

GRF continues its work to record and distribute programmes for radio stations in Britain and worldwide.

Our aim is to help listeners who are coming to faith, and those who are already on a journey to discover new dimensions of their faith.

All of GRF's programmes are made by a voluntary interdenominational team.

This Prayer Letter gives you a snapshot of what GRF is currently doing.

If you would like to get involved in the work of GRF as a prayer partner or potential member of the team, we would be pleased to hear from you.

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new schedule

It's autumn - and that means that work on our **Advent and Christmas** programmes has already started! Discussions about format and content are completed, and scripts are now being written; recording will be in early November.

Also in the early stages of production is another programme for **Burns' Night** (January 2013) and a special programme to mark the bicentenary of David Livingstone's birth (February 2013).

We are also planning a new book and a new film series, both monthly arts strands from a Christian perspective.

As part of this re-vamped schedule, our regular podcasts, the **Moral Mixdown** and **#OMGRF!**, are moving to monthly rather than weekly recordings.

The exciting news about **#OMGRF!** is that it is now available on **iTunes** where listeners can subscribe to it. This podcast discusses social media, and Twitter in particular, and so this is an ideal way to distribute the programme.

For the **Moral Mixdown** the aim is, as ever, for intelligent debate on topical matters with challenging views – all from a Christian perspective.

Bringing you right up-to-date with all our programme news, over the summer we recorded a sketch on the subject of the **Olympics**, and produced another short sketch called **Fifty Shades of Pray**.

GRF has also been recording items for HCJB-UK as part of their 'slow English' series of programmes, aimed at listeners abroad learning English.



holy city

Holy City is a monthly ecumenical workshop and worship event that meets in Renfield St Stephen's church in Glasgow's city centre. In April, the GRF team was invited to host one of the workshops. The overall theme of the evening was 'Kirk or Kingdom'. GRF's workshop explored the way in which we understand and interpret the values that inform the media we listen to, watch or read. The workshop also engaged people in making judgements on the ethical and moral issues which they thought should have made the headlines that week.

GRF and Holy City are currently exploring further opportunities to work together.



On the weekend of 22-24 June, the **Solas Festival** was held at Wiston Lodge near Biggar. This arts and music festival, sometimes called the 'Scottish Greenbelt', reflects an eclectic mix of music, dance, talks and worship. GRF was invited to record some of the sessions and we also took the opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones.

The Christian Aid pavilion was the focus for the GRF recordings and covered such diverse themes as land rights (both in Scotland and further afield) and curating worship. Read more about Solas at www.solasfestival.co.uk.

speaking out

At the beginning of October, team member Gillian McKinnon was invited to speak about GRF and religious broadcasting at a meeting of the 'Tuesday Fellowship' at St Mark's Episcopal Church in Portobello, Edinburgh.

Gillian was able to play a selection of GRF's Christmas programmes from the last several years to illustrate how important it is to engage a wide and varied audience through treating them with both intelligence and humour. It also helped show the range of programme styles which GRF must use for a range of different radio stations and audiences. Gillian says, "It was lovely to meet the Fellowship members - and also find out about their own listening habits!"

Would you be interested in some team members from GRF bringing a presentation to your church or fellowship? We have presentations which suit all kinds of events and meetings. If you are interested, please email the.team@grf.org.uk or telephone Hilary Fraser on Thursday evenings on 0141 221 9447.

need training?



GRF continues to offer training courses for groups interested in developing or improving broadcasting skills. If you have a group which might be interested in training, please send an email to the.team@grf.org.uk or telephone

Brian Muir on Tuesday or Thursday evenings on 0141 221 9447.

for prayer

We are grateful for your prayers for the work of GRF. Please use the items of news you have read in this newsletter to inform your prayers. Remember all the team and our families, and pray for those who hear GRF's programmes. Thank you.

LATE NEWS:

Look out for the October edition of *Life & Work* magazine which includes a feature about GRF and religious broadcasting.



The Church & Media Conference, organised by the Church and Media Network (formerly CACLB), took place in September at the Lowry Centre in Salford, part of the newly-developed MediaCity UK complex. GRF Chair, Andrew Barr, and team member Gillian McKinnon were able to attend (both are former trustees of the CMN).

The conference sessions were thoughtful and challenging, including contributions from a journalist who presented evidence at the Leveson Inquiry, and a churchman



Andrew Barr at MediaCity UK

caught at the heart of the St Paul's Occupy media skirmish. Other sessions considered the place of media and church in civic society, and debated the impact of a fast-changing digital media landscape.

It was also a great opportunity to meet with others working in broadcasting around Britain - and swap notes!

team news

- Congratulations to **Holly McGuigan** and **George Walsh** on the blessing of their Civil Partnership at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in June.
- All best wishes to **Aimee Higgins** on gaining a place at James Watt College for an HNC course in Sound Production.
- We welcomed **Fraser Carr-Gomm** on a summer visit to GRF's studios, following the completion of his first year as a student at the Liverpool Institute for the Performing Arts.
- Congratulations to **Anne Muir** on the publication of her book *Outside the Safe Place* which presents an oral history of the early years of the Iona Community.