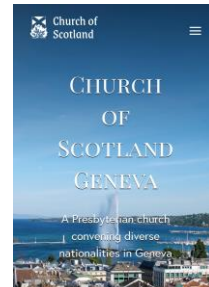




# Church of Scotland Geneva

## Newsletter October 2023



### Letter from the Minister

There comes a moment...in the middle of *the procedure, the agendas, the minutes, the reports, the deliverances, the notices, the technical hitches*...there comes a moment, when all these things are forgotten, and we remember why we are there, what we are about...what this whole astonishing, frustrating, wonderful business of being a Christian, serving in the church, being the church is all about.

For me, at the Presbytery meeting last week in Rotterdam, it was during the Sunday Morning Service...the longest I think I have ever attended...two hours plus...(there **was** an Ordination, a Setting Apart – special singings, appreciation shown for so many people) but, in the midst of it all ...at the heart of it all – **explaining the heart of it all**...we sang that wonderful hymn *I, the Lord of sea and sky* - with its haunting question...*who will go...who will bring my love to them...who will tend the hurting and the broken!*

And the reply, “*Here I am Lord! Is it I, Lord...I have heard you calling in the night...*”

*I will go Lord - if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart”*

Never mind the baloney, the pressures, the times when we get it wrong, or don't get it at all...**This**, I thought, **this**, I felt...is where I want to be...and these are the people I want to live my life alongside...walk alongside, and have walk alongside me.

Untidy pilgrims, shabby tigers, by no means always getting it right...myself as much as anyone...

But this is the Church! This is the Church I am honoured to be part of, to serve in, and to be nurtured by.

Nothing else will do.

Nothing else will do.

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?



## Finance Update - September 2022

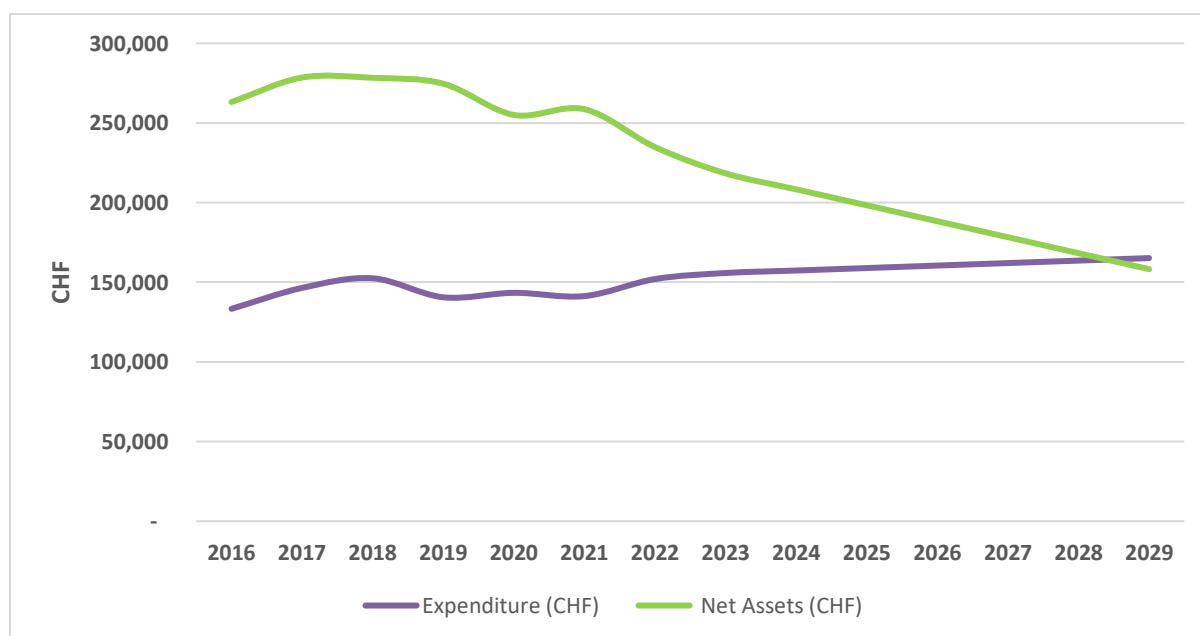


Since 2013, our Congregation has recorded a deficit in 6 out of 10 years. 2021 would have been the seventh had it not been for a very generous, one-off donation. That means that we've been running a deficit for basically two out of every three years.

A deficit, put very crudely, means that we're spending more than we have. We can't make ends meet. The reason we've got away with this up to now is because we still have reserves but these are dwindling. This is reflected by the constant drop in the level of our net assets.

Our net assets are just that – the sum of the assets which we hold (which for Geneva basically means the worth of the Church's two bank accounts), less any outstanding bills or other commitments to be paid.

In the Canton of Geneva, a charitable entity is supposed to be able to maintain itself for a year with the resources it holds. The timeline may be relaxed but even if reduced to six months, it would not do much to change the following analysis. In our case, the basic measure of this is to consider whether our net assets exceed our expenditure levels in the financial statements, presented and approved at the Annual Congregational Meeting each year. Taking a straight line trend shows the following:



What the graph shows is that unless current trends change, the Congregation will reach a point where it can no longer continue functioning around 2029 – 2030. There will be no need to worry about finding a new Minister, because we won't be able to afford one.

So what can be done ?

To make things clear from the outset, the problem is not our Congregation's generosity. Our members are giving at least as much as they ever did. The mathematical reality is that there are fewer of us. The fall in our financial worth is simply symptomatic of a fall in numbers. It's just that the financials will take down the Congregation if their fall is not checked and reversed. At the same time, we have to

address the wider problem. There isn't much point to staying financially solvent as a Church if fewer people than ever before are actually worshipping. So raising money is only part of the solution. We need to do it the right way.

Both the Kirk Session and the Congregational Committee are aware of the problem, and now you are too. What is needed is a financial boost, but this needs to come from a variety of sources which are designed to grow our Congregation. Vibrant Congregations do not tend to go under financially. We cannot lose a financial focus, but the broader strategy has to be to build up the Church.

Now is the time for action.

Strategic action plans are already being drafted and circulated by members of the Congregational Committee. These involve a range of activities designed to put our Congregation back on the map of international Geneva. A decade or two ago, we used to communicate ourselves through a wide range of means. Nowadays, has anyone heard of the Church of Scotland who moves to Geneva for professional reasons, through integration services provided by international organizations or private companies ? Are all the expat websites aware of who we are, where we are and what time our services take place ? Are local hotels taking flyers with our details ? Do international spouses looking for somewhere to engage with others in English find that there's a Church offering social engagement, help with children or just someone to talk to ? These are just some of the opportunities which we could explore. We could also ensure that those who suffer bereavement can find the services and support they need in the English language and the Presbyterian tradition. That just needs us to alert local undertakers to our presence. Similar things could be done with regard to marriage parlours and services. If we build up our engagement with the community, perhaps more people will become aware of our presence, find that they would like to be worshipping with us, and providing both the numbers and the resources (of all sorts) which we need to keep going.

The good news is that things are moving. As well as putting together coherent strategies, we also have members of the Church working on outreach through the hospitality sectors, online, with local undertakers and in partnership with 121 George Street's Stewardship Committee. I hope that's just the beginning. There's a volunteer sheet at the bottom of this article where you can see several of the jobs which need to be done. These are just suggestions which need to be addressed. More can be added. Please feel free. Just let me ([mackenzieje@hotmail.com](mailto:mackenzieje@hotmail.com)) and/or Nan Braunschweiger ([ntbraunsch@bluemail.ch](mailto:ntbraunsch@bluemail.ch)) know so that we can coordinate who's doing what. You can respond by e-mail, online or by just giving us a hard copy.

Some of these jobs need quite a time commitment, some very little. The critical thing is to get as much happening as possible across as wide a spectrum of our membership as possible. So the question to each of us is simply this: what can I do and what will I do ?

Ewart MacKenzie  
Treasurer



## **VOLUNTEER SHEET – INVESTMENT IN**

### **CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GENEVA**

As at the end of August 2023, the financial situation of the Church of Scotland Geneva does not look healthy. Comparing the Church's net value against its expenditure needs, an extended projection indicates that the Church will not have enough funding to continue beyond 2030.

The Church itself does not, of course, exist to earn money but the level of its finances is indicative of the level of its Congregation. It is not that people are any less generous than they used to be (in fact, they are probably more so), but that there are fewer of us in the Church.

Not enough people means not enough money as well and taken together, that means no Church.

Addressing these concerns needs to be done together. If we can build up our Church, history indicates that its financial situation will improve as well. There is no competition. At present, there seem to be plenty of opportunities to communicate to the wider world that there is a Church of Scotland in Geneva, that it is a vibrant community and that it welcomes all who come. The challenge is to get that message out there.

This call for volunteers has identified some things which could be done. They are not necessarily time-consuming or demanding but if we all undertake something, perhaps we can turn our current situation around. This is not a finance initiative per se, it has simply been put forward by those with an eye on the financial situation. We therefore call for everyone who can to put their name next to something. New ideas are all welcome as well.

Please send your responses to Nan Braunschweiger (Congregational Committee Secretary) or Ewart MacKenzie (Treasurer) at [ntbraunsch@blueemail.ch](mailto:ntbraunsch@blueemail.ch) and [mackenzieje@hotmail.com](mailto:mackenzieje@hotmail.com). All volunteers will be gladly welcomed and we can get on with the work immediately. If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

For those who would prefer to register online, David Hogg has created an excellent form which you can access here: [Church of Scotland - Geneva Congregational Survey \(office.com\)](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ShareFormPage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAYCXfnRUM0tSV0FHRVNNMUZTRzc3SkJGRIFDSjJVRY4u&sharetoken=b2qDspNMEuKrFKVZHJJM)<sup>1</sup>. Please just take a couple of minutes to fill it in and let us know how you would be able to help the Church. We'll be in touch soonest.

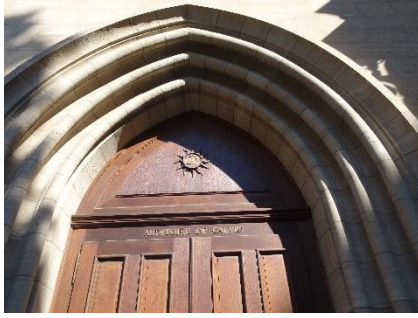
Thank you very much for your attention and dedication.

---

1

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ShareFormPage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAYCXfnRUM0tSV0FHRVNNMUZTRzc3SkJGRIFDSjJVRY4u&sharetoken=b2qDspNMEuKrFKVZHJJM> is the website address to use if you're reading this in hard copy.

Activity	Description	Volunteer(s)
Seeds to Grow Fund (new fund managed by Church of Scotland in Edinburgh; open to applications)	Needs project ideas to grow Congregations with particular attention to under-40s	
Digital giving	Overhaul current giving to expand it in line with modernized digital giving	
Church website	Review Church online presence in line with best practice recommended for Churches to expand reach	
Facebook		
American International Women's Club	Contact expat groups in the Geneva area to ensure that all know about the Church and publicize it to those arriving in Geneva and looking for a Church and/or welcome	
UN Women's Guild		
Geneva Women's Club		
BPW Lake Geneva		
International Geneva Welcome Centre		
GLocals	Ensure expat websites are aware of Church and publicize it as something available to all in the anglophone community	
AngloINFO		
Leboncoin		
Daytime social group for non-working expats	Set up groups which the Church could run to serve and help those in the local community who might appreciate Christian community	
Help lonely people		
Parents and children group		
Book club		
Language groups		
Hotels	Post flyers in local hotels on a regular basis, notifying guests of the Church	
Schools	Publicize the Church to the expat community through international schools	
International Organizations (UN, WTO, CERN etc)	Have Church publicized to staff arriving in Geneva	
Local newspapers	See if local papers still advertise Church services as a whole and get the Church listed where possible	
Undertakers	Ensure that undertakers know that the Church is available to help anglophones who need its services in time of distress	
Legacies	Set up a regular mechanism to help people leave something to the Church	



## Report of session

The Kirk Session continues to meet every six-eights weeks.

Important topics discussed include the 'deferred' linkage with Lausanne. The final document has been approved by the Session

and it now needs to have the approval from Presbytery before being sent to Edinburgh. It appears that both congregations will be able to call a minister. One minister will be from the Church of Scotland and the other Associate minister can be from another denomination. The wording of the final document makes it clear that there will be no distinction between the two.

Presbytery remains an important subject and Jane Broere has been appointed as Presbytery elder. She will accompany the minister to Rotterdam. Laurence is still interim moderator for the congregation in Paris and has recently returned from a Local Church Review in Rotterdam.

The financial situation of the church is particularly disturbing as we are running a very large deficit. The Congregational Committee and the Kirk Session will be holding a meeting involving the wider congregation to discuss how best to manage the situation.

Safeguarding is an important topic and Christine Colliar has been appointed Coordinator.

The Sunday school is thriving under the leadership of Cornis Van der Lugt. The choir is also growing with Paraic Reamonn and a service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held on 17 December.

New elders are being actively sought and Christine Colliar and Mark Jeffries will be ordained on 29 October.

Session Clerks:

Jane Broere

Christine Buhler

Mary Couper





## **Mission Committee**

Warm thanks to all for their unfailing support for our two Mission partnerships in Ekwendeni and Lalgadh. Thanks to a recent, generous donation we are once again in a position to provide ongoing support to the two programmes.

Since the beginning of 2023, we have made two contributions each of CHF 6,500 to Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital Trust, and In February and May we sent two donations to Ekwendeni, the last one, of CHF 7,500, intended to cover normal expenses up to end-January 2024.

We hope that the forthcoming concert on Saturday 28 October at 6 p.m. in the Auditoire will not only be highly enjoyable, but also help to further consolidate our support for the mission partnerships. Please give it your support!

Mission giving is separate from the normal Church budget. Mission income and outgoings stand alone each year, and we cannot spend more than we receive.



For some time now, we have been very worried about the state of health of Graeme Clugston, and whether he may be able to return to work in Nepal. A recent email from Graeme gives hope that, subject to the results of a very recent full-body scan, he and Meena may be able to return to Lalgadh around the end of October.

There is excellent news from Shupo in Ekwendeni. Netball is a big sport at the Centre and just recently the girls' netball team qualified for the national finals, which will be held in late October in Lilongwe. We have agreed to support the team's travel, accommodation and other needs during their Lilongwe stay and wish them all success.

We are very happy that the Partage appeal at Harvest time was so successful, and that the Church has agreed to continue this on a monthly basis for a six-month trial period. A list of "Partage" goods is contained in this Newsletter and you are invited to bring goods to church on the first Sunday of each month.

We have two new members of the Mission Committee, Rosemary Antas and Paraic Reamonn. They are warmly welcomed and we look forward to their stimulating contributions.

Peter Tulloch



## **First Impressions of my First International Presbytery (IP) Meeting**

Hope, passion, commitment, fellowship and friendship are just a few words that spring to mind when I think of the IP meeting I attended last weekend in Rotterdam. I had a similar list of words after attending the General assembly more than 20 years ago.



It brings hope for the Church when there are people prepared to meet, discuss and plan, how to move the Church forward in today's world.

There has to be change, it's inevitable, although whether the Presbytery Plan is the way forward I'm not sure. Personally, I think we need to look at 'how we do church' to make it relevant for today's world and how we can attract young adults as they are the future of the Church.

A report will follow but now the printing presses are waiting!

Jane Broere

Presbytery Elder



## **Caring for Others**

If we can be of service to anyone, please let us know.

Rev. Laurence Twaddle: [churchofscotlandgeneva@gmail.com](mailto:churchofscotlandgeneva@gmail.com)

Jane Broere: [jane.broere@gmail.com](mailto:jane.broere@gmail.com)





## Church Fair Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November



You may remember, remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November last year, but mark your calendar this year for an equally unforgettable event on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November**—the annual Church of Scotland Fair in Geneva! It's a day to come together, rekindle old friendships with fellow members of the congregation, forge new connections, and support our shared mission in a vibrant and joyful atmosphere.

Every contribution you make, be it through purchases, donations, or participating in our fundraising activities, will support essential projects and initiatives that uplift lives and communities.

Prepare for a day of camaraderie, giving, and memorable experiences!

Be part of this wonderful event, and together let's celebrate, connect, and contribute.

Calling all volunteers

Unfortunately, we have three key people out of action at the time of the Fair. As a result, we are in desperate need of additional hands to help on the craft and salmon and champagne stalls, as well as in the kitchen for lunches.

We are also looking for a team to provide the catering for the Ceilidh. This need not be a hot meal, cold platters could be an option, but it requires hands to assemble and serve. You will not be on your own.

If you could possibly give some of your time, however short, it would be much appreciated. Last year's Fair was a huge success, but we are aiming to build on that and make this year's even better. But it does require (wo)man power!

Interested . . . . . 🤔

Christine [buhlerchristine@hotmail.com](mailto:buhlerchristine@hotmail.com) 079 417 09 93

If you have any questions or wish to discover opportunities for participation—like volunteering during the event (there's plenty to engage with) or assisting behind the scenes in the days prior to the Fair—please reach out to Christine Buhler, [buhlerchristine@hotmail.com](mailto:buhlerchristine@hotmail.com) (+41 79 417 09 93)

### Toy Stall

We will again organise a Childrens' Toy stall for toys - alive & well - for sale! The Sunday School Team would welcome donations, any used toys that (grand) parents feel it is time to pass on for a younger generation. As always we will be selling toys for kids up to age ten, including books, and games, old and new at bargain prices.



### Bake Stall

We've changed a "C" to a "B".....

and now we have a Bake stall. It's not all about cakes, biscuits and shortbread (as good as they are!), but we are now expanding our treats on sale. This year, there will be quiches, ramekins and croissants au jambon, something for everyone.



If you are unable to come on the day, but would like to support the stall, financial donations towards the cost of baking ingredients would be happily accepted.

Thank you. Christine Buhler  
[buhlerchristine@hotmail.com](mailto:buhlerchristine@hotmail.com)



A warm welcome to all at the Irish Stall on Saturday 18th November. We will be ready to serve you an amazing Irish coffee.

We look forward to catching up with our regulars, and also to encountering lots of newcomers. Come and join the craic.

See you there.

The Irish Coffee team.



# HO HO HO



The Christmas Stall will be present at the fair with a great array of cards, gifts and decorations to allow you to stock up ahead of the day. Anything Christmassy that you can donate will be very welcome. The offer of a few hours help on the day would also be greatly appreciated. Looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you all at the stall, Nan  
Braunschweiger [ntbraunsch@bluemail.ch](mailto:ntbraunsch@bluemail.ch)





**Its Ceilidh time again!**

Join us for a night of dancing at the  
Church of Scotland Fundraising Ceilidh

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Salle Communale de Grand-Saconnex  
Route de Colovrex 20  
7pm – 10pm. Doors open at 6:30

**Featuring the Loch Leman Ceilidh Band**

Adults CHF35, children 12 and under free

Tickets must be booked in advance at  
[ceilidhchurchofscotlandgeneva@gmail.com](mailto:ceilidhchurchofscotlandgeneva@gmail.com)

Food and drinks will be on sale



# Church News

## Annual BBQ

The annual church BBQ was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> September this year chez les Bruces. We were once more blessed with good weather, good food and great company. Huge thanks to



## Harvest Supper and Partage

Linking with the Partage initiative, and the Harvest service on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> a Harvest Supper, was held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September in the Church salle. It was a very enjoyable, convivial event, with people commenting again how good it is to have these traditional events returning after Covid. CHF 560 was raised for church funds and many contributions were brought for Partage.







## Supporting Partage

Proverbs 22:9 *Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed  
for he shares his bread with the poor.*

For Harvest Sunday on 17 September, the church supported Partage <https://www.partage.ch/en/> the Geneva-based foodbank which assists on average 8,900 people per week with emergency food aid. Contributions were received in church the three preceding Sundays as well as at a Harvest Supper held in the Salle on Saturday 16 September. A wonderful, heartwarming total of seven boxes were filled.

On the basis of this sign of solidarity from the congregation, the Congregational Committee which met on 19 September have proposed that a collection of goods for Partage be uptaken on the first Sunday of each month, in a spirit of sharing to reflect our sacrament of communion.

Please find below a suggested list of contributions which would be welcomed, please give generously to help those who struggle to make ends meet.



Partage list of items:

**Attention: All products must have a valid expiration date !**

*This list isn't exhaustive : please contact us for more information*

Food items	Non-food items	Others
Rice Lentils Pasta Canned foods : fruits, vegetables, tuna fish, raviolis, etc. Oil (rape, sunflower,...) Vinegar Salt (1 kg) Sugar (1 kg) Cocoa powder (1 kg) Ground coffee Black tea & herbal tea Jam Breakfast cereals	Disposable razors Shaving cream Shower soap Shampoo Toilet paper Sanitary napkins Toothbrushes Toothpaste	Universal cleaner Laundry detergent <b>For babies</b> Baby diapers big sizes (number 4 to 6)

## **Cursillo November 23**

### **Taking it to the next level**

In *You've Got Mail* (1998), Kevin (Dave Chapelle) explains to Joe (Tom Hanks) his philosophy of relationships:

"You're taking it to the next level. I always do that. I always take a relationship to the next level, and if it works okay I take it to the next level after that, until I can finally get to the level where it becomes absolutely necessary for me to leave."

Cursillo ("A short course") is for those who want to take their relationship with God to the next level (and we hope you won't leave).

Cursillo began in Mallorca in the 1940s, among lay Catholics who wanted to understand their faith better and – more importantly – to live it better. It met a felt need and spread rapidly beyond Spain, beyond Europe – and beyond Catholics. In Geneva, it has from the beginning been ecumenical, involving English-speaking congregations from Catholic to Baptist and Evangelical, with middle-of-the-road congregations like ourselves somewhere in, well, the middle.

This year, the Geneva Ecumenical Cursillo Community celebrated its 40th anniversary, so it must be doing something right.

What is Cursillo? It's a short course over a long weekend (Thursday evening to the final party on Sunday evening), in which the participants get a chance to laugh and pray, to worship and have fun, to walk the way of the cross, and to talk together about their faith in ways that most of us rarely do.

Friends are made, often across boundaries we seldom cross. At its best, it can be life-transforming.

The Cursillo weekends in Geneva take place twice a year in the serene setting of Le Cénacle ([www.cenacle.ch](http://www.cenacle.ch)), Promenade Charles-Martin 17, CH-1208, Genève.

The next weekend (Cursillo #76) is November 9-12.

For further information: <https://genevacursillo.org/wordpress/>

For the Cursillo leaflet: <https://genevacursillo.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Revised-2022-CursilloLeaflet.pdf>

To fill in an application form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11ybwE6BJA4eHy6g9trqCltc-NnWlOGk8z8k4Uf3m9Vs/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11ybwE6BJA4eHy6g9trqCltc-NnWlOGk8z8k4Uf3m9Vs/viewform?edit_requested=true)

*Páraic Réamonn (Cursillo #59)*







## An invitation to draw closer to our loving God

The IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY of Geneva (ISC-GENEVA) is pleased to invite you to participate in one or more of our 2023/2024 offerings now accessible on our website ([www.isc-geneva.ch](http://www.isc-geneva.ch)).

We pray that through these experiences participants will be able to draw closer to God in the coming year.

Our offerings include :

- a) The Spiritual Exercises - individually led
- b) Spiritual conversations - individually led and at your own pace
- c) **Silent weekend retreats - next one coming up from 17 to 19 November 2023**
- d) **"Ageing gracefully" - various events for reflection & enjoyment (all ages welcome)**
- e) Morning prayer - Monday to Friday
- f) Walking and living in an Ignatian Way
- g) Supervision for Spiritual Accompaniers

For more information, please visit our website ([www.isc-geneva.ch](http://www.isc-geneva.ch) ).

For any questions please either complete the contact form on the website or email [info@isc-geneva.ch](mailto:info@isc-geneva.ch)

We hope to see you soon at one of our events!

**The Ignatian Spirituality Community Geneva**

## **Greetings from Blantyre, Malawi**

*During a recent visit to Geneva, Max and Isabel Phiri visited with us at the manse to update us on their “retirement” in Southern Malawi.*



Upon our return home in January this year, our church, The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (Blantyre Synod) asked me to be VC of University of Blantyre Synod and Max is the Dean of the Faculty of Commerce. It is a new University. Only accredited by our National Council of Higher Education in 2021. Our website is in the process of being updated.

We have three faculties: Education, Commerce and Theology with a total of 79 students. We are mainly offering undergraduate programmes except for theology where we have started with Masters of Arts in Theology. We have applied for registration of a Bachelor of Arts in Theology.

Max and I commute from Zomba to Blantyre to run the University. The work we are doing is far from what we had planned to do in our retirement. We have come to recognise that this is the case of Proverbs 16:9 which in New Revised Standard Version says: ‘The human mind plans the way, but the LORD directs the steps’. We are finding fulfilment in knowing that this is our calling from the Lord after working outside Malawi since 1996.

We are discovering anew that despite high levels of corruption and poverty in the country, the church has remained vibrant, ministering to each other and especially the needy. Our university is a true reflection of that. Located within the beautiful Blantyre mission which was established by the Church of Scotland in 1876, we are blessed with beautiful old buildings. The university is currently housed in the Hetherwick house. Recently the Henry Henderson Institute Secondary School has been moved to another campus and its buildings built in 1919 have been given to the University of Blantyre Synod. This is a sign of a vision of growth for the university. We are excited because we also see potential for growth. At the same time, we are faced with the challenge of renovating the once beautiful buildings. As is the case with the rest of the country, we are yet to develop a culture of maintaining old buildings. We find it easy to elect new builds rather than renovate existing buildings. As a church historian, I have chosen to renovate the old missionary buildings.

Please come and visit us and see the beautiful Blantyre Mission station. As God moves you join us in renovating the old buildings. Priority is given to the hostels for needy students especially girls hostels. Max and I are visiting the Blantyre Synod congregations asking them to join hands with us in the renovation project. We intend to name the buildings after the congregations or individuals who have given contributions for renovations. Please let us know if you want to receive the university newsletter which provides regular updates on the university development.

Yours in God's vineyard

Isabel Apawo Phiri



The Church of Scotland

# Music for Harp, Piano and Voice

Auditoire de Calvin

Place de la Taconnerie, Vielle-Ville, Geneva

Saturday October 28, 18h00



Vivien Liu, soprano

Kirsty Griffiths, harp

“Octave” vocal group

Peter Billington, piano

## Music by

Schubert ☯ Greig ☯ Quilter  
Elgar ☯ Sullivan ☯ Shearing  
Billington ☯ Dussek ☯ Yiruma  
Pratt ☯ DHC



Concert in favour of  
Youth HIV/AIDS Centre,  
Ekwendeni, Malawi  
Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital,  
Nepal

Entrée libre – verre de l’amitié – retiring collection

## **CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GENEVA QR CODE**

Would you like to spread the word about our Church? To let people know that it is there and ready to welcome them every Sunday? To grow and sustain our Congregation?

There's now another way to do it and it isn't hard to use. The Church website already provides everything which people need to know. But how are they going to find that?

One answer is the new QR (Quick Response) code for the Church. Typical of modern trends, the QR code can be scanned by anyone's mobile phone and will take them directly to the website, thereby taking them to all its information on the Church, its Services, its special events and even how to donate to it. The QR code itself is presented below and you can simply add it to the end of your e-mails, put it on any letters or communications you might be sending or add it wherever else you think you can: you may be spreading the word about our Church which is just what we need. So please copy it and use it as liberally as possible.



For an electronic version, please e-mail [mackenzieje@hotmail.com](mailto:mackenzieje@hotmail.com). Spreading the word remains as key as it was in the opening chapters of the Book of Acts – now we're expanding it into the digital age!





And last but not least- a wedding to celebrate. The son of our very own Rebecca and Robert MacDonald

The wedding was celebrated in the garden of the Chateau de Jalesnes on September 16th, 2023 .

Sophie Chen and Robbie MacDonald

