

# Congregational Noticeboard



## HOUSE CHURCH

If you would like to find out more about the Bible in relaxed and comfortable surroundings, why not join one of our House Groups.

They are friendly groups of people who meet fortnightly for a time of discussion, singing, prayer and the inevitable cup of tea and home baking!

Why not come along and join one of the groups.

They meet on **Wednesday evenings** from **7.30pm till approx. 9.00pm.**  
in the homes of:

Stephen and Margaret Alexander  
35 Ashley Road, Polmont  
☎ 716964

Keith and Miriam Macdonald  
51 Belmont Avenue, Shieldhill  
☎ 711051

**So don't be shy, give it a try!**



**Congratulations!!!**

***Craig and Janice***

***Morrison***

on their

**Ruby Wedding Anniversary**

on

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2009**



Minister – **JEROME O'BRIEN**

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**Have you got your church  
RECIPE BOOK yet?**

**There are only a few copies remaining of the  
Polmont Old Recipe Book at £5.00 each**

**So if you still do not have one,  
or are looking for one as a gift,  
hurry along to the Fellowship Room  
after the church service, and buy one  
before they all disappear.**



**Church Admin Officer, Lynda McKechnie**  
can be contacted on

☎ 01324 873528

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## Church Flowers

If you would like to add your name to the list as a donor of flowers or a distributor, please contact:

**Eileen Brown**  
☎ 716124



Would distributors please remember to take the special 'flower gift cards' when they deliver the flowers. These can be found at the ACT's café bar or from Eileen.

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## DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

**Sunday 8 March 2009**

**Please email articles to  
Bill Smart**  
[w.smart306@btinternet.com](mailto:w.smart306@btinternet.com)

**or**  
**Sandra Reid**  
[SMReid@aol.com](mailto:SMReid@aol.com)

**or give to Doreen Baxter  
or Margaret Connor  
for typing**

**Publication date**  
**Sunday 29 March 2009**

## INSPIRE UPDATE

Inspire, our Sunday morning group for young people from fourth year at high school until age 18 or so, has been running for well over a year now. Later this year it will be time for some of our original members to move on, and we hope to welcome some new "graduates" from Powerhouse.

In the meantime, Jerome has offered to lead a few extra sessions for the older Powerhouse members on what it means to be part of the church. These will be a bit like "Grid" - food, a film, and a chance for a discussion. He's also inviting the young people from Graeme High School who took part in the Alpha Course there in 2008.

*Lorna Farquhar*



## PRAISE BAND

Following a busy time through Advent and Christmas, the Praise Band played for worship at the first 2009 evening service on 5 January 2009. Over the last couple of months we have welcomed a couple of new band members – welcome to Jess and Rory!

The evening services are on the first Sunday of each month, at 7pm in the Church Hall, and normally include a time of worship through praise, a talk (usually from Jerome) and a time of prayer. Afterwards, there's time for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee in the small hall. If you've not been to one of the evening services, why not give it a try!

*Lorna Farquhar*



## Lunch Bunch



The Lunch Bunch re-opened after the Christmas break on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January. We were very busy, with people waiting to be seated at a table!! Most of our regulars were there for a snack lunch, but we also had some new customers!!

There is a varied menu – a choice of soups, sandwiches and rolls, plus home baking.

Meet up with friends and have a chat on Thursdays in the Church hall. We are open between 11.30am and 1.15pm

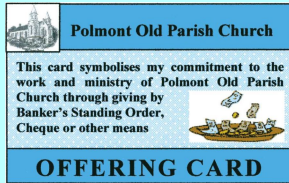
Through World Vision the Lunch Bunch continues to support Derib Teketel and Marlene Onofre. Both children sent Christmas cards to the Lunch Bunch.

*Jim Wilson*  
☎ 714181

**REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

[www.polmontold.org.uk/](http://www.polmontold.org.uk/)

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## Offering Cards

Due to the high number of people who now pay their tithes and offerings via Direct Debits and Bank Transfers, there has been a feeling of discomfort as the offering bags are handed round in the service, and folk have nothing to put in them.

Please note that laminated Offering Cards are now available from the front of the church as you come in to the morning service. The idea is that these are placed in the offering bags when they come round. This form of offering is intended to be representative of an ongoing commitment to give to the needs of the Church.

Please feel free to pick one up as you enter the church on a Sunday morning. These are then returned to the plates at the front door for use on subsequent Sundays.



## Mission Projects



About a year and a half ago, the congregation started to support the work of the Christian Service Society in Bangladesh. Through coffee mornings, the sale of recipe books, generous donations and the efforts of the Bible Study groups, we have now sent off to CSS the magnificent sum of **£6,310.00**.

Recently, the Outreach Team recommended that we also support a small medical mission in Zimbabwe run by a young nurse who is a member of the congregation where Jerome was on the ministerial team. Again, through the coffee morning proceeds, donations and sales of the recipe book, we have now been able to send to the Tonga project the sum of **£1,300.00**.

A huge *“thank you”* must go to the congregation for their support of both of these projects. As they will both be on-going projects, we hope that Polmont Old will continue to lovingly give, to help those people who have so little, and continue to pray for them, so that their standard of living, and their health, will be vastly improved.

*Doreen Baxter*

## Congratulations

to

**Margaret Clark**

on

**60 years**

**Membership**

of the

**Women's Guild**



**Margaret was presented with  
a certificate from Jerome  
during a morning service  
in December**