



## KBC Ministry Reports 2018



### Introduction by Rev Tim Proudlove:



*We want to introduce people to Jesus - that is our passion. That involves pointing to him - 'signposting' him - by what we say and what we do. It involves seeking to help people move one-step-at-a-time closer to finding relationship with him.*

We do this by gathering as a church, to connect with God and one another in worship and around the word; and then by scattering to connect with our families, our friends, our neighbours and our work colleagues. Part of this scattering is being involved in various groups and activities - both within our church and within our community at large.

These then are reports from a number of different groups and activities that folk from our church are involved in. There is something good about seeing these reports - it is exciting to be part of a church where people are significantly connected in many people's lives and in the life of our community at large. Let's pray and ask that through these connections people might be signposted to Jesus, that people might take steps closer to him, and that we might see more people trust him and surrender their lives to him. That is our passion - *we want to introduce people to Jesus*. Let's pray that God would grant us fruitfulness in that, to the praise of his name.

### Crèche / Pre-School Sunday School report by Ingrid Nicolson:



This school year is much quieter with us in the pre-school Sunday School class and crèche. We have 6 regular attenders in the 3-5 age group and only 2 in crèche. The pre-school children continue to enjoy bible stories and activities from the Bubbles worksheets (Scripture Union). Thanks go to all our teachers and helpers who prepare and come each week. A special thank you goes to Nicola Scott and Jane Scott for their time as Sunday School teachers and welcome to Megan Nicolson, Carmen Sandison and Donna Summers who have taken over the roles. We also give thanks for the safe arrival of Bobby to Graeme and Alison Miller, a beautiful baby boy. Our children are a great encouragement to us with their willing enthusiasm we see each week during the children's address. Prayer Points - for continued health of all our children and their families. For wisdom and inspiration for the Sunday School teachers who seek to share the gospel message with the youngest members of our congregation.

## Sunday School & Bible Class Report by Lindsay Blair:



There are around 30 children regularly attending Sunday School and Bible Class at present, with up to 5 others on an occasional basis. We continue to use SU Light material with the children in three age groups P1-2, P3-6 and P7-S3.

Our thanks go to Eileen, Donna and Molly for all their time and effort in the Sunday school as they stood down in June.

This year we have put in place a rota of classroom assistants for each class, which means there are now 35 people involved with the children, however we have not been able to secure a replacement regular leader for the Bible class at present.

Following our pattern from the last few years during the school break in the summer; for the morning service the whole church looked at the armour of God led mainly by Tim. The main teaching point each week was then underlined by variety of leaders and assistants in the primary and nursery aged Summer Sunday School in No 86. The regular Sunday school leaders and I are grateful for all those who took responsibility for leading the children in this way.

### Points for prayer:

- Thanks all the current leaders for their dedication and care in leading and guiding our children and young people.
- Thanks for the prayers and support of the wider church.
- Thanks for the willingness of those who have had PVG checks and are helping as assistants
- For more people willing to take a lead in the Sunday school
- That we continue to be creative in all we do with the children to give them significance and to help them be a part of the whole church family.

- That we continue to help our children form and develop their own personal relationship with Jesus.



## Youth Work Report by Kenneth McKinlay:



I have loved having the opportunity to work alongside the youth of all three Baptist churches across Orkney.

A couple of high points for me in the past year include our trip to Soul Survivor Scotland during the summer. This year a group of 22 travelled down to the event.

It was a refreshing time for all of us who went along, and it is very encouraging to see everyone encountering God, and coming back with testimonies of how He has been working in their lives and growing in relationship with Him and each other.

Another personal highlight has been seeing several of our young people get baptised in all three churches. It is encouraging to see the young people starting to make their faith their own and looking for ways to serve Christ, both in church and in their daily lives.

With some younger ones moving up and new families moving in, numbers coming to the groups after the summer have been going up which is another cause for encouragement.

Please continue to pray for all aspects of the youth work. Especially for wisdom for myself and the other leaders as we teach the young people, and sometimes have to tackle difficult topics, prayer as to how best to do that is greatly

appreciated. Please also pray for us as we seek to support and encourage the young people through school and other challenges of modern life, and help support them through what are sometimes very difficult personal challenges.

Finally many thanks to all the other leaders who sacrifice their time to come and serve the young people, also many thanks to everyone who regularly prays for the work, supported it though providing baking or financial support, and general encouragement you have given to both myself and the young people over the past year.

#### **The Point report by Amy Berry:**



- Started April 2017
- Fridays 6-7pm (term time) for P1-7 kids at KBC.
- 15-20 Kids coming every week (30-ish on the books)
- Leaders - Amy Berry, Sarah and Matthew Finn, Jane and Fraser Scott, Cameron Stout, Helen O Neil. We are delighted to have Megan Nicolson and Carmen Sandison helping too.

We play games, have snack and a short talk each week. So far this year we have looked at the miracles of Jesus, some Old Testament Characters, Creation and shared some of our own testimonies.

- Prayer points
- Please pray for all the kids coming along that they will continue to hear Gods Word and get to know Him better.
- That the kids will have fun and make friends.
- Leaders - please pray that we will have energy, enthusiasm and wisdom!
- Future - Please pray for guidance on themes/ topics to cover, structure and direction of The Point.

Thank you for all your prayers and support so far and a big thank you to all the leaders for their hard work every week!

If anyone would be interested in helping at The Point in anyway please feel free to get in touch with myself or one of the other leaders.

#### **Holiday Club 2018 report by Jane Scott:**



This year we ran a joint holiday club with the Salvation Army, using our building, with Kate Brown and myself (Jane Scott) sharing the planning and overseeing, and a dedicated team of talented helpers from both the Baptist church and Salvation Army getting stuck in to the fun and excitement of holiday club.

This year the theme was 'Pyramid Rock', a week's worth of activities and lessons with the central theme of Joseph and God's faithfulness towards him through some incredibly difficult times.

We had a total of 52 different children attending over the course of the week, with whom we sang, did crafts, discussed the bible, played games, prayed and had times of testimony from our own lives (relevant to the themes of Joseph's story).

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who sacrificed their time to help and serve during holiday club (leading, teaching, cleaning, decorating, providing and serving food, building pyramids, hanging bunting, advertising it and praying for us and the kids) God bless you all!

## Summer Camp 2018 Report by Cameron Stout:



Summer Camp this year was due to take place in Westray once again, however last minute circumstances meant a swift change of venue was necessary. With overnight accommodation no longer permitted in OIC premises, our options are limited. The response when we contacted the Birsay Community Hall committee was, "You're not going to believe it but that's the only weekend we have no bookings in for the hall." What a blessing! The theme for camp this year was "Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with you". Our speaker was Donald Cowan, Les and Fiona's younger son, who has been a junior leader at camp several times over the years and is now a qualified primary teacher living and working in Edinburgh. Donald drew on bible stories and his own personal experience to put together a series of interesting sessions based around the theme. Leaders and campers enjoyed Donald's talks and activities.

The flexible and unflappable kitchen squad were - as we've come to love about them - flexible and unflappable. It's a big task to cater for 50 or 60 folk and make sure that everybody is content and satisfied at all times of the day, and this team did just that. Likewise, having people we can depend on to organise and make preparations for the worship times, the crafts, sports and activities, general supervision and being responsible for other people's children is something we value enormously. Camp can't run without you - thank you all for your willingness to serve.

Birsay was a great alternative venue. The newly-built playpark at the hall was very popular with the campers, and the provision of a water slide was a novel addition to our outdoor activities.

We're grateful to everybody who supports camp in all manner of ways year after year; the people who are hands-on and those who support us in prayer. We value what you do for camp. Thank you.

## Spring Camp 2018 Report by Kenneth McKinlay:



This year we had about 25 young people join us for our annual 'Spring camp' out in Birsay over the first weekend of the Easter holidays.

This weekend is always a real highlight of mine, getting to spend time with all the youth gathered together from across Orkney. We had a lot of fun, playing games, worshiping together, learning more about God, and eating far too many home bakes.

Ally Heath (now working at SBC) lead a team of four to share with us over the weekend. Martin Donaghey, Sam Hibbard, and Hannah Charters also helped with the teaching and leading the worship over the course of the weekend.

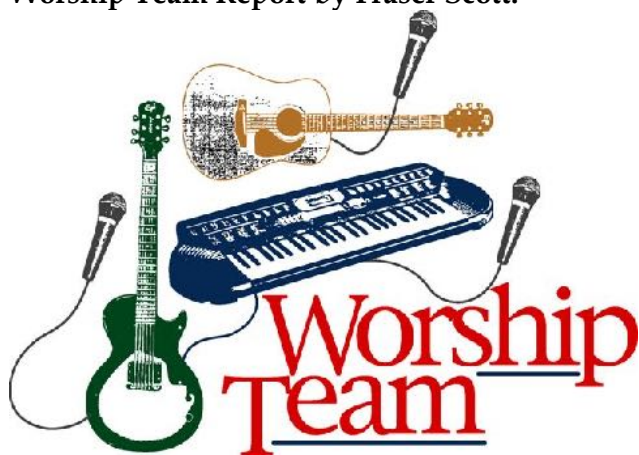
The theme of this camp was 'catapulting forward with God' and overall the teaching was inspiring and I believe helped act as a launch pad for the rest of the years work, and it has been good to see the fruit of the teaching as the year has progressed.

On the Sunday of the weekend we were able to serve at both Stromness and Kirkwall Baptist churches in the morning and evening services respectively. It was great to see a worship band formed of youth from all 3 churches all playing together at both services. We were also able to share a drama, and others took part in the prayers and bible readings, and serving communion.

A massive thank you to all of the leaders who helped out over the weekend (in particular our cooks Rosey and Mike Whittles!). Thanks to everyone who was praying, donated financially and provided home baking, it is really is greatly appreciated.

Most of all praise God for working in the lives of all the young people and leaders at the camp, and seeing them grow in faith and growing together as a group.

## Worship Team Report by Fraser Scott:



In April 2018, the duties of co-ordinating sung worship in the church were passed from Alan Scott to Kate Brown and myself (Fraser Scott). We have been very blessed for the opportunity to lead this important ministry and are really thankful for the servant-heartedness of those who help with the music and AV as well as the congregation's support during this time of transition. Since April, Kate and I have been involved in creating rotas for Worship Leaders on a Sunday morning, have introduced several new members to the band and, in May 2018, began hosting Bi-monthly Worship Evenings which are open to everyone. In the next year, one thing we hope to develop is worship that is more accessible to the kids of our church. We look forward to the next year and what God has planned in 2019.

## Asha Report by Michael & Rosey Whittles:



## Year 19 of our ministry to Bangladesh.

Makes you feel old! It is now just over 19 years since we first went out to Dhaka. There then followed almost 7 years of full-time work before we returned home, although we have been out every year since to visit and coordinate the work of the project.

This year only Rosey has visited so far. She had two weeks of fast and furious activity whilst I spent the time at my mother's bedside getting cramp. It was far from easy for Rosey since conditions in October were extremely hot and, despite all my advice, she still tried to do the work of two people and hardly had a moment to herself. But then that's her usual modus vivendi anyway!

Everyone loved having her and although 'Papa' was missed the girls were very happy to hear that he was looking after his Mum so well - after all, what every woman in Bangladesh longs for is a caring son who will look after her in her old age!

Rosey spent much time at both of our work projects and in the

Asha Literacy Centre as well as visiting many homes and families - and, being Rosey, there were lots of little parties and celebrations, both planned and impromptu, wherever she went. It's always a big part of our agenda to bring some joy and laughter wherever we go. Life in Bangladesh is often bleak and arduous and the Lord seems to gift us with encouragement just as much as with physical and financial offerings.

We are aiming to concentrate more on the educational side of our work in the future and Rosey was able to see and visit many of our sponsorship students and to encourage and equip our teachers. We are very happy with the work of the Literacy Centre and it is pleasing to see how the students who regularly attend the coaching classes really value and make the most of the opportunity to learn together and receive free coaching in a safe environment. Presently around 60 students attend daily in small groups from 3.30 to 8 pm after their own schools close for the day and pre-school groups come from the poor local area in the morning. A problem all our students increasingly face is the rising costs for education in Bangladesh. National schools are becoming businesses; fees are rising- particularly for the older students- and advance payments are demanded towards the end of the year for exams and next term admissions that poorer students find hard to manage. It is at this time of year that many girls drop out of school- because they simply cannot afford the payments demanded. We have given extra financial help to all our year 8 and year 10 students this year as these years are for some reason more expensive in the Bangladesh system.

Our work groups- Jiboner Asha and Rosey Foundation have both been busily making goods for our Christmas sales, but after

November work will be reducing. Many of the workers - particularly in Jiboner Asha - now have part-time outside jobs and although we shall continue to offer some support, especially for sickness or child birth, we are pleased to encourage them to find other work where it is possible. We can perhaps order special items for key sale times in the UK over the next year but will no longer be importing on a monthly basis. Financially we are again grateful this year for the support of church friends who continue to contribute towards the work of Asha by sponsoring children into education, or by gift, and also to those who regularly assist us in our fund raising efforts. We are also very thankful for the official annual gift that KBC has passed on to us. It always comes at an appropriate moment, usually prior to one of our visits out to Bangladesh where it can be immediately put to practical use.

Our present annual expenditure is around £42,000. It often seems a large sum to raise each year, but it is small enough when we consider the great number of individuals and families it supports.

At times too the effort we need to expend, both physically and emotionally, to continue the work of Asha, can seem rather large- but the rewards of bringing encouragement and hope and seeing changed lives are always enough to keep us going.

As Paul prayed for the Thessalonian church, we also ask that He may, "give us the power to accomplish all the good things that our faith prompts us to do." (2 Thess 2:11 NLT)



## Christianity Explored and Discipleship Explored Report by Derek Hiscoke:

# Christianity EXPLORED

Christianity Explored course ran this year 2018 commencing on the 19th January.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED (CE) - 6 weekly meetings + 1 day away.

The course had 2 people on it, a young married couple who were introduced by Paul Casey. The course commenced on 19th January 2018 and ran every Friday evening from 6pm to 8.30pm. Sadly, though the couple completed the full course neither of them made a profession of faith during the course. Though Paul, as far as I am aware, maintained contact with them so I am hopeful that the Lord will continue to work in their hearts. The start date for the next CE will be Friday 18th January 2019 the reason we selected this date was that it was felt more exposure to the non - church people could be gained if the course was announced over the Christmas period and this would also allow members to invite friends and family to the course. I am hopeful that there will be people in the church who have friends or family members in mind to invite to this next course..

DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED (DE) - 8 weekly meetings.

No DE course was undertaken in 2018 as the couple that completed CE didn't make a profession of faith. Though if they come to know the Lord this year and depending on the response to CE we would estimate a course would be run in the autumn.

Conclusion:

I have been encouraged by the responses to previous courses and we thank the members and other churches that have supported our efforts to reach the lost. We are obviously thankful for the Lords blessing on these courses and we seek His guidance in the future. Should anyone have any questions regarding this report please email me on [derek.hiscoke@btinternet.com](mailto:derek.hiscoke@btinternet.com)

**Orkney Bible Festival Report by Mervyn Sandison:**



OBF 2018 was held in Firth Church again from 31st of August until the 2nd of September. The Bible Teacher this year was Craig Dyer and George McKinlay and Cameron Stout led the praise.

Attendances again were encouraging with people from a good number of Orkney's Churches being present at each meeting. Give thanks for the unity which has been maintained in this ministry and pray for wisdom as we invite speakers who are faithful to God's Word but also reflect the diversity of God's people here.

Barry Cockerham retired during the last year and I have taken on the role of treasurer. Claudia Proudlove has joined the committee as KBC's representative.

We are very grateful to KBC and the other Churches for ongoing support.

We expect Kenny Ross from Inverness to be with us DV for the OBF reunion weekend (22-24 March 2019) and Malcolm Duncan from Northern Ireland for the main OBF (30 Aug-1st September 2019).

**Prophecy Group Report by Jan Gordon:**

# Prophecy

The Prophecy Group meet every fortnight, on a Monday, to actively pursue the presence of God and to earnestly desire the gifts He gives, especially the gift of prophecy. (1 Corinthians 14). We are a small group with a few core members who meet regularly, whilst others join when they are not working. Our aim is to be a blessing to our churches (we're not all from KBC) and a blessing to the wider community too!

Each meeting is made up of prayer and exercises to enable us to hear God speak more clearly, to stretch our thinking about Him and to deepen our experience of Him. We are intentional in our desire to become better at prophesying and encouraging those with whom we come into contact. At times we, ourselves, become a bit discouraged but we persist in faith and commitment, knowing that every time we intentionally take time to meet with God we are so blessed.

Three of us have just been down to the Glasgow Prophetic Centre for an intensive two day training course and were pleasantly surprised when we realised how far we have come with our perseverance in practice! We could 'hit the ground running' and do all the exercises fairly easily as we had been training ourselves consistently - practice makes perfect though so we keep moving forward.

We have been invited to lead some training sessions at SBC and are waiting further details. Also we have been invited to be part of some Light & Life events in Orkney (organised by Ally Heath) and again are waiting to find out more about those.

Please pray that more opportunities arise where we can 'strengthen, encourage and comfort' those who need to hear God speak into their lives (1 Corinthians 14:3). If anyone has further questions or wants to chat just let me know. Our next hope is to offer opportunities for anyone to visit our group for a prophetic word - keep an ear out for announcements - and in the meantime please come to the evening service at KBC on Sunday 2nd December where we will be taking the service!

Many thanks. Jan

**Postal Bible School Report by Mervyn and Eileen Sandison:**



Around 30 people use the Bible lessons, with about half of them from KBC; the remainder coming from a variety of backgrounds across Orkney.

A special thank you to KBC for their ongoing financial support and to the markers who make themselves available to serve in this way.

Pray that God's word will produce fruit in the lives of those who use the lessons. Perhaps the biggest challenge for OPBS students is making time to study God's word in a world full of distractions!

**Orkney Christian Healing Report by Muriel Drever:**



Orkney Christian Healing (OCH) opened in October. We have a team of 12 on a rota with 3 team members serving each Tuesday evening from 8-9pm at The Life Centre. Liz Carter and Muriel Drever are the leaders.

A team member welcomes guests and once a small form has been filled in, the other 2 on duty will pray for the guest in a private room. The session lasts approximately 20 minutes. Everything is confidential. Anyone with any condition is welcome along. We don't always see immediate healing but nobody leaves without saying they have a sense of peace of wellbeing. If there are no guests we pray for those we know who need a touch of healing.

It is on God's heart to heal, restore and bless. Please feel free to make OCH known amongst your friends and acquaintances or come along yourself. We'd love to see you. Thanks folks for your support and prayers.

**Orkney Foodbank Report by Alan Scott:**



At present our stocks are quite high although we have shortages in some areas including juice and toiletries.

We have recently had significant donations from Stromness Primary School, Papdale Primary School, Glaitness Primary School and Sanday Junior High School. We have also had Harvest Thanksgiving donations from Orphir Church of Scotland, Stromness Episcopal Church, Salvation Army, Firth Evie and Rendall and Milestone Church of Scotland. We continue to get regular smaller donations from the Peedie Kirk, East Church and St Magnus Centre and Cathedral, The people in Orkney are very generous.

We have collection points in Stromness Co-op, Picky Co-op and Dounby Co-op although these are not particularly well used. They are checked regularly by volunteers. I am waiting to hear from Picky Co-op about an official launch. Tesco Permanent Collection Point continues to get well used although it seems to have dropped off a little of late.

Two (or three) KGS pupils empty this on Wednesday afternoons and put stock on the shelves. They are supervised by a member of staff and myself. If I am not available then they manage themselves and leave a note of weights for our records.

The annual Tesco collection takes place on 29th, 30th November and 1st December.

We have had a number of new volunteers, and three in particular are giving a lot of time to the foodbank.

The number of clients continues to vary and this can make us busy or quiet depending on how many show up. Recently it has varied between 0 and 6.



Funding from Thaw for electricity is now in place and we will be looking at how to implement the changes efficiently.

Over the last three months we have fulfilled 103 vouchers helping 123 adults and 81 children, 2066kg of food has been donated and 2450 kg has been distributed to clients.

We are always looking for volunteers and if you were able to volunteer for 2 hours a month that would be great.

As always I am very grateful to our current volunteers without whom we could not function.

#### **Vital Talk Report by Margaret Rendall:**



Vital Talk continues to provide counselling to all who come but also offer Christian counselling for those who request it. Some clients are referrals from GPs or other organisations, but most contact us directly.

We have been very encouraged by the addition of two new counsellors to our team this summer. They are seeing clients while they complete the second year of their course, and are still travelling to Edinburgh once a month, and keeping up with course work.

Another encouragement has been that a group of Stromness pupils chose Vital Talk as the charity that they wanted to promote in the Youth Philanthropy Initiative. They did a great presentation and won the substantial sum of £3,000 for Vital Talk. The money is to be used for promoting the service and for the training of a counsellor for young people.

Prayer points

- That the new counsellors would be able to manage their studying, counselling, travelling and all the other commitments they have in this very busy year. That the course would continue to bless them.
- That the number of clients would match well with the hours counsellors can provide so that new clients are seen promptly.
- That funding would continue to match what we currently need to function, but that more would become available to pay for the ongoing training that counsellors must undergo.
- That clients would continue to be helped and that Vital Talk's good reputation would be maintained.

#### **Starter Packs Orkney:**



Organised by Noreen Wright. Please see Noreen for details.

#### **St Rognvald's Monthly Services Report by Charlie Fraser:**



On each 4th Sunday of the Month, a small group representing Kirkwall Baptist Church in conjunction with other representatives of Kirkwall Churches meet at St Rognvald's home for the elderly on a rota basis.

I would like to express my appreciation to Harold and Margaret Rendall, Dave and Pat Rowe, David Scott and Rob Proudlove for their faithful and regular participation in the reading of the word, prayers and short sermons in the service to the many regular residents and carers who take part in praising God. The services commence at 2.30 pm and last approximately 1/2 an hour.

We would welcome others to join us in conveying God's word to those who have mobility difficulties and appreciate and look forward to our visits.

### Street Pastors Report by Cameron Stout:



**Caring  
Listening  
Helping**

Orkney Street Pastors assisted at least 750 people in the 12 months of 2017 which includes calming 21 aggressive people, supporting 67 vulnerable people and administering basic First Aid to 14. Helping 16 people into taxis, calling the police to 5 incidents and calling for 2 ambulances. We handed out 396 pairs of flip-flops, 99 bottles of water, 73 survival blankets, 21 spikekeys and over 3700 lollipops. 730 bottles and drinking glasses were either swept up or picked up making the streets of Kirkwall much safer on a Saturday night.

We currently have 13 fully trained Street Pastors available for patrol representing 5 different fellowships and 5 volunteers about to start training.

### Young at Heart Memory Café Report by Lorna Reid:



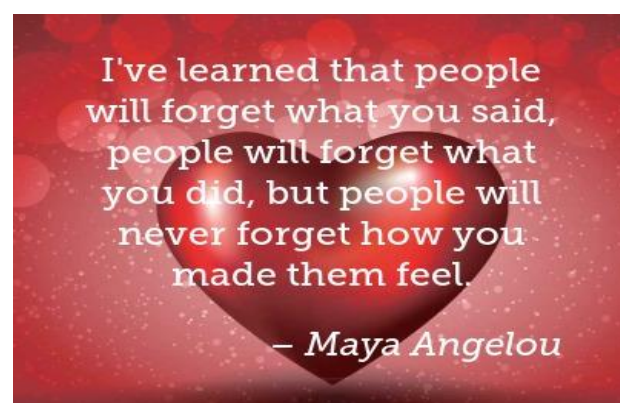
Thank you to all who have faithfully remembered us in prayer. Last year we asked for God's guidance and direction as to what the future of the café should be and I'm really excited to be sharing that we have received just that.

The café has been given the wonderful opportunity to work with Papdale nursery doing intergenerational work. It has felt so right and today we had our first visitation from 6 pupils along with 2 members of staff. It went extremely well with the generations all having fun together. We hope to develop relationships, bridging the age gap as we work on activities through 'play', learning and developing from each other but most of all having fun and laughter in a relaxed informal environment.

The café has been honoured to receive a 'Lighthouse' award from Orkney Befriending through The Eden project <https://generationsworkingtogether.org>. This award is in recognition of being a shining light in the community. However, all credit must go to Our Father who has pioneered and developed the café, providing, sustaining and being our light out there showing us the way to serve those around us. The café has been blessed as there are always funds available when we need, due to kind and generous donations.

Also, He has always provided us with willing, capable and loyal helping hands. Our volunteers and customers bless each other and it all works well. Please pray we continue to be The Lords light in our community and He lights our way.

May our customers sense God's presence and know they are loved and valued whatever stage of life's journey they are going through. And for those who have gone before us we remember their faithful contribution, their love, and treasure those memories in our hearts.



**The Gideons - Bible Distribution. Report by Rob Proudlove:**



This year, with the help of the Shetland Branch, an effort was made to renew the work in Orkney. So far a small group are involved, but most are very heavily committed in other areas of work. We were able to place 1 Bible in a west Mainland B&B and pass on some New Testaments to individuals. The Shetlanders kindly did a presentation of Bibles to KGS, and we pray that these ventures will be blessed by the Lord. Do speak with myself, Mervyn, Derek, or Tony Bown if you have a burden for this work.

**Pastoral visits team. Report by Tim Proudlove:**



We want to be a relational church, strong in our relationships with one another. We want everybody to be connected to a few people in the church; we want to be people who look out for one another, build friendships with one another, care for one another. Sometimes, however, there is a danger that some people might be forgotten, particularly those who are unable to attend often due to ill-health. The pastoral visits team was set up a few years ago to act as a safety net - to assist the pastor in ensuring that those that aren't able to attend

regularly are still visited and welcomed and prayed with as part of our fellowship. The team gathers every month or two to review who might need visited, and then scatters to go about our visits over the next month. If you would be interested in being on the team, please speak to the pastor. And if you know of anyone who might need a visit from the team, please also mention them to us.

**Please continue to pray!**



*"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

The Apostle Paul to the church in Philippi (Phil. 1:4-6)