

REVIEW & OUTLOOK



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MINISTER'S LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION

Dear Friends,

In July, Rev Dr John Stott, an Anglican minister, died aged 90. He had an enormous impact on Church life worldwide over the last 60 years. Many fulsome tributes have been written in the national and religious press. But on a more personal level he had an enormous impact upon me.

John became a Christian, as I did, through Scripture Union (SU). The staff worker whose preaching led him to faith then wrote to him every week for the next seven years- a remarkable commitment. John Stott supported SU holidays as a student and latterly became President of SU in Britain. When I was General Director of SU in Scotland he used to pray for me, only stopping when, at 80, he felt he had to reduce his prayer list!

He became curate, then Rector, of All Souls Langham Place in London where he remained all his life, becoming eventually Rector Emeritus. His ministry was far wider than one congregation and he preached all over the world. For many years he was a regular teacher at the Keswick Convention. He was a wonderful bible teacher with a great passion for evangelism and mission and many of his books remain in circulation. It was through one of his books, "Basic Christianity" that my parents came to faith in their fifties, some years after I had become a Christian. The following week they heard John Stott teaching for three successive nights in Glasgow. For that alone I am so grateful.

When I went to Zambia with SU in 1974, I got a copy of the talks at a world-wide Christian event in Lausanne in which John Stott was the central figure. The Lausanne Covenant, drawn up by John Stott, spelled out their basic shared convictions. It shaped my understanding of mission and the gospel and gave me an international vision. John continued to support church leaders all over the world and tried to help Christians think "Christianly" about every aspect of life. His "Issues facing Christians today" was ground breaking in its day and his contributions to "The Bible speaks today" series are still in great demand.

Beyond his unquestioned gifts and abilities, it was his integrity as a man that drew so many to him. A few years ago he spoke in Palmerston Place Church, and one of our former members (now in Oxford) Dr David Coffey was one of his numerous study assistants. He set a benchmark for many ministers of my generation. Little do we know how much we can affect others by what we do and who we are.

Warmest greetings,



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



SEPTEMBER

Sunday	4	11 6:30	Launch of E100—In the beginning Evening Service resumes. 1 John 1—Life
Monday	5	7:30pm	Kirk Session
Wednesday	7	7:30pm	Manse House Group
Thursday	8	2pm 7:30pm	Friendship Club in Annan House Thursday House Group at the home of Ron & Dorothy Steel
Sunday	11	11am 6:30pm	Family Communion. 'Promises, promises' Church lunch for Chogoria Hospital 1 John 1:5-2:2—Light
Monday	12	6:30pm 7:30pm	Monday House Group in Annan House Property and Finance Team
Wednesday	14	10:30am	Palmerston Place People Coffee Morning
Thursday	15	2pm 7:30pm	Friendship Club Prayer meeting in Annan House
Sunday	18	11am 6:30pm	God intended it for good 1 John 2:3-17—The world
Wednesday	21	7:30pm	Evening without a name
Thursday	22	2pm	Friendship Club
Sunday	25	11am 6:30pm	The God who is and the God who saves Retiring collection for The Easter Play 1 John 2:18-27; 4:1-6—The lie
Thursday	29	2pm	Friendship Club

OCTOBER

Saturday	1		Kirk Session Conference
Sunday	2	11am 6:30pm	Harvest Thanksgiving Sacrament of Baptism 1 John 2:28-3:10—Holiness
Monday	3	7:30pm	Kirk Session
Tuesday	4	7:30pm	Bridging the Gap in Annan House
Wednesday	5	7:30pm	Congregation and Brownies Fun Games Night—Fundraising for Chogoria Manse House Group

The Prayer Page

CALLED TO SERVE

Lord Jesus Christ,
We thank you for the difference you have made to us and to so many;
and for the difference you have made to the world,
working through countless individuals
and transforming innumerable situations across the centuries.

You call us, in turn, to make a difference -
to bring joy, hope, help and healing to those who are hurting,
to all who have lost their sense of purpose or faith in the future.

Your words concerning love for our neighbour sound so wonderful,
until we stop to ask what they mean,
and then, suddenly, the scale of the challenge
and the likely cost of discipleship
dawn on us,
and we wonder how we can even begin to respond.

Forgive us for failing so often to honour that calling,
our discipleship making such a feeble impact on those around us.

Teach us that, though we can't do everything,
we can do something.
Teach us that a little offered by many can achieve much by your grace.
Teach us to reach out in your name
and to share in your renewing work.
Teach us to be the salt of the earth,
fit for use in your service.
Fill us, then, with your love so that we may love in turn,
to the glory of your name.
Amen



Colin Sinclair

PALMERSTON PLACE NEWS

JJ CHALMERS

We are so grateful to John for his regular email updates on JJ since his injuries in Afghanistan.

In the latest email John reports that having had a few weeks at home JJ is now settling into Headley Court rehabilitation centre near Epsom in Surrey. JJ has made remarkable progress both due to the skills of the medical team but also through his own courage and perseverance. We pray on for JJ and others in a similar situation.

Colin Sinclair

JULY COFFEE MEETING

Many generous donations and contributions of baking enabled us to give £400 to the Oliver Gill Trust which was set up by the Gill family to help finance research into a childhood cancer and to assist and support parents visiting a child in hospital. We are grateful to everyone who showed compassion in this way. The final coffee morning this year will be held on Wednesday 14th September in aid of

Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Do come along if you can.



Ruth Sinclair



CAN YOU HELP?

At this time of year Christian parents get in touch wondering if there are any families in our church who could provide accommodation for their children coming to study or work in Edinburgh. Sometimes it is just for a few days, sometimes they are looking for lodgings for a year. I have had two such enquiries in the last week. I have no idea whether anyone in the church is interested in helping this way. I would love to have a list of those who might be open to exploring this further. I would want to know – what you can offer, how much you would expect in rent, or whether you could provide a space for a few days. If you are interested in helping in this way can you get in touch?

Colin Sinclair

THE PEACE AND LOVE OF GOD After a very long and boring sermon the parishioners filed out of the church saying nothing to the preacher. Towards the end of the line was a thoughtful person who always commented on the sermons. "Pastor, today your sermon reminded me of the peace and love of God!" The pastor was thrilled. "No-one has ever said anything like that about my preaching before. Tell me why." "Well - it reminded me of the Peace of God because it passed all understanding and the Love of God because it endured forever!"

Anonymous

PALMERSTON PLACE NEWS

New Elders

We welcome to our Session the following new Elders who were ordained on Sunday 28th August: Pam Ashing, Aaron Black, David Bogie, Linda Cunningham, Amanda Ferguson, Isobel Gray, Susan Kidston, Sally Marshall, Joan Meikle, Peter Smith and Judith Thomas. We wish them every blessing as they become part of the leadership team of our church and help plan the way forward for our congregation. All of them are currently active members of our congregation and already contribute in a variety of different ways.

Colin Sinclair

SALTMINE THEATRE COMPANY C.S. LEWIS "THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS"

As I write this we are in the middle of the Saltmine Week. Thank you so much to all who helped with the stewarding and catering and in other ways. Thank you also for coming along to see the production. Numbers attending are up 50 percent on last year and the production has received good reviews. I watched the show last night for the first time and was moved by the skilful adaptation (approved by the estate of C.S. Lewis) of the original book. The play, following six Festival Fringe Concerts, once again organised by our Director of Music, means that again we have played our part in contributing to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

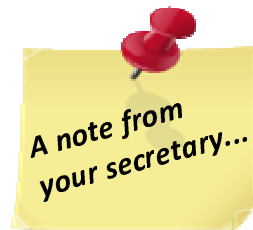


Colin Sinclair

MARK LOWEY

Mark has successfully passed his final review and had his probationary period sustained by the Ministries Council. It has been great having Mark and Caroline and their family with us over the past year. Mark will continue to be with us until the end of November. He is staying a month longer than originally expected because of the time he lost when having his operation. From September onwards he is free to apply to congregations who are looking for a minister and so may occasionally be away on a Sunday. Please pray for them that God will clearly lead them to the right place for Mark to begin his ministry.

Colin Sinclair



Just a reminder that my hours have changed to:

**Tuesdays and Thursdays,
9am-5pm.**

This means that anything for the Sunday Order of Service will need to be in my hands on Thursdays. Thank you!

Fiona Baker

WHAT'S ON?

AN EVENING WITHOUT A NAME—*Got it in your diary?*

Wednesday 21st September at 7:30 pm in Annan House

Richard Longwill, noted Auctioneer will be talking about his fascinating occupation. Perhaps you have a little something you would like him to look at? Bring it with you!

Margaret Moodie

HOUSE GROUPS This month sees house groups starting up again. The house groups meet once a month to study God's word, have fellowship and to pray together. They are a great way to meet informally with friends from church, share our experience and support one another in our faith. Here is what one House Group member says: *'We come together to study God's word, to pray and to share fellowship with one another. We welcome anyone who would like to join us—try to come along for one meeting to discover who we are and what we do. It is perfectly acceptable to sit quietly and say nothing, but to listen and hopefully, learn.'* All groups would echo those words and extend their warm welcome to you to join them:

Monday House Group: 2nd Monday of the month beginning on 12 September 6:30pm in Annan House.

Manse House Group: 1st Wednesday of the month beginning on 7th September at 7:30pm.

Thursday House Group: 2nd Thursday of the month beginning on 8th September at 7:30pm at the home of Ron & Dorothy Steel and thereafter at Helen Macpherson's.

Rebecca Caskie

MOSQUITO FUN GAMES NIGHT FOR CHOGORIA

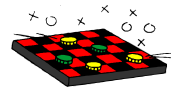
Wednesday 5 October 2010

Palmerston Place Church Hall, 7 - 9pm

Admission: Adults £3, Children free

Join the Brownies and the Guides!

**HELP SPONSOR A
STUDENT NURSE IN
CHOGORIA!**



Michael Wilson

WELCOME AND COLLECTION TEAMS

*denotes
team leader

SEPTEMBER

Olive Kinnear
Catherine Molloy
*Gregor Innes
Ruth Innes
Maureen Bonney
George Dickson

OCTOBER

Aaron Black
Jo Black
*Ian C. Garden
Gideon Scott
Joan Meikle
Margaret Moodie

Please speak to me if you would like to help or want more information:
Aaron Black, Welcome Team Coordinator



SAMARITAN'S PURSE AND OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This year again, as a Church and as a community, we are looking forward to taking part in the Shoebox Appeal. This is an annual appeal organized by the charity, Samaritan's Purse, which through the Christmas appeal known as

Operation Christmas Child, distributes donations of gift-filled

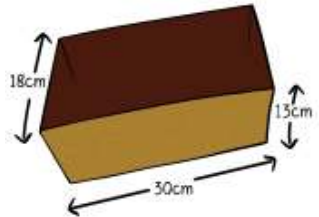
shoeboxes around the world to needy children who, otherwise, would receive no gift at all at Christmas.

Last year the 240 shoeboxes collected at Palmerston Place Church were sent to Belarus and the shoebox which Prime Minister, David Cameron, contributed was sent there too. His shoebox was given to nine-year-old Alisa who lives in Minsk. Alisa has infantile cerebral palsy and learning difficulties, and rarely goes out because her family lives in a fifth floor flat in a building without a lift. Instead of attending school, wheelchair bound Alisa is given lessons at home. She likes to draw and colour and especially liked the stationery items Mr Cameron included for her in his shoebox.

In order to bring the joy of Christmas to children like Alisa, we need to begin our preparations now.

The leaflets giving more instructions will be available in church from early September and there will be more information in next month's magazine but you can begin now by finding a shoebox with the dimensions shown in the picture.

Then you need to follow the five steps below:



Step 1: Wrap the lid and box separately in pretty wrapping paper.

Step 2: Decide if your gift is for a boy or a girl and whether your box is for age 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 years, then stick the label from the leaflet on the top right of the lid.

Step 3: Fill the shoebox with age-appropriate gifts. Every shoebox should include a soft toy to love and these basic hygiene items: a bar of wrapped soap, a face flannel, a toothbrush and toothpaste. Remember when choosing your gifts, that the child will not be able to read English. Also, all items you put in the shoebox *must be new*.

Step 4: Donate at least £2.50 per shoebox online if possible: www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk—to cover transportation costs. Surplus goes to the work of Samaritan's Purse.

Step 5: Bring your shoebox to Church from the beginning of November.

We will give thanks for the completion of our part in the project with a special Shoebox Sunday Celebration Service on Sunday 20th November, which is also the last day for handing in your shoebox.

Joan Meikle and Norma Rolls



NOTES FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

This year's series of Festival Fringe concerts in our church included some memorable performances. We launched with a song recital by mezzo-soprano Carol Anne Petherick, recently returned to Scotland after many years in Australian opera. The highlight was a distinguished performance of Berlioz's

substantial cycle *Les nuits d'été* 'Summer Nights', given immaculate support from her accompanist Graeme McNaught of the RSAMD.

The Edinburgh-based chamber orchestra Philomusica then made its annual appearance in our series. The orchestra's programme marked the anniversaries of Grainger and Boyce, amidst good performances of JS Bach's Concerto for Two Violins and Holst's *St Paul's Suite*, and the world premier of a *Fantasia for String Orchestra* by Edinburgh composer Michael Garrett. On the Thursday evening I gave our first organ recital, about which you will have to ask others who were in attendance!

One of the joys of our Fringe series is the opportunity to hear our fine organ and piano, weekly workhorses in our worship services, given recital 'outings'. Our second week of concerts started with a piano recital by Gina Duncan, a music graduate this year of the University of Edinburgh. Gina gave what proved to be an outstanding performance. I must single out her Chopin Ballade and accounts of Impressionist repertoire by Ravel and Debussy, for the extraordinary control, beauty and depth of colour she conjured from the piano. Untroubled by technical demands, this was deeply moving playing of the highest order – one of the best recitals in our eight-year history.

The final two concerts were organ recitals, the first of which was given by Matthew Beetschen of Dunblane Cathedral. Matthew gave a very diverse programme, amongst which included a fine evocation of the French Baroque in a suite by Jacques Boyvin. We also enjoyed arrangements for organ by Franz Liszt of works by JS Bach and Liszt himself, and John Rutter's popular *Toccata in Seven*.

Our final concert was given by Merchiston Castle School organist David Turner, a well-kent face at PPC as regular deputy and organist for our carol service. David included works by Sweelinck, Mendelssohn and a number of pieces by JS Bach, including a dignified performance of his 'other' Toccata & Fugue in D minor. The recital ended with a fine account of Boëllmann's *Suite Gothique*. A failing of many visiting organists performing at PPC is a tendency to play too loud. It was therefore a joy to hear such sensitive and appropriate handling of our instrument throughout the recital, exploring many of the quieter and medium-volume colours. It made the long-awaited arrival of the grandeur of full organ – in the last few bars of the last piece – all the more thrilling.

My thanks are due to all the performers, and particularly to those from the PPC congregation who supported the concerts. Only David McColl managed 100% attendance (!) and his practical support was greatly appreciated, as was the provision of fresh flower displays by Joan Meikle.

In September our evening services return and we look forward to a new series of studies in 1 John. As the preludes before evening worship throughout September (except in my absence on Sunday 18), I will play the complete set of Edward Elgar's *Vesper Voluntaries*. Aside from a magnificent, but orchestral in style *Sonata in G*, Elgar wrote little organ music. The eleven *Vesper Voluntaries* ('vesper' being Latin for 'evening') were published in 1890 and show in miniature guise the latent grandeur of gesture that Elgar became noted for in later life.

Andrew Caskie

Care Van Update

Once a month Palmerston Place Church continues to provide a team to staff the Bethany Care Van.

The last couple of months have been particularly busy with us handing out 80 rolls and many cups of soup, tea & coffee over the evening. We also provide clothes

which are so much in demand that one very gracious member of our team went home without his own socks after being asked for them!

While we are delighted to have the opportunity to help people in this small way, we do need support so that we can provide these items every month.

Please consider if you could help with any of the following items:

Cup-a-soup – we can get through more than 40 sachets of soup in a single night.

Socks & Underwear –these items are always in demand so donations (mainly for men) are welcome.

Clothes (jeans, jumpers, tops, coats) – larger items are always requested especially as the weather turns colder.

Gloves & Hats – at the moment we don't have any gloves at all but we were asked for them the last time we were out.

Blankets – we had only two blankets to hand out last time, and these were gone within the first minute after we parked the van.

If you can help with any of these things then please leave them in the Care Van box in the Lothian Room or let me know if it would be helpful to get your donation collected. If a financial donation is an option for you then please be assured that it will be quickly converted into the items above and put to very good use. Thank you to all who continue to support the Care Van and please do continue to pray for the team that goes out each month and for all those needing help from the Care Van.

Fraser Edwards





THE KESWICK CONVENTION

The Keswick Convention is no doubt known to a number of people in Palmerston Place Church - it is the main event organised annually by Keswick Ministries, taking place in Keswick since 1875. More than ten thousand people have been drawn to the event each year since the beginning of the year 2000. It offers something for everyone and all ages - life changing Bible teaching, uplifting worship with strong old favourite hymns mixed with recent and relevant new worship songs. Great fellowship combined with the opportunity to relax and enjoy a holiday in the spectacular setting of the Lake District - whether sunny or raining! There is a professionally organised fun programme for children (Keswick for Kids) aged three to eleven with a crèche for the under three age group. Relevant programmes are also offered for teenagers and university students; which include tasty fresh morning doughnuts and evening sessions in the local Costa Coffee.

The annual Convention runs in three separate but consecutive weeks from mid-July into early August. Each week starts with the Evening Celebration at 7:30pm on the Saturday, and these celebrations continue throughout the whole week, ending on Friday. On Sunday morning there is a choice of hearing a Keswick speaker in one of the local churches (which is an encouragement to local congregations to have so many visitors worshipping with them) or joining in with the All Age Service in the Main Tent. Weekdays include optional morning Seminars, Bible readings and Afternoon Studies. There are also some book cafes where you pay £5 for a buffet lunch (made by volunteers) and listen to famous Christian authors being interviewed on stage followed by a question and answer session and then the opportunity to leave with a free book!

The Keswick Convention is the only European Christian Convention that does not ask for a registration or booking fee. The event's financial costs are met by voluntary donations when collection buckets are available at each morning and evening meeting. You just find your own accommodation (Guest House, bed and breakfast, self-catering cottages, under canvas and caravan camping site or local hotels) and go along to whatever you want during one or all three of the convention weeks. Most people tend to go for just one week and there are lots of Scottish people in attendance, so you are highly likely to meet someone you know!

The seven of us from Palmerston Place who enjoyed week 1 this year are very keen to welcome more people from the church to next year's convention. Willie-John and Jessie are going week 1. Fraser, Fiona and Anna along with Gregor and Ruth are going week 3.



In the London Olympics year, the Convention's theme is "Going the distance". The Bible says that Christians are called to live their lives in the light of the great future realities of the return of Jesus Christ. Keswick 2012 will, therefore, focus on both the future realities that Christians await

and the present calling to which Christians are to be energetically committed. Whether you are a nine year old Christian or in the ninety or older club, you are welcome to participate in the Keswick Convention!

If you are interested in going to next year's Convention, please speak to any of us and we will be delighted to answer any questions and hopefully then see you in Keswick either week 1 or week 3! It is best to start to thinking about it now so accommodation can be booked well in advance.

The Macdonalds, The Edwards, The Inneses

www.keswickminisries.org

	Dates	Main Speaker	Main Bible Readings
Week 1	14 – 20 July	Simon Manchester	John 14-17
Week 2	21 – 27 July	Steve Brady	Ephesians
Week 3	28 July – 3 August	Jeremy McQuoid	1 Thessalonians



E100 or 100 Essential Bible Readings is a programme devised by Scripture Union to help give you the big picture of the overall message of the bible. It has been taken up by a coalition of churches and organisations in the UK as part of the Biblefresh initiative to mark the 400th Anniversary of the King James (Authorised) Version.

We are going to run it in two parts here in Palmerston Place. During the period September to December, apart from the Sundays we set aside for Harvest Remembrance, Advent etc, we will use 10 of the Sundays to preach on ten of the key themes out of the 50 selected Old Testament Readings. Then following that Sunday's sermon (which will also be available on-line), you are encouraged to read five selected passages from the Old Testament. At the end of the ten weeks we should have covered 50 key Old Testament readings.

At the same time we will be selling the book that accompanies the readings. The book costs £6.99 but we have managed to obtain copies that retail at £5 each. These are on sale each week at the church or can be ordered by phoning (or emailing) the church office. After Christmas we will do exactly the same to journey through 50 key New Testament readings.

So here is the challenge. Will you join with us as we travel together through the bible? Some of our young adults have already started and have found the readings and the book very helpful indeed in putting everything into perspective. We start on Sunday September 4th but if you are a week or so late don't worry. You can soon catch up or else go at your own pace.

LOOKING BACK ON THE SUMMER AND FORWARD TO THE AUTUMN...

Children & Young People @ PPC

THE BED BUG BIBLE CLUB

During the summer months our younger children met in the Carlow Room during the second part of the service. They enjoyed games and Bible stories, often watching on DVD. Each week they used 'bugs' to make badges, pom-pom bugs, get-well cards for JJ Chalmers, jigsaw puzzles, book marks, gliders and masks, finally making a frieze which they have left for the Toddler Group to enjoy. We were delighted to see so many children coming along in the summer holidays and would like to thank all the adults who gave of their time to organise and help with this, and to those from Senior Horizon who shared the load.

PLANS FOR OUR SUNDAY GROUPS

All of our groups for children and teenagers will be following the E100 readings throughout the autumn and spring terms. We will be challenging each person to read 50 Old Testament readings between now and Christmas and then 50 New Testament readings before Easter. On a Sunday morning we will focus on one of the readings for the week. We will be running the Crèche as normal each week. Beginners and Seekers will be combining for this initiative and will meet in the Church Hall. Senior Horizon will continue to meet in the Lounge and we look forward to the ESMS Boarders returning and they will meet in the Carlow Room. As always we are on the lookout for folk able to help with these groups. If you would like to volunteer or to know more about what is involved then do please speak to either Colin Sinclair or myself.

Norma Rolls

PPC BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Toddler Group starts up again on Monday 5th September.

Jessie Macdonald has decided to take a well-earned retirement after



being one of the team for many years. We want to thank her for all she has been and done for the group; she will be hard to replace, but we will need to fill the gap...?? Please pray for us and support us as we continue to reach out to parents and carers in the community, giving an unconditional welcome to a safe place in a Christian environment.

Ruth Sinclair

BROWNIES AND GUIDES

Schools are back, the Edinburgh Festival is over, what next? It's time for the Brownies & Guides to start back of course! We had such a fun year and here are some of the highlights:

Fun at the Games night in the church hall, when we helped to raise funds for Chogoria Hospital.

Girlguiding's Centenary Finale party at the Corn Exchange where we made fruity mocktails (non-alcoholic cocktails), danced with hundreds of other girls and got lovely treats from a spectacular chocolate fountain.

Our annual trip to see guides & scouts, and even a few of our own Brownies perform in the Gang Show at the Kings Theatre,

Lots of crafts & games in the church hall, and completing badges to show our achievements. Great activities for cold & wet nights.

Icing cupcakes for the departure activity for our Duke of Edinburgh helpers, Kathryn & Louise from St George's school. They've now gone on to university. It was a sad farewell to them both and to our assistant Angela Harkins who has moved to London with her fiancé.



Welcoming back Amy Newell our assistant leader who has been with the pack for many years but had a year off while she was having a baby.

Trying archery at a BBQ fun night at the Trefoil campsite, and other summer activities like walks down the water of Leith



So what's next for the girls? Some of the Brownies have moved up to guides so we have new girls to take their Brownie promise, we are preparing for the next Chogoria fundraiser night on 5th October and we are welcoming two new Duke of Edinburgh helpers to Brownies, Emily & Nicky. We are also hoping for a little less snow this winter as we missed out on some fun nights at Brownies & Guides last time.

NEW MEMBERS

Several people have asked about joining our congregation. You are already regular worshippers with us and now want to make it your spiritual home. We are delighted if this is the case for you. Here is what you can do:-

If you are a member of a church already then you can simply transfer your membership.

If you are coming from another Church of Scotland Congregation then you simply "transfer your lines" which means you write to the Minister or Session Clerk of your former congregation and ask them to send you a certificate confirming you were a member of that congregation. That is called "membership by transfer". If you have been away for a time and rejoined us, it is worth confirming that you have been restored to membership which is a very straightforward thing to do.

If you have not been going to church for some time, or come to us from another denomination, then speak to the Minister about this. You can also join us simply by the Minister recommending you do so to the Kirk Session and getting their approval. That is called "membership by resolution"

If you have never joined a church then speak to the Minister who will come and visit you.

1) He may suggest you attend the next Christianity Explored Course which will probably begin in January. This excellent course offers you the chance to explore the heart of the Christian faith and ask any questions you may have. This year the course is being run by two of our young adults, Fiona Edwards and Amanda Ferguson.

2) He may try and run a short membership course himself if he can arrange a suitable time for those who are interested.

3) He may simply come and meet with you in your home (especially if you have babies or young children whom you cannot leave in the evening).

Whatever path is taken the end result is a service in church in which those wishing to join (or become communicant members of the church) will take vows of membership during a morning service. If anyone has not yet been baptised, then they can be baptised as part of that service. If you are still looking, then please continue to do so. We are delighted to have you with us on Sundays and you are welcome also to take part in other aspects of our church life. When you are ready for the commitment of membership, however, do speak to one of the ministers who will be pleased to help you.

Colin Sinclair

SUNDAY SERVICES IN PALMERSTON PLACE CHURCH

*"bringing Christian worship, fellowship
and service back to the heart of everyday life"*

11.00am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Service

Crèche is available every Sunday morning.
Beginners, Seekers, ESMS Boarders and Senior Horizon
normally meet during the Morning Service.

HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a **Family Communion Service** on Sunday 11 September
where the elements will be served around the table.

KIRK SESSION

Next meetings will be held on Monday 5 September
and Monday 3 October at 7:30pm
in Annan House.

Meetings of Kirk Session are held in public.
You are welcome to come along.

PROPERTY AND FINANCE TEAM

Next meeting will be held on Monday 12 September at 7:30pm
in Annan House.

THE REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

All material for the **October** issue
should be in the hands of the Secretary
by **Sunday 18th September.**

Rev Colin Sinclair asks those who read the *Review and Outlook* to please inform him and his team about ways in which they can help, such as requests for hospital and other visits, and also about changes of address. The card in the cover of the congregational hymnbook can be used for this and for the use of those visiting the congregation. You may wish to draw visitors' attention to it.