

# From the Minister

## *Striving for the one thing*

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I live in a household where songs from musicals are always being sung (not by me, mind you). There is one musical I like above all the others - Les Miserable. I like it because the story is one of redemption and hope. It is set in post-revolutionary France.

Having been unable to get any employment because he is an ex-convict, in desperation Jean Valjean attempts to steal silver from a bishop. When Jean is caught the bishop tells Jean's captors that the silver wasn't stolen but was a gift that he had given to Jean. Jean is blown away by this act of unmerited grace and he spends the rest of his life trying to repay the bishop's kindness by being kind and gracious to others. There is, of course, much more to the story. But I won't spoil it for you!

I wonder how you feel when you receive a gift? Do you feel chuffed? Do you feel embarrassed? Do you feel that you need to repay the giver? What if it is such a fantastic gift that you could never hope to repay? God's love shown to us in Jesus is that kind of a gift—a fantastic gift that we can never hope to repay. Jesus, the Bible tells us, died on the cross to forgive our sins and he rose again from death to give us the gift of eternal life. None of us deserves this act of unmerited grace. But like Jean the only right response for us is to spend

the rest of our lives showing the same kind of grace and love towards others.

The reason we exist as a Kirk in Biggar is to respond to God's grace by reflecting his character of graciousness and love with neighbours near and far. All our other activities, all our worship and our acts of service are to help us achieve that one purpose. We don't always get it right, but together we are committed to striving for this one thing.

You may have seen or heard about the new physical developments in Biggar Kirk. We now have a projector and screen that we use every Sunday to display images and the words of our songs. We use it too on other occasions. We are thankful for the special contributions from individuals for this installation and to have been given a grant from Clyde Wind Farms towards the cost. In the last year we have also been able to complete the refurbishment of St Mary's Hall that has been on the cards for a long time. For this project there was money set aside which couldn't be used for anything else. We hope both these developments

will benefit our community as well as our church family for many years to come.

We are thankful that we had the money for these special projects but for a number of years now Biggar Kirk has had a deficit in terms of our regular income as compared to our expenses. And though we have many very dedicated financial supporters who have graciously given to the church for many years, our reserves are quickly dwindling.

Would you consider giving to support

the church? If you are already giving, would you consider increasing what you give to Biggar Kirk so that together we can continue to do what we have all been called to do as debtors to God's grace and mercy?

If you would like to give a one off gift, set up a standing order for regular giving or increase what you already give please contact our Session Clerk, Cameron Sutherland. He would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

*Mike Fucella*

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## Thoughts from our Session Clerk

*Cameron Sutherland*

Biggar Kirk has been going through a period of change in recent years (please forgive the non-exhaustive, bullet point list):

- Mike Fucella was appointed as our minister around 3 years ago after a substantial period of vacancy. Since then, Messy Church arrived in Black Mount and, subsequently, Biggar, providing a very different way of 'doing church' from the conventional Sunday morning services.
- The minister and his wife opened the manse at Thursday tea time for neighbours to come in and get to know each other.
- The Start course provides an opportunity for those exploring church membership to ask questions about the Christian faith in a safe environment.
- Sermons are now being made available via the internet, and the projector system gives more flexibility in our worship services.
- St. Mary's Hall has been fully refurbished and has added potential to be used for purposes previously not considered.
- The church has organised a 'grand sale' and hosted a visit of Prof Tom McLeish to speak on the theme of

‘Faith & Wisdom in Science’. Meanwhile the church fete last summer involved a large proportion of the congregation and attracted many from the town to join in.

- In the background, the food bank has been busy distributing physical sustenance, while the pastoral team have been trying to find new ways to engage with those who are unwell or in need of special support.
- Wee worship seeks to reach out to each new generation of pre-schoolers, while study or home groups have been emerging to help members of the congregation engage with the Bible and support each other in trying to understand it.

Following an exercise last year to consolidate the membership roll, I’ve found myself in this new role of Session Clerk trying to make sense of a church roll in a state of flux with a reduced number of elders to assist.

Change is a constant in life, yet so many people find change unsettling and difficult. Maybe this shouldn’t be a surprise – once you have a system in place that seems to work, it can be very annoying to have the extra effort of devising a way of doing things differently.

However, there is a danger that we all miss an important point here...If the changes at Biggar Kirk are simply seen as different ways of ‘doing’ church, we’ll

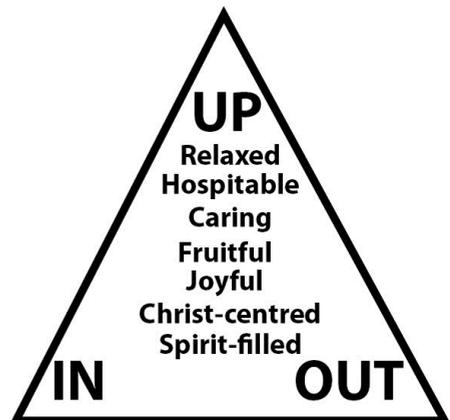
very easily become demotivated and discouraged, like the teacher having to re-write all their materials over the summer on the whimsy of a new government.

Just as a school’s aim should be to educate, with that being the motivation for adapting the methods and materials employed, the church’s aim should be to ‘minister’ God’s grace and it is this ministry which provides the motivation for periodically changing the way we do things.

Those who prefer bullet point lists to pictures, please bear with me...You’ve had your fun...

On a number of occasions in the last year, Biggar Kirk have been presented with an illustration to help us think about how the church can ‘minister’ in various ways. This can be presented incorporating the values we aspire to:

The ‘IN’ represents how we relate to each other in the Church. The ‘UP’ is how we relate to God. And the ‘OUT’ is



how we relate to those around us, nearby or far away. If these three aspects of our relationships were in balance within any church, then a Christ-centred, Spirit-filled, Caring, Joyful, Fruitful, Hospitable and Relaxed congregation would start to emerge.

Look again, though, at the list of some of the 'activities' that Biggar Kirk has already been 'doing'...Some of these activities promote us relating to each

other better as a church family (IN), some engender more understanding and awareness of who God is (UP), while others seek to reach out to others (OUT).

Let's, then, encourage each other to recognise our gifts and to use them purposefully to 'minister' God's grace wherever we are. If we do so, it might be difficult not to be changed.

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## African Children's Choir

*Aylie Fucella*

What can be said about the African Children's Choir? Should I mention their overflowing joy and infectious dance moves, or their dedication to education and love of new experiences?

Over the course of Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of May to Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup>, Biggar was blessed with the opportunity to host 18 wonderful children and their chaperones as they continue their world tour, sharing their love of Christ, their stories and cultures from Uganda, and their beautiful voices with people everywhere. Biggar Kirk had the privilege of welcoming in this wonderful group of people to bring their effervescent music into the church. Their programme consisted of energetic numbers and soulful ballads, with gorgeous harmonies.



My family hosted three lovely boys: Wycliffe, Vincent, and Henry joined by their chaperone, Kody, who filled our home with laughter and smiles and loved playing with all the toys under the stairs (including singing into the toy stethoscope!) and meeting all our friends who come to Thursday Spaghetti Supper. They were so brilliant and having them in our home was probably one of the best birthday presents I have ever received!

During the morning of Friday, I was allowed to sit in on their school lesson as it is imperative that they keep up their education while on the road. It was awesome to see their absolute devotion to learning. As an aspiring teacher, I did not hesitate to test our boys on the structure of a flower throughout the rest of their time here, and I have to say, they did quite well. In fact, I learned a few things from them!

Not only were the kids amazing but they're wonderful 'Aunties' and 'Uncles' worked incredibly hard to make sure everything ran smoothly and without any hiccups. Just thinking about all the planning and organizing it takes to run the tour makes my head hurt! They have

taken all this time out of their lives and offered it up to benefit the lives of the children, not only teaching them new things, but learning from the kids as well, and becoming new people through the experiences they share and the people they meet. I hope someday I will get the chance to chaperone, as I have seen how working with the kids and Music for Life has impacted both the leaders and the children for the better.

They were all so inspiring and I think I can speak for all the host families and audience members of the show in saying that I truly adored having the African Children's Choir and I hope they return again soon. They are a joy where ever they go and a blessing to all.

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## St. Mary's Hall *Adrian Shilliday*

We are excited to announce that the refurbishment of St Mary's Hall is now complete, with only the final touches to add once we start to use the hall more often.

We now have a fantastic new modern, light and airy space that will allow much better facilities and flexibility for Biggar Kirk and our community hall users. The new small hall now allows the older kids at Sunday Club to have their own space away from the little ones and provide a better space for meetings without interruption. The new catering kitchen will allow us to provide more regular church lunches and meals as well as

greater use for outreach and the coffee is now so much better! We have our Toilet Twinning pictures up in the new toilets thanks to the Biggar Kirk Fete last year. The new efficient boiler and LED lighting will bring our running costs down.

We certainly pray that the new hall will bring many opportunities to bring glory to God.

There are still opportunities to assist with the final touches and if you would like to donate towards these, then please let Rev Mike Fucella or anyone on the Session know.

# Biggar Kirk Mission Group

*David Campbell*

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As followers of Jesus, I believe the people who make up his church should be marked by their generosity. The Bible is full of illustrations of the extravagance of God's generosity. One of the best known verses, John 3:16, starts "for God so loved the world that He **gave...**" and we are left in no doubt that His followers are to follow the example.

Financially, many of us may not feel particularly well off and there are, undoubtedly, highly visible examples of people who earn vastly more than the majority of us. However, if we in the UK compare ourselves with many in the developing world, it is a very different story. In fact, if we drive a car or live in a two or three-bedroom home, we are probably in the wealthiest 10% of the world's population. We ought to look for opportunities to use our relative wealth for the benefit of those less well off.

One such opportunity came last month with Christian Aid week and many thanks are due to Margaret Moffat and her faithful team of volunteers who worked to make this year's collection in Biggar a success. Over £2000 was raised and will go to help Christian Aid tackle both the root causes and effects of poverty around the world.

This year's appeal focused on people living on low lying islands in Bangladesh. These people are disproportionately affected by climate change and Christian Aid is working with local partners, assisting building

homes on plinths to protect them from floods and adapting agricultural practices to safeguard their livelihoods. For more information or to give online, visit [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

Also in May we had a visit from the African Children's Choir. This inspirational choir, composed of 7 to 10-year-old African children, tour the world to raise awareness of the needs of destitute and orphaned children in Africa and to raise funds for continued development and support of the African Children's Choir programmes. Over the organisation's 30-year history more than 1000 children have participated, gaining a better education, hope and, in many cases, skills which they can use to make life better for their communities.

Not content with being a worthwhile cause, they are also a group of very engaging and entertaining performers and their concert in Biggar was very well received. While in the town, the choir members stayed in the homes of members of the congregation and it was a blessing to be able to share our lives with these young people for a short time.

By the time you are reading this their tour will have moved south to England but recordings of their performances can be bought on their website at [www.africanchildrenschoir.org.uk](http://www.africanchildrenschoir.org.uk). The website also has details of their child sponsorship program and other ways you can support their work.

# Meet a Biggar Kirk Member

*Naomi Sykes*

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**Age (optional)** - 38

**Occupation:** Staff Nurse (Kello)

**Who (people) and what (pets) share your home?** Mark (husband), Sophie (6), Amelia (4), Keira (German Shepherd), Poppy (Lab/ Pointer Puppy), Humphrey and Pebbles (tabby cats –and the only other boys), and 6 friendly hens!

**How did you come to live in this area?** We looked at rural properties around 45 mins south of Glasgow, as we were both working in Glasgow, but Mark also worked in the Lakes every fortnight. It was 7-years ago when we were just married, and the recession had started ... we wanted to travel around NZ and Australia for a year, but my budgeting pointed out that we couldn't travel and then afford a house on our return!! When we found out house it was a bit of a state, had been empty for 18-months but was a very tempting price! We love it!!!

**What would you save if your house was on fire?** Firstly the kids, Mark, then the animals, then passports and laptop (pictures).

**What quality do you most admire in a person?** Christlikeness (which encompasses holiness, selfless giving, generosity, unconditional love ... etc, etc!)

**What is your favourite Bible verse and why?** Can I share two please?! From my teenage years until now ...

Nehemiah 8:10 'The joy of the Lord is your strength' which I think pretty much sums me up! Also Zephaniah 3:17 (NLT 'For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty Saviour. *He will take delight in you with gladness.* With his love, He will calm all your fears. *He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.*' ... wow, isn't that amazing!?

**What miracle would you like to work?** For the people that I pray for, to really know God's love and power in their lives (that's not exactly a miracle, I know!)

**What is the best advice you have ever been given?** To savour and enjoy every moment with my kids, because they grown up all too soon.

**Do you have a favourite hymn or song and why?** How many can I list?! 'My heart is filled with thankfulness' (because it is!); 'Be still my soul' (to Finlandia) - this is one for my funeral. It was particularly meaningful for me before/ while I served in Iraq. 'Before the throne of God above' - I first sang this at our Christian Union leaders retreat. 'O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder' - such beautiful imagery, since my teenage years in Zimbabwe.

**What's made you laugh today?** My friend Mandy! She's a complete hoot! And then poor Sophie arriving home from school to reveal that she'd forgotten to wear her knickers!!! Fortunately it didn't become public knowledge (until now!!!).

For details of any Church activities please contact the Church Office or Rev. Mike Fucella. We are always delighted to welcome new folk to any of our events.



Monday

## **Quarterly Communion**

11.15am  
Sunday 26th June

## **Monthly All Age Evening Worship**

**Food and Fellowship 5pm at the Manse**

Sunday 10th July

## **Prayer Times**

**Gillespie Centre**

Sunday Morning : 10.15am

**St. Mary's Hall**

Sunday Evening : 7:30pm

**3 South Back Road**

Thursday morning : 9:00am

## **Bible Study**

Groups meet on Monday and Friday morning, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Details from Church office.

## **Taize Worship**

Sunday August 28th 6:30

## **Busy Mums**

Mum's with young children meet together for coffee, support and Bible study on Monday mornings. Details from Church Office.

# APPENING

## **Holiday Club**

**St. Mary's Hall**

July 11th - Friday 15th July

10am - 12 noon

## **Open Doors Service**

11.15am

Sunday 3rd July

## **Open Doors Letter**

## **Writing**

Monday 4th July

## **Church Summer Opening**

10:00am - 4:00pm Monday to Friday

Throughout the months of July and August.

## **All-Age Worship**

11.15am

10th July

14th August

*'Back to School' Service*

## **Informal Communion**

11.15am

Sunday 31st July

Sunday 28th August

## **Guild Coffee Afternoon**

**St. Mary's Hall**

2:00pm - 3:30pm

Monday 4th July

Monday 1st August

Monday 5th September

## **St. Mary's Hall Grand Opening**

27th August

## **Strawberry Tea and Auction**

**Black Mount Church**

Saturday 9th July : 2:00pm

# Newsround

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**  
**Caz Alcorn (Editor)**

*My thanks to the many people who have contributed to this Newsletter by providing articles, proof reading, organising the layout, collating and printing and so much more. You all know who you are and I am a bit fearful of 'naming names' in case I miss anyone out so thanks to each and every person.*

*The next issue will be scheduled for November; so final contributions should be forwarded to me by 16 October 2016.*

## **Gillespie Centre Association**

Nan Agnew, who has volunteered with the Gillespie Centre Association for 18 years, was presented with the Long-Serving Volunteer of the Year award by Deputy Lord Lieutenant Louis Munn this month. Nan received the award on behalf of all the dedicated volunteers at the Gillespie Centre.

## **Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

Ruth Brydon led the volunteers in planning and delivering a wonderful day on Saturday 11 June to celebrate the Queen's birthday, in aid of Help The Heroes. It was an amazing opportunity to bring the community together to say thank you: thank you to God for a faithful life well lived, and thank you to the Queen for her unstinting service.

## **Biggar Agricultural Show**

The Gillespie Centre Association will have an undercover stand at the Biggar Show on 23 July to give away samples of homemade cakes and showcase the work of our wonderful volunteers.

## **Multi-Cultural Event**

In partnership with local businesses, the Gillespie Centre Association are planning a multi-cultural food event to bring the sounds and flavours of our multicultural community. Tickets will be on sale soon.

## **Training Opportunities**

We are offering accredited Food Hygiene, First Aid, Health & Safety, Trustee Roles and Responsibilities training for volunteers, if you are interested please contact Sharon at the Centre or telephone: 01899 220994. For Information; a professional Nutritionist/Dietician will be attending the next volunteer's meeting, as part of a Q&A Session at the Gillespie Centre.

## **Biggar High School**

The Gillespie Centre Association has accepted an invitation from South Lanarkshire Education Resources to attend the Biggar High School Awards Ceremony on 21 June to support and value young people's achievements. This follows on from the prize giving assembly for the winners of a Design

Competition – whereby 220 children submitted designs to develop the Gillespie Centre and ten were shortlisted to meet the Trustees. The first prize went to Anna McDiarmuid (Hudl tablet) and second prize went to Emma Carruthers (digital camera). The winning design will be framed and on display at the Centre, to be incorporated within any re-development of the Centre.

### ***Community Consultation***

Thank you to the Biggar Kirk and all members of the community who provided opinion and comment during the Gillespie Centre consultation exercise. The findings will form part of a Consultation Programme that will be made public in due course.

### ***Biggar Kirk Book Group***

#### ***Rachel Dobie***

The group, which has been in existence now for almost ten years, meets about every four or five weeks in the homes of the members. A wide variety of books has been read over the years. Not all are religious but we do believe that we study most of them from a Christian perspective. Authors have ranged from, Charles Dickens, John Buchan, Richard Holloway, Aldous Huxley, James Robertson and Maggie O'Farrell to presently Jean Vanier. There is always a lively discussion, though we frequently cover much wider ground than we intended. A small tin receives a donation each time which used to be

applied to the refreshments offered by the host. For the last two years however, the contents of the tin have gone to an agreed charity. We have supported for example, Fair Trade, Church work amongst Syrian refugees, and recently the Clydesdale group, Womankind. The sums are usually around £40 - £50 and gifted in the name of Biggar Kirk Book Group.

If you are interested in joining this Group, please give Trish a ring on 01899-220420 for further information.

### ***Sports Aid***

At the age of 86 years, Rev A Cameron Mackenzie has completed walking 100 miles and swimming 1 mile for Sports Aid Scotland. So far he has raised the sum of £1,300. Well Done!

### ***Take a Meal***

This initiative has been enjoyed by the folks who have received meals in a time when life can be challenging with the arrival of a new baby (*not always on the due date*) or when hospital visiting is taking up most of the day or when someone is dealing with the loss of a loved one and many other reasons. Feedback from the recipients and the cooks has been really positive and in addition to the joy of 'giving and receiving' many positive relationships have been formed. For further information, please speak to Jane Fucella or Caz Alcorn.

# Holiday Club 2016

*Anne Smart*

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We are busy preparing for the church Holiday Club which is being held in St Mary's Hall from the 11th to the 15th of July. We have a pirate theme this year which should be a lot of fun for the children. The sessions start at 10 a.m. and finish at 12 p.m. and are for children who are already at primary school. There is no charge but we do ask that a registration form is completed to help us with planning –these will be available at

the church or from the Gillespie Centre. Our numbers are restricted to 50 places so please organise your place early to avoid disappointment. We are also having a special All Age Worship service to kick off the event on the 10th July – all pirates may want to come dressed for the event!!

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## Sunday Club *Anne Smart*

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It is a joyful experience to work with the children and young people in our community to help them develop their own understanding of the Christian faith and their relationship with God. In recent years we have had a number of new initiatives such as “Wee Worship” and “Messy Church” which have attracted more families and provide different ways to learn together. We now support the work of two Scripture Union groups in Carnwath and Biggar Primary schools. These groups are held during Tuesday lunchtimes and the children enjoy learning through games, stories, discussion and crafts.

We have also been pleased to offer financial support for the work of Alex Kelly – who is employed by The

Clydesdale Christian Group. He works in many schools in the area and is engaging and creative with the children who always enjoy the activities he prepares for them. Alex and Mike Fucella go into Biggar High School on a Tuesday to work with the young people there and Alex also regularly supports our work with children and families in Biggar.

For about the last ten years we have organised a church Holiday Club – usually in the middle of the summer holidays – when we invite local primary children to join us for a week of fun and games as we learn more about God and his love for us. Many different people come and give of their time and talents to make the week a success and the children always seem to really enjoy

their time with us.

We also of course have our Sunday Club which meets regularly on Sunday mornings and we currently have two groups meeting each week. We use teaching resources purchased from Scripture Union which are engaging and offer a range of activities around a theme. We then often require craft materials for follow up tasks and sometimes have to buy small items these activities and games.

All of these different ministries are offered at no cost to the children or their families (although we now have a collection at Messy Church and proceeds are shared between financing our children's work and for helping disadvantaged children elsewhere.) Sometimes people do give a donation towards some of our work, but it is really paid for by the congregation. We have to buy many different resources – art and craft materials, leader's manuals, Scripture Union DVD's and CD's, books, food for snacks and Messy Church meals, Bible notes for children and items for games. The list is endless and sometimes has some very surprising items on it (drama activities sometimes require some very odd things!). Resourcing our different ministries means that we are able to provide different ways for children, young people and their families to engage with our church. We are trying to reach out to our community and show them that they are welcome in our midst and that we

want to include them as part of our fellowship. Jesus said "Let the children come to me." He wanted his followers to help children meet with him and that is still what we believe we are asked to do for him.

We are lucky that we have these children in our midst. Some churches now report that they have few children in their congregation. We have quite a number of families now worshipping regularly and it is clear that number is rising. We want to be able to continue to offer these different ministries and to be able to finance other appropriate ventures. A generous donation a few years ago allowed us to organise a visit from Bible World which was an exciting opportunity for the local children to find out more about the Bible. This was made available to all of the local primary schools and the children and adults expressed their appreciation of the event.

Many of us have fond memories of our own time at Sunday School or Youth Fellowship and we want to make sure the next generation also have an opportunity to grow in faith. Our efforts are only possible because we have the financial backing of the congregation and we want to take this opportunity to thank you for that support and ask you to continue to help us find creative ways to work with the children of our community.

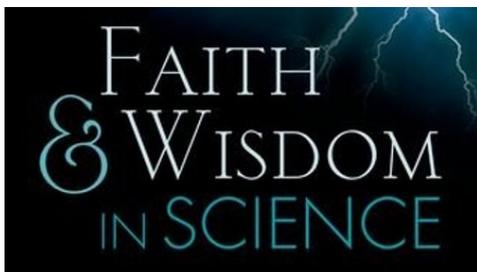
## Tom McLeish Event *Ian Maxfield*

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It was a delight to welcome Tom McLeish, Professor of Physics and former Pro-Vice Chancellor of Research at Durham University, to Biggar in March to speak to pupils and Biggar High School talk about his book 'Faith and Wisdom in Science' to members of the public at Biggar's Corn Exchange.

Professor McLeish spent time with Biggar High School's Debate Club, Higher Physics and Higher Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies classes answering questions on his own areas of scientific research, his career, and his Christian faith. As a Fellow of the Royal Society, winner of several scientific awards, and reader in the Church of England, Professor McLeish is well placed to respond to such questions.

During his presentation at the Corn Exchange, the audience were introduced to an approach moving beyond the usual 'faith versus science' debate. Rather than pitting faith against science, McLeish calls for a Theology of Science to recover the idea of "natural philosophy" that complements "science". In turn, this points to a story of science that was not the revolutionary, heroic and victorious battle of reason over faith, but rather a longer human enterprise that loves and seeks wisdom of the natural world. Understanding the origins of science



helps us to understand the purpose of science which his where theology can help, because it is perhaps the only discipline that is comfortable with the idea of purpose.

Professor McLeish spent very little time on the Genesis texts that most people resort to when discussing faith and science, but rather makes reference to over 20 creation narratives that appear in the Bible. In particular, McLeish focussed on an examination of the images of nature that can be found in the book of Job, part of the Old Testament's Wisdom literature, and the great questions God asks of Job toward the end of that book. Professor McLeish recounted occasions where his scientific colleagues have been astounded and amazed by the clarity of scientific insights provided in these texts despite being authored over two and half thousand years ago.

Perhaps, McLeish's most challenging idea is that science is an integral part the "ministry of reconciliation" to which the

church is called. He also noted that wherever suffering occurs in the Bible, a reference to creation always follows, calling to mind the peace that once existed at the beginning.

The presentation was followed by a question and answer session and book signing.

You can read more about Professor McLeish on his blog at <https://>

[tcbmcleish.wordpress.com](http://tcbmcleish.wordpress.com), and copies of his book 'Faith & Wisdom in Science', now available in paperback, can be purchased from Atkinson-Pryce bookshop, High Street, Biggar.

An audio recording of Professor McLeish's presentation is available by emailing Biggar Kirk's office on [biggarkirk09@gmail.com](mailto:biggarkirk09@gmail.com)

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## Pastoral Update

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### **Deaths**

6<sup>th</sup> March John Jackson

7<sup>th</sup> March Lily Russell

14<sup>th</sup> April Agnes (Nan) Brownlie

20<sup>th</sup> April George Lawson

### **Baptism**

Samantha (Sam) McShane

### **Admitted to the Communion Roll**

Richard/ Lynn Allison

Greg/ Laura Davis

Alistair/ Helen McLeland

Fraser/ Kirsty Hughes

Samantha (Sam) McShane

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## Quiz Time Solutions ...

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**Solution to Bible Incomplete:**  
*Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. I Thessalonians 5:16-18*

**Solution to Bible Scramble:**  
*He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he. Do they not err that devise evil? But mercy and truth shall be to them that devise good. Proverbs 14:21-22*

**More puzzles like this can be found on-line at [www.bible-puzzles.com](http://www.bible-puzzles.com)**

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## Quiz Time ...

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***Bible Incomplete: Fill in the missing letters to complete the passage. Solution below:***

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e\_e\_y\_h\_n\_g\_v\_t\_a\_k\_:f\_r  
\_h\_s\_s\_h\_w\_l\_o\_G\_d\_n  
\_h\_i\_t\_e\_u\_c\_n\_e\_n\_n\_  
y\_u.

***Bible Scramble: Unscramble the letters in each word to discover the passage. Solution below.***

EH TTHA TSSPIHEED SIH  
RONIHGEBU TSNNIHE: UTB  
EH TTHA THHA YRMEC NO  
EHT RPOO, YPPHA SI EH. OD  
YTHE TON RRE TTHA VSI-  
EED VLIE? UTB YRMEC NDA  
UTTRH SLLHA EB OT TMHE  
TTHA VSIEED OOGD

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## Life is too Precious ...

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*LIFE is an opportunity, benefit from it.*

*LIFE is beauty, admire it.*

*LIFE is bliss, taste it.*

*LIFE is dream realise it.*

*LIFE is a challenge, meet it.*

*LIFE is a duty, complete it.*

*LIFE is a game, play it.*

*LIFE is a promise, fulfil it.*

*LIFE is sorrow, overcome it.*

*LIFE is a song, sing it.*

*LIFE is a struggle, accept it.*

*LIFE is a tragedy, confront it.*

*LIFE is an adventure, dare it.*

*LIFE is luck, make it.*

*LIFE is too precious, do not destroy it.*

*LIFE is life, fight for it.*

***Mother Theresa (1910 - 1997)***