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### A Pastoral Letter from our Locum Minister



*'There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood leads to fortune; omitted, all the voyages of their life is bound in shallows and miseries.'*

Shakespeare's shrewd observation on the world of politics may be baptised and applied to the life we share in the church.

In the providence of God, the long years our congregation has been without a full-time minister have ended. The Rev. Michael Fucella has accepted the call from Biggar linked with Black Mount to serve as minister among us (the vote was 167 for and 2 against) and will be inducted to the linked charge on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 7.00 p.m. The service will mark a new beginning in the life of both congregations and in the weeks and months that follow, a window of opportunity will open up before us.

The open window will present us all with different opportunities. For many of us it will be the chance to touch base with the church after a long absence and become involved, if only in small ways to start with - and who knows what good may stem from such a step. For others of us it will be the encouragement to renew a commitment to Christ already made and sharpen the focus of our discipleship.

I have never forgotten the question a fellow minister once asked me, "David, do you still have zest for ministry?" The fact is we can all lose our zest. The charge of dynamite which detonated our conversion may have become a damp squib, the strongly burning fire a heap of dying embers, the candle flame a smoking wick, and the strong pulse an irregular beat.. Our eyes may lose their sparkle and our step its spring. True convictions, once firm, may

become muted or corroded by the acids of scepticism. Cynicism may quell bubbling enthusiasm. How many in the church have lost their zest!

That this should happen over time is understandable. The Christian life is more a marathon than a sprint. Christian service is undeniably demanding in terms of time and energy. Witness, too, requires perseverance as the results are often not immediate. And adverse circumstances do take their toll of our spirits. So it is all too easy to lose our zest, to become discouraged, to slacken off, and even give up. That is why Scripture is full of exhortations to perseverance in the face of discouragement. Here are some:

*Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord.* (Romans 12.11)

*Never lose your sense of urgency.*  
(2 Timothy 4.2)

*Let us not become weary in doing good.*  
(Galatians 6.9)

*Come then, stiffen your drooping arms and shaking knees,  
and keep your steps from wavering.*  
(Hebrews 12.12)

In the commencement of a new ministry, God presents all of us with a window of opportunity. May I urge you to grasp with both hands the opportunities the window offers you while it remains open.

It is over three and a half years since I became interim moderator and locum. It has been a privilege to minister to you both in church on a Sunday and in your homes, particularly at times of loss and difficulty. And my heartfelt thanks to those of you who have supported me with their prayers and encouraged me when otherwise I might have lost my zest.

Wishing you all God's blessing at this time of new beginnings,  
Yours warmly,

David Easton  
Interim Moderator and Locum

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• Try this as a short morning prayer tomorrow and see where it  
• leads you. (From: <http://www.lords-prayer-words.com>)  
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• **"God, as I open my eyes to the world, please open my eyes**  
• **to what you want me to do in it today!" Amen**  
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## Announcements

### Deaths

*Our congregation has had a  
number of bereavements during May  
and June and we would ask that you  
remember the families and friends of:*

#### May

Mr Bryan Dexter  
Flat 42, Wallace Court,  
Lanark.

Mrs Isabella Dalglish  
31 Knocklea, Biggar.

#### June

Miss Elizabeth (Inez) Hannah  
Cleland Hospital, Cleland.

Mrs Elizabeth Osborne  
27 Millburn Court, Symington.

Mrs Janet (Nettie) Tennant  
Beechgrove Care Home, Lanark



*"I am the resurrection, and the life:  
he that believeth in me, though he were  
dead, yet shall he live."  
[John 11 : 25]*

#### 8th June

Bria Lavery to  
John Boyd

#### 21st June

Nicola Thomson to  
David McLaughlan

#### 29th June

Lesley Adams to Steven Cox

#### 20th July

Ashley Cribben to Euan Thomson

*Weddings*



BIGGAR KIRK



### Church Roll

#### Removed from the Roll of Biggar Kirk:

Mrs Ailsa MacLeod  
14 Station Road, Biggar.

#### Change of Address:

Rev Andrew Lambie  
From: Auchlochan Nursing Home  
To: Greenhills Care Home  
Broughton Road, Biggar.

Mrs Freda Hope  
From: South Back Road, Biggar  
To: Southpark  
35 Duddingston Park South  
Edinburgh, EH15 3NZ



**21st July, 2013**

Lily Gauld Ferguson,  
7 McAlpine Place  
Biggar

Murray James Lewis Greene  
West Lyndsaylands  
Farm Cottage  
Lindsaylands Road  
Biggar

*"Go therefore and make disciples of  
all the nations, baptising them  
in the name of the Father and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit."  
[Matthew 28 : 19]*

## Biggar Kirk



### September

1st	11:15am	Morning Worship
8th	11:15am	Morning Worship
15th	11:15am	Morning Worship
22nd	11:15am	Morning Worship
29th	TBC	Holy Communion
	11:15am	Morning Worship

### October

6th	11:15am	Harvest Service
13th	11:15am	Morning Worship
20th	11:15am	Morning Worship
27th	11:15am	Holy Communion

### November

3rd	11:15am	Morning Worship
10th	TBC	Remembrance Sunday
17th	11:15am	Morning Worship
24th	TBC	Holy Communion
	11:15am	Morning Worship



### Biggar Kirk Door and Offering Duties

#### September - Group 'C'

Caroline Deerin  
Alastair Fyfe  
Stella O'Brien  
Shona Thorpe  
Kathleen Roger

#### October - Group 'D'

Lorna MacDougall  
Janette Rae  
Peter Lyon  
Rhian Sharma  
Joan Urquhart

#### November - Group 'E'

Jean Shearer  
Kenneth Watson  
David Campbell  
Moira Galbraith  
Tom Matthews  
Sheena Rae

### Sunday Morning Reader's List

#### September

1st Elaine Fyfe  
8th Anne Hamilton  
15th Rhian Sharma  
22nd Kathleen Roger  
29th John Turnbull

#### October

6th Guild Dedication  
13th Anna Boyd  
20th Biggar Little Festival  
27th Moira Galbraith

#### November

3rd Mike Chad  
10th Tom Matthews  
17th Margaret Moffat  
24th Bill Conn



Holiday Club has just finished and we had a Family Service to share with everyone some of the things we had learned over the previous week.

This year the theme was "Space Academy" and for those of us who remembered the original Star Trek series it was an opportunity to finally realise those childhood dreams of being part of the crew of a starship. We were actually considering the story of Daniel and thinking about what it must have been like for Daniel and his friends as they faced a future in a foreign land with completely alien customs. We discovered that Daniel and the other young men repeatedly put their trust in God – and saw that their faith was vindicated. Our memory verse for the week was Proverbs 3: 5 and 6 which was a good reminder to us all that we need to invite God to be part of our everyday lives and challenges.

Yet again there was a fantastic group of people who willingly gave of their time and talents to make this all possible. It was great to be part of such a team and they would certainly be my first choice of crew members if I had to travel through the galaxy facing unknown challenges. Actually I guess in some ways that is exactly what we are doing – but I don't get to wear the uniform anymore (sad face!!!)

Thank you so much to everyone who helped to make this an enjoyable week for the children.

*Anne Smart*

Sunday Club starts again after the summer vacation on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August. We currently have two classes – Mairi takes the children who are in nursery or the early stages of primary school. I take the older primary aged children and we plan a programme which includes stories, crafts and games to help the children engage with the Christian faith.



Linda and Rachel also plan musical activities once a month. We ask children to either meet us in St Mary's hall at about 10.45am or to go straight up to church with their families but come down to St Mary's hall with us after the children's address. New members are always very welcome.

*Anne Smart*





## 'Whose we are and Whom we Serve'

The Woman's Guild, now known as 'the Guild' - because men are welcome to join as well - has played an important part in the life of the Church of Scotland for 125 years. An organisation lasting this length of time must have something good, enjoyable and spiritual to offer its members.

Biggar Kirk Guild, although fewer in numbers than in former years, still has something to offer. Membership is open to everyone, not just Church members and our syllabus for this session, 2013-14, is varied and interesting. We would like to invite new members to come along to our meetings - they will be made most welcome - and I am sure they will find friendship and companionship at the meetings.

Our first meeting for this session will be at 7:30pm on Monday 7th October in St. Mary's Hall. We look forward to welcoming you to the Guild

*Jean Shearer, Guild President*

## Young adults and the Eldership Conference: Developing Young Leaders in the Church



The Church of Scotland's Mission and Discipleship Council are hosting this pilot event in September 2013. The conference is for those aged 18 to 30 years who are already elders or are interested in becoming elders. This has come about following recent consultations at which several of the young adults attending conferences were elders and expressed a desire for an opportunity to get together to share experiences and to receive some training which recognised the unique challenges being young brings to the role of the elder.

This is a subsidised event, £50 per person or £30 if you are from an urban priority area church. Even then, travel costs may still be too high for some wishing to attend, particularly students, so we encourage Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions to think about offering some sort of financial support to those they feel would benefit from attending. There are 30 places available and bookings close Monday 26 August. Booking forms are available from Lesley Cameron or you can book online: [www.resourcingmission.org.uk/cosy/events](http://www.resourcingmission.org.uk/cosy/events)



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One of the UK's biggest and most successful exhibitions for equipping and resourcing churches and Christian ministries is coming to Scotland this November.

The Christian Resources Exhibition (CRE) will be held at the Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston, Edinburgh from Wednesday 28th November to Thursday 29th November.

Over the two days, the Lowland Hall at the Royal Highland Centre will be filled with a range of exhibitors and organisations providing: advice, resources to buy, workshops and seminars plus much more!

If your church or ministry is looking to equip itself with resources for now and the future, come along to CRE Scotland.

For further information contact: <http://scottishbiblesociety.org/2013/07/crescotland/>



## Tour to Israel and Palestine

Are you interested in visiting Israel and Palestine next year? In association with the Middle East Committee of the World Mission Council, the 2014 tour will take in key places in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, providing the opportunities to meet with Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities, as well as meeting with partner churches and organisations of the Church of Scotland.

The purpose of the trip is:

- To visit places associated with the life and ministry of Jesus
- To meet with Partner Churches and Organisations of the Church of Scotland
- To travel throughout Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, learning about the current situation, and meeting people from the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim communities
- To share in the Palm Sunday procession in Jerusalem, with thousands of other pilgrims, from the Mount of Olives to the Old City

For further information, please contact: Dorothy McMonagle, World Mission Council Tel: 0131 225 5722 or Email: [dmcmonagle@cofscotland.org.uk](mailto:dmcmonagle@cofscotland.org.uk)



WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE TAKING  
CREATURES THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS

**Children's Fun Page Answers**  
The Parable of the Sower  
1. B; 2. B; 3. C; 4. A;  
5. B; 6. A; 7. C; 8. C

**Adult's Fun Page Answers**  
Harvest Bible Quiz:  
Nine (Galatians 5:22-23); Jesus  
(Matthew 9:37); Third (Genesis  
1:11-13); To provide for the poor.  
(Leviticus 23:22); The Angels  
(Matthew 13:39); Fig (Matthew  
21:18-21); Reuben (Genesis  
30:14); Seven (Genesis 41:27,  
4:35); Twelve (Revelation 22:2)  
**Double Puzzle 2 solution**  
DECAY, GROUND, JEWEL,  
LAWS, NEVER, PICK, REALM-  
WISE MEN LAY UP KNOWL-  
EDGE (PROV.10:14)

## A View from the Chancel



In the last News & Views I talked about the process of seeking a new minister, and the potential for positive change that this would bring. None of us expected that the quest would be successful so quickly, but we have been blessed with a fair wind, and as I write this, Rev Mike Fucella and his family - Jane, Rachel and Aylie - are preparing to move into the manse. There has been a period of frenetic activity in preparing their new home, and it has been refreshing and stimulating to see the many willing volunteers, from among our members, giving their time and talents to complete the job.

By the time you read this, and if all goes according to plan, Mike will have been formally inducted into his new charge – Biggar, linked with Blackmount. This will be a time of new beginnings and opportunities for all of us, and as ever, Biggar Kirk will rise to the challenge.

Though I am trying to keep a completely open mind about the future, I suspect that, in due course, we will be drawn to re-visit the statement of our Mission as Biggar parish church. Written in 2006, after a lot of discussion, it is quite short, but embraces a lot of powerful ideas -

*"Biggar Kirk aims to be a Church which reaches out to the community, and the wider world, in a spirit of service, love and gentleness; a Church which is Christ-centred, relaxed, joyful, and spirit filled: and a church which offers a range of opportunities for people of all ages to be involved in worship and fellowship".*

With a change of leadership, the time is right to challenge ourselves; to ask **if** and **how** we are achieving this mission. What could we do better? What might we change? Is this still how we want to serve the community, and how we want to be perceived?

Answers to these questions will help us to form strategies, to make plans, and to start and follow through initiatives which will keep our church vibrant, relevant and true here in Biggar.

After a long vacancy, which has given us time to ponder and reflect, I detect a new enthusiasm, born of expectation and anticipation. There is work to be done. Let us use the resources, skills and talents which we have been given, to make out Mission a reality.

Anon

## Manse News

During the long time that we haven't had a minister in place, the Manse (6c Leafield Road) has been let out as a commercial tenancy. After being given notice, the tenants moved out in mid July, and in the few weeks that it was empty prior to the arrival of the Fucellas there has been a huge amount of activity in catching up with repairs and upgrades, as well as personalising it for the new family.

A variety of tradesmen have been involved including plumbers, electricians, gas fitters, roofers, joiners, floor layers/ carpet fitters, niche specialists, and of course painters and decorators.



In addition to this, a small army of volunteers from both Biggar and Blackmount churches have blitzed the garden and house and done everything from garden and driveway maintenance, hedge and fence management, garage clearing, house tidying and cleaning (including a deep-clean for the kitchen and bathrooms), buying and installing appliances to replace life expired ones, as well as measuring, sewing and hanging up new curtains, etc, etc.

It would be nice to name all the volunteers who have given of their time and talent - some for a few hours, others for several days - and to thank them publicly, but as I might inadvertently miss someone out and cause unintended offence, I won't. You know who you are, and many heartfelt thanks to you all. Having said that I must mention Pete Brotherstone who ably directed the professional workers who have been on site, and Don Barrie who managed the garden and other exterior activities, and has led from the front putting in many hours of hard graft.



The house wasn't quite 100% ready for the Fucellas when they arrived in Biggar, but I do know that they appreciated all the hard work which had been done on their behalf. They have now happily settled into their newly refurbished home and are more than happy to allow us to finish off any additional work around them.

*Alastair Fyfe, Property Convenor*

## 'Afternoon' Service of Worship



Our next 'Afternoon' Service of Worship will be at 2:00pm on Sunday 8th September in St Mary's Hall, North Back Road.

These services are particularly intended for those who for whatever reason are unable to attend Church on a Sunday morning. Worship lasts around 30 minutes and is followed by a cup of tea/ coffee and a chance to meet and chat with friends. A very warm welcome is extended to attend this service.

Remember: Transport is available, and if you would like a lift please contact: Mrs Nanette Stott Tel: 01899 221163. If you or anyone you know would like to receive a Pastoral visit from the Church please speak to our Deacon, Ann Lyall, Tel: 01899 229443 or Jean Shearer, Tel: 01899 221505.

## Biggar Kirk Monthly Giving May to July, 2013

	May Actual	June Actual	July Actual	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
SO	2352	2402	2961.5	20546.5	24500
FWO	899.9	1274.5	788	6572.6	7294
Open	594.2	1181.03	691.44	5309.4	9072
Donations	1040	400	133.37	2073.37	2625
GA refund	879.25	885.25	851.85	6415.85	7000
Total	5765.35	6142.78	5426.16	40917.72	50491
Surplus/ Shortfall	<b>1448</b>	<b>1070</b>	<b>1786.84</b>	<b>9573.84</b>	

*You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly.  
[2 Corinthians 9:7]*



our eyes when we pray. Why not adopt the practice each day by adapting the “4...T’s” into your spiritual life? If your excuse is that you are too busy, I could recommend a course on “Time Management...” *Anon*

*“TAKE TIME TO THINK...”*

### **Equip (Penicuik) Saturday, 5th October 2013**



**The Church of Scotland  
Resourcing Mission**

Inspiring and resourcing your congregation, Equip is now heading south east. The event will feature inspiring speakers, practical ideas and useful resources that help us to be more relevant in reaching out to our local communities.

Workshops on a range of topics will run morning and afternoon, allowing delegates to choose two options.

The event is FREE, but registration is required (for catering purposes) and places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment!

Venue: Penicuik North Church, John Street (A701), EH26 8AG

Date: Saturday, 5 October 2013

Time: 10am to 3.45pm.

To register or obtain further information please contact:

[www.resourcingmission.org.uk/events/equip-penicuik](http://www.resourcingmission.org.uk/events/equip-penicuik)



### **Fresh Expressions Vision Day 2nd November, 2013**

Date: Saturday, 2 November 2013

Time: 10:00 – 16:00

Venue: St Andrew's & St George's West Church,  
13 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2PA

Come and learn what the Spirit is doing through new forms of church. The day will include: Stories of fresh expressions of church in Scotland and beyond; Input from Scottish church leaders plus Bishop Graham Cray and Andrew Roberts of Fresh Expressions; Creative worship and prayer; A celebration of the Church of Scotland joining the Fresh Expressions partnership.

To register or obtain more information please contact:

[www.resourcingmission.org.uk/events/fresh-expressions-vision-day](http://www.resourcingmission.org.uk/events/fresh-expressions-vision-day)

### **Lanark Presbytery Youth Delegate - 2013 General Assembly**



This year I had the opportunity to put myself forward to be Lanark Presbytery's youth delegate for the General Assembly. After having had a year of study at the Highland Theological College as well as thoroughly enjoying my time at the GA 2012, I jumped at the chance to go again.

The 2013 assembly was held from Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> with around 30 youth delegates attending. We stayed at the holiday Inn at Cowgate, so we didn't have too far a walk each day to the assembly hall. Every year, the youth meet up in Edinburgh on the Friday afternoon in order to get to know each other and to have an introductory session in the evening with our 'first time' commissioners. Unfortunately, due to work and University commitments, I wasn't able to arrive at the assembly until the Saturday morning, but thankfully having previously attended the GA I was able to 'slot in' due to my previous knowledge of the processes and procedures of the assembly.

Each morning, the debates started around 10am, after breakfast and morning worship. Depending on which reports were being presented, the day could end any time between 4pm and 7pm. In the evening, after reports had been presented, the youth delegates (along with our youth workers) sat down and went over the reports for the next day. This provided us all with a greater understanding of what would be presented the next day, and if we wanted to, ask a question or add a new section or amendment and we were able to help each other out with the phrasing and wording.

My particular highlights from the week were: Heart and Soul in Princes' Street Gardens which was fantastic, in particular the worship at the end of the afternoon. The Guild report along with the Scottish Bible Society and the Mission and Discipleship reports were really inspiring and it was just so great to hear about their work not only in Scotland but the wider world as well. On the Thursday afternoon after close of debates the youth delegates had a small reception with the Right Reverend Lorna Hood and afterwards we went to Holyrood Palace for the beating of the retreat and the Lord High ....

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Commissioner's reception. The week overall was so insightful in regards to the Church of Scotland and Christianity per se and I know that I certainly came away from one of the best weeks of my year having had the opportunity to make new friends and to strengthen old ones.

Thank you for providing me with this opportunity!

*Ailsa Fyfe, Lanark Presbytery Youth Delegate,*

## Church and Society National Conference -

**Church & Society Council**

**Saturday 26th October 2013**

The autumn conference will be on Saturday 26th October 2013 – location and venue TBC. This conference is aimed at Church and Society representatives from presbyteries and congregations, and also supporters and those with an interest in the work of the Council. It will provide an opportunity to update you on the work of the Council, give advice on how churches can engage with the campaigns and issues with which the Council is concerned, and enable attendees to share ideas and network with others in similar roles.

If you have any issues that you would like covered at the conference please get in touch with Fiona Buchanan: [fbuchanan@cofscotland.org.uk](mailto:fbuchanan@cofscotland.org.uk); Tel: 0131 240 2276.



## Exploring Eldership

Over two weeks: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2013  
& Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013  
in

**Law Parish Church Hall**

from 7.30- 9.30pm

## “The role of the elder in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”

For those who are newly ordained, those considering eldership and those wanting to refresh their commitment.

If you would like to attend please register with Ann Lyall  
Tel: 01899 229443 or email: [ann.lyall@btinternet.com](mailto:ann.lyall@btinternet.com)

Course is being run by elder trainers from Hamilton  
Presbytery in conjunction with  
Lanark Presbytery Congregational Development Committee

## A View from the Pew



Sometime past occasionally there was a feature introduced into the Sunday worship service when invited persons were asked to speak on “This Time Tomorrow...the “3 T’s”.

I would like to suggest that a more measured approach might be to reflect on life, our hopes, our aspirations, our spiritual thoughts under the heading “Take Time To Think”...the “4...T’s”. I believe that reflecting on what we have done helps US to clarify in our hearts and minds what we have done well, that which we have done poorly, and what we could have done better/differently in the future so that the result might be enhanced spiritual growth and move forwards. When all is said and done our bodies are designed to move in a forward direction. There is “No growth without some pain” that is if we are prepared to face the challenge of moving from our existing comfort zone.

THINKING is not a passive exercise for self-indulgent navel gazing but rather a pro-active exercise designed to stimulate us. When unexpected situations occur that we are not prepared for we tend to panic and take a knee jerk response. Not so a Highland stag. When the leader of the herd becomes aware of impending danger, he first raises that magnificent head to sense from which direction the threat is coming from and then leads the herd in the opposite direction...but it is that “Taking Time To Think” that leads to safety.

We all need to allocate some private quiet time, undisturbed time just to think and reflect. Why have secular organisations started to make money charging people to sign up to attend retreats, or philosophies in meditation? Perhaps if more of us allocated a time each day to quietly meditate on a structured passage of scriptural themes, followed by a time of prayer for ourselves and others it would lead our minds into a range of thoughts that could be classified as constructive, pro-active, a way ahead, the avoidance of impending problems by formulating a cohesive plan of positive action.

If anyone caught me in my office with my eyes closed and had the temerity to accuse me of sleeping on the job, my response was that I was simply “Taking Time To Think” of strategic matters by blotting out any possible distractions from surrounding influences, I suppose that is why we are taught to close ...

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## KIDS LOGIC

The story of Adam and Eve was being carefully explained in the children's Sunday School class. Following the story, the children were asked to draw a picture that would illustrate the story. Little Bobby drew a picture of a car with three people in it. In the front seat was a man and in the back seat, a man and a woman. The teacher was at a loss to understand how this illustrated the lesson of Adam and Eve. Little Bobby was prompt with his explanation. "Why, this is God driving Adam and Eve out of the garden!"

(From: <http://www.beliefnet.com>)



## BEAR FRUIT FOR THE FUTURE THIS HARVEST

This harvest, as we celebrate God's bountiful creation, our church is standing alongside communities in Brazil whose most important harvest is under massive threat.

Did you know that every Brazil nut you've ever eaten was gathered from wild trees in the Amazon rainforest? They cannot be cultivated: they do not survive without the complex forest ecosystem and are dependent on particular types of bees, orchids and rodents that live there.

Every March, Bebé Albenize and her community work incredibly hard gathering Brazil nuts from the rainforest. These nuts play a central role in the life of the community, who live in poverty. They provide vital nutrients in a place where up to 10 per cent of children are malnourished, and they are virtually the only source of income for buying essentials like medicine. Without the nuts, life would be almost impossible for the community: and yet the rainforest is under threat from mining and logging companies. That's why Christian Aid partner the Pro-Indigenous Commission of São Paulo (CPI) is helping the community gain the legal rights to its land.

As we celebrate God's good gifts this harvest, let us remember CPI's work, Bebé's community and their struggle to protect this complex and fragile creation. This harvest, we are helping them bear fruit for the future. Thank you so much for all you can give.

'Pray for us to find a way to make a living from the Brazil nuts and continue living here on our lands.' – Bebé Albenize  
Donations to the harvest appeal will support Christian Aid's work in Brazil and around the world. To donate or for further information please contact: [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)



### 'City Praise 2013'

It's here again! After 2010's sell-out event 'City Praise' is returning with another entirely FREE event: 'City Praise 2013: FREEDOM' at the Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2013. This promises to be a great evening of praise and worship to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Music will be both contemporary and traditional with the evening culminating in a short talk from Joseph D'Souza, CEO of OM India, who will speak on the amazing struggle for freedom of India's Dalits. Tickets which are FREE are now available to book online at: [www.originscotland.org](http://www.originscotland.org) or by contacting: 0131 208 0095. Please note: Online bookings are limited to 5 tickets per person.

### 'Light of the World'

Is returning to the Usher Hall on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December (7:30pm) and the Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December (7:30pm). These evenings not only promise to be another fantastic opportunity to start the Christmas season in the right spirit. Tickets priced from £8 and upwards (concessions available) are available to book online at: [www.originscotland.org](http://www.originscotland.org) or by contacting: 0131-228-1155 (Usher Hall); 0141-353-8000 (Royal Concert Hall).





## Children's Fun Page

### The Parable of the Sower

Using your bible, read Matthew Chapter 13 from verse 1 to 23. Now choose the word which best fits into the following sentences

1. What is a Parable?  
A. a Psalm B. a story with a deeper meaning C. a type of seed
2. What does a seed need in order to grow?  
A. darkness and cold B. good soil and heat C. Heat
3. The soil where the first seed fell was  
A. Sandy B. Rocky C. Hard
4. What happened to the plants growing in shallow soil?  
A. Withered in sun B. Birds ate them C. Farmer dug them up
5. What did the thorns do to the little seedlings?  
A. Helped them grow B. Took their light and growing space so they died C. Made room for them
6. In the story, the last place where the seed fell was  
A. Good soil B. Rocks C. Bird Table
7. At the end of the story what did Jesus say?  
A. "If anyone has a heart, let him love" B. "If anyone has eyes, let him see" C. "If anyone has ears, let him hear"
8. Jesus explained the meaning of the story to the  
A. Crowd B. Priests C. Disciples

### Harvest

Harvest Festivals used to be celebrated at the beginning of the Harvest season on 1 August and was called **Lammas**, meaning 'loaf Mass'. Farmers made loaves of bread (the food of life) from the new wheat crop and gave them to their local church. They were then used as the **Communion bread** during a special mass thanking God for the harvest. The custom ended when Henry VIII broke away from the Catholic Church, and nowadays we have harvest festivals at the end of the season.

The tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches as we know it today began in **1843**, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service for the harvest at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall. Victorian hymns such as "We plough the fields and scatter", "Come ye thankful people, come" and "All things bright and beautiful" helped make his idea of harvest festival popular and spread the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service.

### Doublepuzzle 2

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KIPC 12 2 13  
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### Sudoku

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## Adult's Fun Page

### Harvest Bible Quiz

1. Who said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few"?
2. How many fruits of the Spirit does Paul list in Galatians?
3. On which day of creation did God create fruit trees?
4. Why were the Israelites told not to gather the gleanings of the harvest?
5. In the parable of the tares in the field who are the reapers?
6. What sort of tree did Jesus curse for not bearing fruit?
7. Who found mandrakes during harvest and gave them to Leah?
8. For how many successive years did the harvest fail when Joseph was ruling in Egypt?
9. Where was Jesus when he said, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest"?
10. In Revelation, how many harvests of fruit does the tree of life produce each year?