

December - January 2025 Magazine



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The cover picture: Celebrating Christmas in war-torn Ukraine (see p17)

All Saints Scottish Episcopal Church

Drymen Road, Bearsden



Dear All,

CRADLE, CROSS AND CROWN

I saw a list of the top Christmas songs the other day: The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire), White Christmas, Winter Wonderland, Silver Bells, I'll Be Home for Christmas, and Jingle Bells. Lovely songs all of them, but significantly not one of them a carol or containing any reference to the Christmas story.

Jesus seems to be given increasingly short shrift at Christmas, in songs, stories, and on TV. It's disturbing – and an outrage – that so few people know or understand the heart of the Christmas message:

“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.” (Matt. 1:21).

If we want to include Jesus in the tinselly, gift-filled side of the Christmas story then we miss the true reason for the season. I have increasingly come to realise over the years that we miss out if we fail to comprehend that the true Christmas story commences with a cradle, but it continues to a cross, and it concludes with a crown.

You should not leave Jesus on a cross, because he is a risen Lord; but I also believe you should not leave Jesus in a cradle, because he's no longer a baby lying in a manger; He is a King on the throne of the universe.

The Nativity scene is a reminder of what Christmas is supposed to be all about - in that cradle was the heart of God wrapped in human flesh.

Even over the cradle was the shadow of the cross, something sometimes portrayed in dramatic paintings. God is telling us, “I love you. I love you enough to send my only son to earth to live and die for you.” Mary and Joseph were told before Jesus was born that He was to be the Saviour of the world. The reminder of Jesus' being born to be our Saviour may be among those things that Mary pondered in her heart, even the very night her Son was born.

As we reflect on the fact that Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the line of the great King David, and that the Magi came to look for the one born King of the Jews, we are reminded too that even as Jesus was cradled in the manger, realising that a cross lay before Him, He was the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

So as we celebrate Christmas and as we move into another New Year, we must ask ourselves if the full extent of the Christmas story is a reality to us. The cradle, the cross, the crown are all tremendous symbols of our Christian faith.

A “cradle faith” is not enough. Do you also have a “cross faith” accepting Christ as your Saviour and a “crown faith” submitting to Christ's Lordship as the king, the ruler, in your life?

Let us look beyond the joy of the Christmas season to get the whole picture. In the words of the chorus:

*You came from Heaven to earth, to show the way.
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,
Lord I lift Your name on high.*

A Christmas Prayer

Lord, the door of the inn was open for Mary and Joseph when they had nowhere to stay. Help your church to open its doors to those who need food to eat and money to heat their homes.

The shepherds alone in the fields were visited by angels. May your church visit the lonely and isolated.

The wise men gave gifts to Jesus. May we give our lives to serve Christ and others this Christmas and forevermore.

Amen.



Rev'd David

ADVENT STUDY COURSE

Our Advent study course this year will be using the Archbishop of York's recommended book, **Do Not Be Afraid: The Joy of Waiting in a Time of Fear** by Rachel Mann.

'Waiting can be beautiful and, at least sometimes, it takes us to the heart of the Holy.'

Rachel Mann writes with disarming verve of something we all experience – waiting. It may seem unlikely when you're stuck on a train, or nervously anticipating hospital treatment, or simply fearful of an uncertain future, that there is treasure to be found in the waiting. Yet the Psalmist says,

'I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.'

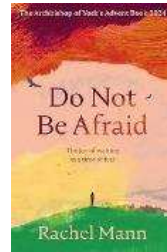
These luminous meditations tell stories of God waiting with us when we're in fear or distress; of coming – bidden or unbidden – to relieve our loneliness; of disconcerting us, desiring us and surprising us with joy... Most of all they remind us that Jesus Christ comes into the world as one long waited for; as the servant who waits on others; as the one on whom we are, adoringly, called to wait.

Rachel Mann is a priest, poet, writer and broadcaster. She has written over a dozen books, including the Michael Ramsey Prize shortlisted *Fierce Imaginings* and *A Kingdom of Love*. She wrote the bestselling Lent course, *From Now On*, as well as the bestselling Advent Book, *In the Bleak Midwinter* and writes a regular column for *The Christian Century*. She regularly contributes to programmes on Radio 4, including 'Thought For the Day' on the *Today* Programme, as well as 'Pause For Thought' on Radio 2. Ordained into the Church of England in 2005, Rachel is Archdeacon of Salford and Bolton. She is also a member of the General Synod, and Chair of the House of Clergy in Manchester Diocesan Synod. Between October 2009 and September 2017 she was Poet-in-Residence and Minor Canon at Manchester Cathedral.

You can buy the book on Amazon: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Do-Not-Be-Afraid-Archbishop/dp/0281090017>

This year our sessions will be held on **TUESDAY** afternoons, from **2.00 – 3.00pm** (*NB change of time from November magazine*). The four weekly sessions will be November 26th, December 3rd, December 10th and December 17th.

- For your diaries, *Compline (Night Prayer)* will again be held in church on Monday evenings during Advent – 7.00pm, December 2nd, 9th and 16th.



ABC (ASSOCIATION OF BEARSDEN CHURCHES) DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This year the annual ABC **Carol Singing** will be held at **Asda** on **Saturday 14th December**. All Saints will be singing with members of Baljaffray, Bearstden Baptist and Bearstden Cross churches from **11:00 to 12:00**. The other Bearstden churches will be singing between 12:00 and 13:00. The local charities which will benefit have still to be confirmed. *Please let Celia or Penny know if you would like to come and sing with us.*

The 2025 **Unity Lunch** is to be held on **Saturday 8th February** in **Boclair Community Church** (previously known as Killermont Parish Church), Rannoch Drive. The speaker will be Robbie Morrison from Tearfund. Tickets will cost £10 and be available from *Celia and Penny* nearer the time. As last year, Café Crème will provide the catering.

Celia Fisher and Penny Inglis

CHRISTMAS FAIR TRADE SALE 1ST DECEMBER

Fair Trade for a Fair World.

As Christmas is fast approaching, it's time to have our Christmas sale - all items from Gavin's Mill in Milngavie. We'll have Christmas cards, some seasonal gifts and the usual foods available on the **Sunday 1 December**. Thanks so much for your support in the past and I hope you can find something to your liking again this year!

Pauline, Elaine and Fiona

ABERLOUR SECRET SANTA

I write to announce that we again are collecting Christmas Presents for Aberlour. Last year, I was so grateful and delighted with how well as a congregation we done collecting and donating gifts to the Aberlour children. It was so truly appreciated. See <https://www.aberlour.org.uk/>

Again I would ask for your kindness to donate a gift for children who would not receive presents this Christmas. Please see present collection ideas below:

- Babies (aged 0-24months) – soft toys, books, clothing
- Boys (all ages) – footballs, games, toilet sets, hats, scarves & gloves
- Girls (all ages) – makeup sets, t-shirts, arts & crafts



As I am in Washington, DC please place all gifts at the back of the church in the box provided. Any questions please email me at ellen2404@icloud.com. Mum will be available to answer any queries too.

The final day to donate presents in **Sunday 8th December**.

Ellen

WEDNESDAY LUNCH GROUP



As we near the end of this session of the Lunch Group it is time to give thanks to everyone who has helped during the past weeks particularly when Andrew took ill and was hospitalised. We are pleased to say that he is now home and continues to make progress.

We are grateful to everyone who has 'stepped up to the plate' and ensured by their volunteering that our weekly meetings have gone smoothly. Events held so far have been recorded in previous issues of the magazine and our thanks are given to those who presented and participated.

Tickets for the Christmas Lunch are available now. Make sure you collect yours – this is to enable the caterers to know the number of people who will be attending.

The remaining three weeks include:

27 November – a 'mystery' activity.

4 December – making Christmas Flower Decorations – separate article in the magazine.

11 December – Christmas Lunch- 12 noon Luxurious Soup- Sandwiches – Cakes and importantly Entertainment including Christmas Music.

We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2025.



Susan Gray



At WLG on **November 13th** we celebrated Pauline's birthday. Pauline brought some delicious birthday cakes to share and Gill along with Rev. Kevin led us in a rousing Happy Birthday.

Unfortunately, I was busy with soup and serving so omitted to take a photo of Pauline with family and friends - or of the cakes. Here is a photo instead of Pauline at the Quiz night three days later - but looking not a day older!

Editor

WLG WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4TH

Come and join us at the Lunch Group. Take part in our Annual **Christmas Table Decoration Day**



All containers and decorations supplied. Fresh greenery and flowers baubles and Tinsel 🎅🎄 lots of fun and help available .

Please bring scissors ..✂️✂️✂️

Maybe you will find the 'container of the year' Plus the usual lovely home-made soup sandwiches and cakes all for a donation.

Sheena McDonald

DIOCESAN NEWS

Update on Our Search for a New Bishop

The Preparatory Committee has met several times since the Preliminary Episcopal Synod in September and, as confidential nominations have been arriving with Bishop Andrew, will soon be meeting again to discuss these and decide who should be invited to complete questionnaires ahead of potential interviews in mid-December and thereafter invited to participate in the Electoral Synods on 11th and 18th January 2025. More news in the New Year...

Diocesan Environmental Group

The above group is looking for new members. Ideally it would be good to have members from charges who can contribute to the overall work by getting ideas for their own Church and feeding back on successes and challenges. Please contact Petko Marinov for more information at digital@glasgow.anglican.org.

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2023

It was a pleasure to receive a recent update from Hilary Moran concerning one of the recent projects that have benefited as a result of the generosity displayed in response to Bishop Kevin's Lent Appeal for 2023. Hilary writes:

Mothers' Union AFIA (away from it all) holiday) 2024

Just to let you know we held another very successful holiday for 21 mothers and children from Glasgow area over half term at the Field Study centre in Millport. Janice from the Daisy Project (supporting women from abused families) said. "We had the best time. The women and children were exhausted but still chattering on the train. We were so impressed by the accommodation, food and activities provided. Thank you all so much for your kindness, generosity and time. It has been a true gift and an amazing opportunity to make happy memories we can keep in our beautiful boxes. I saw 2 of the wee boys today and they both wanted to go back TODAY." Thanks go to all who gave so generously towards the Bishop's Lent Appeal last year and made this possible.

"ALL SAINTS" CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 3rd November



It was great to see so many had braved the awful weather to take part in our patronal festival choral evensong and act of remembrance. Members of St. Andrews and New Kilpatrick joined us with Revd. David taking the service assisted by Reverends Kevin Francis, Andrea Hagenbuch and Roddy Hamilton

After the welcome and opening hymn "Disposer Supreme" we entered into the lovely words of the 1929 liturgy; "Seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses..." which set the scene for reflection and awe of this yearly act of remembering all those close to us and dearly loved of our congregation.

After the final words of the evening service setting and the second hymn "Ye watches and ye holy ones" came the act of Remembrance. Here the Revd. Roddy and Revd. Andrea read out all the names given them from the congregation, then we were invited to light a candle to any close to our hearts, whilst Esther played beautifully reflective music.

This was followed by the choir anthem: "Hail Glorious spirits, heirs of light" by Christopher Tye, then a very reflective sermon given by Revd. Kevin, where he mentioned his love for the old words of the 1929 prayer book and his memory of his grandfather standing at the sink singing one of the hymns of this service whilst shaving!

His theme of course continued on from Revd. David's sermon of the morning service, that "all the saints" are indeed all those who confess Jesus as Lord. Revd. David indeed told a lovely tale of one boy who replied enthusiastically to the

question "what is a Saint?" by the reply. "Sir, it is somebody with a plate on their heads!" this was eventually resolved when David picked up just such a plate and put it behind his head where it became a halo!

Our third hymn "For all the Saints", then the Intercessions followed by our final hymn, "The day Thou gavest Lord is ended", completed a most memorable patronal festival.

John Harrington

ALL SAINTS QUIZ NIGHT

Fund raising for Tearfund and Mission Support

Stop Press: £270 was raised by All Saints on Saturday evening, 16 November. Over 10 million people worldwide took part in the Quiz. A great result!

A fantastic evening was had by all at the 'Tear Fund' Quiz Night. There was an abundance of fabulous food courtesy of Celia, Louise. and Usha, sparkling entertainment and hosted by David and laughter by all, along with a few puzzled expressions at some of the questions!!

My table 'The Mosshead Gals' came in 3rd (competitive bunch we are)! The girls in my team all said how welcoming and warm our church family are and would love to be invited for future social charity events. Well done to the Dinosaurs 🦖

Note to E-Group - After the Bible Quiz Section I really think we should 'brush up' on our studies!! Gioia



A great evening was had by all, though some of us wish we had spent more time watching films from the past or paying attention to famous landmarks around the world. It was delightful to have participants from New Kilpatrick Church as well

as friends of our congregation. Seven tables battled against each other and the seventh was delighted to win a booby prize - I know!



The winning team was The Dinosaurs -anything but!
I gather Edward was wearing a dinosaur top - a well-deserved win.
Editor

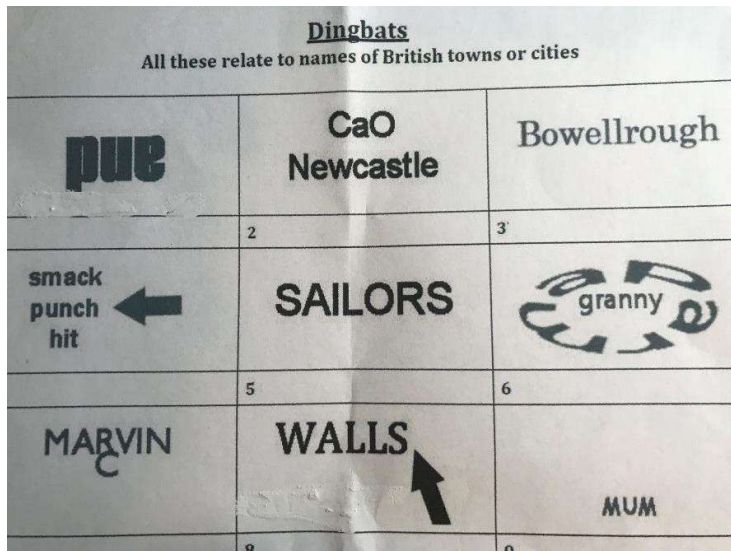
More praise

The All Saints fund-raising Quiz Night held on 16 November 2024 in aid of Tear Fund was a great success, all thanks to the hard work of the organisers Louise and Celia and other

helpers. It was a splendid gathering including the fun quizzes and the usual delicious food which was enjoyed by all. Best compliments to the social committee, and all good wishes to Tear Fund for all their international projects.

Usha Harte

Below is part of one of the ‘fun’ quiz questions, intended as light relief from the stress of the rest. For those of you who were not brave enough to participate, see how you fare. Answers for a donation to TearFund!



THE LEAF GIRLS



Our small band of gardeners met this month to clear leaves (lots) and the cuttings from behind the halls. We filled all the green bins, and a couple of bulk bags too. Hard work but a satisfying job. However, I think we will probably need another gardening session to clear the rest of the debris from the hall clearing, and more leaves, so watch this space
Kate Ross

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

At The Cross

After many cloudy but dry days it was inevitable that Remembrance Sunday would dawn damp and drizzly. This, however, did not deter a good crowd of old and young from gathering round the War Memorial at Bearsden Cross to remember, give thanks for and pray for those who suffered in the World Wars and subsequent conflicts.

People came from all the churches in our neighbourhood, creating a reassuring sense of solidarity. All the participants in the ceremony had assembled as usual in our church hall and the Boys Brigade pipe band’s playing announced the approach of our marching dignitaries and representatives.



The ceremony began with a quiet recording of Elgar's Nimrod and then Reverend David spoke eloquently of our debt to the fallen, of the need for peace in our present troubled world and of how we should hold all this in our prayers. I was struck by his saying we should pray for those who, in the moment, had no time to pray. It seemed to sum up the chaos of war.

Binyon's poem was intoned:

They shall grow not old
As we that are left grow old..

The Last Post sounded and, at 11am, two minutes' silence was observed. The bugle call marked its end with Fergus Hempel one of the two buglers, poppy wreaths were laid and the National Anthem sung. Many later commented on how well the musicians, pipe banders and buglers, had performed and we thank them for their contribution.

The marching party returned to All Saints where Fiona Hempel kindly offered hot drinks to all who sought them. The crowd dispersed in their different directions, no doubt hoping that peace might have gained the upper hand by next year's Remembrance Sunday.

Joyce James

Remembrance Thoughts

I couldn't be with you for The Act of Remembrance this year, neither at Bearsden Cross nor afterwards in the church (I was with our friends at St Andrew's, deputising for their Rector who had to away that weekend) so it wasn't until the Wednesday morning when I arrived for our weekly Prayer Group and Eucharist that I saw the tribute organised by the flower group.

It was most moving and stopped me in my tracks. Wreaths with poppies in Remembrance Day array, carefully adorned the font and the windowsills. The time, the care and the love that this display – and the others during the year – exhibit is a great tribute to the church and its people. Thank you!



With the Feast of Christ the King we leave our Season of Remembrance behind and turn our minds towards the future, the coming world.

I found Remembrance-tide to have been movingly observed at All Saints this year, from the joyous celebration of the saints who went before us and still accompany us, to the remembrance of those we have loved and lost at All Souls.

The reading of names during choral evensong was a solemn moment: this year we were able to remember by name and with sorrow a cousin I had never met. These moments of sharing our common grief is one of the great gifts the church offers. All so properly done. Thank you all.

Kevin (Revd Dr Kevin Francis)

Very many thanks to Pauline Burns and Janet Shields for decorating the church so thoughtfully for Remembrance Sunday.



A MESSAGE FROM ELLEN

Dearest All Saints,

I hope each and every one of you are well.

Well, what a month it has been since I last wrote. I am sure you will all know that Donald Trump will become the President of the United States again. It has been a stimulating experience to speak with both Democrats and Republicans and hear their political opinion and reasoning for who they want to elect.

I have had the pleasure to meet US Ambassadors and Diplomats, attending rallies to watching the debates. An experience I will truly treasure both academically and personally whilst residing in the capital of America during the election.

I look forward to seeing and chatting with everyone over the four weeks that I am home.

Ellen

SOME SEASONAL WORDS FROM YOUR LAY REPRESENTATIVE

Things have been relatively quiet on the Lay Rep front since my last report. However, it will be a busy next couple of months for me, as you'll see below.

First, an update on the Episcopal election. At the time of writing the preparatory committee (the committee which views applications and prepares the shortlist) is currently, in consultation with the College of Bishops, looking through the nominations received, the closing date for which was on 1st November. Interviews will take place in December which will result in a shortlist of candidates to be presented to the Electoral Synods in January next year. In the first of these (Saturday, 11th January, 2025), the candidates will be presented and in the second of these (Saturday, 18th January) we will hopefully elect our new Bishop. If this all goes smoothly they should be consecrated before the end of 2025. Details of the election process can be found here:

<https://www.glasgow.anglican.org/who-are-we/bishop-search-2024/>

As for the North-West Regional Council (NWRC), the next meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday, 22nd January at St. Augustine's, Dumbarton. I imagine that the main topic of discussion will be a debrief following on from the Episcopal election.

Whilst thinking about the Diocese, there will be some major changes in personnel in the near future. Both the Diocesan Secretary, John Mitchell, and the Diocesan Treasurer, Bob Burgon, will be retiring from their positions at the end of November. In my years serving on the Diocesan Council, and attending Diocesan Synod, I have got to know both John and Bob very well. John has been a fount of advice for us, particularly during our recent vacancy, and Bob was occasionally a sparring partner in discussions over church financing. However, I would consider both of them friends and will miss seeing them regularly (although I believe that John is still Lay Rep for his home charge so might be coming to Synods anyway).

Another imminent departure is that of our Canon Missioner, the Rev Canon Audrey O'Brien Stewart. Audrey is somebody else that I have got to know well over my years of work with the Diocese, especially during my brief stint on the Province's Information and Communications Board. Her energy and intelligence have been a major asset to the Diocese as she carried out the many and varied tasks assigned to her. She will also be missed greatly. More details on the Diocesan web-site here: <https://www.glasgow.anglican.org/canon-missioner-transitions-to-new-role-in-secular-education/>

Finally from me, a couple of dates for your diary:

1. On **Sunday, 8th December** I shall be begging your indulgence for a day off church as Ed and I once again participate in the Glasgow Santa Dash with local charity **The Sporting Aces**. If you want to sponsor us, here is the JustGiving link (showing a picture of the team from last year!): <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/the-aces-santa-dash-2024>
2. On **Saturday, 14th December** at **4pm** in **Kelvinside Hillhead Church** on Observatory Street, in the West End (just off Byres Road), I shall be part of a seasonal concert given by the chamber choir **Cathures**. Music will include Charpentier's *Messe de Minuit pour Noël* and some great Christmas Carols, including a particularly fiendish arrangement of *The Twelve Days of Christmas* by Andrew Carter. Entrance is by donation at the door. The concert will last about an hour, with refreshments afterwards.

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

David Simmons

VOLCANO HOUSE

David and I recently enjoyed a short holiday in Lanzarote, a welcome break after a fairly dismal summer and the prospect of winter ahead. This was our first visit to the Canary Islands and once we had adjusted to the lunar landscape we appreciated waking to blue skies and warmth each morning. The numerous restaurants provided excellent food and we counteracted this with a daily swim in the pool, all very self-indulgent!

We did however make one fascinating visit to **The Volcano House** which was created by local artist and architect Cesar Manrique and learned its amazing history. Volcanic eruptions in the 18th century led to the formation of a series of underground lava bubbles, and nearly three centuries later Cesar used five of these to make his house of interconnecting rooms, some with water features and one with a swimming pool.

Huge windows open onto the surrounding tongue of hardened lava and invite nature to flow inward, merging volcano and architecture. His artistry was evident throughout, with clever use of lighting reflecting off white paint on lava walls, imaginative furniture design and even a tree growing up through a hole in the roof. The effect was stunning.





Sadly, Cesar Manrique was killed in a car crash in 1992 when he was only 73 but he will never be forgotten. His amazing mobile structures can be seen throughout the island and he was held in such high regard by the islanders that they made him their Patron Saint.

His influence enabled him to decree that no building, other than church towers, should be higher than the palm trees. He had been horrified by the desecration of some of the other islands when tourism hit and monstrosities were built. His memory and legacy will linger on.



Gill Hamblen

A PERSONAL REFLECTION

There was a man who couldn't see
 He poured the pot and spilled the tea
 He's also deaf and couldn't hear
 the doorbell ring and the timer ping.
 And when he left the oven on
 his wife was really woebegone.
 So he is past his use by date,
 Let's trade him in for a younger mate!

David Stott

CHRISTMAS AT THE CROSS

BEARSDEN F·E·S·T·I·V·A·L

Santa • Elves • face painting • hot chocolate
 fizz • treats • treasure hunt • live music

7th December ★ 11am - 3pm

Shops, cafés, Boys Brigade Hall
 & New Kilpatrick Halls and Stables

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CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS IN UKRAINE

The front cover photo shows praying and the lighting of candles during the Christmas service in a church of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine in Kyiv on December 25, 2022, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Church bells and Kyivan chanting rang throughout Ukraine's capital as Orthodox Christians attended Christmas services on December 25, 2022, a defiant break from Russian spiritual leaders who marked the holiday on January 7th.

Now Ukraine has passed legislation moving its official Christmas holiday to December 25, further distancing itself from the traditions of the Putin-aligned Russian Orthodox Church.

This move highlights the rift between religious leaders in Kyiv and Moscow that has deepened with the ongoing war. The idea of commemorating the birth of Jesus in December was considered radical in Ukraine until recently, but Russia's invasion changed many hearts and minds.

The choice of dates has clear political and religious overtones in a nation with rival Orthodox churches and where slight revisions to rituals can carry potent meaning in a culture war that runs parallel to the shooting war.

For Ukrainian people, changing dates represents a separation from Russia, its culture, and religion.



A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

God of compassion,
Have mercy this day on the people of Ukraine.
Restore to them the gift of peace.
Grant wisdom to the governments of the world.
Bring good in the midst of evil and suffering,
For the sake of Jesus Christ your Son,
Who gave his life to bring peace to your world
Amen.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday, November 24th – Christ the King:

10.30am, Sung Eucharist in church
Followed by Annual Church Meeting

Tuesday, November 26th:

2.00pm, Advent Course, 1st session, in hall

Wednesday, November 27th:

10.30am: prayer group in choir vestry
11.00am: Said Communion in choir vestry followed by refreshments in hall
Noon, Lunch Group in hall

Sunday, December 1st - Advent Sunday:

9.00am, Said Eucharist in church
10.30am, Sung Eucharist in church followed by Fair Trade sale in hall
5.00pm, Advent carol service in church

Monday, December 2nd:

7.00pm, Advent Compline in church

Tuesday, December 3rd:

2.00pm, Advent Course, 2nd session, in hall

Wednesday, December 4th:

10.30am: prayer group in choir vestry
11.00am: Said Communion in choir vestry followed by refreshments in hall
Noon, Lunch Group in hall with Christmas decoration making

Monday, December 9th:

7.00pm, Advent Compline in church

Tuesday, December 10th:

2.00pm, Advent Course, 3rd session, in hall



Wednesday, December 11th:

10.30am: prayer group in choir vestry

11.00am: Said Communion in choir vestry followed by refreshments in hall

Noon, Lunch Group Christmas Party in hall

Saturday 14th December:

Carol Singing at Asda in aid of local charities. Our singing slot is 11.00- 12.00, and we need three or four singers. Please contact Celia/Penny if you can come.

Monday, December 16th:

7.00pm, Advent Compline in church

Tuesday, December 17th:

2.00pm, Advent Course, 4th session, in hall

Wednesday, December 18th:

10.30am: prayer group in choir vestry

11.00am: Said Communion in choir vestry followed by refreshments

Sunday, December 22nd - Advent 4:

10.30am, Sung Eucharist in church

4.30pm, Christmas Carol Service, shared with New Kilpatrick at New Kilpatrick church

Christmas Eve, Tuesday December 24th:

4.00pm, Crib Service in church

11.30pm, shared Watchnight Service, New Kilpatrick church

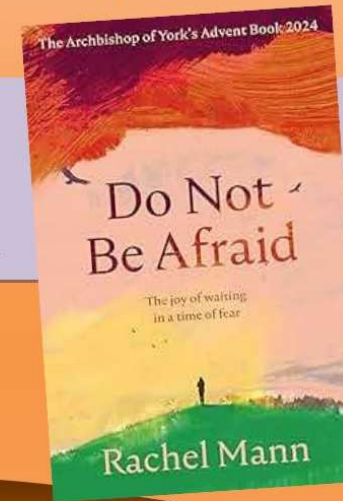
Christmas Day, Wednesday December 25th:

10.30am, All Age Sung Communion in church



DO NOT BE AFRAID

Study course for Advent



The joy of waiting in a time of fear



Tuesdays

November 26th - December 17th

2.00pm in Church Hall

See page 3 for more details

SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Services will be held both in Church and on Facebook at 10.30 am
It is also possible to watch services on our Facebook page afterwards.

Date Sunday	1 December Advent Sunday (Purple)	8 December Advent 2 (Purple)	15 December Advent 3 (Purple/Rose)	22 December Advent 4 (Purple)	24 December Christmas Eve (Purple)	25 December Christmas Day (White)	29 December Christmas 1 (White)
Celebrant	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest		Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest
9.00am Service	Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)		Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)				
10.30am Service	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist			All Age Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist
Other services	5.00pm Joint Advent Carol Service in church with New Kilpatrick			4.30pm Joint Service of Carols and Readings at New Kilpatrick	4.00pm Crib Service 11.30pm Joint Watchnight Service at New Kilpatrick		
Stewards	Tracey	Celia	Kate	Pauline			Andrew
Eucharistic Assistants	Jenny	Hanan	Louise	Graham			Andrew
Readings	Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thess. 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36	Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6	Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18	Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55		Isaiah 9:2-7 Titus 2:11-14 John 1:1-14	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52
Reader	Janet Stack	Graham Caie	David Simmons	Mary Stott		Andrew Long	David Hamblen
Intercessor	David Hamblen	Sheena Macdonald	David Simmons	Andrew Long		Louise Benson	Celia Fisher
After-service Coffee	Fiona Gillian	Susan Sheena	Moir Kate	Elaine Mairi			Jane Brenda
Other events	A 9.00am Said Eucharist is held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, using the 1970 liturgy. There is a 11.00am Said Eucharist on Wednesday mornings, preceded by a prayer group at 10.30am.						

SERVICES IN JANUARY

Services will be held both in Church and on Facebook at 10.30 am
It is also possible to watch services on our Facebook page afterwards.

Date Sunday	5 January The Epiphany (White)	12 January Baptism of Christ (White)	19 January Epiphany 2 (White)	26 January Epiphany 3 (White)
Celebrant	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest
9.00am Service	Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)		Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)	
10.30am Service	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist
Stewards	Janet	Brenda	Joyce	David
Eucharistic Assistants	Celia	Graham	Jenny	Hanan
Readings	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	Isaiah 43:1-7; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11	Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21
Reader	Bryan Stack	Sheena Macdonald	Gillian Kingslake	Gill Hamblen
Intercessor	David Hamblen	Sheena Macdonald	David Simmons	Louise Benson
After-service Coffee	Joyce John	Janet Gioia	Pauline Anne	Gillian Fiona
Other events	A 9.00am Said Eucharist is held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, using the 1970 liturgy. There is a 11.00am Said Eucharist on Wednesday mornings from January 15 th , preceded by a prayer group at 10.30am. (No service on 1 st or 8 th)			

The Editor for the February edition will be Janet Stack. Please send articles to janet.stack@btinternet.com by **Sunday, 19th January 2025**.

The Rector's usual days off each week are Thursdays and Fridays. One of these may occasionally change depending on other work demands