

CFK PARISH NEWS

Autumn 2009

I have overcome the world...

As the world still feels, and as each of us in our own way is affected by the global financial crash, what comfort we find in Christ's words, "Be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world". Jesus spoke these words to his disciples under the shadow of death, as his crucifixion took place very soon after. It is interesting that Jesus never promises his followers an easy life, '*In this world you shall have many tribulations*', but offers the reminder that in him, all has been accomplished. As the surrounding farms labour to get the harvest finished, and as we individuals reflect on our own lives and situation at this time of year, whatever our circumstance it is comforting to remind ourselves of the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)

Your Minister,

Neil .

Forthcoming Dates

27 Sep	Harvest Thanksgiving	Kilmany Church
18 Oct	Communion	Creich Church
8 Nov	Remembrance Sunday	Kilmany Church
6 Dec	Gift Sunday	Kilmany Church

All services at 11.30 am.

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Your District Elder is:





Harvest Thanksgiving



Sunday 27th September 2009, Kilmany Church

After another grain harvest hampered by unsettled weather, we gather to be thankful for all the produce and also for those who have had to work so hard to achieve a harvest.

The Church will be open on Saturday 26th from 2pm till 4pm for the reception of produce and other goods for display.

Once again it has been decided to support the work of **Gilven House** in Glenrothes. They are always extremely grateful for our help. This year they would be delighted to receive some fresh produce, tinned and dried goods, toiletries, cleaning materials, etc.



There will also be envelopes available for donations to our own church funds.



ADAM PREPARES HIMSELF FOR THE HUMAN RACE

DOORS OPEN DAY

Sunday 6th September saw the doors of Kilmany Church opened for all to see as part of 'Doors Open Day' in the East Area of Fife. Around 80 visitors came for a look at the church and surrounding graveyard.



David Weekes had put much research into the history of the church building, surrounding parish, past ministers and some of the more interesting gravestones in the Churchyard. This information had been drawn together into two information booklets.

Floral arrangements, Communion Silverware and other information displays added to the interest within the church.

Sheila Simmers provided tea and coffee refreshments in the vestry.

Many of the visitors had tales of connections to the church; a former session clerk, and someone who had attended as a boy with his grandmother 70 years ago, and had drawn on the pew (still visible today!) were amongst those who came for a look.

Another point of interest in the church were the front pews folded flat to form a communion table and seating almost the full length of the interior. These have been out of service for many years since additional heaters were installed, but after some restoration and modifications, it is hoped they may again be used for Holy Communion in the near future.

Remaining copies of the information booklets on both Kilmany Church and the Churchyard, will be available in the church for anyone interested, along with picture postcards for sale produced from photographs taken by John & Sheila Ansell.

Many thanks to all those who put in the effort to make this event the success that it was.

AFTERNOON CLUB

The afternoon club meets in Luthrie Hall, the first Monday of each month between 2.00pm and 3.30pm. The programme varies with speakers and games, and a good chat, and we have lovely home baking.



We look forward to seeing you there.

Compassion - Our Sponsored Child

We have now received several letters from Brithany, the 7 year old girl in Ecuador who we sponsor through Compassion UK.

Her most recent was written at the end of April:



Dear Creich, Flisk & Kilmany Church,
I greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus. I am so happy to know that you are all very well and happy. I love to get your letters and read them, they encourage me very much. I am happy to know your church read the letter I sent to you. I am happy to know that you do social work; I think you help people in need. How many people are there in your church? I thank Tim very much for writing and that he told me about his family. Please keep praying for me and my family. Thanks for the picture you sent me.

With love,
Brithany.

One of Brithany's tutors, Rita, wrote earlier to let us know that Brithany is very attentive in class, and enjoys playing basketball.

Letter writing is an important part of our sponsorship of Brithany. If you would be interested in writing, please speak to Barbara Brett.

The piggy banks in the churches for collecting money for her sponsorship continue to be well supported, Thank you.

Please remember Brithany and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

More information about Compassion UK can be found online at:

www.compassionuk.org



Harvest Display Answers-
Jam, Courgette, Pasta, Wheat, Flowers, Potatoes, Eggs, Peppers,
Cucumber, Baked beans, Cauliflower, Barley, Beetroot, Rice, Broccoli, Apples,
Cabbage, Oats, Mints, Bread, Butter, Honey, Pears, Tomatoes, Carrots, Cheese,

The Choir

After a decent break over the summer we resume practices on Thursday 17th September at 7.30pm in Monimail Church, preparing musical items for various services over the coming months.

Our numbers are the absolute minimum necessary to sustain an input to the music of the church, it would be a great pity if yet again the choir is allowed to fail through lack of support.

Anyone interested in singing with the choir on a regular basis or perhaps only for specific services please take the plunge and come along on Thursday evenings, all welcome. No previous experience necessary.

If you would like to talk it over please give me a call.

George Somerville

MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING

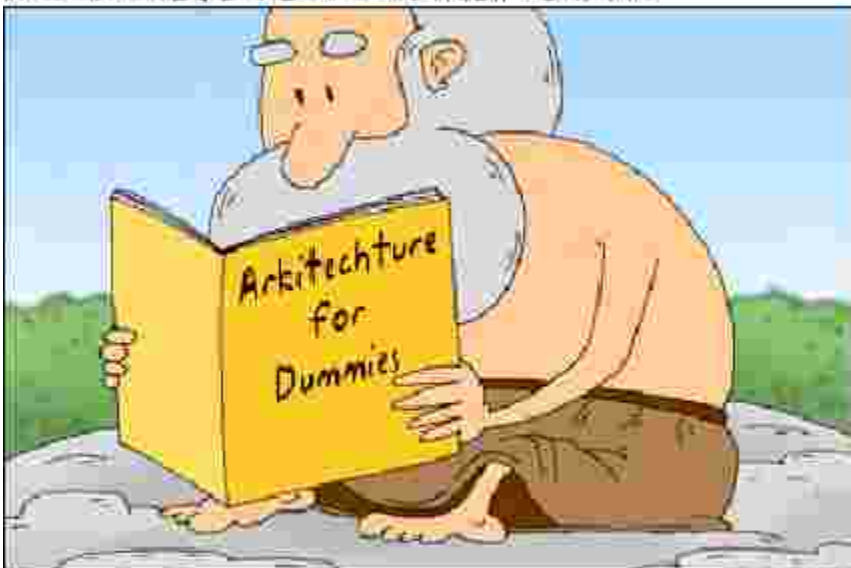
Following from the success of last years event, another summer concert was held in Monimail Church on 20th August 2009.

The proceeds raised were split equally between CFK and Monimail Churches. This amounted to just over £320 to each church.

Many thanks to those involved with the organising of this event, the performers and everyone who supported it.



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Life & Work Magazine

Reducing circulations of religious publications in the western world during the current economic downturn has prompted several former moderators of the Church to call upon members to support the Life and Work magazine, in order that it does not follow the demise of similar publications, most notably in the United States.

Free information available on many internet sites, and cut-backs in advertising income are amongst the factors putting the squeeze on publications.

Life and Work provides much food for thought and discussion. With newspapers and other media choosing to ignore the work of the Church, other than when a scandal is involved, this magazine is one of the very few sources of information about developments within the Church of Scotland, and the people making a difference. Previous articles have helped readers to explore their faith, and shown examples of how God's work is being carried on in some congregations, in order that others may be inspired.

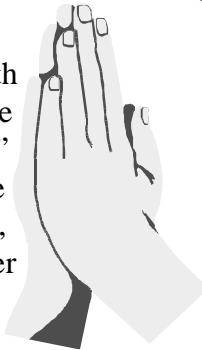
The September 2009 issue even includes an article on Kilmany Church, and the connection with Thomas Chalmers— so don't think the magazine has nothing of relevance to CFK!

If you would be interested to find out more about Life & Work magazine, or to discuss subscribing, then please speak to May Edgar.

Prayer Chain

Jesus said: "Whenever two of you on earth agree about anything you pray for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven."

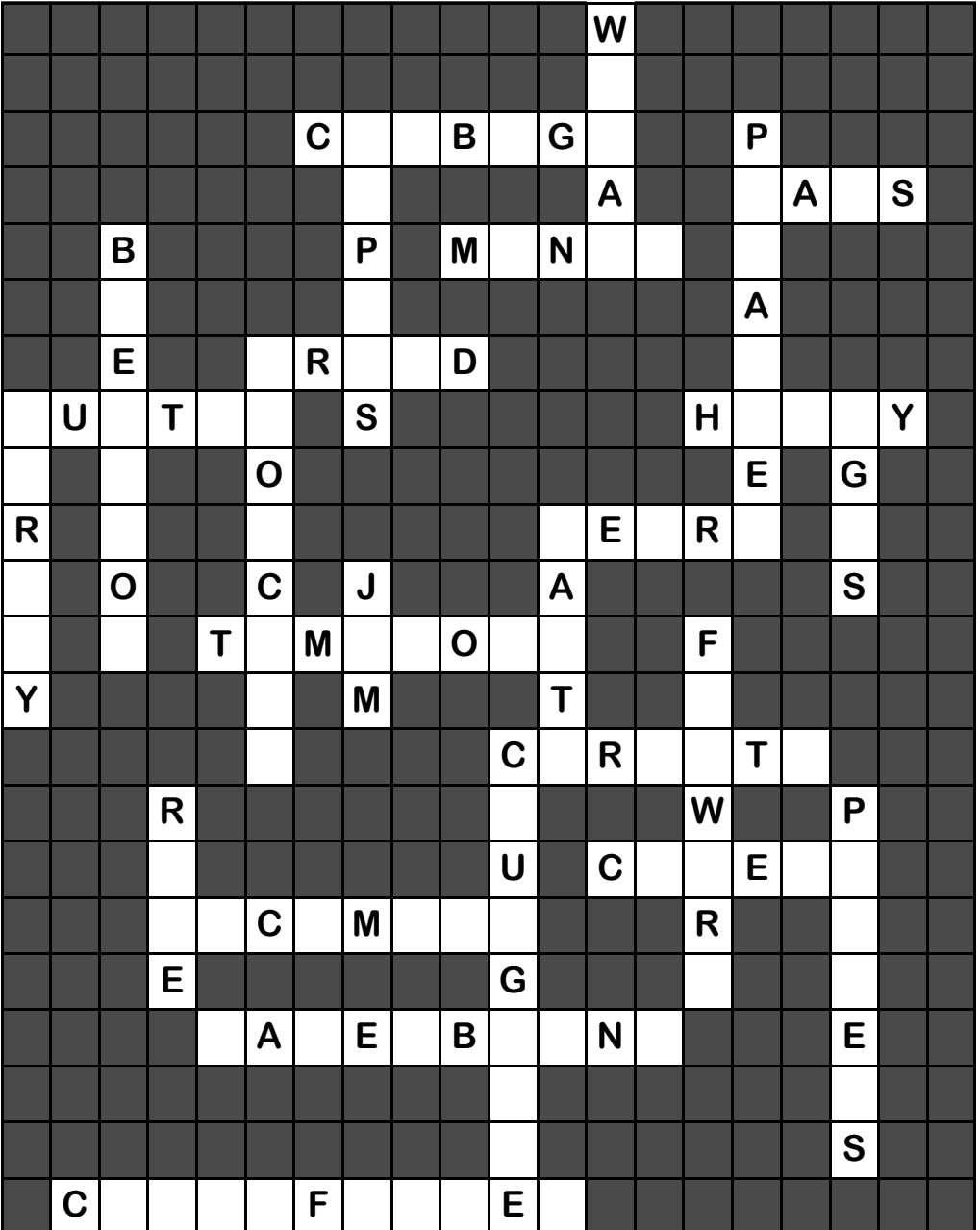
Prayer Chain is a network of church people dedicated to praying for people in need, whenever the need arises. If you need prayer for yourself or anyone else, just phone the number below. All requests will be treated confidentially. You don't have to give details if you'd rather not; just the name or some indication of the prayer you need.



Telephone May Edgar

HARVEST DISPLAY

Complete the blanks to find the items on display for Harvest Thanksgiving:



Find the answers on page 4.

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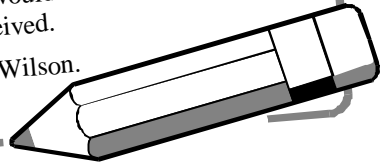
The Lord Jesus Christ invites all His followers to gather thankfully at His table to remember His love.

The Kirk Session will be delighted to welcome you to the following celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Sunday 18th October 2009
- Creich Church -
11.30am

Very many thanks to everyone who provided contributions to the newsletter. We will shortly be producing the Christmas edition of CFK news, so any information, contribution or comments which would be of interest to the people of this community would be gratefully received.

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