

They're back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for church ladies with typewriters...
These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'
The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

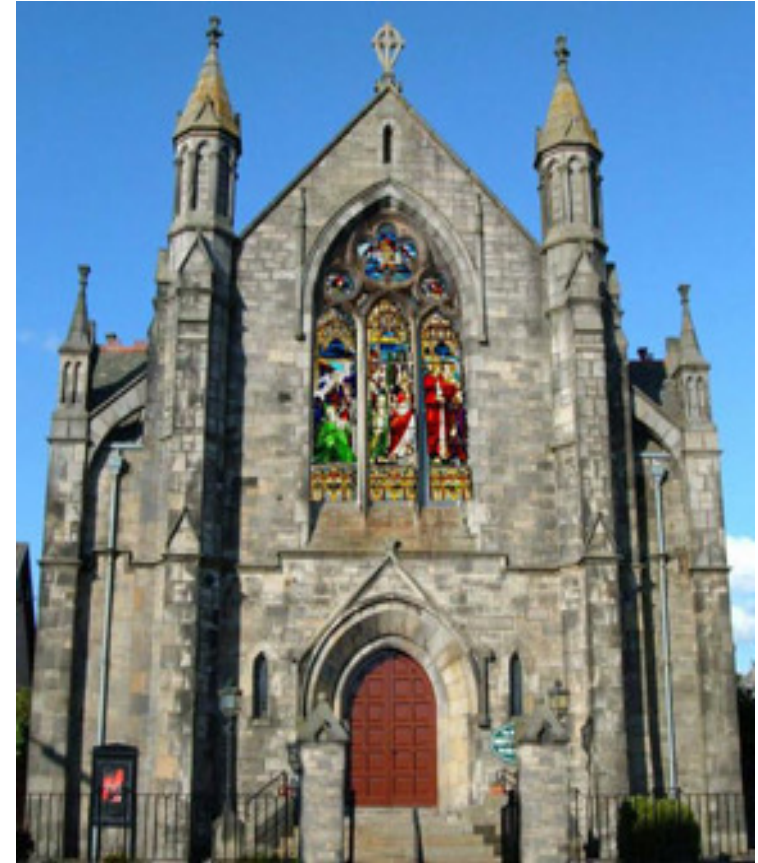
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Items for the next Newsletter should be with the minister by November 25th.

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From the Minister – November 2011

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.” John 14 v 27.

My friends,

November in our northern climes is a strange month. The clocks have gone back and evenings are dark. The trees are losing their gloriously coloured leaves. Wind and rain dominate the weather – or at least, that is our memory of Novembers past! A deep peace comes upon the countryside. Many of us feel tired and sleepy. The natural world is resting, and perhaps hibernation seems a good idea!

And peace is the theme of the second week of November as we remember those fallen in battle, both in the World Wars of the last century and in continuing conflicts in our own day.

A time of rest is a time to take stock. We need such times, and it is one of my complaints at the way preparations for Christmas start ever sooner, that we are not allowing ourselves the time to explore the natural peace of late autumn. We are always rushing on to the next thing – just look at some of the items which you will find in this edition of the Newsletter!

Of course, the words that speak of the peace Jesus gives are not referring to the natural cycle of the seasons. They refer to an inner peace which comes from the assurance that he is with us in all situations, in all seasons, in the hectic times as in the quiet times. His peace is always available to us all. Yet surely if we refuse to open ourselves to the natural peace of late autumn (and on into winter), how shall we be able to enjoy the spiritual peace which is offered by our Lord? (See John 3 v 12!)

So I wish you a peaceful November – a time to remember, a time to take stock, a time to rest and a time to know in your hearts the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Your friend,

John Bremner

3rd Sundays

The Bathgate Churches Together “3rd Sunday” series continues in November. On November 20th, in St. Mary’s Hall, Livery Street, Rev. Robert Philip will speak on the subject of ‘Christian Peace-Making in Israel/Palestine’. The meeting will start at 6.30 p.m.

Celebration of Christmas

A reminder to you that the ‘Celebration of Christmas’, an evening of music and poetry on the theme of Christmas will be on **December 8th at 7.30 p.m.**

Don’t forget that the **Bathgate Christian Bookshop** has a range of Christmas cards and other items. The shop is open from 10 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings in St. David’s Building, George Street.

Christmas Fair Trade Event

11/11/11

Friday 11th 6pm till 9pm Saturday 12th 4pm till 8pm Monday 14th
7pm - 9:30pm

Here is an opportunity to buy from a large range of fair trade items and to browse catalogues in preparation for Christmas. Cards, gifts and food will be available to sample and buy!

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