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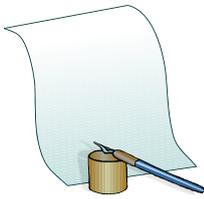
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## Letter from the manse

What a joy Lynne, the family and I experienced here amongst you in Kilsyth Anderson Church over the Christmas period. We very much appreciated your kindness and encouragement and the many lovely Christmas cards and gifts received during the season. In very practical ways you communicated the love of God which is ours through Jesus.

As I write today my mind is in pondering the communication process and how we might best share with our community and indeed our world the wonderful news of Jesus' offer of forgiveness and salvation. I suspect the main method of sharing with others the Good News we already know is simply to, as someone once put it, 'gossip the Gospel'. Telling our family and friends what we ourselves have discovered is one of the most powerful avenues which God uses to make known his presence and power. Of course we need to support one another in this task and I'm happy to say that here at Kilsyth Anderson church we will be doing that, in part, by designing worship services to which you can easily invite people along to.

***"For Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!" Romans 10: 13-15***

In this technologically advanced world we also want to spread news of God's goodness in the other ways many people today use. Our new church website contains a wealth of local church information for those already connected with the congregation and also highlights opportunities for new people to come along and get involved. The website address is [www.kilsythandersonchurch.org](http://www.kilsythandersonchurch.org) Not

everyone is on 'the web' but it might interest you to know that in the past 2 months there have been almost 30,000 visits to our various website pages!!



Many people today also engage with areas of interest via social media such as Facebook and Twitter. You might be interested to know that Kilsyth Anderson is able to share the Good News of Jesus in these areas as well. If you know people who use these channels of information then do encourage them to be a 'friend' of Kilsyth Anderson church at [www.facebook.com/kilsythanderson](http://www.facebook.com/kilsythanderson)

During the course of 2014 we will have the chance to share Jesus with others please pray that God will use us that many more men and women will come to discover the wonders of His grace.

*Allan Vint*



## A wee reminder

British Summer time begins on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2014. Clocks go forward 1 hour.

## HALLELUJAH WHAT A SAVIOUR!



More than 2000 years ago a child was born contrary to the laws of life as we know them. As He grew into manhood He was reared in poverty and obscurity.

He did not travel extensively in fact only once did He cross the boundary of the country in which He lived

and that was due to His enforced exile during early childhood.

He possessed neither wealth nor influence. His relatives were inconspicuous and He had neither training nor formal education.

Yet in infancy He startled a king; in childhood He puzzled doctors; in manhood He ruled the course of nature, walked upon the billows as if they were pavements and hushed the sea to sleep.

He healed multitudes without medicine and made no charge for His services.

He never wrote a book, and yet all the libraries of the country could not hold the books that have been written Him.

He never wrote a song, and yet He has furnished the theme for more songs than all the songwriters combined.

He never founded a college, but all the schools put together cannot boast of having as many students as He has.

He never marshalled an army, nor drafted a soldier, nor fire an arrow; yet no leader ever had more volunteers who have, under His orders, made more rebels stack their arms and surrender without any violence taking place.

He never practised psychiatry, and he has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors both far and near.

At least once each week the wheels of commerce cease their turning and multitudes wend their way to worshipping assemblies to pay homage and respect to Him.

The names of many proud statesmen and women have come and gone over the centuries. Scientists, philosophers and theologians have come and gone; but the name of this Man abounds more and more. Although time has spread over 2000 years between the peoples of this generation and the scene of His crucifixion – He still lives. Herod could not destroy and the grave could not hold Him.

He stands forth upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, proclaimed of God, acknowledged by angels, adored by saints and feared by devils, as the living personal Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

# O Happy Day!

## the Song and the Story Composer Philip Doddridge

When Monica Doddridge gave birth to Philip (1702 -1751, England), she had been through the pain of labor no less than 20 times. 18 of her children had died in infancy. Phillip was delivered as though stillborn, and so the midwife set him aside to attend to his mother.

And then the baby cried out. At that moment Monica determined that young Philip's life had been saved for a purpose. She spent the next few years doing her best to teach her frail son the Scriptures.



At a young age, Philip Doddridge was orphaned. An excerpt from his diary tells that his faith in God remained strong: *God is an immortal Father. My soul rejoices in Him. He hath hitherto helped me and provided for me; may it be my study to approve myself a more affectionate, dutiful and grateful child.* With no family and no money for formal training, friends encouraged him to give up his dream of entering the ministry. Doddridge took the matter to prayer and God miraculously provided funds.

Doddridge found his place among the clergy of the English Dissenters. He was pastor of an independent congregation and taught at a seminary for dissenting ministers. More than 200 years later, this same college (now under another name) includes a large collection of his manuscripts in the library. Doddridge wrote more than 50 hymns, including the very popular *O Happy Day*..

*O Happy Day* has survived the centuries in various formats, with different melodies. The song has been recorded by several famous artists, including Joan Baez and the Hawkins Singers. It has been a part of many movies, including *The Nutty Professor II*, and *Sister Act II*. It has been sung by church and school choirs, at baptismal, confirmations, Easter and Christmas celebrations. *O Happy Day* is a timeless song that brings inspiration and joy to the hearts of both doubters and believers.

## Remember! Remember!

In the last issue we provided some verses that could be learned off by heart. Happily a few people have commented favourably, so here are some more Memory Verses for the coming months:

We have now left Christmas behind so while we begin by repeating John 1:14 which highlights the miracle and mystery of Christ's coming we move on to what he has come to do, John 10:10 which is to give us fullness of life and finally on to how he would achieve this by his suffering Mark 10:45

### **January verse: John Chapter 1 Verse 14**

His word became flesh and made his dwelling among us".

### **February verse: John Chapter 10 Verse 10**

"I have come that they may be life, and have it to the full".

### **March verse: Mark Chapter 10 Verse 45**

"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many"



## CHRISTMAS FAYRE



The work party would like to thank everyone that was involved in our recent Christmas Fayre. A big thank you goes to those who supported us by attending the Fayre and to those who handed in donations. The marvellous sum of £2,754.00 was raised in aid of the Church Fabric Fund



# Kilsyth Community Food Bank

Kilsyth's food bank has moved into new premises on the corner of the Burngreen and the Market. We wish them every success in their new place. We are still accepting non perishable donations and have a box out in the vestibule or goods can be handed in at the drop-in on a Friday. You can find out more about their organisation on their facebook page where you can share their news.



## St Valentine

The celebrations of St. Valentine's Day are steeped in legend and mystery; indeed the motives behind the day's creation and even St. Valentine himself have been shrouded in controversy and doubt.

Saint Valentine's Day embraces a time of year that is historically associated with love and fertility. It encompasses the sacred marriage of Zeus and Hera in Ancient Athens and the Ancient Roman festival of Lupercus, the god of fertility.

The first official Saint Valentine's Day was declared on 14th of February by Pope Galasius in 496, in memory of a 3rd century martyred priest in Rome. It is not known for sure whether Pope Galasius was honouring this 3rd century priest or whether it was one of two other martyred priests associated with the 14th of February. One was Bishop of Interamna (modern Terni) and the other apparently suffered in Africa along with a number of companions. Nothing further is known about these two Saint Valentines and it is the priest in Rome that has become the most widely acclaimed of the three.



It is believed that the young priest rose to distinction after betraying Emperor Claudius in 270 AD by conducting illegitimate wedding ceremonies in the capital. Emperor Claudius claimed that married men made poor soldiers and consequently decreed that all marriages of younger citizens would be outlawed. Bishop Valentine, however, maintained that marriage was part of God's plan and purpose for the world. He continued to conduct marriages in secret between young people, in the name of love. His success gained him unwelcome notoriety, which became Bishop Valentine's downfall. He was jailed and ultimately beheaded, but not before he fell in love with the jailer's daughter. It is thought that on the evening of his execution the bishop passed her a note which read "from your Valentine". This story has blossomed into the defining tradition of Valentine's Day.





# Church Diary



Sunday: Morning worship	11.30am
Evening worship	6.15pm
(fellowship after service in main hall)	
Time for prayer    Wyper Hall	5.45pm
Monday: Ladies Bowling	10.30am
The Guild	7.30pm
Tuesday: <u>Girls Brigade:</u>	
Explorers (P1-P3)	6.00pm
Juniors & Brigaders (P4 +)	7.00pm
Wednesday: Praise Group	7.30pm
<u>Boys Brigade:</u>	
Anchor Boys (P1 -P3)	5.45pm
Junior Section (p4 -P6)	6.30pm
Company Section (P7 +Secondary)	7.30pm
Thursday: Mid-week Fellowship	
Wyper Hall	7.00pm
Friday: 'Drop in Café	
Wyper Hall	10.00am - noon



Contact for urgent Pastoral Care  
Minister: Rev. Allan Vint  
Session Clerk: Mrs Elizabeth Strang

## Dates for your diary

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February:	Youth Service & Sacrament of Baptism	11.30am
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February:	Over 70's Dinner	2.30pm
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March:	Youth Service	11.30am
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March:	Praise Group Practice (Church)	7.30pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March:	World day of Prayer	7.30pm
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March:	Communion	11.30am & 6.15pm



## Flower list



2 <sup>nd</sup> February:	Girls Brigade
9 <sup>th</sup> February:	Mrs Anne Harrower
16 <sup>th</sup> February:	Mrs Anne McCallum
23 <sup>rd</sup> February:	Mrs Clem Bryden
2 <sup>nd</sup> March:	Miss Isobel Barrie
9 <sup>th</sup> March:	Mrs Christine Roberts
16 <sup>th</sup> March:	Mrs Mollie Muirhead
23 <sup>rd</sup> March:	Mrs Anne Johnston
30 <sup>th</sup> March:	Mrs Elizabeth McNiven



## Our Family Birthdays

*Happy 89<sup>th</sup> Birthday to  
Mrs Betty Gordon on the 18<sup>th</sup> February :*

*Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday to  
Mrs May Erskine on the 27<sup>th</sup> February :*



*Those we love  
don't go away*



*They walk beside  
us everyday.*

## Deaths

*2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013: Mr Bert Lang,*

*4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2014: Mr William McFarlane,*

*17<sup>th</sup> January 2014: Mr Jimmy McGinnes,*

## Appreciations

*My family and I wish to express our appreciation for the many messages of goodwill, cards and flowers which I received during my recent illness. Thank you our friends at the Anderson for your kind concern, your support was a great comfort during a time of anxiety*

*Yours sincerely*

**Betty Gordon**

*I wish to express my gratitude to the Anderson church fellowship for you thoughts, sympathy, prayers, caers, telephone calls and gifts of flowers after the sudden death of my brother, John in Nothern Ireland.*

*I greatly appreciate your kindness and concern*

*May God bless you richly*

**Liz Moore**

*(I apologize Liz, this acknowledgement should have been in the last issue of the newsletter)*

*Helen x*

## **Mothers Day ( Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2014)**

Mothing Sunday was also known as '**Refreshment Sunday**', **Pudding Pie Sunday** (in Surrey, England) or '**Mid-Lent Sunday**'. It was a day in Lent (usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday) when the fasting rules were relaxed, in honour of the 'Feeding of the Five Thousand', a story in the Christian Bible

**This is for all the mums on Mothering Sunday**

### **A Mother's Prayer**

**Dear Lord,**

**It's such a hectic Day,**

**With little time to stop and pray.**

**For life's been anything but calm,**

**Since you called me to be a mum –**

**Running errands, matching socks,**

**Building dreams with stacking blocks,**

**Cooking, cleaning and finding shoes,**

**And other things that children lose.**

**Fitting lids on bottled bugs,**

**Wiping tears and giving hugs.**

**A stack of last week's mail to read, -**

**Where's the quiet time that I need?**

**Yet, when I steal a moment, Lord,**

**At the sink or ironing board,**

**To ask the blessing of your grace,**

**I see then, in my wee ones's face,**

**That you have blessed me all the while**

**And I stoop to kiss that precious smile.**

## Getting to know you..... Christine Johnston

### WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO ANDERSON

My Granny Johnston who was a regular attender of both Church and Guild. She came to Kilsyth from Portobello when she married. My mother joined Anderson from the Congregational Church when she married my dad and I was baptised by Rev. Joseph D. Caskey back in ..... you don't really want to know that!

### WHAT IS YOUR INVOLVEMENT

At the age of 17 I became involved with the Primary Sunday School (now Sparklers) and felt that I was growing in my faith at that time. I became a communicant member by profession of faith when Mr. Ross became the minister in 1968. At the same time, a child, whom I taught in my first class, offered my services to her dad who was the Officer in the Junior Section of the Boys' Brigade. Despite the fact that I had not volunteered, I accepted the challenge having been told - quote 'it's only an hour each week' - which was a lie - and have stayed with the BB for 43 years. They have been fantastic years, I have worked with some great Boys and officers throughout the years - I have met people from all over the country and indeed the world. Over the years I have assumed a number of different roles within the Church- elder, member of the board of managers, deputy organist (I've been relieved of that one!), deputy Session Clerk, guild member, member of a cleaning team, leader of a Pastoral care group, and, for the past two years, Presbytery Elder and last year a commissioner at the General Assembly. A variety of roles all with interesting work attached.



### WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST

The people of Anderson are friendly and caring towards one another. They empathise with those in need and respond to that need, whether it be a need within the congregation or a global need. When the BB was raising money to build the kitchen in Malawi, we were astounded by people's generosity. People in Anderson work together, as it should be - we are all part of one family, God's family. Sadly, in some places people don't work so well together.

### WHAT IS MY HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

I think the answer to this one will be fairly obvious - it involves the youth. I'd like to see more young people being given the chance to serve in the Church. We may be moving towards this situation by involving some who have volunteered to train to operate the new projection system. There are other 'jobs' they could be doing, but we need to be prepared to step aside ourselves and let the young people do the jobs. On parade Sundays, young people uplift the offering, they might be included in welcoming duties (if they volunteer), be consulted as to what roles they could adopt, ask for their help at times e.g. setting up for Fayres, stage for Nativity etc, etc. BUT.... they need to be allowed to help! **YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOT THE CHURCH OF TOMORROW - THEY ARE AS MUCH THE CHURCH OF TODAY AS WE ARE.**



## Boys Brigade



December was, as usual, very busy. We delivered Christmas cards with LOTS of help from friends within the Church. We greatly appreciate the help we get as we would never be able to cope without that support. £3160 was raised for Company funds. Thank you to everyone who gave us cards to deliver or helped in any way. The Anchor Boys and Junior Section attended the performance of 'The Snow Queen' at Cumbernauld Theatre. We were right in the front row, and the Boys were getting so involved that I thought some of them might end up in the middle of the performance. I think everyone enjoyed it, and the Boys were a credit to themselves and the Company. On Christmas Eve we packed bags in the Co-op. This year, the shop asked for 10% of our takings, a sum which would go to the Co-op's chosen charity. We raised just over £800, gave the Co-op £80 and ended up with £730. Another great result! - this year it goes to our school in Malawi, to help with the refurbishment work.

Speaking of Malawi - the project is moving - F A S T!!! I have been in touch with a man who has visited the school, Katete 1 Primary. Tony reports that the school is in an extremely poor area, about 25km south of Blantyre. It is in desperate need of refurbishment and indeed needs more classrooms - there are currently 7 classrooms for in excess of 1650 children. I don't think our budget will stretch to building a classroom, but we will be able to make the current school more pleasant for the children.

Tony is going to arrange the necessary permission for us to work at the school, contact local workers who will work alongside us, source materials for the jobs and will advise on flights and accommodation etc. WOW! Helen Scott gave us good advice too and may be able to do more for us when she returns to Malawi in March. My part now is to look at how much money we have and how much we can commit to materials to enhance the school. What a challenge and a privilege to be able to help the children there. God is obviously at work with us on this project. I, personally, am looking forward to it.

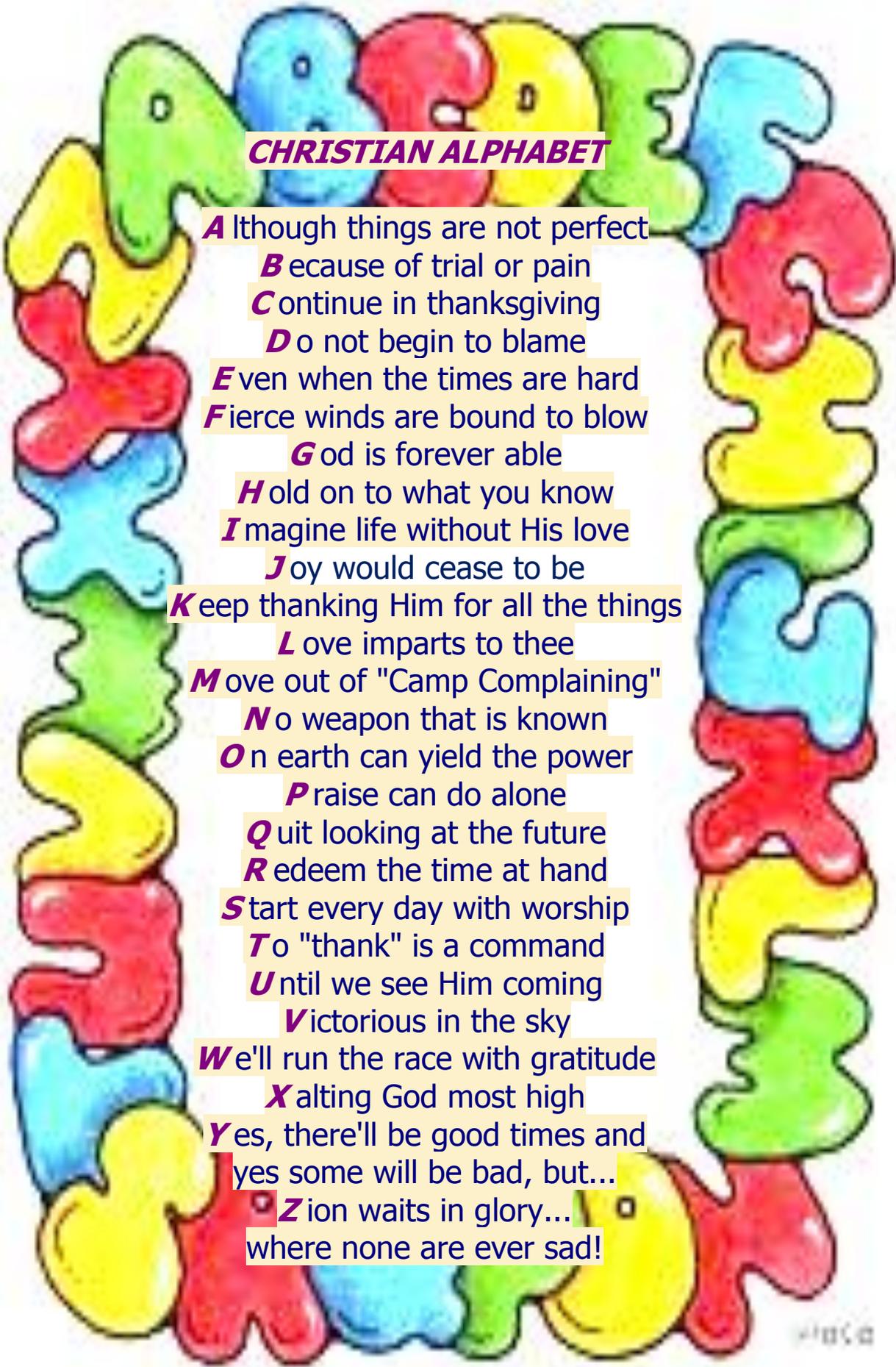
I'm glad to say, that after a bit of ranting and raving over the Christmas holidays, things are progressing with Senior Boys' badge work. Darren has completed his Queen's record book and all that remains is for him to attend the completion course at Carronvale in March. Duke of Edinburgh bronze award records are progressing too - we may have some for presentation in March - I'm ever hopeful!

We wish Scott Anderson well as he goes off to further his career in banking - he's going to work in London for a year. We will miss him, but, God is again at work! We welcome Colin Scott, who VOLUNTEERED (I did not coerce him!) to help in the company. Colin is going to bring many skills, not the least being that he can do a lot of the outdoor work. We need someone to push forward the expedition work for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards, and Colin is the very man! Thank you so much, Colin. Anyone else like to volunteer their skills? Everyone has skills - and we don't always know what skills people have! Speaking of skills (talents).



When I was at the General Assembly this year I was given £2 and asked to make it grow - the Parable of the Talents. This, I thought, was a challenge for the Boys - so I took the easy route and passed it on. They managed to get a cheap ream of paper (£1) and produced the quiz sheet of Christmas carols and songs which many of you bought. Their £2 (well really it was only £1) 'grew' into £336, which I thought was quite good going. Thank you to those who bought one of their quizzes. Gemma Hamilton, the older sister of one of our Junior Section Boys was the winner. I'll put the answers up on the wall in the Hall in case anyone wants to check the ones they couldn't find. BB's having a quiz night on Saturday 15th March - Douglas Anderson is organising it to help with costs for Malawi.





## **CHRISTIAN ALPHABET**

**A**lthough things are not perfect  
**B**ecause of trial or pain  
**C**ontinue in thanksgiving  
**D**o not begin to blame  
**E**ven when the times are hard  
**F**ierce winds are bound to blow  
**G**od is forever able  
**H**old on to what you know  
**I**magine life without His love  
**J**oy would cease to be  
**K**eep thanking Him for all the things  
**L**ove imparts to thee  
**M**ove out of "Camp Complaining"  
**N**o weapon that is known  
**O**n earth can yield the power  
**P**raise can do alone  
**Q**uit looking at the future  
**R**edeem the time at hand  
**S**tart every day with worship  
**T**o "thank" is a command  
**U**ntil we see Him coming  
**V**ictorious in the sky  
**W**e'll run the race with gratitude  
**X**alting God most high  
**Y**es, there'll be good times and  
yes some will be bad, but...  
**Z**ion waits in glory...  
where none are ever sad!

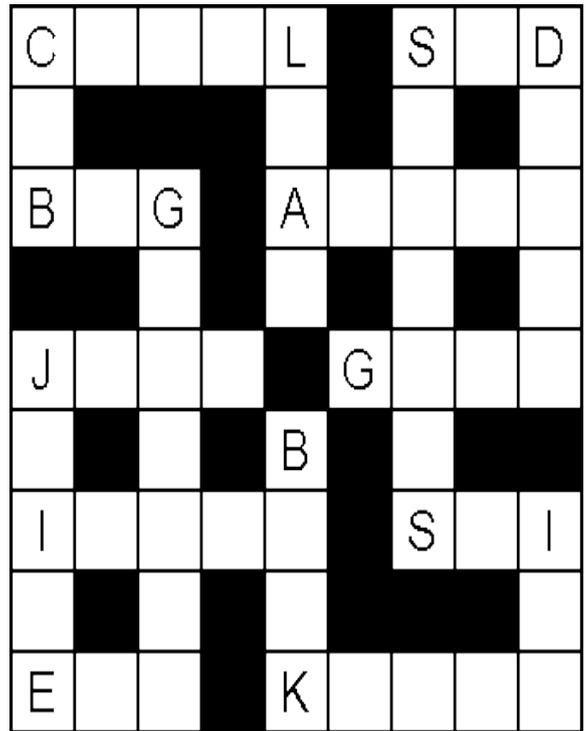
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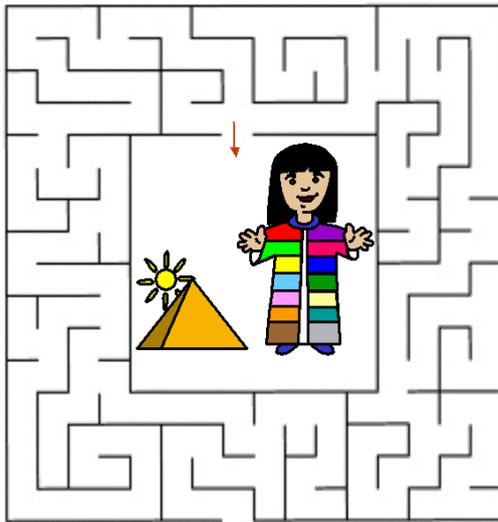
Can you complete it?

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| A: Fruit of the oak tree (5) | I: Ice hut (5)               |
| B: Something to read (4)     | I: Writing fluid (3)         |
| B: Insect (3)                | J: Type of music (4)         |
| C: Taxi (3)                  | J: Fruit drink (5)           |
| C: Desert animal (5)         | K: Tap on the door (5)       |
| D: Sand hills (5)            | L: Jump (4)                  |
| E: The night before (3)      | S: Unhappy (3)               |
| G: Type of antelope (7)      | S: Brief periods of rain (7) |
| G: Precious stones (4)       | S: Snow runner (3)           |



## Joseph Maze

Help Jacob find his son Joseph.



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### WEBSITE

[www.kilsythandersonchurch.org](http://www.kilsythandersonchurch.org)

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A copy of the morning service can be provided.  
Please speak to your Pastoral Care visitor  
who can arrange for a copy

Items of news, special occasions, etc. for the next

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Helen Shaw by Sunday 23rd March 2014

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