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Our Diocesan President writes

Dear Friends,

I hope this finds you well.

It seems no time since the spring, but the wet summer has come and gone. While for most of us the rain was an inconvenience for others there was the devastation of homes and for those whose livelihood is dependent on the land the hopes for the harvest are a source of concern. The Tearfund Campaign, Feed the Hungry, reminds us also of the impact of the lack of rain on the harvest for our sisters and brothers in places like Uganda. Here in Scotland weather experts suggest that due to the rain, autumn colours will be even more glorious this year – a great joy!

Growth is a common theme throughout the Diocese and Mothers' Union. At the opening meeting at St Cyprian's branch Lenzie, members from three branches focused on the collect from the Diocesan Growth Strategy during the worship, while during fellowship members were invited to actively participate in growth. Each member left the meeting with a pot of fibre, hyacinth bulb with a tag which stated 'God cares for us and helps us grow'. The title of The Mothers' Union Campaign is Help us Grow.

At St Ninian's Pollokshields Rev Paul Romano reflected on the words from Isaiah 9:2-5 to describe the role of members of Mothers' Union – reaching out to others, moving from darkness to light and by shattering the yoke that burdens. Hearing this view expressed was extremely inspiring and encouraging. While agreeing in full, for me the thing that really matters is that members have sufficient faith in God to try, recognising that only God has the power and the glory. Success of mission is not due to human intervention, but is dependent on God's will and the action of the Holy Spirit.

If you didn't manage to meet up with others recently I sincerely hope you are aware of all our prayers. God is central in our lives and all of us matter to God and to one another.

I'm leaving soon for World Wide Council at Mary Sumner House when we will all be saying farewell to World Wide President Rosemary Kempzell and meeting her successor Lynne Tembey from Carlisle Diocese. Lynne's team will include Hilary's successor, Jean Richardson from St Andrew's diocese. Here in Glasgow and Galloway our elections will take place at Autumn Council which is being held in St Mary's Cathedral on 20th October.

Prior to Council I hope to see you at our Gathering at Tulliallan. The expected 100 members have much to ponder as we plan for the next 3 years. From my perspective the members in Glasgow and Galloway inspire and encourage me by their witness and commitment. For that I thank God.

God bless you all

Ann X



From the Chaplain :

Dear Mother's Union Reader, Brothers and Sisters in Christ

September is here again! Where did the Summer go? What Summer? I hear you say. Well actually we still have had a period of longer days and shorter nights so there has been a Summer season for which we give thanks.

I wondered what I was going to talk about in this Newslink and I have suddenly realised that what I have recently mentioned to my congregation in Holy Trinity is the right topic. I found myself saying, "let's have an 'Attitude of Gratitude'". We simple folk like things to rhyme!

Yesterday I took the funeral of an elderly lady who, at the age of seven was snatched away from her loving Jewish German family when Britain was willing to give her a place on a Kindertransport just before the last World War. She wrote a children's book called "In my pocket" because her parents taught her one English sentence: "Handkerchief is in my pocket". Her remaining family chose a hymn she knew and sang to be included in her funeral, in thankfulness for her life, at St Ninian's, Prestwick from where I knew her. It's quite short so here it is; it's written by Henry Smith

**GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART
GIVE THANKS TO THE HOLY ONE
GIVE THANKS FOR HE'S GIVEN
JESUS CHRIST, HIS SON
(X2)**

**AND NOW LET THE WEAK SAY I AM STRONG
LET THE POOR SAY I AM RICH
BECAUSE OF WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE
FOR US (X2)
GIVE THANKS...**

I'm sure you can think of other hymns and poems where we are encouraged to be thankful and count our blessings. As Christians we are 'glass half-full' people rather than 'glass half-empty' ones. Paul

tells us to rejoice in our lives and says, " Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."(Philippians 4.6&7) This is not just 'whistling in the wind' stuff but we really do want to have that peace that he talks about. Christ himself, of course, tells us not to worry in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6.25-34) { **Your homework for this time - go on look it up and read it !** } Let's be 'Shalom' people who know that wholeness in Christ every time we share the Peace at Communion.

Worry corrodes. Peace builds

So notice how Christ is thankful. It was in the breaking of bread and giving thanks for it that those disciples at Emmaus recognised Him unmistakably.

Every time we hear those words of consecration at Communion we are reminded that Jesus was thankful even at the most poignant and heart-breaking times

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and **when he had given thanks**, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." (1 Corinthians 11.23&24).

So let us follow our forbears and His example and show

An attitude of *Gratitude*

And me too

God Bless You through the coming days!

Love

Peter



Diocesan Festival Service - Saturday 19th May 2012

On a beautiful May morning, nearly sixty members from all over the Diocese gathered in St Michael and All Angels Church, Helensburgh, for the annual Festival Service. The sun shone, the Clyde sparkled, the Bishop preached (memorably, for he managed to combine Stalin, Hitler, a saintly R.C. Priest at the Siege of Stalingrad, and the message of the Ascension to go out into the world and spread the good news). Two new members were enrolled and two beautiful new Banners, made by and for the members of Helensburgh and Lenzie Branches were dedicated and joined the assembly of the other MU Banners in the chancel.

A particularly convivial lunch followed, blue and white balloons on the walls and flowers on the tables, with members sitting with and talking with people they'd never met before, and Bishop Gregor, as always, doing what a good S.E.C. pastor does, moving about amongst everybody.

Sadly, not every branch was represented – and it is a long way for some people to come – but the Dumfries Branch had had the excellent idea, surely worth copying whenever the Festival is held in future, of combining it with an opportunity to visit a local place of interest, in their case Charles Rennie Macintosh's Hill House.

An excellent day.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Plans are already underway for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow 2014. Ecumenical partners and organisations including Mothers' Union are working together to resist the expected rise in Human Trafficking – mostly women and girls tricked to come to Glasgow with false promises of work – only to end up as modern-day slaves or violated by prostitution. Members of General Synod agreed to support the proposed legislation to criminalise the purchase of Sex. This legislation is now out for consultation. Both the church and MU will be responding to consultation. Following Consultation lobbying of MSPs will take place urging them to vote for legislation.

There is encouraging evidence from Sweden that when the demand for prostitution falls, so too does the numbers of individuals trafficked. Trafficking is the supply chain for prostitution.

The Salvation Army encourage members to Cut It Out ie cut out any adverts in the media which might be associated with human trafficking eg, pornography, lap dancing clubs, escort agencies and send them to editors of publications.

Can I also suggest that MU members look out for articles relating to human trafficking and display such on our notice boards?

The issue of human trafficking has received good coverage recently by Mothers' Union in Families First.

Ann

MU on the Move – Dumfries to John O’Groats

My summary of this wonderful journey.

At the beginning we decided to split the jobs to be done, Linda (Brownlie) would do the paper work (write in this book and keep a record of the people we meet and travel with) and I would do the electronic side sending pictures and texts for the websites that Jeanette and Paul in Scotland had set up for the journey; which is why I haven’t written in here before. We have really had a wonderful three days, meeting so many members who have turned out at all the bus stops and given us hospitality too. It has been a trip that has given us fellowship and encouraged the more remote diocesan members in particular in the northern part of Scotland. The talks we have



had on the bus, people have been receptive and I’m sure will know what we do now. We have been in several newspapers so encouraged that the trip has led people learning more about us. I have had great company in Linda as my travelling companion, although we have had so many good chats with other members who have joined too. The hazards we have had to face are very few, writing and texting while moving we have become good at. Our main problem has been to try not to over eat, as at every stop food has been plentiful. We have

found toilets in time luckily. So it hasn’t been the healthiest Olympian challenge, very little exercise, but we’re nearly here and very happy to have been part of the journey. When I hear of long journeys our members make overseas, this journey has been so easy. I will pray for all who are making long journeys for the work of the Mothers’ Union tonight. I hope to visit a very special gem of a church in Stromness , on the Orkney Isles, a Scottish Episcopal church that Bishop Bob recommended I visit as his parish is in the Orkneys as well as Aberdeen.

You can get pictures from the Facebook page.

Love Hilary x

Prayer Diary

'Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry for help come to you.' Psalm 102 v 1

In our prayers we ask God to bring comfort to those who suffer in body, mind or spirit and that they may know His presence with them.

We pray for

Trish and Struan Robertson and George Vidits in Helensburgh.

Ann Guthrie, Ann Bills, Nessie Rankin, Elaine Hands (Nessie's daughter) and Maggie Veriod.

We pray for Phil and Liz O'Ryan who are friends of both Largs and Ardrossan MU members.

'Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.'

Psalm 34 v 8

Our prayers are also with St Columba's in Largs who are launching a parent and toddlers group in October called 'Monday Tiny Tots'. Please pray that the Lord's blessing will be upon this outreach which is part of our remit as Mothers' Union for 'the encouragement, strengthening and support of family life.'

'Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this;' Psalm 37 v 5.

Please remember those who have died recently and also their families and friends

Sue Vidits of St Michael and all Angels, Helensburgh

Eric Corney, husband of Elsie (Pollokshields)

Mollie Morelle and Christine Elvidge (Castle Douglas)

Dates for your Diary

Spring Council and Lady Day	Holy Trinity, Motherwell	March 23 rd 2013
Festival Service	St James the Less, Bishopbriggs	May 11 th 2013

Obituaries

Mary Boyd



Mary's sudden death not only stunned every member of St Bartholomew's and St John's, but the many organisations with which she was associated. That she was highly regarded was shown by the amazing number of friends attending her funeral service.

Her devotion to the life of St Bart's was well known locally. Mary volunteered to play the organ until another organist could be found; an appointment which lasted 46 years. She could also be relied on to play the piano when necessary at the local Women's Ecumenical Meetings.

Mary was a very committed member of the Mothers' Union, serving as Enrolling Member of the Gourock Branch for many years, as well as Presiding Member for the Renfrewshire Region. She was always keen that the M.U. Banners were carried at the appropriate meetings. Like many Branches membership declined due to deaths or ill health but Mary agreed to keep the Gourock Branch going with help from Jean Marshall, but eventually with even fewer members and the only branch left in the region we decided to close. However Mary was anxious that we continue to meet ecumenically with other Guilds in Gourock.

Mary's devotion to the life of St Bart's must surely be an inspiration to us all, ensuring that we do our best to show the life of God to all around us and to find ways with His guidance to improve the growth of our congregation.

Iris Jubber

Ruby Wilson 1921 – 2012

Ruby died very peacefully just five months after her 90th birthday. I was privileged to be at the Service in the Care Home of her Last Rites and Communion and experienced the joy of hearing her response to the gentle words being said over her.

Ruby's father was a one time member of Holy Cross so she thought of it as her family Church. A lady of firm opinions, outspoken and a trifle brusque, but with a shining faith. An avid lawn green bowler and a pianist. She often had the cat run along the keys to make believe she herself was practising! I know she and her blind father used to sing all the hymns she knew by heart before going to church. A vibrant lady who will be much missed.

We rejoice she is singing her hymns in a happy place.

Alleluia!

Mary Reynolds

Is There Hope For Failures

The more we read our Bibles, the more we come to realise how God uses the imperfect followers of Him that we are: there are so many records of failures! Moses was a murderer, yet after the experience of his long forty years in Midian God was able to call him in the desert's burning bush, and he became one of the few to whom God spoke 'face to face'. David was a murderer and an adulterer, yet one whom God described as 'a man after my own heart'. It is in David's confession in Psalm 51 that we can understand why such forgiving mercy was possible. Nebuchadnezzar set up a golden calf for worship, yet was able, eventually, to say, 'I praised the most High', and went on to become greater than ever before – a wonderful example of the scope and depth of God's compassion and mercy.

Peter fails terribly, vehemently denying any knowledge of Jesus – 'I do not know the man!' We glimpse something of his regret when Jesus turns and looks at him, and we know he is forgiven and goes on to serve faithfully the Lord he had denied.

Matthew's genealogy of Jesus gives another insight into the way God can use failures: there is Tamar, who pretended to be a shrine prostitute. Ruth, whose story of devotion is such a beautiful example, is a Moabitess – Moab was a son of Lot's daughters born of incestuous relations with their father, so that 'a Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord even unto the tenth generation'. There is Rahab the 'harlot', and Solomon is born of David's love of Bathsheba.

There are many other examples of the way our forgiving and gracious God, who 'gave his only begotten Son', is able to teach us, in spite of failure, to learn to serve him better. Often we may feel ashamed that we've 'blown it yet again', yet because of the forgiveness offered us through the death of Jesus on the cross, there is always opportunity to carry on, knowing there is room for failures in the kingdom of God. Failures restored by him, failures relying wholly on his strength, failures God can use to accomplish his plans, failures restored so that all the glory may be his. Let this encourage us all!

Barbara Jeffries

Congratulations to Ann on being chosen to represent the Scottish Episcopal Church at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women next year.

A well deserved honour.

Ed.

Greetings from Sweden

Early this year the Women in the Church of Sweden sent an invitation to Glasgow and Galloway Mothers' Union asking if we would send two delegates to the Women's International Gathering in September and then go on to the International Festival of The Church of Sweden in Malmo. The Trustees decided to send Margaret Horrell and Anne Cook (who has been doing Parenting work in the Diocese). Both agreed to accept the invitation and this is Margaret's account of the visit.

We left a wet dreary Scotland from Edinburgh early in the morning to fly to Gothenburg where we were met by Gunilla Fastling in dry weather. She drove us into Gothenburg to meet Ingrid Tyrburg who accompanied us on a train journey to Akersburg Diocesan Centre in the small town of Hoor.

We met the other 24 participants representing, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Palestine, Costa Rica , Brazil, S. Sudan, Mozambique, Swaziland and several from Sweden. Most of them are very high flyers in their countries. Anne and I were very apprehensive about the content of the initial programme. It seemed to be punching above our weight, with discussions on the 'Future in Women's Hands'.

Each participant was to bring a symbol and present their experience of working for this. We were divided into three groups and went to separate rooms. Some told of their work among the marginalised, HIV sufferers, organising Mothers Union meetings weekly to visit the sick, bringing education and even proclaiming the Gospel in the street. Some had workshops where discarded items were manufactured into useful items which could be sold to help lift people out of poverty. Anne had a photo of her family and talked of her parenting classes. I couldn't very well talk about selling MU products so talked of Domestic Violence and the importance of not condoning it. I'm sure some of them were shocked to discover that it is still a problem in a western country. We stayed in our groups to have further workshops on the different perspectives from the various countries. Fulata Moyo who is on the World Council of Churches told of her work; the lady from Costa Rica told of going out to meet the transgender people (the most reviled and marginalised of folk) in their society and to bring them to Christ, you cannot expect people to come to church - you have to go out and show them they are loved and help them fight for their human rights. Rula, a Christian from Palestine, spoke of her opposition to being expected to marry young and her desire to have a career in Art in a country where there is so little opportunity.

We had a workshop on trafficking, which is a large problem in Sweden.

Each morning we had devotions taking it in turn to organise them. Anne's experience in helping at our early morning services came into its own and we had a power point presentation on making Harris Tweed, and simulated the production there with threading a spool of weaving wool round our participants and then waurking the piece of cloth to make it waterproof while praising God for his many Blessings. Everyone present enjoyed it, they now have learnt that Scotland is a very wet, sheep ridden country and we all wear Harris Tweed to keep us dry, but that families and neighbours are bound together in a work ethic.

The days spent there were not all doom and gloom, we had time to learn a bit about liturgical dance, how to make biblical scenes from little homemade manikins which can be used to decorate the church at different times of the year, and had a lady come to sing Swedish folk songs. Did I mention the food? It was exquisite! A chef came to each meal to describe the menu - a far cry from normal Diocesan fodder.

We then went to Malmo for a civic reception, following which we went to a huge sports hall which was the venue for the International service (about 3,000 people). This was the most amazing Eucharist I have ever attended, presided over by the Archbishop of Sweden. The sermon given by the Bishop of Lund (a woman) revolved around bread making and an enormous loaf was brought to the altar, accompanied by Flamenco dancers,. Hymns were sung, liturgical dancer performed, Zimbabwean M.U. Choir performed, a soloist sang and we took communion (wafers) at a great number of stations. Afterwards on our way out, baskets of bread were there for us all to share. It was a wonderful uplifting experience. The following day we attended various seminars and a party in the square with singers, acrobats and jugglers. We were all to light candles but a wind got up and we couldn't do that. On Sunday morning there was another lovely open air service with again many Eucharistic stations. It was particularly interesting to see many young people and adults there.

Anne and I had a wonderful time, felt we had been away for a fortnight and very privileged to have been invited and hosted so generously by the Women of Sweden. We returned to Edinburgh in driving rain, not having had any worth mentioning in Sweden.

If anyone wants to hear more about the visit I could be persuaded to give a talk to your branch.

Margaret Horrell

Quiet Days 2012 in Galloway and Glasgow

The quiet day held in Castle Douglas was enjoyed by about 30 members. The Bishop began the day with Morning Prayer and celebrated Eucharist in the middle of the day with Evening Prayer before we went home. The formal services were interspersed with periods of silence and reflection. The Bishop also offered three addresses during the day entitled, The First Gift, The Second Gift and Discover and Celebrate. These were introspective but uplifting and delivered in a relaxed manner which produced a feeling of calm among the members

We were pleased that our President Ann could be with us and thank the members from St. Ninians for their warm hospitality and Revd. Bayne for the generous use of the hall and Church.

There was a general feeling of well being as we left and we were delighted to see the Bishop going for a spin in the splendid vintage motor belonging to a member of the congregation.



+Gregor led the second Quiet Day in St Serf's Church, Shettleston.

This followed the same pattern used at Castle Douglas and was again based on the MU Theme for 2012 Your Gifts? Discover and Celebrate.

The first of the three talks was 'The First Gift' – ourselves (the wonder of creation). The modern hymn based on Ps139, 'O God you search me out and know me' was alluded to throughout the whole day. +Gregor reminded us that we all have gifts to aid or benefit the world around us. Many don't recognise their own worth. Everyone is important. It is up to us to help others "use their own gifts" and this is shown in the work done in various MU projects.

The second gift is the gift of God's love for us. 'God gives to us unstintingly and unflinching throughout our lives.' In the words of St. Paul to the Galatians, "It is no longer I who live in God but God who lives in me."

The third talk – Discover and Celebrate. One possible way of thinking about this is of sharing in Christian Liturgy. As our own liturgy says 'God and us are brought together in a wonderful exchange'

We ended our day with Evening Prayer during which we sang the complete hymn, 'O God you search me out and know me'

We thank +Gregor for his guidance throughout the day. We all left feeling refreshed and satisfied.

News from around the Diocese

St Ninian's Castle Douglas

Our last session has been under the joint leadership of Jenny Spence and Elizabeth Woodburn who have shared the role following the departure from office of Alison Bayne, after many years of service. It was a very hard act to follow but these two ladies have done a sterling job together and the transition has been very smooth.

Nearly every year brings sadness and this year has been no exception. Gill and Harry Piper are having to come to terms with surely the worst blow that could befall any family, the loss of a son to cancer. They are very much in our prayers. Two very dear members, Molly Morelle and Christine Elvidge are no longer with us. Molly showed great spirit and fortitude in her battle with cancer and her faith remained very strong throughout. Christine did not outlive her husband John for long, which in a way made the parting a little less sad. Their daughter Ann is at present occupying the family home until her wedding on the 15th September. She has chosen St Ninian's as the venue and much to everyone's delight she has invited the entire congregation to the wedding and to the reception in the Gordon Memorial Hall. She was a familiar figure when she came up from Anglesey on a visit. Christine will not be far from our thoughts on that day.

In June, our Rector conducted a Service of Enrolment for Margo Greenwood, a new member, and Miranda Bignall who transferred from St John's, Dumfries after her removal to Dalbeattie.

Two of our senior members, Janet Gillespie and Betty Thomson, have celebrated their 90th birthday. Both are very active in providing Healing Blankets and in contributing toiletries for those who arrive destitute at the Wigtownshire Women's Aid Project.

Finally, four of our members look forward to the MU. Scottish Gathering at Tulliallan in October. They are. Jenny Spence, Sylvia Elliot, Jenny Wright and Ann Gault. We, who are unable to attend, shall look forward to a blow by blow account of their visit on their return.

Jessie Lockhart

St John's Dumfries

St. John's had the annual strawberry tea and had a bumper number of visitors who were very generous. A donation has been made to the Wheels Appeal.

Members from the region greeted the MU on the move team, with the English team then returning home and the Scottish team being waved off on the bus in the morning. The big blue and white balloons were a success! (photograph on front cover).

Carolynne Sorrell

Holy Cross, Knightswood

'Indoor-doers' held a "Biscuits and Blethers" event in support of the Wheels Appeal. It was a very enjoyable time for those unable to get out much. We had prayers, poetry and two short quizzes (the first one – name the women in the Bible and second one - name words ending in 'ff'. All well done, with fabulous prizes (of course). The biscuits and tea were appreciated and the blethers were really good.

We raised £60. Whoopee!

Mary Reynolds

St Ninian's Pollokshields

In May this year the St. Ninian's MU, Rector, Paul Romano and friends from the congregation, went on their Summer trip to Dunfermline, They visited the medieval Abbey and Carnegie's Birthplace museum and Abbot House, situated in the heart of the heritage quarter as well as many of the interesting shops in the town. Folk were fascinated to find a Wool shop with all sorts of lovely stuff - just the thing for the crafters ! The highlight of the trip though was being able to meet up with some members of the Dunfermline Mothers' Union, who had been most helpful in sending Guide books and maps in advance of our visit. We met up with them and had High Tea at the City Hotel in Bridge Street. Special thanks to Caroline Laurie (Branch Secretary) and Joan McKechnie (Holy Name Cumbernauld) for their help. We hope to return the favour and hope that they will try a summer trip and visit us in Glasgow, perhaps with a visit to the Burrell Museum and Pollok House and Tea at the House for an Art Lover.

We will be having a talk on Assisi by Elva Carlisle on the 14th of November.

Our Christmas Lunch will be at the Redhurst Hotel, Giffnock on the 12th of December. All welcome.

Next year our branch will be going on their Summer trip to Dumfries and have already contacted the MU Branch there with a view to a link-up then. If anyone cares to join us please get in touch with me at Lesleylucas@ymail.com .Meanwhile our very best wishes to our friends in Dunfermline and elsewhere.

Lesley Lucas

Low Moss Prison - Kelvin Scout and Guide Club

The coincidence of three of the Lenzie MU Branch members also being active leaders in Girlguiding resulted in the eventual formation of the Scout and Guide Club at Low Moss Prison. One of the aims of the Prison is to focus more on the family of each prisoner, so that a greater emphasis is placed on trying to maintain meaningful relations between everyone in his family. With this in mind, visiting is more open and the prisoners' children have a greater access to their father, in a space that is like a large café.

The Scout and Guide Club is open to any child between the ages of 5 and 15, and is part of the visiting time on a Wednesday evening. We have a pool of leaders from both Scouting and Guiding, and try to provide themed evenings loosely based on the type activities which would take place in our 'normal' meetings.

We have now been running for six months, and during that time have faced a number of challenges in this rather unusual Club, e.g. how to melt chocolate when there is no cooker or microwave available, and how to cut things up with plastic scissors! A lot of the children are now regulars and are keen to join in with everything we do. Anything which involves food, colouring in, crafts and games are all popular.

Our hope is that the children will be sufficiently interested to join Guiding or Scouting Units in their own locality - to date we have had a few expressions of interest!

Maxine Gow

A Request from South Sudan

This came from Margaret and Anne's visit to Sweden.

One lady, Lillian Dokolu, president of the MU diocese of Lui, was quite thrilled to meet Anne and I as she was from South Sudan. The first missionary to S. Sudan was a Scotsman, Dr Kenneth Grant Fraser. He along with his wife and sister, Alice, brought Christianity to the Moru people of Sudan. If it was not for this great Scotsman they would not know about Christ, have a hospital or a school. Her husband whom we met later, Bishop Stephen of Lui in South Sudan was equally moved when he met us and wants to make links with Scotland.

It would be great if we could further this as a link for Glasgow and Galloway MU.

We all have an open invitation to visit with them.

Will we take up the challenge? *Ed.*

To the right:
Quiet Day in
Galloway.



To the left: the Bishop in the
jalopy!

Below: Quiet Day in Glasgow

Thanks for all your contributions, for this issue and for all the issues over the past six years. It is now time for me to hand over the editorship of Newlink to Wendy Petrie, the present Diocesan Secretary. Please support her as you did me and send any articles for the Spring 2013 edition by March 1st 2013. These can be sent by post to



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