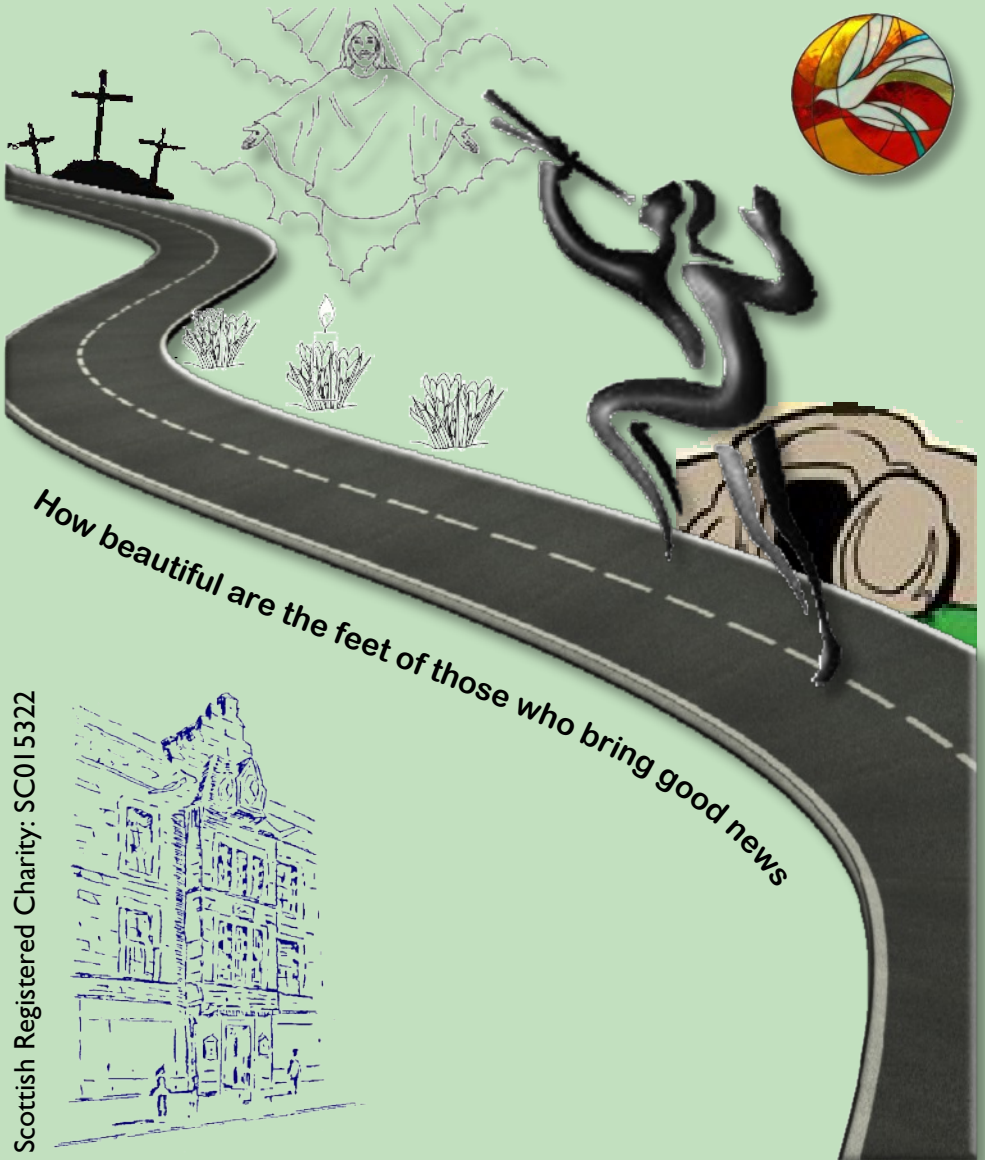


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# MESSENGER

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*How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news*

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## 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	9th	Wed	06.30 p.m.	Special Church Meeting
	13th	Sun	06.30 p.m.	Christian Aid Dedication Service
	30th	Wed	06.30 p.m.	Quarterly Church Meeting
June	5th	Tues	08.00 p.m.	Management Meeting

## FUTURE SERMON PLAN

May	06th	John 20:1-18	– “Dealing with discouragement”
	13th	Lyrics of Life	
	20th	Ascension Sunday	
	27th	Pentecost	
June	03rd	Mt. 05: 01-16	– “Don’t hide your happiness”
	10th	Mt. 05: 17-26	– “The cure for conflict”
	17th	Mt. 05: 27-30	– “How to defeat sin’s stronghold”
	24th	Mt. 05: 31-37	– “Who do you answer to?”

## SCOTTISH BAPTIST PRAYER LINK

May	06th	Rev G. Bell (Chaplain) & Rev N. Blair (Chaplain) (Glenochil Prison & Merchiston Castle School)
	13th	Granton & Grantown on Spey
	20th	Greenock & Hamilton
	27th	Harestanes & Hawick

May 2012

A PASTOR'S THOUGHT

*"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland"*

*Isa 43:19 NIV*

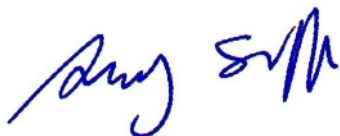
Dear Friends,

Openness is essentially the willingness to grow, a distaste for ruts, eagerly standing on tiptoe for a better view of what tomorrow brings. A man once bought a new radio, brought it home, placed it on the refrigerator, plugged it in, turned it to W.M.S. in Nashville (home of the Grand Ol' Opry), and then pulled all the knobs off! He had already tuned in all he ever wanted or expected to hear. Some marriages are "rutted" and rather dreary because either or both partners have yielded to the tyranny of the inevitable: "What has been will still be." Stay open to newness.

Of course this applies to church as well. There have been lots of changes in the past year. A new pastor, new people coming to church, the possibility of new members on the management team, learning new songs, learning new ways of worship and community. From a distance, positive change seems welcome. However sometimes when it happens, we realise how "rutted" we really are. That's when we have to ask, "What do I really desire? Is it God's glory, or is it a place of unchanging comfort?"

This is a challenge to us all. This month we have the great news that, assuming all goes well, Moira and I will move to Portobello within a few weeks. Yet more change! Let us all hang on to the fact that it is, as Isaiah says, "God's new thing".

Your pastor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andy Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andy" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Smith".



the globe. There was good representation from Angola and Scotland as well as further afield. My dad, brothers and nephew all wore kilts so that was quite a spectacle for folks (see below) and it was a blessed day. Below are some photo's for you. After a relaxing honeymoon we are now settling into the flat and life in Ndola. One of the biggest differences I notice here is that people don't play music much so it is very quiet out and people tend to live more indoors than they did in Angola. There are the same blue and white taxis though. There are also a lot more children with no one to look after them in Zambia, due to HIV AIDs. I hope to start helping at an Adoption Centre for children when a volunteer visa is organised. Sitongua starts back at classes on 7th May, so it's been good having him show me around so I know

MISSIONARY  
WEDDING BELLS



Thanks for the prayers. All is well here. We had a lovely wedding with friends from across



where to go when he is in classes.  
Thanks for your continued prayers.

*Lynne*



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<https://www.tickets.usherhall.co.uk/public/hall.asp>

### DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING!

(James Smith, "Daily Food for the Lord's Flock!" 1848)

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God!" Philippians 4:6

Prayer is . . .

always seasonable,  
always necessary,  
and always profitable!

We should do with our cares as we do with our sins – carry them to Jesus, and cast them on Him.

In every place the throne of grace is near – at all times God is accessible to us. Every trouble furnishes us with a message to Him!

"Cast all your care upon Him, for He ever cares for you!" 1 Peter 5:7

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### KEITH & KRISTYN GETTY LIVE IN CONCERT

Saturday, 09 June 2012 - 7:30 PM

Keith and Kristyn Getty are recording artists and hymn writers originally from Belfast, now based in the United States. For more than a decade, the Gettys have remained at the forefront of the modern hymn movement. Keith has co-written hymns such as In Christ Alone, The Power of the Cross and By Faith. Their hymns continue to be sung around the world, crossing multiple musical genres. The Scottish leg of their tour features



## GREAT QUOTES with Kirk

"Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words."

~ Robert Frost

"This quote is very insightful. How wonderful it is when someone can put words to thoughts that perfectly express an emotion or idea. Have you ever heard a song that perfectly expresses your heartfelt wishes? In a sense, then, Jesus is a living poem, in that God the Father so loved the world that He planned before time began to rescue and redeem His creation, and gave His Son (the living Word) to express His great love and accomplish this monumental task. Here is a beautiful poem written by a friend of mine about the "living poem," Jesus.



~ Kirk Cameron

### Majesty

Majesty beyond all telling,  
Glory dwarfing ev'ry light;  
God Almighty, all-compelling,  
Only perfect, only right.

Worshipful we come before Thee,  
Trembling, as the creature must!  
With Thine angels we adore Thee  
With our faces in the dust!

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## AND FINALLY ...

Back before the invention of the doorbell, "Knock-knock jokes" were all the rage. Legend has it that a door-to-

door Bible salesman named Isaiah Crabtree was responsible for accidentally creating the first knock-knock joke in 1876 on the front porch of Mrs Delores Winkerscheim. After knocking twice on her door, the conversation went something like this:

*Mrs. Winkerscheim* (from behind the door): "Who's there?"

*Mr. Crabtree*: "Isaiah."

*Mrs. Winkerscheim*: "Isaiah who?"

*Mr. Crabtree*: "Isaiah nothing until you open the door, ma'am."

Charmed by his clever response, Mrs. Winkerscheim opened the door and, after hearing his sales pitch, she purchased a deluxe King James Bible with black calfskin leather and gold page edging. The Bible served Mrs. Winkerscheim well for over 40 years and became the inspiration behind the famous knock-knock joke that Delores herself wrote before she died in 1920:

Knock-knock.

Who's there?

Delores.

Delores who?

Delores my shepherd, I shall not want.

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