

# Parish News

EAGLESHAM PARISH CHURCH



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## From the Manse

Dear friends,

I have lived and worked in high density suburbs and Glasgow city centre for most of my life - I used to take every opportunity I could to get out into the countryside and enjoy the environment, the rhythm of the countryside as it keeps pace with the cycle of the seasons. The stars of an inky black night, the phases of the moon, mammals, birds and fish of the sea, lake and stream. Living in Scotland even with its idiosyncratic weather is a tremendous blessing – and my vocation as a minister has brought me to serve in two lovely environments surrounded by the wonders of the natural environment. Previously in rural Morayshire with its fertile lands, pine woods, wild geese (Cherry), rivers Spey, Lossie and Findhorn, golden beaches and abundance of wildlife - ospreys, red kites, otters, red squirrels, pine martins, badgers, deer, salmon and even dolphins. And now in Eaglesham, a beautiful village built around the Orry with its deciduous trees, stream and grassland, surrounded by fields and nature. Eaglesham is like a pearl in an ocean of green. Every day I think how blessed we are to live where we do with the wonders of creation so beautifully displayed where we live. It is tempting to think it is all for us and us alone. Winnie the Pooh said – The only reason for being a bee is to make honey. And the only reason for honey is so that I can eat it. Far be it for me to contradict a British literary Icon - but the book of Psalms differs with the musings of A. A. Milne. Each element of creation, the psalmist insists, exists not for us but to glorify its creator.

The natural world is a call for us to praise God as Psalm 65: 8-13

*The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;*

*where morning dawns, where evening fades,*

*you call forth songs of joy.*

*You care for the land and water it;*

*you enrich it abundantly.*

*The streams of God are filled with water*

*to provide the people with grain,*

*for so you have ordained it.*

*You drench its furrows and level its ridges;*

*you soften it with showers and bless its crops.*

*You crown the year with your bounty,*

*and your carts overflow with abundance.*

*The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;*

*the hills are clothed with gladness.*

*The meadows are covered with flocks*

*and the valleys are mantled with grain;*

*they shout for joy and sing*

As humans when we credit God with the natural world, we forget that we are not singing his praises alone but being part of a symphony that encompasses the entire universe – from the canopy of the stars to the depths of the ocean. We so easily forget that we are part of creation not separate from it.

We also forget our role in God's magnificent creation as stewards – entrusted with its care on behalf of God. If we look around and see pollution and exploitation of the earth's resources it is because we have done it. Care of creation is a neglected thing in reformed faith - remember the saying 'so heavenly minded a person is no earthly good'.

Not engaging with the welfare of all aspects of creation isn't just neglectful or remiss; it is a sin – turning against God.

Revelation:11:18 talks of a future time of judgement when those that destroy the earth will themselves be destroyed. So we are faced with a question of whose side are we on - the side of nature which is God's side or our own side where everything is for us. Remember the bees - honey, sweet as it is, does not exist just for us but is also part of something that brings praise and Glory to God

During the month of September, we will be thinking about Creation and how as a Church we may glorify God through our engagement and stewardship of this wonderful environment we are blessed with.

Blessings

Andrew



## Session notes

I hope you have all had a very good summer! The weather has on the whole been good, as evidenced by the fact that at our recent successful Holiday Club, the children managed to get out each day (bar one) for their outdoor games.

A couple of things have come up at recent Session Meetings which I would like to let you know about.

Firstly, Communion. As you know we hold Communion three times a year, on the first Sundays of October, February and June (and also on Maundy Thursday). Our Communion traditions in terms of serving wine (common cup/spoons or glasses) come from the two Church of Scotland Congregations in Eaglesham which combined a number of decades ago.

Over the past year or so in Session, we have been discussing the fact that if Communicants would like, for whatever reason, to take wine from a glass, this has not been routinely available downstairs. Marlyn McInnes, our Communion Elder, has now re-vamped the Communion Duties so that folk in one of the side pews downstairs will now be offered glasses. I suspect that for most people this is neither here nor there, but if you wish to use a glass downstairs this is now available! We'll be reviewing this, so please if you have any comments to make, let your Elder know.

Secondly, our hunt for a new Organist/Choir Leader continues. We have advertised this widely over the internet, in the Scottish Conservatoire and Glasgow University Music Department, and informally via our many contacts. At the moment we have a few expressions of interest which are being followed up. In the meantime, we are most grateful to have the services of Richard Scholfield and Alison Loudon as back up organists on Sundays.

Finally, by the time you receive this edition of Parish News, our Youth Worker, James Edgar will have 'tied the knot' with Cat Lamont! I would like to take this opportunity to wish them well for their married life together, and to thank James most sincerely for all his remarkable and effective work here in Eaglesham. All the very best to you both!

Wendy Armstrong

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## CHET TAI MUAY

**Being one at heart....Unity....A Cambodia message and update from Chomno In.**

'We believe poverty is not just physical, it's spiritual, relational and mental too. To address all of these different sides of poverty in a sustainable way, we need to be **letting people take the lead in their own development**. For us this means implementing the Chet Tai Muay process - moving away from projects focussing on specific issues and towards deep holistic transformation instead.' We have begun preparation for introducing Chet Tai Muay to ten of our local communities.

One of the villages had heavy rainfall last month which destroyed the crucial main road running in and out of the community.. For weeks the villagers suffered, waiting for the local authorities to fix it. Being a poor community means they are often left waiting for months as the government prioritises wealthier areas. Mr. Vann Than, the CHO Chet Tai Muay facilitator decided to work with the community to take action. He talked to them about rebuilding the road themselves. "We realised we had lots of spare wood, so we used it to make a wooden bridge over the flooded road. Now, as well as being able to get in and out of the village, the community has grown together as they have shared resources and worked towards a common goal. Praise God!"

*On behalf of CHO I would like to express my gratitude towards all supporting churches who continue to believe in us. Through your financial support and prayers, many lives in the community are constantly being transformed, little by little. May God richly bless you with good health and wisdom. Please pray for our church in Cambodia, for staff as we transition towards Chet Tai Muay, and for rain as overall the drought continues'*

...from Chomno In, founder of Cambodia Hope, the Tearfund project which we support. Many will remember meeting him and the impression he made at the time of his visit in March

## Creation Time 2016. A Theme for September

In 1989 the Ecumenical Patriarch suggested that 1 September, the first day of the Orthodox Church's year, should be observed as a day "of protection of the natural environment". Ten years later the European Christian Environmental Network (ECEN) widened this proposal, urging churches to adopt a Time for Creation stretching from **1 September to the feast of St Francis on 4 October** and this was endorsed by the 3rd European Ecumenical Assembly in Sibiu, Romania in 2007, which recommended that the period "be dedicated to prayer for the protection of Creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles that reverse our contribution to climate change".

Care for Creation is an often overlooked and some would say given a lower priority ignored within parts of the evangelical church - it is biblical; and rooted in the stories origin at the start of the Old Testament.

### Genesis 1:26-28...from The Message

*God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature*

*So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea,*

*the birds in the air, the cattle,*

*And, yes, Earth itself,*

*and every animal that moves on the face of Earth."*

*God created human beings;*

*he created them godlike,*

*Reflecting God's nature.*

*He created them male and female.*

*God blessed them:*

*"Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge!*

*Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air,*

*for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth."*

This year Creation Time is themed on Followers of Christ caring for creation through the lens of the Gospel of Luke:

- Week One 04/09/16 Careful Planning Priorities (Luke 14: 25-33)
- Week Two 11/09/16 Keeping to the Right Path (Luke 15:1-10)

- Week Three 18/09/16 Caring Locally, Caring Globally (Luke 16:1-13)

- Week Four 25/09/16 Caring for all Creation (Luke 16:19-31)

Sunday by Sunday during September we will be looking at each of the topics.

Rev Andrew Robertson

*[The Message - the Bible in Contemporary Language - is a translation by Eugene Peterson from original biblical texts which aims by using contemporary idiom to keep the language of the Message (Bible) current, fresh and understandable]*

### Why Pray when you can Worry?

It was Jesus who pointed out that we can't add an inch to our height by worrying (Matthew 6:27). So why, when we have an invitation to consult the Master of the Universe about our problems, is it so hard? If Jesus is delighted to hear a child's simple prayer why do we worry that our prayer might not be good enough?

On the morning of Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September we plan to open the Hub of the Carswell Centre, inviting people to come, look, ponder, reflect and pray. The theme will be creation, and we aim to be creative in offering pictures, words and symbols which inspire. You will be invited to choose a time slot and come along to enjoy a brief oasis in a busy life. This is different from a prayer group, as prayers will be down to each individual, **not spoken out loud.**

At the start of a new session it's a good time to do something new, and also to place all we do and all we plan into God's hands. Come and have a break from worry!

**"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."**  
Matthew 11:8

Gillian Norval  
Faith Development Team.

## Summer Adventure Cruise

James reports.....

"Well we made it through and the Adventure Cruise has sailed off into the sunset. This year Eaglesham Parish Church got the Holiday Club up and running again with the "Adventure Cruise" coming to the village at the beginning of August. The Carswell Centre was transformed into our vessel for the week with sails, flags, deck loungers, inflatables etc. as we set sail on the 5 "C's" (as opposed to the traditional "high seas")! Each day we looked at a different "C"; Choice, Courage, Call, Change and Commitment, through songs, drama, crafts, groups times, memory verses and bible stories. Every day we would follow a story of a person who met with Jesus and how they made a "choice" or had "courage" but always they would be transformed after meeting with Jesus. We also had a visit from "Oh-no Knot-again" every morning who showed us how to tie a different knot each day (very useful when you are on a boat) and we had the infamous messy challenge which went down as a real favourite with the young people. Finally I must talk about the drama each day which followed the "Watt Family" on their adventure aboard a big fancy cruise liner, the SS Orry. It was exciting from start to finish as they captured a pirate and then Grandma was taken hostage and those other pirates stole the Captains briefcase!

Overall the Holiday Club was a huge success and the young people had a wonderful time joining us on the Adventure Cruise. I would like to thank all the parents who brought their children along and for supporting us all week. I would also like to thank all the people who helped run the Holiday Club, the leadership team especially who gave up so much time to make this happen but also those who donated "stuff" and those who donated financially to support us. Finally I would like to thank all those who were praying for us over the week, all of team were so grateful for your prayers."

and from a grateful parent.....

*I just wanted to drop you a note to say a huge "thank you" to everyone who was involved in the holiday club last week. I'm just back from the church service where we had a taste of what went on. The work and enthusiasm that has gone into it is evident and my 10 year old and her friends had so much fun.*

*Well done!!*

Lorna Preece

## ....and Summer on Arran

Fifty five boys and Staff of the 205th headed down to Kings Cross Arran for the 61st consecutive camp on Friday 15th July. The advance party left Eaglesham at 5.20am that morning to set up camp. Our weather was mixed this year with sunshine, showers and the hottest day of the year on which all the boys spent enjoying Kildonan beach.

As usual, we incorporated a large schedule of activities complemented with our usual inter tent sports competitions and morning tent inspections. Some of the activities lined up for the boys were:- canoeing, swimming, boating, Goat Fell climb, fishing, Auchrannie Spa trips, Mogabout (off road safari), putting and tennis.

On Sunday 17th July the Company marched to Whiting Bay & Kildonan Church with our new uniforms and drums. We enjoyed a near full church to a rousing service taken by Rev. Elizabeth Watson who as always gave us a kind welcome.

Apart from parents day which went extremely well we also during the week had some notable guests who paid us a visit and enjoyed lunch on camp. Our Minister Mr Andrew Robertson enjoyed his day out visiting the Company to see for himself the glorious location and extremely well run camp. Mr James Laird who was at our very 1st camp here 61 years ago also joined us as he does every year to enjoy the day and I am sure to reminisce of his happy days here as a boy and staff member. ( not too much has changed!)

And finally a big thank you to my Staff and Cooks who give up their time, patience and expertise to give the boys an opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors under canvas camp enjoying all that the BB can give them.

Awards 2016 - Best Sports tent - tent 4

Best Tent - tent 2

Best New Camper - Christopher Wallace

Best Camper - Josh McDonald

Richard Burt



The Pilot let the BB boys view the helicopter on a call out from the southern general

**Anchor Boys** starts back on Tuesday 6th September in the Laird Halls, Montgomery Street, starting at 6.30pm and finishing at 7.45pm. All boys in Primary's 1, 2 and 3 are welcome to come along and join in with our usual fun, games, crafts and activities!

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with Elaine McHugh and Gordon Grant, the officers in charge, at [anchorboys205@gmail.com](mailto:anchorboys205@gmail.com) or on 07515640100

## Junior Section

Another session springs to life and we look forward to another year of fun and excitement.

Our previous session closed with our holiday weekend to Carronvale House, which took place in May. We had a wonderful time and were blessed with good weather and an enthusiastic group of Primary 5 and Primary 6 boys. After a great deal of energy being expelled with the boys getting on with each other and working with each other very well our visit was concluded with a prize-giving ceremony.

The Junior Section meetings are held between 6.45pm and 8.15pm every Thursday night in the Church Hall. All Primary 4, 5 and 6 boys are very welcome and you will find that we have piles of fun, playing games, sports and working on our Achievement Scheme Awards. The Achievement Scheme items include crafts and skills, which will be of use to boys for all their life. The emphasis is of course on having fun. In addition to our Thursday meeting nights we run a football team on a Saturday morning, attend the District Athletics at the Emirates Arena, compete in the District Swimming Gala and attend other District events.

Calling all boy's in Primaries 4 to 6. Do not sit at home on a Thursday night watching the television or staring at a computer screen. Come and do something practical for a couple of hours, have a laugh.... and at the end of the night there is a tuck shop.

Adam Nealis  
Officer-in-Charge.



## 1st EAGLESHAM GUIDES

The guides went to camp in May 2016 as part of East Renfrewshire County Camp with approximately 250 girls in total. The theme this year was Roald Dahl and the girls went round each sub-camp carrying out various activities relating to various Roald Dahl books. The weather was amazing, but very cold at night!!

After camp we finished our year off with some Geocaching up at the Windfarm with the help of Margaret Alloway and some hot dogs.



Three of our guides made their promise Alexs Bogle, Ava Sutherland and Else Johnston made their promises, along with the thousands of midgies!!

Three of our older girls, Cara Finlay, Ellis Paterson and Eilyn Lightbody represented Scotland and went to international events this year, but they will tell you all about that in the next edition!!

We start back another session on Monday, 5 September but unfortunately without Christian Potter, who has decided to hang up her guiding shoes. We thank you so much Christian for all your hard work in helping with the guides (16 years) and hope you enjoy your retirement (although she will be still doing our accounts!!).

Hope you have all had a good summer.

Louise Lightbody

## The Guild

Our new venture this summer was our afternoon '**Tea and Chat**' get togethers which were held in the Carswell Centre on three Wednesday afternoons. We were also delighted to welcome some ladies from St Bridgets. The meetings were well attended and allowed us to keep in touch during our sabbatical period.

We start our 2016/2017 session on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October and are looking forward to welcoming back our members along with any lady (and any gentlemen!) in the congregation who might like to come along and 'try us out'. Our meetings are held weekly on a Wednesday evening in the Carswell Centre, starting at 7.30pm. We have a wide variety of speakers every week and to mention just a few we have The Williams Jazz Quartet (5<sup>th</sup> October), A Talk on St Kilda (26<sup>th</sup> October), Glasgow Accordion Band (30<sup>th</sup> November), Glenarn Gardens (7<sup>th</sup> December) and our Christmas Cracker Coffee Morning will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> November. The second half of our 2016/17 Session carries on with a wide variety of speakers along with our Charity Coffee Morning on 18<sup>th</sup> February and the World Day of Prayer (3<sup>rd</sup> March).

Fiona Hamilton  
Guild Secretary

## Glasgow to China with Brenda Bain

I will be touring China with the City of Glasgow Chorus in October this year. We believe that we are the first Scottish choir to do so. We will be singing Vaughan Williams A Sea Symphony in Beijing and Brahms German Requiem in Nanjing and Shanghai. As part of our fundraising a small group of us from the chorus "Scottish Chorale" are holding a concert in Hyndland Parish Church on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 at 7.30pm. We will be singing Faure's Requiem and other beautiful music by Paul Mealor, Ola Gjeilo, Eric Whitacre, Eriks Esenvalds and Karl Jenkins. It would be good to see some of you there. Tickets are £10/£8 concessions and you can get them from myself or pay at the door.

Brenda



# The Wider Church.....Links Abroad

## World Mission Council .....Care for Creation

*The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. Luke 4: 18-19*

The Church of Scotland's WMC seeks to follow this teaching by linking with church partners in four regional groups - Africa, Asia, Middle East and Europe. It aims to make the best use of available human and financial resources, and explain to congregations at home the benefits of involvement in the world church - this includes promotion of twinning arrangements with congregations abroad.

This year a visit from a partner in Malawi highlighted an education programme of the Presbyterian Church there. Education of girls is widely seen as an important development issue but for a variety of social reasons they drop out of school earlier than boys. The Church is emphasising the benefits of girls' education to local communities and also encouraging female teachers and role models, and forming 'mother groups' to support girls at school. The scheme also involves 'male champions' who protect girls from potential abuse and inappropriate early marriage.

A more distressing report from Malawi is of a food crisis brought on by a combination of prolonged drought followed by devastating floods. In response Christian Aid Scotland have launched an emergency appeal to help support local communities....an appeal which is match funded by the Scottish Government.

This highlights the current and potential issues of climate change. World Mission Council and Christian Aid are jointly holding a conference on 'Care for Creation' on October 1st in Bridge of Allan.

For detail on any of this see [www.christianaid.org.uk/scotland](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/scotland) or [www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/world\\_mission](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/world_mission)

## Men wanted

Have we got some men out there who would be willing to spend some time visiting the senior men of the congregation who would like some company?

The carers would like to know.

Please contact Olive Reid tel. 0141 577 1977

## EMMS

You may have heard of this organisation through its health work or through the imaginative sponsorship challenges it organises particularly in Malawi.

The Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society this year celebrate 175 years of work. When it was founded in 1841 it was the first time doctors - and later other health workers went abroad as missionaries. It was a novelty both in having medical folk in this role and in persuading the Church at home that medical work was part of mission. That has since become well established. EMMS itself sent 440 doctors abroad in its first 100 years. Today their focus is in Malawi, in Bihar, India's poorest state, and in Nepal in the aftermath of last year's earthquakes. The work they support includes direct patient care, training of health professionals and provision of elective bursaries to UK medical and other health students.

See more and / or support at [www.emms.org](http://www.emms.org)

## CAP Money Courses

'There are over 2500 references to money in the bible'. Christians against Poverty is an organisation aiming to take practical steps in countering individual poverty by holding training courses teaching folk how to budget, save and spend wisely. Their Money Courses, largely run from local churches and with a biblical basis, recognise that financial illiteracy is a major cause of debt and poverty. On Sept 17th in Edinburgh a training day on how to run a Money Course is being held. [capuk.org](http://capuk.org)

*[Not to be confused with CAP - Church Action on Poverty at [church-poverty.org.uk](http://church-poverty.org.uk)! This inter-denominational campaigning organisation is older and more focussed on government and social policy in relation to poverty]*



**The Carswell project** final step has been completed with the renewal of the windows looking out on to the Orry - well worth a visit to see both the windows from the upstairs quiet room and the view. The Centre is now used by the guild, choir, boys brigade, epyc, creche and church builders, as well as church meetings such as kirk session, mid week service, prayer group and messy church. Other regular users are rainbows, brownies and guides, yoga, slimming world and pilates. In February there was the great bake and boys brigade district quiz. In March we had the induction of our new minister, a visit from tear fund in Cambodia, not forgetting the annual jumble sale which attracts people from all over. In May we had our official opening followed in the evening by a very successful and enjoyable ceilidh. Since then we have had a champagne reception prior to the evening reception in the Peoples Palace, the holiday club, Cathcart Trinity church elders away day, a wedding reception and an adult birthday party. In September Kirsten Oswald our local MP in Westminster will be holding her second surgery and Cathcart Trinity will be hosting a one day alpha course. As you can see it is well used and everyone who has visited has said what a lovely building it is. The centre will be open as well as the church on doors open day.

## Hampden Snore...from the Bethany Christian Trust

*Law, Bremner, Souness, Dalgligh.* These legends have graced Hampden Park and given everything they have for their country. Now this is your chance to become a legend by taking part in the Hampden Snore on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**. For one night only, you can SleepOut pitch-side at Hampden and help Bethany and Street Soccer to prevent homelessness in Scotland. Every penny raised will be split between Street Soccer and Bethany in this legacy event from the Homeless World Cup in July.

"I am delighted to be part of the Hampden Snore and would encourage all Scotland fans to take part." – Craig Brown, former Scotland manager

The event is limited to only 500 participants so sign up today to ensure your space.

Join us to SleepOut for Scotland and let's create the first ever #HampdenSnore

Get in touch with any questions at [sleepout@bethanychristiantrust.com](mailto:sleepout@bethanychristiantrust.com)

## Tearfund - Autumn Acoustic Tour

The Autumn Acoustic Tour features three talented singer-songwriters; Yvonne Lyon, Gareth Davies-Jones and David Lyon. You can hear them perform songs from their new album *The Space Between* – songs with perhaps the ultimate source of inspiration; Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

It's an evening of songs that touch on the big issues like mercy, justice and much more.

### September 14th. Clincarthill Parish Church

Tickets £6, doors open 7pm.

For more information see <http://www.autumnacoustictour.eventbrite.co.uk/>

## Scottish Churches Housing Action

### *'Homelessness in Scotland: the challenges of uncertainty'*

10.15 am-2.15 pm, **Friday 7 October 2016**

at the Church of Scotland Offices, 121 George Street, Edinburgh.

Speakers include

- Rt. Rev. Dr Russell Barr, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland; and
- Kevin Stewart MSP, Minister for Local Government and Housing.

with panel discussion

Detail from [info@churches-housing.org](mailto:info@churches-housing.org)

## George Philip

[1921- 2016]



George had been an Eaglesham resident and church member since 1965 when he was appointed local bank manager - later in Paisley. He was an Aberdonian who never forgot his roots in the northeast. It was there that he first entered banking before wartime service with the RAF in the Far East. It was there too that his church links were formed, meeting his wife, Kath, when they were both Sunday School teachers.

He was an elder of Eaglesham Church for 42 years, treasurer for 20 and treasurer also of the Community Council. He kept a life long interest in sport having played both rugby and cricket. An avid supporter of Aberdeen FC; a life member of Eaglesham Bowling Club. And bridge was a continuing interest with the local club celebrating his 90th birthday.

George was a well liked member of the church and village community. He was always interested in and concerned for others. This remained true even as his health latterly deteriorated.

*Jesus told a story about a man who had two sons. The younger one said tae his faither, 'Hey faither, kin a ask ye a favour? Why not gie me ma share o the faimily gear noo, tae save me waitin till yer deid.....*

*It wasny lang afore he wasted his hale fortune oan the bevvvy, an the parties, and livin' it up. Jis when he wis hitting rock bottom a terrible famine swept ower the country.....*

*Finally he gets wise an says tae hissel. ' Ach, ah'm aff ma heid so ah am – at hame even ma faither's servants are weel looked efter, an here's me stervin. Ah'll jist need tae bottle ma pride an go hame.....*

*'Ah'm sorry faither – honest, so ah am! Ah'm jist a loser an no fit tae be cawd yer son.' But his faither said 'kill the prize calf. We're gauny hiv oorselves a real celebration this night'.....*

*The big brither wis beelin – an widny go inty the hoose. So the faither comes oot tae reason wi him. He answers his faither, 'Och, haud oan an lissen tae me. Ah've slaved for ye aw thae years an ye didny even wance gie a party for me. An noo that wee nyaff comes back! Been oan the randan, so he has! Spent aw yer money oan booze an hooers! An ye kill yer best coo for him?!' The faither wis hurt at a this. 'Ah thought ma son wis deid and he's come back tae life. He wis lost and noo he's come hame'.*

James Stuart, actor, storyteller, evangelist and author of 'A glasgow Bible' died on July 28, also at the age of 95.

### Keep in touch with church activities

- Website.....[www.eagleshamparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.eagleshamparishchurch.co.uk)
- Facebook.....Eaglesham Parish Church @Heartofvillage
- Qr code - below - leads to church website







*Cat and James on their wedding day.....fun at the holiday club 'Adventure Cruise'  
Front cover....Summer activities with Guides camping, holiday club, and BB on Arran*











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