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The Light Shines in the Darkness by Christine Keen

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

We have not really had much of a winter this year, a couple of cold spells lasting not even a week, and on the whole it has been mild and very unseasonal. Indeed it hasn't even been particularly wet. But, do you remember back in September and October the dire warnings that were issued. The worse winter since 1972 was due to hit us, but it didn't. Then in January we were warned of plummeting temperatures and foot deep thundersnow, which consisted of one a day when there were some snow flurries, the snow melting in-between while the temperatures rather than plummeting, struggled to stay below freezing. Why is it that we humans seem to be quick to believe the bad news stories and predictions and reluctant to believe the good news stories and predictions? For there were also those predicting a warm winter, wetter than it turned out to be but mild and with little snow even on the mountain tops. Then there is that even more baffling condition which revels in bad news, spreads it thick and fast, delights in others suffering or misfortune. At its worse it even encourages and wills the worse possible outcome, such a condition has been rife in our society over the last year, with Brexit and Trump. Doom and gloom mongers have given the currency and stock market throughout the world a roller coaster of a ride, but somehow we have all survived. Of course there might be worse to come, but also there might not.

Jesus warns his followers on several occasions not to try and look into the future and predict it, but rather to live in the present and work for a better future. You will doubtless remember the story of Mary and Martha in chapter 10 of Luke's Gospel. Martha is scuttling about the house doing the housework while Mary sits at Jesus' feet paying attention to what he is saying. Eventually Martha has enough and demands that Jesus tell Mary to do pay attention to the things Martha thinks are important, Jesus replies "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:41b-42. The human condition seems to draw us away from sitting and soaking in the Good News but instead attracts towards the worry that might be with us later.

Jesus said "Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." (Luke 12:27) Jesus urges us not to worry about how things might turn out, or how things have been, but the here and now. To see the beauty in the things around us, the people around us, the world around us. To be thankful for what we have today, not worry about what we haven't got today or might not have tomorrow.

When Israel is in exile in Babylon, Jeremiah prophesies to the people; "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11) When Jesus tells us not to worry, not to believe in the bad news which offers the worse outcome, but rather to believe in the Good News which offers life in all its fullness, we are being urged to live as people of hope rather than people of despair. In these pivotal final weeks of Epiphany, between the Christ Child being presented at the Temple when Simeon and Anna recognise Jesus as the Promised Hope of God and the beginning of Lent when we once more journey towards the desolation of the Cross before the joy of Easter, we are called to continue to live out the Good News of Emmanuel God with us, for God is with us. That is not just our hope, that is our present reality. Living in that hope, with it to strengthen and encourage us we can tackle anything that tomorrow might bring, be it good or bad news, because we believe that God's plans will ultimately win out. Tomorrow is not promised to us, so the book of Proverbs tells us, the promise we have is that God will be with us for all our tomorrows and beyond and that God wants only the best for us. Let us take time to consider the lilies, to see the beauty, to rejoice in the goodness, of which there is boundless quantities of and live, breath and rejoice in the Good News, for in doing so, suddenly those bad news predictions will have no more sway over us and cease to try and drag us down and cloud our days.

Blessings Kirstin

Update on Bishop Gregor

On 20th January the Dean wrote:

Bishop Gregor has continued to make a determined recovery in the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital during this past week whilst rehabilitating from the effects of a mild stroke. We are indebted to the care and professionalism of the medical team.

Plans are now being made for his return home during the coming week and when all things are in place he will be discharged from hospital.

Thank you for all your letters, messages and cards of support and prayer and to the local clergy who have offered their ministration each day whilst in hospital. They have been very much part of the healing process. This will continue, as we respect Bishop Gregor's privacy, and give him the necessary period of time to recuperate gently. Postal messages can be sent to his home, but please be mindful not to telephone him at home.

From the Registers

15th January – Baptism - Ralph Louie McMillan

25th January – Funeral – Edna Dorrington

Chalking the Lintels



On the 8th of January, the Sunday after Epiphany, the Lintels of the Church and the Halls were chalked. This is a way of expressing blessing to those who visit the buildings during the coming year. During the service, chalk was blessed and members of the congregation were invited to also chalk their own lintels or doorsteps. Each time we see the chalking we are reminded that God continually blesses us and as it fades we are further reminded that we ourselves are the ones commissioned with sharing God's blessings as they travel with us wherever we may venture. These chalkings are from the homes of the Harrington's and Smith's, the letters and numbers stand for: at each end the year 2017; the cross symbol is a sign of blessing, one for as you enter, one for as you leave, one for those who live there and one for those who are visiting; the CBM stand for both the traditional names of the Magi and the Latin, Christus mansionem benedicat, "Christ bless this house."



St James the Less, Bishopbriggs

The Revd Shelley Marsh retired as Rector of St James the Less at the end of last year and the bishop appointed Kirstin to be their interim priest. St James' has a retired priest, a Lay Reader and a Pastoral Assistant so other than Kirstin going to take the services on a Sunday every 4-6 weeks there will be little impact on Kirstin's availability at All Saints. There are several vacancies in the diocese at the present time, which is why Mike is currently not always around on a Sunday morning. Please remember, in your prayers, all those congregations who are currently seeking new clergy and give thanks for those who provide a continuation of worship, and other cover, during interregnums.

New Chalice

The new chalice which we have been using was purchased by a donation given to All Saints in memory of Ken Findell and part of a legacy gifted by Marjory Walsh. The chalice was dedicated before its first use on 18th December and replaces a chalice which was in need of a costly repair. Rather than doing that, the vestry took the decision to purchase a new chalice with these gifts as both a better alternative and also a fitting way to offer thanks for the service Ken and Marjory gave to All Saints.

Post Christmas Break

Kirstin will be having her postponed post Christmas Break from **Saturday 4th to Tuesday 7th February** inclusively. Should the services of a priest be needed during that period please contact the Cathedral Office 0141 339 6691.

All Saints Vestry Notes – January 9th

- The Vestry met on 9 January for its first meeting of the new year. The Rector welcomed the new members, Brenda Hadcroft and Graham Caie, and circulated to them and to existing members a paper outlining the duties of Vestry members.
- As discussed in the last Vestry notes, a new Chalice had been purchased and was now in use.
- Under the property agenda item, the Property Convenor said in his written report that a generous donation had been received for replacing the existing Church carpet. His recommendation was however that the Vestry add some of our own money to the donation to carpet the whole of the Church including the area under the seats. After some discussion the Vestry agreed to accept his recommendation. He also noted that the mat in the porch needed replacing, and the Vestry agreed to do this, at the same time increasing its area so that it was not easy to step over the mat without wiping both shoes.
- The Treasurer presented the first quarter income and expenditure survey which included the usual comparison with the budget approved by the AGM. Generally, income and expenditure were in line with expectation. The Auditor's fee had been paid. The Treasurer pointed out that although the Fund Raising was ahead of target, after the retirement of the previous Social and Fund Raising Committee, no plans had been made for any other fund raising events during the rest of the year. The Vestry agreed to consider this at the next meeting.

- In a review of the Christmas services, it was agreed by the Vestry that they had been well received, and when they had been shared with New Kilpatrick, particularly at the Advent Carol Service, these favourable views had also been expressed by our guests.
- The next meeting would be held on Monday 13th February 2017. The Vestry also selected a provisional date for the AGM, Sunday 19 November 2017.

Andrew Long

Appreciation of Advent and Christmas Services

The Christmas services at All Saints were modified this year and we had the option of attending all of them. We had a wonderful Advent Service on the second Sunday of Advent which included some exceptional effort by our choir and choirmaster at All Saints. The Antiphons entranced us all and many people have said how much they enjoyed this service.

The second Advent service on the fourth Sunday took place at New Kilpatrick Church and this was entitled "Winter". It was a service to remind us that this is a time of hope and waiting: we wait for the Spring and the hope of longer, warmer days and also of the birth of the Christchild who brings hope to all the World. This was a service for everyone, especially it would appeal to those who possibly only visit a church at Christmastime. There were Biblical readings and beautiful singing by the Choir, who faced the congregation in the Nave, in an inclusive way. There were also readings written especially for the service which were in the style of the Metaphysical poets. These may be an acquired taste for some people but I felt that it was a refreshing change to the predictable carol service which we have enjoyed in the past.

Our final Christmas service for the Epiphany took place at All Saints and this concluded the Christmas celebrations. This is one of my two favourite days in the Church year, the other one being the Ascension. I attended an Anglican school for the first two years of schooling and the fact that we attended a Church service on these days before having a holiday for the rest of the day may have something to do with it!!

Mary Stott

Advent Carol Service

Early in December, on a cold and frosty Sunday evening, we held an Advent Service of Lessons and Carols. Its theme was "Rediscovering Promises, Reawakening Hope". A booklet served as a complete guide for the congregation and the preface described the purpose of Advent for Christians. In Advent we are reminded of promises and prophecies made from the time of Abraham and

Moses to the days of John the Baptist and Mary and our hope for their fulfilment is renewed.

This was an occasion that called for reinforcements. Our newly red choir was augmented by choristers from the former St James's in Paisley and among the readers and the



congregation were guests from New Kilpatrick Church. Both choir and congregation were in good voice and the 'big sing' looked for by Peter, our organist and choirmaster, was certainly achieved. A sequence of Advent Antiphons, Readings, Hymns and Anthems was interspersed by the insistent repetition, six times, of the following Versicles and Responses:

We wait for your loving kindness, O God,

in the midst of your temple.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed

and all flesh shall see it together.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,

and grant us your salvation.

The service built up to a prayerful crescendo of expectation. The general consensus among the partakers of prosecco and lebkuchen afterwards was that it had been a lovely service.

Joyce James

Midnight Eucharist

A tradition, from growing up in Kent, was to attend the Midnight Christmas Service. Always a special event. It is a reminder of this when now attending All Saints. This year Graham and I enjoyed this lovely service, beautifully decorated church, friendly atmosphere, wonderful music and Carols. We left feeling very uplifted and a special beginning to Christmas Day.

Thank you to Kirstin, Peter, choir, flower group and all who participated.

Elaine Perrett

Christmas Morning

Christmas day celebrations certainly start early, as was pointed out by Kirstin in her opening address by asking who had already received their presents. Whilst most of us kept our hands firmly down, the children were quick to respond in the affirmative! Yvonne Bryson's three, Gavin, Samantha and Lauren were invited to share with us their new treasures, and we were even blessed with a demonstration of the "world's best voice changer". Our first hymn was

appropriately "Christians Awake" which blew away any lingering sleepiness following a possible late night and the service followed as normal.

Kirstin's main address was about the proliferation of stars in the night sky. We were invited to wonder how many there were from various points of view; in the church, over Glasgow, and from the Hubble telescope. The point being that although there are Millions of stars in the sky, they are an indication of the number of souls that God cares for, and that he knows each of us one by one. The intercessions were caringly prepared and taken by Louise Benson and the service finished with "Good Christians All Rejoice" a rousing and very suitable climax to a happy celebration aided by the wonderful church decoration and the music so ably provided by Peter Christie who played us out with Eric Thiman's arrangement of "Adeste Fideles" (O Come All Ye Faithful.)

John Harrington

Readings and Carols for Epiphany

This year, the service for Epiphany was held on the day itself, 6th January. It took the form of several short Bible readings and carols accompanid by Peter on the organ, together with reflective readings by Kirstin. We were able to "join" the Wise Men as they travelled on their journey to Jerusalem (or in our case the Crib at the altar), and to watch as they laid their gifts to the newborn Jesus. It felt worthwhile being able to focus on just this one aspect of the Christmas story completing our Christmas celebrations. The service was followed by refreshments, served by the Minister of New Kilpatrick Church, the Revd. Roddy Hamilton.

Pauline Waugh

Wednesday Lunch News

Tanya's Farewell

Our Wednesday Lunch on 23rd November last year was an occasion for mixed emotions.

On the one hand, we were sad to say farewell to Margaret Escreet's carer, Tanya, who, thanks to Margaret's regular attendance at our Wednesday Lunch sessions became a loyal attendee in her own right. Looking back at photos taken of various special events at the lunches, it seems that Tanya had been attending our Wednesday sessions since at least 16 December 2015, the date of our Christmas Party that year. Unmistakable in the photographs, Tanya can always be identified by her distinctive bright blue 'Bluebird Care' fleece.



It was clear from conversations with Tanya during our lunch meetings that, far from being simply an extra duty or chore for her to undertake, her attendance with Margaret at All Saints Wednesday Lunches was something to be positively looked forward to.

During her last visit to us on 23rd November Sheena presented Tanya with a card and special farewell bouquet (as seen in the photo). In return, Tanya very kindly gave the Wednesday Lunch folk (staff and guests)

a lovely Thank You card, along with a big tin of biscuits which was distributed the following week amongst all who were present. We wish you well, Tanya!

While Tanya's cheerful presence will be greatly missed, all is not lost, for we have gained another regular visitor in her place. It is now Steven who accompanies Margaret to our Wednesday Lunches, and besides being a welcome guest, he is also a ready helper, stacking chairs, packing away tables and generally being helpful. Welcome, Steven!

Despite our losing Tanya, however, that same Wednesday saw the return of another regular attendee, Jeanette, who, only a few days previously had had major surgery in hospital. Nothing daunted, Jeanette was determined she wasn't going to miss the Wednesday Lunch. There were many who had counselled a more gradual return to engagements involving travel and being out and about in public; Jeanette however, was having none of it and so, on 23rd November, she was right there with us at the Wednesday Lunch enjoying food and conversation with great relish! In her haste to get back to her round of social engagements, including the Wednesday Lunch, I'm only amazed she wasn't still wearing her hospital gown! Welcome back, Jeanette!

Michael Graham

Wednesday Lunch Group's Christmas Lunch

The Christmas lunch was held in the Church Hall on Wednesday 14th December which Colin and I were able to attend for the first time, and what a treat it was.

On arrival, the decorated hall and tables were looking very festive and beginning to fill up with many people. Sheena welcomed us and thanked us all for coming. She introduced the two special guests from the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity to which proceeds from donations at the lunch would be given. No charge was made for the lunch



so all donations went to the charity. The amazing sum of about £900 was raised at the end of the day, thanks to the generosity of those attending (over 70 people). Our lunch was then served by the lunch group's very capable helpers and consisted of soup, a selection of sandwiches, sausage rolls and a choice of goodies.

The entertainment began with two renderings of poetry, one composed by our Poet Laureate Gill (see later) and the other 'The Glasgow Tree Fairy' recited by a friend of the group. They were both very funny and recited to perfection. Next on the programme was seasonal music provided by Susan and John Harrington on piano and violin, ending with a singalong from the Christmas Carols booklet.



We were provided by a 'lucky ticket' draw for a table full of donated prizes, looking as if we would all win a prize as there were so many. (Editor believes Colin did win a grand prize!)

A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all, with many thanks to Sheena and Jenny and their team for all the hard work to make it possible. We all wish the Wednesday Lunch Group another successful year in 2017.

Colin and May Campbell

This is our fourth annual Christmas lunch it looks as if it could be a permanent fixture as we have just had a phone call saying that 84 crackers have been bought and donated for next year!!

A BIG thank you to all who helped, came, joined in, had fun and donated. Well done.... All Saints members 42% visitors 58%. What a successful outreach!

The Lunch Team

Christmas is a time for thinking of others and giving. This year we managed to raise monies beyond our wildest dreams and these funds were donated to our Christmas charities.

The Craft Stall raised **£675** and the sale of Christmas cakes (100+!!) raised a further **£655**. Cheques for these amounts have been sent to the Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme.

At our Christmas Lunch Party we raised **£900** which was donated to the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity.

Our sincere thanks to all who assisted in any way to help these worthwhile local charities.



The Lunch Group Team

Our Poet Laureate's Tribute to the Lunch Team

There was a smart lady named Sheena
You wouldn't forget once you'd seen her
She worked on a hunch
That we'd all like some lunch
You couldn't find anyone keener

She started by forming a band
From those who she knew would be grand
Two Susans and Penny
The Janets and Jenny
All willing to help lend a hand

She needed some men who were strong
So hired Philip, Mike and A. Long
She knew they'd be able
To set up the tables
Count money, move chairs and so on

So quickly they all formed a group
Washers, dryers, creators of soup
Roll makers, cake bakers,
The movers and shakers
They make a magnificent troop

The lunches are such a success
That everyone eats to excess!
Raffle prizes and chat
You just can't beat that
And food served without any stress

The ladies come in from Thai Chi
To relax and have coffee and tea
They sit without fuss
And are so generous
Their donations help raise more money

As a change on a few Wednesdays
There'll be tables of floral displays
Or sponge cakes with icing
Which look so enticing
We all want to take them away

To learn the Scots Language is hard
But we have our own Scottish Bard
Graham explained it all to us
Crabbit, blether and gallus
All words used by Chaucer we heard

A much travelled man is Andrew
He shows photos of where he's been to
But he's also quite good
At making a pud
So now we know just what to do

A picnic is always a treat
To relax with good food and a seat
Or a wander with Mike
Not too much of a hike
Then return for more goodies to eat

To recognise true dedication
Long servers are given an apron
Not the time to be dressy
Slopped soup can be messy
So finery's not a temptation

So midweek when you've nothing to do
What better than coming out to
Join in the fun
With soup and a bun
As girls in their pinnys serve you

Well, that was a brief overview
Of what they have managed to do
With thanks to them all
I know we've had a ball
And I think they've enjoyed themselves too

So let's give a cheer
All those who are here
To the wonderful bunch
Who give us our lunch
Merry Xmas and Happy New Year!

Responses to Donations from All Saints

Thank you from WaterAid

Your congregation are made of the stuff that really makes a difference – thank you.

It was wonderful to receive your congregation's gift of £500, thank you so much. It will make an enormous difference to people like Esnart in Malawi. No matter where we live in the world, we're all made of the same stuff – not just water, but love, compassion, generosity and hope.

Thanks to your congregation's kindness, you are transforming the lives of people like Esnart. With a borehole in her village providing safe, clean water, she'll be able to live the life she deserves. A life where she'll have time to spend with her son, not worrying whether each sip of water she gives her little boy will bring on another bout of diarrhoea.

It's thanks to people like you that, today, 9 in 10 people across the world have access to clean, safe water for drinking, cooking and washing. This is remarkable progress – thank you so much! By helping to reach more people with clean water, you're improving their health, nutrition, education, and the opportunity to work their way out of poverty.

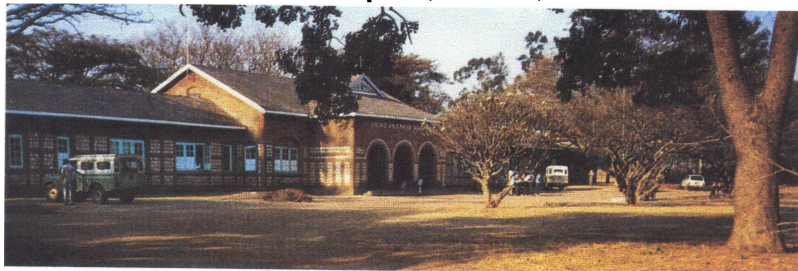
So, once again, thank you for being made of the stuff that makes such wonderful things possible.

With best wishes for 2017,


Imogen Hardman
WaterAid Community Team



St Francis' Hospital, Katete, Zambia



St Francis' Hospital, Katete, Zambia

Your donation of £500.00 has now appeared on our bank statement and I therefore write to thank your church for its generosity, which will help the

hospital in its work in Zambia of looking after patients.
Best wishes for Christmas

Yours sincerely Nicolas Fixsen - Hon. UK Treasurer

Vine Trust

Thank you for your very kind donation of £500 you have sent us in support of Vine trust's Medical work on behalf of All Saints Church. We are always very encouraged by the support and interest we receive, so thank you to all at the Church for their continuing support. Please be assured that these funds will be used to advance work of the programmes and help deliver free primary health care to some of the most vulnerable and isolated children and families in this world.

Yours sincerely Heather Bingham

Self Help Africa

Thank you for the generous donation of £500.00 from All Saints Church, we are so grateful to be a recipient of your annual charitable giving again this year. With your help families that once went hungry will now be well fed throughout the year and start to generate an income from farming.

For years Aragahegn, from Amhara region of Ethiopia, farmed without any means of irrigation except rain. In an area where temperatures regularly soar to the mid-40 degrees, and where long dry periods are commonplace, he could never count on his farm to provide for his young family. Three years ago he joined a Self Help Africa project to produce irrigated vegetables and grow mung beans. It transformed his life:

'Life has changed for my family. I have used the profits from the sale of vegetables to repay the loan I took for my water pump, and since then have replaced our grass roofed tukul (hut) with corrugated iron sheeting' says Aragahegn.

By supporting us with your donation, you're helping those in need to have enough food for years to come. You're not just giving a few extra meals. You're helping families like Aragahegn's to eat every day. There is still much to be done but, family by family and community by community, gifts like yours are helping people across Africa escape hunger and poverty for good. Many thanks again for your wonderful and continued support.

With warmest wishes from Steph Smith - Fundraising Officer UK

Friendship House, Drumchapel

Thank you to All Saints Church for your very generous donation to Friendship House. It is very much appreciated and will help keep us solvent for another year. Many thanks and God Bless.

From Maureen McKinlay (All Saints connection - Jean Kerr)

Friends of Vellore

Christian Medical College & Hospital, Vellore, South India

Thank you so much for All Saints Episcopal Church's most generous donation of £500 to the Person to Person scheme. Please do pass on our heartfelt thanks to the Mission Support Group and the wider church family. Your support of Friends of Vellore is very much appreciated and your donation will make a huge difference to those able to receive the healthcare they desperately need but can't afford themselves.

You should receive reports detailing which patients your donation has benefited in the next couple of months directly from Christian Medical College, Vellore.

CMC are busy building new capacity as their current facilities are very stretched. The team at the Rural Unit of Health and Social Affairs (RUHSA) are very happy with their new outpatient building and A&E facility that opened earlier this year. The new inpatient block in the Chittoor campus is now open, with one ward more or less full. New wards will be opening as the demand grows. CMC are seeing around 160 outpatients a day there and the place feels busy and alive.

This year we are continuing with our support of the Person to Person scheme and the outreach workers at the Low Cost Effective Care Unit. We are also funding several projects at the Rural Unit for Health and Social Affairs (RUSHA). We have just funded a new Occupational Therapist to work in Paediatric surgery with burns patients.

If you would like any further copies of the newsletter or more information about any aspect of our work, please let me know.

Yours sincerely, Ruth Tuckwell Administrator

From Abelour Child Care Trust

Thank you so much for the most generous donation you gave to Aberlour and helping brighten the lives of children, young people and families across Scotland. You will receive a formal thank you this week. Please do not hesitate to contact me should any of the groups associated with the church wish me to come along and share more about the work we are doing in Scotland.

Wishing all the congregation the blessings of Christmas and every good wish for the New Year.

Morag McGown Regional Fundraiser - Central

Refugee Response Group

The above ecumenical group has been meeting for nearly a year now and currently are looking into what it entails to be a Community Sponsor. At the next meeting on **Monday 20th February at 7.30pm** Keith Small from EDC and David Bradwell (Refugee Co-ordinator for Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees) will be coming along, also David Bradwell will talk to us about his experiences of Community Sponsorship. This is an exciting and challenging possibility for the churches in Bearsden working together to make a real difference to those fleeing persecution.

For those of you who may be wondering, what it means to be a community sponsor. The introduction to Community Sponsorship states:

Community Sponsors will be responsible for supporting the resettled family including:

- making arrangements to meet the family at the airport in the UK;
- providing housing for at least two years;
- supporting access to medical, social services and education for one year;
- English language tuition for one year; and
- support towards employment and self-sufficiency for one year
- Sponsoring Organisations may choose to provide support beyond this, according to the needs of the resettled family.

If you would like to come along to the meeting please speak to Kirstin who will give you some background paperwork on what Community Sponsorship entails, it would be best to have read that material beforehand.

The meeting will be place at Bearsden Cross Church and anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

The Group meets approximately once a month and is open to all.

Kirstin

Saintly Saturday

February's Saintly Saturday will take place on **25th** beginning at **5pm**. This month, having received requests from those who attended and those who missed the first one, we will be having another Beetle Drive. The evening will be over by 7pm, as always there will be a light supper and all are welcome.



Association of Bearsden Churches Unity Supper

On January 18th, the ABC Unity Supper was, as ever, a fun and informative evening. Held in New Kilpatrick New Halls the 80 odd people enjoyed some excellent food, good company and a great storyteller in the inspiring and unassuming form of May Nicholson, founder of The Preshal Trust.

After we had eaten well, she entertained us with her story. She managed to weave a humorous tale of her sad descent into alcoholism in Paisley and how she was saved by a chance conversation with a neighbour who refused to take her to church because she smelt and was filthy. Being a determined, feisty character she went nevertheless, and found herself asking the Lord to save her that same night. She then told us various funny anecdotes about the famous people she'd met over the years, including at one event in London where she thought the large silver chain around the neck of a fellow diner indicated he might be fairly important, only for him to be introduced to her as the Archbishop of Canterbury!

The Preshal Trust (Preshal is Gaelic for "precious") is a Christian based charity in Govan. It serves the most vulnerable in the community who are suffering from the effects of social exclusion, be that as a result of poverty, drug and alcohol abuse, mental health illness or the ever-increasing problem of isolation and loneliness. It is open every day and offers a warm and safe place with a range of activities from lunches to karaoke as well as fellowship on a Sunday. For those football fans reading this, Alex Ferguson pops in periodically to the premises, so impressed is he with what they do.

The evening raised £217.19 from a retiring collection. If you would like to know more, go to www.preshaltrust.org.uk.

Celia Fisher

E Group would welcome new members.

We'd be very pleased to see you.

Some church members may not know that E Group now meets on Thursday evenings, approximately every 6 weeks. We are a small and very informal group who meet to share a meal and study a Bible passage in the context (currently) of Max Lucado's book 'He Still Moves Stones....everyone needs a miracle'. The Bible passages we engage with in this book are portraits of individuals in the Bible who still challenge us today. They are historic moments in which a real God met real pain, so we could answer the question 'Does God care when I hurt?'. Max Lucado reminds us that the God who helped men and women in ages past still comes into our world, and he comes to do what we can't, to move the stone away so we can see his answer to our question. Any female church

members would be very welcome, apologies to the men in our church family, but E Group is a support fellowship for women.

Christine Smith

Music Notes

It was great to have so many singers in the choir for our Advent Carols and Lessons in December, and it was a very moving service. Next on the 'extra-ordinary' choral calendar is our Candlemas Sung Eucharist on **2nd February** at 7:30pm. There's a service of readings and music for Passiontide on **Palm Sunday** (9th April) at 6:30pm, and another Choral Evensong on **14th May** at 6:30pm – for both services we will once again have an augmented choir. Get the dates in your diary!



If you would like to sing with the choir at any of these services, please let me or one of the choir members know.

We're continuing with our **Saturday morning** choir rehearsals on the last Saturday of the month from January onwards – anyone who would like to join us, even for the occasional service, is very welcome to come along. We'll be in the Meeting Room, **10:30am till midday**.

It would be good to work up a new sung congregational setting for the Sunday morning Eucharist, for use during festival seasons such as Easter and Pentecost – I'm wondering if we could have a few congregational rehearsals immediately following the service for 10 or 15 minutes to prepare for that, and perhaps learn a new hymn or two. More anon!

There's been a lot of discussion on the internet over the past few years on how we 'do' church music – styles, taste, performance versus participation, what accompanying instruments are appropriate for use in worship – and lots more. Underpinning a lot of these sometimes-fierce arguments is a basic question that's rarely aired – what is church music actually *for*? What can and does it contribute? I'd like to tease that out over the next few issues of the Newsletter.

Peter Christie

Stamps for the Sudan Church

A big **THANK YOU** to all those who bought stamps from me over the Christmas period - I sold 1100 stamps! - which was excellent! I reckon we made approximately £100 for the Sudan Church which is good news - it all helps!

I still do collect postcards with the stamps left on - plus foreign and unfranked stamps (please leave a border round the stamps) - thank you.

Jane Lewis

World Day of Prayer-"Am I Being Unfair to You"

The World Day of Prayer will be held at **All Saints on Friday 3rd March at 2pm.**

The service has been prepared by the women of the Philippines and is titled "Am I Being Unfair to You". In a context of economic inequality the communities in situations of poverty are the most vulnerable to face and recover from extreme weather events. However sharing the stories brings healing and empowerment.

We hope to welcome people from across Bearsden, and we would encourage members of All Saints to come and bring friends from other churches with them. If you would like to be a reader or involved in any way with helping at this event, please contact Christine Smith or Louise Benson.

Any offers of help with home baking or help with teas and coffees after the service, please contact the above. We have a recipe for Filipino biscuits if anyone is interested in trying these! Christine and Louise

Family News

Two Perrett Weddings

On 15th October 2016 our younger son Ross married Elaine Lawson at Shieldhill Castle, Biggar. It was a very happy day with friends and family from afar even the Philippines. The picture includes Ross's daughters, Sophie and Kara and Elaine's son, Rhys.



On 19th December 2016 our daughter Amy had a Christmas wedding when she married Mr. Andrew Wilson, on his birthday, at Marischal College, Aberdeen. Another lovely occasion. Amy's daughter and granddaughter were there - so four generations!!!

Congratulations to happy parents and grandparents

Welcome to Emma and Tobias Wallstein, twins born to Rosemary (Long) and Bertold on Tuesday 17th January in Germany.

Children's Corner

28th February - Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)



Do you know why we eat Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday? Traditionally Shrove Tuesday is a day of preparation before the season of Lent begins. The 40 days of Lent represent the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness.

Jesus fasted during this time, and so Christians identify with his suffering by abstaining from particular foods during Lent, including meat, fish, milk and egg products. The recipe for pancakes is great for using up milk and eggs before giving up these things, and who doesn't love pancakes? Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of 'shriving', a 1000 year old practice of confessing our mistakes, and receiving absolution for them before Lent begins.

Why not try making your own perfect pancakes. **Ask an adult** to help you out with the cooking part.

For the pancake mixture:

110g/4oz plain flour	pinch of salt	2 eggs
200ml/7fl oz milk mixed with 75ml/3fl oz water		
50g/2oz butter		

Instructions

Sift the flour and salt into a large mixing bowl. Make a well in the centre of the flour and break the eggs into it.

Begin whisking the eggs and gradually add small quantities of the milk and water mixture, still whisking.

Whisk until all the liquid has been added and the batter has the consistency of thin cream.

Melt the butter in a pan. (Ask an adult to help with this bit)

Spoon 2 tbsp of it into the batter and whisk it in. Use the rest of the butter to grease the frying pan before you make each pancake.

Get the pan really hot, then turn the heat down to medium - you need to be really careful doing this bit so get your adult to help again!

Ladle 2 tbsp of the batter into the hot pan all in one go. Tip it around from side to side to get the base evenly coated with batter.

After about half a minute, and when the bottom is golden in colour, flip the pancake over. The other side will only need a few seconds to cook.

Slide the pancake out of the pan onto a plate. Sprinkle with freshly squeezed lemon juice and caster sugar or your choice of topping. **Enjoy!**

All Saints Sunday School

This term in Sunday School we are going to be learning about the Miracles of Jesus. Firstly we will be hearing about the Wedding at Cana and how Jesus turned water into wine.

"What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him." John 2:11 NIV

"Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." John 2:10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 2:1-11 (NIV).

Try this
wordsearch

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wedding	faith	best	last	Cana
Galilee	tasted	bridegroom	filled	glory
wine	disciples	servants	master	water
saved	banquet	signs	jars	miraculous

Upcoming Dates for Sunday School

5 th February	Sunday School	19 th March	Sunday School
12 th February	Holiday	26 th March	All Age Worship Mothering Sunday
19 th February	Sunday School	2 nd April	Holiday
26 th February	All Age Worship	9 th April	Holiday
5 th March	Sunday School	16 th April	Holiday
12 th March	Sunday School	23 rd April	All Age Worship



Happy Birthday to Neil Joy
20th February



All Saints Advent Carol Service



February Service Rota


Date	Sidesmen 10:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in bold to bring milk
5 February Epiphany 5	John Brooker Andrew Long	LHS: Louise RHS: Andrew	Isaiah 58:1-12 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 Matthew 5:13-20	David Wheatley	Louise Benson	Pauline Waugh Fiona Hempel Alex Stirling
12 February Epiphany 6	Anne Shirlaw Iain Stewart	LHS: Graham RHS: Penny	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37	Margaret Dunn	John Duncan	Kaoru Stewart Elaine Perret John Brooker
19 February Epiphany 7	Richard Kingslake Kate Ross	LHS: John RHS: Rob/ Christine	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23 Matthew 5:38-48	Andrew Roach	David Hamblen	Gillian Kingslake Sheena Macdonald Barbara Thompson
26 February Transfiguration Sunday	Joyce James Graham Bryson	LHS: Mike RHS: Celia	Exodus 24:12-18 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9	TBC	TBC	Ann Wheatley Brenda Hadcroft Jane Lewis

March Magazine

Please send all articles for the March magazine to Janet Stack janet.stack@btinternet.com by **Sunday 19th February** 2017. The magazine will be available on Sunday 26th February 2017

February Services

*God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth.
John 4:24*

Date	Services	
Thursday 2nd	 <p>7.30pm Candlemas Eucharist with hymns</p>	
5th February Epiphany 5 (Green)	No Eucharist	
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Reserved Liturgy
Wednesday 8 th	9am Morning Prayer	11.30am Said Eucharist
12th February Epiphany 6 (Green)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
Wednesday 15 th	9am Morning Prayer	11.30am Said Eucharist
19th February Epiphany 7 (Green)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
Wednesday 22 nd	9am Morning Prayer	No Eucharist
Thursday 23 rd	2pm Coffee, Cake and Communion	
26th February Transfiguration Sunday (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
Wednesday 1st March Ash Wednesday	9am Morning Prayer	11.30am Said Eucharist with imposition of ashes