

# Souvenirs of 2009

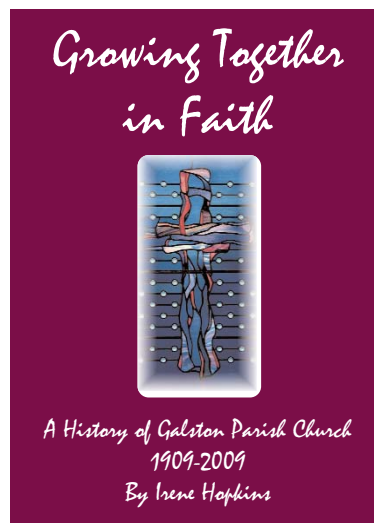
COMMUNION tokens, Note Cards, Mugs, Tea Towels, Bookmarks and a DVD of the Bicentenary year of celebration, not to mention *Growing Together in Faith*, the history of Galston Parish Church 1909 - 2009, written by Irene Hopkins, - all souvenirs of our 200th birthday.

All of the above will be available for sale throughout the year, with the exception of the specially commissioned Communion Token which will be gifted to everyone who attends Communion at some time during 2009.

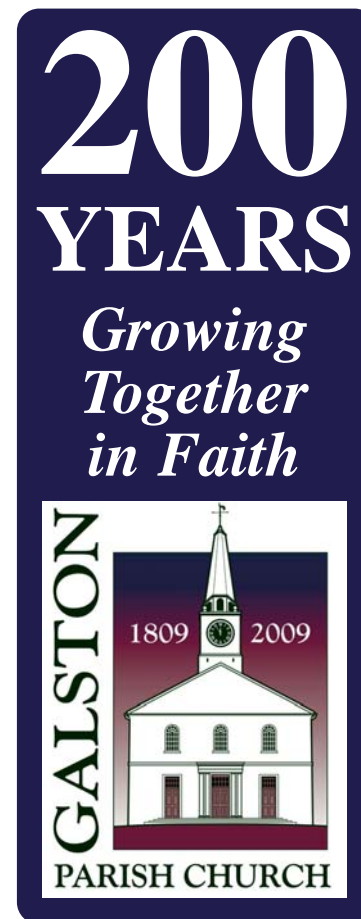
Please contact Robert Murray, Session Clerk, for further information about any of the souvenirs.

# HISTORY BOOK

*Growing Together in Faith* is the title of a history book written by Irene Hopkins as part of the Bicentenary celebrations. The book gives the history of the church from 1909, taking up the story told in an earlier book which told the story of the first 100 years, some of which are still around. Only 300 copies of the book are being printed at a cost of £15 per book. Casebound with a dust jacket, the book will have around 160-224 pages, 16 of which will be in colour - well worth the money! It is hoped that the book will be available in December 2009 - as well as the historical facts it will contain reports of the 2009 celebrations, including details of the service of worship in June - just like the book published in 1909.



# EVENTS DIARY



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicentenary China Mug       | <b>£4.00</b>  | available soon           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicentenary Tea Towel       | <b>£2.50</b>  | available soon           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DVD of Bicentenary Events   | <b>£10.00</b> | available at end of year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicentenary Note Cards (5s) | <b>£2.00</b>  | available soon           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicentenary Bookmark (blue) | <b>50p</b>    | available soon           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicentenary Bookmark (wine) | <b>50p</b>    | available soon           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History Book                | <b>£15.00</b> | available at end of year |

## Welcome from the Minister

IT gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this diary of events, which has been produced to highlight the many activities arranged to celebrate the bicentenary of Galston Parish Church in 2009. There has been worship on the site of the present church for over 750 years and this year marks the 200th anniversary of the present building. The text preached upon the occasion of the dedication of the building on the 18th June, 1809 was, "O Lord, I love the beauty of thy house, the place where thy glory dwells." (Psalm 26, verse 8) and I can think of no finer words than these to express what the church is, has been and always will be. I hope that you will be able to help us celebrate this very special moment in the history of Galston Parish Church.

Rev. Graeme R. Wilson,  
MCIBS, BD, Th.M

# JOIN US AT WORSHIP

**WORSHIP** will play a big part in the Bicentenary year, services being held in the church at 11am every Sunday and at 6.30pm in March, May, November and December.

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated on the first Sundays in February, June and October at 11am and 6.30pm.

A **SONGS OF PRAISE** is scheduled for Sunday, 11th January at 11am and this will be recorded and distributed with the February edition of *Kirk News* to all households.

On Sunday, 26th April **YOUTH PRAISE** at 7.30pm will feature children from surrounding schools. Sunday, 20th December has been set aside for a **CHRISTMAS SONGS OF PRAISE**.

At Easter there's a Communion service on Maundy Thursday at 7pm with Taizé music from the Choir. The Good Friday service also has Taizé music and on Saturday there are short Services of Waiting at 2pm, 3pm and 4pm.

Easter Sunday starts with an open air service at Loudoun Kirk at 9am, followed by breakfast in the Hogg Hall at 10am and the Easter Day service at



11am. In the afternoon you have the chance to wear your Easter Bonnet at the annual Easter Parade which leaves from the Parish Church at 2pm and walks to St. Sophia's.

Preaching at the **BICENTENARY SERVICE** on Thursday, 18th June will be the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland 2009. The Moderator Designate is Rev. William Currie Hewitt, (above) Minister of Westburn Church in Greenock, who will begin his Moderator duties at May's General Assembly. Two former Moderators will also visit - the Very Rev. David Lacy and the Very Rev. John H. McIndoe.

Other **VISITING PREACHERS** include ministers who served as students or probationers in Galston - Rev. Taylor Brown, Rev. Helen Jamieson and Rev. Donald Campbell. Please see pages 4 and 5 for a full list of visiting preachers.

## FLOWER FESTIVAL

KILMARNOCK Flower Club graciously agreed to organise a Festival of Flowers for the Bicentenary celebrations. *Church and Community Through the Ages* is the theme of what is bound to be a colourful and impressive display.

**Festival of Flowers: Galston Parish Church, Friday, 21st August (10am-4pm and 6-9pm), Saturday, 22nd August (10am-6pm) Sunday, 22nd August (2-4pm).**

## PHOENIX CHOIR IN CONCERT



GLASGOW Phoenix Choir is a choir of more than 100 singing members ranging from teenagers to octogenarians, several non-singing associate members and many patrons. Founded in 1951 when members of the disbanded Glasgow Orpheus Choir decided to continue the then 50-year-old tradition begun in 1901, it continues to perform throughout the British Isles, Europe and the North American Continent. With a library of over 1000 titles and 30 albums recorded, the choir's extensive and varied repertoire includes music from the West End

and Broadway and "easy listening" numbers, through to oratorio, opera, chamber music and sacred music from all the major composers and, of course, Scottish songs. The choir has recorded many programmes for TV and radio, including the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall in London and even an episode of the popular BBC Scotland programme *Still Game* and has also accompanied Michael Crawford on tour. **CONCERT BY GLSLOW PHOENIX CHOIR Galston Parish Church Saturday, 24th October, 2009, 7.30pm**

## ORGAN RECITAL



JOHN TURNER was a chorister at Lichfield Cathedral, a music scholar at Rugby, then organ scholar of Jesus College Cambridge where he won the University's coveted Stewart-of-Rannoch scholarship and was a prizewinner in both the FRCO and the post-graduate Mus.B. He is organist to Strathclyde University and organist and director of music at Glasgow Cathedral. He had charge of the Queen's Silver and Golden Jubilee services (Scotland), the Gulf War Memorial Service (nationwide) and the funeral of Donald Dewar.

**ORGAN RECITAL By John Turner, Galston Parish Church, 7.30pm, Friday, 25th September.**

# BLADES of GRASS

BLADES OF GRASS, a local history group studying our "grass roots" here in Galston, will be providing an exhibition of Memorabilia from "times past", within the Hogg Hall from Thursday 25th to Saturday 27th June from 10am to 4pm. This nostalgic display will include household items, war years, childhood and schooldays, work and leisure, fashion, hobbies, washing days etc., covering the period from the 1920's through to the 1960's, and will include a mock-up living room with a cast iron fire range! There will also be an on-going large screen photographic presentation of local scenes of times past, together with an opportunity to have a cup of tea or coffee while you reminisce!

**BLADES OF GRASS**  
Thursday, Friday,  
Saturday, 25th-27th  
June in the Hogg Hall.

# AHRENSFELDE

THE congregation's partnership with Ahrensfelde Church in Germany continues to flourish - in October last year eight teenagers from Ahrensfelde visited, the latest of a series of exchange visits which have taken place down through the years. Four large groups from Galston have visited Ahrensfelde and there have been three from Germany, as well as many other smaller group visits made for a variety of reasons. 35 visitors from Ahrensfelde will join us in our celebrations when they visit from 23rd-29th October.

# MALAWI CONNECTION

LILONGWE HOSPITAL and Nkhwazi School on Likoma Island are just two of the places to benefit from help from our congregation. £24,000 has been raised over the years for our Malawi Project.

Assistance is provided to Doctor Bett Wilson for a two year course in intensive care and anaesthesia. We also support Charles Chilambula of Likoma Island for a three year laboratory technician course to be completed by June 2009.

Over the years we have delivered hundreds of suitcases and boxes of goods to Malawi.

Mothers unions and schools all benefit from Galston's Malawi Project.

Two fund-raising events for our Malawi Project are planned for 2009:

**SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH** on Sunday, 1st March, from 12.15pm in the Hogg Hall.

**AFTERNOON TEA IN THE FIELD** on Sunday, 21st June, 3-5pm in the Clockston Road Garden.

## GALSTON PARISH CHURCH



**Bicentenary  
DINNER DANCE**  
Saturday,  
20th June, 7pm  
Caprington Suite,  
Park Hotel,  
Kilmarnock.

Music by the Tattiehowkers

# DINNER DANCE PARTY TIME

# AN EXPERIENCE TO BE SAVOURED

*"But pleasures are like  
poppies spread, You seize  
the flow'r, its bloom is  
shed; Or like the snow falls  
in the river, A moment  
white - then melts for ever;  
Or like the Borealis race,  
That flit ere you can point  
their place; Or like the  
Rainbow's lovely form,  
Evanishing amid the  
storm."*

Galston Parish Church would have been known to Robert Burns. The name of Rev. George Smith, minister in Galston from 1778-1823, crops up in three of the Bard's poems - *The Holy Fair*, *The Twa Herds* and *The Kirk's Alarm*.

The Burns Supper is an important tradition for millions of people throughout the world who regularly celebrate their Scottish Heritage. From here in Galston and throughout Ayrshire - the heart of Burns Country - a



Burns Supper is an experience to be savoured.

2009 marks the 200th anniversary of the present Galston Parish Church building and also the 250th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns. What better way to celebrate both milestones than with a Burns Supper?

And so, the Social Committee and Choir of Galston Parish Church were given the challenge to organise a suitable event to mark the Bicentenary.

A host of local talent will be involved in this very special evening and the Immortal Memory will be proposed by Rev. Fraser Aitken, Minister of Ayr St. Columba (left).



**BURNS SUPPER**  
Galston Community  
Centre, 7pm  
Saturday,  
7th February.

# LENT Lectures

**Sunday,  
22nd  
March,  
6.30pm**



RELIGION  
AND ITS  
RECENT CRITICS  
**Professor  
David Ferguson**  
Professor of Divinity  
University of Edinburgh

**Sunday,  
29th  
March,  
6.30pm**



JOHN  
KNOX  
IN AYRSHIRE  
**Professor Jane  
Dawson**  
Professor of  
Reformation History,  
University of Edinburgh

**Sunday,  
5th April,  
6.30pm**



WHO  
REALLY  
KILLED  
JESUS  
OF NAZARETH?  
**Dr. Helen K. Bond**  
Senior Lecturer in New  
Testament Language,  
Literature and Theology  
University of Edinburgh

**LENT LECTURES**  
will be held in the  
Hogg Hall.

# Events at a Glance

## January

**Sunday, 4th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**Sunday, 11th, 11am**  
SONGS OF PRAISE  
**Sunday, 18th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
*Rev. Taylor Brown*  
*(Kilmarnock St. Ninian's*  
*Bellfield l/w Shortlees)*  
**Sunday, 25th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP

## February

**Sunday, 1st, 11am**  
SACRAMENT OF  
HOLY COMMUNION  
*Rev. Fraser R. Aitken*  
*(Ayr St. Columba)*  
**6.30pm**  
SACRAMENT OF  
HOLY COMMUNION  
**Saturday, 7th, 7pm**  
BURNS SUPPER  
Galston Community Centre  
**Sunday, 8th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**Sunday, 15th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**Sunday, 22nd, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP

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## March

**Sunday, 1st, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**1pm** MALAWI SOUP  
AND SANDWICH LUNCH  
**6.30pm**  
EVENING WORSHIP  
EASTER ART SERVICE  
**Sunday, 8th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
*Rev. Helen Jamieson*  
*(Carlisle St. Andrew's)*  
**Sunday, 15th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**Sunday, 22nd, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**Sunday, 22nd, 6.30pm**  
Hogg Hall  
LENT LECTURE  
*Professor David Fergusson*  
*Religion and its recent critics*  
**Sunday, 29th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**Sunday, 29th, 6.30pm**  
Hogg Hall  
LENT LECTURE  
*Professor Jane Dawson*  
*John Knox in Ayrshire*

## April

**Sunday, 5th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
*Rev. John H. B. Taylor*  
*(Associate Minister, Galston)*  
**Sunday, 5th, 6.30pm**  
Hogg Hall  
LENT LECTURE  
*Doctor Helen K. Bond*  
*Who really killed Jesus of*  
*Nazareth?*  
**Thursday, 9th, 7pm**  
SACRAMENT OF  
HOLY COMMUNION  
*Featuring Taizé music*

**Friday, 10th, 7pm**  
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE  
*Featuring Taizé music*  
**Saturday, 11th,**  
*2pm, 3pm, 4pm*  
SERVICES OF WAITING  
**Sunday, 12th, 9am**  
OPEN AIR SERVICE AT  
LOUDOUN KIRK  
**10am** BREAKFAST IN  
HOGG HALL  
**11am** MORNING WORSHIP  
**2pm** EASTER PARADE  
from Galston Parish Church  
to St. Sophia's  
**Sunday, 19th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**Sunday, 26th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**7.30pm**  
YOUTH PRAISE

## May

**Sunday, 3rd, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
*Rev. Tom Kay*  
*(McNab Street Presbyterian*  
*Church, Hamilton,*  
*Ontario, Canada)*  
**6.30pm**  
EVENING WORSHIP FOR  
FARMING COMMUNITY  
**Sunday, 10th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**Sunday, 17th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**Sunday, 24th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**Sunday, 31st, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP

## June

**Sunday, 7th, 11am**  
SACRAMENT OF  
HOLY COMMUNION

*Rev. Professor*  
*David S. Fergusson*  
*(Professor of Divinity,*  
*University of Edinburgh)*  
**6.30pm** SACRAMENT OF  
HOLY COMMUNION  
**Sunday, 14th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**Thursday, 18th, 7pm**  
BICENTENARY SERVICE  
*Rev. Bill Hewitt,*  
*(Church of Scotland*  
*Moderator Designate)*  
**Saturday, 20th June, 7pm**  
DINNER DANCE  
Park Hotel, Kilmarnock  
**Sunday, 21st, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**3-5pm**  
AFTERNOON TEA  
IN THE FIELD  
**Thursday, 25th -**  
**Saturday, 27th 10am-4pm**  
Hogg Hall: BLADES OF  
GRASS EXHIBITION  
**Sunday, 28th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP

## July

**Sundays,**  
**5th, 12th, 19th and 26th**  
**11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP

## August

**Sunday, 2nd, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**Sunday, 9th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**Sunday, 16th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**Friday, 21st,**  
**10am-4pm and 6-9pm**  
**Saturday, 22nd, 10am-6pm**  
**Sunday, 23rd, 2-4pm**

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS  
*Church and Community*  
*Throughout the Ages*  
**Sunday, 23rd, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
*Rev. Ian W. Robertson*  
*(ex Galston New)*  
**Sunday, 30th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP

## September

**Sunday, 6th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**2-4pm** DOORS OPEN DAY  
**Sunday, 13th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
*Very Rev. David J. Lacy*  
*(Kilmarnock Henderson)*  
**Sunday, 20th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**Friday, 25th, 7.30pm**  
ORGAN RECITAL  
*John Turner, Organist and*  
*Director of Music at*  
*Glasgow Cathedral*  
**Sunday, 27th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
*Harvest Thanksgiving*

## October

**Sunday, 4th, 11am**  
SACRAMENT OF  
HOLY COMMUNION  
*Very Rev. John McIndoe*  
*(ex London St. Columba)*  
**6.30pm** SACRAMENT OF  
HOLY COMMUNION  
**Sunday, 11th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**Sunday, 18th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**Saturday, 24th, 7.30pm**  
CONCERT  
by Glasgow Phoenix Choir  
**Sunday, 25th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP

## November

**Sunday, 1st, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
*Rev. Ewan R. Aitken,*  
*(Secretary, Church and*  
*Society Council)*  
**6.30pm**  
EVENING WORSHIP  
**Sunday, 8th, 10.45am**  
SERVICE OF  
REMEMBRANCE  
at the War Memorial  
**11.15am**  
REMEMBRANCE SERVICE  
**Sunday, 15th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**Sunday, 22nd, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**Sunday, 29th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP

## December

**Sunday, 6th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
*Rev. Donald Campbell,*  
*(Dumfries St. George's)*  
**6.30pm**  
EVENING WORSHIP  
**Sunday, 13th, 11am**  
CHRISTMAS  
GIFT SERVICE  
**Sunday, 20th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP  
**6.30pm**  
CHRISTMAS  
SONGS OF PRAISE  
**Thursday, 24th**  
**6.30pm and 11.30pm**  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
SERVICES  
**Friday, 25th, 10am**  
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE  
**Sunday, 27th, 11am**  
MORNING WORSHIP

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