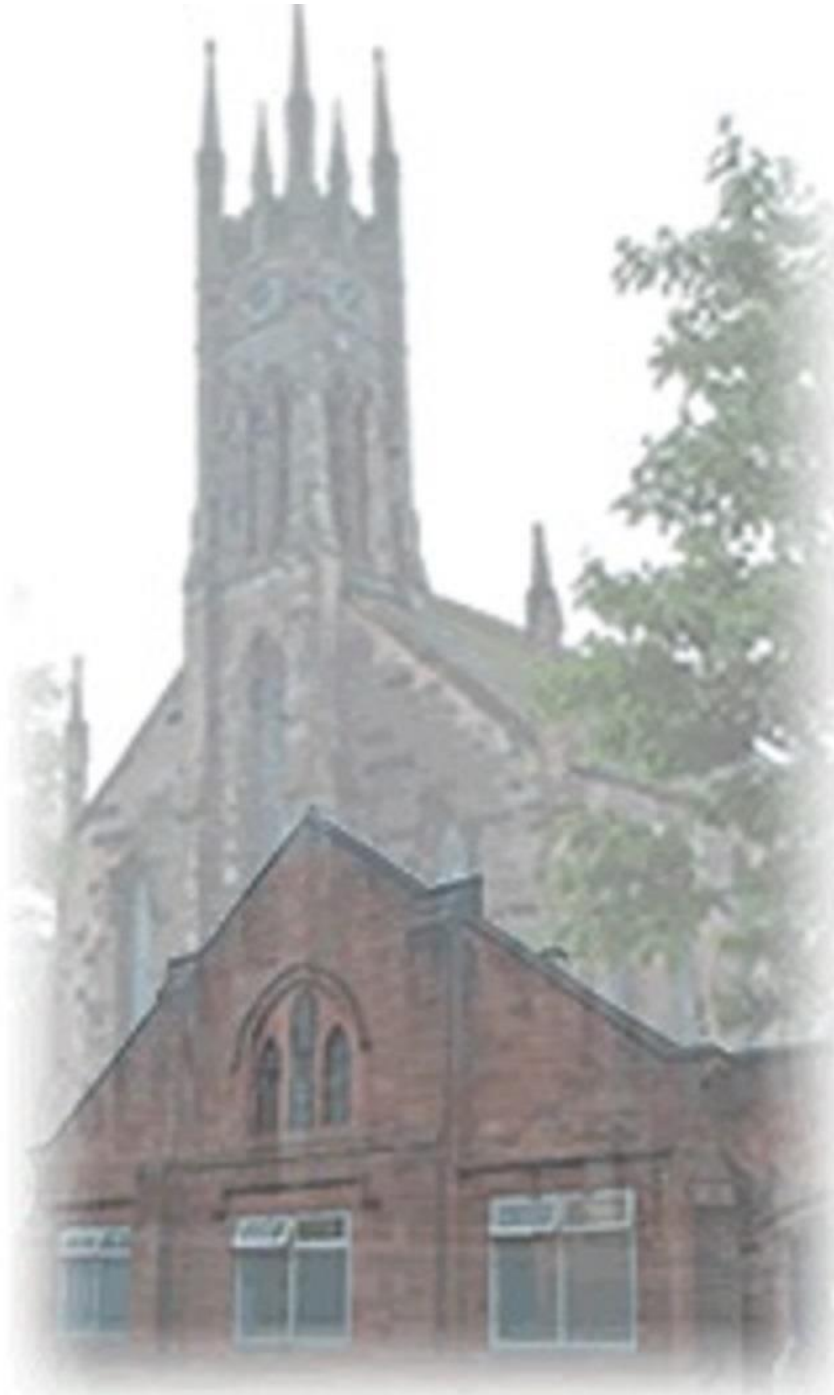


West and Wardlawhill News

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Hello from the Manse (in Flemington Hallside),

Hope you have a good holiday in prospect this summer – after all the cancelled trips in recent years. If not, I hope you can look forward to a good ‘hame-ill-daeme’ time. Home or abroad, everywhere seems to have a ‘heatwave’ to look forward to – so remember the sun cream.



My wife (sorry. I should have said – Jackie) and I (and my mum as well, to be comprehensive) will be doing a Mediterranean cruise – I’ve reached that age! So, I’m definitely taking the sun cream!

Even staying in Scotland, we know that the sun saps the energy levels and leaves people very lethargic indeed. In short, extremely poor preparation for the Scripture Union holiday club that we know we’re doing in the summer in Flemington Hallside. I know Jackie and I began wishing we had suggested the holiday club take place before our holiday.

But I also know the Holy Spirit does make a difference when we pay attention – whether completely sun-drenched or standard dreich Scottish rain, what really makes the difference is that Holy Spirit ‘buzz’ that I have always found fills the room when you do outreach work with a group of Christians. The anticipation and excitement begin to increase. You start with ‘will anyone come’ concerns and end up with thirty children. It’s simply great to open the Bible with a bunch of children – some of whom have never read a Bible before in their lives. But more than that - when churches work together, along with Scripture Union. The Holy Spirit doesn’t just minister to the children – He most assuredly works in and among the team. God honours the actions we take to ‘sow the seed’ and the attempt we are making to tell children about Christ. I’m suggesting that’s God’s way.

His pattern whatever the issue or the initiative. God honours those who *do* something for Him despite how they might feel or what age they might be. God honours people who act in response to what God is telling them to do. I found a quote by George MacDonald, the Scottish preacher and author from the 19th century, which more adequately makes my point for me.

Instead of asking yourself whether you believe or not, ask yourself whether you have this day done one thing because he said, ‘*Do it*’, or once abstained because he said, ‘*Don’t do it*’. It is simply absurd to say you believe, or even want to believe, in Him, if you do not do anything he tells you.

Despite the antiquated construction of that sentence his point remains well made indeed. Doctrine needs to be taught in this increasingly doctrine-free world that we live in. But while teaching is important it is meant to be a spur to action, a call to change what needs to be changed in our lives. So, sticking with Mr. MacDonald’s vocabulary: what ‘*do it*’ things do you need to get on with and just do – what ‘*don’t do it*’ things do you need to resolve to stop before

you put this edition of your church magazine into the recycling? Is it helping at East Campbell Street or helping at a school SU group? Is it stopping something in your life that nobody else even knows about – but you stop it because the Spirit is prompting you.? How visible is irrelevant – what is important is what the Holy Spirit is saying to you?

I guarantee you will find reasons saying don't respond – I know how I felt in the lead up to previous holiday clubs. But I also can see the reality in my own life of George MacDonald's words: we must do more than just believe – we have to address that which God is telling us to address.

Let me be clear, you wouldn't have the ministries in Rutherglen West and Wardlawhill that you presently do if people weren't already responding to their Saviour. My question is slightly more subtle.

What do we know that is in our life and God is saying 'deal with this' – and our response is to point to the many other Christian things we do and believe that is proof that we are Christian. Rather than dealing with what God is focusing on. George MacDonald's point is we must anchor ourselves so totally in Christ that we hear from God *and obey*. Be warned, to do otherwise means you might still be on God's team – but it just won't feel like it.

Have a phenomenal summer and hope to see you at communion.

*Yours sincerely,
Ian Cathcart*

Sunday Services

As you know, we are now without a regular minister but are fortunate to have an excellent team leading our worship each week. We have to thank Stuart Harbinson, Megan Ross, Sheena Kerr, Isabelle Tennent, and Benjamin McMillan from West and Wardlawhill plus Rev Grant Barclay, Presbytery Clerk, Rev John McPake, Church of Scotland Ecumenical Officer, and Tamsin Munro, trainee minister, for taking our services over recent weeks. We also have our team of volunteers doing the bible readings each week. Our Interim Moderator, Rev Ian Cathcart, will be taking our Communion Service on 18th June.

In the background at each service, we also have a team working on the Audio-Visual putting up the words for the hymns, the graphics, and the videos. We have to thank Dave Smith, Sandra Blakeley, Sheena Kerr, Karen Mann, Mary McInnes, Stuart Harbinson, and Drew Fraser for their 'behind-the-scenes' work. We could do with a few more volunteers to work on the audio-visual system.

It has been suggested that we could have a praise service one Sunday where church members request their favourite hymn and, maybe, say a few words on why they have chosen that hymn.

Looking through the church calendar, the best date for this service would be Sunday 9th July. If you could let me know of your three favourite hymns sometime over the next few weeks we will try and put together a service of praise. Email me [REDACTED] or speak to me any Sunday morning.

Alistair McInnes
Session Clerk



YOUR CHURCH MAGAZINE

We hope you are enjoying the introduction of a little bit of colour on certain pages of your magazine.

The Committee continues to make sure that magazines are available to all members of the congregation, either via e mail, by post and of course the many 'pick ups' of paper copies available from the front door of the church.

Thank you to those members who regularly give a donation for their magazines, throughout the year. Can we remind you that donations can be placed in the boxes which are situated at either side of the church door or you can personally hand these to either Margaret Feeney (Editor) or myself, thank you very much.

As this is the last issue until September's, we wish our readers a lovely summer and we will be back soon, refreshed and ready to produce the first Autumn issue.

Morag Smith
Secretary
On behalf of Magazine Committee
(Margaret Feeney, Kim Jackson)

FUTURE MAGAZINE DATES

Please note there will be no magazine during July and August.

- September Issue - Items to be in for Sunday 27th Aug - Pick Up 3rd Sept.
October Issue - Items to be in for Sunday 24th Sept - Pick Up 1st Oct
November Issue - Items to be in for Sunday 29th Oct. - Pick Up 5th Nov.
December Issue - Items to be in for Sunday 26th Nov. - Pick Up 3rd Dec.

Margaret Feeney

Editor

OUR DAILY BREAD – TEEN EDITION

For the tech savvy amongst you, our Daily Bread, Teen Edition can now be found on Instagram @ourdailybreadyouth and also the TEEN365 APP.

REACHING TEENAGERS

We're passionate about making the Bible understandable and accessible to the whole family – including teenagers! We believe the Bible's hope, message of love and practical guidance for daily life is every bit as relevant for them as for the rest of the church. So we're committed to helping them get stuck into what God has to say to them!

Teenagers are trying to figure out who they are; they're under pressure from school, home and church; their hormones are literally all over the place; they're exposed to the competitive and, at times, destructive world of social media In short, they have a lot of BIG questions that they want specific, REAL answers to.

It's really important that we teach teenagers the Bible and tackle their questions honestly. At this crucial stage in their lives, as they weigh up who they are going to be, our prayer is that the teenagers in our families, churches and communities will find their true identity in Christ. **“For [God] chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight”** (Ephesians 1:4).

But they need help to know what it means to trust and follow Jesus for themselves. That's why we'd like to let you know about our printed and digital teen resources, so we can support you and the teenagers you know. You can visit www.ourdailybread.org/teen to check out our growing range of teen resources and request any copies.

You can also download Our Daily Bread to your phone using Google play or App Store.



A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE

I live alone, dear Lord, stay by my side.
In all my daily needs, be Thou my guide.

Grant me good health for that indeed I pray,
to carry on my work from day to day.

Keep pure my mind, my thoughts, my every deed,
Let me be kind, unselfish, in my neighbour's needs.

Spare me from fire, from flood, malicious tongues,
from thieves, from fear and evil ones.

If sickness or an accident befall, then humbly,
Lord, I pray, hear Thou my call.

And when I'm feeling low, or in despair,
lift up my heart, and help me in my prayer.

I live alone, dear Lord, yet have no fear,
because I feel YOUR presence ever near.

AMEN

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Uswitch and many more!

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GIFT AID

Are you a taxpayer?

If so, your offerings and any other donations you make to the church could have 25p per £1 added to them.

For further information, please speak to Kim Jackson/Sandra Blakeley

USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

MINISTER

Vacancy

All enquiries regarding pastoral care – weddings, baptisms, funerals, illness etc., in the first instance contact the Session Clerk.

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&
MEANS

LANDEMÉR DAY 2023
SATURDAY 10th JUNE 2023

WE ARE OFF TO RUTHERGLEN'S MAIN STREET TO PROMOTE OUR CHURCH THROUGH OUR FUNDRAISING STALLS - ALL 5 OF THEM!

Your donations to this fundraiser, whether large or small, in cash to provide our catering requirements, or in the form of goods, would be very much appreciated.

The Committee will be in our halls **THIS Friday morning 9th June 9.30 till 11.30 am** and on **Friday evening 9th June 7 till 8.30pm**, should you wish to come down with something for our stalls.

OUR LANDEMÉR DAY COMPETITION

Thank you to those people who have already taken part over the last three Sunday mornings. This Competition will now be taken onto one of our stalls on Saturday 10th June. The winner will be drawn after Landemer Day is finished and then announced in church on Sunday morning 11th June.

Please come and visit us at our stalls on Saturday 10th June, we are situated just before the Town Hall entrance on the West end of the Main Street. We would love to see as many church members as possible who can make their way to our stalls, we will look out for you all.

AND NOW - ANOTHER FUNDRAISER BEFORE THE SUMMER BREAK!

Something the Committee was not expecting to host, following our summer Landemer Event.

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RUTHERGLEN AND CAMBUSLANG ROCK AND POP CHORUS CONCERT

You will remember the very successful fundraising Concert held last December in our Church chancel and halls, well the Chorus is BACK to help with our fundraising efforts. The Rock and Pop Committee was hopefully looking for a venue to hold their summer Concert, which is normally held in the month of June, but due to a cancellation of a proposed venue, came to us hoping that our church and halls would be able to hold this Concert and YES! WE CAN. As many of you know this Chorus has a let within our halls and holds their practices each and every Tuesday evening in our Black Hall.

WHAT'S THE DATE? - TUESDAY 27th JUNE 2023

7.30pm - TICKETS PRICED £5.00

ON SALE: SUNDAYS 11th, 18th and 25th JUNE

TEA/COFFEE SERVED - RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE £1.00

We are more than happy we have the facilities for this last minute booking and appreciate so much, as happened with our December 2022 Concert, the very generous donation given to our church from the Chorus, through the sale of concert tickets.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 13th June 2023, 7.30pm

Baker Hall

Morag Smith

Ways & Means Convener

ROTAS

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER

DOOR, OFFERING & COUNTING DUTIES

4th June, 2nd July, 30th July, 27th August, 24th September

C-D Baird, R Brock, C-A Chambers, C-K Johnston,
A Kennedy, C-M Feeney, C-D Smith, C-K Jackson

Beadle: C-J Duncan

11th June, 9th July, 6th August, 3rd September

C-M Cruthers, C-J Brown, C-E Reid, C-E Ross,
C-S McDonald, C-M Ross, C-D Smith, C-K Jackson

Beadle: C-A McMillan

18th June*, 16th July, 13th August, 10th September

***Communion plus Stated Annual Meeting 12.15pm**

L Fotheringham, C-S Blakeley, C-S Kerr, C-A McInnes,
C-M McInnes, C-D Smith, C-K Jackson

Beadle: C-T McEwan

25th June, 23rd July, 20th August, 17th September

C-S Harbinson, C-I Tennent, R Tennent, C-L Fletcher,
C-K Mann, C-D Fraser, C-K Jackson

Beadle: C-D Smith

Alistair McInnes

Session Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE READERS

JUNE

4th I Tennent
11th T McEwan
18th* M Smith
25th D Aitken
*Communion &
Stated Annual Meeting

AUGUST

6th S Kerr
13th K Jackson
20th M McInnes
27th M Ross

Alistair McInnes
Session Clerk

JULY

2nd S Rowan
9th A McInnes
16th M Grieve
23rd A McMillan
30th S Harbinson

SEPTEMBER

3rd I Tennent
10th T McEwan
17th M Smith
24th D Aitken

CHURCH FLOWERS

JUNE

4th M Feeney
11th M Smith
18* J Doherty
25th M Feeney
*Communion &
Stated Annual Meeting

AUGUST

6th M Feeney
13th M Smith
20th J Doherty
27th M Feeney

Morag Smith
Church Flowers

JULY

2nd M Smith
9th J Doherty
16th M Feeney
23rd M Smith
30th J Doherty

SEPTEMBER

3rd M Smith
10th J Doherty
17th M Feeney
24th M Smith

SUNDAY MORNING T-BAR

**4th & 11th June, 16th & 23rd July,
27th August & 3rd September**

L Fletcher, V Rowan, A Chambers, G
McMillan,
H Mulholland

**18th* & 25th June, 30th July & 6th
August,**

10th & 17th September

***Communion & Stated Annual Meeting**

NO T-BAR

I White, N Hay, K Johnston, E McMillan,
J Doherty

**2nd & 9th July, 13th & 20th August,
24th September & 1st October**

S Blakeley, E Reid, S Kerr, J Brown,
M Ross

Morag Smith
T-Bar

IN MEMORY

In loving memory off my husband Robert
McIlveen, died 24th June 2006. Always in
our thoughts, forever in our hearts.

**Love Ann and Lynn, Carol Ann and
Grandchildren.**

Thank You

I would like to thank Isabelle and all her wonderful team of helpers for all the hard work, time and effort for the wonderful lunch they put on for King Charles III Coronation, and all the team in the background.

What a great day we all had, the service was great, the food and music from Drew, Fab! We all went home with a full tummy. “Yum Yum”

God Bless you all.

“Wee Vicky”

Many thanks for the lovely get well cards, prayers, phone calls and good wishes and beautiful flowers Morag delivered all are very much appreciated.

Love

Sheena Kerr

We would like to Thank You very much Morag, for the beautiful flowers that I brought home from my first day back at church from having major surgery.

Many Thanks

Sandra and Ian Brown



Coronation Cracker

What a cracking event the Coronation Lunch was, to celebrate King Charles’ ascension to the throne.

The church ‘events gang’ really went all out, the gardens were decorated with flags which helped entice members of our local community to come and join us.

The sanctuary was bright with those attending all wearing red white and blue. Of course, there were even more stunning attire with sparkly Union Jack Dresses, and red white and blue wigs. There was no way you could forget what was happening on that Sunday.

The halls were decorated like Pall Mall, what a sight to behold. Wonderful.

The tables each had a menu and commemorative napkins and plates. We had some light snacks to start and then burgers and sausages from the barbecue. Thanks to Donna and Robert who worked exceptionally hard to cope with demand. I have to say it was definitely the Best Burger I have ever had.

Each table had its own designated waitress who took our orders. It was all highly organised and professional. In fact, better service than a restaurant. The only thing was, we didn’t tip our waitresses, who all worked tirelessly despite the changes to orders - additional members of the community coming to join our table which then exceeded the number of places by at least 3.

We all squeezed in to have an absolutely brilliant day. Alistair did a speech, for which we even had a toasting - Sparkling Fruit Juice in a Coronation Cup. All of this was followed by an array of sweets. I could have had them all - pavlova, tiramisu, trifle, cheese cake. All homemade and fantastic. Teas and Coffee and cupcakes with a flag. Stuffed? You bet! Had a great time? You bet!

Don't forget our own resident DJ who played a whole spectrum of music. There was a quiz which was won by Benjamin's table, each person at the table received a box of chocolates.

A big thank you to Margaret Feeney for securing the Funding from Clyde Gateway to pull off such a community event. A big thank you to anyone who made a donation on the day to 'Help for Heroes', a generous amount was raised.

Yes, big thank you to everyone who played any part in making this a great day. An exceptional feat of organisation.

It was phenomenal and I bet you all hope King Charles is on the Throne for a very long time.

K

Happy Birthday!

Irene White

Wishing you a very happy 80th birthday on the 7th June –
you're simply the best!

Norma

Beware of Unwanted Guests

The weather is getting warmer and things are growing in the garden. The bees are buzzing and there is always more activity outside.

However, this can bring unwanted 'guests' to your door. I'm not talking about flies or wasps. These unwanted guests always want to do your garden, fix your roof and any other jobs that they see may need to be done in and around your house.

These unwanted guests are not Good Samaritans or someone you plough with tea and sandwiches because you think they are doing you a good turn. Many times these unwanted guests are there to prey on you.

So if you haven't called someone to do your garden, mow your grass, cut your bushes back, fix the tiles on your roof, clean your gutters, fix your gutters then **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** don't employ them.

They are preying on the vulnerable, the elderly and if you employ them once they will come back. They will even take you to the bank to get the cash.



If you haven't called, then please stop and think. Speak to your family, get a recommendation and call someone yourself. Get a quote from different people. If they do come to your door and you find it difficult to turn them away, just say 'my family deals with that'. OR we have got someone to do that. Or simply 'I don't need it- thanks' – close the door.

They will try and engage you in conversation. The more they engage you the more likely you are to give them a job. Beware of the Unwanted Guests coming to your door.

Church member

A quick quiz for you all to do over the summer – if you're not out enjoying the sunshine.

KING CHARLES III and all things ROYAL – 2023

1	What was the name of the last King prior to King Charles III taking to the British Throne?	
2	What was the title of Prince Harry's book launched earlier this year?	
3	In 2022, Charles and Camilla starred in an episode of which soap?	
4	Which county is home to Windsor Castle?	
5	Who was the first member of the Royal Family to appear on I'm A Celebrity – Get Me Out Of Here?	
6	Queen Victoria bought which Royal residence in 1948?	
7	Earlier this year, King Charles pulled out of an official state visit to which country?	
8	When Charles became King, the title 'The Prince of Wales' was passed to whom?	
9	Which of these is NOT one of King Charles' middle names? Philip, Arthur, George or David	
10	Which flag is flown at the royal residences when the King is in residence?	
11	A total of how many words have changed in the first verse of the National Anthem since King Charles III became King?	
12	What is the name of the former royal yacht that is currently berthed in Leith?	
13	Which Royal, who died in 2004 at the grand old age of 102, currently holds the record as the longest-living	

	member of the British Royal Family?	
14	King Charles was in what branch of the armed forces?	
15	Which former Dr Who played a young Prince Philip in the Netflix drama series 'The Crown'?	
16	In which year did Charles marry Diana?	
17	A fire broke out in which Royal residence 30 years ago?	
18	Which Royal took the title Duchess of Cornwall following her wedding?	
19	Which London concert hall was opened by Queen Victoria in 1871 and named in memory of her late husband?	
20	Which member of the Royal Family married Jack Brooksbank at Windsor Castle in 2018?	
21	At which Royal residence did the Queen meet Liz Truss and ask her to form a new government, shortly before her death?	
22	Which Royal married Timothy Laurence in 1982?	
23	In 2008, which Royal took the leap of faith on the world's largest bungee jump?	
24	Which Royal title goes after 'The Grand Old' to make a nursery rhyme character?	
25	In 2018, which member of the Royal Family gave birth to a 9lb 3oz baby girl, thought to be the heaviest royal baby recorded?	
26	King Charles III played which sport competitively up to 1992?	
27	Which racecourse gained the word 'Royal' after Queen Anne attended a race meeting there in 1711?	
28	What is the oldest British Royal residence still in use today?	
29	In 2017, which Royal described himself as the world's most experienced Plaque unveiler?	
30	Which member of the Royal Family was born on St George's Day 2018?	

If you can't wait until the September issue for the answers, please chat with Kim Jackson any Sunday after church (she apparently has the answers!).

Have a good summer and we'll see you in September.

TREASURER'S REPORT - 2023

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	APRIL	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERINGS	2932	12913
TAX RECOVERED GIFT AID	1536	3525
MINIATURE CHURCHES	0	153
CONGREGATIONAL DONATIONS	0	0
BANK/DEPOSIT FUND INTEREST	18	72
INVESTMENT INCOME	0	974
RENTAL OF PREMISES	1446	7985
OTHER RECEIPTS	1408	9857
	<u>7340</u>	<u>35479</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
GIVING TO GROW	2947	11788
PRESBYTERY DUES	0	793
OTHER STAFFING COSTS	725	3294
BUILDING MAINTENANCE COSTS	3254	5674
HEATING & LIGHTING	1445	6764
INSURANCE	691	2582
PRINTING & STATIONERY ETC	152	355
OTHER PAYMENTS	2161	5431
IT EQUIPMENT	60	240
	<u>11435</u>	<u>36921</u>
SURPLUS / DEFICIT	-4095	-1442

