



Welcome to the Easter Magazine. Like we said the last time when The Christmas magazine was delivered in November and now the Easter magazine being delivered in February, it is a bit early. As you know we publish four magazines a year. These magazines co-inside with your elder's visits prior to Communion, so these two magazines in particular will always be early with their Christmas and Easter greetings. ***Can we ever be too early to spread the message of these two most important events in our Christian Calendar?*** Let's hope we can journey towards Easter with HOPE in our hearts.

Isn't it great to be back in the church for worship, after a lot of very hard work. Work is still in progress and each week sees another stage completed. At the moment painting is being done, cleaned cushions are arriving and the completion of this massive project will be fitting new carpets, which will then allow the organ to be back in use. There was a big push to be back worshipping in the Church for Christmas with our magnificent Christmas tree, maybe on Easter Sunday we will be enjoying the 'finished article'. Well done to the property committee and all who helped along the way. I'm sure the property committee will be delighted and relieved, but sadly for them churches are like the Forth Road Bridge, there is always work to be done maintaining our buildings and how fortunate we are that we have a very diligent property committee.

The next Magazine material is due no later than 25th April.

Material to either Cath Barbour or Joe Craig or e-mail Cath at cathbarbour@btconnect.com.

The Magazine Team



SIGNS OF HOPE

Dear Friends,

Signs of spring are beginning to emerge after a wearisome winter. Evidence of snowdrops and crocuses pushing their way through the cold earth are signs in themselves of warmer days ahead. The resilience of nature is remarkable. The sight of fresh snow certainly brightened the landscape. Even the thought of a white Christmas had a strong appeal, but the aftermath was not so inviting. We did, however, enjoy a good number of bright, crisp, frosty (some would say "healthy") days but the cold was evident as people were wrapped in scarves, gloves and heavy overcoats. Adapting to the conditions reflected something of the resilience of the human spirit – life has to go on.

When we consider our own situation measured against the devastation in Haiti we have little to complain about. The earthquake that shook Port-au-Prince to its foundation, bringing down buildings on an unsuspecting population and resulting in thousands of deaths is something we can barely begin to appreciate. Television pictures bring the reality of the situation there into our homes but the scenes could be from yet another disaster movie. Haiti has been described as the poorest country in the western world. They have few material means to overcome their plight and they have to hope and pray that the international community will, out of human concern, respond to save lives and provide at least basic means of support. In time stories will emerge of heroic deeds that have helped bring to the people of Haiti the sense that they are not forgotten. The resilience of the human spirit is remarkable.

In a few weeks we will celebrate Easter. By then we will have gone through the season of Lent, a reminder of the journey Jesus made to the Cross. We can barely begin to imagine the turmoil of heart and mind that possessed him as he made his way to Jerusalem, ironically the City of Peace.

Whether we have trudged through a wearisome winter or faced the tragic effects of an earthquake, there are signs of hope. The natural world points to the prospect of new life, though at times it can produce havoc and despair. The human world points to the resilience of the human spirit in responding to the needs of others.

The inspiration for Christians comes from the self-sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross with the hope of the new life to come. Easter is the transforming story of the man who trusted God implicitly and who risked the Cross for us.
Happy Easter!

Bill Armstrong

Greenock Westburn Church Web Site

Our Church web site is up and running and can be found at - <http://www.greenockwestburn.org.uk/> Please visit it and view it's contents.

Each Church Organisation has it's own individual page. As the winter session is about to commence, the Organisations are encouraged to use their page to advertise their syllabus or activities.

A similar invitation is made to any church member who feels that they can assist in making the web site more interesting.

Further information can obtained from Jim Bell (01475 799381 or all.the.bells@ntlworld.com)

Life and Work

Life and Work is available on the last Sunday of every month priced £1.60
Subscriptions available.

Please contact **Shelagh Hendry Tele. 794667.**

Delivery can be arranged if you are unable to get to church.

CHURCH NEWS BOOK

The Church News Book can be found on the table at the front of the Church, please use this as a communication to help keep the minister informed of anyone who is ill or in hospital, or of any news of special birthdays and anniversaries.

Be sure to add the person's address even if they are in hospital.

If the minister doesn't know he can't do anything about it.

Pastoral Care Committee

1. **Christmas Café** – the Café was well attended and many thanks to those who donated Christmas pies etc and to the Ladies for providing tea and coffee.
2. **South Africa Projects** – Chris Goosen from the Family Upliftment Centre in Johannesburg spoke to the Congregation during the Service on Sunday, 10th January 2010 about the work of the Upliftment Centre and the developments which are planned for the future. Chris thanked the Congregation for their support over the years and looked forward to this continuing support.
The Moderator presented a cheque for £500 to Chris after the Service in the Church Hall.
3. **Meetings** - the last meeting was held on Friday, 8th January 2010, but due to the inclement weather there was a reduced turnout of the committee. The next meeting will be held on Friday, 12th February 2010 at 2.30pm in the lounge.
4. **March Communion** – is on Sunday, 7th March 2010 and the afternoon Communion be held in the Church Hall at 3.00pm. if any Member wishes transport to and from Church in the afternoon, please contact Bill Dempster or Ruth Gillies.

Bill Dempster

Daily Bible Reading Notes

The next issue will be for the months of March/April. Two of the most popular publications are Lucas on Life and Every day With Jesus. There are interesting comments on the Bible readings and we are encouraged to focus on particular verses. Each daily session ends with a prayer.

The title for Lucas on Life is 'The X Factor' and the theme for Every Day with Jesus is 'Healing Wounds'

If you would like to try using the Notes please speak to **Margaret Dempsey**.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY OF GREENOCK AND PAISLEY

MINISTRIES COUNCIL: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 2020 VISION - BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE THROUGH PRESBYTERY PLANNING

(The following is a summary of 2020 Vision Consultation held in Nov 2009. If you wish to see full copy of report please contact me.)

The future of the local church. The church of tomorrow will look different from the church of today. Patterns of church life that are fruitful will continue but those that not able to develop or evolve to meet the challenges posed by a changing society will wither or be pruned. There is nothing new in this. The General Assembly affirms the concept of a "mixed economy church"

Presbytery Planning Ministers, Deacons, Youth Workers etc are major factors in shaping the local church and it is the Presbytery Planning process that determines what the local church looks like. The Ministries Council is responsible for overseeing Presbytery Planning. A key ingredient in P.P. is census data. In 2012 or 2013 new data will be available to the church so the M.C. wants to initiate a conversation in the church about effective planning to be ready to use it when it becomes available. A closer connection between Planning and finance will be established. The notion that it is sufficient to divide Scotland into parishes and decide how ministries might be divided between them must be challenged. **Planning with Purpose** Detailed appraisal will involve Vision **Audit Objectives**

General Assembly 2006: - " **the vision of the Church of Scotland is to be a church which seeks to inspire the people of Scotland and beyond with the Good News of Jesus Christ through enthusiastic worshipping witnessing nurturing and serving communities.** The Audit will involve comparing the reality of the church in Presbytery with the vision stated. It will look at the area as a whole not just a collection of parishes so that

trends, issues and opportunities can be identified. Strengths and weaknesses of congregations will be honestly named. Groups with no meaningful church connections will be identified. **Viable units** This is a pastoral charge with a full time minister. While there are places where this is appropriate in other places it is not. Perhaps we should ask what form of ministry is appropriate in this distinct community? If effective ministry and mission occurs in community networks we need to find ways of fitting ministry into existing communities rather than creating artificial communities that fit a particular model of ministry. **A range of ministry models** A different model ministry might include: 1. Non- Stipendiary ministers

Trained for Ordained National Ministry

Now retired

serving as ministers up to 10 hours a week

unpaid but expenses 2. Bi- vocational ministers

Trained for Ordained Nation]. Ministries

Serving part-time as a minister paid

pro- rata for this have another job part

of week paid by employer

3. Ordained Local Ministers

Trained for Ordained Local Ministry

Deployed locally for preaching Sacraments

and pastoral care Serving under direction of O.N.M.

Can be full or part time, paid or unpaid

4. Readers

Trained for local ministry

Unpaid but pulpit supply

Aux. Ministers come under O.L.M.

The Ministries Council is currently engaged in a radical review of training. Presbyteries need to think how these people could be used alongside fulltime ministers of word and sacrament and encourage people to see themselves in these roles.

Models for ministry and finance

1. Market model- A congregation and Presbytery must be self financing.

2. Needs based - Ministry allocated on basis of need. Ability to pay not considered. Presbytery Planning currently is entirely needs based.

Margaret Crawford
Presbytery Elder

NEWS FROM VENDA

An Email from Sue-Anne Cook in December had mixed news. She started by thanking everyone at Westburn for the huge amount of clothes received for the school. The children were delighted to receive some new clothes for Christmas and the profit from any that are sold will be going towards erecting a shelter and buying some equipment for a bread making project, which is the next adventure in the life of Vhutshilo Mountain School. Sue-Anne wanted to say a huge thank-you to everyone who participated in any way with this wonderful effort.

She also gave us the news that her little girl Wavho, who many of you will remember from her inspiring talk in the church last June, will shortly be going into hospital.

Although Sue-Anne realised that Wavho's hearing was not great, She was shocked to discover after a recent hospital visit, just how poor it was (only 22% in one ear and 38 % in the other). The result of this is that she has to have a major operation to create and attach a new eardrum. As there is no National Health Service in Venda, the cost of this operation is to be R23,000 (almost £2,000). We are hoping that in some way we can help defray the cost of this for Sue-Anne, as we are aware that her funds are very limited.

We hope to organise an after church lunch as a fundraiser. At the moment, the suggested date for this would be 28th March but we will keep everyone informed through the order of service.

Monica and Les McNeill

Many of you will recognise Wavho and Sue-Anne in the attached picture, taken on their visit last year.



Property Update (as at 24th January, 2010) on the Sanctuary Heating System

The last update finished with the words, “it will be good to get back ‘Home’ when the job is done!” It was good, even although the new heating system was only operable for 3 days before the 13th December return to the Sanctuary. It was well installed and appears to be working well. However, the related, sub-contracted Building work has been a nightmare! The initial “snagging” determined by the Consultant and ourselves was not made good to our satisfaction, nor subsequently to the Contractor. Payment to the Builder is currently being withheld and the necessary improvement work is being completed using internal labour.

The Sanctuary new carpeting, which was due to be fitted during the week of 18th January, 10 has been delayed due to “unexpectedly heavy snow in North Yorkshire during mid and late December.” Obviously it is not going to arrive until at least late January but the opportunity has been taken to redecorate the under-gallery ceiling and walls following plastering repairs to those ceilings.

This should be viewed as the first stage of brightening/freshening and general redecoration of the Sanctuary

Locally manufactured pew ends are beginning to be received for the 16 pews shortened to accommodate the downstairs' Sanctuary radiators.

New, locally manufactured cushions have been ordered initially for the Choir stalls, Communion table chairs, the Scripture Reader's chair and the downstairs pews. It is expected that these cushions will be in place by the time this magazine is being read.

Programme of Work – 2010

This is in process of being drawn up. It will have as priority the work items unable to have been progressed or completed during 2009 due to the unexpected collapse of the Sanctuary Heating system and the rot found in the Basement area.

Finally, my special thanks to each member of the Committee and Congregation who has helped on several occasions to get the Sanctuary cleaned for use on the Sundays since 13th December

Andrew Borland Property Convenor

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE 'HOUSTON KIRK' OCTOBER MAGAZINE. I am sure many of you will be interested to be updated in Barbara Ann's

CONGRATULATIONS.

We are delighted to report that Barbara Ann Sweetin has now graduated from the University of Glasgow with a 2:1 Honours, Bachelor of Divinity Degree. The modules studied included Old Testament, New Testament, Systematic Theology, Image Word and Worship, Pastoral Theology, Reflective Practice, and Mission in Contemporary Theology. Her 16,000 word dissertation was entitled 'Are Children's Talks/ Sermons Effective in Worship on a Sunday Morning'. Alongside university work Barbara Ann undertook 3 placements for the Church of Scotland.

The church placements lasted for 7 months; the first in Kilbarchan East Church and the second in Greenock Westburn with our now moderator, Rt...Rev. Bill Hewitt.

Last summer, Barbara Ann completed a 10 week full time placement in the Southern General Hospital as an assistant Chaplain, where she worked in most of the wards and spoke to patients, families and staff.

Barbara Ann asked for the opportunity to thank the members of Houston and Killellan Kirk for their kind wishes support and encouraging words during her studies and also to all the people of Houston for their interest and encouragement. She also said that as unsure as she was at the beginning of her training she is now sure that God has led her on this journey to further Christ's Kingdom.

Barbara Ann starts her probation on 1st September in Clydebank Abbotsford, which lasts for 15 months. On 1st September 2010 she can start looking for her own charge.

Our very best wishes go with her and our thanks for all she has done for us here at Houston & Killellan Kirk.



Barbara Ann – Graduation Day

STAMPS

Thank you for your continued support bringing your used stamps to church, please continue to do so. Used stamps can be put in the Red Basket in the centre vestibule.

I have included in the magazine the report from: - 2009 World Mission Stamp Project.

Evelyn Taylor.

2009 World Mission Stamp Project: Letters of Love

Background Information

The Roma are a subset of the Romani people, sometimes known as 'gypsies'. Ethnically, they originally came from South Asia, but have lived in Europe for centuries. They live primarily in central and eastern Europe.

Our partner church in the Czech Republic is the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren, a protestant church which was formed as a union of the Lutheran and Reformed churches in 1918.

In the Czech Republic the Roma people are a minority who live on the edges of society. They are subject to various forms of discrimination and prejudice, and suffer from a lack of educational opportunities and poverty. Despite some efforts by the government since the 'Velvet Revolution' of 1989, the United Nations says that the Roma's situation in the Czech Republic is getting worse.

The Challenge

The challenge we have accepted this year is to support an OUTREACH PROGRAMME among the Roma people organised by our partner church in the Czech Republic.

Since 2003, they have run projects for children and young people (pre-school education and a drop-in centre); for parents (evening classes and social events); and for older people (a home care service). They wish to strengthen and develop these outreach resources.

You can help our partner church show Christ's love to the Roma people simply by collecting your used stamps, which are sold on to raise money. Send your stamps to: World Mission Stamp Project, Church of Scotland, 121 George Street, Edinburgh, E112 4YN.

How it works

Used stamps are gathered in, sorted and sold to collectors. Administration costs are minimal as the work of preparing and selling the stamps is undertaken by teams of home workers. The success of the scheme depends on the support given to it by congregations, organisations and individuals throughout Scotland who regularly send in packets of used stamps.

Contact

If you would like further details telephone 0131 225 5722 or email world@cofscotland.org.uk. There is also information on our website at www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worldmission



TIME FOR PRAYER

Our prayer for this quarter was suggested by Rev. Bill Armstrong. This prayer was written by Ignatius Loyola, who was a leading figure in the Roman Catholic Counter Reformation. It was Loyola who founded the Jesuit movement, whose mission was to encourage a return to Catholic faith. But this little prayer transcends denominational barriers, and eloquently expresses aspirations that can be acknowledged by all Christians everywhere.

Remember- if you have a favourite prayer that you would like to share, please let me know about it so that I can include it in a subsequent issue of the magazine.

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous;
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To toil and not to seek for rest,
To labour and not to ask for any reward,
Save that of knowing that I do your will.
Amen.

Douglas Scott

THE GUILD

Although we have a few months before the Guild session ends, this will be my final article for the magazine before my term of office is complete.

The ladies I hope enjoyed the meetings prior to Christmas when we attended Ardgowan Parish church for the Presbyterial Christmas meeting followed the next week with our own Christmas Supper including quizzes and "Pass the Parcel", we are really young at heart.

Unfortunately due to the weather we cancelled our first meeting in January when our speaker should have been Jennifer Boag, who has said she will share her Egyptian experiences at a later date. The ladies enjoyed the speaker Edith Saunders, who told us a little about the Speakers' Club, gave a talk on "days gone by" which the members enjoyed and could recall and you could hear them adding bits and then we had to decide which Scottish definitions were true or false. She certainly had us thinking and there was a fair bit of hilarity.

By the time you read this article we will have heard about the new guild projects for the next 3 years, I have included them with the issue of the magazine to give you some insight to the work the Guild undertakes nationally and internationally.

The Bi-annual Burns' Supper will have taken place also and our guests include Drew McKenzie, a butcher from Port Glasgow, Jim Barbour, Rev W D Hamilton, Nancy Hamilton, Rev W R Armstrong and Margaret Forbes. Jim Barbour, Chairman, will make mention to the late Mabel Irving, who supported and helped organise many of the earlier Guild Burns' Suppers.

Our Annual Business meeting is at the end of February when the Rev W R Armstrong will lead us in Bible Study based on the topic for this session; "Justice: what can we do" after the business. You will read in the magazine that Wavho, the little girl from Venda requires 2 operations to her ears, the guild committee agreed that the money from our "Bring and Buy" should be sent to help cover the cost.

At our Closing Social this session on 23rd March we will be entertained by Stedfast Silver Band, members of the congregation are cordially invited to attend. Further details will be intimated nearer the time.

Finally I take this opportunity to thank guild members, church officers and congregation for the support I have received during my term of office and wish the guild every success for the future.

Patricia Robertson
Guild President

What does the Lord require of You 2009-12 Projects

HIV/AIDS Project

A New Hunger (Various countries)

The Church of Scotland HIV/AIDS Project is committed to helping people who live with this life-threatening virus, in Scotland or overseas. With the active involvement of The Guild, we hope to extend our work in a world currently encountering a major crisis in the provision of food. With global demand for basic foodstuffs growing each year, prices are rising dramatically, forcing many of the world's poorest people to go without meals. For families struggling with HIV, this represents a real threat to health, and even to life, as a reliable source of good food is essential for life-saving antiretroviral drugs to work.

The project aims to fund church-based initiatives which will help those infected and affected by HIV to become more self-sufficient, through income-generation schemes leading to greater food security, providing new hope for some of the world's most vulnerable and overlooked people.

Ministries Council

A Place for Hope (UK)

Conflict is an inescapable part of life, whether in Church or in wider society. The Ministries Council has been highlighting the need to work in partnership with others to help individuals, congregations and communities resolve their differences and restore relationships. As part of this, we are looking to establish an ecumenical Centre for Reconciliation and Peacemaking – A Place for Hope – in Scotland. Through this, churches can begin to re-establish their role within society as peacemakers and healers. A Place for Hope will help people to address conflict within the Church and beyond. Where sectarianism divides, neighbourhoods struggle with racial division, grinding poverty highlights social inequality, families are torn apart by violence, *A Place for Hope* will offer resources for healing, reconciliation and lasting change. Through this project, the good news of Jesus Christ as reconciler, mediator and peacemaker can bring hope to our churches and communities in life-changing ways.



A NEW HUNGER
What does the Lord require of us?



What does the Lord require of You 2009-12 Projects

CrossReach – Social Care Council

On the Other Side (Scotland)

There are 14 prisons in Scotland and Visitors' Centre resources are only provided in 3 of them. CrossReach run the visitor centre at Perth Prison.

Many people visiting prisons feel socially isolated even though they themselves have done nothing wrong. We support families on the other side by offering somewhere 'outside' of the prison building where they can rest and be refreshed after often a long journey, access advice, information and practical support when a loved one is 'inside'.

Children visiting can find the prison environment challenging and CrossReach offer a range of support services specifically for them. This centre is part of an innovative service to families, who are often victims of circumstances beyond their control. CrossReach aim, with your help, to provide similar support services across Scotland's prison service.



International Justice Mission

Terrify No More (Cambodia)

Responding to God's command to "seek justice, rescue the oppressed" (Isaiah 1.17, NRSV), IJM rescues people from slavery and forced prostitution in countries where they cannot rely on national authorities for help. Covert investigations are carried out by experienced professionals, who then work with IJM lawyers to get the police to free the victims and arrest and prosecute the traffickers so that they cannot continue to victimise people. The work is difficult and sometimes dangerous. In 2007, worldwide, IJM was able to free 207 from forced prostitution. In Cambodia, on which the Guild project focusses, there are over 30,000 girls and young women who have been forced into prostitution and are detained against their will. Some are as young as five. In the first year of the project, IJM Cambodia aims to rescue 65 girls and return them to their families or provide whatever aftercare they need.



What does the Lord require of You 2009-12 Projects

Mission Aviation Fellowship

Mission Run (Madagascar)

Madagascar is the world's fourth largest island, but also one of the poorest. Travel is measured in days and weeks rather than minutes and hours. Lack of infrastructure makes travel difficult for organisations trying to help people physically and spiritually. With few roads and mountainous, jungle-covered terrain, flying is the only quick and safe way to travel.

MAF are committed to working in partnership and support from the Guild for this project which will enable more work to be undertaken in isolated parts of Madagascar. Regular monthly shuttles, with our aircraft being based remotely, will allow them to undertake shorter local flights, and allow our partners to carry out their work more efficiently and cost-effectively. Normally unable to benefit from MAF's services, the Church in Madagascar will now be able to join flights and reach more people with the Gospel.



World Mission Council

Interfaith Support (Israel/Palestine)

The Guild's theme for 2009-2012 presents Christians everywhere with one of the most fundamental challenges for the application of their faith. Over the years, the WMC has encountered this challenge as it has worked with Christian churches in, for example, India, the Caribbean and in Africa. Today it meets this challenge directly in its work in Israel and Palestine. As the prospect of some resolution of the conflict in the region ebbs and flows, it becomes ever more necessary to support those who refuse to accept the inevitability of conflict, and the impossibility of any reconciliation.

Through its contacts with the Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities in Israel and Palestine, the World Mission Council offers the Guild an opportunity to support the work of Reconciliation, by helping it to become better informed, by making available ways of providing support, and by offering to assist Guild members to visit and meet those involved in the Projects.



BROWNIES

The brownies are working towards their craft badge at the moment and have already made friendship bracelets. Some of them have shown an interest in learning how to knit. We already have wool in the cupboard but, if anyone has any old knitting needles lying around not being used, we have some eager little fingers willing to put them to good use. The rainbows who came up last term have been busy learning and making their promise and I believe we have two others coming up soon. We look like possibly having one or two places available soon when a couple of the brownies reach guide age. If any girl aged 7 to 10 would like to come to Brownies then now is the time. The places don't usually stay empty for long. The girls have also been making pretend lap top computers with a copy of the Brownie Web Safe Code on the screen to remind them what to be careful about when using the world wide web. New skills for a new age!

A.McKerlie

39th GREENOCK GIRL GUIDES

A little bit of history. The 11th Greenock Girl Guides originally met in Gaelic Parish Church in Westburn Street. However when The Gaelic Parish closed, the Rev. Alex Chestnut who was Interim Moderator invited them to meet in Greenbank Hall in Kelly Street and be part of St.Mark's Greenbank Church. Later when St.Mark's Greenbank Church joined with the Old West Church in Nelson Street the Company moved there and for some reason was re-registered as the 39th. The company still meets there.

If anyone who was originally in the 11th has any memorabilia and/or memories to share please speak to **Margaret Paul** who will arrange for it to be included in the Museum Display in April as part of the **Girlguiding Centenary Celebrations**.

THE BEAVERS

5th Greenock and District Beaver Colony

At the start of the new year we were still at six Beavers, one girl and five boys but we're all having a lot of fun. Panto and a night out to the pictures in December put us all in a good mood for the Christmas and the New Year season. We've got a full programme organised and as I write this we've just celebrated the birth of the Bard, Rabbie Burns. We did this, of course, with haggis, neeps and tatties!

However, with such low numbers we are looking at a number of options for recruiting. One is to ask for your support as part of the congregation. Do you know of any girls or boys from just under six to eight years of age looking for fun with friends in a safe venue? Sons, daughters, grandchildren, neices, nephews or maybe just some youngsters you know of who would enjoy joining our group. All will be made most welcome. We've currently got 4 leaders, including myself and three scouts helping to run the colony and fun is guaranteed! Please help.

We hope all our readers have recovered from the activities of the festive season and are looking forward to a happy Easter time.

Yours in Scouting, Ricky Martin and crew.

Yours in Scouting, Ricky Martin (Beaver Leader)

CHURCH FLOWERS

The Church Flowers are donated by members and beautify the sanctuary every Sunday, they are then sent to members of the congregation for various reasons, bereavement, illness or to mark a special celebration. If you can help any Sunday by delivering the flowers, please speak to Patricia Robertson.

Heaven and Hell

A holy man was having a conversation with God one day and said, ' God, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like.'

God led the holy man to two doors.

He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in.

In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water.

The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished.

They were holding spoons with very long handles, that were strapped to their arms and each found it just possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful.

But, because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

*The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering.
 God said, 'You have seen Hell.'*

*They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one.
 There was a large round table with the large pot of stew, which made the holy man's mouth water.
 The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said, 'I don't understand.'*

'It is simple,' said God. 'It requires but one skill. You see they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves.'

From the Roll-Keeper

DEATHS

Mr.	T.	Campbell	1 Nimmo St.	15
Mrs.	J.	Gillan	91 Rankin Ct.	14
Mr	W.	Hamil	4c Gragburn Gt. Albert Rd.	11
Miss	M	Irving	Bagatelle Nursing Hm., 47 Eldon St.	22
Mr	J.N	McNair	3 Lemmon St.	16
Mr	J.	Ross	Ravenscraig Dunrod Unit	22
Mrs.	M.	Younger	3 Pine St.	16
Mr.	J.	McMillan	Ravenscraig Dunrod Unit	22
Mrs.	S.	Steele	2 St. Margaret's Ct., 99 Grieve Rd.	13

DISJUNCTION

Mr.	A.	Graham	52 Kelly St.	5
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CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Mr. & Mrs. M.	Coyle	?? Forsyth St	6 from D1
Mrs. L.	Hanlon	99A Newton St.	4 from D8
Mr. E.	Kane	5 Roxburgh Way	18 from D16
Mrs. F.	Sinclair	10 Plover Lane	13 stays D13
Mrs. F.	Sweeney	24 Stoney Heights	
		Castlederg, NI	21 from D2
Mr. W.C.	White	Royal Ct.	LKA from D15