

# ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

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# CHRISTMAS 2023

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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### **FUNERALS**

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

September	Mrs Helen (Bunty) Wood
6 October	Mr Tom Faichen
19 October	Ms Christina Brown
31 October	Mrs Caron Platt

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### **NEW MEMBER**

Mrs Faye MacFarlane (By Transfer)

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Our uniformed organisations' colour parties on Remembrance Sunday



8 Skylands Place  
Hamilton  
December 2023

Dear Friends,

As I write this - to meet Isabel's deadline! - I am very conscious of the continuing conflict between Hamas and Israel, as the casualties mount up, increasing numbers of innocents become victims, and neither side is prepared to make even the smallest compromise for the sake of peace. We are living in very distressing and frightening times.

And it is this world setting of violence and uncertainty that we find ourselves at Advent, preparing to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child - the one who came as the hope of the world, with the message of peace, goodwill, love and joy. Yet the world is riven, not with angels singing "Glory to God in the highest", but with clamour of war, the rhetoric of hate, and the sound of countless modern Rachels, weeping for their children.

It is in this setting that we have to declare that, despite all that seems to the contrary, God is with us. The word "Immanuel", one of the titles of Jesus, means just that - God is with us. Even when it seems to us that he is not there, he is, and always will be, and that is his promise to us, a promise fulfilled in the birth of Jesus.

As we progress through Advent we shall light a new candle every Sunday - a reminder that Christ is the Light of the World - each candle representing a

great theme - Hope, Peace, Joy, Love - reminders to all of us that Jesus is the hope of the world, that he is the Prince of Peace, that his coming brings great joy and that the gospel - the Good News - which he preached and lived out, is centred and grounded in love.

On the first Sunday in Advent, when the church shall resound to the great hymn "O come, O come, Emmanuel" we shall be reminding everyone that God is with us, and that is why we are filled with hope, praying for peace, sharing the joy of Christmas and celebrating the wonder that is the love that came down at Christmas.

Elsewhere in the magazine you will find a message from Bryce who has started his new treatment. Bryce, we all wish you every blessing and every success with this latest treatment, and we want you and Helen to know that both of you, and the family, are kept in our thoughts and prayers.

I would like to offer my thanks to Arthur, and to the team of elders, for their assistance, which is much appreciated, and for the variety of gifts and skills, and approaches to worship - we are indeed blessed at St Mary's.

As we celebrate Christmas and move on into a new year may I thank all of you for all your efforts during 2023, and I wish you every blessing for 2024.

With every blessing.

*Rev John Thomson*

## A LETTER FROM BRYCE

Dear Friends,

Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Light are just some of the wonderful words associated with the forthcoming Season of Advent and Christmas. Which of us doesn't need these divine, Christ-like, qualities in our daily lives?

As war continues to engulf the Holy Land, into which Christ, the King of kings, was born 2000 years ago, my prayers are that His Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Light might be found in this ensuing darkness.

As you know 2023 has been a difficult year for me personally in terms of my physical health. Without doubt, the Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Light of Christ our Saviour has kept me going during the past difficult months and keeps me going when things seem uncertain and tough. As I always say at the beginning of each New Year, the Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Light of Christ, the baby of Bethlehem, the man of Calvary, is not just for one day in the year [Christmas Day] but for every day.

Throughout the last 9 months of ill health, with Ulcerative Colitis, I have been sustained by the love and support of my family and my Church Family. I would like to thank everyone at St Mary's for your prayers, cards, gifts and acts of kindness. Every single message of support and kindness has been appreciated and has given me the encouragement that I have needed at just the right time.

In terms of Church Management and the maintenance of Services and Pastoral Care, I would thank all our Elders and Office Bearers. Special thanks to Rev John Thomson, Rev Arthur Barrie, Rev Les Brunger, our Clerks Alan Joyce, Stewart Maxwell, our Church Officer Ian Beattie and Church Secretary Margaret McCloy. During my illness, I have been at ease knowing that St Mary's is in such good, godly and competent hands and hearts.

Through the Church Magazine and weekly Family News, it has been a joy for me to keep up to date with all the activities and achievements of our Youth Organisations, Junior Church and Y-Zone; and also of all our adult organisations too. Thank you so much to all the Leaders and Members involved. I look forward to when I can join in person with you again.

Both Helen and I would like to pass a special thanks to the Monday Working Party who so faithfully helped us with the Manse Garden during the Summer. Your help was invaluable and kept the garden a pleasure to enjoy and relax in.

One of the things that I personally have found sustaining and invaluable is the regular Live Broadcasts of our Sunday Services. It is not quite the same as being in Church in person, but it is certainly the next best thing. Tuning in each week, I find myself able to worship as part of my wonderful Church Family. Thank you to all the Audio-Visual Team who make this possible.

I miss everyone in congregation very much and hope to be back with you as soon as is possible - you are all constantly in my thoughts and prayers. I'm sure that there have been lots of things going on in each of your lives, which I have missed, and I hope very much to catch up with you when I back. I am very fortunate to have started specialist medication in October and I sincerely hope that this might be the start of my recovery, restoration to health, and my return to be with you all as Parish Minister.

As Advent and Christmas 2023 approaches, I would like to wish you all a very happy and blessed festive period. May the Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Light of Jesus be at the heart of all that you share and enjoy - both at Church and at Home.

God Bless: Rev Bryce Calder

## Finance Report to 31st October 2023

Our finances are not in as good a position as previous years. We will have a sizeable deficit in both our Congregation Account and our Fabric Account at the end of the financial year and if the current level of income continues, as now, then this could lead to further problems further down the line and necessitate the transfer of funds out of our Reserves to cover the shortfalls. Our income through giving is 3.5% down and our expenditure is increasing.

On 1 October our electricity agreement ended to be replaced by an agreement which doubles the price of this fuel. In addition, our gas agreement terminates on 1 April 2024 and almost certainly will double our costs. Furthermore, we have been instructed that we must eradicate a number of structural problems in the upper hall and add fire doors throughout the buildings at huge cost.

If you give through Standing Order it is easy to forget to reassess what you give on a yearly basis. Gift Aid is also something that should be considered as it gives us extra money donated from the Government for little effort. If you are a tax payer all you need to do is fill in a form and we do the rest. Forms can be had at the Church office. Once completed we can then claim back, from the Government, 25% of everything you give.

At present we have over 500 members. However, from our statistics over a number of years only 250 attend church on a regular basis or contribute to the upkeep of the church.

### *Solution to Christmas Word Jumble*

Saviour, Angel, Mary, donkey, kings, Joseph, candle, birth, heaven, wiseman, camel, shepherd, Bethlehem, manger, straw, innkeeper, star, Holy Spirit, Jesus, blessed

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Our main aim is to encourage those who have not attended for a period of time to return to our services on a Sunday morning. Therefore, I appeal to those of you who are in this position, to re-engage with us and /or contribute to the upkeep of your church.

Kind regards

Leslie Innes

Finance and Stewardship Convenor

## MUSIC CHARITY CONCERT

**Saturday 2nd December 2023 7pm**  
**St. Mary's Parish Church**  
**Avon St, Motherwell ML1 3AB**

Raffle and Refreshments

Donations on the night, if you wish,  
in aid of Beatson Cancer Charity,  
or via my Just Giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/laura-mackie-beatsoncharityconcert>

Laura Mackie (Ronald's daughter) is the organiser of the above concert bringing together students from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and Woodside Primary School Choir in aid of the Beatson Cancer Charity.

Donations can be made on the night or via Laura's just giving page.

Refreshments will be provided in the Avon Hall following the concert.

### **MOTHERWELL FOOD BANK**



Please continue to donate to this Christian Project which offers support to those who are at a crisis point in their life. All packs are given out on a referral basis to people living in our local area.

Suggested items: hotdogs, meatballs, long-life milk, noodles, breakfast cereal, pasta and sauce, meals in a tin, tinned meat, tinned veg, tinned rice/custard.

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

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On 2 October, the Fellowship got off to an excellent start, when an almost full complement of members met back in the Conference Room where our Honorary Vice President Rev Arthur Barrie was the speaker. His history lesson on the birth and growth of Parliament, was much appreciated by all present. As ever Arthur's talk, while imparting knowledge, was laced with humour and in places expressing his views on past and present political leaders. A great start to the Session.

16 October: - and Iain Neilson, of MAF Mission Aviation Fellowship spoke of the work of this Christian based fellowship flying single engine aircraft into countries all-round the globe. Flights involving delivering needed supplies and medication into difficult to reach communities and areas of conflict. Iain informed that MAF is the biggest private airline in the world and private individuals could book flights to its various destinations. While companies, hospitals and commercial enterprises pay for their service the bulk of the finance required is raised from charitable donations and Iain had a variety of items on sale to support the Mission.

30 October : - Was a night of nostalgia for members as BB Captain Stewart Maxwell, accompanied by past captains Ian Carrol and Ian Beattie, with apologies from Alan Brown and Stuart Dick, discussed the 140 years history of the BB. Stewart rehearsed the history of the movement from its early birth from a Glasgow Sunday School and the vision of the founder William Smith to the worldwide organisation it is today. Each of the captains gave an insight into the everyday running of the 13<sup>th</sup> Company, the highlights of camps and the development of boys over their growth through the badge schemes and participation in the D of E scheme.

The discussion over tea and coffee gave members a chance to reminisce on their time in the BB.

There are 4 further meeting before the Christmas Break.

13 November: - Running a Cycle Race: - Alan Joyce

27 November: - Inspire Scotland: - Celia Tennant

4 December: - Scottish Night: - Joint Night Hosted by the Guild

11 December: - Christmas Quiz: - Alan Joyce.

Following the break meetings will resume on Monday 8 January 2024

At the close of each meeting there is an opportunity for a friendly chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

I would take this opportunity to extend an open invitation to all men in the congregation to join this friendly and lively group in the Conference Room any Monday evening they are free, or where there is a subject that may be of special interest, and they will be assured of a warm welcome.

President  
Allan Joyce



## GUILD



I cannot believe that we are rushing towards Christmas, it just seems like yesterday our Guild for 23/24 started.

Our first meetings this year have been variable and very successful, with good attendances. Harmony Singing Group were a great hit and we have arranged their return for our afternoon Guild Tea on 18 December 2023 at 1 pm. This replaces our outing to the pantomime and will cost £10. Please ensure you pay and get your ticket. This helps to know how many are coming.

The visits by Alex Baird and Alan Gibson were enjoyable and their stories resulted in many laughs. The Dedication Service on the 8 October was very meaningful and showed how talented our Guild Members are.

Over the next months we have Hilary Kidd telling us about the Young Scot Card and The 3 Mary's giving us a Christmas Cookery Demonstration. I hope it will be well attended as this will be part of our Guild Project. It is open to all and you may manage some tips for this Christmas.

11 December is Christmas at Home and we shall be entertained, whilst visiting the Christmas Tree Display in the Church. Tea, coffee, shortbread and Christmas Cake will get us ready to sing favourite Christmas Carols. We have invited other Guilds and friends to join us.

Moving into 8 January 2024, we shall be attending a film in the church hall. Last time the popcorn was a hit, plus other treats.

At a Guild Committee Meeting, and with the agreement of the Guild members, we are going to finance from our legacy, the installation of a Loop System in the Avon Hall, which will benefit greatly those with a hearing impairment. The balance of the legacy will be held until the hall is renovated and curtains purchased.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those on the committee for their support,

the Guild members for attending our meetings, especially as the weather is getting colder. I hope the warm and caring atmosphere at the Guild meetings means as much to you as it does to me. May I wish you and your family, here and abroad a very happy Christmas whatever your circumstances.

Marlene Thomson, Guild President



### Wednesday Coffee Mornings

Coffee, tea, treat and chat from 10 - 12 noon.

Around 40 people gather in the Avon Hall each Wednesday morning. It is good to see new faces joining us. We even manage to celebrate birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

We will have a break over the Christmas and New Year period. Last coffee on Wednesday 20 December returning on 10 January.

We look forward to welcoming some more volunteers to serve tea, coffee and treats. You choose the dates which suit, this can be on a regular basis or any Wednesday morning you are available.

### Diamond Wedding

Margaret and Allan Joyce, thank the Church and the Wednesday Coffee Morning for marking our 60th wedding anniversary and helping to make it such a special time for us and our family.

It was a great surprise at the Coffee Morning to have a decorated table and the pleasure of cutting a lovely celebration cake, which really set the tone for our family celebration meal on our actual anniversary date.

We would thank everyone for their kindness and the many cards and messages of congratulations we received.

Our heartfelt thanks,  
Margaret and Allan.



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

St. Mary's Parish Church, Avon Street, Motherwell



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

### START OF NEW SESSION

We currently have a very healthy 30 boys on the role in the company section with average attendance in the mid twenties.

Our first block of our session until Christmas is following our regular programme. Our parade night currently has 2 main sections to it which are then topped and tailed with opening and closing devotions. We have continued with the first part of the night after our opening formalities and devotions 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. For the second half of the night the boys are then split into junior (P7-S3) and senior (S4-S6) age groups for games and activities. As part of the seniors programme we are also making use of the facilities at Dalziel for part of the night in order to give the big guys some space to burn off some energy!

### COMPETITIONS - BATTALION & NATIONAL

We are in a busy period for competitions! We have entered the National competitions for Masterteam, FIFA, Senior 5-a-side football and Chess this year and at the time of writing have progressed to the second rounds of the Masterteam and FIFA.

We are hosting the first round of the Senior 5s in Dalziel on Friday 24 November. The Battalion competitions calendar is also in full flow this year with the Senior 5s, Swimming and Restricted Drill all taking place before Christmas.

### PARADES & SERVICES

We joined the other Companies of the Battalion on Friday 27 October in Motherwell South for a service to mark Founders Day.

We were very proud to be on parade in St Mary's with the other uniformed organisations on Remembrance Sunday.



Our annual coffee morning will take place on Saturday 2 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



**13TH MOTHERWELL BOYS' BRIGADE**  
**CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING**  
& Christmas Tree Festival

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Tea, Coffee, Home Baking, Entertainment, Stalls  
Hot Rolls available to purchase

Saturday 2nd December 2023, 10-12  
St Mary's Parish Church, Avon St, Motherwell

TICKETS £1 AVAILABLE FROM BOYS & OFFICERS



In the new year our 2 Brownie packs will be celebrating special milestones. The 6<sup>th</sup> Brownies began in 1934 and 6<sup>th</sup> B Brownies in 1974. We hope you will celebrate with us on Thinking Day.

Sadly, this last year we said goodbye to our Thursday Guides (6A Motherwell) after 56 years of meeting on a Thursday evening. We thank all the many leaders who have given their time over these years to provide badge work, activities, outings, holidays, camps and generally much fun on a Thursday evening. Many girls gained Queen's Guide and Baden Powell Awards and some are leaders in our other units.

We are lucky to still have over 100 girls with 20 leaders taking them through the Girlguiding programme. Having so many girls in Rainbows, Brownies and Guides we would welcome more helpers to spend time with our fabulous young women.

Are you free on a Monday (Brownies), Tuesday (Brownies and Guides) or Wednesday (Rainbows) evening to give a couple of hours assistance?



### 6<sup>th</sup> Motherwell Brownies



With the new session commencing in September the Girls returned in good numbers, with 4 new Brownies joining the Pack, and 2 girls off to the exciting world of Tuesday night Guides!

In the Unit:

Tuesday evenings continue to be fun-filled with a lot of crafts, parties, and playing of games!

The girls took part in a **Pyjama & Pamper Party**. With an array of PJ's, blankets, cuddly toys, among many other things, the girls enjoyed a hand massage, painting of finger nails, and hot chocolate and marshmallows!



The girls are also working on their **Baking Badge**, and cakes & biscuits have been a plenty! Shortbread was made from scratch, and by hand! Cakes have been iced and decorated and there are definitely some contenders for a 'Great Brownie Bake-Off'!



October brought with it the **Halloween Party**, and even although Halloween clashed with a Tuesday evening, and School Parties, the girls still came along for lots of fun activities at the Brownies! There was 'dooking for apples', 'swinging chocolate donuts', scary corners, and the favourite Mars Bar game, which the Young Leaders seemed to be so much better at than the Brownies!



November brought with it **Remembrance Sunday** and the making of **Poppies**, and then the **toasting of marshmallows**,



The next couple of weeks will see Xmas crafts (what already!) and the Xmas Party, to round off this side of the year!



From the Brownies & Leaders, a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year to all, and tune in next year for more fun and games!

## 6<sup>th</sup> B Brownies



In October we had a night embracing the "wilderness" by making dens using blankets and sheets, eating animal biscuits and toasting marshmallows and drinking hot chocolate.



Then we had a great teddy bear's picnic night with bear themed games and food.



We have been working hard on the "Charities" Badge which we have now completed, ending in donating food and thank you letters to our local Food Bank who were very grateful for our contributions.



# Junior Church

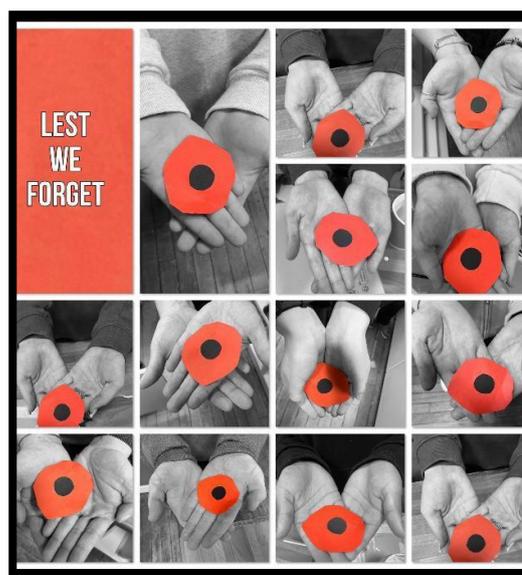
Our children and young people in Junior Church were delighted to be part of the special Harvest Sunday Service. We are very grateful to our families for bringing along donations for the food bank. These were very much appreciated. The children enjoyed the choruses and especially enjoyed the YZone presentation about their Eco update.

We also had great fun at our All-Saints Party. Our families were very creative with costume ideas this year... our winning costumes were Eve in the garden, Jonah in the Whale, Daniel and the lion's den, a very colourful coat of many colours and a session elder!

Lots of games, treats and laughter, all captured in our slide show to share with the congregation.



November is a month of preparations. We have enjoyed preparing for the special Remembrance Service and have taken time to learn all about the importance of the poppy using the Poppy Scotland materials. Our art work can be seen in the church alongside the beautiful displays from our craft team and flower group. A special thank you to Barbara, Diane and Elaine and the teens in the YZone for creating our poignant and very effective window displays. If you are passing, please take time to stop and admire them, and to think of the significance of the story behind the displays.



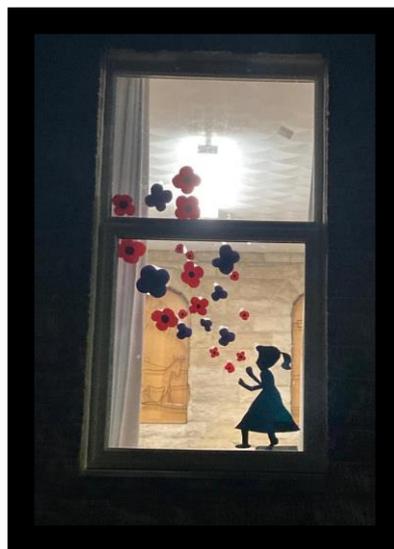
December is a busy month filled with stories, crafts, songs, parties and nativity practices.

Please see the dates on the following page for your diary so that you don't miss out!

We are always grateful for the support for Junior church from friends in the congregation and the ladies of the guild and crafters. We look forward to delivering a special handcrafted gift to each child!

**SPECIAL JUNIOR CHURCH DATES**

19.11.23	<b>Nativity rehearsals begin</b>	Church 11-12
26.11.23	<b>Nativity rehearsals</b>	Church 11-12
3.12.23	<b>GIFT SERVICE</b> 10.30-12.30 <b>Practise, party and presents!</b>	We will meet at 10.30 am and enjoy some party games and treats and practise our nativity songs. Following the end of the morning service we will head with our families to Santas grotto in the church grounds for a special visit!
10.12.23	<b>Nativity Practise</b> 11-1.30 pm	Nativity practise in church Please bring a packed lunch
17.12.23	<b>Lessons and carols service</b> 11-12	Afternoon practise 3-5 pm Dinner/crafts 5-6 pm (McDonalds!)  Christmas carols in church grounds 6 pm Families and friends in the congregation invited to join us all Y Zone panto in hall afterwards and some festive refreshments  Please bring warm clothes and a torch (With name on!)
24.12.23	<b>Nativity Sunday</b>	Nativity practise 9.30 am 10.15 costumes and breakfast! 11-12 service
31.12.23	<b>HOLIDAY</b>	





## December challenge!

We are inviting you, our friends in the congregation to send in a photograph of your Christmas tree. Or if you are out and about and spot a festive tree, please take a snap and send it in!

Photographs can be sent to

[office@stmarysmotherwell.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysmotherwell.org.uk)

## Y ZONE

The Y-Zone have really enjoyed this new session.

Our aim this session has been to 'encourage one another' through our weekly meetings.

Things kicked off with a 'glow stick' challenge which involved working together to make a glow stick person which then had to dance. It was a lot of fun and set the tone perfectly for what went on to become a very fun session with lots of laughs.

The following weeks included making a display Bible and looking at Bible study guides which summarised the various books in the New Testament.

We also enjoyed a number of 'big art' crafts all focusing on the importance of up cycling and re using items which otherwise would be thrown out. Not to mention our pumpkin carving, wreath making and pizza creations.

All these activities were a lot of fun and all focused on making good choices and helping one another to create the best outcome.

Within the session we have also been keen to develop our sense of community within our group and so have had a number of 'special events' outwith Sunday mornings.

Our first event was a Saturday movie night which brought together all our young ones to enjoy a film and popcorn, not to mention a great game of hide and seek.

Then in September we held our first Y-Zone family night where the young ones attended with family friends and special guests to enjoy an Indian buffet and team games. Around 35 enjoyed the evening and we were indebted with the support we got from the eco committee and Ian B and Helen C who helped make the evening possible.

In October we enjoy being part of the Junior Church 'All Saints Party' which was a really super night with amazing costumes and games.

And now in November we look forward to our 2nd family night. Preparations are underway and the trophy is being dusted down ready to be handed over to the next winning family.

We also enjoyed helping with some of the decorating for harvest and Remembrance Sunday and will soon be starting rehearsals soon for Ian G's world renowned Panto production.

So, all in all a super busy but fun session.



Recycling plans continue with the opportunity to save the many stamps we receive on Christmas Cards (and on other mail). Look out for the post box where you can leave your stamps which will be used to support the Church of Scotland project in Malawi.



## Y Zone - session shown in pictures



## Update

At this time of international emergencies Christian Aid, like other aid agencies, is constantly having to find resources to help with the humanitarian response to crises like the war in Ukraine, the earthquakes in Turkey and now the dreadful situation in Gaza as well as maintaining ongoing work to alleviate poverty and hunger.

There are times when it's difficult to read, much less imagine, details of the suffering endured by families caught up in horrific circumstances. Individuals feel powerless in the face of natural disasters and unnatural violent conflict. We do, however, need to remember that wherever we see the worst of human behaviour, the best is usually waiting in the wings to bring help to those most in need. And we can be part of that. The humanitarian workers who often put their own lives at risk to help save others need resources to do so.

So, everyone who contributed to the Motherwell Christian Aid Committee's recent 'Breakfast and Blether' event, made a donation to a retiring offering or contributed to one of Bryce's 'Just Giving' pages has helped with Christian Aid's ongoing and special emergency work. Your generosity is much appreciated. Please continue to remember Christian Aid, both in donations and in your prayers.

Margaret MacGregor



## FLOWER LIST FOR 2024

JANUARY			FEBRUARY			MARCH		
			4th	Miss C Kelly	Doonside Twr	3rd	Mrs M Skimming Mrs M Carrol	Carbarns East Elvan St
7th	Mr H Rennie	Kay Gardens	11th	Mrs D Livingstone Mrs C Brownlie	Manse Rd	10th	Mrs M Watson Mrs C Dewar	Chestnut Grove Yorkshire
14th	Mrs M McArdle	Crawford St	18th	Mr & Mrs Malcolm	Cherry Walk	17th	Miss I Johnstone	Sleaford Ave
21st	Miss J Graham Mrs M Wilson	Broomside Cres Inveravon Dr	25th	Rainbows, Brownies, Guides		24th	Mrs J Findlay	Kerr Grieve Ct
28th	Church Choir Mrs J Munro	Sadie Knox Aikman Dr				31st	-	
APRIL			MAY			JUNE		
7th	Mrs E Calder Mr A Craig	Hamilton Rd Adele St	5th	Mr & Mrs Malcolm Mrs J McPherson	Cherry Walk Caldwell Quad	2nd	Mrs W Burrell	Gowkthrapple
14th	Mrs H Graham Mrs E Currie	Douglas St Manse Rd	12th	Mrs J Conquer Mrs C Allan	Leven St Nelson Cres	9th	Mrs C Anderson	Sandilands Cres
21st	Mrs E Taylor/ Mrs J Findlay Mrs E Simpson Mrs E Scott	Glenhead Dr  Avon Court Blair Path	19th	Mrs S Brown Mrs J Westwood	Airbles Farm Rd Annan Glade	16th	Mrs I Scott	Netherton Rd
28th	Mrs L Kelly Mrs Anne Johnstone Mrs J Knox	Airbles Dr Dalzell Dr Avon St	26th	Mrs A Pearce Mrs C Allan	Coatbridge Nelson Cres	23rd	Mrs F Hannah	Dalzell Park
JULY			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
7th	Mrs E Blackwood Miss J Graham	Barclay Rd Broomside Cres	4th	Mrs G Neill/ Miss A Gibson	Abercorn NH Arnott Quad	1st	-	
14th	Miss L Clarkson	Mincher Cres	11th	Mrs L O'Neill	Roman Rd	8th	Miss J Graham	Broomside Cres
21st	Mrs Galloway	Firpark St	18th	Mrs J Crawford	Kirkland St	15th	Friends of Irene Nimmo	
28th	-		25th	-		22nd	Mrs J Loughbridge	Merry St
							Mrs M Joyce Mrs J Findlay	Shields Rd Kerr Grieve Ct
OCTOBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
6th	Mr A Joyce (Jnr) Mrs B Aitkenhead	Dunbar Dr Neilsland Dr	3rd	-		1st	Mr S McCue-Dick The Guild	Glenhead Dr Anne Gibson
13th	Mrs S Forrest	Airbles Dr	10th	Mrs S Sinclair	Ailsa Ave	8th	Mrs I Scott	Netherton Rd
20th	Mrs I Dougal Miss V Craig	Inveravon Dr Viewpark Rd	17th	Mrs A Corbett	Heathfield	15th	Mrs C Dewar	Yorkshire
27th	Rev & Mrs J Thomson	Hamilton	24th	Mrs M McCloy Mrs D Livingstone Miss J Graham	Greenacres View Manse Rd Broomside Cres	22nd	Mrs F Renwick Mrs A Brown	Earnock Ave Bellshill
						29th	Mrs D Connor	Orchard St

There are a number of dates which are currently free. Should you wish to put flowers in the sanctuary on any of these dates please contact June Graham, Flower Convener, on 01698 263515.

This is a valuable part of our church ministry reaching out to those ill or unable to attend church and can be contributed to by all ages of our congregation.



## FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday	26 November	11 am	Anniversary Service and Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sunday	3 December	11 am	Christmas Gift Service
Sunday	17 December	11 am 6 pm	Service of Lessons and Carols Carols in church grounds followed by YZone Panto in Avon Hall
Sunday	24 December	11 am	Nativity Service
Monday	25 December	10.30 am	Christmas Day Service



### FLOWER LIST

#### DECEMBER 2023

3rd	Mr S McCue-Dick	Glenhead Drive
	The Guild	Anne Gibson
10th	Mrs I Scott	Netherton Road
17th	Mrs M Wilkie	
	Mrs C Dewar	Yorkshire
24th	Mrs F Renwick	Earnock Avenue
	Mrs D Connor	Orchard Street
	Mrs A Brown	Bellshill

#### JANUARY 2024

7th	Mr H Rennie	Kay Gardens
14th	Mrs M McArdle	Crawford St
21st	Mrs M Wilson	Inveravon Dr
	Miss J Graham	Broomside St
28th	Church Choir	
	Mrs J Munro	Aikman Dr

#### FEBRUARY

4th	Miss C Kelly	Doonside Twr
11th	Mrs D Livingstone	Manse Road
	Mrs C Brownlie	
18th	Mr & Mrs Malcolm	Cherry Walk
25th	Rainbows, Brownies and Guides	

#### MARCH

3rd	Mrs M Skimming	Carbarns East
	Mrs M Carrol	Elvan Street
10th	Mrs M Watson	Chestnut Grove
	Mrs C Dewar	Yorkshire
17th	Miss I Johnstone	Sleaford Ave
24th	Miss J Findlay	Kerr Grieve Ct
31st	-	

### Useful Contacts

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Church Service:	01698 533200



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Rev Bryce Calder(@bryce\_calder)/X



St Mary's Parish Church Motherwell

Website:

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**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

Colour in the Nativity Scene below.



**Christmas Word Jumble**

Unscramble the following:

1 VISUROA	11 MALEC
2 NGELA	12 DPRESHEH
3 YMAR	13 LHEHTEEMB
4 ODNYKE	14 REMGNA
5 ISKNG	15 RASTW
6 HEJOPS	16 PEEKNNRIE
7 NAECDL	17 TSRA
8 BHTRI	18 YTSPoiHLIR
9 AVENHE	19 SUJES
10 SINAMEW	20 SEDSBLE

Answers on page 6

Your Elder is .....

Tel No .....