



# NetWork

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## **NetWork**

The next issue will be at the beginning of October; contributions by 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011 please. Contributions can be sent by email to [andrewmorris53@o2.co.uk](mailto:andrewmorris53@o2.co.uk) as well as on disk, in print or handwritten.

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## **RECTORS LETTER**

Dear Friends,

As many of you know Robert and I are looking forward to a two month sabbatical starting at the beginning of September; an opportunity to visit the wider Church in a diversity of settings. We start off in Moscow but, with only two days there, it will be a matter of visiting the cathedrals in the Kremlin but not really connecting with the people of the Church. Still, it will be interesting to get some flavour of a Church that refused to be crushed by the ferocity of Bolshevik and then Stalinist persecution. We travel on by train to Beijing via Mongolia and hope to have contact with the growing Church in that city during our five day stay. Language may well be a difficulty in communication but the music of praise is the same in all languages. Flying on to Hong Kong we will meet again with the Revd Bill Robertson who was a ministry student on placement with us in the ABI Group. He now serves as chaplain to the Bishop's School in Hong Kong. I will be interested to hear about the place of an Anglican school in Hong Kong society, having recently visited the St James School in Kolkata. Onward then to Melbourne and hostel accommodation beside the Anglican Cathedral there and a chance to look at the diversity of Anglicanism in the Commonwealth of Australia.

Our main destination is New Zealand and I have to admit that the Rugby World Cup extravaganza comes into it, though we could only afford tickets to one match. However, we will be making contact with our church friends in Wellington and Southland; Anglican in the first, Presbyterian and Anglican in the second. I spent two years in New Zealand in my early twenties so it always has a feeling of coming home about it. Twelve years ago I was in Canterbury and Southland looking at local collaborative ministry and I learned much that helped in the setting up of the ABI Group of Churches. I also experienced the healing ministry in the Cathedral at Dunedin, a form of ministry and service sensitive to Anglican order and, let's admit it, reserve. This too became part of our ABI churches ministry.

I hope to have much to share when I return in November and meanwhile I leave you in the safe hands of the Revd Maureen Stirzaker supported by the Revd Jean Cook. I am grateful to them both.

Yours in Christ  
Val Nellist

## **Mothers' Union**

(an excerpt from a report by Margaret Beringer)

The Mothers' Union had a very successful General Meeting in Edinburgh on June 9<sup>th</sup> this year. The meeting took place in the Usher Hall and we were all very excited, as the Bailey Review, 'Letting Children be Children' had just been published. The Government had asked Reg Bailey, chief executive of Mothers' Union, to carry out this independent review as the first step in fulfilling the commitment the government made to take action to protect children from excessive commercialisation and premature sexualisation.

Reg talked to us about it during the meeting and it was interesting to hear first-hand all about his work carrying out the review. As he said, we all know that it is natural for parents to want the best for their children. It is just natural for them to want to do what they can to protect their children from the potential risks to their health, happiness and safety. Among the concerns that parents have is that their children are under the twin pressures to grow up too quickly and to become consumers or sexualised adults earlier than is appropriate. These pressures on children today are greater than they were for previous generations. They reach children through all forms of popular culture, including television, film, magazines, newspapers, music and the internet. He has built on the important work of other reviewers in this area and one such notable person, Professor Tanya Byron (of 'Little Angels' and 'The House of Tiny Tearaways' fame), had given us a highly entertaining presentation earlier in the day.

In the course of his review Reg met representatives from retailing, advertising, marketing, broadcasting and internet service providers, their trade associations and their regulators. He also met experts in child protection, parenting champions and a range of academic and other experts in this field. The voices of parents and children came through strongly in the themes identified in his report.

In making his recommendations, Reg is seeking ways to make businesses and regulators more responsive to the views of parents and to give parents more direct influence on how the decisions affecting children are made.

Reg recommends in his review that the Government take stock of progress in 18 months' time and consider what further measures may need to be taken to achieve the recommended outcomes. The day before he arrived in Edinburgh, Reg had been meeting with the Prime Minister, who had been impressed with the review and had felt the 18 months was too long to wait, so he was keen to come back to these issues in October, in just 4 months' time.

Reg also paid tribute to his colleagues at Mothers' Union and the 'Buy Bye Childhood' campaign launched by MU last autumn, which prompted his being asked to undertake the government independent review. Mothers' Union wishes to see the end of childhood being treated as a marketing opportunity and children being targeted with or exposed to the 'sex sells' approach. Mothers' Union welcomes the recommendations made in the review, especially the 'common sense' approach adopted and we will continue to campaign to ensure that the Government takes steps to carry out the recommendations.

For further information log onto [www.themothersunion.org](http://www.themothersunion.org).

Anyone interested in becoming a member of MU, please speak to me.

Marjorie Smith



# CALENDAR



<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August Pentecost 8</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August Pentecost 9</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>
<b>Sunday 21<sup>th</sup> August Pentecost 10</b>	<b>Joint service with Bishop David to launch the ABI Group Mission Plan (No service at St Peter's)</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>St Serf's Burntisland</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	ABI Study Group	7.30pm	Roods Square
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August Pentecost 11</b>	<b>Eucharist &amp; Baptism</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September Pentecost 12</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September Pentecost 13</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September Pentecost 14</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September Pentecost 15</b>	<b>Harvest Thanksgiving &amp; Lunch</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>
	ABI Festival Evensong & Supper	6pm	St Peter's
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Silent Auction	7pm	St Serf's Hall Burntisland
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	St Columba's Coffee Morning	10am	St Fillan's Hall Aberdour
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Area Council Service	11am	Holy Trinity Dunfermline
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October Pentecost 16</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>

Please note that from Sunday 28th August the Sunday Eucharist will begin at 11.15am; on Remembrance Sunday 13th November we revert to the normal time 11am.

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## Readings and Readers for August & September 2011

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Reader</b>
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> August Pentecost 8	Genesis 37.1-4,12-28 Romans 10.5-15 Matthew 14.22-33	Andrew Andrew Marjorie
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> August Pentecost 9	Genesis 45.1-15 Romans 11.1-2a,29-32 Matthew 15:21-28	Pat & Philip
Sunday 21 <sup>th</sup> August Pentecost 10	No Service at St Peter's	
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> August Pentecost 11	Baptism Romans 12.9-21 Matthew 16.21-28	Mildred Bob
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> September Pentecost 12	Exodus 12.1-14 Romans 13.8-14 Matthew 18.15-20	Jan Jan Marjorie
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> September Pentecost 13	Exodus 14.19-31 Romans 14.1-12 Matthew 18.21-35	Fiona Fiona Sue
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> September Pentecost 14	Exodus 16.2-15 Philippians 1.21-30 Matthew 20:1-16	Andrew Andrew Pat
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> September Pentecost 15 (Harvest)	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 2 Corinthians 9.6-15 Luke 17.11-19	Dorothy Jim Sue
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October Pentecost 16	Exodus 20.1-4,7-9,12-20 Philippians 3.4b-14 Matthew 21.33-46	David David Marjorie
<b>Readers of the Epistle, please collect the offertory Andrew Morris Tel: 01383 734726</b>		

## CHORAL EVENSONG FOR ST. PETER'S EVE

On Tuesday 28 June, we celebrated the Festival of our patron saint with a service of Choral Evensong. The congregation was joined by the ABI Singers choir who really enhanced the worship with their superb singing.

The choir began with the Introit "Laudate Dominum" by Pitoni. They also sang Psalm 122 to a chant by Turle, "Magnificat" and "NuncDimittis" to a setting by Gibbons and the anthem "Tu es Petrus" by Palestrina. The latter was a new piece for the choir and I had been told earlier by a choir member that as it has several parts, it was very difficult to learn and that I wasn't to expect too much.

Well, she had no need to be worried about it as the singing was marvellous! And that's not just my opinion as once the service had ended, Maureen asked the congregation to give the choir a well-deserved round of applause!

We were pleased Tembu Rongon, his wife Helen and their family, Jadon and 10 months old twin boys. Tembu sang with the choir and there was no shortage of hands to help look after the twins who are at the "crawling and into everything" stage.

Following the service, there was a "bring and share supper" and as usual, the table was groaning with food!

Pat Street



### MISSION PLANNING LAUNCH

**The Bishop will launch our Casting the Net, Mission Action Plan on Sunday 21st. August 2011 at St. Serf's Church, Burntisland at 10a.m. St. Peter's and St. Columba's will not have services that day.**

**Brunch will follow the service at the Sands Hotel, Burntisland. 11.30am for 11.45am. £6.50.**



## **Christian Aid Scotland responding to East Africa crisis**

Christian Aid Scotland has been working together with other agencies through the Disasters humanitarian assistance after the worst drought in East Africa for more than 60 years.

Kathy Galloway, Head of Christian Aid Scotland, has been leading the DEC appeal in Scotland, which was launched on 8th July in Glasgow. Television interviews, newspaper coverage, and support from public figures such as Barbara Rafferty, Nick Nairn and Shareen Nanjiani have all helped raise awareness of the severe difficulties faced by thousands of families across the region. In Scotland the DEC has now raised over £3 million in just over three weeks. Christian Aid is working through partners in Ethiopia, Sudan and Kenya to provide life-saving measures such as emergency tanks of water, construction of additional water points, food for families not yet reached, extra nutrition for malnourished children and pregnant women, animal feed to protect livestock, and help to make communities more resilient to future crises. Thank you to all who have helped make a difference through this appeal.

## **Autumn events for churches across Scotland**

This autumn we've got a lot happening across the churches and we hope that you will be interested in taking up an opportunity near you.

This year's Harvest theme is centred around our work in Bangladesh, where climate change has had a devastating impact on the land, and families struggle to grow crops to feed their family, let alone sell. One of our partners from Bangladesh will be visiting us during this time, so we'll be bringing him on our next roadshow tour to explain more about our overseas work to supporters across Scotland. This time we'll be stopping off at Shawlands, Lochgilphead, Kilmarnock, Cupar and Fraserburgh. You can find out more on our local events page, and you can also download Harvest resources. In other events, we recently held a contextual Bible study in Glasgow and we would be happy to help you set up similar bible studies on justice issues. Please see the events page for more details.

## **Christian Aid Week 2011 – Thanks to all who raised funds**

Thank you once again to everyone who took part in Christian Aid Week this May. We are delighted that so many of you got involved in door to door collecting and organising events, and it has been great to find out how well you did. We're still busy totting up the total of how much was raised, so if you took part in any fundraising individually, or through your church or committee, then please make sure you send back your cash and forms to your local office as soon as possible.