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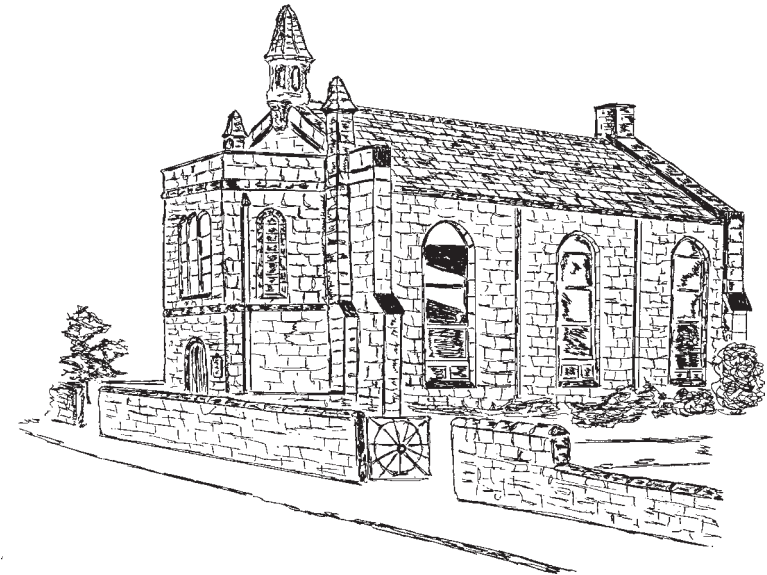
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## EDITORIAL

**Haggs Manse March 2007.**

**Hi folks,**

*For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life.*

*John 3: 16*

Once more we approach Easter, the most important day in the Christian Calendar. If there had not been an Easter event we would not have a Christmas to celebrate (could that be why the shops have Easter Eggs appearing so soon after Christmas)

It is in Jesus death on the cross and his resurrection at Easter that the words of John 3:16 come into focus. God loves us so much that Jesus died for us on the cross. Jesus resurrection at Easter is the event that gives us hope for today and also hope for the future.

Easter is a reminder to us that Jesus was willing to give up his life for us. How much are you as his follower willing to give up for Him? Will you take the time to come and join the services during Holy Week and to share the celebration on Easter Sunday when we rejoice in our Risen Lord?

*Seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you.*  
*Luke 11:9*

**The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.**

**Helen F Christie** (*Minister*)

Do you remember when winters consisted of cold and frosty days with periods of snow? Today's winters have changed and now seem to be predominantly wet and windy. We only need to think back to New Year and remember the rain and gales that caused much damage throughout the land.

So what has changed? If we are to believe the experts, it is due to something called global warming. This is an effect, apparently caused by us and the way we are treating our environment. It results in an increase in temperatures, which in turn cause the ice caps to melt and sea levels to rise. A further change is an change in weather patterns, more rainfall, increased winds.

You might well be saying so what – what can we do about it? We can start by remembering that God put us on earth to be His stewards and to take care of His creation, including the environment. This gives us the responsibility to care and to do our best to rectify what appears to be a very vicious circle, one that might ultimately lead to the destruction of the world as we know it.

We should listen to the experts and do as much as we can to reduce the effect of global warming. We have a responsibility to our children and grandchildren to hand over to them a world in which they can be proud to live without the threat of climatic disaster. Is it worth the risk to do nothing?

We are about to leave the period of Lent and are approaching Easter, the most important time of our Christian year. Jesus gave His life for us on Good Friday and by His death and resurrection showed us the strength and power of his faith and belief in God his Father. If Jesus was prepared to give His life as part of his stewardship, what can we as mere mortals do to exercise our Stewardship?

There is no easy answer to this question. We should however through prayer and discussion seek to find an answer, one that will allow us to help project our world and be the stewards that God intended us to be.

Do what you can, be a good Steward. It is not worth the risk to do nothing.

We wish you a happy and spiritually uplifting Easter.

**Jack Dunn**

# ANNUAL STATED MEETING REPORTS

## **Minister's Report 11<sup>th</sup> March 2007.**

During 2006 our services of worship have continued in Haggs Parish Church and the Archibald Russell Centre.

Over the year our worship has been attended by our faithful regulars and by visitors attending the 5 Baptisms in which we have had the joy of sharing. We also added 7 members to our number but this was balanced by the sadness of the loss through death of 9 of our number part of the 49 funerals at which I officiated over the year. On the brighter side I also officiated in 29 weddings mostly outwith the church building but still in the presence of God. On the day of our last Annual Stated Meeting we had the pleasure of welcoming the Presbytery Moderator Rev Melville Crosthwaite who brought with him the best wishes of Presbytery. Once more we shared our Holy Week Services with Bonnybridge St Helen's. Later in the year Murray McCheyne Jnr shared his experience of Amazon Hope and we are now as a congregation giving our support to the Vine Trust through special collections and donations left in our Ark which was very kindly modelled and donated by Angus Johnston.

May I thank you at this time for your continued support in donations to the wider outreach of the Church whether through the Vine Trust or Christian Aid or the other appeals we have given to over the year.

As part of our outreach to our own parish a Christmas Leaflet was distributed to all households and I wish to thank everyone who helped in this undertaking. Although it is difficult to gauge the result of this leaflet I know that it brought people to the Service for the Bereaved in December.

As you will see from the other reports our outreach continues through our organisations but may I add at this time what a pleasure it is to welcome our Youth organisations into church and I especially appreciate their contributions to our worship.

My thanks once again to all who assist in worship, whether as beadle, organist, choir member, reader, leader in worship, flower arranger or cleaner. Your gift of service is much appreciated.

May I take this opportunity to ask if you or anyone you know is able to offer their talents towards the continuing upkeep of the church. Whether cleaning the church and hall, upkeep of the garden or helping the Property Committee with their ongoing maintenance.

My thanks are also extended to Jack Dunn and Murray McCheyne for acting as Session Clerk Pro Tem and Andrew Christie for his work as Clerk to the

Board. May I also thank members of the Session and Board for their continued support.

In the Session Clerk's report Jack has suggested that by the end of this year our membership will fall below 300. This year the Session are looking at ways for our continuing mission to our Parish. I ask for your support and your prayers as we work out our vision for the future.

**Helen F Christie**

## **Session Clerk Report**

The Kirk Session continues to function without the services of a permanent Session Clerk, Murray McCheyne and Jack Dunn are sharing the position on a pro-tem basis.

Although this is working reasonably well it is far from ideal and we really need some one to take on the office in a permanent capacity.

The Kirk Session had its annual conference in January. The main point of discussion considered what we can do to transform our Congregation. Many suggestions were made and we hope to implement the main ones, some in the short term and others over a longer period of time.

Our statistical return for 2006 shows that we have a membership of 301 compared to 307 at the end of 2005. We have 33 serving elders and seven and 7 additional members on the Congregational Board. The membership trend is decreasing and we are in danger of dropping below the 300 mark. This might well happen during 2007.

Both courts are reasonably well attended but the average age is steadily increasing, so we are in need of new, young members, who can bring fresh ideas.

**Jack Dunn**

## **Keep Fit**

We have raised our numbers this year with 12 people max. in our class with some gym ball exercises. All ages are most welcome. The class has donated to several charities, Haggs Church, Cancer, NSPCC, Heart Foundation, Vine Trust and a young Leukemia sufferer.

If you wish to join the group come along on Wednesday evenings 6 – 7 p.m. in the Church Hall.

Thanks to everyone who comes along and donates to help these other charities while having gentle exercise.

**Liz. Heeps, Instructor.**

## Boys' Brigade Report

All sections within the company have been working very hard this year with the Anchor Boys on Tuesday evening doing their handcrafts, bible stories and games, keeping Lynne, Gemma, and Fiona young and fit.

The Junior Section have been taking part in the battalion competitions, doing games, handcrafts, singing, word searches, with the company section helping on Tuesday evenings as part of their Queens' Badge work. The section will be going to Girvan, as normal in the first weekend in June. Morag, George, Sandra, Alan Hobbs, John have worked with the boys this year.

The Company Section also have had a busy session taking part in all Battalion and National Competitions, being successful in Vaulting (last time winners 1971). Senior Five-a-side Football, Cross Country Junior Team, with David Symon winner in the Junior race. We have 5 boys working for their Queens' Badge to be completed in January 2008. Colin, Alan Laird, Alan Hobbs and John have been working with the boys.

Parents' Night will be held on 24 March 2007 at Bankier Primary School at 7.30pm. All welcome to attend.

Thanks to all officers, helpers, the Steadfast Association, for their time they give to the Company.

Falkirk Battalion held a special event in Falkirk Town Hall, called 'Turnabout' – Church service with a difference.

Next year is the 75th Anniversary of 1st Haggs Company of Boys' Brigade, founded on 30 May 1933, if you know of any former members of the company, could you please let any officer know their name and address, as we hope to arrange a special Church Service and reunion.

**E Firth** (Captain)

## The Flower List

**Jan.** - Mrs Campbell, Miss Cleland, Miss Shearer and Mrs Dunn.

**Feb.** - Mrs McLeod, Mrs Walls Jnr., Mrs Smith, Mrs Shearer.

**Mar.** - Mrs McLachlan, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Mortimer, Mrs McIlwraith

**Apr.** - Mrs Harley, Mrs Dunn, Mrs Bateman, Mrs Cowan, Mrs Findlay.

Once again we are indebted to those of our congregation who donate flowers to beautify our church week by week. They are appreciated very much by those who receive them after the service.

To you all thanks are given.

**Moira Martin and Jean Leishman**

## Carpet Bowling Report

We are delighted to have had a successful year. With our new members we now have approximately 18 people every week.

In May, we had our annual outing which went to Aberdeen, the weather was beautiful, and we had a delicious meal. Everyone said how much they enjoyed it.

At the end of May we closed for the summer, with a lovely meal at the Haggs Tavern.

In December, we were back at the Haggs Tavern for our Xmas meal where we also enjoyed the fun and fellowship.

If you have a spare Wednesday afternoon, do come and join us. A warm welcome, good fun, and a lovely cup of tea with home baking awaits you.

What more can you ask for?

**Betty Crosbie**

## Christian Aid Report

We would like to thank everyone who supported Christian Aid during the past year. The continued dedication of those who participated in the Forth Road Bridge Cross, the Soup and Sandwich lunch and the door-to-door collection all helped to make a generous donation to the work of Christian Aid in the wider world.

A total of £2717.86 was raised from Haggs Church this year.

The congregation were also delighted to welcome a visiting Christian Aid speaker, Marjory Clark, to our pulpit on Sunday 21 January. Her inspiring talk about the work Christian Aid is doing in different poor and troubled parts of the world with donations from our church was uplifting. It was good to speak with Marjory over tea and coffee after the service, to view the interesting materials she brought with her and to hear about the work other congregations are doing to support Christian Aid work.

We hope we can rely on your continued support in the coming year to sustain our contribution to this valuable outreach work done in God's name.

The forthcoming Christian Aid Week collection is from May 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> and the Forth Bridge Cross Walk on Saturday 23 June 2007.

Thanks again for your support.

**Sue Storrar and Liz Herbert**

## Haggs Parish Church Guild Report

Our Guild meets every fortnightly on Monday afternoons, at 2 pm. We changed from evening meetings this year and I am pleased to report that we have 8 new members.

Our syllabus this session, was full and varied – commencing with the Dedication Service in **October** at which two Guild members acted out a short play - during the morning service.

The first meeting was taken by our minister Rev. Helen Christie. She took the theme, ‘Honour Thy body’, for her talk.

At the end of October we had Mr. R. Fitzcharles, a local Coach Hirer, who related to us his ‘coaching experiences’. He was most interesting and had us all in fits of laughter.

One of our own church members, Liz Heaps, gave us a most instructive talk on ‘Keeping Fit from Your Armchair’. Some of the members tried the exercises and nearly tied themselves in knots.

In **November**, Lesley Meek, our organist, instructed us in the art of decoupage. She explained and showed how easy personal cards can be made with a little bit of effort.

The beginning of **December** made us all start thinking of Christmas and we had an afternoon of singing our favourite carols, with a keyboard accompaniment.

Our Guild Christmas lunch was held in the Tavern on the 11 December. The meal was beautiful and was enjoyed by all present. Santa paid his usual visit, giving everyone a small gift. Everyone went home looking forward to the Christmas festivities with their family and friends.

The Guild meetings resumed again, on the **8 January 2007**. As we did not have a speaker that day, stories were read. The theme for these readings was Love. Discussions also took place regarding the content of each story. Members of the ‘37 club’ were guests at our meeting on the 22 January. ‘Scotch and Rye’, was the title. This was held in the evening and was an open meeting to all church members and their friends. The Mary Kemp Dancers delighted us with their Irish dancing and the young girls were all dressed in gorgeous costumes. Burns’ poems and readings were recited by three of our members. The purvey was enjoyed by all who came along.

In **February** we had a visit from James Allardice. He talked to us and illustrated how ‘The Bohemians started’.

During his preparation for his talk, he discovered that one of our ladies, Bessie Shearer, was a founder member of The Bohemians. This was very interesting and so pleasing to have this information. A Beetle Drive took place at the end of February, although not well attended, we had a super evening, with lots of laughter and fun. All who came along really enjoyed themselves.

In **March**, we are having a visit from a Mr Patrick Duffy, from The Blind Association. Mr Duffy is blind himself and is bringing his guide dog along to our meeting. He will show us the wonder of people like himself, putting their trust in such a faithful companion.

**April** brings us to the end of our syllabus and our A.G.M. Reports are given and discussion about the distribution of funds, such as projects we will be supporting this year.

We have our usual Guild Outing in **May**, but as yet we have not made a decision on the venue.

The Annual Meeting titled, ‘Lets Live’, takes place in The Caird Hall, Dundee - this year. Tickets are in short supply and have to be ordered well in advance. We are hoping that our Guild will be allocated quite a few tickets for our members.

Three of our ladies attended this meeting last September in the Royal Concert Halls in Glasgow. It is a wonderful experience to be part of the audience at this great gathering.

The Guild is a wonderful way of sharing fellowship with other Guild members and friends. I sincerely hope that more ladies will be interested in joining us on Monday afternoons.

The Newsletter which each Guild receive four times in the year, keeps everyone in touch throughout Scotland.

Often our lives are very full and we do not seem to have enough to stop and reflect whether we are spending our time in the way we would really choose.

We should always remember that time is precious as we rush through our lives.

God’s Blessings on us all.

**B.A. Miller** (Guild Convener)

## **Sunday Club Report**

The children are enjoying their time at the Sunday Club, and whilst we haven't been following the program strictly, because of our involvement in Sunday services etc, we are having a good time.

At the end of last session we visited the Glasgow Science Centre and a good time was had by all.

Instead of going to a pantomime this year we visited Edinburgh with the intention of climbing the Scott Monument (yes including the adults), but the weather dictated otherwise, so we visited the national Museum. A return visit is planned next month.

We hope to participate in the service on Easter Sunday, so if we are permitted you see the Sunday Club in action.

My thanks go to those who assist, particularly to Shona Laird, who with a fresh mind has inspired us to pursue different activities, and to members of the congregation who have donated gifts for the children on their away-days.

**A Christie**

## **37 Club Report**

We are a small group of nine and we enjoy the fun of visits and the banter on our at home games nights.

We visited the Bonnybridge Model Railway Club and I was pleased to see that youngsters were also showing an interest in this, where a young teenager was operating part of the layout.

We had a pool/snooker night in Falkirk which I'm sure those who participated enjoyed.

We had our Christmas dinner at the Haggs Tavern and I'm sure this was enjoyed by all.

The Guild invited members of the '37 Club' as guests to the Scotch & Rye night in January which we enjoyed and I would thank them for the invitation.

We are having our closing night on Tuesday 27 March when we I'm sure enjoy a night at the Longcroft Arms.

We get together on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month and our meetings are intimate, come and join us if you can.

**A Christie**

## **1<sup>st</sup> Haggs Girls Brigade Report**

The numbers this year have been constant with approx. 28 girls.

We have had a busy and very quick year.

The theme for the explorers has been Things and the girls have enjoyed touching, smelling and doing all the things they love to do.

We had a Regional Explorers day in Denny in February and the girls had a great day with singing, bouncy castle, baking and crafts. The full day had a 'princess theme'.

The girls had a Great Halloween and everyone dressed up, played games and dooked for apples. Great fun.

Christmas feels as if it has just passed and at the Party Santa made time to come and visit our company, with wide eyes and thanks from all the girls he hopefully fulfilled all their wishes.

Thanks to everyone who posted their Christmas cards through us – we raised £91. We have given £50 to the Vine Trust to help with some of their ventures.

Our thanks to all who helped post the cards.

I would like to thank all parents for bringing along their daughters every week and who supported us in any way they could. Thanks to all the Officers and helpers who are there every week to teach the girls and have fun with them.

Parents Night will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall.

All will be made very welcome as this will also be our closing service.

**Liz. Heeps, Captain**

## **Property Report**

Once again the minimal amount of work was carried out on the Property this year and only urgent repairs are now being attended to due our financial situation.

The major outlay this year will be the replacement of the central heating system in the Manse and we are awaiting quotes.

The Quinquennial Inspection of the Church property was carried out during 2006 and we have received the report. There was nothing new in the report that we did not already know about.

Once again most of the work required to be carried out by us is external and we are looking forward to good weather to be able to continue the outstanding work on the Church, Halls and Manse over the summer.

On behalf of Colin, Tommy and myself, I would like to thank all those who gave of their time to help us out on some of the more specialised jobs.

**Ernest Martin** (Property Convener)

## **Guild**

The Guild is 120 years old this year. So much has been accomplished over these years, and is still being done today. As I serve at National level it never fails to amaze me, what goes on within the organization around the country but, after all we are one of the best informed branches of the Church of Scotland. The projects are coming to the end of their first year, and already the monies are pouring in. Our theme 'Body, Mind & Soul' has caught the imagination of many branches, next year we will be concentrating on the "mind" – sounds very intellectual! But no doubt we will have some fun during the session. At Local level, many branches are flourishing and as I visit some of them I am overwhelmed by their enthusiasm and hospitality. We on our local council within the Presbytery have a very dedicated and hard working team, and we run many events throughout the year. Our own recent A.G.M. which was very well attended, but unfortunately Hags was not represented, I was elected as Council Convenor for the next three years, an office which I don't think has ever been held by a member of Hags Guild. It is an awesome task and a demanding task, and I ask for your prayers, to carry it out to the best of my ability – "hose we are and whom we serve" in his wisdom Dr Charton's left us a lot to live up to.

Yours in Christian Fellowship.

**Jean Cowan**

## **Junior Section Boys' Brigade Report**

This has been another quick session for us. We have a very young section this year, most of our boys being in P.4. This made learning the Maze marching quite difficult for them as our more experienced boys went to the company section last session. We still managed to be placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, so the boys did very well! We took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Spiritual trophy, having to learn quite a long bible passage and to make a poster about Christian Aid.

We participated in the Alan Douglas trophy, the swimming competition and the football. The Battalion sports take place later in the session. Everywhere we took the boys they were a credit to us, being well turned out and generally well behaved.

We do a large variety of things at the junior section.

We have a short opening service, with usually a small biblical talk and the boys asking questions. We have arts and crafts, quizzes, word searches, lots of games – like non-stop cricket, dodgy ball, crab football, singing and badge work. One of the highlights which the boys loved this year was making fresh fruit kebabs and dipping them in chocolate sauce! That really went down a treat!

We took part in the opening and closing parades of the company at our own Church at Hags and the boys sang at the Christmas gift service. We had a fabulous evening at Falkirk when the whole company attended our Christian "Rock concert" called TurnaBBout organized by the Battalion.

Our Christmas night out took us to the cinema to see Santa Claus 3 which everyone really enjoyed!

After parents' night we will continue on a Tuesday, but will have non-uniformed evenings with perhaps games or we will take the boys to the swimming, until around early June when we will have our annual week-end camp to Girvan. My thanks to the officers, Ernie, Sandra, George, John and Alan with special thanks to Christopher Nelson from the company section who has come along faithfully every week to help us.

Best wishes from all at the junior section and happy holidays, wherever you go.

**Morag Wales** (Officer-in-charge)

## TurnaBBout

About a year and a half ago, the officers in Falkirk & district Battalion, the Boys' Brigade decided to address the position of continually falling numbers at Battalion church parades. According to some of the boys, these church services were "boring" so no matter how hard we tried, what speakers we had, nothing worked the boys just would not attend!

A committee was set up to try something new, and radically different, to see if we could turn the situation around. To get the message through to the boys without it being on church premises, we booked Falkirk Town Hall. A real big gamble, at considerable expense, particularly if not many attended. Never-the-less, undeterred, we soldiered on.

A young officer in the Battalion, called John Vaughan, tried the internet and all sorts to get information for a kind of "rock" style Christian band and lo and behold, through some of his contacts managed to secure a meeting with an ex social worker/policeman, David Seel, who had a band called the GI project who had played to many youth gatherings all over Scotland. His minister, and friend, Michael McCurry, was also a SPL football referee and a member of the magic circle! What to call the project? All sorts of names came to mind, but we wanted something particularly connected to the B.B, What do we do at the B.B?

Drill – one of the commands is "About Turn". What were we trying to do? About turn became Turnabout, as we were trying to turn everyone on the right road again, and we added the BB in the middle, TurnaBBout was born!

So, we had the hall, the group, the special guest, the name and all we had to do now was FILL THE HALL.

With a great leap of faith, we launched the project on the 29<sup>th</sup> January, sending out a "flyer" to every boy and officer in the Battalion and a poster to every company. The event was to take place on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

The actual night of TurnaBBout arrived. Our company had hired a bus, as well as our minibus, and one car, to take us all to Falkirk Town Hall., When we arrived we were totally overwhelmed by the amount of boys and officers who were there, a total of 650 attended with all 600 seats taken and some people standing. The atmosphere was electric! Everyone was smiling and waving to people in other companies and the boys were totally "hyper".

Uniform was relaxed everyone had to wear the badge, so some had on full uniform, some just their polo shirt, or section tee shirt. It didn't really matter how you were dressed just that you were there! From 7.30 p.m. when the event started, the boys were told to stand up and clap their hands, dance around, stamp their feet in time to the music. One of our anchor boys leaders had made the boys 1<sup>st</sup> Haggs flags so they took great pleasure in waving them. One of our junior sections boys was chosen to go on stage and play an imaginary air guitar along with the band and his face was a picture! His tooth fell out later in the night, must have been all the excitement!

During the first musical part of the event, the boys could see the words to the songs on large screens at either side of the stage. This changed, at intervals, to live pictures of the band or to the audience, who were at this time really having a fabulous time jumping around and clapping to the music!

Next came, Mike McCurry, a former B.B. Officer in the 262<sup>nd</sup> Glasgow company. His magic tricks really held the boys and another of our junior section boys came out of the audience to help him.

The anchors and juniors were amazed by his magic, and he managed to weave his spiritual message into his presentation. He also told of his life around 11-13 years old in Glasgow, and spoke of football, thus relating to the older boys in the company section. He gave encouragement to the officers, having been one himself. Before we all knew it, he had run over his time to talk to us!

The event ended with more music for the boys to "rock" to. TurnaBBout was totally funded by our Battalion, but we were delighted to receive a cheque for £500 from the Church of Scotland, towards our expenses. Although 650 attended, we had phone calls from companies from "all airts and pairts" to see if they could attend. Lots of parents and church members would have liked to come too, but we did not realize how successful it would be.

We know it will be a long, long time before we forget the fellowship and the smiling faces of the boys and officers on that night! Just goes to show, Faith really does move mountains!

**Morag Wales**



## SOMETHINGS NEW

At the Elder's Conference in January the Kirk Session discussed what we could do to stimulate the life of the church in our community. A number of ideas and suggestions were brought forward and we have listed them under Short Term, Medium Term and Long Term headings.

Two of the short term suggestions have already been implemented. They are:

- Mid-week Communion: In addition to our normal two Sunday communion services, we had a service on the following Wednesday evening. In total 19 attended this service bringing our total for the three services to about 105. We hope that this service will provide an opportunity to those who, for whatever reason, cannot attend on the Sunday. Come along next time.
- Web Site: Haggs church has entered the age of technology. We have started our own web-site. The address is [haggschurch.org.uk](http://haggschurch.org.uk). It is not yet fully populated but will eventually contain information about the church, its office bearers and organisations. We will also be able to post the intimations and even this magazine. Have a look.

## World Mission

The appeal for 2007 is now underway with the aim of providing – through the Scottish Churches China Group – rehabilitation equipment and daily necessities to orphans in China suffering from chronic illnesses and disabilities that have hampered their childhood development.

The stamp appeal works by collecting used stamps and selling them on to collectors with the proceeds going to the nominated project. Last year the stamp appeal raised £2080.45 for the Golden Jubilee Project helping the elderly in Bangladesh.

## The following was written by a young man on the Alpha course while in Rehab in a Borstal.

Who is Jesus?

I cried out to Jesus and asked who are you?  
I've been told I'm a sinner, but what can I do?  
You can do nothing and neither could man  
But you're speaking to someone who's willing and can  
You ask who am I? Have you not read my book?  
Take it down from your bookshelf, dust it and look  
I've been called many things, who do you say I am?  
Am I a Spirit, the true God or a man?  
I asked my disciples to say what they thought,  
They looked at each other, some chose to say naught,  
Others said Elijah, Jeremiah or John  
Quick give me your answer before I am gone!  
Peter stood up and gave Jesus a nod  
You are the Christ, Son of the Living God  
I took out my Bible and studied the pages,  
I made a list of his names, I was writing for ages,  
It says He's the Father and also the Son  
And the Holy Spirit all rolled into one  
He's a man of sorrows the King of Kings  
The Saviour of the World, new life He brings  
I paused for a moment just to listen to him  
Then shouted forgive me and take all my sins,  
You are Alpha Omega, the beginning and end  
You are Jesus my Saviour, Redeemer and Friend.

## WANTED

All items large or small  
For  
Silent Auction  
On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2007  
In the Church Hall  
7.00 – 9.00 p.m. Cost: £3.00  
Cheese & Wine Refreshments included  
For more information or help with uplifting larger items  
contact: Sue Storrar

## **Baptism**

### **'Suffer little children to come unto me'**

26<sup>th</sup> Nov. Carly Cochrane  
18<sup>th</sup> Feb. Amy Margaret Cochrane

## **Marriage**

### **'Whom God has joined together'**

28<sup>th</sup> Dec. Catriona McAra to Alan Hutchison  
16<sup>th</sup> Feb. Deborah Douglas to Iain Kelly

## **Deaths**

### **'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord'**

Nov. Baby Robertson  
Andrew Stretton  
Mrs Mary Maxwell, Bonnybridge

Dec. Mrs Elizabeth O'Hara,  
George Stewart, Haggs  
Mrs Betty McKinley, Banknock  
Mrs Sheila Neil, Falkirk  
Mrs Hannah Carson, Falkirk

Jan. Mrs Margaret Taylor, Bonnybridge  
David Dalziel, Banknock  
Mrs Annie Harkness, Longcroft  
Alexander Matheson, Dennyloanhead  
Mrs Mima Smith, Bonnybridge  
William Black, Bonnybridge  
Capt. William Stewart, Allandale  
Alfred Russell, Allandale

Feb. James Gray, Dennyloanhead  
Mrs Anna Liddell, Dunipace  
Mrs Mary O'Donnell, Dennyloanhead