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Minister's Letter

Hello again,
If you're reading this before Easter – I do hope and pray this Easter will be a powerful reconnection for you with the Lord who came to die for you and show us how to live for the Kingdom today.

If you're reading this after the fourth of April then never lose sight of that wonderful Emmaus walk, after the main event of Easter has happened – didn't our hearts burn within us when Jesus showed how the Old Testament is fulfilled in Him. Jesus always offers catch-up classes for those who aren't quite up to speed yet – sometimes even peripatetic classes (that's Bible studies on the move to you and me). The truth is plain - all of us need catch-up classes on some aspect of the faith.

Over this past month of March we've been trying to look at where the Kingdom of God grows (Christians Against Poverty, Try Praying, Healing on the Streets and CLAN have been our main points of focus). In this month of April we not only have one of the key moments of the Christian year in the shape of Easter, we also have another opportunity this time not with CLAN but with a miniCLAN in Dalkeith.

Since the summer conference called CLAN is based in St Andrews it means that some people in Penicuik



South – perhaps it's you reading this right now - feel they can never attend a CLAN conference. Practicalities, finances, transport, a whole week out of your holidays and a multitude of other 'problems' conspire to keep such a trip an impossibility. So why not try before you buy. If you can't go to CLAN perhaps CLAN can come to you.

Cleopas and his friend had their heads down. Jesus was dead and everything was finished. They certainly weren't looking for Jesus but Jesus was certainly looking for them. They were definitely not seeking out Christ but Christ was definitely seeking them out. Have you ruled out CLAN because it was simply too far geographically for you to contemplate ... or perhaps it was too far for you to contemplate theologically? Either way the miniCLAN at Dalkeith is a real opportunity.

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Minister's Letter (cont'd)

CLAN is the biggest conference in Scotland, with more than 3000 folk attending. It is attended by more Church of Scotland ministers as well as ministers in general than any other conference. The reason for that, above all else, is the quality of the teaching. Genuine quality Bible teaching is the focus and the experience. If you're not sure then why not come to the weekend and sample what you would get if you came to the conference in the summer.

If you are wanting to find a group of folk who are seeking after the Kingdom this is a conference for you. Please be clear, as I've said before on several occasions, there are other conferences you could go to in the summer. If you go to Keswick or the Faith Mission Conference then it is unlikely that you will be anything other than blessed in a mighty, mighty way. What we need in our Christian life is the small group input; the congregational input and the big event input. You see it in Scripture. The Old Testament festivals were the big conferences of their day. The loss of any one of these three leaves us lacking. So going to a summer conference event is to be recommended in a major way. Which one you go to is obviously up to you – and whatever you choose I want to

support people in getting to a 'big event' experience through the summer. I simply feel in terms of Kingdom ministry people gain a huge amount in their faith by going to CLAN. MiniCLAN is simply an appetizer to let you get a 'feel' for this event – and it's coming to a venue twenty minutes away! This is just too good to miss.

The coming of the Kingdom not only happens in the pages of the Bible. The Kingdom comes in our hearts and in our town when we are obedient to God and let His Kingdom come in our lives. Let's go to this miniCLAN and help his Kingdom come.

Yours in Him

Ian Cathcart



Easter Praise Service

Would you like to use your voice to help lead the Easter Praise service at St. Mungo's on April 4th at 7pm? It would be good to have voices from all the churches. There will be some traditional Easter favourites and well known modern ones too, which hopefully won't require a practice. You will be told in advance what to sing. David Hill will talk about his Trypraying initiative. Names to Mary Darling (675260)

S Club & Midzone

S Club and Midzone have been worshipping together for the past few weeks. Numbers have been low which has given the opportunity to get to know each other better. Following the same themes as church we have been using all age activities rather than those aimed at different developmental stages.

Lorna Currie has joined Craig in the Midzone leadership.

There are opportunities to serve with both S Club and Midzone in prayer support, admin and direct work with children. Please speak to Ian, Craig or Sheila for further information.

Sheila Anderson

Keep Penicuik Tidy

As part of the Keep Scotland Tidy campaign www.keepsotlandtidy.org which will run throughout April, Penicuik & District Community Council have arranged 3 litter picks.

Penicuik residents are again asked to turn out in numbers. It is your opportunity to make Penicuik a nicer place to live. Safety gloves and litter pickers provided (and there may even be a wee refreshment).

The first litter pick will be held on Saturday 10th April (Cuiken Glen) at 9.30am. Meet in the car park at the YMCA Queensway.

The second at Lowrie's Den on Saturday 17th April 9.30am (new car park at Penicuik Estate) and the third on Saturday 24th April at 9.30am at Beeslack Woods (meet in Tesco car park 9.30am).

Penicuik & District Community Council have again asked if we would kindly help out with the Lowries Den litter pick on the 17th April. However if you are unable to help on that date then they would be grateful for help on any of the above dates.

Please do not feel under any pressure but everyone did a great job last year.

Thanks

Ross Hadwen 01968 672707

pull it out! **What's On?** pin it up!

Sunday 28th March	Morning Service - Where the Kingdom Grows - Palm Sunday All Age Service	South Church	11.15am
Sunday 28th March	Joint Evening Service	St. Mungo's Church	7.00pm
Monday 29th March	Holy Week Service	South Church	7.00pm
Tuesday 30th March	Holy Week Service	North Kirk	7.00pm
Wednesday 31st March	Holy Week Service	Sacred Heart	7.30pm
Wednesday 31st March	Annual Business Meeting	West St. Hall	7.30pm
Thursday 1st April	Holy Week Service	St. James the Less	8.00pm
Friday 2nd April	Good Friday - Where the Kingdom Grows - Matthew 27; 31-56	South Church	7.00pm
Sunday 4th April	Early morning Easter Service - Matthew 26; 36-46 - Followed by Breakfast in the Hall	South Church	8.00am
Sunday 4th April	All Age Easter Sunday Service - Where the Kingdom Grows - Matthew 28; 1-10	South Church	11.15am
Sunday 4th April	Traditional Easter Service - Where the Kingdom Grows - Matthew 28; 11-15	South Church	3.00pm
Sunday 4th April	Hope 4 Penicuik - Joint Praise Service	St. Mungo's Church	7.00pm
Saturday 10th April	Penicuik Litter Pick (Cuiken Glen)	YMCA Queensway	9.30am
Sunday 11th April	Morning Service - The Fruit of Hope; Love - Colossians 1; 1-8	South Church	11.15am
Sunday 11th April	Evening Service - The Second coming of Christ changes everything - 2 Peter 3;1-7	South Church	7.00pm
Wednesday 14th April	Women's Group - Annual General Meeting	51 Boyd Orr Drive	7.30pm
Saturday 17th April	Penicuik Litter Pick (Lowrie's Den)	Clerk Estate Car Park	9.30am
Sunday 18th April	Morning Service - The Underpinning of Hope; Creation - Colossians 1;9-14	South Church	11.15am
Sunday 18th April	Evening Service - God is out with time - 2 Peter 3;8-13	South Church	7.00pm
Friday 23rd April	Lothian MiniCLAN	Dalkeith	
Saturday 24th April	Lothian MiniCLAN	Dalkeith	
Saturday 24th April	Penicuik Litter Pick (Beeslack Woods)	Tesco Car Park	9.30am
Sunday 25th April	Morning Service - The Reason for Hope; The Pre-eminence of Christ - Colossians 1;15-23	South Church	11.15am
Sunday 25th April	Evening Service - We need to grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord - 2 Peter 3;14-18	South Church	7.00pm

**Deadline for articles
for next issue of Scope:
Monday 19th April 2010**

Hope 4 Penicuik

Cuiken Primary School invited Puppets of Penicuik to do an Easter presentation at their school assembly on 19 March. It was great to see the enthusiastic response by the children. It was also fantastic to hear that 2 of the older girls had won prizes in the primary school art competition "Christ in the heart of the city at Easter".

During the last month there has been Streetwork training for youthworkers in Midlothian. There were 2 spaces available for church volunteers who were involved in the detached work "Tea in the Park". These were taken up by Sian Tweedale and Sheila Anderson. Streetwork is a method of providing informal education to hard to reach, vulnerable, young people. Watch this space for further information.

The puppet group which meet in the library on Friday afternoons are ending this term by going to see professionals in action when they go to see Red Riding Hood at the town Hall. This is part of the Puppet Animation Festival, 2010.

On Easter Sunday evening there will be a joint church praise service where TryPraying will be the focus. Watch out for the banners and pray that they, along with the TryPraying booklets will have an impact in Penicuik. Following this service Prayer post boxes will be placed in various community settings, as they were at Christmas.

If you would like to be involved in this venture or have other ideas to serve the community please speak to Sheila or Ian.

Sheila Anderson

Gardening....can you help?

Do you like gardening? Did your gifting survey come up with "helps"? The grass at the back of the church will need some kind person(s) to cut it every 2 or 3 weeks. It needs to be kept tidy so that the children and others can use it on Sunday mornings

or for BBQ's. There is an electric mower at the church, so it just needs someone or a group, with some free time to take on the job. Volunteers, please to Mary Darling (675260)

Comfort Rwanda A Letter of Thanks from The Living Church

Our beloved partners Comfort Rwanda, we once again wish you a happy and prosperous New Year, may God multiply your blessings in 2010. We thank you for your support since the time we have been working together to minister the Kingdom of God to the people of Rwanda.

When we look at the Friends of Jesus (Street Kids Rescue) now we see what a great work we have done in the Kingdom of God with your hand. The F.O.J. bakery is now serving the community and the boys in the Friends of Jesus are enjoying being part of the team that is making bread. When we look at the progress in the lives of the pastors we have been training at Eglise Vivante with your support we thank God for our wonderful connection and partnership. What do we say about the land bought because of your generosity, now we are going to build the technical college soon it is all a product of our friendship and we always thank God and pray for you because you have done and are still doing a great work in the Kingdom of God.

The mothers in Eglise Vivante who were given money to run small scale businesses are very grateful to your

ministry, some are doing well and others who didn't do well previously are now blessed with training and soon will receive their second phase support. They say they are better now than when they were given the first phase.

Kamonyi people are witnesses to your wonderful help in practical reconciliation because now people live in roofed houses because of help and giving hand, the ladies and orphans in Kamonyi now have a hope for a better future because of the sewing machines you gave them, they learn with passion and enthusiasm. The other children from Eglise Vivante and the Eastern province who are supported in their education also thank God for you, their parents narrate how your support has helped them take their children to school, had it not been because of your helping heart then they don't know how they would have been today. So dear beloved partners join us and let's thank God together for our partnership and role extending the Kingdom of God.

Taken from the
Comfort Rwanda Newsletter

Contributed by Ian Cathcart

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – A WAY WE CHANGE THE WORLD

Ever wondered why we do Christian Aid Week?
Here are seven good reasons why we're involved...

- 1 We are joining with more than **20,000 churches** in an unparalleled act of Christian witness to our communities – showing them we care about justice and poor people.
- 2 Christian Aid has a vision – an **end to poverty**. By being part of this week we're not only funding life-changing projects, we're helping tackle the root causes of poverty – helping to change the world for good.
- 3 The church has an **amazing heritage** of working for justice. Christian Aid Week has run every year since soon after the Second World War – demonstrating the church's faithfulness to helping the poor.
- 4 In these **difficult financial times**, the world's poorest people need our time, prayers and financial support more than ever. Christian Aid Week helps us give people the opportunity to be generous.
- 5 Around **300,000 volunteers** give their time to deliver envelopes door to door and put on events. We are part of this movement for change.
- 6 We get **money for nothing!** Every taxpayer who signs a Gift Aid declaration on an envelope is giving Christian Aid 28 per cent extra – making even more development work possible in the world's poorest countries.
- 7 Christian Aid has successfully campaigned on 'dropping the debt', carbon-declaration reform and trade justice. Christian Aid Week helps world-wide **structural change** to take place.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 9–15 May 2010

We believe that poverty is a scandal and that we can really do something about it.

To find out more about how you can get involved, just ask your Christian Aid Week representative or go to www.caweek.org

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Christian Aid Week 9th -15th May 2010

If, like Christian Aid, you believe these are seven good reasons for getting involved and that poverty is a scandal, then you can do something about it!

We need volunteers and we are even more desperately short of them this year. Please consider giving just a little of your time this year to be a collector for Christian Aid – for you it is just a few hours out of one week but for those who live in the poorer communities of this world, your few hours could be life changing.

Please prayerfully consider getting involved and please just add your name to our list of collectors – contact: -

Ellen Walley – 01968 672014

Christian Aid Week keeps hope alive for many of the world's poorest communities. Thank you for being a part of it this May.

Mobile Phone

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our mobile phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to Kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go...hmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing.

Unlike our mobile phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

Contributed by Sandra Fraser

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