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From the Study

Dear Friends,

This year during the General Assembly, on the 22nd of May, the church celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of women to the ministry of word and sacrament. On page 3 of Tidings you will read of Margaret Forrester, who has recently become a member at Carrick Knowe, and her part in that decision.

In June of this year it will be thirty years since I was ordained. It is hard to believe that so many years have passed since that summer's night in Greenbank Church here in Edinburgh where I was assistant minister. Mary Levison who first petitioned the General Assembly to allow her to follow her calling to ministry was moderator of the presbytery and it was a life changing point in my life.

Over these years I have had experiences and opportunities which I could never have imagined on that evening. All of us have a calling to serve and all of us have a part to play. When we trust in God amazing things happen, possibilities emerge that we could never have envisaged reminding us that, with God, all things are possible.

May God Bless You and Yours,

fiona

PLEASE REMEMBER
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July and August.



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Welcome

In Carrick Knowe Church we extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, in a partnership, divorced, widowed, gay, confused, filthy rich, just comfortable, or dirt poor. We extend a special welcome to wailing weans and excited toddlers.

We welcome you whether you sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you are 'just browsing', just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, or if you haven't been to church since Christmas twenty years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but have not grown up yet and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you are having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like 'organised religion'. (We are not that keen on it either)!

We offer a welcome to those who think that the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell or are here because you are at a loose end.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as children or got lost on their way to the zoo and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters.....and you.

You are very welcome.

95th/95thA Rainbows

Aileen Buchanan

It has been a busy few weeks for the 95th/95th A Rainbows (Wed). As well as enjoying a wonderful day away with all the Brownies and Guides to Netherurd, they enjoyed a visit from Calum of Cool Creatures. The meerkat and the armadillo were the firm favourites this time! We also enjoyed a fun evening in glorious sunshine at Corstorphine Hill. We are now looking forward to an evening of bowling and a BBQ in the grounds to round off the term.





50 Years of Women in Ministry

The Church of Scotland this month commemorates the 50th anniversary of the decision to allow women to be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. In this issue of Tidings we are pleased to reproduce the article first published in 'Life and Work'. The Rev Dr Margaret Forrester, one of the campaigners who fought for female ordination in the 1960s, reflects on the journey to that point - and how far women have come since.



"Of course not! Girls can't be ministers."

"Why not?"

"They're not allowed."

I first had that conversation within the family when I was eight years old.

It happened again when I was choosing subjects for Highers.

"Such a pity," said the teacher, "With your interests, if only you were a boy... You would train for the ministry."

Nurtured through Scripture Union at school, and at church by Bible Class, Youth Fellowship and Sunday worship, I began to grow in faith and Bible knowledge. Then I met two women who were to influence me greatly.

In Orkney as part of the Tell Scotland movement I met Dr Elizabeth Hewat.

At a university conference Mary Lusk (later Levison) was a principal speaker.

These two women became my friends and mentors. Although Elizabeth Hewat was honoured both in China and India, and although she was given a DD by Edinburgh University, she grieved that she, who had for so long felt the call to ministry, would never be ordained. She was however supremely generous with her friendship and her support to both Mary and me.

Mary, with dazzling academic qualifications from Oxford and Edinburgh, huge practical experience, and the only woman licensed to preach, was oddly diffident about engaging in controversy. She writes in her book, *Wrestling with the Church*, that her sense of vocation was 'an incredibly audacious claim to make'. She did not set out to disturb or to shock. Yet the act of petitioning the General Assembly in 1963 did exactly that.

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I knew that my vocation lay in ministry; in 1961 I had started at New College. Admission to the Faculty of Divinity was no problem - the university had opened its doors to women from the 19th century. It was however, impossible to be accepted as a candidate for ministry by the church.

Sheila White (later the Rev Sheila Spence) started at New College at the same time and together we challenged church practice at many points.

For example, there was an entrance exam for all ministerial candidates in the Church of Scotland on English Bible and New Testament Greek. We were at first refused entry. Only our sheer persistence persuaded those invigilating to allow us to sit the exams. It was satisfying but galling to discover that we passed with flying colours and several of the men who had already been accepted as candidates for the ministry failed both exams. Failing Greek was understandable. But bible knowledge?

Those three years at New College were very special; the teaching, the discussions, the worship, the community. But the world around us was changing.

I think that Mary and Elizabeth and I, and an increasing number of others, felt excited that the Church of Scotland was being asked to change and that we women were involved in the renewal of the church. Many churchmen were downright negative to the point of rudeness. Others were enormously encouraging.

From Mary's petition in 1963 it took five years for the act to be passed. For me the crucial year was 1967. With my husband and baby son we were on furlough from South India. Frustrated at the inaction of the Panel on Doctrine, a group of us prepared a letter to be given to every commissioner. As a courtesy we gave a copy to the Convener of the Panel on Doctrine, the Rev John Heron. Permission to place in the pigeon holes was not granted on the grounds that our letter was unofficial and may sway the vote. Indeed! Nor were we allowed to stand at the gates and hand them out. We were not given a room, either at the Assembly Hall nor in 121 to put our case. At every possible point those in power prevented us from disseminating information.

Having tried every legitimate way to present our case to commissioners, we decided to hold a press conference. The YWCA generously offered us a free room. The press turned up in full force and the next day we were given ample coverage in newspapers and radio. The attempt by the General Administration Committee to silence us worked wonderfully well. The publicity far surpassed anything we could have imagined or planned.

Therefore when the Panel on Doctrine gave the report there was vigorous debate and the Rev Grahame Bailey's motion was passed. The motion read: 'That the Principal Clerk and the Procurator should be instructed to draft an overture to be sent down under the Barrier Act enabling women to be ordained and to submit it to a later session'. Presbyteries would at last be allowed to debate and decide.

A year later, back in India, I was nursing my new born daughter on our verandah when a cable arrived. SWEEPING VICTORY FOR THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN. I have it still.

Six women signed that open letter, Elizabeth Hewat, and Mary Levison who went on to have a distinguished ministry, though never as a parish minister. Four are still alive. Claude Marie Barbour was ordained in the Presbyterian Church US, Mary Weir is a minister in the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Sheila Spence became a parish minister in Scotland. In Madras Christian College India I taught New Testament Greek to students - two bishops and a professor in the US are among my former students.



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Tambaram pastorate where I took regular services petitioned the Synod to allow women to be ordained and that followed within a few years. In 1974 I was ordained in the United Reformed Church to my first charge in Sussex and then when we returned to Scotland, I was called to the parish of St Michael's in Edinburgh in 1980. My ecumenical experiences in India and England have been blessings indeed.

Fifty years on we celebrate a collegiality of women ministers. No one is first. No one stands alone. Elizabeth Hewat represents those who blazed the trail. Mary Lusk petitioned the General Assembly. Catherine McConnachie was the first woman to be ordained as a minister in the Church of Scotland. Effie Irvine was the first to be called to a parish. Jean Montgomerie was the first to be convener of an Assembly committee. Sheilagh Kesting was the first minister to be Moderator of the General Assembly. Lorna Hood was the first serving parish minister to be Moderator of the General Assembly. The year I was Moderator of Edinburgh Presbytery was the year the first women were ordained in the Episcopal Diocese of Edinburgh. The Bishop, Richard Holloway, invited me to participate in the laying on of hands. I think that counts as an ecumenical first.

These years have been full of joy and fulfilment, trepidation and adventure, disappointments and forgiveness, laughter and healing, learning and growing. For this goodly fellowship I thank God.

The Guild

Helen Liddle

By the time you read this the Guild will have travelled to Dumfries House in Ayrshire. We are all praying for better weather than we had last June when it never stopped raining. On the 12th June some of the Guild will be sailing to Inchcolm Island where we will be celebrating communion lead by The Rev. Ian Gilmour. After a picnic lunch on the island we are sailing underneath the three bridges, which I am looking forward to.

Thirteen of our members attended The Big Sing at The Assemble Halls on Tuesday 22nd May. The hall was full this year and the singing was brilliant. A wonderful evening.

May 1st was our Taste and Try evening. We had Ian Whyte, the General Secretary of The Guild, presenting 30 certificates and badges to members of 10 years and over. The three most outstanding were Mary McCaskill with 66 years, Margaret Smith and Molly Cairncross each with 40 years. More guild members will be presented with certificates in the church in the new session.

Knitting. Well done everyone for all your work knitting for the babies in Malawi, I have bags full to hand over to Sue Hope in the near future. It would be great if you could make the colours of the wool bright and cheerful, but please refrain from using white. My thanks to Rosemary Frost for sending a very large box of squares, hats and vests to me, I hate to think of the postage!



Our August outing is to Abbotsford House on the 21st. We still have some places left on the coach and because the transport is expensive we must try to fill the coach up. Anyone from the congregation, male or female, are very welcome. If you know of a friend who would like to join you on this outing, please speak to someone on the Guild committee.

I would like to thank the committee and members for helping me over the last three years. I am sure Joan will receive all the help she will need when she takes over as president.

**'Let Us Build a House'**

Mary Kerr

Our visit to Nepal - Let us tell you about it.

Carol and I are home safely from our enlightening visit to Nepal in April.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to meeting the costs of the trip and extra for the project. The Retiring Offering at Easter for the visit came to £655.10 which was truly amazing and very generous. This sum along with other donations and the Early Afternoon Tea means a total of £1818.10 was given by the people of Carrick Knowe Parish Church. I cannot thank you enough. I also borrowed some camping equipment from church people and I am grateful to them too.



We were aware you were thinking of us and praying for us while we were the other side of the world and know you want to hear all about it. Well, Carol and I will be speaking about the sights we saw and let you know how previous giving to this project has been wisely spent at the service on Sunday 17 June 2018 at 11am.

Sunday Club

Elinor Denholm

As we rapidly head towards the school summer holiday, it seems it was no time at all that we were preparing for Easter and had the excitement of taking our donkey into the church for Palm Sunday! It was not a real donkey, but one made by the children and yes, it was strong enough for Archie to sit on and make a dramatic exit from the church!

Since Easter, we have been focusing on Creation and we have listened to the story, shared knowledge, asked questions and played! When looking at animals and sorting them into groups, those that lived in the jungle, those living in cold places, those we would see in our countryside.....the question was asked....."but where were the dinosaurs?" And so new questions were asked and solutions offered. It is very clear that the Curriculum For Excellence, followed by our children in school, encourages the children to ask questions, source information and work out answers for themselves. Frequently in their discussions were the words "I believe that....." and although there were moments when the children expressed very differing beliefs (dinosaurs were made by God with the fish and a comet killed all the dinosaurs), the children listened to each other and respected their thoughts.



Sunday Club is a very happy place to be and we are always delighted to welcome others into our group. Just come along to the Primary Room, 10 minutes before the start of Church and join the fun.





Girlguiding Adventure Day

Fiona Buchanan

In May 2018 we were absolutely delighted to bring together 100 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and leaders from Carrick Knowe at Netherurd, Girlguiding Scotland's outdoor adventure centre. Funded by the Scottish Government's Participatory Budgeting Project, and a community ceilidh organised by Girlguiding earlier this year, the event gave young women aged from 5 to 18 the opportunity to experience new things, work on team building skills and try out adventurous activities alongside friends old and new.



We spent the day learning camping and survival skills, taking part in archery, kayaking and abseiling, building rafts and paddling them down the river, exploring the butterfly trail, eating Girlguiding cupcakes - all topped off with a campfire where we shared the songs we love to sing when we meet each week.

Carrick Knowe has a long and positive history of supporting women in the area through Girlguiding, giving young women and leaders opportunities to thrive, grow and give back to their communities. This event really helped to strengthen links between the sections and their leaders, and hopefully will encourage more young women to make the transition between Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and leadership roles, staying part of the Girlguiding journey. But most importantly we were really happy to be able to nurture opportunities for adventure, friendship...and fun!

A huge thank you to all the leaders at Carrick Knowe who not only worked hard to make this event possible, but who also contribute their skills, energy and experience each week to provide a programme of activities for young women in our community. You do an amazing job!

1st Thursday Club

Aileen Buchanan

The children of Carrick Knowe Primary School came over to entertain us on the final meeting of the session and as usual we were entertained to a high standard by poets, singers, comics, dancers and much more. The acts were introduced by two enthusiastic comperes who helped to make everything go with a swing. This was also our strawberry tea and everyone enjoyed some home baking with their cuppa. Our thanks go to the enthusiastic group of volunteers who make First Thursday go so well over the year.

We wish everyone a Happy Summer and are looking forward to seeing everyone again and some new friends when we restart in October.

Beth Starkey

Aileen Buchanan

One of our Young Leaders in the Guide Unit, Beth, has been chosen to go to South Africa for a year as a volunteer with project Trust where she hopes to spend time working with young children. To help with her fundraising, the Monday Evening Guides and Brownies held a Beetle Drive and we were able to raise the magnificent sum of £420. Beth would like to thank everyone in the church family for their kind donations and for coming along to support her. We will be putting up regular bulletins about Beth's adventure on the Guide noticeboard after she goes away in early September!

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**Bonskeid and CKC***Rodger Thom*

As I said in my previous article, 1978 was different. For the second time we could not go as the House was fully booked by the YMCA. Not sure what those who would have gone did but I think we all did our own thing as my diary shows that the Thom family actually went from Monday 18th October for two nights. Interesting to see the House in a different way although I mention that I played the piano (badly) for the morning service on the Wednesday.

1979 The whole group went for the September weekend. We had a barbecue for the first time. On the Sunday morning we had a short communion service thanks to Bill Clinkenbeard. When walked to Killiecrankie, we were unable to do our usual stone skimming as the water was too high. I think Drew was the most disappointed! The highlight on the Monday was getting to the other side of the river over a rope bridge. I was in charge of the youngsters helped by Richard Harley. The other adults thought we were foolhardy!

1980 Again Bonskeid unavailable so this time, it was agreed we had to go another time. But when? As the schools had time off in October it was agreed to go from 18 to 21 October. A Youth Orchestra was also there so use of the lounge was more restricted. When we woke on Sunday morning, the whole place was covered in snow. An amazing sight. We decided to go for a walk from Queen's view up the hill but the snow put paid to that. Meanwhile, Ann had a lovely morning at the house with a youngster who was not very well and was entertained by the Youth Orchestra with a snow scene outside.



By this time, the party had expanded in numbers and table bowls had been introduced.

1981 We were back to September. Quite a wet weekend so walking more restricted. Organised a proper table bowls competition which proved very popular. Had our Barbecue on the Sunday evening at the site up from the House. We were piped up by Drew's daughter, Wendy to the wonderment of a group of German's who were also staying. A new walk on the Monday on the south side of the river via Cluny dam and the Coronation Bridge.



1982 No mention of Bonskeid - don't know what happened. A week before the Dynamos had gone to Coldingham Youth Hostel for the weekend and had some high jinks. Maybe that is why we did not go!

1983 We did go back and evidence of a wider group attending with another table bowls competition. I was training for the Edinburgh marathon so did some running! Schiehallion view walk an established must as was the Killiecrankie walk. Table bowls competition won by Ailsa and Drew.

1984 Started on a Friday for the first time. We had a couple of discussions organised by Bill C. Another Barbecue was voted a great success with the weather holding dry. Half left Sunday afternoon, rest stayed on to Monday. By this time the resident Secretary had changed with John Wildblood in charge. Much of the formality had changed.

**Children and Families***Elinor Denholm***FAMILIES**

Yes! The Easter Bunny did come to the Easter Arts and Craft Activities and I am glad to say the children managed to count all the bunny foot prints and find the bunny tails, ensuring all the chocolate eggs were handed out! Some wonderful craft work was created by both children and their families and of course, fun was had by all.

Our Meal and Movie evenings have been an opportunity for families to come together, to chat, eat a tasty meal and enjoy a film, all with no charge. Those attending are able to vote for the movie of their choice, all of which are suitable for every age of the family. You never can guess in advance what the choice will be! The food on offer is always simple but tasty and the biggest hit recently was chocolate crunchy ice-cream. Homemade but simple, just the ticket!

Ready Steady Bake has been an amazing success and it has been reported that children are Ready Steady Baking at home! The Irish soda bread with a hint of orange was delicious but the Lace Biscuits although tasty, were very tricky to remove from the baking trays, a true challenge for the team checking the oven. The children are kept busy when the adults clear up with a variety of activities, ranging from playing tag, to an egg and spoon race or the challenge of a mini assault course. And of course, we finish with selecting the Baker of the Week!

Over the past year, all these Children and Families events run because Carrick Knowe Church has received Funding from Go For It (part of The Church of Scotland) and the generosity of the congregation at Carrick Knowe. We look forward to even more activities in the future. Look out for more Ready Steady Bakes, Meals and Movies and Activity Afternoons and be ready to Shake Rattle and Rhyme, a new activity story for under-fives!

A huge thank you to all those who have helped at the activities. We could not run these without you.

If anyone would like to come along to any of our events or would like a bit more information, you can contact me on by phone or text on **07749957822** or email me at mrs.denholm@btinternet.com.

Gift Aid*Mary Kerr*

A quick word. If you have started to pay tax and give to Carrick Knowe Parish Church by Standing Order or Weekly Freewill Offering would you consider completing a gift aid form so I can claim some monies back for our church from HMRC?

If you no longer pay tax but have a gift aid form (if not sure get in touch with me please) please let me know so we can cancel gift aid on your behalf.

If anyone needs details of their offerings for tax returns please get in touch.

Thanks to everyone who gives with gift aid and new people who have come on-board gift aid in the past year.

**Church Flowers***Helen Liddle*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the congregation who give donations towards the church flowers, be it through the flower boxes or participating in yearly donations.

The flowers are delivered after the service to many people for many different reasons. They are given to those who have been unwell in hospital or at home and to the bereaved. They are given to people who are house bound and are unable to attend church. The flowers also go to parents on the happy occasion of a baby being born. Marriages and students gaining degrees from university or college are also celebrated with a bunch of flowers from the church.

If you would like to contribute to the flower fund please speak to me.

Crochet Friends*Mary Kerr*

Crochet Friends is still going strong and with the help of other friends in the church and friends of friends, 50 balls of wool were taken for the poppies to be knitted or crocheted. The completed poppies have started to come back and we would like them all back by beginning of August so we can put a display together for November. Carrick Knowe Church is certainly a community in itself. We expect over 1000 poppies!

At our meetings on first Tuesday of each month all year at The Terrace meeting at 7.30pm our group are into making whatever takes their fancy or if there is a project we will do our best. More often than not some of us meet at 6.30pm to have our tea beforehand and a blether without having to concentrate on needles. If you'd like to come along some week you will be welcome.

GDPR and the Church*George Goodall*

As many of you will be aware, the question of data protection within organisations both commercial and otherwise (such as the Church of Scotland) changed with effect from 25th May this year with the coming into force of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) across the EU. Brexit will have no impact on that because the UK Government has said that it will legislate to implement the essential terms of the GDPR in UK law.

To get information on how this change will impact on the Church, Alison Harvey and I attended an information update presentation by a lawyer from the Church of Scotland Law Department. This presentation allowed both Alison and I to understand what areas we need to address to comply with the new regulations. Thankfully, we seem to be pretty well covered already and will have a bit of time to get all the bases covered.

Basically we understand that personal information held on individuals by the Church i.e. members names and addresses etc. is covered by the general definition of 'legitimate interest' within the Regulation. In other words so long as we only use that data for congregational purposes and hold it securely, then we do not need to change our practices relating to storage and communication.

Over the summer, Alison and I will be looking at the detail and making any proposals for change to the Kirk Session.

If anyone wishes to look more closely at this subject there is a guide on the Church of Scotland website accessed by this link. http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/49251/General_Guidance_for_Congregations.pdf

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**Maundy Thursday Communion..... a beginners view***Elinor Denholm*

My previous experience of Maundy Thursday has been watching The Queen visiting a variety of cathedrals around the country, distributing money to local pensioners with Yeoman of the Guard in the background! I was not sure what to expect when I attended the Maundy Thursday Communion Service at Carrick Knowe this year.

Arriving at the Church, I was instantly met by a feeling of calm and peace. The hall, where the service was to be held, was gently lit and we settled around the prepared table. A group of singers, warming up for the service, added to the atmosphere.

The service was led by Fiona, the minister and supported by Fraser, the trainee minister. Standing at either end of the table, they made the service flow and it seemed in no time, Fiona was breaking bread and wine, sharing in Holy Communion to remember the meal that Jesus shared with his disciples.

The service came to an end with the beautiful voices of the singers. We all sat for a few moments and then, quietly we left, no noisy farewells but a calm departure from the Church, now ready for Easter.

Remembrance Sunday Information Appeal*Mike Palmer*

Please help.

As you are aware it has become the tradition within our own Remembrance service to read out the names of the fallen of WWII who were from the parish or had a connection with Carrick Knowe Church. On the Corstorphine War Memorial are two brothers who we now discover may have such a connection.

They are :

- L.Cpl. Alan Davison, Seaforth Highlanders, Bayeux Memorial France. Born 1920 Newcastle, died 1944.
- AB. Eric Davison RN , HMS Tana. (Shore Station Kenya). Chatham Memorial. died 1943.

Their parents are thought to have lived in Carrick Knowe and were Albert Alexander, died 1961, and Sarah Brown, died 1979, Davison. Both parents are buried in Corstorphine Hill Cemetery.

Should any person have any knowledge of the above brothers I kindly ask you to phone me on 334 6143.

Eco Congregation Event

Craigsbank Church are holding a community Coffee Morning at East Craigs Church Centre on Saturday, 16th June from 10am - 12 noon. Free entry with donations appreciated.





£5K Giveaway

Finlay Buchanan

Last year we hosted an event for local community groups to bid for a share of a grant of £5,000. This was part of a Participatory Budgeting pilot exercise, funded by the Scottish Government and run by the Church of Scotland.

When the bids went to a public vote, six groups were successful and the money has now all been spent on a range of projects which have made a real difference to our community in Carrick Knowe.

- The Scouts in Broomhall Avenue have a new bike shelter to make environmentally-friendly cycling an easier option.
- The Corstorphine Dementia Project received much-needed support for their teatime club.
- Our Guides, Brownies, and Rainbows took part in a team-building & adventure event, encouraging long-term involvement in Guiding and the community.
- Carrick Knowe Nursery now has painted road markings, bikes & trikes, traffic signs and role-play costumes (lollipop people & police) to promote road safety among Nursery children.
- The Primary School spent their grant on the 'Smile - Run a Mile!' initiative to make exercise fun by marking out exercise tracks in the playground.
- The Garden Group have built raised beds in the church gardens which enhance our neighbourhood for passers-by and users of our halls.

It's great to see the results of this innovative exercise, and we can be proud of our role in making it happen in Carrick Knowe!

New Guild Partnership Projects

Further details can be found in the latest edition of 'Life and Work', the magazine of the C of S.

Announcing the six new projects to be supported by the Guild, National Guild Convener Marge Paterson said: "Following the success of the last three year fundraising cycle we are very much looking forward to supporting our new projects both at home and overseas.

- The Boys' Brigade will look to work on intergenerational activities alongside the Guild such as developing IT skills.
- Journeying together, a partnership between the Guild and the World Mission council, will help teenage mothers in Zambia living in poverty.
- Malawi Fruits, a charity working in the north of the country, aims to help young people to farm cash crops and to irrigate using solar-powered pumps.
- Seema's Project, which was launched to protect street children in Pune, India who are vulnerable to being trafficked, often children whose mothers are prostitutes.
- Join Up the Dots, a new partnership between CrossReach (the Church's Social Care Council) and the Guild, which will tackle loneliness and isolation,
- The Sailors' Society, an organisation aspiring to place a chaplain in every port in Scotland to give spiritual and practical support to merchant seamen in Scotland who are often far from home.