

# Reflections

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.....a welcoming church at the heart of the community

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Dear friends

Do you remember the old advert for a certain kind of brightly wrapped chocolate sweeties? The wee song said....

*'Thank you very much, thank you very, very, very, much'*

Well that is where I would like to start. 'Thank you to all of you, thank you very, very, very much' for the warm welcome you have given to me as your new minister. You have been generous, kind, friendly and so very encouraging. Family and friends, who attended my induction service on Thursday 1 November were impressed by our lovely church building but more so by the warmth of welcome and the worship and fellowship we all shared together. I look forward over time to getting to know you and to explore together how we can best live out our faith day in our world today. We need one another, we are not made to be islands, we are made to live in community.



To spur one another on in faith and good deeds (Hebrews chapter 10 v24). Never underestimate the difference you make to the lives of others through your prayers, kindness, a word in season, a caring hug.

One of the hymns I chose for the induction service was called 'Let us Build a house', it is number 198 in the CH4 hymnbook. The words of this hymn capture my hopes and dreams for our life together here in Kay Park Parish Church, verse four in particular,

*Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

We give God grateful thanks for all that has gone before and trust him for all that is and is to come.

The signs of the Christmas season are all around us, however I would like to encourage us to linger a while in Advent. This period from 1 December to the 25th December is one of waiting, wondering, seeking, a time for reflection and prayer. This year we have booklets, entitled 'Advent, A Calendar of Devotions' by Sue Mink available from Sunday 2 December. They contain a short reading and thought for each day of Advent to help us draw near to God. They cost £1. I encourage you to buy one and take time to be refreshed and renewed as you go through the month of December. At the heart of Christmas is the one they named Jesus, our Immanuel (God with us).

May we all know the comfort and joy that He brings this Christmas Season and into the coming New Year

God Bless and keep you all

REV FIONA

*(p.s. the sweeties were Roses)*



# YOUNG CHURCH



## Friendship Club

Our session began at the beginning of October when we were entertained with some great songs by Music Box. At the following meeting the Reverend Mary Jepp of Holy Trinity Scottish Episcopal Church gave a most interesting and illuminating talk on her life, firstly in Canada, and then in England, where she took the decision to train and be ordained as a vicar in the Episcopal Church. She is a very bright and friendly person, who is well suited to her calling in the ministry.

Heart and Soul, who are a singing group from Cumnock, and who are connected to Centre stage, sang for us in November. Their songs were very appropriate for our age range, resulting in much clapping and tapping of feet.

We have been delighted to welcome several new members this session, and our attendances have remained high. As usual the atmosphere at our meetings is always friendly and relaxed. We are now looking forward to our Christmas party on December 13<sup>th</sup> when members will be entertained by the world renowned "Shining Lights"!

The new year opens on January 10<sup>th</sup>, when the "Unlikely Lads" from Centre Stage will be performing. Our meetings continue fortnightly until Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> with an interesting syllabus of speakers and music. Again we welcome any new members who would care to join us.

May I, on behalf of everyone in the Friendship Club, wish you all a happy Christmas and a healthy new year.

Yours  
Shiona Thomson



## THE GIANT CHRISTMAS CARD

Do you find that every year you write Christmas cards for all your church friends and dash around on a Sunday morning trying to find them, while they are doing exactly the same thing?

Our new minister, Fiona, has an excellent alternative for us. When you come into church from 2nd December, you will see a giant Christmas card on the glass screen. You are invited to sign a small card with your greeting on it and stick it on the card for all your fellow members. You can make a small donation to Christian Aid if you wish, but it would be wonderful if everyone expressed their Christmas greeting in the foyer of the church.

We also have cards matching the giant card, which tell of all the things which are going to be going on in church during this Christmas season - and there are lots of things! The cards match the equally giant banner which will be affixed outside and if you want to take a card for one of your friends, please do!

## Come and Sing the Christmas Story on 9th. December at the morning service.



On SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER our worship at 11am will be entitled 'Come and Sing the Christmas Story'. The service will consist of Carols, readings and reflective pieces that 'tell the story'.

This is an initiative from the Bible Society. It provides a good opportunity to invite family and friends along. There will be invitation cards/ leaflets available from the door team. Please take one/lots to give out to folks you know. After the service there will be refreshments for everyone in the halls.

Bring along your friends - the more voices the better



A Blue Christmas service is a space created for people to grieve for their losses while holding on to the reality that Jesus is the Light and Saviour of the world.

For many people Christmas is a painful time. A loved one has died. Others have lost meaningful relationships, marriages, jobs, security, or a sense of direction. Others find themselves battling cancer or some other health crisis that makes the future insecure. We all carry the tragedy of wars, refugees, poverty and injustice that fills our world.

Our version of 'Blue Christmas' in Kay Park Parish will be on **SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER** at **3pm** in the church where there will a gathering for **Remembering and Reflecting**. This will be for about 30-40 minutes and consist of readings, music and an opportunity to light a candle of remembrance and hope.

Please invite any family or friends who might find this helpful.



*Jean and Alex Dempster would like to thank most sincerely all their friends in Kay Park Church for their many gifts, visits, cards and messages of congratulations on the occasion of their Golden Wedding on 28<sup>th</sup> September.*

*We would also like to express our gratitude to all for their continued support and prayers during Jean's ongoing illness. She finds this extremely uplifting and heartening.*

*May God bless you all.*



As I write this article it is astonishing to realise that we are almost at the end of the year 2018.

Our OPENING NIGHT in September was very enjoyable and we had guests from other Guilds to hear Karen Gillon, Assistant General Secretary. It was a very happy evening and is still being talked about. In October, we had Frank Beattie, local historian, who showed us pictures of 'Old Kilmarnock' - some of it almost unrecognisable with the changes which took place in the 1960's.

Bible Study in October was led by Rev. Eddie Simpson and we even had some men attending which was very good to see.

One of our Projects this year is the Boys' Brigade – Faith in Young People. The Guild Partnership focuses on growing the Boys' Brigade across Scotland and the three main areas are: 1: Growth in Faith; 2: Growth in Community Partnerships; 3: Growth in Young People.

We were fortunate to have one of our own Church Members to speak to us – Barry Templeton, who has been attached to the BB all of his life.

To our delight and pleasure our Autumn Coffee Morning raised over £900. Sincere thanks to everyone who supported us on that day. It was a busy happy day with excellent results. It also gave an opportunity for our new Minister, Rev. Fiona Maxwell to circulate and get to meet some of us.



In November we had an excellent music group called the RAZOR SHARPS led by Rev. Alan Garrity and his wife. There are eleven very talented men who presented a programme of solo singing, a guitarist and key-board. We also had some nostalgic Community Singing from the war years eg. We'll Gather Lilacs ....

This half of the season is almost at a close and our next meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> November is the Allocation of Funds to the various projects etc.

In December some of us will be having High Tea before attending the the Palace Theatre pantomime and finally, on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December we have our Christmas Dinner in the Park Hotel ('early bird') at 6.30pm.

On Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 we re-open with Bible Study led by Rev. Mary Jepp and we are looking forward to welcoming her to the Guild. The meetings this half of the Session will be at 2.00pm.

However, the one exception will be Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January when the AEOLIAN CHOIR are giving a concert which will be in the church at 7.30pm followed by Tea/ Coffee in the Hall. Tickets are £5 from any Guild member. Proceeds are in aid of Guild projects. Please support us and enjoy the music. The Guild is very grateful to our organist Alex. Ferguson Musical Director of the Aeolian Male Voice Choir and the choir for their generosity.

Ellen MacLeod - Convener

## SCRIPTURE READERS IN CHURCH

### DECEMBER

- 2 Janette Steven
- 9 Sing for Christmas
- 16 Jim MacDonald
- 23 Nativity
- 30 Angela Murray

### JANUARY

- 6 Jack Leishman
- 13 Linda Wallace
- 20 Colin Wilde
- 27 Rene Larmour

**Would all scripture readers please note it is their responsibility to find a substitute if they cannot read on their given date and to let Jess Barry or Janet Grant know. Also please report to the sound desk for a sound check before the service. If anyone is not willing to continue being a reader would you please let Jess know as soon as possible.**



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# CHINA HIGHLIGHTS *from Alison Clark*

At the end of October, I was fortunate to chaperone YR8 on a trip to Moganshan for the week. Moganshan is about a three-hour bus journey west of Shanghai and is part of the Tianmu mountain range which is a major bamboo area.

I took part in a number of activities with the students throughout the week that promoted sustainability and global citizenship. There were many highlights on the trip: hiking, farming and raft building. However, for me, I enjoyed being taught how to basket weave by a local villager using bamboo.

On return from Moganshan, I had a long weekend holiday from school and I decided to visit Seoul in South Korea for the weekend. My weekend was packed full of sight-seeing and eating fabulous food.

On the Saturday when I arrived I visited two out of the five royal palaces- Changdeokgung and Gyeongbokgung Palaces. Both palaces were stunning and I was lucky to catch the changing of the guard at Gyeongbokgung. It certainly was very different to the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace! During the Japanese invasions, all the palaces were left in poor condition. Restorations have been going on since 1990 to bring the palaces back to their full glory and splendor. Changdeokgung Palace is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

On Sunday, I had booked myself a guided tour of the Korean Demilitarised Zone (DMZ), which is the buffer zone between South and North Korea. How can I describe the singularly most unique experience I have ever had travelling? The single most unique destination I have been to. A place that, at one point, my stomach did somersaults when I saw a sign that read *Entering the Korean DMZ*.

The DMZ Tour left Seoul and made a few stops on the way including the Mt. Odusan Unification Observatory where I could see into North Korea. We then headed to Freedom Bridge, where the North and South Koreans were meant to build a railroad to connect the two



countries. A goal that never materialised. It was also the bridge that was used to repatriate POWs after the war. Now, it is more of a memorial for families who remain separated, not even knowing if family members are alive or dead. Ribbons are hung on a fence, capped by barbed wire, in memory of families torn apart.

From Freedom Bridge, we were then taken to Dorasan Station and Dorasan Observatory at the DMZ. To get to here I had to go through the Joint Security Area. Army personnel came on board to check everyone's passports. Everything was very serious and official!

Dorasan Station shows the wish of the South Koreans to unify with North Korea, and that

they are optimistic about the future. It is a modern station, all ready to connect South Korea with North Korea, and they even have a plan to let it go all the way to Paris!

However, even though North Korea cooperated in completing the railway, they don't allow the trains to run through their country.

My final stop was at the Third Infiltration Tunnel. The third tunnel was discovered in 1978 by South Korean forces, after a North Korean engineer defected and warned

them. Security here is very tight and on arrival, I was required to leave all my personal belongings in a locker. No photographs are allowed to be taken inside the tunnel and the tunnel itself is very narrow.

Although my time in Seoul was short, I crammed a great deal in and it's an experience that I will never forget. Every day, I am thankful for the tremendous opportunities I have had whilst living in Shanghai. I am returning home to spend Christmas with the family and hopefully I will see many of you over my two weeks at home.

*Alison is an elder in Kay Park Church and one of our choir members. After a successful career teaching in Ayrshire, she took the opportunity to work in YCIS Shanghai Gubai Campus and has taken the position on the Campus Leadership Team as Lower Secondary Coordinator. We are grateful for her regular contacts and her amazing insights into the culture of China.*



# Kay Park Church

## Family Focus



### Olive and Bill Caldwell

One of the hardest working couples in our church must be Bill and Olive Caldwell. Whenever there is a new suggestion or venture they are among the first to offer assistance.

Bill is a Kilmarnock boy, baptised in the former West High Church, where his mother was a member. Every Sunday he faithfully attended that church as well as going to the Cross Mission with his dad. Needless to say, his Sundays were always pretty busy. The family moved house when they were allocated a new home in the then newly built Onthank. A church extension, St. Johns, was built to serve the new community, and Bill transferred to this congregation. He became a Sunday School teacher, joined the choir, and became clerk to the Board at the ripe old age of eighteen. He was also one of the youngest elders when he was ordained aged just twenty-two. He loved his time at St. John's and remembers fondly the many trips to Wales with the Youth Group and the life-long friendships forged at that time.

Olive is, in fact, a "quine" from Aberdeen, where she spent her childhood and where she attended Ruthrieston West Church in that city. She came to Kilmarnock in 1971 and joined Henderson Church in 1972, where she became very involved in the life of the church. After a brief return up north, to Elgin, she came back here, becoming a Sunday School teacher, editor of the magazine and in the early nineties was ordained an elder. Since his children were attending organisations at Henderson, Bill became a member in the nineties.

After leaving Kilmarnock Academy, Bill began working straight away. Sadly, his dad died when Bill was only fifteen, and he felt that he should start working as soon as he could. However he had always regretted not taking his highers, and so to rectify the situation, he went to evening school, where he obtained the necessary qualifications to go to Strathclyde University and study for a B.A in geography. After teaching in Kilmarnock and Kilwinning, his final post before retiring in 2007, was as a principal teacher of guidance at Ardrossan Academy.

Before going to Elgin, Olive taught at Onthank Primary for eight years. Many people will remember her there, as she taught several children in our congregation at that time. On her return to Kilmarnock, she got a job at New Farm Primary, where she remained for the next twenty years, latterly becoming depute head, before joining her husband in retirement in 2007. Olive and Bill got together over twenty years ago when Bill asked

Olive if she would do his "door duty" one Sunday, and from that simple request romance blossomed!

The Caldwells have three children – Fiona, who trained as a lawyer, is now the European and Legal Adviser for Mediterranean Hope in Italy. She is a mission partner for Irvine and Kilmarnock Presbytery, employed by the Church of Scotland. Her role entails advocacy work for Mediterranean Hope and its humanitarian corridors for refugees. She keeps us updated in her contributions in this magazine. Daughter Aynsley, who is a member of Kay Park along with husband Roddy, works as a human resources officer with East Ayrshire Council. They have two lovely little girls, Lucy and Jessica. Son Gareth, who is depute head at Elderbank Primary School in Irvine, lives with his wife Shelley and son Thomas, in Prestwick. Bill and Olive play a big part in the lives of their grandchildren.

The couple are very involved in the life of our church. They are both elders, Bill being an area elder. Both have been on the Social Committee and they now help at Lunch Break. Bill was one of the founders of the very successful Strollers/Striders groups. Olive is on the creche rota and is also one of the Friendship Club "Shining Lights". They are also on the Sunday coffee rota and are volunteers in the summer club. They are long standing members of our choir, and Bill was on the nominations committee which elected Fiona to be our new minister.

Away from church, the Caldwells are both extremely active. Since his youth Bill has been a Burns enthusiast, and is often asked to speak at Burns Suppers. His "Tam o' Shanter" is quite unforgettable. He is a keen golfer, playing at Kilmarnock Barassie, and, along with Gareth, an ardent Killie supporter. He is also a member of the Aeolian Choir. Both Olive and Bill love walking, and the Lake District is one of their favourite destinations. Olive is a hospital volunteer and also helps at St. Matthews foodbank. Olive and Bill are now looking forward with anticipation to the next chapter in our church life, and I am sure that their contribution to Kay Park Church will continue to be a significant one. It was lovely talking to them.

SKT.



## KAY PARK Strollers & Striders

Good weather was with both walking groups in October and November. Aren't we lucky!

In October, 14 Strollers visited the James Hamilton Heritage Park in East Kilbride in almost spring like conditions while the Striders enjoyed a 5 mile walk in the environs of Troon including Dundonald Woods and the beach. Glorious!



In November we were "at home", with both groups enjoying the beautiful autumn colours of the Dean Estate, with a huge turnout of 25 Strollers – and 3 dogs! We then helped swell the numbers at the LunchBreak which had almost 90 clients who enjoyed the fare and a chat. Well worth a visit!

We would welcome anyone who fancies a bit of gentle exercise and a good blether!

Strollers normally meet at 9.30 in the church car park for a wander of about an hour.

Striders usually meet in the car park at 9.00 and walk for 1-2 hours with the occasional fuller day in some of the summer months.

Why not join us next month?

Mind you, it's not all walking and outdoors stuff; now and again we like to meet up together and enjoy an excellent meal and loads of chat. Here are a few pics of our November meal at Highgrove House Hotel. If you don't recognise all the faces, that's because several of our regulars belong to other churches but we are all part of one big church family.

*Bill Caldwell*



### Next Strollers Dates

Monday	7th January
Tuesday	5th February
Wednesday	6th March
Thursday	11th April
Friday	10th May
Saturday	8th June

### Next Striders Dates

Monday	21st January
Tuesday	26th February
Wednesday	20th March
Thursday	25th April
Friday	17th May
Saturday	15th June



*Christine Watt would like to thank all those who were such a support during her recent illness.*

*Christine is also immensely grateful for the cards, flowers and visits received from her friends in the church.*

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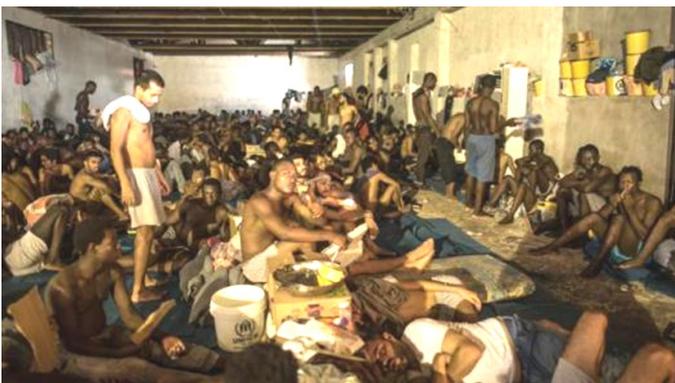
*Our Fiona Kendall is working in Italy with Mediterranean Hope on behalf of the Church of Scotland and Methodist Church in Britain. Here she shares a little about the situation of asylum seekers in Italy.*

Dear Friends

George is 25 and comes from The Gambia, a country otherwise known as “the smiling coast of Africa”, he tells me with a grin. Back in The Gambia, George was a bodybuilder. These days, it’s not so easy for him to get to the gym.

George has a deep Christian faith. He tells me that The Gambia is a country where Muslims and Christians live side by side without difficulty. However, when a Muslim scholar was invited to be the last president’s personal guest a few years ago, George was unhappy with the message which this scholar spread, a message which, in his view, fundamentally misinterpreted both the Koran and the Bible and would create division within the country he loved. George took to social media to explain at length why he thought this scholar’s teaching was flawed. His criticism was not appreciated by the authorities. Within days, it was made clear to him that his life was at risk if he remained in The Gambia. He knew that he had no option but to flee.

George’s eighteen-month journey north out of Africa took him through Senegal, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Algeria and Libya. On arrival in Libya he was detained. He tells me that nothing could have prepared him for the time spent in detention. Every kind of abuse was practised on detainees, whose meals were drugged to reduce their defences, and who were given salt water to drink. George was able to leave the detention centre only because one of the guards decided he would take him for himself. For the next six weeks, George was effectively a slave to this man and his wife. George then found sufficient strength and opportunity to flee to the coast where he joined a boatful of people heading for Europe.



The overcrowded boat was at sea for eleven hours, which George describes as utterly terrifying. Eventually rescued by a German NGO, the passengers were

disembarked at Lampedusa, a tiny Italian island around 70 miles off the coast of Tunisia. From there, in line with the government’s migrant dispersal policy, the passengers were taken to other parts of Italy. George has now been living in Piedmont for just under 2 years in accommodation run by the Diaconia Valdese.

George speaks to me with little rancour. Although he misses The Gambia, he has no regrets about standing up for his beliefs. His focus is on the future. Finding work has been difficult. His Italian is good but his English is better. There is little use in Piedmont for the other five African languages which he speaks fluently. However, he has been volunteering in a care home for people with disabilities and is studying hard so that he can be employed there.

Although he cannot currently afford 45 Euros per month for gym membership, George and his friends have been introduced by locals to curling, which has grown in popularity in the region since the Winter Olympics were hosted there in 2006. With the support of the local community, George is proud to be a member of the First Africa curling team and effusive about the merits of his new sport.



George’s courage, tenacity and willingness to adapt are clear from his story. But this new life of his could be altered at a stroke, for George’s application for asylum has not yet been determined. He will learn the date of the interview which will determine his fate tomorrow. I am starting to learn that self-determination is a privilege rather than a right. For those of us used to having a modicum of control over our lives, this is a fairly terrifying thought. For those who are asylum seekers, it is a reality.

Every blessing

Fiona



## RECIPE CORNER

Alistair Watson ..

'Man With The Black Cap @ Lunch Break'



Here is a simple but delicious starter for the Festive season.



### Galia Melon Quarters With Peppered Smoked Salmon

You will need one Galia melon, first cut in half, then deseeded, then quartered.

With a thin bladed cook's knife, carefully cut out the flesh of the melon from the outer skin.

Place the flesh in bowls and cut in slices.

Open a 100 gram pack of peppered smoked salmon slices, available in all supermarkets.

Roll up the slices and cut each one in four to five mini rolls and lay them on the melon in each bowl. Drizzle over each bowl of melon a generous amount of clear honey, give each a good grind of pepper and garnish with finely grated or chopped parsley. Looks amazing and tastes wonderful.



*Dear Janet*

*Betty and I would be most grateful to you if you could pass on to the Session and Congregation our grateful thanks for the most generous farewell gifts.*

*Our time at Kay Park has been one of the most rewarding experiences of more than forty years in the ministry. Such love and friendship we will always remember with gratitude to the good Lord and thanks to the people of Kay Park.*

*Please tell everyone how privileged and blessed we feel to have shared this time with you and how much we have appreciated their kindness and friendship.*

*We wish you all the blessings of God and the brightest of futures together with Fiona, your new minister.*

*Eddie and Betty*

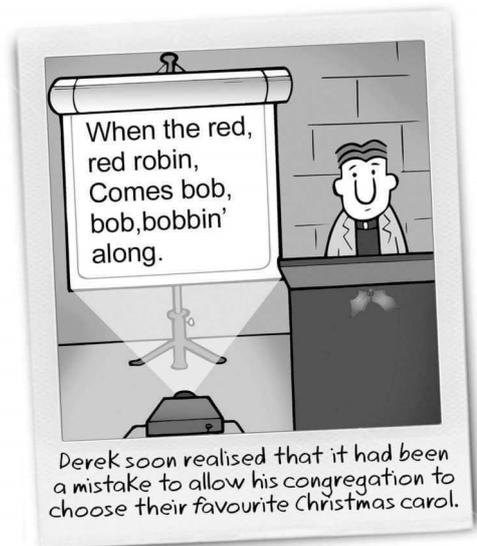
## Lunch Break



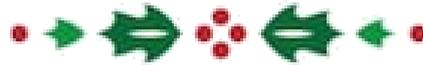
continues on Thursday 17 January  
and fortnightly afterwards at  
12.15pm

Please come along with your friends and enjoy a leisurely meal with a delicious selection of homemade soups & desserts with tea / coffee and biscuits for only £3.00.

Our friendly staff look forward to welcoming you on every alternate Thursday until Easter.



# Prayer Page



## THEY SAID IT WOULD BE ALL OVER BY CHRISTMAS 1914

Over 100 years ago, on Christmas Day, brave men knelt at makeshift altar tables to worship our Lord, Jesus Christ. They gave the ultimate sacrifice, for us; they gave us their future Christmases that we can celebrate ours.



### TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO....

A baby was born in a lowly stable, with farm animals looking down in wonder at this miracle. He was surrounded by people who loved him and came to worship him, as we do.

**1st Corinthians Ch13 vv 4 - 7** - Love is patient. Love is kind, and envies no one. Love is never boastful, nor conceited, nor rude; never selfish, not quick to take offence Love keeps no score of wrongs; does not gloat over other men's sins, but delights in the truth. There is nothing Love cannot face; there is no limit to its faith, its hope, and its endurance.

So, remember His message to us as we, once again, celebrate his birth on Christmas Day.

*May God bless everyone this Christmas . We wish you  
all a healthy and peaceful New Year  
From Rene Larmour, Olive Gow and the  
Church Prayer Group.*



*Prayer*   
Request

*If you want to request that the Prayer Chain prays for you or someone you love, please complete one of the Prayer Request Forms available at the front door or at the bottom of the stairs at the back door. All requests are handled in confidence.*

*If you cannot find a form or it is in the middle of the week, phone Rene Larmour or Olive Gow with your request.*

# NOTICES

## Church Flowers

Sincere thanks to the following people who have donated to the Flower Fund in October - November 2018 :

Mrs Pratt, Mrs Paterson, Mrs Watson, Mrs Black, Mrs Smith, Mrs Macmillan, Mrs Irving, Mrs Dempster, Mrs Wilde, and Mrs Smith, as well as three anonymous donors who placed their envelopes on the Offering Plate, and whose gifts are also appreciated.

Donations can be placed, in an envelope marked 'Flower Fund', on the Offering Plate, or given to Moira Neil or Aileen Sansum. Cheques should be made payable to Kay Park Church Flower Fund.

*We need more people to deliver the flowers on a Sunday. It doesn't take long, but means such a lot to those who receive them.*



## FUNERALS

*"In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you"*

30.11.18

James Gow

92 Cameron Drive (N/M)

*Grateful thanks to all those who help to put out this magazine to the congregation - the correspondents from all the organisations; Shiona Thomson who does the Family Focus interview; Sheila Bell, Maureen Miller who help with the printing; Paul Scoular who helps with everything and to our advertisers who help pay for the paper and the printing and to whom we are particularly indebted. To you, dear readers, from all of us, we wish you a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.*  
Eleanor



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**DECEMBER** – Sunday worship will be conducted at 11.00 am by the Rev Fiona Marshall, unless otherwise stated.

- 2 11.00 am **Christmas Gift Service** - if you wish, bring an unwrapped new toy for a child's Christmas present
- 6 12.15 pm LunchBreak
- 9 11.00 am **Come and Sing the Christmas Story** - and bring a friend!  
3.00 pm **"Remembering and Reflecting" service**
- 12 7.30 pm Aeolian Choir Christmas Concert (sold out)
- 13 2.00 pm Friendship Club - Aileen and Friends
- 16 11.00 am **Advent Worship** - everyone welcome
- 20 12.15 pm LunchBreak
- 23 11.00 am **"Christmas Wrapped Up"** - the Nativity presented by the Young Church
- 24 6.30 pm **"Joy to the World"** - something for everyone  
10.45 pm Gather for refreshments, including mince pies  
11.15 pm Move up to the Sanctuary for community Carol Singing  
11.30 pm **"Watching and Waiting"** (bring a torch to both services if you wish - not a candle, unless it battery operated)
- 30 11.00 am Morning Worship

**In Charge: HUGH McCRONE**

**Beadle: ANDY RAESIDE**

Muriel Watson

Jean Kelso

Alex Steven

Silvija Wilde

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Betty Anderson

**JANUARY** - Sunday worship will be conducted at 11.00 am unless otherwise stated

- 6 11.00 am Morning Worship
- 10 2.00 pm Fiona McKenzie and "The Unlikely Lads"
- 13 11.00 am Morning Worship
- 15 2.00 pm Guild recommences with Rev Mary Jepp
- 16 KIRK SESSION ELDERS' CONFERENCE at 6.30 for 7.00 - 9.00PM
- 20 11.00 am Morning Worship
- 17 12.15 pm LunchBreak
- 24 2.00 pm Friendship Club - Grant Donald and Bill Caldwell
- 27 11.00 am Morning Worship
- 29 7.30 pm Guild Concert with the Aeolian Choir
- 31 12.15 pm LunchBreak

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