

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

BAPTISM

"Go therefore and baptise"

6 Nov	Aimee Elizabeth Bell
11 Dec	Joshua Graeme Good
11 Dec	Cameron John Good

FUNERALS

"I am the resurrection and the life"

14 Nov	Raymond Wyper
2 Dec	Winifred McNiven
15 Dec	Iris Rooney
22 Dec	Marion Latimer
29 Dec	Anna Brown
29 Dec	Catherine Macleod
31 Dec	Nessie Bowman

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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 and
Rev John Stevenson Tel: 01698 817582 for funerals and hospital visits.

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

Our opening session continued with a talk from Stephanie Laing on her work as a clinical psychologist. This was a most interesting evening with Stephanie talking about her work in a most sensitive and entertaining way. Alistair Dinsmor from Glasgow Police Museum took us through over 100 years of the Glasgow Police informing us of many policing initiatives which did in fact begin in Glasgow - CID, Police Dogs, chequered hats, Police boxes to name but a few.

On Friday 18 November a group of ladies travelled in style, chauffer driven, to take part in the Guild "Big Sing" in Greenock. This was a most enjoyable afternoon of hymns and readings. The offering went towards LISAP (Livingstonia Synod Aids Project) in Malawi which supports people affected by HIV/Aids. Particular support is given to vulnerable families to help improve their food security.

As we approached Christmas an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping was provided by Christine Jones who brought along a wide selection of jewellery, hats and scarves for us to buy. We were then entertained by pupils from all year groups of Dalziel High School on Monday 28 November. The Junior Choir and the soloists were a delight to listen to and the Ceilidh Band had our feet tapping. Senior pupils entertained on ukulele, tuba and guitar. Pupils were accompanied by Principal Teacher Mr Bensalem and Mrs McKenzie.

As we came to the end of the session we had a Christmas at Home when we were entertained by our own members. A group of the ladies sang Christmas songs accompanied by Janette McPherson and

readings and prayers were delivered by Valerie Craig, Clare Mackenzie and Agnes Molnar. Karen Maxwell and her group of young women showed the ladies how to make charms for glasses which were then used to taste 2 mocktails. Christmas dinner at The Bentley rounded off the session. A most enjoyable meal was concluded with entertainment provided by Bill Simpson.

The new session begins on Monday 9 January with a visit from Colin Ogilvie, a Community Development Worker in Overtown. Our session continues with a visit from a representative of the Scottish Refugee Council, Scottish entertainment provided by Jim Hughes and a talk by John Harden ED Consultant at Wishaw General.

A varied programme which should provide much interest to which we invite the ladies of the congregation to join us.

Myra Philip
President



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The New Year got off to a great start when a packed Conference Room was treated to a "Day in The Life" of Alan Brown who touched on the work involved in dealing with "Big Business" and "Tax Issues" laced with views from his office window and corporate away days; an informative and amusing insight into his work.

Meetings in November and December continued to be very well attended.

November and Mr Gordon Beck and 5 of the more senior members of the Shine Children's Theatre Group enthralled us with the story of the growth of Shine and their excellent singing.

The Chilli Children Charity was explained to us by Mr Brian Fleming.

My Life in Research was the theme of Paul Bradshaw in which he told of some of the projects he was involved in, many of them looking at the lives of samples of the population over a period of years.

Douglas Keith gave us a tour of Beamish and Durham, as ever filled with anecdotes and humour.

December: Chief Inspector Andrew Bell of Police Scotland spoke of the issues facing the modern Police Service and the changes that affect the way in which the public perceive the modern service.

Our last meeting of the year was our usual lively and hotly contested quiz, organised and presented by our own Bill Taylor, Thanks to Bill for another great night.

We look forward to future meetings.

January	
16	Technical Time - Colin Weir
23	Burns Night - Junior Choir
30	My Life in Education - Linda Anderson
February	
6	St Bernadette's Malawi Project Geraldine Fleming
13	An Author's Tail - Andrew Livingstone
20	Fir Park Security - Robert Park
27	My Life as a Loser - Alan Joyce
March	
6	Lanarkshire Cinema Heritage - Jenny Noble
13	Panel Night Joint Meeting with Guild
20	Teenage Cancer Trust - Chris Craig
27	My subject - Rev John Stevenson
April	
3	AGM + On Your Own

As always a warm welcome awaits you on any Monday evening you may be free to attend, meetings start at 7.30 pm and finish at 9.00 pm.

Allan Joyce
President

EVENTS ACTION TEAM

It has been a very busy time for the Events Action Team.

The first Family Film evening was held on 3 December. There were probably about 40 attending in total with ages ranging from about 3 to about, well very old (Mr and Mrs Session Clerk). Feedback from those who attended was very good, the film night will hopefully become an annual event.

The Events Action Team would again like to thank everyone who helped over the festive period particularly those who helped in decorating the church and the halls, and those who helped tidy up and store the decorations ready for next year.

The next event in the calendar is the April Quiz night, the exact date will be announced in due course. Your continued support for this event and all the events in the future is very much appreciated

The Team will meet very soon to discuss the quiz and other events for coming year, please feel free to pass on any ideas or requests you may have for future events.

Thanks.
Alan Joyce Jnr

TUESDAY CLUB

The Club has had a good year with an array of speakers from various institutions including the British Red Cross, Police Scotland - Mounted Division and the Scouting movement to name but a few.

Our afternoon outing was at the Radstones Hotel where Afternoon Tea was enjoyed by all. The diary from January to the end of April is now full and anyone wishing to

attend any of our meetings will be made most welcome.

At the end of the session we will be organising another Bring and Buy Sale and Afternoon Tea to raise funds for our minibus. Last year was our first fund-raising event and we were supported greatly by the congregation. We hope this will be reflected again on Tuesday 25 April. The event will commence at 1 pm until 4 pm.

The syllabus for the session is :-

Jan 10th	Mrs Louise Bustard, Glasgow Botanical Gardens
Jan 17th	Quarrier's Homes
Jan 24th	Miss Lauren Docherty, Wiltshire Foods
Jan 31st	Mr N Mitchell, Paramedic
Feb 7th	Mr J McGeoch, Meditation
Feb 14th	Mr G Blake, Where it all began
Feb 21th	Mr G Sherry, The Gospel according to Jimmy
Feb 28th	Mr R Wilson, Keyboard player - old tunes
Mar 7th	Mrs A Robertson, Tour Guide
Mar 14th	Mr C Merriweather, Glasgow Cathedral
Mar 21st	Christine Jones Jewellery
Mar 28th	Lesley Japp, Singer
April 4th	Easter Holiday
April 11th	Easter Holiday
April 18th	Lesley Japp, Singer
April 25th	Afternoon Tea and Bring and Buy Sale
May 2nd	Lunch at The Bentley

Valerie T Craig

Thinking Day will soon be here and the programmes in our units reflect the international aspect of Girlguiding. This allows our girls to experience what it means to be part of the worldwide Girlguiding movement.

Make new friends, Share the fun, Plant a tree are part of this year's WAGGGS Challenge to grow Girlguiding. There are 10 million girls who are Girl Guides or Girl Scouts in the world, but 800 million girls in total worldwide. We want a world where all girls have a safe space to grow and have many exciting, relevant, accessible and learner-led experiences.

Rainbow Christmas Party

The annual joint Christmas party of our 2 Rainbow units was a great success. The girls all looked wonderful in their party outfits and Santa made a special appearance to distribute gifts.

The 6thA Rainbows continue to have fun each week, participating in games and activities with our Rainbow friends. They are currently working towards another Roundabout Rainbow badge. They have also enjoyed a special Scottish themed Burns night.

The 6th Rainbows have been busy over the last few months with Hallowe'en and Christmas Parties. They have made several crafts which proved to be time consuming and just a bit more difficult than we originally thought. The end result was worth it though. We have also been in the kitchen decorating biscuits and the Rainbows enjoyed the mess and certainly enjoyed eating their creations.

The start of the year has meant that we have had 3 girls leave for Brownies but we have had 3 new Rainbows join our unit and will be making their promise over the next few weeks.

January will have Chinese New Year Activities and our Burns celebrations.



6thA Motherwell Guides

The Thursday Guides reach a special landmark in July 2017 when they celebrate their 50th Anniversary. In 1967 Guides were so popular in St Mary's that we had to start a second Guide Company to cope with the numbers. The Company started up under the leadership of Miss Anne Barr, (Mrs McLuskie).

Many girls have enjoyed the fun and friendship of Guiding and from 1973 to 1984 29 girls gained the Queen's Guide Award and since then very many have gained the Baden Powell Award which became the highest Award in the Guide Section.

It would be lovely to hear from former Guides and Guiders who enjoyed weekly meetings, camps and holidays that took place over the years. It is hoped to hold a celebration either at the end of May or beginning of June.

If you would like to be included email Jill Morrison on: jill83morrison@gmail.com



UPDATE

Christian Aid continues to provide both development support and emergency aid to people in desperate need.

It is helping refugees in Greece and Serbia, and continuing to work in the Middle East to support displaced Syrians and Iraqis.

In Greece, the organization is providing essentials such as beds, mattresses and hygiene kits to refugees stranded on the Greek Islands. In Athens, they're providing legal protection services to unaccompanied children, and they're providing housing support to some of the most vulnerable refugees.

In Serbia their local partner is providing humanitarian support to refugees who are unable to continue their journeys through

Europe, and who are determined not to return to the countries from which they escaped.

Twenty months of war have brought Yemen, already one of the poorest countries in the world, to breaking point. More than 7 million people in Yemen do not know where their next meal will come from and children are dying from malnutrition.

The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) has launched an emergency appeal for people facing hunger in Yemen. Member agencies, of which Christian Aid is one, are reaching millions of people across the country with lifesaving aid, such as food and treatment for malnutrition, but much more needs to be done to help those in dire need.

Your help supports all of this work and more.

Our next local fundraiser is the 'Pancakes-a-plenty' coffee morning in Crosshill Parish Church on Tuesday, 28th February from 10 am - 12 noon. Please come along.

Margaret MacGregor

13th Motherwell Boys' Brigade Company

St Mary's Parish Church, Avon Street, Motherwell



Since our last article our main activities as a Company have been.....Battalion competitions, the coffee morning and a trip to Stirling for a challenge game of football which led us into our Christmas break.

BATTALION COMPETITIONS

The Battalion Swimming Gala took place in November and our outstanding team managed a convincing win. The team are shown in the photo below and are (left to right): Evan Pattison, Scott Rankin, Calum Lingie, Finlay Holtz (part hidden!), Jordan McGhee, Josh Greenhorn, Andrew Gardiner, Mark McGhee and Adam Blair.



The first of the 2 drill competitions, the restricted drill, took place in December and by all accounts our squad gave a great performance but the result as usual will not be known until the Review in May.

FRIDAY NIGHT REFRESH

For the October - December part of our session we have been trying out a change to our programme. For the second part of our night we introduced new activities for the boys to try - Survival Skills, Cookery, Computing, Electronics and Health & Fitness. The third section then gave the boys the chance to burn off some energy with some physical activities. The boys responded well to what was on offer and we had some great fun trying out new things - some of the highlights included Ready Steady

Cook Fajitas, a spin fit class at Wishaw Sports Centre, the light and movement electronics, the password cracking online safety session and learning how to make a fire in the wild (grounds of the church!). A very successful pilot that is likely to become a feature in our January - April programme.

COFFEE MORNING

In December we hosted another successful coffee morning. The recipe of festive music (including the Junior Section!), excellent coffee, creamy cakes and Christmas gifts was popular once again and I would like to thank all those who supported the event and helped raise a fantastic total of **£2000** for company funds.

This money is used in the running of the Company over the course of the session, to help with our BB subscriptions (£1800!!), badges, training, activities, class materials, subsidising trips and competitions etc. Without this money we wouldn't be able to do half the things we do!

A big thank you to everyone in the congregation who supported the event and to all those friends of the company (visible and invisible) who helped in the kitchen, staffed the cake stalls and mucked in for the clearing up - the coffee morning would not be such a success without you.

COMING UP....

We are only just into the New Year but we are continuing our preparation for the squad drill, Bible Knowledge and first aid competitions, the Queen's Badge guys are busy working away and we have 12 busy Fridays and 7 Battalion competitions before the Easter holidays!

Captain Stewart Maxwell

Junior Church News!

Christmas Celebrations....

It was good to have the children in the Junior Church involved in our Christmas services. We had a wonderful response to our gift service and would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and friends for supporting the work of The Basic Food Bank supporting families in our town .



Our Nativity Sunday saw the chancel filled with shepherds, 3 dancing wise men, 2 roman soldiers. lots of singing angels and a narrator. The Kids Zone told the Christmas story this year performing The nativity - Busy Bethlehem. The narrator, Ross told the story of the very first Christmas as the actors and chorus acted and performed. With talented actors, soloists and a full chorus from the Kids Zone the children impressed the congregation with their talents at this special service.

With solos from Ava Di Mambro Charlotte Hemmings, Alice Kelly and Nathan Bradshaw, and a lively dance from the wisemen and beautiful singing from the angels and shepherds - added to the choral items from the cast it was a super Nativity Sunday enjoyed by all.



Our thanks to Hazel and Ian Graham and the staff of the Kids Zone along with the willing team of stage crew, production experts, choreographers and set designers! (The Y Zone) As always the Nativity was enhanced by the musical team - Lesley Niven, Jack Daly, Chris Mitchell, Fraser Hamilton and Paul Bradshaw.

It was also great to have the children in the Mini Zone adding to the nativity as they performed their Christmas songs.

At the end of this very special play the children were given great praise from Mr Barrie as he congratulated them on a **fantastic** performance!!

Christmas Parties...



Our party season was the usual mix of games, laughter, hot dogs, ice cream, treats and Santa! Each Zone leader hosted a party for the children and everyone had a fun filled time. The children were delighted that Santa was able to visit the parties and we do hope that he enjoyed our singing and mince pies! The Mini Zone and Kids Zone filled the afternoon with traditional games, crafts and unusual and messy relay races! A big thank you to the staff who helped to make the parties a success. All who attended would want me to make special mention of June Graham who again catered for all the Christmas festivities....cakes, scones with cream, homemade meat pie and hand made mallow snowmen. Just a few of the treats on offer! A big thank you to June from all in the Junior Church.

CANDLES AND CAROL SINGING



After a busy afternoon rehearsing the nativity play the Junior Church staff along with the 32events team prepared for another festive event on the December calendar.

Over 200 friends in the congregation and some 60 children enjoyed a wonderful festive evening hosted by the Kids Zone and Y Zone. Carol singing in the church grounds was followed by hot soup, crusty bread, mince pies and cakes before ending the evening with a performance of the pantomime produced and performed by our Y Zone.

As always the panto was a huge success and we were glad to see that Mrs Claus managed to finish her wrapping with the help of Santa and some professional wrappers (and rappers!!) in time for Christmas! It was a super evening enjoyed by all and one which we all hope know be repeated again next year. Next time with even more chairs in the hall!.... That's what we said last year too.....

New Year.....

The 2017 session has already started and the teachers are busy preparing for the term ahead. We all look forward to sharing in the many Family Services.



The children of the Junior Church were excited to be back together in January. On our first meeting we welcomed the Rev John Thompson, a member of our own congregation. Mr Thompson brought with him 3 special gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh and explained to the children about the journey of the wise men and the significance of each gift. To end the morning the children made gift boxes and pictures to use during the week, encouraging them to give a simple gift to others every day... but not the sort you buy or wrap up! They have been challenged to give the gifts of a smile, a kind deed or the gift of friendship during the coming week.

During the coming weeks the children will continue with their journey through the Bible. This session we will be looking at the stories from the New Testament. On Sunday 5th February we will join the congregation to mark the end of Candlemass. Other special services will include our Girl Guides Thinking Day Service and our Mother's Day celebrations in March.

We will also be making a candle display in the corridor art gallery wall. Anyone who has pictures from magazines or cards to add to our display can hand these in to the Junior Church halls.



The Cleaning Team continue to meet every 4/6 weeks to help with the duties in the church sanctuary and in our halls and corridors. We are a busy team and I think most enjoy the fellowship at coffee time as much (if not more!) than they do the cleaning!! We are very fortunate to have 24 willing helpers, but it's always good to welcome a new pair of marigolds to the team! So, if you have a spare 2 hours and you'd like to join the team please speak to Heather Greenhorn or Margaret McCloy for our next dates.

Sincere thanks to all our team members for all their hard work during the last session. We really do appreciate your efforts (and the baking).

Congratulations to John Lauder

Congratulations go to John Lauder on receiving the French Legion d'honneur. The medal was presented to him by the Honorary French Consul, Professor John Campbell, who said: "It is the equivalent of a knighthood in France and is a way of honouring all those who fought who are still alive and through them all those who gave up their lives for the liberation of France and Europe."

John was a flight engineer on a 7 man crew which carried out 32 raids across France and Germany in 1944 in a Halifax bomber. He was the only Britain on the crew which included 2 Americans and 4 Canadians and is the only one still alive.



FLOWER LIST

FEBRUARY

5 th	Mrs I Gardiner
12 th	Miss C Kelly
19 th	Rainbows, Brownies, Guides
26 th	Mr & Mrs Malcolm

MARCH

5 th	Mrs M Graham Mrs M Skimming Mrs M Carrol
12 th	Mrs M Watson Mrs E Fraser
19 th	Mrs M Johnstone
26 th	Mrs I Craig

APRIL

2 nd	Mrs H Wilson Mrs B Neilson Mrs J Findlay
9 th	Mrs A Anderson Mrs Murray Mrs H Graham
16 th	Mrs E Currie Mrs E Taylor & Mrs J Findlay
23 rd	Mrs E Simpson
30 th	Mrs A Johnstone Mr & Mrs Malcolm Mrs J McPherson

June Graham - Flower Convener

FORTHCOMING SERVICES



February	12	11.00 am	Sacrament of Holy Communion
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Feb	8	7.30 pm	Annual Congregational Meeting
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Please Note: All items for inclusion in the next edition of the Bulletin should be in the hands of the editor, Isabel Johnstone by Sunday 19 March 2017.

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