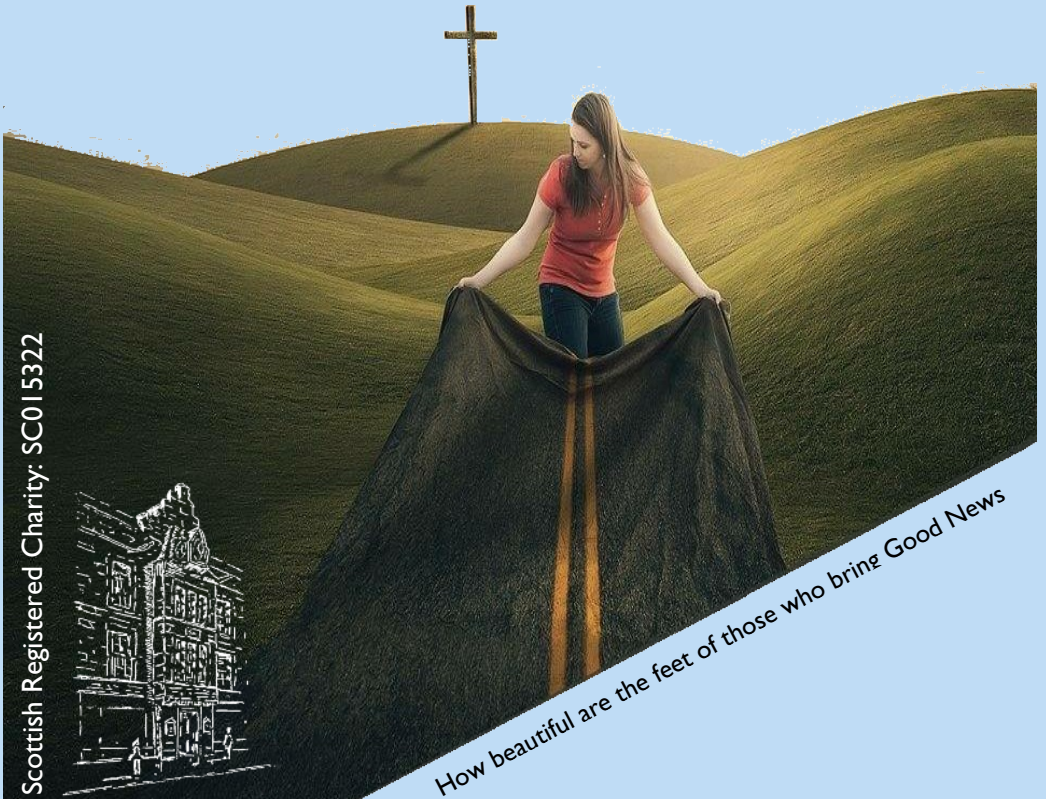


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LET EVERYTHING THAT YOU DO,
LEAD OTHERS TO THE CROSS.



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How beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News

NEWS • TEACHING • ENCOURAGEMENT • LETTERS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

		Tues	10.30 a.m.	Weekly Hour of Prayer [drop-in for all or part of the time]
		Wed	7.30 p.m.	Midweek Prayer & Bible Study
October	19th	Sun	1.30 p.m.	Management Meeting
	26th	Sun	7.00 p.m.	Reflective Space
November	27th	Thurs	7.30 p.m.	Quarterly Church Meeting
	30th	Sun	1.30 p.m.	Church 117th Anniversary

FUTURE SERMON PLAN

October	5th – Psalm 51 “Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall”
	12th – “This is the house that Jack built”
	19th – “Last words to Philippi”
	26th – John 13 “Wash feet”
November	2nd – John 14 “Believe the impossible!”
	9th – John 15 “Stay connected”
	16th – John 16 “Receive power”
	23rd – Luke 12:13-21 “But I wasn't ready to die!”
	30th – CHURCH ANNIVERSARY (Rev Dr George Mitchell)

SCOTTISH BAPTIST PRAYER LINK

October	5th	Mull; Nairn
	12th	EBF: Rev Tony Peck; Newburgh; Newton Mearns
	19th	Oban; Partick; Peebles
	26th	Perth; Pitlochry

SEPTEMBER OFFERING

£220.00 – September Cafe Day
for Samaritan's Purse (Ebola)



7th	£601.00	21st	£705.00
14th	£876.00	28th	£712.00

Building Fund total, so far :- £16,386.75

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

*"Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," He said.
Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."
(Mark Ch 10 v 21)*

Historian Simon Schama describes one of the most ecologically-friendly movements of the twentieth century. It initiated some of the first recycling programs, taught people how to garden for themselves, and intentionally took youth into the wilderness to experience the power of Creation. That movement was the Third Reich. From 1933-1935 Hitler enacted the first significant environmental legislation in modern history. Schama writes, "It is of course painful to acknowledge how ecologically conscientious the most barbaric regime in modern history actually was. Exterminating millions of lives was not at all incompatible with passionate protection of millions of trees."

When Jesus spoke to the rich young man, He wasn't satisfied with "almost" obedience. He wanted his whole life to be focussed on following Him. When Jesus calls us to follow Him, He does not call us to follow him in *some* areas of our life. Jesus asks for our entire lives. He asks for full obedience, not just "selective obedience."



But that's exciting. As D. L. Moody said, *"The world has yet to see what God will do with and for and through and in and by the woman or man who is fully consecrated to Him."*

Dare you show the world what that looks like?

Your Pastor



THE CHURCH FAMILY

We continue to remember, in prayer, all those who have been so faithful in the service of the Church and are no longer able to worship with us:

PRAYING FOR THE FLOCK

(1 Thess. 5:17; Acts 6.4)



Each month this new section will include a cluster of names taken from the Church Directory so that we can uphold them particularly in prayer over this month.

(Eph 6:18) "praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints"

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FLOWER CALENDER

If you would like to add your name to any blank space then please see either Allistair or Ewan

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FLYING WITH A FALLEN SOLDIER

(by Jennifer Rothschild)

The 90-minute flight ended as the plane landed and the pilot's voice rang through the speaker above our heads.



"Welcome to Springfield. We have some very special passengers on this flight. We have been privileged to carry a fallen soldier to his final rest. His family is with us and, out of respect and gratefulness, please remain seated as they make their way off the aircraft first. We thank them for their sacrifice."

Hush fell upon us. The passengers were silent except for the sniffing and soft weeping heard in almost every row.

A group of people rose and made their way down the aisle; two middle-aged adults, probably the soldier's parents and a young woman, possibly his wife, and a little boy, doubtlessly the soldier's son. As they walked, I could feel the rise of emotion on the plane.

It was profound to think that what seemed to be an ordinary flight for me, just one of many, was really a privileged encounter I was unaware of. The passengers on my flight that day were party to a sacred experience ... we didn't even know it until it was over.

The sacred laid among us and we almost missed it.

How often is that true of me?

C.S. Lewis says in "The Weight of Glory" that there are no ordinary people. That you, a person of Christ, have never encountered a mere mortal. In context of Lewis' message, he observed that each of us bear the likeness and reflect the glory of the Creator.

In each encounter, there is a sacredness that carries the weight of glory. Next to Christ Himself, our brothers and sisters in the faith are the holiest things around us.

Have you noticed?

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Have you seen the sacred in the secretary, the school bus driver or the second grade girl who rides her bike down your street? Have you observed God's glory in a gardener or grocery clerk? There are no ordinary people.

I wonder how different my flight would have been if I knew I was flying with the fallen? I wonder if cramped quarters, stale air and annoying engine roar would

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have escaped my notice if I had tuned into the sacred?

What if you and I really accept the truth that nothing is truly ordinary? There are no moments and no people where God's glory can't be glimpsed.

Maybe that's what Jesus meant when He talked about the hungry and prisoners? Maybe that's what He referred to when He said, "If you have done it to the least of these, you have done it unto Me." The sacred is always with us.

Let's live like it.

That was my sacred moment. Are there any sacred moments you want to share?

(taken from <http://www.jenniferrothschild.com/flying-with-a-fallen-soldier/>)

SACRED SANDWICH STORYTIME

(<http://sacredsandwich.com/>)



The story is told of a man who took a boat to cross a river on a blustery winter day and was soon overcome by the choppy waves. Pitched into the icy water, the man was able to crawl atop the capsized boat, but found himself being taken downstream towards a deadly waterfall that was fifteen minutes away.





Three witnesses on the shore saw the helpless man's plight and devised a plan to race ahead to a bridge that spanned the river and lower a rope for the man to grab as he floated by. They dangled the rope at the perfect moment, well within the reach of the man, but to no avail. The man's hands were frozen and could not grip the lifeline. He passed under the bridge and soon plunged over the steep falls to his death.

Horrified, the failed rescuers realized too late that instead of lowering the rope, they should have lowered a man.

As the late preacher Robert Jennings of Sedalia, Missouri once wrote concerning this tale, "God, in His wisdom and mercy, sent no rope of self-help. He sent His Son to rescue His people from their sins – its

penalty and power. And all credit goes to God and to the Lamb."

"It is all God's salvation. The redeemed admit they were saved. They were rescued. God gets the glory. Man is humbled. Angels and men are on their faces (Revelation 7:11)" – Robert Jennings, 1949-2012.

"I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of Him who sent me." – John 6:38.

"Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them" – Heb. 7:25.

"And they [a great multitude which no one could count] cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb" – Rev. 7:10.

VISITOR RESPONSE

I am a visitor and would like

- Information about the Church
- A visit from the Minister
- Information about becoming a Christian

PLEASE FILL IN YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BELOW
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