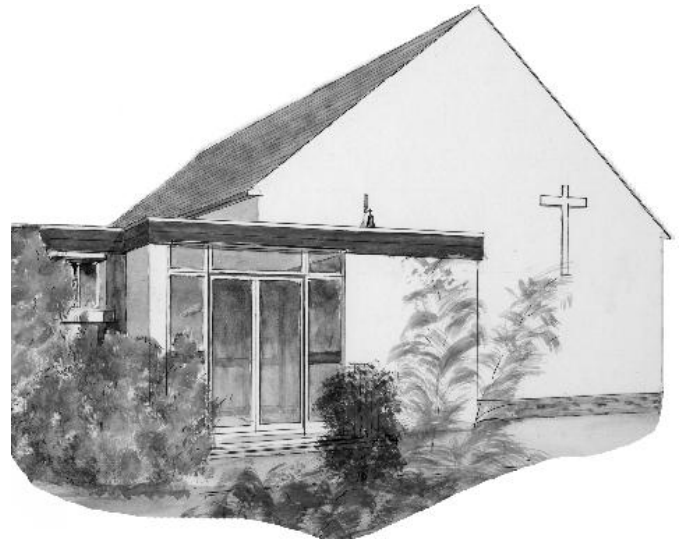


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**Sunday Morning Worship takes place
in the West Kirk at 9.30 am
and in Polbeth Harwood at 11.15 am**

Forth Road Bridge Cross 2009

The photo shows Craig Holden with David, Aileen and Rachel Hull about to set off on the Forth Bridge Cross sponsored walk on Saturday 6 June 2009. The Hulls crossed the Forth Road Bridge twice; Craig managed 8 crossings in the afternoon, with time and breath to spare! The weather was – well there was a LOT of fresh air and an occasional, refreshing light sprinkling of rain, but on the whole it was bright and clear with good views to be had.

Now we start the task of collecting in the money from our kind sponsors to help the work of Christian Aid throughout the world.

Thank you to Stewart Munro for organising the West Kirk effort – a second team of Bridge crossers will be heading out in a few weeks. They were not available on the day of the big event but were still determined to take part and to raise even more for this worthy cause. If you would like to help them by donating to Christian Aid please contact Stewart Munro.

Aileen Hull



Life & Work – July Issue

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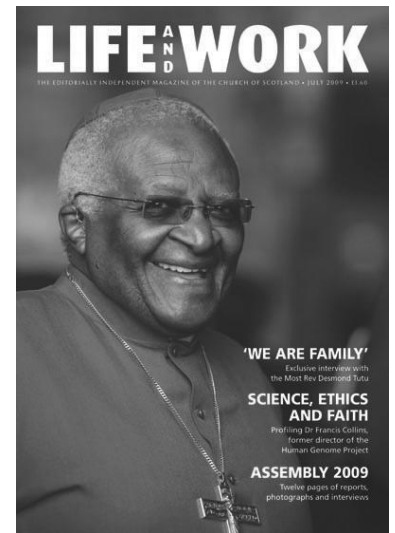
Exclusive interview with the Most Rev Desmond Tutu.

General Assembly 2009

- Round-up of the key issues of the week.
- The week in pictures.
- The best of the fringe.

Science, Ethics and Faith

Dr Francis S Collins, former director of the Human Genome Project and one of the world’s leading scientists, tells Jackie Macadam how he moved from atheism to Christianity.



Light Amid the Darkness

The remarkable legacy left by the death of a nine-year-old girl.

A Gift from God

A Church of Scotland elder describes the background to her altruistic kidney donation.



Dreaming a Dream

Douglas Galbraith reflects on the choral roots of Britain’s Got Talent finalist Susan Boyle.

Plus - Presbytery of Ross, Irvine Old Parish Church, all the regular columnists, news, letters, reviews and crosswords – all for just £1.60.

West Kirk Fundraising Group Report

The Candy Bars continue to be successful with the Choir and the Guild raising excellent totals.

Our summer buffet will have passed also with its delicious assortment of cold meats, salmon and salads. We hope you enjoyed these events.

There will now be a break until Saturday 5 September, when we hope to welcome you again.

May I take this opportunity to thank the group and friends for all their hard work and to everyone else that comes along and helps.



Have a good summer whether at home or away.

Jill Murray (Convener)

West Kirk Guild Report

Saturday 4 April

The Candy Bar raised £555 thanks to all who contributed, and those who helped out.

Thursday 23 April – AGM & Social Evening

Mrs Allan thanked everyone for their hard work over the year, also for all the members who come and support us.

Liz Dyer treasurer presented the accounts; the total of £900 was distributed to several worthy causes, also towards a new urn for the kitchen.

The committee will remain the same for the next session, Mrs Allan, convener, Mrs Murray, vice convener, Mrs Dyer, treasurer, Mrs Jack, secretary.

Grace was then said before we all enjoyed a lovely meal.

Saturday 20 May

22 Guild members and friends enjoyed a day out to Mellerstain House, after coffee, many of us took a tour round this beautiful house, it was very interesting, it was a lovely day so others enjoyed the gardens.

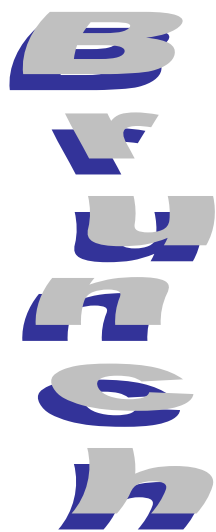
We then spent some time in Peebles before enjoying a lovely meal in the Tontine Hotel, before heading home.

May I wish those who were unwell and were unable to come, a speedy recovery.

The Guild meetings have now finished, and will recommence 5 October 2009. There will be a further update in *The Link* in September.

Enjoy the summer!

Moirra Jack (Secretary)



West Kirk Youth Link Closing Service followed by “Brunch”

The Youth Link closing service and prize giving took place on Sunday 21 June coinciding with our Christian Aid Appeal.

After the service “Brunch” was served in the church hall where many enjoyed some fellowship with something nice to eat. “Forget about lunch – we had some brunch!”

Car Treasure Hunt and BBQ at the West Kirk

A date for your diary – Sunday 23 August. We will be organising a family treasure hunt by car followed by a BBQ in the grounds of the church. Watch out for details nearer the time. Members from both churches are welcome to participate plus invite your friends and neighbours.



Diamond Wedding Anniversary



Congratulations to Henry and Margaret McCombe who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary by renewing their wedding vows at a service held in Stewart Court on 1 June 2009.

Pastoral Care Group

Please let me know of anyone who is ill or in hospital or who would like a visit – my telephone number is 01506 871693. Alternatively, contact your church elder or the minister. Anyone who would like a lift to any church function, please let us know.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 11 August

Visit to Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum leaving West Calder station at 10 am (children travel free).



Sunday 23 August

Car Treasure Hunt - meet at the church at 2 pm (with car). If you do not have transport but would like to take part please let us know. This will be followed by a BBQ in the church grounds.

Sunday 13 September

Trip to the Binns (Tam Dalyell's house) near Linlithgow, by car.



Bill Russell

“Effie’s Concert”

May I thank all of you who attended the annual memorial concert, which was very well received. As a result £750 was raised, which has been given to the West Kirk and charities including Visibility Scotland and Cancer Research. Next year’s concert will be held on Saturday 13 March 2010.

Bill Russell

Contributions for the next edition ...



Many thanks to those who have contributed to this edition. Contributions are always welcome and gratefully received. This is your magazine!

The next edition of *The Link* will be at the beginning of September. Contributions can be **submitted at any time**; however the latest submission date for Issue 34 is Sunday 16 August.

Paws... for thought



Get up every day and try a little harder than the day before.

Emeril Lagasse

Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news.
The good news is that you don't know how great you can be!

How much you can love!
What you can accomplish!
And what your potential is!



Anne Frank