

FINANCE MATTERS!

Financial Statement

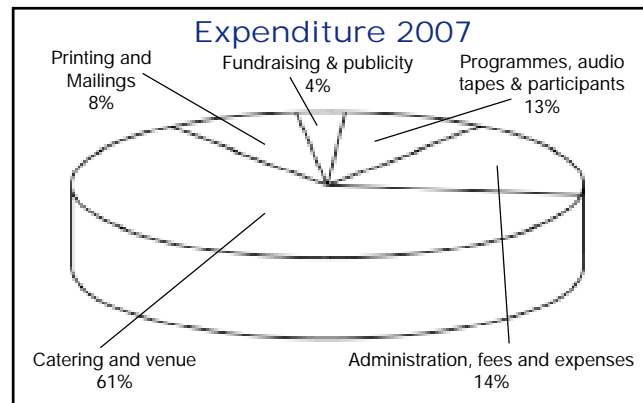
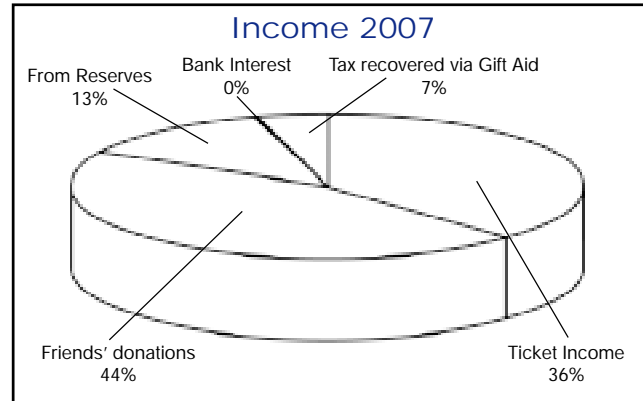
The Trustees and Executive of the National Prayer Breakfast for Scotland would like to thank you for your gifts over the last year. We particularly want to thank the *Friends of the Breakfast* who gave so generously. We know that this is only through our great God and His goodness to us in providing all our needs.

The total income of the Breakfast during the year ending 31st August 2007 was £15,120 and expenditure was £13,803. Of the total income some £6763 was received in donations from the *Friends of the Breakfast*. With most gifts being gift aided we were able to increase the amount of donated funds by £987, bringing the total income from donations to £7750. This year, venue and costs exceeded our income and we have had to transfer funds from our reserves to cover the shortfall. Whilst we are looking at ways to reduce expenditure, there is also a need to increase our income. Sale of tickets provided only about 36% of our income in 2007.

The viability of the National Prayer Breakfast for Scotland continues to be dependent upon your generous financial support. Your donations help us to maintain the ticket price at a reasonable level whilst ensuring the reputation of the Breakfast as a high quality event. In 2007 twenty-two people were subsidised, in keeping with our policy to offer a concessionary rate for young people and those on low income.

The price per ticket for the Prayer Breakfast planned for 4th June 2008 is £22 per head with a concessionary rate of £15 per head.

Graphs extracted from the National Prayer Breakfast Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2007 illustrating how last year's Breakfast was financed and the total costs of staging the event



VENUE FOR 2008 . . .

The 2008 National Prayer Breakfast will be held at the MacDonald Inchyra Grange Hotel, Grange Road, Polmont, Stirlingshire, FK2 0YB Tel: 01324 711911 on Wednesday 4th June 2008 at 7am.

A former manor house located two minutes from the M9 between Stirling and Edinburgh, the Inchyra Grange Hotel has all the facilities that the modern day traveller would expect from a luxury four-star residence in the heart of central Scotland.

This year breakfast guests are offered a choice of either full Scottish Breakfast, or Continental Breakfast at £22 per head (£15 for concessions). The costs includes attendance at the seminar immediately following the Breakfast when our guest speaker Robin Oake will be joined by Mr David Strang and Mr Colin McKerragher.



Singer and composer, Ian White, will provide the music interlude. Ian has been involved with many National Prayer Breakfasts in the past and is well known and loved, nationally and internationally.

The Breakfast starts at 7.00 and ends at 9.00 prompt. This is followed by the Seminar starting at 9.30 and ending at 11.00.

Please book early. If you plan to stay overnight at the hotel before the breakfast The Inchyra Grange are offering a 15% discount on accommodation booked for Tuesday night 3rd June.

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BREAKFAST NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST FOR SCOTLAND

...encouraging prayer for Scotland...

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS . . .

**Righteousness exalts a nation,
But sin is a disgrace to any people.**

Proverbs 14: 34 (NIV)

In sending out the 2008 edition of the Breakfast News the executive are deeply thankful to the Lord and to all who participated for a successful Breakfast in 2007. Visit our web site at www.npbs.info and listen to Marke Greene's address. You can also hear there the music 'Bringing Scotland Home' which Marke used at the conclusion of his presentation. Copyright for this has been passed to the NPBS. DVD'S can be purchased for private use for a donation £5.00, however if being used by an organisation publicly the donation invited is £50.

Preparations are now well underway for the 2008 Breakfast, details of which can be found elsewhere in this news sheet. The need for prayer in our nation is as great as ever. While there have been some encouragements and answers to prayer over the past year we need to continue daily before the throne of Grace. The Scripture above is a stark reminder of what exalts a nation. Let us make 4th June a day of prayer for our nation and our people, seeking God to have mercy upon us and enable us as a nation, to walk in paths of righteousness. In his letter to the church at Rome, the apostle Paul exhorts, **'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer'** Romans 12: 12 (NIV). Let us rejoice in what God is doing. When difficulties arise let us be patient and let us remain faithful in prayer at all times.

We look forward to welcoming you at the 2008 National Prayer Breakfast for Scotland at the Inchyra Grange Hotel Polmont on 4th June. Breakfast will be served from 07.00hrs and the breakfast programme will commence at 07.50hrs finishing at 09.00hrs.



Neil Innes, Chairman

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2008 BREAKFAST AND SEMINAR SPEAKER . . .

We welcome as the guest speaker at the 2008 National Prayer Breakfast Mr Robin Oake retired Chief Constable of the Isle of Man. The Seminar programme will be led by Mr David Strang Chief Constable Lothian and Borders Police and Mr Colin McKerragher Chief Constable Grampian Police. The overall theme of the morning will be Justice and Mercy.

Mr Oake served with The Metropolitan Police from 1957-1975, where he progressed from the rank of Constable to Chief Inspector. While serving on the directing staff of the National Police College Bramshill, he read Law at University College London and Grays Inn. In 1978 he joined the Greater Manchester Police in the position of Superintendent. During his service in Manchester he progressed to Assistant Chief Constable. In 1986 he was appointed Chief Constable of the Isle of Man where he served until his retirement in 1999.

In retirement he is currently serving as the Chairman of Age Concern, past Chairman of the Commonwealth Games Association and past President of the Christian Police Association, of which he is currently Vice President. He is a Chapter Member of the Order of St John's London.

Robin is a founder member of Port St Mary Baptist Church on the Isle of Man, where, for a number of years, he served as an elder. He and his wife Chris continue to be active in Christian work both on the Island and elsewhere. They testified very courageously and publicly what their Christian faith meant to them when in recent years in a terrorist attack in the City of Manchester they lost their only son Steve, a Police officer with the Greater Manchester Police.



Mr Robin Oake
KSJ QPM LL.B FCTM



Important date for
your diary!

**National
Prayer Breakfast
2008**

Wednesday 4 June
Inchyra Grange Hotel
Polmont
7.00am

Breakfast programme ends
at 9.00am prompt.
Followed by Seminar from
9.30am to 11.00am

Theme for the Breakfast is:
"Justice and Mercy"

PRAYER BREAKFASTS FOR MEN - Robert McNab in St Mark's Church, Oxfangs, Edinburgh . . .

Since 1999 I have hosted monthly Prayer Breakfasts for Men on the first Saturday of each month. This came from a realization of the imbalance between Women and Men in any average meeting of Christians. The aim of the breakfasts is to raise the awareness of men to their God given responsibilities to PROVIDE, PROTECT and ENABLE in the varied areas of their daily life – FAMILY – COMMUNITY – WORK etc.

Initially my thought was for the male population of my local Christian Parish Community and initially the numbers were small. Each month open invitations were repeated and numbers grew to around 25/30 each month. The significant development was in the people attending and growing from the meetings. God had Plans and they are always more comprehensive than ours. The men now attending come from a variety of places inside and outside the Parish Boundaries and represent a wide spectrum of Christian commitment.

Each month we have an invited speaker and here God has blessed us with a superb choice and variety of men from Religion, Business – Politics – Law etc who have inspired by their teaching and personal testimony. The wonderful result is that we meet as Christians and there is mutual respect for denominational labels.

There are similar Men's Breakfasts in many other places in and around Scotland discovering the great experience of men coming together to share their Faith and to grow in their love and understanding of each other. I am also aware that there are many Women's Groups meeting and building strong Christian Women through prayer and fellowship.

God is doing great things.

PRAYER FOR SCOTLAND - Bert McKaig, Director . . .

Pray for Scotland is a prayer network for revival that seeks to bring united prayer across the denominations and church groups. We completed between April and May 2007 – 50 days of touching every part of Scotland including most of the islands. We touched over 8000 Christians and travelled over 5000 miles Connecting Scotland in praise, prayer and the proclamation of the word. We long to see a release of the understanding of the Kingdom of God among God's people – that sets free from disappointment, disillusionment, defeat and despair – and to awake and clothe themselves with strength, and put on their garments of splendour – reflecting the Glory of our King. How wonderful it is to discover the freshness of the truth that we as God's people are energised by a different power – operate on a different level and are enthroned in a different place – the very Throne Room of the Sovereign God, not as spectators but as administrators of the purposes of God in this generation. O for the cry of the watchmen in Scotland as they lift up their voices with shouts of joy, when the Lord returns to Scotland and to hear the outpouring of praise and worship across our nation as the heart of Scotland is turned back to God. We are keen to be associated with The National Prayer Breakfast as it seeks to encourage prayer from within our government and across our nation.

PARLIAMENTARY PRAYER SCOTLAND (PPS) - Anne McIntyre, Director . . .

Ephesians 3. v 20 :God can do anything you know – far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! The Message.

The Scottish Parliament was reconvened after nearly 300 years, in 1999. Sadly the first debate and decision it took was not to pray for themselves or God's blessing upon their work. It was this decision that brought about the birthing of Parliamentary Prayer Scotland. We meet weekly to honour the name of Jesus and proclaim His kingship and Lordship and the Christian faith in Scotland. To glorify God and demonstrate His love into the heart of Government. To pray for all those in government; for members, along with all support staff, administrators, restaurant and security staff. For the Queen, members of the four United Kingdom Parliaments and the European Union.

In Westminster business starts every day with Christian prayer. However, the format that Holyrood has chosen is a four minute 'Time for Reflection' at 2.30 p.m. on a Wednesday, which is the start of the weekly Chamber business. This is led mostly by Christian ministers, based on proportional representation but also by all faiths and none. Ask your MSP to propose your Minister to lead Time for Reflection. We need men and women of God to bring His word into the heart of our Nation. www.ppscotland.org. For further details. Parliamentary Prayer Scotland. 01259 751945. anne.pps@btinternet.com

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT PRAYER BREAKFAST - Michael Veitch, Parliamentary Officer . . .

The new Parliamentary session has seen an exciting new development in terms of the evolution of the Scottish Parliament Prayer Group which has been meeting in various guises over the past few years. Having struggled in the past to find a time which suited both MSPs and staff, we decided in this new session to try a breakfast format on the second Thursday of each month. This has been made a great deal easier to organise thanks to the proactive support of the new Presiding Officer, Alex Fergusson, who has allowed the group to use his own private dining room within the Parliament, for which we are extremely grateful.

Having had several breakfasts already, we have been hugely encouraged by the number of attendees. There has been a good mix of MSPs (from across the political parties) and staff, with a number of new faces coming along.

In terms of the format, a different person leads each month, sharing their thoughts on a short section of scripture before leading a wider discussion on the passage. This is then followed by a brief time of open prayer.

It is impossible to overestimate the significance of the breakfast finally being established within the Parliament, and we praise God for his faithfulness to us in getting the group up and running. Please pray that many more staff - especially MSPs - would attend the breakfast and that the fellowship between the attendees would deepen month by month. Praise God too for the kindness of the Presiding Officer in providing the room and for Murdo Fraser MSP who has sponsored the breakfast. And ultimately, pray that the Lord himself would always remain at the centre of this group that all that is said and done there might be to his glory alone!

BREAKFAST 2007 . . .

Mark Greene, Executive Director of the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity, was guest speaker at The National Prayer Breakfast held at Hopetoun House on June 6. He addressed a capacity audience of 288 people on the theme 'Christianity in the Marketplace'.

The event was hosted by Mr Brian Souter, Stagecoach Group, and chaired by Mr Murdo Fraser MSP. The proceedings were opened in prayer by Cardinal Keith P O'Brien, Archbishop of St Andrews & Edinburgh. Scripture readings were given by Mrs Karen Gillon MSP and Mr Andrew Welsh MSP. Mr Iain Morris, Kharis Productions, prayed for Scotland's media and communications. Mrs Anne McIntyre, Parliamentary Prayer Scotland, prayed for the newly elected Scottish Parliament. Dr Gordon MacDonald, Care Parliamentary Officer, prayed for Scotland's children and youth, while Mr Brian Lightbody, Michael Laird Partnership, prayed for the business community and Scots world-wide. Mr David Strang, Chief Constable of Lothian & Borders Police, highlighted for prayer some of the challenges faced by the police at this time.

Rev Dr John Ross, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, led the prayer for the nation. Music was provided by Mr & Mrs Daya and Dashica Rasaratnam, and two solos were rendered by Mrs Isolde James-Griffiths. Dr Allison Elliot, representing the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, brought the closing Benediction.

Full audio report and seminar discussion can be accessed on our website – www.npbs.info



PRAYER FOR THE NATION 2007-2008 . . .

The following extract is the closing section of the Prayer for the Nation, delivered by Rev Dr John Ross, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland. The full prayer can be accessed on www.freechurch.org

Let us pray for the growth of Christ's Church, that through the proclamation of God's Word his Kingdom may come and his will be done in Scotland.

Lord of radiance and truth; teach us to tremble at the thought of the light of Christ being extinguished in our land. Leave us not in darkness but once again shine on us with your love. Bless all who love Jesus and desire to share his Good News with others. Raise up people gifted by your Spirit to proclaim your Word with winsomeness and power. May all who teach it have confidence in its authority, sufficiency and clarity. Grant all who hear its joyful sound a receptive spirit. Create a praying Church that pleads with you for an outpouring of your reviving grace. Be glorified, Lord, by making Scotland a nation under God.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers

Finally, we say together the prayer of John Knox, seeking God's grace to be faithful.

Enlarge our faith, O merciful Father, that we may not swerve at any time from your heavenly Word, but increase in us hope and love, with a careful obedience of your commandments : that no hardness of heart, no hypocrisy, no desire of the eyes, nor enticements of the world draw us away from your obedience. Through the merits of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our only Saviour. Amen

DVD 'BRINGING SCOTLAND HOME' . . .

DVD's are available for a donation of £5.00 or if for public use by an organisation the donation invited is £50.00 plus £1.00 post and package. Payable to The National Prayer Breakfast for Scotland.

We recommend that you use them in your home and bible groups. Also a wonderful gift to those who are living abroad and have Scotland at heart.

PRAYER BREAKFAST OBJECTIVES . . .

The purpose of the breakfast is to create and maintain, for the Glory of God and the public benefit, a forum for united action by those who acknowledge God's revelation in Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures by:

- Calling the people of Scotland to prayer and the study of Christian scriptures
- Encouraging the prayerful support of those in influence and authority in the nation of Scotland
- Promoting the Kingdom of Jesus Christ and its values as a model for living in home, work, community and nation

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THE 2008 BREAKFAST AND ITS AIMS?

You can help by - attending the breakfast

booking a table of 10 inviting colleagues and friends

praying for the work of the Prayer Breakfast

supporting others who will influence this nation

encouraging young people to attend

becoming a Friend of the Breakfast

Buying a DVD

If you wish to register as a **friend** of the Prayer Breakfast which will entitle you to receive regular updates through **Breakfast News** as well as an invitation to the annual Prayer Breakfast, please contact:

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