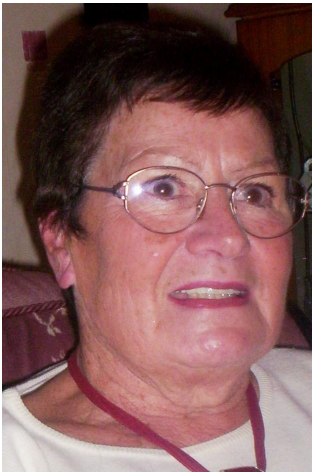


WHO'S WHO IN THE KIRK SESSION



ELIZABETH GLEN

Elizabeth, or Betty as she is better known, is another of the newer elders who joined the Kirk Session on October 2000, shortly after Bill McKaig became our minister. Betty is the eldest of a family of six, having 2 sisters and 3 brothers, whose father was involved in the agricultural industry. In her early years she lived in various locations throughout the country. She was born in Stirling when her mother returned from Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire to her own mother's home for the birth. Growing up in Sanquhar she started her primary education there in the local primary school, but soon moved to Lochearnhead in Perthshire with the family, from where attended McLaren High School in Callander to start her secondary education, which was completed in Peebles in the Borders.

Her church connections were established during schooling and at Lochearnhead, being a small congregation, Betty found herself in the choir along with all the up and coming younger attenders. With the family moving to several country locations, church connections varied, as some of the small churches only had a local service periodically and youth groups were non-existent. On completing schooling Betty found work in a solicitor's office in Stirling and started training as a legal clerk, this setting the course for many years in this type of employment.

George, who became her husband, came on the scene in the mid 1950's, when he had completed national service, and they were married in Lecroft Church, Bridge of Allan on 28th March 1959. They both worked locally at first, but when George secured employment in Grangemouth with BP,

a move to this area became the first priority. They moved to Polmont in 1971, taking up residence in Lime Grove, when they became members in Polmont Old. They then moved to their present home in Forfar Place in 1978. They have two daughters, now grown up, Elaine and Carolyn - the latter has led the 2nd Polmont Junior Section of our Boys' Brigade for a number of years.

Outwith church circles, Betty has been closely connected with Age Concern for more than 35 years and has acted as President for almost all of that time. In the church scene, Betty first came to prominence when Susan Fordham persuaded her to become an officer in 2nd Polmont Company of the Girls' Brigade in 1978. At this time she was also involved with the Young Wives' Group which subsequently merged with the Women's Guild, now known as The Fellowship. In these two organisations Betty has served on various committees. Currently, she is a keen participant of the Fundraising Committee which is doing a sterling job in its enthusiasm to raise additional money, which goes a long way to make desirable schemes happen!

Betty was speaking with Bill Smart

A Christmas Prayer

by Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father,
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing
which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be thy children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds
with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake.
Amen

