



Dear Friends

What an unusual season we have had in many parts of our world. I write this letter on a lovely sunny day, but we're not sure if it's Spring or the start of Summer, as some flowers have already grown and died, as the really cold weather came back and brought snow with it. Sadly many of our sheep had given birth and many of the sheep and lambs were lost in the snow.

We always think of new life at Eastertide and the hope of the resurrection. So when we hear stories of tragedies and death we find it hard to comprehend. It is this Hope that we need to cherish as in amongst all the very sad stories there is always Hope. Although we lost many sheep in Wales there were also many amazing stories of sheep being alive after three weeks buried in the snow. The story that really touched me was the lamb that was found alive shielded by the mother who had died to save her lamb. Yes it is this Hope of the resurrection that keeps us strong in our Faith.

Many of our GFS friends have met with adversity since we last met but I'm sure it is the Hope of the resurrection that has helped many through their difficult times. We pray that they will be filled with the grace, love, peace and Hope as they turn to God in their times of trial.

It is lovely to be back on Facebook! Yes I gave up writing on Facebook for lent! It was a good discipline for me as it made me realise how my mind had become so full of extra facts that I was suffering from information overload!! So now I'm more cautious with the time I spend on line.

We look forward to meeting you all in Wales in 2014.

Yours in Christ

*Glenys*

## *GFS Ireland*

It is that lovely time of year once again. The days have lengthened, and we have celebrated the Easter Festival - Jesus Christ's Resurrection. We all know the lead up to His Resurrection - Jesus fasting for forty lonely days in the wilderness, His temptation there by Satan and not bending under the pressure, and the horrible foretold finale of His betrayal, capture and Crucifixion. We can only imagine the joy and excitement experienced by those involved in the realization of His Resurrection. - Let us also share in that excitement and not forget to say 'thank you Jesus', for in dying he bore the burden of our sins, and in His Resurrection He proved that death was truly defeated

This is also a time in the GFS Ireland calendar when the season is drawing nigh, having been busy throughout. Bible Study and Craft Work entries have gone for judging through the various levels. A lot of effort has gone into these sections of branch work, and it is always amazing to see the talent and the ideas submitted. Diocesan Festival Services and Fun Days are among some of the events taking place from now on.

In February I had the pleasure of attending the Duke of Edinburgh Northern Ireland Strategy and Long Service Recognition event in Hillsborough Castle, Co. Down. Following refreshments and a short briefing, invited guests were guided into groups. When Prince Edward arrived he presented the awards. He then circulated and had a cordial discussion with each group, with the guests introducing themselves - a memorable event.

I was also invited to the Commissioning of Mrs. Phyllis Grothier as All Ireland President of Mothers Union, in Kilkenny Cathedral on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The new Board of Trustees were commissioned as well. This truly was a lovely Service with refreshments in Kilkenny College afterwards. It was lovely to meet other GFS Officers there, with Emila Corrigan and Sylvia Treacy being present in an official capacity. Phyllis who is Elaine's (a former GFS Ireland Junior Delegate) mother is well experienced in the affairs of Mothers Union, and it is evident that she is the person to take the organisation forward in these challenging times - we wish her well.

Most members who attended World Council in Ireland in 2011 will remember Rev. Janice Aiton who was acting as World Chaplain then. In February she tendered her resignation as Chaplain to GFS Ireland. This was disappointing news for Central Council but everyone is happy for her as she answers another call in Ministry. Her new role, along with being rector within a grouping of Parishes will be as Co-ordinator of the Continuing Ministerial Development Programme for the Southern Province. During her five years as Chaplain she cared for the Spiritual Growth and the Spiritual Well-being of all members. Her Pastoral Care and genuine concern touched many, who I know are grateful to her. Her dedication to correct preparation for each activity was always evident. All occasions were most enjoyable and helpful. We wish her well as she plays

her part in guiding other young people in their path to Ministry.

As we are still in the season of Easter I quote four lines from an Easter Hymn by Brian Wren:

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love drowned in death, shall never die.

*Easter Blessings to everyone. Sylvia.*



*Hazel Corrigan, Amy Hourie, Sylvia Quinn, Phyllis Grothier, Sylvia Treacy, Emila Corrigan and Elaine Grothier.*



*Rev Janice, Irene Walker and Georgina Armstrong.*



*Prince Edward speaking to Sylvia*



## *Diocesan Girls' Friendly Society Summer Camp 2012*



### **Episcopal Diocese of Liberia REPORT**

In an effort to teach the Episcopal Doctrine and provide some basic life skills to the young girls of the Episcopal church of Liberia, a five day summer camp was organized by the Diocesan President and Diocesan officers of the Girls' Friendly Society (GFS) from Wednesday, December 26 to Sunday December 30, 2012 at Bromley Episcopal Mission School in Clay Ashland, Montserrado County, Liberia. The Theme of the Summer Camp was "Teach Children How they should live and they will remember it all their lives", Text: Proverbs 22:6. A total of sixty five (65) girls and three sponsors from various Episcopal churches and other institutions were in attendance. During the summer camp, series of life skills programs and lectures of various topics were conducted by Episcopalians specialize in the areas of studies. These life skills programs and lectures equipped and enhanced the capacity of girls for the society in general.

Some of the activities carried out during the summer camp were:

- **Episcopal Doctrine (Facilitator- Sis. Esther H. Page)**

The Girls' Friendly Society Episcopal Doctrinal Manual was produced to provide the participants information about the Episcopal Church of Liberia, its beliefs and practices. The girls were taught the pillars of the Episcopal Church, the parts and sections of the church, the parts of the sanctuary, the meaning of the three steps of the Altar, kinds of Altar, why we are called Episcopal and many other facts of the doctrine.

- **Bible Studies**

Campers were led through Bible studies by Brother Richard Cooper, a Lay Reader of St. Agnes Chapel, Bromley. During this session, students led to discover God's perfect will for them as children of the supreme God. They read the Bible and interpreted as they understood. Clarities were then made. They studied the Theme of the summer camp "Teach Children How they should live and they will remember it all their lives". Text. Proverbs 22:6

- **Academia ( Coordinator Christian Harmon, Lay Reader- Trinity Cathedral)**

#### **Spelling BEE**

In the world of academia, the camp became enjoyable as churches engaged each other in game called spelling Bee, young girls were found showcasing their

intellectual ability as they spelled words posted to them by the moderators. This was indeed a time of sensation as supporters were chanting in support of their colleagues. Four groups were named A,B,C and D. Group C won the contest.

- **Debate**

There were 2 topics for debate amongst four teams; Group A, B, C, and D.

- Train up the child in the way he should grow so that when he gets old he will not depart from it for peer pressure will allow the child to make wrong choices
- More students in Liberia are dropping out of school because of lack of discipline.

All the Groups performed well defending their topics, Members of team spoke intelligently.

- **Life Skills development**

- Art (Decoration) - facilitated by Sis. Chantal Doe member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Campers were taught how to prepare balloons for interior and exterior decorations. The facilitator informed students that decoration is meant to beautify and provide some inner peace to people who may be attending some occasion with stress.
- Counseling and HIV & AIDS. Facilitators for this session were Mot. Georgiana T. Williams- Past President of Diocesan Girls friendly Society and Bro. Tamba Forkpah Jedidiah Johnson of St. Stephen Episcopal Church. Participants were carried through the basic concepts on HIV & AIDS. For his part, Bro. Johnson lectured on HIV & AIDS through a role play as introductory model. Later the following, models were outlined:
  - Definition of HIV & AIDS along with their differences
  - The three major ways of Transmission ( Sex, Blood and Mother to child)
  - God's intend for his Children and results of disobedience
  - Preventive methods ( Get Marriage and remain faithful in Marriage, Avoid close contact with blood, stop sharing sharp instruments with friends, etc)
  - While Mot. Williams basically lectured on the safeguard method to avoid stress and violence that can lead to attracting the HIV virus. She also taught menstruation management.

Sewing and Crocheting were also introduced at the camp. Campers benefited as they learned some basic techniques about sewing and crocheting. It was a first time experience for many of them. Sewing and embroidery were directed by Sis. Esther H. Page and Sis. Bendu Hill home Economics Teacher Bromley. Crocheting was directed by Mot. Mary Tucker- Lay Reader, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Gbarnga.

- **Reading, Study and Leisure**

Campers developed their skills in reading and studying. They were given four books each. They also did puzzlers to develop their spelling skills. This was done during their leisure time.

- **Recreations- the coordinator was Eleanor A. Smallwood**

In addition to the academic sections, campers also had time for sports, exercise, games and to entertain themselves during the evening hours. Amongst some of evening hours activities held by the camper was Camp Fire. The girls entertain themselves during the camp fire with songs, performances and jokes; while for sport, they played games amongst themselves. These were awesome movements to see. During the dance on Saturday evening, campers shared gifts with each other as a sign of love and oneness.

- **Evaluation**

At the close of the five days, campers were given evaluation sheet. This was meant to monitor and evaluate the performance of the organizers and recommendations to improve future summer camps.

- **Sunday Service**

The entire summer camp climax on Sunday with Eucharistic Service. The Guest preacher was the Rev. Fr. Frank Nyemah- Priest of the Episcopal Church of Liberia assigned at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Camp Johnson Road. Fr. Nyemah admonished the girls to demonstrate Christ like attitudes in all of their endeavors. The prelate also challenged GSFers to practice that which they have learned over the days at the camp for the benefit of the church and the larger society. Gifts of Bible were given to 8 (eight) girls as follow:

- Best Dancer                      Natasha Woart
- Best Singer                      Lydia Doe
- Best Model                      Alfreda Garlo
- Most Helpful                      Darfee Harper
- Most Intelligent                      Kolu Kamara
- Most Cooperative                      Diamond Bility
- Most Popular                      Jessica Moyen
- Most Creative                      Angeline Kamara

- **Official closing**

The summer camp officially closed on Sunday following a sumptuous lunch, later the girls and suspensors were being transported from Bromley to Trinity Cathedral on Board, Sunday December 30, 2012 at 3:00pm.

- **Recommendations:**

- That the camp be 7 days where there will be more time for play and skills training
- That more sponsors and advisors attend summer camp
- That camp fee be increased to US\$20 per GFSers

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- **Appreciation**

We express our gratitude to the Bishop the Rt. Rev. Dr. Jonathan B. B. Hart, all the donors who contributed in cash or kind, the facilitators, the Bromley staff especially Richard Cooper and the Matron Ida Gibson, the Parents, GFS Sponsors, and advisors, all the GFSers and the organizers of 2012 summer camp. May God bless you all. The attendance sheets and Financial report are attached.

- **Organizers were:**

- Sis. Esther H. Page                      Diocesan President GFS
- Mot. Kula Selle                              Chairperson
- Younger Sayzay                              Co- Chairperson

Mot. Georgiana Mitchell      Member

## **GFS/USA NEWS**

March 2013

GFS/USA had our board meeting in early March 2013 in Ossining, NY. We were particularly delighted to welcome Donna Christian from the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, which is active again! The board meeting was well attended by 27 members, representing six of our seven active dioceses.

At the top of our current agenda was our National Assembly which will convene June 27, 2013, at Georgian Court University in the Diocese of New Jersey! The Diocese of New Jersey has been preparing for this event for almost three years. Hurricane Sandy forced a few changes in their plans, but GFS/NJ was undaunted! We pray for safe travel for all and a productive assembly, spiritually, socially and corporately. It is at this triennial meeting that we elect our officers for the 2013-2016 term.

The Diocese of Connecticut now has three active branches! One of their highlights was when the branches in the Diocese took a trip to Lowell, Massachusetts, September 2012, to kick off their year. They toured St. Anne's Episcopal Church and saw the GFS stained glass window there. They also took a factory tour that helped their girls to better understand the origins of GFS. Go to this link to see a pictures of their trip:



<http://www.gfsconnecticut.org/#!lowell-2012/c1d3n>. You can also connect with them on Facebook at GFS Connecticut.



This photo came from the Facebook page of the Diocese of Los Angeles (Girls' Friendly Society,

Diocese of Los Angeles). You can see lots of pictures there from their activities, mostly recently, helping prepare for Palm Sunday at St. John the Divine. This poster began as a footprint! They are working mightily on their next big event, a Fashion Show and Tea. Margaret Nolde has built this Diocese into twelve active branches! Like their Facebook page and you will be able to keep up with all the activity there!

The Diocese of Pennsylvania is growing also. Angie Myshko continues to inspire churches to start branches. GFS/PA has eleven active branches now. The Diocese had a very successful Mission Day at Holy Apostles and the Mediator in Philadelphia. Branches brought baby supplies that were donated to the St. Barnabas Mission of Episcopal Community Services (ECS). St. Barnabas Mission in West Philadelphia, provides emergency shelter, meals and social services to homeless women and their children. One of the highlights of the day came during the service, when the Reverend Liz Colton could not find the gospel text she had brought. In 21<sup>st</sup> century style, she took out her iPhone and found the gospel reading online! GFS/PA is gearing up for their GFS Day in May which celebrates the culmination of their year of crafts, fellowship, and study.

We look forward to hearing more about everyone's activities and progress this year! Please like our Facebook page Girls' Friendly Society, USA and please take notice of our new webpage address: [www.gfs-usa.org](http://www.gfs-usa.org). We are delighted to remain in contact with our GFS sisters in so many ways!

### **NEWS from Papua New Guinea**

This year is an election year for members of GFS in Popondetta. The Annual meeting will be on Saturday 27 April and your prayers are asked for all members who are seeking election. The nominations were received at a March meeting and all positions with the exception of the Secretary's position will be contested. Val Gribble is going to



Popondetta for the election and to conduct workshops on programs to meet the goals of the diocese and to assist the new executive to plan for the future.

Father Isaiah Masida, who will be the World Chaplain of GFS during Australia's terms as host country has accepted the request of the Bishop to again take on the role of Diocesan Chaplain of GFS for Popondota.

Members of GFS Australia have been invited by the Bishop of Dogura in PNG (a diocese which has not been visited by GFS Australia) to attend their Diocesan Synod in April to talk about the Children's Ministry program (the World Project 2008-2011) and to talk about introducing a GFS ministry to his diocese. Unfortunately all the Australian PNG team had work commitments and cannot attend but Wilma Moi from Port Moresby diocese who has attended five year's of workshops on visits by GFS Australia, has agreed to travel to Dogura to represent GFS. Wilma uses the Sunday School program in her parish and will talk about the program. She has become a lone member of GFS as there is no GFS ministry in Port Moresby diocese and feels confident she can talk about GFS and encourage the diocese to begin branches.

Val Gribble and Cheryl Selvage in Australia have been busy preparing handouts for both the Sunday School programs and for GFS and these are being freighted to PNG. Two wonderful financial gifts from Brisbane and Melbourne dioceses have assisted with the costs of preparing the literature and Wilma's travel to Dogura. Wilma will travel by plane to Alotau, then by truck to a small seaport, then by dinghy to Dogura.

One of the goals of both World projects for PNG was to promote GFS in other dioceses in Papua New Guinea and it is exciting that the Bishops of both Dogura and Aipo Rongo (where we will visit in October) have recently asked us to talk about introducing GFS to their dioceses. We hope to have more information in the next newsletter.

***Wilma Moi and her parish priest explaining a sunday school program at the 2012 workshops in Port Moresby.***



## Australia

Greetings to all our GFS friends around the world

GFS in Australia has enjoyed yet another summer of rain, winds and fire - with devastation along the way. The vastness of our country allows so many different aspects of the summer weather to be experienced from top to bottom, east to west. In my part of Australia fires burnt out 200 homes in one district but thankfully no lives were lost. In the north, Queensland had more floods to destroy homes and lives. But out of it all there is always a spirit of helping those who are in need - communities rallying around to support and support comes rushing from other communities thankful they have been spared. We thank the many people who sent prayers when this was happening.

There are many who have expressed an interest in attending World Council as observers - excitement is building! Our important task for all dioceses has been to help us decide the next Junior Delegate to World Council. As her term is ending as Junior Delegate our lovely Lauren Jankovic (now Mrs Kitwood) has reflected upon her 3 years in this role. Over the three years she has taken on many more roles and is now the Diocesan Chairman actively promoting GFS and working on many diverse programs.



Lauren writes -

*It has been a challenging and very rewarding journey over the past three years in the position of Junior Delegate. I had applied to be Junior Delegate in 2010 and was quite anxious to know what would be expected of me. Three years seemed like a big commitment to me in the beginning although I am quite sad that it has come to an end. The past three years have been the more rewarding and one of the biggest life experiences I have ever had. I wish I had more time as Junior Delegate although it's my turn to hand over and step back. Of course the highlight would be the world council in Ireland in 2011. I had attended World council in 2008, this gave me great knowledge of what a World Council is about. Being able to attend as Junior Delegate was amazing. I was able to connect with other young people and their experience in GFS, I was amazed and inspired by what others did within their countries. I felt what I did within my own Diocese was not something others would want to discuss, I was quite wrong. What I do within my Diocese is important and others see what I do as something that should be shared, what we all do in our own Diocese needs to be shared with our GFS family.*

*GFS has helped me to develop as a person, to learn the skills of public speaking, what*

*committees do and how they operate, it has helped me to become the person I am including the confidence to become president of GFS and Kidsplus+ Network in Gippsland, Victoria."*

*GFS Kidsplus+ network in Gippsland is a wonderful group within their diocese with a charge to minister with an annual camp, supporting parish based groups, linking to wider diocesan, state and further for support, programs, education and training.*

We are all looking forward to meeting in Wales next year. With GFS love and prayers,

**Julie Smith**

## **Korea**

Happy and Blessed Easter !!!

- It has been already three years that we opened café grace as a part of GFS world project, U-Mul-Ga.

We had not accomplished our proposal and plan yet but work continuously. Last year, we started to grant scholarship to the children of women defectors who work at café grace and we will open classes for them such as English and math. Fortunately we can provide teachers among our members. In terms of exchanging culture with women from N. Korea, there were tremendous improvement in communicating and understanding. We communicate and understand much better than before. Even though we speak the same language, it was not easy to communicate because we were brought up in a very different society. Our goal is to help them to get acclimated to South Korean society.

U-Mul-Ga project has become famous ecumenically, so we get visitors.

Every Christmas, our Primate, Bishop Paul Kim play a role as a Barista at café grace, and that is a popular event and a good advertisement

- The 26th Junior Camp was held at Sungkonghoe University in February. Around 50 junior students participate annually since 1987. We started the camp to recruit juniors to GFS and grow GFS numbers in Korea. The goal is not achieved yet but it goes forward with hope. We had a good program this year which include watching movie, horticulture therapy, making creatures just like in Genesis with play dough, etc. and all enjoyed it.

You might know the current situation of Korea that we are experiencing an extreme tension. North Korea is making a threat of war in Korean Peninsula and extending a threat against USA. We hope and pray that the young leader of North Korea would realize the reality of war and change his mind toward peace. We are aware that he is in the corner internally. We thank you for those who gave us words of encouragement and comforting along with prayers. We would like to ask your constant prayers. Thank you.



The 3<sup>rd</sup> time Barista of café grace, Primate Bishop Paul Kim, on Christmas 2012



New Year's greetings from Korea GFS



The

26<sup>th</sup> Junior Camp (2/24, 5/13), theme: Peace



The 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Café Grace (March 12, 2013)



Ga (March 18, 2013)

Saegajong (ecumenical magazine) staff visited U-Mul-



# JAPAN GFS

→ GFS national assembly was held in Kyoto on Monday, 11 February 2013. Asako was officially inaugurated as president of Japan GFS.



Let me introduce myself. My name is Asako Yonamine who was recently elected as president of Japan GFS. I am very honored by the support of my fellow GFS Christians. First of all, I live in Okinawa. Okinawa is surrounded by endless blue Ocean and white sands. There are many historical artifacts and world heritage sites across a number of cities. Could you imagine these Far East tiny beautiful islands also eager to have Peace for a long time such as Fukushima? I am seeking the Lord's guidance to help us, each and every one, to give light them that sit in darkness and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Yours in Christ,  
Asako.

## WORLD PROJECT



Our wonderful gentle Girls and Gentlemen went to listen the ordinary people's voice and their needs in Kamaishi and Ishinomaki where seriously damaged by the Great East Japan Earthquake. They are the active members of Diocese of Tokyo.  
Could you see Father Kanzaki(Chaplain ) and Haruko?



It has been 2 years since the Great East Japan Earthquake. Many survivors are still being forced to live in difficult life. Japan GFS has started helping people who live in temporary housing in Ishinomaki as well as Kamaishi area.

From 28 to 29 January 2013, Father Kanzaki (chaplain) and 2 GFS readers of Tokyo went to Ishinomaki. And they have met the women's group called \*Odattebariide\*.

After the Great East Japan Earthquake, even though they have lost houses, also their jobs because of that disaster, Girls and ladies are striving to stand on their own feet by making products through manual work. Thank you God, about this time they found it a new place to work. They've been wanted some industrial sewing machine, so that they are able to make thick and strong bags and products for salable goods.

In February, Japan GFS has sent 2 industrial sewing machines to them. From now on, we will support them by sending ideas of products, materials, and helping products to sell.

GFS is still helping mothers and children who escaped from Fukushima in where being exposed to radiation to offer homemade cakes and Coffee to relax a little in every month.

Thank you for your help and prayers.





## **Wales**

Greetings from Wales. Spring has now arrived here and everything is looking fresh and green. We are busy with plans for World Council in 2014 - it will soon be here! Meanwhile our branches continue with their activities.

### **Pontnewydd:**

Our programme of crafts follows the church's year including making cards and gifts for our mothers on Mothering Sunday and also for Father's Day. A special Harvest banner was made for display in church.

Seventeen shoe boxes for Romanian orphans and street children focused this year on needy teenagers, providing warm clothing, eco-friendly torches, sweets, notebooks, pens and toiletries. Christmas wreaths were made for our homes using bubble wrap and ribbons which proved quite effective. We made Christmas gift boxes and filled them with a selection of our own handmade sweets. The competition for the design of a new GFS corporate Christmas card was won by Rose Ashley, a talented young artist in our branch, who was awarded a certificate,

Next year Pontnewydd branch will be 120 years old and we hope to plan a celebration.

### **Felinfoel:**

The number of girls attending is rising making for busy branch meetings!

### **Penllergaer:**

There are usually about 20 girls attending and they enjoy crafts and games. Recently several girls went to Brecon Cathedral to attend Medieval Mayhem - a family funday. They all had lovely gold or silver hats with floating material - like young girls would have worn in Medieval times!

### **Brecon**

A small but dedicated group regularly attend and enjoy crafts and games. We celebrated St. David's day (1<sup>st</sup> March) by making daffodils. The edible Easter gardens were both fun and reminded us of Jesus' tomb in the Garden of Gethse



## Greetings from Sri Lanka!



*Christmas Party*



**Some events : Dec 2012 - March 2013**



Our annual Christmas party was held at our headquarters on Dec 18, 2012 with lots of fun and games and carol singing.

We invited two less privileged children and 7 girls and a sweet little baby girl from an orphanage to share the joys of the season with GFS members and friends. They were given a gift voucher each and gifts.

Santa gave all the children sweets & gifts.



A successful table sale was held on March 20, 2013 as a modest fund raiser towards our Hostel Development Project. The special "GFS Tables" were loaded with a variety of miscellaneous items. Sales were good and brisk!

*Produce from the GFS garden*



*Table Sale*



### Hostel

#### Development The GFS Hostel

Providing safe accommodation for the past 55 yrs to girls from the outstations who come to the city for employment or higher studies.

The Hostel now needs to be repaired, renovated and expanded.



## **England**

GFS is special, we all know that and it is wonderful how we can adapt to answer the needs of girls and young women in such a variety of countries and cultures. I feel so privileged to be part of this organisation.

In England, following the success of our Celebration Event in Great Yarmouth there is to be another one this year in Birmingham on September 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be Celebrating GFS in England and Wales but especially on this occasion the Midland Area who with GFS staff, and some input from me, are organising the event.

This will be a special event for me as I am to be commissioned as English President – I know I have been in the role for over a year but it has not been possible to arrange the commissioning before, I just could not compete with Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics last year!

It will be a full day of celebration; I will be commissioned by the Rt. Revd. Andrew Watson - Bishop of Aston in the morning at St. Martin's in the Bullring. This is a beautiful Church right in the middle of the shopping centre, a really bustling and busy place. Girls and Young Women from the Midland Area will be taking a major role in the Service.

During the afternoon there will be activities for the young and the young in heart and there will be the 'The Great GFS Bake-off' members will have made cakes, some real cakes and others crafted from a variety of materials which will be judged by Brandon Lynch, 2010 finalist of the 'Great British Bake-off' which was seen on television. It is hoped to have a stall in the shopping centre to sell the cakes.

It should be a special day both celebrating and promoting GFS.

Yes, I have used the word 'special' several times because wherever we are and whoever we are in GFS we share a history and a present in GFS that keeps us caring and praising God