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PORTOBELLO BAPTIST CHURCH

Messenger

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A PASTOR'S THOUGHT

Like many others I sometimes wish that I had been around during the heady days of the early church, although as a bit of a traditionalist I would probably have had to have an open mind and heart towards all that was going on around me!!!! We tend to associate those early days as days of anointing, blessing, miracles, and real effectiveness as far as the advancement of the Gospel is concerned. Those early believers seemed to be aware of the power, presence and dynamic of the Holy Spirit.

However, one of the great things about those early accounts of the Church's ministry is surely that it tells it as it was, warts and all. There is no doubt that the Early Church also had its fair share of factions, of fights. They were just as divided, as we certainly are, over personalities and at times they had to deal with various forms of false teaching and an over emphasis of certain doctrines over against others. Like us they struggled too, working out what Christian discipleship should look like in a multi cultural society. Some of their leaders could have been described as nothing short of bullies.

Just like ourselves, just like so many of the Old Testament saints as well, they were flawed human beings. But they certainly worked together, seeking ways of overcoming what differences they had.

As we look forward with anticipation and hope and excitement to the beginning of a new ministry within our church may we also work together with determination, seeking unity and the glory of God in all we do.

As you know, I have known and worked with the Rev. Andy Scarcliffe for the past decade. I have always found him, above everything else, to be a true man of God, with a passion for mission and a real heart for people. I am sure that we will find both Andy and Moira very easy to get alongside, very approachable and sensitive to our needs. His, I am sure will be a ministry which will challenge us, but it will also encourage us and build us up in our faith. We are looking forward to sharing, with you, in this new work of God in Portobello.

Rev Robert Gemmell

PULPIT SUPPLY

May	1st	11.00 a.m.	Rev Robert Gemmell
		06.30 p.m.	do
	8th	11.00 a.m.	Rev Robert Gemmell
		06.30 p.m.	do
	15th	11.00 a.m.	Rev Robert Gemmell
		06.30 p.m.	do
	22nd	11.00 a.m.	Rev Robert Gemmell
		06.30 p.m.	do
	29th	11.00 a.m.	Rev Robert Gemmell
		06.30 p.m.	do

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 10.30 a.m. Weekly Hour of Prayer
(all are welcome to stay for all or part of this time)

Wed 07.30 p.m. Midweek Prayer & Bible Study

May 25th Wed 07.30 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting

THE CHURCH FAMILY

We give God thanks for the care of His people, and ask His continued blessing and care for the coming days and weeks.

(Ewan Sinclair)



GOLDEN WEDDING THANK YOU

We would like to say a sincere thank you to the Church friends for the good wishes, cards and flowers we received for our Golden Wedding celebration.

It was good to be able to share this with our family and so many friends.



God's faithfulness we've known throughout the years.
His oneness with us our joys and tears.
So many times the Lord has helped us through.
Has answered prayer and given strength anew.

(Jean & Cyril Gee)

GREAT QUOTES with Kirk



The history of that human ignorance which calls itself 'philosophy' is absolutely identical with the history of fools ... If [one] were to arise and write the history of folly, he would have to give several chapters to philosophy ..., and those chapters would be more telling than any others.
~ Charles Spurgeon

The word "philosophy" comes from words meaning "love of wisdom." While the Bible instructs us to love wisdom and gain understanding, too many people get caught up in what the Scriptures call "worldly wisdom." True wisdom and worldly wisdom are not the same thing. The Bible says the wisdom of the world (void of God) is foolishness and that "no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived" the things God has in store for those who love Him. Without the Spirit of God, man cannot know any real wisdom, and his best efforts to explain the meaning of life are futile and foolish. If I have a true "love of wisdom," I must seek the source of Truth and Knowledge and meditate on His Word day and night. Then I will be like a tree planted by streams of water, whose leaf does not wither, and that produces fruit in its season.



~ Kirk

SCOTTISH BAPTIST PRAYER LINK

May	01st	Sheddocksley & Shettleston
	08th	Shotts & South Leith
	15th	Southside C. F. & Springburn
	22nd	St. Andrews & St. Mary's Comm. Church
	29th	St. Ninian's Comm. Church & Stenhouse Gorgie