

Network

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From the Minister



Dear Friends

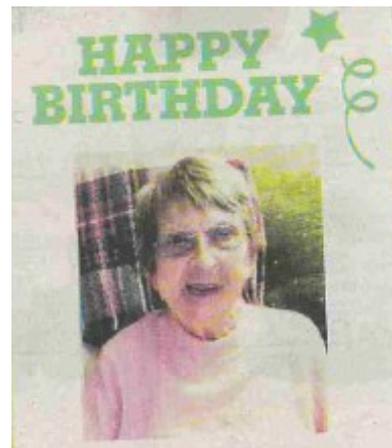
I am writing this to you while away at a World Mission Council Meeting in Coatbridge. One of the reasons I love serving the Church of Scotland and the wider church on the WMC is slightly selfish. During our meetings together we get to hear firsthand and through others the amazing work mission partners and partner churches are doing around the world for the church in spreading God's love, care, justice and compassion. As we approach this holy time of Advent and Christmas I want to encourage you to get back to the heart of the true message of Christmas, God being born amongst us to proclaim a new way. The way of liberation, freedom and justice for all peoples. Too many people are living in grinding poverty, denied basic freedoms and rights. Climate change is displacing people from their land as erratic weather makes traditional farming increasingly untenable. How we celebrate Christmas in a world where so many of our sisters and brothers are hungry is a constant challenge to us as a people of faith. I want to encourage everyone this year to rethink what Christmas means for you, your friends and family. And how are your values reflected in the way you celebrate? What is

the perfect gift? The perfectly packaged shiny pre-bought coffee and mug set? Or could it be a simple gift bag of fair-trade coffee? Do you go for more? Or for the more meaningful? Several charities offer the option of buying needed items for the poor and marginalised of the world ranging from school supplies, medical supplies, clean water, a goat, pig or a donkey gifted in someone's name.

Today I heard the two powerful stories. One of a couple retiring after 9 years running a hospital in poor rural Malawi. Learning of the amazing work accomplished in their time caring for the men, women, children and babies, much of the work only able to be done by the support of the Church of Scotland and the UK government funding. Followed by a young Scottish family packing their bags to move to Malawi in the next few weeks to work with the Malawi Church in Finance Management and Fundraising skills. Christ was born to show us the incarnational love of God. A God who longed more than anything to get beside us, move among us: clean and dirty, poor and wealthy, young and old. I hope and pray that we can remember this Christmas that we are connected to our brothers and sisters across the world as we celebrate this God of incarnational love. And hopefully that will spur us on to make choices about how we spend our money, the kinds of gifts we give, even how we wrap our presents in a way that cares for creation and cares for God's people. From our family to yours we wish you all a wonderful and joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year Love from Alisa, Neal, Archie and Finlay



Come and join us in the Hall
Between 3pm and 5pm on
**24 November and
6pm on 24 December for
Messy Christingle**
Children to be accompanied
by an adult

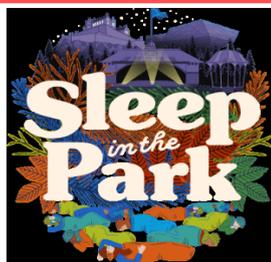


Congratulations to Cathy Dow who recently celebrated her 100th birthday



**Starting on 9th
January we will be
running an Alpha
Course on
Wednesday
Evenings
Time to be
confirmed.**

Alpha starts with a meal and a chance to meet and grow in relationship. Then we work our way through a series of faith questions for us to examine, ponder and explore together. Alpha is for everyone! Those questioning, doubting, exploring, learning, and those of mature and established faith. For more information please speak to Alisa.



Saturday 8 December. Last year 8,000 people slept in Princess Street Gardens and raised money to help end homelessness in Scotland. It is hoped this initiative can be continued and you are invited to participate. Contact Alisa if you are interested.

OUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 20 at 9.30am (Hall)
Tots and Toddlers

Tuesday 20 at 7.15pm (Hall)
Kirk Session

Wednesday 21 at 12.30 (Foyer)
Café

Wednesday 21 at 1.30pm (Hall)
Carpet Bowls and Board Games

Thursday 22 at 9.30am (Hall)
Tots and Toddlers

Friday 23 at 2pm (Room 1)
Craft Group

Saturday 24 at 10am (Hall)
Coffee Morning (Guides and Church)

Saturday 24 at 3pm (Hall)
Messy Church

Sunday 25 at 9.15am and 10.30am
Worship (Baptism at 10.30am service)

Sunday 25 November at 2pm (Hall)
Afternoon Tea Fundraiser

Tuesday 27 at 9.30am (Hall)
Tots and Toddlers

Tuesday 27 at 10am (Session Room)
Care Team and Flower Team meeting (Pastoral Team not required)

Tuesday 27 at 2.30pm (Hall)
Afternoon Guild

Tuesday 27 at 7.30pm (Hall)
Guild

Wednesday 28 at 12.30 (Foyer)
Café

Wednesday 28 at 1.30pm (Hall)
Carpet Bowls and Board Games

Thursday 29 at 9.30am (Hall)
Tots and Toddlers

Friday 30 at 2pm (Room 1)
Craft Group

DECEMBER

Sunday 2 at 9.15am and 10.30am
Victorian Christmas

Sunday 2 at 2.30pm (Church)
'A Time to Remember' service

Tuesday 4 at 9.30am (Hall)
Tots and Toddlers

Tuesday 4 at 2pm
Service in Shiell Court

Wednesday 5 at 12.30 (Foyer)
Café

Wednesday 5 at 1.30pm (Hall)
Carpet Bowls and Board Games

Thursday 6 at 9.30am (Hall)
Tots and Toddlers

Friday 7 at 2pm (Room 1)
Craft Group

Friday 7 at 7.30pm (Church)
Concert with the Impromptu Singers

Sunday 9 at 9.15am and 10.30am
Worship/Lessons and Carols at 10.30am

Monday 10 December 6pm (Church)
Barnhill Primary Community Carol Concert. All welcome.

Tuesday 11 at 9.30am (Hall)
Tots and Toddlers

Tuesday 11 at 2.30pm (Hall)
Afternoon Guild Christmas Party

Wednesday 12 at 12.30 (Foyer)
Café

Wednesday 12 at 1.30pm (Hall)
Carpet Bowls and Board Games

Wednesday 12 at 2pm (Room 2)
Bereavement Friendship Group

Thursday 13 at 2pm (Room 1)
Book Club

Friday 14 at 2pm (Room 1)
Craft Group

Sunday 16 at 9.15am and 10.30am
Worship/ Nativity at 10.30am

Tuesday 18 at 9.30am (Hall)
Tots and Toddlers

Tuesday 18 at 7.15pm (Room 1)
Leadership Team meeting

Wednesday 19 at 12.30 (Foyer)
Café

Thursday 20 at 9.30am (Hall)
Tots and Toddlers

Sunday 23 at 9.15am and 10.30am
Worship accompanied by Susie Will and pupils

Monday 24 at 6pm (Hall)
Messy Christingle

Monday 24 at 7pm (Church)
Christingle service

Monday 24 at 11.30pm (Church)
Watchnight Service

Tuesday 25 at 10.30am (Church)
Family Service

Sunday 30 at 9.15am and 10.30am
Worship

JANUARY

Sunday 6 at 9.15am and 10.30am
Worship

Monday 7 January 2pm (Hall)
Badminton re-starts

Tuesday 8 at 9.30am (Hall)
Tots and Toddlers

Tuesday 8 at 7.30pm (Hall)
Guild

Wednesday 9 at 12.30 (Foyer)
Café

Wednesday 9 at 1.30pm (Hall)
Carpet Bowls and Board Games

Thursday 10 at 9.30am (Hall)
Tots and Toddlers

Thursday 10 at 2pm (Room 1)
Book Club

Thursday 10 at 2pm (Hall)
Badminton re-starts

Friday 11 at 2pm (Room 1)
Craft Group

Sunday 13 at 9.15am and 10.30am
Worship

Tuesday 15 at 9.30am (Hall)
Tots and Toddlers

Tuesday 15 at 7pm (Room 1)
Guild Committee

Wednesday 16 at 12.30 (Foyer)
Café

Wednesday 16 at 1.30pm (Hall)
Carpet Bowls and Board Games

Thursday 17 at 9.30am (Hall)
Tots and Toddlers

Friday 18 at 2pm (Room 1)
Craft Group

Sunday 20 at 9.15am and 10.30am
Worship

Tuesday 22 at 9.30am (Hall)
Tots and Toddlers

Tuesday 22 at 7.30pm (Hall)
Guild

Wednesday 23 at 12.30 (Foyer)
Café

Wednesday 23 at 1.30pm (Hall)
Carpet Bowls and Board Games

Thursday 24 at 9.30am (Hall)
Tots and Toddlers

Friday 25 at 2pm (Room 1)
Craft Group

Lifts to Church

Volunteer drivers are happy to help anyone who has difficulty in getting to Church on Sunday mornings. Here are a list of drivers who will collect you and take you home.

NOV

25	Lindsay Foulis	774851
	Ellenore Foulis	774851

DEC

2	Graham Stark	730904
	Lindsay Darroch	738224
9	Iain Ross	779102
	Denise Melville	477964
16	Harry Dowie	776679
	Pamela Crichton	534610
23	Stan Hutcheson	779250
	Anne Reid	774847
30	Ian Meach	776542
	Joyce Meach	776542

JAN

6	Jack Robertson	776955
	David Laing	739586
13	John Grocott	779581
	Anne Chalmers	739719
20	Lindsay Foulis	774851
	Ellenore Foulis	774851
27	Steve Johnston	477739
	Chris Johnston	477739

Snippets

Starter Packs

Starter Packs is an interdenominational organisation which supports homeless people and helps them to make a fresh start. Any good quality household goods you donate will be made up into a pack and given to someone in need. Perhaps you can look in your cupboards to see if you can help this worthy cause – ‘de-cluttering’ is the in word!

Foodbank

In the UK one in five people live below the poverty line and people in Dundee are going hungry today. The Foodbank provides 3-5 days worth of nutritionally balanced emergency food for local people in crisis situations. Barnhill members support the foodbank both by donating food and by giving their time to help at the distribution centres and we thank them all. Please continue to help.

Thanks

Thanks to Steve and Chris Johnston, the Outreach Team, and helpers for their efforts to ensure we did not forget those who gave their lives fighting for our freedom and for our future. The Church was beautifully decorated with poppies and figures of soldiers and in the foyer of the Hall Chris and Steve had paid tribute to those of our Church family who lost their lives. In addition we were able to see how other churches had commemorated their losses.

‘A Time to Remember’

The Bereavement Service will be held in the Church at 2:30pm on Sunday 2nd December. Refreshments will be provided in the Hall after the service and it would help the catering arrangements if you could let our Secretary Alison know if you plan to come ☎737294. Thank you.

The Cafe

The Café is open on Wednesdays from 12.30pm to 2.30pm until the 19th December. We hope you will manage to come along.

The Church Hall is available to hire for coffee mornings, children’s birthday parties, etc. We have a large enclosed garden. For availability and cost please enquire at the Church office Telephone 01382 737294

Our thanks are due to **Joyce McIntosh** who has been looking after the Hall Lets. Anything Joyce undertakes is done promptly and efficiently and she is a perfect example of the saying ‘if you want a job done well, ask a busy person’. Joyce is now giving this job up along with a number of others to concentrate of Safeguarding and we are grateful to her for the time she has spent keeping the work of the Church going.

Rhona Mc Geoghegan can hardly be described as a shrinking violet but she can be called the Lady with the fancy tights who brings joy and laughter to us all. Rhona is a tireless worker and she is committed to living her faith in our Church Community. As Convenor of the Fellowship Committee Rhona has led a very efficient team of ladies who provide hospitality as often as required and we thank her for her years of service.

Scottish Country Dancing

Come and join us in St Margaret’s church hall Monday nights, 7:30 to 9:30pm All abilities are welcome – the dances are walked through first.

Tots and Toddlers

Tots & Toddlers has recently started an additional group on a Thursday morning led by Elena Culross. Happily this has reduced the waiting list to manageable proportions. If anyone wishes a place on either Tuesday or Thursday mornings please e mail bsmtotsandtoddlers@hotmail.com with your child’s name and dates of birth. Grandparents welcome! As ever helpers for preparation of snacks and setting out toys would be very welcome. Please email the address above or speak to Denise Melville.

Youth Club

The club will meet on 18 November, 2 and 16 December 7pm to 9pm. The Christmas Party is on the 16th.

 Join us on facebook

**Network Deadline:
All articles to be in the
Church Office by
Friday 11 January**

Giving Tree

This year the chosen charity for our **Giving Tree** is a small Scottish charity **Smalls for All**. Smalls for All works in partnership with a number of organisations to collect and distribute underwear to help women and children in Africa. They help those in orphanages, slums, Internal Displacement Camps and schools. They also provide underwear to hospitals to help those suffering from some medical conditions.

At the moment, they are working with partners to make up ‘hygiene packs’ for girls and young women and we have been asked to supply dark underwear for this purpose. They are also in need of underwear for boys aged 3 to 15 years. As in previous years, members of the congregation will be invited to take one or more of the gift tags from our tree, purchase the item on the tag and put their gift in the marked basket in the church. Underwear is indeed a **small** thing, something we take for granted, but to those who will receive our gifts, it will make a **huge** difference to their lives.

CHURCH REGISTER

Baptisms:

It has been a pleasure to welcome to our Church Family:

Theo Anderson

Heidi Sarah Amy Grieve

Marriages:

We offer our congratulations to:

Jennifer Longair and David Gunter

Jane Edwards and Tony Cathro

Funerals:

We remember those who have died recently:

Irene Cameron

Pat Grossett

Margaret Knox

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Guides Coffee Morning

A Coffee morning for Toilet Twinning will be held on Saturday 24 November 10 – 12 noon

The 30th B Guides (Thursday night) and the Outreach team are holding a coffee morning on Saturday 24 November in the church hall from 10 am until 12 noon to raise funds for 'Toilet Twinning'.

Toilet twinning, part of Tearfund, is an initiative which invites people or organisations to 'twin' their own toilet with latrines in poor communities overseas. This is a way of raising funds to enable people in the poorest nations to have clean water and a proper toilet and to learn about good hygiene. Toilet 'twinners' receive a certificate, containing a photo of the twinned latrine, its location and GPS co-ordinates to you can find your 'twin' on Google maps. Clean water, good hygiene and a safe toilet are vitally important - around half the people in the world suffer an illness because of poor sanitation. Diarrhoea is the third biggest killer of children under 5 in sub-Saharan Africa and across the world 1 in 3 people don't have somewhere safe to go to the toilet and women and girls are particularly vulnerable when they don't have a proper loo. Toilets mean safety, dignity and privacy.

Please come along and support this very worthwhile event and perhaps pick up some Christmas gifts from the craft stall or treat yourself to something from the home baking table. You may even be lucky and win a great prize from the raffle or tombola.

Tickets priced £2 for adults and 50p for children aged 5 plus are available from the church office or any member of the Outreach team.



The Minister's time off work is Monday

The Guild



Guild members enjoying games at the Hallowe'en party

The Guild Coffee Morning took place on 3 November, and once again we thank Church members and friends for their support. The Guild members worked hard to ensure the success of the event and we appreciated their generosity and enthusiasm. On November 13 we hosted a Project Evening in the church with refreshments afterwards in the hall. Speakers from all six charities partnered with the C. of S. Guild over the next three years gave presentations. All Guilds were invited and we were interested to hear about the wider work of the Guild.

On 27 November we welcome Cameron McKeown, a former Grove Academy pupil, to talk about his research into the men of Broughty Ferry who died in WW1. Cameron's project led to the creation of individual knitted/crocheted poppies commemorating the 92 pupils from Grove Academy who perished in the conflict.

The Afternoon Guild Christmas Party is on Tuesday, 11 December at 2.30pm in the church hall and the Evening Guild have a Christmas meal at 7pm, same date, in Monifieth Golf Club.

Please note that all Guild meetings are open to all, both ladies and gentlemen.

For further details please contact:
Norma McDonald
(Evening Convenor) 01382 739834
Rhona McGeoghegan
(Afternoon Convenor) 01382 774916

The Minister's telephone

number is 01382 737294

Scout World Jamboree

As some of you may know, I was successful, along with my friend Zac, in being selected for the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia next year. We have been attending a lot of training camps with the other 36 Scouts and Explorers and 4 leaders attending from East Scotland Region, getting to know each other and learning to work as a team. As part of the whole experience, we are expected to do fundraising towards the trip. Part of the cost of the trip also goes towards Scouts in areas around the world who may not be able to raise the full amount. Zac and I have held several fundraising events so far. Our latest is to hold an Afternoon Tea on Sunday 25 November in Barnhill St Margaret's Church Hall, 2pm to 4.30pm. Come and enjoy an afternoon tea of sandwiches, sausage rolls, scones and cakes etc, along with tea or coffee. Sit back and relax while Zac plays some tunes on the piano. Tickets are £6 for adults and £3 for children, available from myself or my Mum, Lucy. Thank you.
Logan Cosgrove

Christmas Concert by The Impromptu Singers led by Glynis Bromage

Friday 7 December at 7.30pm in the Church

We know that the Christmas season has really started when we can come along and enjoy our annual Christmas Concert by the Impromptu Singers and musicians led by Glynis Bromage. This year's concert will take place in the Church on Friday 7 December at 7.30pm. This event has become one of the 'not to be missed' evenings in our calendar. Filled with music, song and laughter it really gets us ready for all the hustle and bustle of the season.

Tickets priced at £5 can be purchased from the church office or from members of the Outreach Group. All proceeds will go to support projects in the Philippines.

**Barnhill St Margaret's Parish Church Office
Telephone 737294 SCO11017**



Dundee Refugee Support

Is this still running?

Vacancies at Barnhill St Margaret's Part time Children and Families Worker

Main duties include taking an active role in the preparation and leadership of the Tots and Toddlers Group two mornings per week and assisting with the planning and leadership of Messy Church and the Holiday Club.

The applicant should be a committed Christian and have a belief in the work of the Church of Scotland. Salary up to £22,000 pro rata per annum, depending on age and experience.