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**MORNING SERVICES**

Morning worship takes place every Sunday in Canonbie at 11.30am. On the third Sunday of each month the service is a more informal Family Service. Services will be held in the Parish Church until 4<sup>th</sup> November and from the 11<sup>th</sup> November they will be held in the United Free Church.

**EVENING SERVICES**

Evening worship is held every Sunday in Newcastleton Church at 6pm. The minister is currently preaching a series of sermons on Psalms.

**BIBLE STUDIES**

Regular Bible studies are held at Mozie Law, the home of Charlie and Ruth Foster, every Monday evening at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Tel. 71583 or 71392 for further details.

The Minister will be leading a series of four Bible studies during September on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm beginning 12<sup>th</sup> September in the Vestry at Canonbie Church. This time we will be looking at **'The Shape of the Church'** exploring something of church history, differences between denominations and where things might be going in the future. All are welcome.

**Special Services**

**Communion Sunday – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in Canonbie Church on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at **11.30am**. You are warmly invited.  
Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of Me."

**Harvest Thanksgiving – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

Morning Service at **11.30am** in Canonbie Parish Church  
Gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables may be brought to decorate the Church from 12noon on Saturday or before the service on Sunday morning.  
After the service the gifts will be available for sale, all proceeds going to Christian Aid for the benefit of the suffering and hungry in the developing world.

United Evening Service in Newcastleton Church at **6.00pm** - Harvest Praise

**Final Services in the Parish Church – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

Morning Service at **11.30am** in Canonbie Parish Church  
United Evening Service at **6.00pm** in Canonbie Parish Church

**Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 10.50am  
Remembrance Service at **11.30am** at Canonbie United Free Church

# Canonbie United Parish Church

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## Autumn Newsletter 2007

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### FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

I'm not quite sure where to start this letter, because there are so many topics to address. Let me begin with an apology for the fact that there was no Newsletter in June – that is entirely due to the fact that I was swamped by so many things to catch up with after my trip to Moldova at the beginning of May that there was no time to put the last issue together. (Interestingly, however, although the newsletter is (in part at least) an invitation to share in the Lord's Supper, the *absence* of such an invitation last time actually resulted in a larger than average congregation at the June Communion! I'm not quite sure what conclusions we should draw from that!!) I hope that you will enjoy reading my Moldova diary and get a flavour of what was a memorable experience for me. As you will see later in the Newsletter, I plan to give an illustrated presentation about my visit in October, and in November we are to have a visit from the Rev. Peter Law, Vice-President of Crossover, the mission organisation that facilitated my trip. Perhaps the way will open up for others from the congregation to undertake a mission trip or to host visitors from Moldova at some point in the future.

Secondly, let me draw attention to the article about the Building Development which will soon be starting. There are big changes afoot for us as a congregation, not only in the short-term when there will be some upheaval in arrangements for worship over the next year, but in the longer term as we look at maximising the opportunities that our redeveloped building will give us in our life as a congregation and in our involvement in meeting the needs of the wider community. Enclosed with this edition of the Newsletter is a questionnaire which you are invited to return. Even if you feel that some of the questions do not apply to you, we would be very grateful for your answers to those that do. You may return the questionnaire anonymously if you wish, but please do return it – it will help us to ensure that everyone's comments are taken into consideration, and it may help us to secure funding for certain aspects of the work if we can demonstrate that there is widespread support from the congregation.

Finally, because of funding that is being made available by the Church of Scotland, and thanks to a visionary approach agreed by the Presbytery of Annandale and Eskdale, we will very soon have the support of a number of full-time workers appointed by the Presbytery. Ruth Harvey & Pauline

## Traidcraft

### Traidcraft Survey Feedback

Many thanks to all who completed the survey that asked what you would like to see stocked on the Traidcraft Stall. The ten most wanted items were (in order of popularity) biscuits, tea, coffee, honey, healthy fruit snack packs, chocolate bars, cocoa, dried fruit, cards and gift wrap. In response to the results many of you will be pleased to know we now have Sweet Justice Fair Trade Honey in stock.

Sonia Chicao and Celia Gonzales are two women beekeepers who sell through Traidcraft's Chilean honey supplier Apicoop. "Apicoop gives us a permanent market for our products and this helps us develop. Before we kept bees we had no jobs and now we have been able to develop ourselves as people and the bees have become a social thing as they are helping the community grow and develop in a harmonious way," say Sonia and Celia.

Best buy at the moment is probably the FairBreak Wafer Biscuits which work out at 10p each - a great mid-morning snack that also supports sugar farmers in Malawi and cocoa farmers in Africa and Latin America.

**Kirsteen Davies**

## Malawi Container Project 2007

Well done, everyone who contributed items for the aid container earlier in the summer. Some 40 boxes were collected in Canonbie and delivered to the warehouse in Annan. Together with all kinds of donations from churches and schools all across the Presbytery, the container was filled, and arrangements have been made with the Raven Trust, based in Argyll, who have expertise in organising transport to Malawi. We look forward to hearing in due course of the arrival of the container in Africa and of the good use to which everything will be put there.

## The Shape of the Church

A short series of Studies in the Session Room at 7.30pm on Wednesdays:

12<sup>th</sup> Sept – From Old Testament roots to world-wide organisation.

19<sup>th</sup> Sept – The Church in Scotland – a chequered history.

26<sup>th</sup> Sept – Christian denominations today – different beliefs and practices.

3<sup>rd</sup> Oct – The 21<sup>st</sup> Century – what is the Spirit saying to the Churches?



### **Building Development - Financial Statement**

The state of the Building Development Fund is as follows:

Funds already in hand .....	£345,356
Funds pledged (including grant awards) .....	£117,778
Funds estimated (bank interest & future fundraising) .....	£ 16,500
TOTAL to date .....	<u>£479,634</u>

The budgeted cost for the work is £525,000 leaving a shortfall presently of £45,366. This can be covered if necessary by a loan of £35,000 which has been offered by the Church of Scotland General Trustees and by reserve funds held by the congregation. Obviously we do not want to go down that road which is why we are currently continuing to search for other sources of funding. Thanks to all who are still faithfully giving the sums they pledged on the Gift Day in April 2006 – a further £13,778 (included in the 'Funds Pledged' above) remains to come in by this means.

### **Sunday School Report 2006-2007**

(This report was originally prepared for the Annual Meeting in March )

There are up to 21 children in our Sunday School. During last session we have used "Come Learn" books, adding ones for the younger group as well as the older children. We have covered Old Testament stories about Jeremiah and Daniel; stories of the apostle Paul from the Book of Acts; and stories of Jesus, especially the Easter story. During the year we have learned several new praise songs, singing some of them at various praise events as well as at the Holiday Club. The children received books at prize giving at the summer holidays and an outing to Bitts Park which the children enjoyed despite (or because of!!!) the very wet conditions that day. They participated in a "talents evening" in September and all their parents and friends were rightly proud of them. With Bret in charge we had a Holiday Club last August. There were up to 34 children over the 5 days. The theme was 'Sherlock Holmes' and the children had a wonderful time. They had crafts, games, water games, snacks, praise songs and stories from the Bible. They attended church on the Sunday followed by a great barbecue. This was very successful. The children helped their parents with the collection of coins to church and the sight of them holding the buckets was an added encouragement to donate. The children enjoyed games, good food and fun at the children's club on the Church Weekend Away at Blaithwaite in October. The nativity this year was simply called 'The Nativity' with most of the children multi-tasking as various characters in the story.

**Margaret Bouhitem**

Steenbergen have been jointly appointed as Congregational Development Facilitator to work with Kirk Sessions in identifying ways in which congregations can make a difference in their communities and to provide training for church members as they seek to use their personal gifts in the service of Christ. Helen Jones and Richard Morrison have been appointed as Youth Workers to work in schools and to help congregations in developing youth and children's ministry in their own parishes. Helen will be working in the Lockerbie and Moffat areas while Richard will be based in the Annan and Langholm area. They will all be meeting with the Kirk Session and will also be introduced in due course at a Sunday morning service.

These are exciting times and I hope that you are as enthusiastic as I am about what God is doing amongst us and through us in these days. If there is anything in the Newsletter about which you would like further information and especially if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. And, as ever, if I can give pastoral support at any time to you or someone you are concerned about, please let me know.

Your minister, **Alan D Reid**

### **PARISH REGISTER**

#### **MARRIAGES**

**Sarah Evans** and **Nicolas Martin** were married at Canonbie Church on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

**Louise Rae** and **Graham Smith** were married at Canonbie Church on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

"Those whom God has joined together, man must not separate."

#### **FUNERALS**

**Tommy Dinwoodie**, 4 Forgeholm, Canonbie, at Canonbie Church on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

**Doreen McRobert**, 21 Forgeholm, Canonbie, at Canonbie Church on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**George Fairish**, 12 Powdrake Crescent, Longtown, at Canonbie Church on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

**Alexander (Bing) Crosbie**, 33 Gullielands Place, Eastriggs, at Canonbie Church on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

"God comforts us in all our troubles."

# Events

Soup Kitchens The much-acclaimed and thoroughly enjoyable Soup Kitchens will soon be back again. All proceeds will go to the Development Fund. If you can contribute soup or puddings or even ingredients, or if you would like to help setting up tables or serving on the day, please have a word with Sarah Smith (Tel.71274) or Helen Irving (Tel.71470). Otherwise, put the following dates in your diary and come along to Canonbie Public Hall between 11.30am and 1.30pm for good food and good company. **Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> Oct, 24<sup>th</sup> Nov, 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.** Last year's soup kitchens raised the tremendous sum of £1733.18. Let's see if we can better that this year!

Craft Fair The annual Craft Fair will be held in Canonbie Public Hall on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 10am-4pm and on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 12 noon to 4pm. Teas will be available during the course of the weekend and soup and puddings on Sunday lunchtime. If you are able to contribute baking or preserves for the church stalls, please contact Elizabeth Dinwoodie, Sarah Smith or Pat Young.

## Committee Meetings

The Building Development **Finance Committee** will meet in the Session House at 1.30pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

Elders are reminded that the **Kirk Session** will meet on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in the Session Room.

The **Building Development Committee** will meet in the Session House on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

The **Congregational Board** will meet in the Session House at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

## An Introduction to Moldova

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Church, Alan Reid will be giving an illustrated talk about his recent visit to the East European republic of Moldova. As well as giving an insight into life in this strategically important country, he will be opening the door to possible links between ourselves and the growing churches there.

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November, we will have as our guest at the morning service the Rev. Peter Law who is Vice-President of Crossover, an international Christian mission which makes it possible for ordinary church members to become involved in extra-ordinary work, supporting the work of churches in different parts of the world.

## Church Building Development Update



Things have moved on quickly since the last update in the March Newsletter. By the time this edition of the Newsletter reaches you, the Building Development Committee will be considering the final details of the plans in order for the tendering process to begin in mid-September. Thereafter, the timescale is expected to be as follows:

- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November – our last Sunday in the Parish Church building
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November – removal of all movable objects from the Church
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Contractor takes possession of the building and begins work.

From Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November onwards, our Sunday morning services will be held in the United Free Church building. After lengthy negotiations with the Buccleuch Estate who own the ground on which the Free Church sits, it has been agreed that the Church will gift the building to the Estate and the Buccleuch Charitable Trust will make a donation of £50,000 to the Development Fund. It has been agreed by the Kirk Session of the United Free Church that £5,000 of that gift will be given to the United Free Church of Scotland in recognition of the support given to the congregation by the denomination over many years.

The Buccleuch Estate is seeking planning permission to develop the building for housing and this process together with the marketing of the property will begin immediately. If the building should be sold on during the time the Church is using it for services, the Estate will be entitled to give us one month's notice to vacate the property and we will revert to our alternative plan which was to hold services in public halls around the parish until such time as the Parish Church is ready for us to occupy again. We therefore cannot say precisely how long we will be using the Free Church for our Sunday services.

The stained glass window in the United Free Church is to be removed and a suitable place found for it within the redeveloped Parish Church building. The possibility of finding a place for the UF Church bell is also being explored.

The work in the Parish Church is scheduled to be completed in August 2008. It should be noted that access round the church will be restricted during the course of the building work for safety and security reasons. There will, however, be full access to the cemetery.