

Kilsyth Anderson Parish Church



*Unto
us a
child is
born*

Magazine

December 2014/ January 2015

From the Manse



That was unexpected – the fire alarm going off as we sang our final hymn on the 23rd of November! The music stopped, the congregation left (in a beautifully ordered fashion) but thankfully there was no smoke and no fire. It was a false alarm.

As we enter into Advent and remember the Christmas story again I recall that there were a number of people who had a great surprise along the way.

Mary – surprised to be told she was pregnant though still a virgin
Joseph – **surprised to meet an angel and learn the truth of Mary's pregnancy**
Shepherds – surprised by a choir of angels appearing on a quiet hillside
Wise men – surprised to find a new born king in a stable.

There were others as well, each in a different way coming to know surprising yet wonderful truths.

The truth that God had become one of us
The truth that Jesus came to rescue us from sin and death
The truth that faith in him brings us life, light and salvation

I hope that over this Christmas period we will each be personally surprised once again by the incredible love that God has shown us in Jesus and so be moved to give him the thanks, praise and worship he deserves.

Thanks

In the last issue of the church magazine I noted the challenge given to the **Girls' Brigade and Boys' Brigade to discover information about the name written on our church war memorial.** I now want to say a huge thank you to both organisations for the huge effort that went into the detective work and for the presentations made at our Remembrance Sunday service. A number of people made a point of telling me how impressed they were with what the organisations did.

If you missed the service itself then the information is available as video clips on the church youtube channel

(Go to www.youtube.com and search for Kilsyth Anderson)

Christianity
EXPLORED

Interested in becoming a church member at Kilsyth Anderson?

Interested in finding out more about the Christian Faith?

If you want to know more then why not come along to the next session of the informative and popular Christianity Explored course?

Sessions begin on Thursday 5th of February 2015 at 7.30pm in the Manse.

To register your interest speak to the minister directly or complete the online form on the church website. (Please note: No previous bible knowledge required!)

<http://www.kilsythandersonchurch.org/welcome/christianity-explored>

New Elders



On Sunday 26th October, 6 new elders were ordained and admitted to the Kirk Session.

They are:

Mrs Lynda Anderson

Mrs Dorothy Barrowman

Mrs Margaret Brown

Mrs Helen Provan

Mrs Helen Shaw

Miss Anne Strang

Please remember them in your prayers as they undertake their new role in the Church .

Remembrance Day

The Remembrance Day service in our Church on the 9th November was attended by members of The British Legion, North Lanarkshire Council, The Army Cadets and Kilsyth Thistle Pipe Band as well as our own Youth Organisations. £150.00 was sent to both the Scottish Poppy Appeal and Erskine Hospital as a result of the retiring offering after the service.

Thank you to all those who contributed.



Prayer Day

We are planning to start the New Year by spending time praying for all the organisations and activities associated with our Church.

This gathering will take place on Sunday 11th January 2015. It will run from the end of the morning service to the beginning of the evening service. Each organisation or group will be prayed for in turn and we will follow up all the specific requests for prayer that we receive.

Full details of how this will be organised will be sent out soon and you will be invited to be present for the time (about 10-15 minutes) during which your own particular organisation/group is being remembered. We do hope you will be able to come along for at least part of the afternoon to support this important gathering as we acknowledge the fact that we are totally dependent on God for the successful carrying out of all our work

FAREWELL VISIT BY HELEN SCOTT, OUR MISSION PARTNER

Helen visited our church on the 16th October to say farewell as our mission partner. She has served with the Church of Scotland in Ekwendeni, Malawi since 1998, as a teacher in Ekwendeni Girls Secondary School, a leader in the Girls Brigade as well as supporting the local church. Unfortunately it was a poor turnout with a small number from our church and a few from Burns & Old and Banton.

During her time in Ekwendeni Helen has been conscious of God the Shepherd of Psalm 23 guiding her but is now unsure where her future lies. She is doing deputation work until December and then is representing the Church of Scotland in Zambia in January. Her mother is getting frailer but is still independent.

Using a slide presentation Helen gave us an insight into her work in Ekwendeni and asked us to continue to pray for that work and her future. She asked us to remember;

- **The church;** it is a vibrant church with a simple faith but is packed each Sunday with people of all ages and backgrounds. There are many church run organisations who reach out to the poor in the community especially isolated communities offering practical help as well as spreading the good news of Jesus.
- **The school;** Helen stayed to see the school through its transition. The school is going forward and plans to build 2 new hostels. Pray for the headmistress and 2 new deputies who have replaced Helen and the pupils of the school that they will become a benefit to society and useful citizens.
- **The Girls Brigade;** Pray the school and community companies will continue and be effective and for the new Captain Emma.
- **The young girls of the community** especially those who don't speak English and have less chance of education and therefore prospects of jobs. There is a large 'red light' area in Ekwendeni. The AIDS epidemic causes many of these girls to be orphans with a lack of support.
- **Malawi;** pray for the new president and the stability of the country and that it may escape the Ebola virus.

I am sure we can say with Paul in Philippians 1: v4&5 'I thank God every time I remember you. I always pray with joy for your partnership in the gospel'. Let us continue to remember Helen and Malawi in our prayers.

Olivia Brittan Mission Representative.

The Anderson Church Christmas Fayre



I hurried along not to be late,
Down Kingston Road towards the church gate,
I walked up the path leading into the hall,
There I beheld the handicraft stall,
With the cutest gifts you ever did see,
All ready to hang on the Christmas tree.

I moved onto an array of toiletries to enhance your looks-
Alongside, for the bookworm - a selection of books.

What really went to my head
Was the centre table with the mouth-watering spread-
Anne's luscious cake with the essence of coffee,
Freshly made pancakes and biscuits with icing,
Making everything look so inviting.
The grocery stall doing a fair trade
With homemade jam and marmalade.

By now, my feet were beginning to tire,
I took a wee seat and began to admire
The people passing to and fro,
Happily chatting -their faces aglow
The ladies, still serving – a smile on each face,
I thought, what a beautiful aura abounds in this place



So, thank you, Anderson Folks, for your Christmas Fayre
I pray I'll be spared for your next one to share

*Edith Martin
December 2003*

A tribute to Edith who passed away recently

Details of this year's Christmas Fayre are on the leaflet enclosed

Prayer Corner

You can't have failed to notice two lovely new banners on the corner walls just beside the door by the pulpit, on the Coachman side of the Church. These were made for us by Mollie Muirhead. Just by the door on that side too is a splendid oak box which is connected with these banners. It was made by Tom Anderson, Both of these items are part of the 'Prayer Corner' we have been planning for some time.

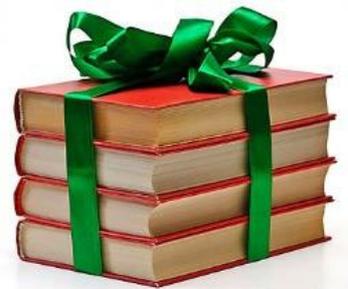
The banners are to draw attention to the corner and the box is there for people who are seeking prayer to put slips into detailing what they want to pray for. Special slips will be provided on which they can write their requests. These will be confidential and will be taken up at various prayer gatherings throughout the week: on Thursday evenings, or on Sunday evenings before the evening service.

What will be new, is that at the end of each Sunday morning service there will be an opportunity for anyone who wants to be prayed for to stay behind and come forward to this corner where someone will be waiting to pray with you. Your prayers can be about anything that concerns you: requests for healing, dealing with problems, or worries, or indeed things for which you want to give special thanks for. Again this will be informal and confidential and no attention will be drawn to what is going on. Now this is a bit outside our normal practice but we hope many will find it helpful and will want to make use of it. Prayer is such a wonderful resource that God has given us.

This new arrangement will begin to operate at the start of the New Year

CHRISTMAS BOOKSTALL

On Sunday 18th November we had our first book stall. This was planned by the Mission Group and the Maturity Group of the Kirk Session. It was a bit of an experiment for we had no idea how it would go! We are very fortunate to have Jean Chalmers who works in Faith Mission Bookshop in Glasgow in our congregation. Jean, with the help of Margaret Martin got the whole bookstall set up and by Sunday morning we were ready to go. There were devotional books, biographies, children's books, C.D's and Christmas cards. A great deal of interest was shown by the Congregation and we are delighted to say that £340.00 of sales was recorded. We will certainly repeat this. We are, in fact, planning to have another bookstall before Easter.



Many thanks to Jean and Margaret and to all who supported it. We are so pleased to have been able to make Christian material available at a time when the 'reason for the season' is more and more overlooked.

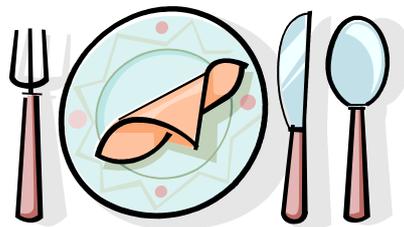
A Christmas Blessing



God grant you the light of Christmas, which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas, which is purity;
the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice;
the belief in Christmas, which is truth;
the all of Christmas, which is Christ?

Amen

Over 70's Dinner



Our over 70's dinner will hopefully take place in early 2015.(Date to be confirmed)
Please make sure you contact Cathie McIlwain if you have recently reached that magic
number so that she can send out an invitation



Can You Help!

Church Cleaning

Everyone agrees that our beautiful Church is being well cared for. All credit for this is due to our happy band of volunteer cleaners,- men as well as ladies – who work well together for just over an hour , **once every 5 weeks.**

We have 5 teams of eight: 3 teams on Thursday morning/2 teams on Saturday mornings.

There are times when some of our team members are unable to come and it would be great if we could have some more volunteers.

Perhaps you have been thinking about joining us?

While we feel we are doing something worthwhile, we all enjoy each other's company and the time just flies!

It would be great if names could be added to our reserve list

Margaret Waddell looks forward to hearing from you

The Story behind the Hymn

O Holy Night



Written by a Frenchman named Placide Cappeau de Roquemaure in 1847. Placide was the commissionaire of wines in his small town and was known for writing poetry. Although he was not a regular at church, his parish priest asked him to write a poem for that year's Christmas mass. Cappeau was honoured and soon completed his poem, "Cantique de Noel". However, after the inspiration of writing his poem based upon the Gospel of Luke's account of Christ's birth, Cappeau decided that his poem was worthy as a song as well. He asked his friend Adolphe Charles Adams, who had written scores for both opera and ballet, to assist in writing the music. The completed song was presented to the priest and parish and received wholehearted acceptance. Soon, it became widely known throughout churches in France. Years later, though, Cappeau left the church to join the socialist movement. Around the same time, news that Cappeau's friend, Adolphe, was a **Jew** found its way to the Church and "Cantique de Noel" was suddenly deemed inappropriate, unfit for service and banned from the Church altogether. Although it was no longer welcomed in church services, however, the people of France still sang the Christmas song in their homes and saved it from obscurity. Then, in the mid-1800's, a Unitarian minister named John Sullivan Dwight found and translated "Cantique de Noel" into English. Dwight had left the ministry because of severe anxiety and panic attacks. He became reclusive but continued to serve musicians by finding new musical pieces and reviewing them in a journal he privately published. Falling in love with the lyrics of "O Holy Night" as he translated it, Dwight published the lyrics in his journal and in several songbooks and the carol took off in America. The last marvellous part of the story occurs in 1906 when a former chief chemist for Thomas Edison made the first voice radio transmission. Inspired by the Morse code transmissions of Marconi, Fessenden was determined to speak **words** to the world, not merely dots and dashes. On Christmas Eve of 1906, Fessenden achieved his goal and the first words were spoken through airwaves: "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed..." He read from the Gospel of Luke as amazed radio operators listened to the story of Christ's birth! And afterwards, Fessenden picked up his violin and played the first song heard on radio: "O Holy Night"! The broadcast ended and one of the world's favourite Christmas songs took flight!

ASK WHAT YOU NEED



We have been going through the Lord's Prayer clause by clause and have noticed that after addressing God and hallowing His name, we went on to speak of praying for the coming of the Kingdom. All this is essential if we are to approach God in the right frame of mind and with a true perspective on priorities. Now we arrive at something we can all identify with quite easily, for we are encouraged to pray 'Give us this day our daily bread'

There are a lot of important things to notice about this seemingly simple request. First we need to make a distinction between what we need and what we want. Sadly, in these days of growing affluence we all aspire to have as much as possible of everything. We are a greedy society! Maybe that is why so called 'retail therapy' is such a popular self-treatment! But you see this concentrates not on the things that we need, but on the things we want. Now the Lord's Prayer only speaks of daily bread and no more. We need only think of the many pictures that come from 'third world' to see just what this means. We see their emaciated bodies and babies with swollen stomachs caused by malnutrition and sunken eyes nearing the point of death. Their need is for bread, simple and basic. That is where the Lord's Prayer would point us. We look to God not to fill our homes with goods but to meet the needs we have for survival

This indicates a dependence on God day by day. It is for this day we look for bread. Tomorrow we will pray again for the same thing. We need God and we need him every day. If you remember the story of the exodus and the sad plight of God's people in the desert, they were starving and God sent them manna. Now they would only collect enough for a single day otherwise it went wrong and was spoiled, so they had to look to God each morning for his provision. So too with us.

I had often heard of Christians being in deep need asking God to meet their need and being overjoyed when he did just that. I had no experience of such things. Neither too little nor too much, but just enough. Then at one point in our lives when we needed this help, Babs and I did just this. We asked God for help and he came through and blessed us with exactly what we needed. It was so noticeable that we found ourselves repeating over and over 'You know this is happening at just the right time'. God can be trusted, God can be depended on, God will supply all our needs.... So don't forget to ask, don't forget to be thankful and don't turn your needs into wants and expect God to respond.

SOME TREASURE FROM OUR MEMORY BANK

As we approach Advent and begin to think about preparing for Christmas, it is surely right that we spend a little time thinking about what this special season is actually all about and what its significance is for us today.

It is of course a miracle of grace, that Christ the eternal son of God should leave the glory of Heaven to come down into this wretched world for us is overwhelming. That he should actually take human flesh with all its weakness and its capacity for stumbling into temptation is astonishing. That he should ultimately go by way of the cross to his death for us is the final act of what is a truly cosmic drama. Before this we can only stand amazed.

So we turn to Scripture to get a true evaluation of this miracle. Doing so we will want to store away these choice verses that help us, in a shorthand manner, to remember what we are doing as we celebrate

DECEMBER: Philippians Chapter 2: Verse 8

Marvel at the huge step it was for Christ to come into this fallen world. Yet he did it for us knowing that despite the cost, it was the only way that our lives could be turned round and could become Children of God

“Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!”

JANUARY: John Chapter 1 Verse 14

This little baby, lying there so vulnerable and in such a lowly place as a stable is none other than the eternal Word of God. This is the one who was with God at the beginning. More than that, this is the one who was God. Take a deep breath and learn

“The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth”

FEBRUARY: Luke Chapter 2 Verse 40

Here he is showing how he is fulfilling all the Father planned for him, and doing it superbly

“And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him”

Church Flowers

7 th Dec	Mrs Mary Abercrombie	Edward Street
14 th Dec	Mrs Nan Kinvig	Livingston Park
21 st Dec	Mrs Anne McLean	U.P. Road
28 th Dec	Mrs Margaret Brown	Ebroch Drive
4 th Jan	Boys Brigade	
11 th Jan	Mr Ronnie Swan	Coneypark Place
18 th Jan	Unallocated	
25 th Jan	William Shaw	Arden Grove



If you wish to contribute flowers in 2015 there are still spaces on this List which can be found on the Vestibule Table or speak to Margaret Waddell. These floral gifts are very much appreciated by those members of our church family who are unable to join us in fellowship.



Our Family Birthdays

Happy 80th Birthday to Rev. Alex Fleming on the 5th December

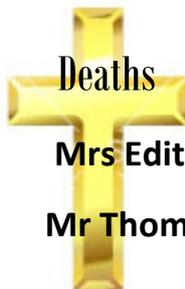
Happy 90th Birthday to Mrs Chrissie Kidd on the 17th December

Happy 83rd Birthday to Mrs Marion Whyte on the 7th January

Deaths

7th October 2014: Mrs Edith Martin, Craig -en- Goyne

27th October 2014: Mr Thomas Nisbet, Corrie Brae



Church Diary

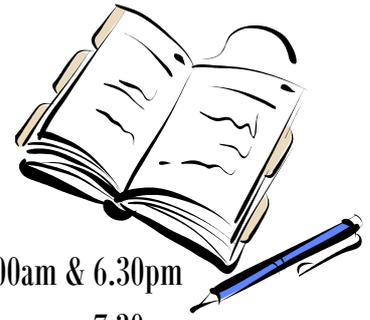


Sunday:	Morning worship	11.00am
	Evening worship	6.30pm
	(fellowship after service in main hall)	
Monday:	Ladies Bowling	10.30am
	The Guild	7.30pm
Tuesday:	<u>Girls Brigade:</u>	
	Explorers (P1-P3)	6.00pm
	Juniors & Brigaders (P4 +)	7.00pm
Wednesday:	Praise Group	7.30pm
	<u>Boys Brigade:</u>	
	Anchor 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 10.00 - noon

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Contact for urgent Pastoral Care
 Minister: Rev. Allan Vint (01236) 822345
 Session Clerk: Mrs Elizabeth Strang (01236) 824875

Dates for your diary



30 th Nov	Communion	11.00am & 6.30pm
1 st Dec	Guild Christmas Social	7.30pm
6 th Dec	Christmas Fayre	10.00am – 1.00pm
7 th Dec	Family Service	11.00am
	Invitation Sunday	
	Gift Service for Glasgow City Mission	
	Advent Praise Service: Praise Group	6.30pm
13 th Dec	Sparklers: Monster Mania	
14 th Dec	Carol Praise	11.00am
	No evening service:	
	Advent Concert (Burns & Old Parish Church)	7.30pm
	Columban Singers with Balmalloch Primary Choir	
	Chosen Charity: Ebola Disaster Fund	
21 st Dec	Sunday School Nativity	11.00am
	No evening service	
22 nd Dec	Carol singing at Burngreen Bandstand	7.30pm
	Organised by Kilsyth Rotary Club	
24 th Dec	'Silent Night' Christmas Eve Family Service	6.30pm
	Offering for 'Tearfund Syrian Appeal'	
28 th Dec	No evening service	
4 th Jan	No evening service	
11 th Jan	Half day of prayer	
18 th Jan	Joint evening service: Christian Unity Service	6.30pm
27 th Jan	Board of Managers	7.30pm

The Drop in is closed on the 26th Dec/2nd Jan/9th Jan.
Reopens on the 16th January 2015



*Thank
You*



With Thanks

Thank you Molly for the lovely flowers we received on behalf of the Church for our Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Also thanks to Ena and Olivia for the flowers we received on behalf of the Guild and to all the friends who sent cards and gifts, they were all warmly received and very much appreciated

John and Annabel Smith

Thank you for the Church flowers I received. It is great to know I am in your thoughts and prayers

Tracy Dodds

Many thanks for the lovely flowers received recently and the kind thoughts sent with them – all very much appreciated

Elizabeth Martin

Thank you for the flowers I received recently. It is great to know I am in your thoughts and prayers. Also, a big thank you to Mollie and Andrew for delivering them

Marion Lauder

Robert Allison: I would like to say thank you for the beautiful flowers received and to thank all those from the church who were so kind in visiting Dad (and Mum) over recent years. Your support has been much appreciated. Many thanks

June Allison



Kilsyth Community Food Bank

Please continue to support our local food bank as they continue to help the local community during the Festive period. Remember there are boxes placed in the vestibule on a Sunday and at the Drop-in on a Friday. Please contribute to this appeal and remember they still need everyday items too.

BILL MOORE

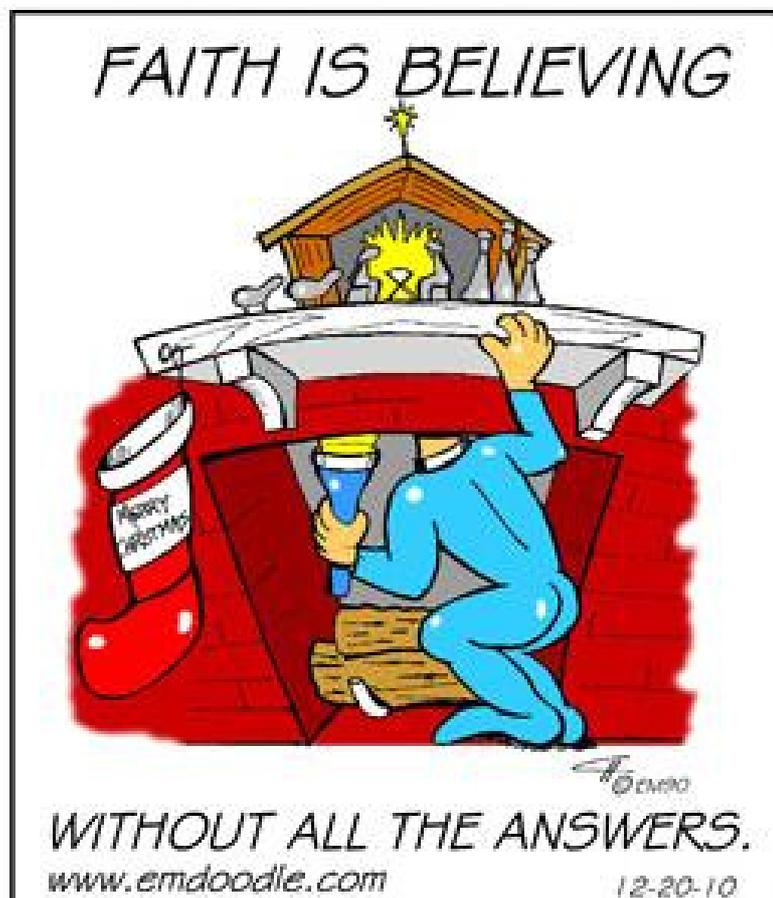
By the time you read this I will be gone. No, not dead (I hope) just away to New Zealand - and maybe even have arrived.

MOVEMBER is over and gone is my moustache! Yes, my friends, Liz is happy again and male Cancers are helped to the extent of over £200 FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

Last year was £215, and I may just beat that this time. So thanks again to all those who have sponsored my hairy lip and hopefully the frontier of Testicular and Prostate Cancer have been pushed back at least a wee bit.
Thanx. Bill Moore.



P.S. These Cancers are likened to breast cancer among women twenty years ago - people didn't talk about it. Movember is a light hearted way to make the subject more acceptable.



For Alex Fleming.....

Alex 80? Who would guess?
(He's far too full of fun and zest)
Although his title is "retired"
He still works on and never tires.

A chemist was his early job
He did it well but there was God -
Directions given - he obeyed
He knew it couldn't be delayed.

Four different churches knew his blessing
But even then he had them guessing.
What would be next? A story, a fable?
He always finished with the Bible.

Jesus his saviour, the Bible his book,
Babs his soulmate wife and cook
Life hasn't been without its cares
But troubles half when they are shared.
In Christ we don't live in a bubble
Joy does not die though increased trouble.

A little bird says he loves water -
(He swam in the dam when he was nine)
And his unplanned slip into a canal
At the ripe young age of seventy-nine.

It's Alex's day (we love them both),
And both accept there's room for growth.
Now 90 is what he's going for. Did I say 90?
NO! FAR FAR MORE.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALEX on 5th. December

Bill

The “Drop In”

Looking for some good company, delicious home baking and as great time for a leisurely chat?

Elsie Short was able to tell us that the “Drop In” began at the end of October in 1991 with the idea provided by Margaret & Ronnie Swan who had come from Aberdeen, during the time of the ministry of the Rev. Jim Ross.

The first “Drop In” was held in the hall. Tea, coffee & biscuits for 25pence proved to be popular.

23 years later, there have been changes with the “Drop In” now housed in the more comfortable and cosy Wyper Hall. Our hostesses, apart from giving you the warmest of welcomes, provide you with a tempting array of goodies to enjoy with your tea or coffee. Unfortunately, there are times when a hostess is unable to come; therefore, it would be much appreciated if you could add your name to a reserve list.

Cathie McIlwain looks forward to hearing from you



SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS



Each Sunday, a member of our congregation reads out that Sunday’s chosen Bible passage and a warm thank you is given to those who read for us. There is a readers list for this and we are always on the lookout for new readers. We have recently had a few new readers who have joined our list but there is always space for more.

Talk to Campbell Sturrock if you think you would like to read for us

SCOTTISH BIBLE SOCIETY

The recent Scottish Bible Society collection in September totalled £3,141.95. This came from the Coffee Morning, the church collections and other donations.

£349.00 was raised from our Church.

Mr John Stark of the Kilsyth Action Group wrote thanking all those who participated



Church Box Money

The money recently collected from church boxes amounted to **£1,050.94**



Thanks to all that contributed and to those who uplifted the money and assisted in counting it.

Should you wish to have a box please contact

ANNE LAUDER or BILL SMITH

The Glasgow City Mission and the Girls' Brigade

A big thank you to everyone who came and supported our coffee morning in aid of the Glasgow City Mission and company funds. £400 was raised at the coffee morning. This will go towards helping support our sponsored child and also £200 was given to the Mission for the amazing work they do for the homeless.

In September the Juniors and Brigaders held a supper night to raise money for the Mission. The Mission wanted people to spend time with each other and the girls raised £42.00 for them.

Night Shelter

Since May I have been volunteering for the City Mission on a Thursday night. I enjoy it but it can also be challenging. It is wonderful to see God's amazing work being done within the Mission and I would ask if anyone has a spare minute please could they pray for the City Mission especially as Christmas approaches.



As the nights draw colder and we approach Christmas time, for the people living on the streets or finding themselves lonely or in despair the City Mission do all they can to help provide support and show God's love. The City Mission's night shelter opens in December for 3 months. This is a very challenging job for the workers involved. The workers are looking for old pyjama bottoms (ladies or men's) which you do not want and any fleecy socks. If you are able to help please can you give these to Jacqueline Brown, Margaret Brown, Helen Shaw or Catherine Kerr. There will also be a box in the hall.

Blanket of Love



A big thank you to all the amazing knitters who have given up their time to knit hats for the men, ladies and children who live in the mountainous regions of Thailand. I am so grateful and humbled that 200 hats have been knitted. Added to the 200 hats that my friend Anne (a captain in 1st Harthill Girls' Brigade) has collected, a marvellous 400 hats will be posted to Thailand.



BOYS' BRIGADE NEWS DECEMBER/JANUARY

I must start off by saying a big thank you to the Boys who have attended our parades this session. So far we have had three parades - the important one being the Remembrance Sunday one on 9th November. We had a very good turnout, the Boys were smart and well behaved and those taking part in the service were outstanding.

For this special service which commemorated the beginning of the Great War the Boys researched the stories of some of the men associated with the Anderson Church who had given their lives during that war. They presented the information in a very poignant way which touched many of the congregation. Well done to those who prepared the presentation and to Colin Scott for his guidance.

Badge work is ongoing and I am pleased to say that most of the D of E bronze awards have now been presented. Most of the seniors are now working towards their silver award. We're now concentrating on getting the record books for their Queen's awards up to date.

The Junior Section had a trip to Tesco where they found out about how their food gets from the farm to the fork. Tasting fruit and different cheeses was good, but the highlight was making our own pancakes. The Boys followed that up by walking home as part of the challenge to the BB nationally to walk 100okm by November 30th. We've done our bit!

The Anchor Boys just enjoy life especially dodge ball in the hall.

We look forward to the Anchors and Juniors annual trip to Cumbernauld theatre to see Aladdin. A BIG bus has had to be ordered to carry all 55 of us!

We will once again be offering a Christmas Card delivery service to Kilsyth and the surrounding villages - still at a cost of only 10p per card. I think this might be the 24th year without an increase. Royal Mail - you can't beat that! Hopefully this project will be well supported as most of it will go to our next Malawi project.

Speaking of Malawi - I would just again say a big thank you to all who donated to the Harvest Appeal which was donated to this cause. With Gift Aid we received almost £900.

This year we will not be distributing calendars as we did during the past two years, the reason being that we are producing our own Malawi Zikomo calendar which is being sold as a fund raiser.

Those of you who ordered calendars will be receiving them very soon. I think that Colin is hoping to finish them this weekend. That will boost our Malawi fund again. In the next newsletter I will give details of how far we have come in raising the money for a return visit.

We hope you all have a truly blessed Christmas and best wishes for 2015.



Getting to know you

Helen Shaw

What brought you to Kilsyth Anderson?

The first time was when I was an explorer in the Girls Brigade, sadly I didn't stay and went onto the Brownies in the Methodist and the Guides in the Parish Church. I returned in later years with William before we were married.

What involvement do you have in the church?

At first, I was happy just to be in the congregation, then when we had Cameron and Abigail I brought them along to Sunday School. There was an appeal went out a few years ago for help in the Girls Brigade, if leaders couldn't be found they may have to fold, Abigail was in the GB's at the time and I didn't want to see that happen. I also take my turn in the drop in and Church cleaning and operate the big screen on a Sunday morning. I am a member of the Mission Group. I share the older Sunday School with Molly. I became a Manager last year and this year I was recently ordained as an Elder.

I took over this magazine last August after Margaret decided to step down. I always said to Margaret that if she ever needed help just to ask. I was sitting in the GB one Tuesday night when Margaret came through and hugged me and thanked me for taking over the magazine. I knew nothing about it – William had volunteered me at the Managers meeting. I must admit though, I am enjoying putting the Magazine together

What do you like most about Kilsyth Anderson Church?

We have a lovely Church with a lovely congregation and we all work well together.

What hopes do you have for the future here?

I pray that our church will continue for many years to come. I would love to see younger people coming to the Anderson and bringing their families with them.



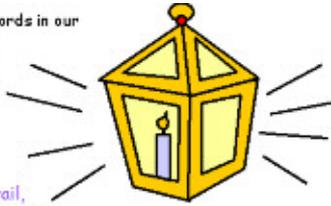
Kids Page

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Child of God Anagram

Word List:

always, beginning, darkness, detail, knowledge, planned, powerful, praising, psalm, search



- adeilt _____
- adelnnp _____
- aalswy _____
- acehrs _____
- adeknrss _____
- almps _____
- begiinnn _____
- deegknow _____
- agiinprs _____
- eflopruw _____



Nativity Word Search

C A N O I T A V L A S D N S H S
 Q S H E P H E R D S R F A L L U
 R A T S A M T S I R H C T E J S
 N E M E S I W S H E E P I G O E
 J G N I K M A R Y G I U V N S J
 M O S Y I H X Q U R Q W I A E T
 D O N K E Y R E G N A M T D P M
 Z I L I N N K E E P E R Y O H F



angels
 Christmas
 donkey
 innkeeper
 Jesus
 Joseph
 king
 manger
 Mary
 nativity
 salvation
 sheep
 shepherds
 star
 wisemen

Bell to Star Word Ladder

Make your way from BELL to STAR by changing just one letter on each step to make a new word!

B E L L

A metal musical instrument.



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To give up in exchange for money.

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A marine mammal.

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To cook quickly with heat.

S T A R

A light in the night sky.

Q:What happens when you drop a snowball in water?

A: It Gets wet!

Q:What often falls at the North Pole but never gets hurt?

A: Snow!

Q: Why is Prancer always wet?

A: Because he's a rein- deer

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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

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**May Joy be your Gift at Christmas
And may Faith, Hope and Love
Be your treasures in the New Year
Helen x**