

Weddings

Three weddings involving Church Members will take place in September. On Saturday 4th, Ernie Duncan and Billye Wylie will be married in Church. Then on Friday 10th, Stuart Learmonth will marry Carol Lillie at the Golf Club. And on Saturday 11th, Gayle Peacock will be married to Mark Bowes, again in the Church. We ask for God's blessing on all three couples, as they start their new lives together.

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## Maisie Fisher

It is with sadness that we record the death of Maisie Fisher, at age 96 years the oldest Member of our Church. She died peacefully on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, surrounded by her family. We thank God for her long life, and remember her family in our prayers.

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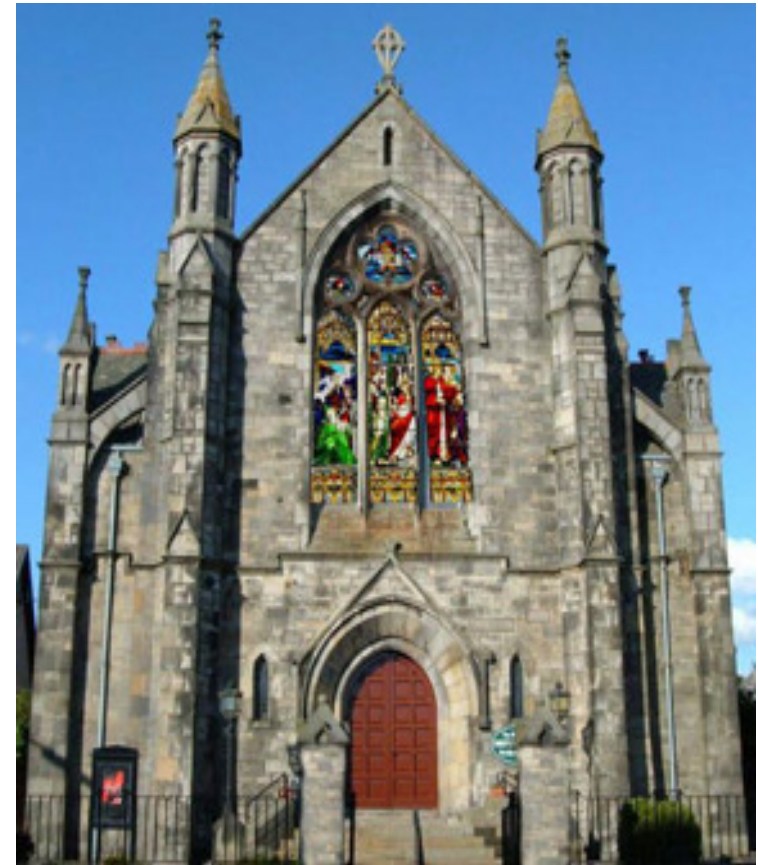
Church Flower Rota

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| August | 22nd | Mrs Jean McCron |
| " | 29th | Mrs Margaret Watt |
| September | 5th | Mrs Fiona Cochrane |
| " | 12th | Mrs Sheena Earl |
| " | 19th | Miss Eileen Barton |
| " | 26th | Mrs Nancy Stein |
| October | 3rd | Mrs Marlene Smith |
| " | 10th | Mrs Mhairi Stewart |
| " | 17th | Mrs May Haddow |
| " | 24th | Mrs Thelma Peacock |
| " | 31st | Mrs Annette Lauder |

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From the Minister – August 2010

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3 v 1)

My friends,

The writer of those words was someone who was well aware of life's ups and downs, its uncertainties, its joys and sorrows. He was well aware that God's plans are not always made clear to us, and that often we must go forward in faith; he knew that God's will remains, to some extent, a mystery. He was also aware that, although we human beings are important in God's creation, we are still very much part of this earthly life, just as mortal as any other creature.

Everything has its place in God's plan; everything has its time. The question we are asked by the writer of the Book of Ecclesiastes is whether we have the humility to accept that we are not the centre of the universe! There is a time to be born and a time to die, in other words, a time to come when we will be no more!

May God grant us all the grace to see ourselves as having our own time and place in the world, and may his Spirit inspire us to make the best of the life God has given us!

Your friend,

John S. Bremner

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### Church Meeting

On August 29<sup>th</sup>, as part of morning worship, there will be a Church Meeting, called to discuss the future of this pastorate in the light of the report produced by the Synod Pastoral Group, and the proposed link between the Bathgate and Avonbridge churches. Please come along and participate in this meeting.

### Student Placement

From September 5<sup>th</sup>, we shall be joined for several months by Nick Brindley, who is studying to become a minister in the United Reformed Church. He will be taking part in the leading of some acts of worship and attending some meetings. We are privileged to be able to help our College in the training of a minister, and I hope that Nick will be made very welcome, and will learn much from his time amongst us.

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Scouts' Service

On September 12th we will be joined by our next-door neighbours, the Scout Troop. Due to the bad weather in February we failed to hold our regular service around Thinking Day, so this is an additional service to make up for that fact.

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### Bathgate Churches Together

Two events are being organised in the near future. On September 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be another Songs of Praise Evening, following on from the successful evenings held in previous years. Requests for hymns must be with the minister by September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Then on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, there will be the Harvest Supper, at the High Church. Further details will follow.

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Autumn Show!

Once again, an evening of song and drama awaits you so come along to the Autumn Show! Performances will be held on September 29th and 30th, and October 1st. More details to follow, but hurry for your ticket as soon as they become available!