



Dear Friends

We come to the end of another year of working together at TPHD.

Can we say that we have made the best of the last year, not only as a congregation but as individual Christians? We are living in the midst of many difficulties at present – some in ill health, some in pressures of life and others in deep spiritual battles. However, in the midst of all that life brings to us our Lord is always, consistently good. All God asks of us is to trust him, believe what he says in his Word and live obediently in the light of what he has taught us of himself. It does not matter what is happening at present, we win through in the battle if we can say ‘...to me to live is Christ, to die is gain,’ or ‘...to him be glory forever and ever.’

One thing that has been impressed upon me recently is that we must learn to wait upon God and his timing whilst getting on with his work and the work he has given us to do not seeking to advance oneself but his glory. As one missionary put it ‘God’s work done in God’s way will never lack God’s supply’ whatever that supply is. At present we need wisdom, insight and an attitude that seeks unity in the Spirit, not only for TPHD but also for the present circumstances of the whole denomination.

I know we all enjoyed having Oliver Ward and his family with us for the past two years as he began his life’s work and ministry. It was so good to observe the progress he has made in his skills in preaching and the confidence that has grown in leading services. He was exemplary in the way he applied himself to his work. As we bade goodbye to him we ought to go on praying for him and seek God to raise up the next generation of men of God who will preach the Word.

Now is the time to rest and make all the necessary preparations for next year. Let us work on here until all he

asks of us is completed; completed in such a way that we will not be ashamed when we meet Jesus face to face. Have a good rest and may the Lord make us into a true representation of the Church of Jesus Christ.



The Minister thanks Oli for all his hard work at TPHD



Rev Lynn Downing and his wife, Diane

It was a great pleasure to have Rev Lynn Downing and his wife Diane with us at the beginning of June. Rev Downing is Church Revitalisation Pastor in Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Alabama, and he spoke on the theme 'Christ is our all in all'.

A LETTER FROM OLI

Dear friends at TPHD

Where has the time gone?! I still can't quite believe our time at TPHD has come to an end. Whilst it is sad when these times conclude, we are so thankful to God for the blessing you've been and the fellowship we've shared with you. We look back with grateful hearts for God's provision and a great start to what we hope and pray will be a long-term God-glorifying ministry.

As I reflect on the last couple of years they have certainly been busy and a very steep learning curve. Pastoral ministry is hard work, tiring and constant (and I've only just started!), but it's also hugely rewarding, humbling and a tremendous privilege to serve God in this way. In God's grace, I continue to enjoy it and look forward with much anticipation to what he has planned. Thank you for all your words of encouragement throughout my time with you, it really was appreciated and I know many of you will continue to remember us in your prayers.

As a family, we would like to say a huge thank you for your extremely generous gift that we received on our last Sunday with you. Having moved home on at the beginning of July we realised there are several new items we need, so the timing was perfect. Your kindness as a fellowship, not just with this gift, but continually over the last 2 years has been quite overwhelming, and greatly valued.

We give thanks for God's continued guidance and we're greatly looking forward to the next step in Stirling. For those who haven't heard I'll be working for North Parish Church of Scotland in Stirling, as an Assistant Minister. It's a great chance to work in a more formal position whilst gaining further experience. The main attraction of the position was the opportunity to continue working in a ministry environment, with an evangelical minister who is strongly

focused on community outreach and teaching scripture, whilst being able to continue studying further. For more details of the church please look at the website:

www.northparishchurch.com

The job itself entails preaching, teaching, small group work and general support of church activities. It's a busy fellowship with lots of opportunities over the next few years, with the position initially being for two years, with the possibility of a third. Lots of change ahead for the family and while the finer details haven't quite been worked out, we trust in our sovereign God and his greater purposes. My start date is Sunday 12 August.



Oli, Susan, Katie, Leah and Ethan

We continue to value your prayers, and ask specifically that you would pray for the following:

- The family to settle quickly in Stirling, make good friends and feel part of the community
- The changes ahead for Susan as she commutes to work, Katie who'll be starting a new school, Leah at a new nursery, and Ethan with a new child-minder
- That we would continue to trust in God's faithfulness, which has been so evident over the last few years
- For Oliver's continued studies and that he works well alongside the minister, Calum Jack
- That our house in Kirkintilloch sells soon

Friends, please keep in touch. Our new address is 29 Pottis Road, Stirling, FK7 7XB. We would love to hear from you. Thanks again for being such a blessing, we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Love and prayers,

Oli, Susan, Katie, Leah and Ethan x

SUMMER SERMON SCHEDULE

Here are the Bible passages for the sermons on the following dates:

July 22	Acts 3-4
July 29	Acts 5:30-31
August 5	Acts 10:39-42
August 12	Acts 13:37-39
August 19	Acts 17:16-34
August 26	Romans 4:25 – 5:5

WOMEN'S HOUR OUTING

Tuesday 29th May was the day of this year's Women's Hour Outing. The party consisted of twenty-nine ladies and three men and the weather was dry and pleasant throughout.

Our first stop was Auchterarder where we had a delicious 'brunch' in the Glendevon Hotel. The chef told us that the rolls were made to a special recipe by the local butcher and our ladies chose between bacon and sausage as a filling. These were followed by homemade scones made by the Hotel owner's wife. The tea and coffee seemed to be endless and we left there feeling very well-fed.

From Auchterarder we went back down the road to Baxter's at Blackford. We had an hour there to shop before moving on to Stirling for the afternoon. Most of the ladies spent time in the Thistle Centre and the various shops around there.

High Tea was at 5pm in The Golden Lion Hotel where once again the food was most enjoyable. The Pastry Chef had prepared platefuls of scones and cakes which we enjoyed after our Fish & Chips, Steak Pie etc. The hotel was very pleasant and the staff welcoming and efficient.

We seemed to come back in no time and were home by 7.00 pm with no mishaps on the way. On the journey up our driver slipped off the motorway for a while to get us out of a long tailback which had formed on account of a serious accident. Because of her quick thinking we reached our first destination on time. Shortly afterwards the motorway was closed so that the wreckage could be cleared and subsequent buses didn't get through, so special thanks to our driver, Julie.

It would be fair to say that 'a great day was had by all!'

An excellent end to another successful session!



Some photos of the day – who do you recognise?
(Full size photos can be viewed in the Large Hall)

Eva Campbell
President

OUR VISITOR FROM OZ

To return to Glasgow, as always, is a joy for me. Adelaide South Australia has been my home town since June 1964, 22nd to be exact! To be able to attend church services here is really special for me, and I thank Richard for his welcome. Having been baptized here and being a member of The Young Worshipers' League, I also attended Sunday School, the Girls' Guildry, Christian Endeavour and Junior Choir, quite a history of involvement. To 'walk the halls' is always something I enjoy doing.



The announcement that there was a spare place for the Women's Hour bus run was music to my ears, I have been fortunate several times to 'land it lucky' and share these special days. Although I had the privilege of a seat in the Whytes' car with Jean Ross, and wasn't on the bus, it was good to chat to several people at the stops who remembered the Findlay Family. What a fun day I had! Thank you all for allowing me to share it with you.

I firmly believe that we are 'moved' to do things which lead to special results! Hence I thank Isabel for stopping off at Callendar on the way to Stirling, where I saw that the group 'MAK A DIN' was advertised to sing live at the Crown Hotel on the following weekend. Two 'mature' fellows, singing Scottish and Irish folk songs, and other popular songs. This led to quite an usual meeting. Sitting next to me was an American lady who shares not only the same birthday, but also the same year of birth, so I now have a new 'birth sister' as Katie put it, and we are not losing touch with each other! By the way the group is wonderful, and will be performing every Sunday evening for June and July! Had I not joined you all on the day out that meeting would never have happened!

My parents Jim and Betty Findlay send you all greetings! Dad has just turned 93 and Mum will be 92 in November, still living in their own home with Jeanette as their main carer, but with assistance coming in daily to give the necessary care.

See you next trip!

Doris Henderson (*Findlay*)

OLD SPECTACLES



Please remember if you have any old spectacles which you no longer require to put them in the box in the entrance vestibule (on the coatstand).
These are sent on to be used in Third World countries.

THANK YOU!

TPHD GROUNDSMEN



Thank You to our groundsmen who during the summer months cut the grass and keep the church grounds looking tidy.

But who are they??

They are our own Billy Johnston and Jack Campbell. Photo below shows them having a well-earned rest!!

Thanks Gents!!

LETTER FROM(?) AMERICA

Reflecting on my time studying abroad at Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon it has become apparent that God has been with me at every stage of my journey. My prayer for my time abroad was that I would meet fellow Christians as I travelled and as I studied, not exactly an easy feat in a city which carries the reputation of being the “most unchurched” in America. The most amazing part is that it never ceased to amaze me that God answered this prayer abundantly.



If you heard or read my email back to TPHD you will remember the story of how I went searching for a particular church named ‘Solid Rock’ as one of the churches pastors had a connection with Glasgow. I had the man taking my order at Starbucks asking if I was heading to Solid Rock before I could ask for directions to the place and at almost every street corner until I entered the church building I heard someone calling out, “Solid Rock is this way.” This was only one example from a vast catalogue of ways in which God guided my path.

Lewis and Clark turned out to be a very tranquil and beautiful campus just outside of Portland. Mount Hood and Mount St Helen’s could both be seen on the horizon on clear days on campus. The classes were a real challenge. With 7 classes lasting 2 hours each, I had between 30-60 pages worth of reading to have read in advance of every class with the professors springing questions upon individuals to make sure they were up to date with all of the reading.

If the classes were a challenge they were nothing compared to the actual exams. If the prospect of a three hour exam to be taken on a laptop could be made any more daunting then perhaps it is by discovering that one has left one's laptop cable back in one's apartment. No prizes for guessing which student did that!! Again despite the panicked dash to my apartment and the loss of 30 minutes exam time as a result, I managed to pass all of my exams. This was yet another example of God's providence.



Between the classes at the law school I was able to find time to explore the campus and the city and making many new friends. Lewis and Clark College has an incredible international exchange program with exchange students from all over the world. As a result, I can

now proudly say that (with the exception of South America and Antarctica) I have friends on every continent on earth.

At Solid Rock people readily welcomed this strange talking Scottish (or was it Irish) lad into their midst. One would be forgiven for thinking that, at a church with 7 or 8 services running on a Sunday, with a congregation of around 10,000 people, it would be easy to get lost in



the crowds. Indeed it should have been but God's hand guided me into fellowship with Christians who attended Lewis and Clark as well as many other people at the church.

Solid Rock had a focus toward community with time set aside for the congregation to become acquainted with the people either side of them and members encouraged to become involved with what was known as a 'House Church'.

'House Churches' were small communities within the church at Solid Rock (no larger than 5 or 10 people) designed to help Christians encourage one another and hold each other accountable. However each House Church was also to be missional. I ended up involved with two groups. One group focused on student evangelism and the other focused on serving the homeless of Portland. From my time with these groups, I learned of the importance of acting out of love for those who do not know Christ and how failure to do so misrepresents the Gospel.

Jonathan Girvan

If you would like to find out more about my time in the USA then you can read my blog at: jcmgirvan.blog.com (or come and ask me, I'd love to talk.)

WHAT ANOTHER SAYS

"Every kid who loves soccer dreams of playing for his country's national team. Even better would be to score a goal for his country in the World Cup...the joy I felt during those moments is indescribable. And yet, those feelings pale in comparison to how I feel about Christ. He went all the way to death on the cross...for you and for me."

*Brian McBride (USA),
From The Final Goal
2010 RBC Ministries*

ERIC LIDDELL – OLYMPIAN

Watching the recent documentary on *Chariots of Fire* I was reminded of events that would be life-changing for Eric Liddell before he achieved fame in the Paris Olympics of 1924.



In the spring of 1923 members of the *Glasgow Students' Evangelistic Union* began a Special Mission in central Scotland. Some of the committee were aware that Eric Liddell had a strong Christian faith, yet it appears that he had never spoken of it publicly. The Committee felt that someone of his stature would be a tremendous boost to the campaign. The Rev. D P Thomson was asked to go to Edinburgh and invite Liddell to speak at a forthcoming meeting in Armadale. He writes:

I put the proposition to him; as directly, and as forcibly as I could. There was a moment's silence while Eric dropped his head to consider. Then came the answer, in the quiet friendly tone I was to know so well, "All right – I'll come"

D P Thomson goes on: *Friday 6 April 1923*

This may mean a great deal for the Kingdom of God in Scotland. Eric is the champion sprinter, famous rugby internationalist, and most outstanding athlete in Scotland. He is a modest, unassuming and very popular man. He may be a future Henry Drummond. Eric did remarkably well for a first appearance, and said some telling things. We all felt the meeting had been worth while.

D P Thomson felt that the most important aspect of that meeting was not that Liddell had spoken, but that the following day every newspaper in Scotland carried the news. Eric Liddell had addresses a religious meeting, and had spoken of what his own faith meant to him. After that there would be no turning back in Liddell's dedicated service to the work of the Gospel.

He continues : *Sunday 29 April*

Our Possilpark Campaign begins today. Eric Liddell came last night to spend the weekend with me. We went this morning on a billposting expedition through the neighbourhood and took part in the service in the Henry Drummond Memorial Church.

If I can fast forward some thirty years from these events I can remember my grandfather, Alex Kay, telling me, with some pride, of the time Eric Liddell spoke at the morning service in our church.

Peter Kay

A Christian shows what he is by what he does with what he has....

WAS IT MEANT TO BE?

Many of you will know of my interest in the life and work of Henry Drummond!

Earlier this year I had reason to contact Prof Robin Barbour with regard to some information I required concerning Prof Drummond. He very kindly supplied me with the information I was looking for. He also suggested that I might try to obtain the book 'Henry Drummond: an Anthology' written by James W. Kennedy, an American Episcopal clergyman, and published in America in 1953. I was aware that Mr Kennedy had visited Henry Drummond Church in 1951, but had not seen his book.

Following the advice of Prof Barbour I searched the Internet and found that around a dozen second hand copies of the book were available. These varied in quality and price. Which one should I go for? After some consideration I decided to purchase a copy from a supplier in Crewe.

On receiving the book I was astonished to find written on the flyleaf the following dedication:

Alick Bartholomew
with best wishes
from Margaret & Robin Barbour
April '53

Prof Barbour informs me that Alick Bartholomew is a friend who had an interest in Drummond's life. On placing the order for the book the only information I had was that it was a good second-hand copy. This may be an extraordinary coincidence, however I feel quite certain that this particular copy was meant to come to me.

Peter Kay

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Committee has been in existence now for almost three years, and we are continuing to work on your behalf to ensure safety within the church buildings.

In April this year we decided to conduct another risk assessment as it had been two years since the previous one. We walked round the inside and outside of the buildings, and it was only then we realised just how much has been achieved so far. The Risk Assessment Forms are available in a folder on the Drummond desk for information.

We are very grateful to Mr. Buckley and the Congregational Board for their support, and to the congregation for reporting to us any Health and Safety issues.

We would ask you to continue to be our eyes around the church and report to any member of the Committee any Health and Safety concerns you may have.

Norma McKenzie
Health & Safety Committee



During the months of July and August, we meet on Wednesday evenings to carry out some of the essential repairs and maintenance or buildings need. If you – man or woman, young or old - are available, do come along!

There's always something to be done!