

# ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

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## CHRISTMAS 2015

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# OUR CHURCH FAMILY

## ***MARRIAGES***

**"Whom God hath joined .... "**

August 30    Nikola Doak and Gordon Irving

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## ***FUNERALS***

**"I am the resurrection and the life"**

June 15	Andrew Lindsay
September 3	Alexander Gellatly
September 8	Joanne Kinnear
September 14	Myrna Rankin
September 15	Margaret Latimer
September 22	Isobel Elrick
September 29	Margaret Murdoch

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### **FOR INFORMATION DURING VACANCY**

#### **BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS**

During the period before a new minister is appointed please contact the Rev Arthur Barrie Tel: 01698 261147 for baptisms and marriages. For funerals or hospital visits contact Rev John Stevenson on 01698 817582.

#### **ILLNESS OR HOSPITALISATION**

It is vitally important over the next few months to use the Yellow Cards at the end of the pews if you know of anyone who requires a pastoral visit due to illness or hospitalisation. These cards can be left in the church office.



## THE GUILD

The session started on Monday 5 October with our Opening Social when we were entertained by Studio 32 from East Kilbride. This was a wonderful start to our Session with songs from a variety of shows and a skit based on The Steamie.

Our Dedication Service was held on Sunday 11 October when we joined with the Men's Fellowship as they celebrated their 50th Anniversary.

The Rev Fiona Nicholson, the immediate past Moderator of Hamilton Presbytery spoke on the Guild Theme - Be Bold Be Strong - Go in Peace. She gave a most inspirational talk on our second meeting. The following week we heard from Niki Marshall on how she runs her soap making business in Carnwath. Monday 26th October was most interesting and informative as we heard of the work of Yorkhill Children's Hospital Charity from Nick Sharp as he shared his family's experience of having babies in hospital.

The session continues with entertainment from our Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, an outing to the Fort for shopping, a talk from Andrew Brown on his time in Ethiopia, keeping fit, and learning about perfume from Lesley Hamilton. We are then in the run up to Christmas with Christmas crafts and dinner at the Bentley.

Come along and join us for friendship and fellowship on a Monday evening. The 2016 session starts on January 11 with Major Connelly of the Salvation Army.

Myra Philip  
President

## Report from Church of Scotland Guild Annual Gathering

Clare Mackenzie, Myra Philip, Valerie Craig and Isabel Johnstone attended the Annual Gathering at the Caird Hall in Dundee on Saturday 5 September along with 2000 Guild members and special guests. This event was also available to many members nationwide via a live-stream on the Guild's web pages.

The meeting was chaired by the new National Convenor - Linda Young who highlighted the wonderful achievements of the Guild and the exciting things to look forward to in the coming session. From 2012-2015 £775,076.90 was raised to support 6 projects.

The General Secretary of the Guild, Iain Whyte said that the Guild has always been a trail-blazing organisation and will continue to "Be bold, be strong" as new projects are undertaken.

Representatives of the 6 new projects were introduced and interviewed. This is part of a 3-year Project Partnership Scheme. The projects from which we can choose are:

Street Pastors, Christian Aid in Bolivia, Feed the Minds, Mission International, Prospects and Care for the Family which we have chosen as our project for this session.

The speakers were the Rt Rev Angus Morrison, the Church of Scotland Moderator, and the Rev John McMahon, Head of Spiritual and Pastoral Care at West London Mental Health Trust, where his main clinical practice is as a psychiatric chaplain at Broadmoor Hospital, one of 4 high-secure hospitals in the UK.

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monday 5th October saw the start of this year's session, a session in which we mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fellowship, and it was good to welcome a large turnout of members. The first speaker of the year was our Interim Moderator. In his talk Mr Barrie explored the history of Christianity and the Kirk through music and song from the plain song of the monks to some of the more modern music and lyrics, his talk was laced with humour and we got to know of his favourites, and some, which he thought to be of no significance or relevance.

A Re-Dedication Service took place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October to mark our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we are grateful to the Guild for allowing us to share in their Annual Service of Dedication. The Service was followed by an Anniversary Lunch in Wishaw Golf Club, where the Fellowship President welcomed Guests, Rev Arthur Barrie, Rev David and Mrs Alison Doyle, Guild President Myra Phillip and Secretary Isabel Johnstone. He then invited Past Presidents: Jimmy Hamilton, Jim Williams, Bill Wotherspoon and Bobby Liddell to come forward and an Anniversary Cake was cut by the senior Past President Jimmy Hamilton assisted by Allan Joyce. After an excellent lunch Mr Robert Nimmo spoke on the subject of fellowship and concluded his talk by proposing a toast to the Men's Fellowship.

12<sup>th</sup> October: One of our Kirk Elders Mr Robert Neilson created a great deal of interest and instigated a number of questions on his talk on "A Day in the Life" which in Robert's case was a day in the life of a fire fighter. Robert not only fights fires but gets to drive the "Fire Engine".

On the 19<sup>th</sup> October, former Head Teacher, Mr Ian Valentine presented an illustrated talk on Rudolf Hess taking us from before Great War to the time of his reported suicide in Spandau Prison in 1987. The talk examined the reports made at the time of his capture near Strathaven and the many unexplained meetings and events which followed.

The forthcoming program once again makes use of the talents of a number of our church members, notice of which can be found on the church website and as usual in each week's church intimation sheet.

We will resume after the Christmas break on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016, when The Rev Bob Kent will be our first speaker of the New Year.

Be assured that a warm welcome awaits you on any Monday evening you may find it convenient to join us. We meet in the Conference Room at 7.30 pm.

Allan Joyce  
President

## SUPPORT CROSSREACH THIS CHRISTMAS

CrossReach was launched in June 2005 and was previously known as the Church of Scotland Board of Social Responsibility. CrossReach continues the Church of Scotland's long tradition of providing care and support. In fact, this work started back in 1869, so there is a long history in the field of social care. CrossReach employs more than 2,000 staff and supports some of the most vulnerable people in Scotland. CrossReach has an annual expenditure of £51 million. Most of the funding comes from local authorities, but they also rely on donations and legacies.

Calendars and cards can be ordered online.



## EVENTS ACTION TEAM REPORT

The Events Action Team are happy to report that a very successfully harvest lunch took place on the 5<sup>th</sup> October after the harvest service. It was attended by approx 120 folk who enjoyed good fellowship, a variety of soup and plenty of tasty home baking with tea and coffee. The lunch can only happen with the generous help of loads of people, but special thanks to the junior church, the cast group and everyone who cooked, baked and served on the day. The tremendous amount of just over £400 was raised so an extra special thanks to everyone who attended.

The Events Action Team are overjoyed to give notice of the next event, a first for St Mary's, an event that is so exciting its never been tried before in the whole 100 year history of our church, it's **"The Curry and Cabaret Night"**

Come along at 07.30 pm on the 5<sup>th</sup> Dec to the Avon Hall enjoy an award winning curry, then sit, relax and enjoy some of the best Cabaret Talent Scotland can offer. The exact cabaret line up is being kept a very close guarded secret by our very own Simon Cowell (Paul Bradshaw) but he assures me, it's more Leona Lewis than Jedward.

Tickets are **only £10** each and tables of 8 can be reserved in advance. Tickets will be on sale in the Avon Hall after the morning service for the whole of November. Ticket numbers are strictly limited to 96, so please be quick to ensure you don't miss out on what is sure to be a very enjoyable and memorable night. Tickets and tables can also be bought or reserved by contacting the Events Action Team or any elder.

As Christmas is just round the corner, thanks in advance to everyone who is helping or will help with all the Christmas preparations and events, if you'd like to help at all with any event, please contact the Events Action Team (Jennifer Bradshaw, Robert Neilson or Alan Joyce Jnr) or speak to any elder.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Alan Joyce Jnr

### WFO ENVELOPES - 2016

As a way of making some savings, I have reduced the number of envelopes purchased for 2016.

Therefore, some members may notice that they have a new envelope number for next year.

An accurate record of all envelopes is kept by me and I would wish to assure those members who are Gift Aid that a full list of Gift Aid members and numbers will be forwarded to Mr R Hannah, our Gift Aid Convenor, for the start of 2016.

Myra A McArdle  
WFO Convenor





After our appeal for leaders in the last bulletin we are delighted to have 3 new adult leaders working with the Rainbows. We welcome, Lesley Shearer, Lauren Fox and Amy McIntyre. More new leaders are still welcome to join us. Our Rainbows, Brownies and Guides are enthusiastic about their Guiding programmes. Check out what we can do on the Girlguiding website.

## RAINBOWS



The start of the session has been busy for the 6thA Rainbow Guides. We have welcomed a number of new leaders and Division Commissioner Doreen Barclay has also been helping out. We really appreciate the involvement of all those who are currently involved and particularly appreciate Doreen's time and expertise.

We have welcomed a number of new Rainbows who will soon be making their promise. All of the Rainbows are currently working towards their Roundabout Health badge. This involves the girls completing 4 challenges relating to a healthy lifestyle.

We enjoyed an Olympics evening as one of the challenges and all of the girls were awarded with medals.

We are all looking forward to our upcoming Halloween and Christmas parties where we join with the downstairs Rainbows to enjoy fun, games and special treats.

The 6th Rainbows, the Red Foxes, held a Princess Party with the Red Squirrels at the end of last session. All of the girls were dressed up as princesses or had on their party outfits. They enjoyed playing lots of princess games and doing princess activities. There was also lots of frozen songs played and Let It Go was enthusiastically sung by all the Rainbows and leaders.



We are very grateful to our new elders: Jennifer Bradshaw and Liz Ellis who kindly agreed to collect 30 happy meals from McDonalds. The Rainbows all enjoyed this treat. Afterwards some of our oldest Rainbows jumped the rainbow and are now enjoying Brownies.

This session has been busy and we currently have 16 Rainbows and a waiting list. Three of our new Rainbows will be making their Promise soon. We have started another Rainbow Roundabout and are having fun picking out our activities from the sections of Look, Learn, Laugh and Love.

We have received some new games using our Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers and are grateful to the congregation for helping collect these.

The girls were very quiet when we had our games night trying out the board games but they were noisier when trying to use the new hoop skip balls.

Our Halloween party is our next event and we look forward to having fun playing Halloween games, dooking for apples and singing Witches of Halloween. After this it will be fireworks, St Andrew's night then plenty of Christmas crafts to make and our Christmas Party on 2nd December.

## GUIDES

The 6th Guides (Tuesday night) have visited the Pets at Home Shop in Hamilton where they saw rabbits, snakes and lizards. They had a beach party held over from before the summer and so brought some much needed sunshine to the Avon Hall. They are working on activities linked to the Baden Powell Challenge Award and are planning a visit to the Christmas Market in Edinburgh.

The 6thA Guides (Thursday night) have been busy using new "Go For Its" - Go for It Space, Go for It Breaking Barriers. In the Go For It Breaking Barriers the girls explore the different challenges that girls face day-to-day all over the world - just because they are girls. The girls learn about Claudine from Rwanda, who shows what it's like to grow up in poverty and face gender discrimination on a daily basis.



Once again a large number of their girls are working on the Baden Powell Challenge Award. Carving pumpkins in preparation for Halloween has been a recent activity. The young guiders have also been busy organising a trip to the Pantomime in the Civic Centre at Christmas as part of gaining their leadership qualification.

## BROWNIES

Monday Brownies have been working on Home Skills and Home Safety badges. Activities planned for the rest of the session are based around Halloween, St Andrew's Day and Christmas.

September 11-13 saw the girls return to Gowanpark for their annual Pack Holiday. This allowed a group of the girls to enjoy their last pack holiday before moving on to Guides. The theme for the weekend was Fairies and activities included indoor and outdoor crafts. A visit to Dobbie's Garden Centre was a new venture. This replaced the usual outdoor walk along the Clyde Walkway as masses of wet leaves made the route rather treacherous.

Tuesday Brownies have been tackling some new badges, the Artist being one of those. They have also collected leaves from the park to create a collage.

Thursday Brownies have been busy working on badgework and crafts this session. Seven new Brownies made their Promise recently with their parents invited to the ceremony

As you can see the units are back in to the swing of things since the summer and are all busy following a full programme of activities.

## **13<sup>th</sup> Motherwell Boys' Brigade Company**

St Mary's Parish Church, Avon Street, Motherwell



### ***News from the start of the new session...***

We are now a month into our new session and already on the countdown to Christmas!

#### **FRIDAY NIGHTS**

We currently have a very healthy **54** boys on the role in the company section with average attendance in the high forties.

We have continued with the now established programme to accommodate the P7s in the company section and this gives greater variety and flexibility in the activities that we deliver for the boys. The first part of the night is where we are focusing on preparations for First Aid, Drill and Bible Knowledge competitions as well as providing an induction programme for the new recruits. The second part of the night the programme is tailored to the boys taking part in age groups with P7-S3 being 'junior' and S4-S6 being 'senior'.

Each of the age groups have a customised programme that varies week by week from the new 'Discover' award programme and from our now established 13<sup>th</sup> seniors programme.

We are very fortunate to have a strong committed and enthusiastic team of **16** company section staff who manage to coordinate the organised chaos on a Friday night!

#### **QUEEN'S BADGE**

We currently have **7** senior boys working on the final year of their Queen's Badge programme and should complete their programme for the May 2016 review presentations. You will see the boys serving in the other BB sections and in the Junior Church as part of their QB work.

#### **COMPETITIONS**

At the time of writing there has only been one Battalion competition. Our junior footballers achieved a third place in the Battalion Junior 7-a-side Battalion Football competition held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. According to our team manager we hit everything but the back of the net after a few shots hitting the post and crossbar!

We are currently preparing for the first of the drill competitions, the restricted squad drill, and the Bible Knowledge competition in addition to entering 10 pin bowling and swimming competitions that are coming up before Christmas.

#### **FUNDRAISING**

This is an exciting session for the BB Company but it is also one that will stretch our funds to the limit so we are looking at creative ways of raising extra funds (over and above our normal fundraising) to support our Centenary Celebrations. Please see the advert for CD/DVD/Computer Games recycling and see if you could help us in this way.

#### **COFFEE MORNING**

Our annual coffee morning will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December and will get everyone in the mood for Christmas with its usual mix of good coffee, home baking, entertainment and good chat among friends! We look forward to welcoming you along.

Our next update will be in the New Year.....have a fantastic festive season from the BB!

Captain Stewart Maxwell



# **13<sup>th</sup> Motherwell Boys' Brigade**

St Mary's Parish Church, Avon Street, Motherwell

**Saturday 5 December, 10-12**

## **Christmas Coffee Morning**

**Tea, Coffee, Home Baking,  
Entertainment, Stalls**

**Tickets £1 available from any boy or officer  
(under 12's free)**

**Back by popular demand - Hot Breakfast Rolls!**

**Roll & Sausage, Roll & Bacon - £1.30 each**

# 13<sup>th</sup> Motherwell Boys' Brigade Company Centenary 1915 - 2015



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St Mary's Parish Church, Avon Street, Motherwell, ML1 3AB

## Centenary Update

Our Centenary Session is now in progress and the two main streams of celebrations outlined in my previous article are now deep in planning and the excitement is building!

### **CURRENT MEMBER CELEBRATIONS**

The first event being planned by the action team lead by Alan Joyce Jnr is the Centenary Launch Night. This will be held in Dalziel High School on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November and will be attended by the whole company (circa 120 boys and 30 officers!!). The team have planned an exciting night of activities that will be a fitting launch to the Centenary and will provide the boys with a memorable experience.

The current boys and officers will then be joined by past members and officers for a special Centenary Dedication Service on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. See below for more details....

### **PAST MEMBER CELEBRATIONS**

Bill Simpson's action team now have the Centenary Dinner well organised. It will be held in the church halls on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 7 pm. We have a full guest list of around 100 people attending and a lovely programme for the evening which will see a blend of Old and New to awaken some old memories and create some new ones. Details of the exact arrangements will be communicated to guests in the next few weeks.

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November a BB spectacle will be created when we bring together the current BB Company along with the strong group of past members and BB guests to parade to St Mary's for our special Centenary Dedication Service. We hope that the congregation will welcome us with their usual warm support and enjoy being part of this special service.

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## **CENTENARY LEGACY**

In addition to the Celebratory events the officer team decided that we would like to leave a legacy of 100 years of the Boys' Brigade in St Mary's by completing the renovation of the Church Lounge.

Following discussions with the Clerk to the Board and the Property Convenor we set about creating a welcoming lounge that can be enjoyed by all visitors to the church and used by all the organisations within it.

This work has included: damp treatment of the wall, complete redecoration, sourcing of additional seating, recovering all the seating, new coffee tables, the addition of soft furnishings and an arrangement to rotate local artwork on the walls. This is in addition to the television and DVD player, previously installed.

In recognition of this legacy and to mark our Centenary the Congregational Board have agreed to our proposal that the Lounge be re-named the 'Steadfast Lounge'.

If you have not had an opportunity to look in then please do - I am sure you will agree that the lounge is now looking great and provides a fitting welcome to visitors.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who has responded to be part of our Centenary events and for the warm wishes received so far.

My thanks also to my officer team and to the action teams and their chairmen for all the preparations so far....I'm sure you will agree this is an exciting start to the Centenary!

We look forward to sharing our celebrations with you.

Captain Stewart Maxwell

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# 13<sup>th</sup> Motherwell Boys' Brigade Company



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# WE PUT THE FUN IN FUNDRAISING

## DONATE YOUR OLD CD's, DVD's & COMPUTER GAMES

We've teamed up with Music Magpie to offer you an easy way to recycle your unwanted CDs, DVDs and Computer Games and help raise vital funds for **13<sup>th</sup> Motherwell Boys' Brigade**.

This is a great way to turn those unwanted CDs, DVD's and Computer Games into funds.

We are also happy to accept any unwanted mobile phones (working or non-working) that you may have.

It would be greatly appreciated, if you could hand any donations to any officer by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015**.





## UPDATE

During Christian Aid's main fundraising period of this year, centered round Christian Aid Week itself, St. Mary's raised the splendid total of £4,575.45.

The main components of this were £1,510.74 from the House-to-House collection, £1,563.56 from retiring offerings, £892.00 from the 'Long March' and £560.15 raised by the Christian Aid Support Team at the church lunch on Christian Aid Sunday and the Messy Day a week later.

The need for humanitarian relief continues to increase in many places. In Nepal, where 80% of the people live in rural areas, Christian Aid's partners are continuing to give vital support to people in areas such as Gorkha and Kathmandu Valley which were worst affected by the earthquakes.

In the Middle East, Christian Aid's partners have been responding to the needs of displaced Iraqis and Syrian refugees by providing food, clothes, hygiene kits and health services to more than 50,000 people in the past year. They will be reaching 25,000 in the coming months, including providing shelter and fans to offer those living in makeshift homes some protection from the harsh summer heat.

Conflict and the mass movement of people forced to flee their homes makes women and girls more vulnerable to violence and insecurity. Christian Aid partner Asuda, which works to combat violence against women, has reached thousands of vulnerable women providing some basic hygiene kits and helping them access Asuda's counselling, legal and medical referral services.

Once again, many thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way to our church's support for Christian Aid's vital work among those in desperate need.

Margaret MacGregor

### **BASICS FOOD BANK (LANARKSHIRE)**

Please continue to donate to this Christian Project which offers support to those who are at a crisis point in their life. It provides family and single packs of food items, non-perishables and a hygiene pack over a two-week period. All packs are given out on a referral basis to people living in our local area.

Donations can be left in the box in the vestibule of the church or in the cupboard in the church kitchen.



## THE TUESDAY CLUB

The Tuesday Club commenced after the summer recess on the 1st September, with an excellent presentation by an officer from the Parks Dept of North Lanarkshire Council, on the history and natural history of Dalzell House.

On Thursday the 1st of October we had a trip to Dobbies' Garden Centre in the Clyde Valley, where we had afternoon tea. It was a glorious sunny, warm afternoon and whilst having our afternoon tea we could look through the patio doors and see all the beautiful shades of green, gold and red foliage covering the landscape. It was even warm enough to sit on the patio and get some sun. Those of us, who didn't sit outside, looked around the various shops within the garden centre and bought some gifts for Christmas.

The Club since the beginning of September has gained some new members and I hope they feel most welcome and are enjoying our syllabus, which includes an array of speakers.

In November, the Club plans to organise an afternoon tea and the proceeds of which will go towards funding our transport. Up until the end of the tax year 2014/2015 transport was provided by Motherwell Community Transport and funded by the Social Work Dept of North Lanarkshire Council. As a result of MCT not renewing their licence, I was informed by the Social Work Dept, that as we are living in a time of austerity, the dept is working to a strict budget and therefore, is unable to continue funding our transport costs. For this current financial year 2015/2016, I was most fortunate and managed to acquire a grant from the Scottish Government which covers our transport costs, but was informed on receipt of the monies, not to expect funding for the tax year 2016/2017. In November, when we have our Afternoon Tea, I look forward to your support, without which, the Club would no longer be viable, as for a good number of our members transport is a necessity. The Club gives members something to which they can look forward. It gives them the impetus to get out of bed in the morning, get washed and dressed,

do their hair and put on a little makeup. St Mary's Avon Hall is a warm, safe environment to which they can attend for a little while: meet with friends, have a chat, a cup of tea, listen to a speaker and then return home. For some of these elderly people, a Tuesday is the only day on which they get out, due to the fact, that transport is provided.

The Syllabus is as follows:

### 2015

27th October - Friends of the Botanic Gardens  
3rd November - Monklands Canal  
10th November - Dream Flight  
17th November - St Andrew's Hospice  
24th November - The Burrell Collection  
1st December - Lunch at The Bentley  
Christmas and New Year Holidays

### 2016

12th January - Strathclyde Fire Brigade  
19th January - Police Scotland  
26th January - Women's Institute  
2nd February - British Red Cross  
9th February - The Scout Association  
16th February - New Lanark  
23rd February - Malawi Update  
1st March - NSPCC  
8th March - RSPB Baron's Haugh  
15th March - Meditation  
22nd March - Holy Week  
29th March - Keep Fit  
5th April - Poetry Women's Institute  
12th April - Citizens Advice Bureau  
19th April - The Waverly Steam Boat  
26th April - Christine Jones' Jewellery  
3rd May - Lunch at the Bentley  
Summer Recess

Valerie T Craig

# Junior Church

## Harvest...

It was good to have the children in the Junior Church departments taking part in our morning worship for Harvest. The Mini Zone and Kids Zone both performed their new Harvest songs and this was very much enjoyed by the congregation.

Our Y Zone performed a short harvest sketch, reminding us all to be thankful for all that we have and to think of others less fortunate. The dancing scarecrow was a real favourite with the junior church.. This was very well done and was well delivered by our budding performers!

The teachers and helpers wish to thank the parents and friends for donating food gifts to be used by the Loaves and Fishes Trust. It was a wonderful sight to see so many children process into the church with their gifts.

## Harvest Preparations...

Well done to our Y Zone for helping to decorate the church for Harvest. I'm sure you all noticed the garlands of fruit draped around the pillars, the nets full of fish, our very creative vegetable animals, and the windows surrounded by harvest flowers and foods. Their display added greatly to our Harvest service! The Y Zone were also busy making scarecrow decorations for the Harvest Lunch tables, setting tables and napkin folding - what a lot of hard work on the Saturday night. This was rewarded with pizza! Our harvest bread this year was again made by Megan and Gregor Graham under the watchful eye of "Auntie June" We are delighted that the skills and secrets for this special part of our Harvest display are being passed onto the next generation! This was the 39<sup>th</sup> time that June has made the bread, using a recipe in the Woman's Weekly from 1976!

## Zone news...

The Autumn session will be rounded off with an All Saint's Party hosted by the Kids Zone. The hall will be filled with angels and shepherds, Roman Soldiers and Kings, Gideon and Mr Noah, Daniel and his lions and Samuel to name but a few. Following a costume parade they will have great fun with lots of messy team games followed by dancing and snacks.

## Be nice in November...

All Zones of our Junior Church will be taking part in this special venture to bring in a pencil case to send to a school in Uganda. A display of this work is in the main corridor.

## Junior Church Christmas dates...

December is a busy month for us all. We do hope that you will be able to join us at our special family services and at our Christmas parties. The children of the Junior Choir and Junior Church departments will be taking part in a number of services and we look forward to sharing our worship with them.

## Parties-

Tots Zone	Sunday 13th at 11 am
Kids Zone	Saturday 12th 2-4 pm
Mini Zone	Saturday 12th 2-4 pm

## Carol Singing by torch light and festive supper

Sunday 13th	early evening
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Nativity Play	Sunday 20th 11 am
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"Let the little children come to me," Matthew 19:14

## **St Mary's Parish Church Junior Church**

**We are hoping to "do something nice in November"**

Laura Maxwell, the daughter of Marie our Junior Choir leader grew up in the Sunday School and guide organisations of St Mary's. As a primary teacher, Laura has decided to take a career gap and is working in Uganda for a year as a curriculum development officer.

Laura is based in Ziobwe and has over 40 children in each class. The children live in mud hut houses and the provisions for education are very basic. She has been welcomed into their community and into their church and Laura is enjoying taking part with the children's ministry too.

We thought that it would be nice to do something for others...so we are inviting you to be nice in November too!

**All we ask is that you fill a pencil case with some essential stationery with a small note pad to be handed out to the children.**



The children will be very excited to receive these and we hope that our collection will reach them in time for Christmas.

Pencil cases can be handed in on a Sunday to the Junior Church Zone leaders, or to the boxes located at each of the church doors.

Thank you for supporting our Junior Church venture.

# FLOWER LIST

## NOVEMBER

1st	Mrs M Graham Mrs B Hamilton Mrs L Huggins Mrs J Weir
8th	Mrs S Sinclair Mrs A Corbett
15th	Mrs M McCloy
22nd	Mrs M McDonald Miss J Graham
29th	Mr S Dick

## DECEMBER

6th	Mrs S Carswell The Guild
13th	Mr W Wotherspoon Mrs Williams Mrs I Scott
20th	Mrs M Wilkie Mrs M Jarvie
27th	Mrs F Renwick Mrs Earl

## JANUARY

3rd	Mrs M Munro Mrs D Connor Mrs M Hardie Mrs J Weir
10th	Mrs J Rennie Mr J Williams Mr & Mrs W McNair
17th	Mrs M McArdle Miss J Graham
24th	Mrs N McMillan Mrs M Wilson
31st	Church Choir



June Graham - Flower Convener

## FORTHCOMING SERVICES



November	8	10.45 am	Remembrance Service
	22	11.00 am	Boys' Brigade Dedication and Anniversary Service
	29	11.00 am	Anniversary Service
December	6	11.00 am	Gift Service
	13	11.00 am	Lessons and Carols for Christmas
	20	11.00 am	Christmas Sunday Nativity Play
	24	11.15 pm	Christmas Eve Service
	25	10.30 am	Christmas Family Service
	27	11.00 am	Worship in the Light of Christmas

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 5 December at 7.30 pm	<b>"The Curry and Cabaret Night"</b>
Sunday December 13 at 6.30 pm	Carols by Candlelight (Soup and festive fare in the hall Entertainment provided by Y Zone Pantomime)