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Morning Order of Service – 20<sup>th</sup> August 2006 @ 11am

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Preparation for The Word**

**Call to Worship** *Isaiah 55v1-7 (Page 690)*

**PRAISE** “Let us with a gladsome mind” *Hymn 33*

**Prayer** *(Including the Lord's Prayer)*

**PRAISE** “His name is higher” *MP 233*

**Proclamation Of The Word**

**Reading** *Isaiah 55v8-13 (Page 690)*

**Children's Address**

**PRAISE** “My God is so Big” *Sheet*  
*(Junior Church Leave)*

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Reading** *Gen 18v9-33 (Page 21)*

**PRAISE** “As the deer pants for the water” *MP 37*

**Sermon** *A Prayer of Abraham – How big is your God?*

**Response to the Word**

**Offering**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**PRAISE** “Praise my soul the King of heaven” *Hymn 360*

**Benediction**

**Today@first**

10:30 **Prayer Time** (Minister's room). Everyone Welcome.

11 am **Morning worship** Speaker – Rev Curry  
*(Crèche - pre school children (Minor Hall), Junior Church in Main Hall).*

8:30-9:30 **'A Look at Christianity'** *(Graham Room) “Why & how do I pray?” The format is (i) Coffee, (ii) DVD talk by Nicky Gumbel (iii) Discussion, led by Rev Curry.*

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Aug**

8:30pm **Soul Mates** (A Ladies walking group over the summer time). If you would like to meet up for a walk and a chat come along and join in. Meet in the church car park, further details from Judith Evans.

**Next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2006**

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## Other Church Notices

1. **Kirk Session Meeting** on room. Agendas are available
2. As part of our **All age Night** will be held at The 7:30 pm. (Cost £1 / person) congregation and friends. you plan to attend. (Those bottom of the Fairhill)
3. **YOUTH@First LEADERS** preparation meeting will be YOUTH@First on Saturday willing to help this year please Heather Palmer or Judith Evans
4. **Gospel Concert** – Friday hall. Artists taking part include singer, Kenny Archer gospel Presbyterian church orchestra church building fund. Tickets Bobby McKeown and Iris Hamilton.

*My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
There's nothing that He cannot do.  
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
There's nothing that He cannot do.  
The rivers are His, the mountains are His,  
The stars are His handiwork too.  
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
There's nothing that He cannot do.*

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There's nothing that He cannot do.  
My God is so big, so strong and so*

Tue 29<sup>th</sup> Aug at 7:30 in the Graham today.

**Church Events** a Barbeque and Fun Manse on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September at This is open to all members of the Please put your name on the sheet if coming please use the car park at

**MEETING** – A planning and held for all leaders and helpers of 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept from 8-10pm. All who are come along. Further Details from

night 22<sup>nd</sup> September in the church Victor Gregg compere and gospel singer and yodeller, and Macosquin and choir. Proceeds will be in aid of now available from Francis Gillespie,

## Prayerfocus

### **MALAWI**

**Uel Marrs** (Overseas Secretary) and **Nigel Eves** (Mission Education Officer) both arrived home from Malawi as planned: Uel on Sunday and Nigel on Monday. They had a very busy two weeks in Malawi during which they met with PCI personnel and also with leaders in the three Synods of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) in Malawi. *Prayer Points* –

- Thanks for a good visit and a safe journey home.
- For Uel and Nigel to assimilate all they saw and learned in Malawi.

**Rev Howard Matiya Nkhoma**, (General Secretary of Livingstonia Synod, CCAP), left Malawi yesterday, (15<sup>th</sup>) to travel to USA, where he will speak at a *Malawi Mission Network* retreat in Denver taking place from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Rev Nkhoma expects to return to Malawi on 27<sup>th</sup> August.

*Prayer Points* –

- Safe and trouble-free travel.
- Wisdom for Rev Nkhoma, as he shares about the Church in Malawi and for his physical, emotional and spiritual strength.
- Preparation for the Livingstonia Synod Assembly taking place from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September.

**David and Maggie Steele** and their four children are due home next Monday (21<sup>st</sup>) for a period of home assignment and will be involved in deputation speaking during the coming autumn months.

*Prayer Points* –

- Remember them in their final preparations for coming home and for safe and trouble-free travel.
- That they will settle well into life in Belfast and for a period of rest and refreshment, before beginning deputation in October.

### **KENYA**

**Stephen Cowan** reports that the August youth camps in Tuum have been going well. The Junior Camp took place from 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August, while the Senior Camp is on this week (13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>) having started a day late because of very heavy rain which made some of the roads impassable. A group of 16 from *Youth with a Mission* (YWAM) from near Nairobi and has been helping to lead the camps and is due to leave Tuum this Friday (18<sup>th</sup>).

*Prayer Points* –

- That many of the young people at the camps will come to know God has their Lord and Saviour.
- Thanks for the YWAM team's input to the camps and pray for the health, strength and energy for each team member in the remaining couple of days they are in Tuum.
- Pray for safe travel home from the camps for all children and also for the YWAM team.

### **CARE Prayer Points – Youth Outreach**

*Lord, we thank You for the hundreds of summer initiatives for children and young people that give them the opportunity to grow in their faith, enrich their relationships with other Christians and have fun. May Your protection and blessing be with each one. For Christ's sake. Amen.*

**Pray for young people who will be making a fresh start in the autumn; at another school, beginning a job or course, taking a gap year, moving from home and finding new friends. Ask God to go before them, and draw them into relationships with those who will share the truth of the gospel and be a help and encouragement to them.**

*Father God, thank You for every Christian outreach to youth in schools, clubs, churches, organisations, community projects and at summer events. Please grant that many young people will discover how much You love them and long for every area of their lives to be enriched. For Christ's sake, Amen.*

Family Prayer: "Dear Lord, thank You for all those who work so hard helping children and young people in church youth clubs and all the other Christian groups. Amen."

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**Rotas** (Please speak to those who arrange rotas if there are any changes).

**Welcoming Committee** (Rota by Jr. Todd).

August - E. Wylie, R. Britton, J. McRobert, W. McGinnis, J. F. Hogg, W. R. Brown, H. Palmer.

**Crèche (For Pre School children)** (Rota by Janet Gregg).

Aug 20<sup>th</sup> Pamela Evans and Girls, 27<sup>th</sup> Edna Stewart and Maisie Smyth.

**Junior Church (For Primary School Children)**(Rota by Anne Crossett).

Aug 20<sup>th</sup> Mandy Gourley and Irene & Jenny Duncan, Jacqueline & Jennifer Brown and Lorna Curry

**Flowers** Aug 20<sup>th</sup> Edna Stewart, 27<sup>th</sup> Carol Henderson, **Delivery:** Lorna Stewart.

**Projection** (Rota by Wesley Currie). 20<sup>th</sup> Judith Evans, 27<sup>th</sup> Jacqueline Currie.

**Sound Desk** (Rota by Jackie Smyth). Aug 20<sup>th</sup> George Duncan.

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