

PARISH NEWS

EAGLESHAM PARISH CHURCH



Farewell to Lynn, Stuart and Briag

June 21, Lynn's last service

Farewell tea in the Laird hall thereafter

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Contacts for the services of a minister will be confirmed when the vacancy starts. In the meantime the first port of call for advice or help should be the local elder.

Announcements

Baptisms:

Nathan Gilroy, son of Chris and Catherine Gilroy -
15th March
Joseph Ogbu, son of Charles and Carol Ogbu,
3rd April

Funerals:

Mr John Wallace, Montgomery St...5th March
Mr Tommy Devine, Eaglesham ...10th March
Mrs Lily Ferguson, Montgomery Court....26th May

Weddings:

Gillian Semple to Ross Lang, Eaglesham Church,
28th March

The crèche during the 11am service for under 3s will be in the Laird Halls until after the Carswell refurbishment. On school holiday weeks crèche is extended to all young people and we ask that parents walk with their children to the hall after the first part of the church service.



Musings from the Manse June 2015

On 7th April 2015 I announced to the Kirk Session my intention to leave Eaglesham at the end of June. It wasn't so much a difficult decision to make, but more a response to things that felt inevitable: surprising developments in my academic work, a sense that Eaglesham Church's life had reached a watershed, and a ministry opportunity that somewhat miraculously lets me pursue academic research and parish ministry at the same time. It feels unmistakably "right", God's path for me and for the church. So in July Stuart and I move to Cambuslang, our new community where I will take up a (very part-time) ministry post with Flemington Hallside Church, our new church family. And in the autumn I start my PhD in Practical Theology at University of Durham, spending probably 3 days a week there during term-time.

Life, particularly Christian life, never lets you settle down. As today's disciples (followers/learners) we are committed to a journey towards personal growth to become more like Jesus. As a dynamic church, we're committed to be part of God's mission to our community with its ever-changing needs. And overall, we are each a thread in God's universal plan to bring His kingdom on earth, a story that started before Jesus and will continue until the end of time. We are a pilgrim people.

I remember that as Stuart and I find ourselves (again) in transit. At present we'll be homeless in a few weeks' time, and that feels insecure. Packing up (at least mentally – physically, not that organized...) is making me think of what I'll leave behind – all the stuff that won't translate to the next stage. Most of all, leaving behind very deep relationships with much-loved friends who have become part of our daily lives over the past 10 years is very hard. The only thing that makes us do it is an unmistakable call to something else, something more, that must be fulfilled.

And Eaglesham Church is also in transit, with a vacancy and a building project in the same year. At present we're in the throes of temporary arrangements, as the Carswell Hall is out of action and many activities are displaced. That, in itself, is good: it disturbs patterns that we take for granted, opens new

possibilities, and shakes us out of our ruts. It's never comfortable but it provokes us to thought and moves us forward. 2016 will see a new building, a new minister, and the energy and vision implanted by the Holy Spirit being moved forward in ways that none of us can foresee. The ground has been ploughed, the seed has been planted and the best is yet to be.

The pain of the wrench for Stuart and me won't really go into words. We've lived in this community for 10 years and loved the Orry and the Fairs and the dog walks. We've worked (hard!) particularly with those soul-mates who share our passion for God's church and its witness in our village. The school, children and youth have been a fertile and joyful part of ministry. Every Sunday morning we join the faithful little group who pray together – precious times. And as the minister I have been greatly honoured to walk and pray with many of you individually, finding God in the challenging places as well as "the sacred boring and the holy ordinary" of church life. I've loved it and even the hard bits have been richly fulfilling

Blessings to you all



The Sunday morning service will be at 10am during July and August. There will be no Wednesday morning service. 11am again on Sunday and Wednesday from September.

Session Notes - The Vacancy.....

You will all now know that our Minister Lynn McChlery will be leaving us towards the end of June, to take up an offer to study for a PhD at Durham University, combined with a one day/week Associate Minister post in Cambuslang. Lynn's last Sunday with us will be on Sunday 21st June, and there will be an opportunity after this Service for us to gather for teas and coffees in the Laird Hall to officially thank her for all that she has done for us, and to wish her and Stuart all the best for the future.

You will all have questions about how we manage this church vacancy after Lynn goes, and I thought it would be useful to update you as to what the plans are.

The Presbytery of Glasgow has now appointed an Interim Moderator to guide us through the vacancy procedure. Our IM is Stuart Smith (yes, another Stuart!), who is Minister at Partick Trinity Church. Stuart has had experience of being Interim Moderator for 5 church charges, so he knows all the wrinkles about this task! I have met with Stuart a couple of times, and he also met the Kirk Session at our meeting on 5th May. Feedback from Elders after this meeting is that we are very impressed by Stuart's skills and commitment to this task, and we look forward to working with him.

There are, as Stuart summarised for the Kirk Session on 5th May, three aspects of the vacancy.

Firstly, 'day to day' arrangements. We need to appoint people to take services on Sundays and for the mid-week service (although this will have its usual break during July and August), to provide pastoral care, including taking funerals etc., and to continue some of the work which Lynn has been doing alongside James Edgar particularly in relation with young people. We have been very lucky to engage the services of Rev Willie Black, previously locum Minister at Cathcart Trinity Church as our main preacher on Sundays. Having met and talked to Willie, I am looking forward to hearing his messages for us during our vacancy. We will also be appointing Rev Tom Houston, previously Minister at St Andrew's Baillieston, to provide pastoral cover, and James Edgar may take on more responsibilities as well. We think we now have a very good team to take forward cover during our vacancy.

Secondly, filling the vacancy. Stuart Smith has already been invaluable in helping us with this. There are a number of Glasgow Presbytery procedural issues which need to be gone through, and we are well on course for these. We expect that we will have our Electoral Register completed soon, and also a Permission to Call a new Minister granted. An important initial part of the Vacancy is drawing up a Parish Profile, which is a responsibility for the Kirk Session. We need to make sure, through discussion and reflection, that we know what kind of Minister would be best for us and that this will be clear in our Profile. Our plan at present is to work hard on this during the Summer months so we have this available by August 2015. Although this is a Kirk Session task, we would welcome your views as church members - please contact me if you want to tell me what you think. After we have drawn up our Parish Profile, we need to appoint a Nominating Committee, which will be elected at a meeting after Sunday worship, probably at the beginning of September, but final date to be confirmed later. And then it is over to the Nominating Committee to decide how to advertise, interview and recommend an applicant to the Congregation. Timescales are elastic. We can't predict how soon we can fill our vacancy, but I would ask you to pray for the Nominating Committee, once it is appointed, to find the best Minister for us.

And thirdly, the Manse! We need to arrange a Presbytery inspection of the Manse, arrange details re Council Tax etc. and decide how to proceed with the property during the vacancy. At our Session Meeting in May we swiftly remitted this issue to the Admin Team. All the best, Maureen!

So, a lot to do and to think about. Uncertainty is the name of the game at the moment in terms of timescales once the Nominating Committee is appointed. What can I ask you as members to do?

- Continue to support Eaglesham Parish Church during our vacancy.
- Pray for all the arrangements that will be taking place and the Nominating Committee once it is formed.

Wendy Armstrong

Session Clerk

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Lynn and Stuart McChlery - an appreciation

10 years ago when the Nominations Committee visited Torrance Parish Church to hear Lynn McChlery preach it was at the end of its tether. It was collectively weary, disenchanted with the whole process and disillusioned with the suitability of the applicants we had heard. Lynn was approaching the end of her training at Torrance under the tutelage of Nigel Barge and she was the final name on the list of applicants we had to hear before contemplating the abandonment of the process and starting the search anew. Almost as soon as she started her talk to the congregation in that lively little Church we knew that she was the one we were seeking to come to Eaglesham. After the service we could barely contain our excitement at the possible opportunity of attracting to our own congregation someone of her clear ability, charisma and all-round talent. The good people of Torrance were very reluctant to let her go.

She has given us a decade of outstanding Ministry and we should celebrate those God-given years and look around at a congregation blessed with the fruits of her labours here. I'm not going to recount details of the achievements, the progress, the hard work, the dedication but only point you towards one key aspect of her Ministry. The considerable success Lynn has had in bringing to faith and developing the potential of the young people in our midst. Her hugely influential Primary School involvement, EPYC, the Holiday Club, the introduction and development of our Student Youth Minister, Russell Shields and our popular and effective Youth Minister James Edgar. Latterly, of course, Messy Church and the monthly family-focused Service.

I was Lynn's Session Clerk for 7 of those years and I feel honoured and fulfilled by my time at her side. Pat and I are staunch friends of Lynn and Stuart as a result. And here's the rub: we're going to lose Stuart too. Stuart, whose support for Lynn over the past 10 years has been unstinting, his work with our young people unremitting and hugely successful, his periodic Sunday Services interesting and challenging. But, most of all, Stuart has endeared himself to us simply by dint of his warm and outgoing personality.

I hinted that Lynn stood head and shoulders above her fellow applicants.

Her ability has shone through in her influential involvement with the National Church in the selection process for those entering the Ministry and in other important committee work. In the International Church scene too she has been deeply involved in Tear Fund, recently leading to our congregation's formal support for this worthy and effective organisation. Earlier, Stuart and Lynn's support for the Nuru Centre in Tanzania was taken up by Eaglesham. Later, Lynn's influence focused the congregation's support for the work of the Taits in Thailand in mitigating the effects of child abuse and exploitation there and in Bangladesh supporting the work of the Hall family in that difficult environment for the Christian Church.

But Lynn has always been a deep and questioning thinker and has sought to expand her own knowledge through continuous study and research. Her final dissertation leading to her Masters degree from St Andrews University won the prestigious 2014 British and Irish Association for Practical Theology prize and will shortly be published in that august journal, Practical Theology. Lynn's quest for knowledge, ability for close reading, independent research and innovative thought have been rewarded by a unique opportunity for her to study for a doctorate from Durham University.

I believe that the circumstances leading to Lynn's decision to take up this opportunity have been laid before her by God and we must congratulate her, encourage her and thank her for her work in this place. She will leave us with huge regrets, I know, and sorrow on our part whom she leaves behind. Is her work here done? Of course not, for a Minister's work can never be complete. He or she must know instinctually, though, when the time is right to lay down the burden and move on to greater things. For Lynn, that time is now.

She leaves with our blessing, grateful thanks and huge affection. We should commiserate with ourselves at our impending loss but thank God for the fruitful years she has given us. We wish you every future success and happiness, Lynn and Stuart. God bless you both.

Craig Wishart

Kirk Carers



Olive Reid and Fay Lyons

Anyone having difficulty getting along to doctor or hospital appointments using public transport would be glad to know of this group of village volunteers who may be able to help. They come under the umbrella of pastoral care within the Parish Church, and provide a transport service available to members of the community whether church-goers or not. Unfortunately, Kirk Carers are unable to offer the service to people who need assistance walking or who have wheelchair requirements. The group does however also offer a voluntary service visiting, on a reasonably regular basis, folk who are housebound.

Kirk Carers was first introduced in 1996 by Eaglesham parishioner Jean Horn. Its longevity is testimony to both its need and success. It is currently run by Fay Lyons, supported by Olive Reid, who co-ordinates the visiting service and covers for Fay in her absence. Both have been involved since 2000 and find it very rewarding knowing that they have helped many members of the community over the years.

Their job is made a lot easier by the willingness of all 27 drivers who give up their time, and vehicles, to help people get to appointments....and without any payment for their services. Transport is offered to the majority of hospitals in the Glasgow area, though some drivers prefer only to undertake journeys to local appointments. Ask the Kirk Carers why they volunteer and you'll be told it's because the warm response from those they help gives them great satisfaction.

The group are always looking for volunteer drivers and willing visitors. So if you fancy enjoying the rewards of being a driver or home visitor - or if you want to use the Kirk Carers services - for driving requests call Fay on 0141 644 2249 and for home visiting call Olive on 0141 577 1977.

Christian Aid at 70.

The story of Christian Aid starts in the aftermath of the second world war. A British Council of Churches initiative on the Sunday after VE day raised £85,000 for 'Christian Reconstruction in Europe'. Three years later the focus of activity included help for 750,000 displaced Palestinians leading the following year to a new name - Interchurch Aid and Refugee Service. During the 1950s the need to communicate with and inform folk in Britain was recognised with regular news sheets. The success of a specific fundraising week for Christian Aid led to this name being adopted in 1964. Increasingly the charity became involved in campaigning and development work as well as emergency relief - opposition to apartheid and landmine use, and promotion of land rights and fair-trade are examples. Local partnerships developed in promoting needs such as clean water and improved health care. That twin activity continues. Thus in the last ten years emergency work has included the Tsunami, Darfur and Gaza while their current campaigning priorities are on Climate Change and Tax Justice.

Christian Aid's annual income is now around £100million, of which half goes to longterm development, a quarter to emergency relief, and a quarter to campaigning, education and fund raising. Donations can be made via the website or to the Glasgow office at 290 Bath St, Glasgow G2 4JR.

ATV Quiz Date

Sandra Middleton won her way into the general knowledge quiz programme "Fifteen To One " after attending an audition in Glasgow and a telephone interview. She previously took part in 1993.

The quiz was filmed last month in the BBC studios in Glasgow when she got down to the final 3 contestants. Sandi Toksvig was the quizmaster. It will be broadcast on Thursday 2nd July at 3pm on Channel 4.

Sandra said" it was a fun experience , very tiring but also exhilarating and good humoured.

Sandi was a delight to work with and took a genuine interest in everything and everyone"

A Musical Thanks.....



Thanks also to the figure in the background of this photo. **Jean Cumming** has for years organised our Sunday morning teas rota and supplied her delicious pancakes.

Alison Loudon became organist and choirmistress in 2010, after a period of providing organ cover. She clearly liked us so much during this time that she decided to apply for the job! She soon settled in. Choir practices were always fun. Alison worked really hard to build up the choir in numbers and repertoire. From sacred favourites by John Rutter, Look at the World and Howard Goodall's Love Divine, to the secular Les Miserables and South Pacific's "There is nothing like a Dame" - a favourite of the basses for which Alison will be fondly remembered. Alison always thought the choir sounded "bootiful" but sadly despite pleading every week could not convert any of the basses to sing tenor. A little known fact is that Alison played the organ in her bare feet! Alison has been well loved by choir and congregation and although leaving her post for family commitments will remain as a member of the congregation and we hope to hear her again at the organ on supply. She will be much missed but we wish her all the very best for the future.

Brenda Bain

and Welcome.....

Razvan Luculescu is our new Church Organist and Choirmaster. He writes...

When I decided to apply for the Organist position in Eaglesham, there were three factors which determined me to go for it: the Church, the Organ and the Minister. Sadly, I will only have a few Sundays to collaborate with Lynn, but I will do my best to make her leaving even harder!

My experience as a Pastoral musician goes back to Romania, where I had the chance to be choir director of a few Churches in Bucharest. As all belonged to the Eastern Orthodox denomination, there was no instrumental accompaniment to the Liturgy; it was only the Choir giving responses to the Priest.



Moving to Scotland in 2010, I was appointed as Organist and Chorus Director at Busby Parish Church, where I had the chance to learn to play the organ, mostly self-taught. I consider the organ to be the King of the musical instruments. It is amazing how much a good Church Organ (and Organist, I should add) can influence the quality of the Service. I also believe that music has the power to 'translate' the Word, so that the Congregation could receive the God's message in their hearts.

I am looking forward to meeting you all. I am also excited to work with the Choir and hope that together will make a good team. God blessings,

Razvan

News from the Youth Organisations.....

Anchor Boys

We finished off another successful year at Anchor Boys with our Annual Display & Inspection on Tuesday 19th May. This was a wonderful opportunity for the boys to show their families the kinds of activities they enjoy on a typical Tuesday night at Anchor Boys. At the end of the evening our Inspecting Officer Marion White presented the following prizes to the boys:

Best Boy: James Andrews
Runner Up Best Boy: Blair Gormley
Bible Knowledge: Benjamin Brady
Best Squad: RED: James Andrews; Nathan Chalmers; Aaron Forrester; Finlay Macdonald; Connor Steele; Ben Casey & Logan Hart.

Our final meeting for this year was a casual games night on Tuesday 26th May. This is always a great way to wind down at the end of the session after the formalities of the display!

If you know of any boys in P1, 2 or 3 who are interested in joining us after the summer, do not hesitate to contact us!

Elaine McHugh & Gordon Grant
Officers-in-Charge

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Guides

As I am typing this, the unit is about to head off for camp at Fordell Firs in Dunfermline. There are 18 guides and 4 leaders going, so I am sure we will have fun and laughter throughout the weekend, even if the weather isn't great!!

Before the camp the guides attended a Comic Relief Danceathon with the County. This was great fun and raised money for a great cause. We participated in the Mary Slessor post card competition through the Church of Scotland, and although we didn't come first, the girls thoroughly enjoyed finding out about her. A badge night was held toward the end of March with many being earned from Agility, Cook, Sports, World Guiding, World Cultures to name but a few. Well done girls!! Just before Easter, we took the girls to see the new Cinderella; it was amazing, and so true to the fairytale.

On 9 May, we attended the Tartan Gig in the Clyde Auditorium with many other guides and senior section members. It was brilliant, the girls were treated to Rixton, Labyrinth, Nina Nesbitt, Neon Jungle and Conor Maynard. We had great seats. The screams and flashing bunny ears were an amazing noise and sight.

We are doing a community litter pick in the Orry next week and then we finish for the year with a sausage sizzle at the Wind farm. I can't believe another year is over. Have a lovely summer.

LOUISE LIGHTBODY

Musical Opportunities.....

Kelvingrove Art Gallery. Daily organ recitals. 1pm Mon to Sat. 3pm Sunday

Partick Methodist Church. Summer organ recitals at 3pm Sundays

Choral evensong from Glasgow Cathedral. Live broadcast Sundays at 4pm. Access at www.glasgowcathedral.org

Wednesday morning exercise

The Walking Group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, leaving from Mid Road at 10am. Walks are usually 4 to 5 miles long, lasting just under 2 hours, and ideally finish near a decent coffee shop. Over the years we have accumulated some 40 to 50 routes, ranging from Culzean in the south to Mugdock in the north and New Lanark in the east, though most are much closer to home. We still like to find new routes, and two recent new ones have featured the Forth and Clyde Canal, one at Maryhill, the other at Kilsyth. The next walks are on June 10 and 24, July 8 and 22. Venues are sometimes liable to late changes depending on weather conditions, but in coming weeks are likely to include Drumpellier, Eglinton and The Smugglers' Trail at Dundonald. When possible detail of the walk will be available on the Church website. All are welcome to join....this is not only for church members!

Sandy Robertson



Beside Kype Water on the way to Spectacle E'e Falls near Strathaven

*A simple clock on a white church
A gathering of hearts and minds
A steady beat against marching time
An in-breath when all around is turmoil*

Where is the cairn on which this church image and quote can be seen?

Volunteers Wanted

Two projects supported by Glasgow Presbytery are looking for extra volunteer help...

Starter Packs Glasgow was founded in 2000 by predominantly Church of Scotland members. They respond to referrals from housing associations who identify those requiring help. Packs provided are based on household size and need - variably of bedding, kitchen essentials and general utilities. The charity now urgently needs new committee members to assist in the management of this small but successful charity as some existing board members are stepping down due to other commitments. There are vacancies for five committee members who can devote some time to the task of committee membership, even if only for a few months. A member with financial skills to fill the Honorary Treasurer vacancy is particularly needed. If you think you can help, or would like more information, contact Patrick Dempsey on 0141 440 1008, or visit the Starter Packs website.

The Well Multi-cultural Resource Centre in Albert Rd provides free information, advice and other much needed services to the multi-ethnic communities of Glasgow's south-side. They are looking for volunteers who can give four hours weekly help in areas such as reception and advice work, computer skills, English teaching, befriending. Initial expertise is not needed as ongoing training and advice is provided. The Well can be contacted at 0141 424 4523 or info@thewell.org.uk.



Carswell Progress.....



Jim Alexander writes....

It's been a busy time for the Fabric team with the Carswell project taking over our lives, as we planned the decant of the building and the moving of the office. The flitting peaked on the 6th of May when the team had assistance from many valued helpers from the congregation, and that old saying 'many hands make light work' came true.

The office is now located in the rear of the cabin at the front door, while a lot of the contents of the hall are housed at the front of the cabin. All the tables and chairs have been stored in the manse garage. As I viewed the empty hall prior to the arrival of the builders, I couldn't help but think of the changes this building has seen over the years....from the Carswell Church, to the Children's Church, when the pews were turned to face each other to form Sunday school classes, to levelling the floor, lowering the ceiling, creating the upper room, and latterly becoming the Carswell Hall.

Monday 11th saw the building officially handed over to the contractor's possession, and Tuesday 12th saw the official pre-start meeting between the contractor, the QS and myself, as the client's representative. The demolition team are at present working in the hall removing plaster and some walls ready for the rebuild, and uncovering traces of the original building from its days as the Carswell Church.

We are, as you are aware, attempting to do the project in one phase if at all possible. However, we are still waiting, hopefully, for grants from two funders. If they are not forthcoming, we will have to omit elements of the project to match the funds available. Having got this far, we remain positive. We hope to show photos on the monitors in church some Sunday mornings before the service, to keep you up to date with the progress.

On the normal fabric activities, repairs will start in coming weeks to the rear elevation of the church.

From the Admin Team.....

For the first 3 months of the year, our income shows a short fall of £4061 against the figures for last year. Some of this is due to the timing of tax claims but overall our offerings are down by £1369 compared to the first 3 months of 2014. Hopefully, this is a temporary blip and our offerings will increase in the next quarter. It is worth noting that 33% of the recipients of FWO envelopes have still to use them! Our organisation auditor, Cindy Martin, has decided it is time to resign from that position and from the Admin committee. We're sorry to see her go and thank her for her hard work over the last 4 years auditing the books and for her contributions to the Admin committee. We also thank Sandy Robertson and Jim Donaldson who, after many years, have retired from our door duty teams. Sandy's place as team leader is being taken by Alan Fulton.

Maureen Hunter Admin Convener

Edinburgh in May.....

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland is a busy week for the 700 plus commissioners who represent local congregations, partner churches and other organisations. Hundreds of pages of reports, long hours of debates, and complex processes to understand. But also uplifting worship, the opportunity to make and meet with friends, and the hope of the Gospel being reapplied in ways to meet the challenges facing Christianity in Scotland today.

Of course the press headlines focussed on same-sex relationships and the ministry. The Church confirmed its traditional position – that ministers and deacons should either be married or single – but also introduced a new “mixed economy” that allows the “constrained departure” of individual congregations who can now choose to opt out of the traditional position and call a minister or deacon who is in a civil partnership. The Assembly also considered extending this to include a minister or deacon in a same sex marriage, but decided to refer this to Presbyteries for their approval before a final decision next year.

It was fascinating to hear, during the World Mission report, from a Nepali pastor who was preaching when the earthquake struck, the building shook and the lights went out; and from a Syrian pastor pleading with us to understand the situation faced by Christians in his country. The presence of these people in the midst of our gathering brought a new and challenging perspective to global events.

Later the Panel on Review and Reform shared “a growing willingness to address” the need for change in the church made clear by declining membership, ageing leadership, a shortage of ministers, and the disengagement of younger people. They are now introducing a pilot project to work with twenty congregations who want to move from “maintenance” to “mission”, seeking to develop staffing, training and support structures for this which could later be rolled out to the rest of the church.

Similarly the Ministries Council, as part of a “Decade of Ministry” which seeks to recruit 30 new ministers each year, is reviewing its training procedures to make entrance into ministry more accessible for suitable

candidates. It is recruiting five “Pioneer Ministers” to establish “Fresh Expressions of Church”. Scope has also been created for new “Presbytery Mission Initiatives” which could establish new forms of Christian communities to “witness, serve and worship as a network or other non-location specific form” That means something other than traditional parish churches! These ideas may leave lots of questions unanswered, but they do at least show that the questions are being asked, and the challenge met.

The Church and Society Council made sure that attention went beyond our own church plans and structures. Fascinating questions were asked from a Christian perspective about money and taxation. Climate change and fossil fuels were scrutinised. Religious and Moral Education in schools was discussed. So were organ donation, mental health, and national politics in the aftermath of the referendum and the general election. Time and again the issues of the day were prayerfully connected with the teaching of the church to show that Christians still have a vital part to play in the life of our nation. There will be plenty of work to do for Glasgow’s Martin Johnstone, who has recently moved from his work with Priority Areas to become the new Church and Society Council Secretary.

Details of these and other reports can be found on the General Assembly pages of the Church of Scotland website. Those who are already interested will find out more; and those who think the Assembly has nothing to do with them might be surprised! The week was long, the work hard, and the outcomes sometimes disappointing or frustrating; but through the debates, reports and procedures there emerged a clear picture of God continuing to work through the worship, witness and service of his Scottish Christian people. We belong to a church that has so much still to do, and such a good reason for doing it. I trust that God will bless our Moderator – Angus Morrison – and all other office-bearers, ministers and members of the Church as we work together to proclaim the Gospel of Christ Jesus in our land.

Stuart Smith, Interim Moderator



Gillian Semple and Ross Lang



Joseph Ogbu with Charles and Carol

A view in the other direction.....



See page 9 and, if this is new to you, is a visit to Blackwood Hill viewpoint at Whitelee possible?

Fr Gerry Hughes S.J.

Gerry Hughes was a Jesuit priest whose life and writing tackled the relevance of Christian teaching to everyday modern life. He was best known as author of 'God of Surprises'. He was brought up in Glasgow but travelled widely and later settled in England. He died in November 2014. There will be a celebration of his life and faith at Glasgow University Memorial Chapel at 6pm on Monday August 17th.

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