
8 March	Hazel Speirs	Linda Eardley	Margaret Hampson	Sandra McCabe
15 March	Janet Walker	Marian Kinsman	Jimmy Greer	Charlie Sturrock
22 March	Chrissie McCormack	Esther Hamilton	Karen Wilson	Margaret Dempster
29 March	Etta Walker	Eleanor Davidson	Lorna McPhail	Andrew McPhail
5 April	Alice Mackay	Kenneth Mackay	Jenny Doyle	Janice Davidson
12 April	Jessie Kelly	Effie Halliday	Ann Watson	William Watson
19 April	Alice Mackay	Kenneth Mackay	Jenny Doyle	Janice Davidson

Polbeth Harwood Café Rota		
18 February	Wilma Dickson	Jessie Kelly
25 February	Janet Walker	Margaret Hampson
4 March	Grace Peace	Frank Mabbutt
11 March	Effie Halliday	Gordon Erskine
18 March	Chrissie McCormack	Esther Hamilton
25 March	Wilma Dickson	Jessie Kelly
1 April	Janet Walker	Margaret Hampson
8 April	Grace Peace	Frank Mabbutt
15 April	Effie Halliday	Gordon Erskine
22 April	Chrissie McCormack	Esther Hamilton

## The Vine Trust Work Party

Thanks to generous support from very many people, I'm now well over two thirds of the way to reaching my fundraising target of £1,500 before I set off in July for the Andes.

Members of this work party, coded KNEC, had our first full team meeting in East Calder in mid January where we introduced ourselves to each other. The majority of the group are from East Calder & Kirknewton congregation along with people from Barclay Church, Edinburgh, a gentleman from Dundee, a member of Mid Calder church and myself from West Calder. Practical matters such as specific insurance, health & safety and individual disclosure evidence were discussed and explained prior to the visit as well as hearing first hand experiences from those who have been on earlier work parties. There are still three vacancies on this specific trip (14<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009); if you are interested, Calum Munro at the Vine Trust office in Port Seton would be delighted to hear from you. He can be contacted by email at [calum@vinetrust.org.uk](mailto:calum@vinetrust.org.uk)

As a social event and to further fundraise, I'm holding a ceilidh (see below) with music provided by talented young Andrew Gibb & Friends. A supper will be provided and you are welcome to bring along your own liquid refreshments. Tickets are priced £10 and are available from me NOW!

### Fundraising for The Vine Trust

#### CEILIDH

Music by  
Andrew Gibb & Friends

Harburn Hall    Saturday 21 March 7.30 pm

*Liz Dyer*

### Contributions for the next edition ...



Contributions for the next edition of *The Link* Magazine can be **submitted at any time** however for Issue 32 (April and May) the latest submission date is Sunday 22 March.

**Your contributions are always very welcome.**

### Paws... for thought



***"Happiness cannot come from without. It must come from within. It is not what we see and touch or that which others do for us which makes us happy; it is that which we think and feel and do, first for the other fellow and then for ourselves."***

***Helen Keller***