



Tidings



December 2016
Christmas

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Dear friends,

Time is such a strange thing. I know not about you, but this year seems to have passed more quickly than any I have previously known. By the time you read this I may have been among you for about a year, and it has been an incredible year, full of highs and lows. I have had the privilege of meeting many of you, but not as many as I would have liked or had originally planned. Such are the plans of mice and men, and the vagaries of time. We will see how this next year goes.

We have had new members, new Elders, a Holiday Club for the children, baptisms and weddings. We have had a Stewardship campaign that gave all of us an opportunity to reflect on our givings, to enable our work to grow. We also have a number of exciting things to look forward to during the coming year. Among the things discussed for the future were things to improve our contact with the housebound members of the congregation, support of people with mental health needs, supporting future ministries, and taking Christ out into the streets when we host Holy Week for the town churches next year.

If there is one thing that I would like to explore it is how we might expand our worship to include the visual arts. Paul tells us that it is by faith that we walk and not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7), but we have been given all our senses to enjoy creation and glorify God. The worship in Solomon's temple was inevitably a spectacle of music, singing, and sacrifice that many believe prefigured the work of Christ. As sensate beings, we sometimes grasp a new dimension of the realities of our faith by hearing something put a different way, or with a different voice and inflection, or by what we see. In this later sense, the performing arts are way ahead of what we commonly experience in church.

To this end, it is my hope that during Holy Week, in conjunction with the other town churches, groups and schools, we might augment our services with something in the town during the day. The likely means is to perform a "Passion Play", re-enacting the events of nearly 2,000 years ago in the week leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord. Thereby we might educate and tantalise the wider community with this section and work of Christ, and hopefully encourage them to see Christianity and church in a new light. Could you help in some manner; any manner?

If this last year has passed swiftly, how much more this last 2,000 years to the God for whom a thousand years is but a day (Psalm 90:4). Perhaps we can bridge the millennia for a new generation of Hamiltonians and pique their interest in Christ and the work of his church.

I certainly hope this has also piqued your interest.

Your Minister and friend,

Ross



What's On

December

Sunday 4	10.45am	Second Sunday in Advent Morning Worship & Christmas Lunch
Friday 9	7.30pm	Carols by Candlelight (in Church – teas/coffees and goodies afterwards in Halls)
Sunday 11	10.45am 7.00pm	Third Sunday in Advent Morning Worship Evening Carols and Lessons
Wednesday 14	6.00pm	BB Film Night
Sunday 18	10.45am	Fourth Sunday in Advent Family Service & Christmas Pie Sunday
Saturday 24	11.15pm	Watchnight Service
Sunday 25	10.45am	Christmas Family Service



January 2017

Sunday 1	10.45am	New Year's Day Family Service
Sunday 8	10.45am	Morning Worship
Tuesday 10	7.30pm	Session Meeting
Sunday 15	10.45am	Morning Worship
Sunday 22	10.45am	Morning Worship
Sunday 29	10.45am	Morning Worship



February

Sunday 5	10.45am	Morning Worship
Sunday 12	10.45am	Morning Worship
Sunday 19	10.45am	Morning Worship
Sunday 26	10.45am	Morning Worship



Boys' Brigade Company Section

We have had a busy start to the new session, and the badgework activities are well underway. We welcome Greg McIntosh who has been promoted from the Junior Section, and look forward to having him with us in the Company Section.



Battalion Cross Country

The Battalion Cross Country was held at Stonehouse on 1st October. On a dry, bright and sunny morning, Euan Davidson and David Chisholm competed in the junior and senior Company Section races respectively. Both of them ran extremely well with Euan finishing in the middle of the pack, and David finishing fifth in a very strong field.



Company 10 Pin Bowling

We joined up with the Junior Section and had our Company Section 10 Pin Bowling Night at Cosmic Bowl on 12th October. There was a good turnout and a close competition ensued. Within the Company Section the senior competition was won by Sam Walker with David Anderson second, and the junior competition was won by Ewan McIntosh with Euan Davidson second. The 1st Hamilton World Champion in the officers' competition was Ross Smart. It was all good practice for the Battalion 10 Pin Bowling due to be held in November – though that competition will take place without the benefit of the bumpers!



Enrolment Service and Coffee Morning

The full Company held its Enrolment Service on Sunday 9 October 2016. It was the first Enrolment Service conducted by our Chaplain. We are very grateful to Ross for his help with organising and conducting what was a very meaningful Service of Enrolment and Dedication. After the Service we held our Coffee Morning with Baking and Craft Stalls. A huge thank you to everyone who donated baking and other items for the stalls, and who came and supported the event itself. We raised just over £500 which is a magnificent total, and this will be put to good use in funding the vital work and activities in all three sections. We are extremely fortunate to have a congregation which is so generous and encouraging of the boys, and what we do in seeking to advance and promote our Object.



World Mission

Earlier this year we launched our World Mission project with the funds to be split between the appeal to help The Boys' Brigade in Kenya, and our own Church's stewardship campaign. The last edition of Tidings included a report on the success of our triathlon. With your support, and with the support also of the boys' families and friends, we raised a tremendous overall total of £1124.20.

In Kenya the Brigade is open to boys and girls, and for many of them purchasing uniforms for themselves would be far beyond their means. The funds which have been sent to The Boys' Brigade and Church of Scotland World Mission Fund will help to pay for the material and labour costs to provide Boys' Brigade uniforms for them. To obtain a uniform each of the boys and girls will carry out ten hours of service in their communities. Across Kenya communities will benefit from the voluntary work done by these young folk.

While the principal aim of the project is to supply the uniforms, there should be other more far reaching consequences. Many young folk in Kenya cannot afford an education, or have to leave school at an early age to start work to bring in an income to help their families. For many of them the work they do is difficult and dangerous, and if they cannot earn they can often be abandoned by their families to live and beg on the streets. For these children it is a reality which we can scarcely comprehend.

The Boys' Brigade through its work in the local communities will provide a safe and caring Christian environment where children can meet and have fun, and at the same time learn practical crafts and skills which they can put into use to help themselves and their families. That may well prove to be where the heart of this year's project truly lies. With your generosity, we will have helped The Boys' Brigade in Kenya to make a difference, and to change lives. A most sincere thank you to all who contributed to such a worthwhile and hugely important cause.



Hot Off The Presses

I am delighted to report that I have received correspondence from the World Mission Committee advising that by raising this amount for the Kenyan project, we have retained again the World Mission's Company Section Trophy and the Highest National Average Trophy. While our aim is, and will always be, to raise as much as we can for the projects themselves, the trophies are well deserved for the endeavours of the boys and staff, and everyone who contributed to the project.

What makes these national trophies distinct is that they recognise and reflect a commitment by the boys to help others. It goes without saying that such a commitment is at the root of the work done by both the Brigade and the Kirk, and none more so within our own Company and congregation. In receiving the trophies we will do so not only on our own behalf, but also on your behalf as well.

The presentation to the Moderator of the General Assembly of a cheque for the total funds raised across Scotland for the World Mission project, and the presentation by the Moderator of the trophies to the various sections of the Companies raising the highest amounts, will be held at Aberdeen on 18th November. Never mind the navy - join The Boys' Brigade and see the world ! We will be there in numbers to give the boys an opportunity to meet the Moderator, and even more importantly, to give the Moderator the unique and unforgettable opportunity of meeting them!!

Alistair Buttery
Captain



Boys' Brigade Junior Section

The new session is fully underway after the Summer Break.

We are delighted to welcome Nathan Leisegang to the Junior Section. All boys' from P4 -P7 will be made very welcome.

We recently took the boys Ten Pin Bowling to Cosmic Bowl at M & D's. The boys had a great time. Colin Davidson won the Bronze medal with 86, Calum McKay won Silver with 92 and Euan Parkes won Gold with 102.

Our first competition of the year was the Cross Country. Many thanks to Colin Davidson for turning out to represent our company.

Next up is the Board Games competition on 18th November at Cadzow Parish. followed by the PE competition on 2nd December at Blantyre Congregational. Can I please ask for your co-operation to ensure as many boys attend as possible.

Alan Brown
Officer in Charge

Anchor Boys and Bluebells

The new session has got off to a busy start and we are delighted to welcome Gregory Blackman and Blair McIntosh to our number.

We wish Jill O'Brien well as she moves up to Brownies. She is looking forward to making her Brownie Promise.

This is a busy time for everyone with Hallowe'en, the Christmas Fair and Christmas fast approaching.

A very warm welcome awaits any boy or girl aged 5 to eight years to come along and join us. We have stories, crafts, games and lots of fun on Wednesday evenings.

We start at 5.30pm.in the North Hall.

Nanette McLean
Leader in Charge



Brownies

We would first like to welcome our two new helpers Eilidh and Rachel, Eilidh has been coming along to help out with the Brownies as part of her Duke of Edinburgh award Qualification and Rachel would like to become a young leader within the Girlguiding association and needs experience of working with brownies.

At the beginning of the session the girls decided to do their culture badge, which covers finding out about their own family tree, finding out about their home town of Hamilton, its population, why people come to Hamilton to visit it, and about their country of Scotland. They have been learning some Scottish songs, poems, dances, and trying out some Scottish food.

We are having our annual Halloween party which the girls always enjoy, and we are going on Tuesday 29th November to Motherwell civic centre to see Peter Pan in Pantomime.

Over the next few weeks we will busy making Christmas crafts for this years Christmas Fayre.

Any girls between 7/10years are welcome to come along on a Tuesday between 6.15pm-7.30pm.

Helen, Linda, Lynn

Crèche

A crèche is held in the Church Halls every Sunday from 10.30am until the end of the Church Service. If you would like to have a baby or a young child looked after during this time please come and see us in the room next to the Office.

Catherine Southgate



Sunday Live!

Our children were well represented throughout Europe during their Summer Holidays... France, Spain, Ireland, Spanish Islands, St Andrews and Newcastle were amongst some of the destinations visited. A number of our children took part in the fund raising sponsored walk during the month of August.

We now look forward to our Christmas activities. Participation in the Family Service on 18 December which will also be our "Christmas Pie" Sunday. You are all invited!!

Finally, on behalf of Sunday Live, compliments of the season to all our readers.

Sandy Messer

Choir

Choir preparations are now moving forward for Christmas and the New Year. We have had a busy session since September, with involvement in various different events and services from the Gathering, Woodburn Court, a Bereavement Service and an evening Carol service for the Provincial Lodge. It is encouraging to give choral support in so many different areas of Church life, and I am appreciative of the willing support from Choir members.

During the last few weeks our numbers have been slightly reduced due to illness, the October school holidays and some fortunate choir members taking late Autumn breaks. I am certain some members of the Congregation wondered if noticeable seating changes in the chancel on particular Sundays were all planned or simply lost choristers!! I can assure you everyone knew where they were going to cover parts effectively 😊

The choir cupboard has a large number of RCH and CH3 full music hymnaries, and as we are now well ensconced in CH4, I am planning to clear some shelf space and pass these to congregations who still use them, and would appreciate additional copies. If you have any full music copies you wish to dispose of please let me know.

Our final meeting for this session will be on Wednesday 14th December when all music up to 11th December should be returned. Please retain the additional undated material. " " begin on Wednesday 11th January at 7pm.

Helen C. Simpson
Organist
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Old Kirk Dancers

Our winter session is now in full swing.

A number of our class attended the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society at the weekend, held at the Athol Palace Hotel, Pitlochry, and a very successful weekend it was.

We provided a table at the Church Gathering and also demonstrated two country dances during the coffee time in the evening, these were enjoyed by all present.

A warm welcome is extended to all who would like to join us on Tuesday evenings at 7.45pm. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO EXERCISE.

Irene Mathieson

Guild Be Bold Be Strong "Go in Joy"

We welcomed our minister to the first Guild meeting. He gave an interesting address on the theme and dedicated the Guild for session 16/17.

The dates and speakers for 2017 are listed below:

January 18	S Sneddon - World Mission Council
February 1	G Corbett - Chief of Nursing Wishaw General
February 15	Georgie McMillan - The Holy Land
March 1	AGM & Projects Update
March 15	Closing Social
April 5	17/18 Syllabus Meeting



With every good wish for Christmas and New Year.

Monday Club

Our first two meetings of the current session, have been addressed by missionaries.

On the opening meeting 26th September, we had Bogi Kozma giving us an insight into her ministry as a full time missionary, with Christian Witness to Israel. Bogi, is based in Hungary's capital Budapest, where she and her team are seeking to reach the 80.000 strong Jewish community there, with the Good News of Jesus.

On 17th October, Kirsty Buchan of Casa Semar shared her experiences over the 14 years she has been with the charity. She updated us on the Meikle family who have moved into a new house and also plans for a teacher[part time] to teach the children drama / acting etc. This will require some sponsorship and the necessary forms will be available shortly.

Can I thank all the people that visited our Monday Club stall, in the session room at "The Gathering", also thanks to Nesella and Alasdair, for their help and to the team of guys for setting up and demounting, the stalls. Thanks also to all the club members for being so photographic !!!

Our Christmas Lunch is to be held in the North Hall on Monday 12th December. Wow what a quick year this has been [again !!]

The first meeting of the New Year is on 16th January, Rev Ross Blackman is the speaker and we will also have our Financial A.G.M. On 31st January we have Alasdair Gordon and on 13th February we have Alex Baird speaking to us on "Burns".

Christmas Blessing and a Guid New Year to you all, from myself and all the committee.

Charlie Duguid



Fellowship Committee

On 2 October, we held the annual charity lunch, and raised the sum of £503, to be shared by the Church and The Haven charity which is based in Blantyre.

As of the date of writing we have planned to have a single Doors Open day on 29 October, to allow as many people as show an interest to visit our Church and be shown round.

We have arranged to have the halls Christmas tree erected on Saturday 26 November in time for the various groups' celebrations.

The congregational Christmas lunch is on Sunday 4 December following the morning service. We have started taking names, menu choices and payments, and this will continue until Sunday 19 November.

On Friday 9 December the annual Carols by Candlelight (or as I have been known to refer to it, Candles by Carol light) evening will take place in the Church, commencing at 7.30pm. This will be followed by tea, coffee and mince pies, shortbread and cake in the halls. Tickets costing a bargain price of £5 will be available from mid November until Wednesday 7 December. Please purchase your ticket(s) sooner rather than later to allow time to make the catering arrangements.

On Saturday 7 January we are going to see Cinderella at the Kings Theatre, Glasgow. Oh yes we are!!!

Overall, a busy time for everyone, so our thanks in anticipation of your support for these events.

A very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to everyone.

Iain McLean
Convener



Saffronhall Singers

Our group continues to go from strength to strength as three new members joined the ranks at the start of the session. We now have 48 on the role (unfortunately one of our new members last session had to give up through ill health), which means we are really at the maximum number we can accommodate comfortably in the session room.

Our first engagement of the session was on Monday 17th October when several cars made the journey to Auchlochan to entertain the residents. The evening went well and seemed to be enjoyed by all who attended. Our programme was just over an hour long and had the usual mix of choir pieces, interspersed with solo items and duets from choir members and we were ably accompanied by Lilian Barrie. Thank you to all the choir members who provided the transport.

By the time you read this we will also have been to an afternoon meeting in the United Reform Church in Rutherglen which of course means that some of our number who are still working will be unable to attend. We are grateful to everyone else for supporting this venture and in some cases making changes to their usual Wednesday routine.

As you all know, within the congregation there is a huge emphasis on stewardship this year and additional fundraising ventures have appeared in the church calendar. The Saffronhall Singers, in partnership with the Fellowship Committee, will once again host a Carols by Candlelight on Friday 9th December 2016 at 7 30pm and the proceeds from the evening will be our contribution to church funds. We hope for good support from our church family and from our friends from other congregations. The format of the evening will be a selection of musical items from the choir, some new, some old favourites but the main emphasis is to give everyone the opportunity to rejoice in the Christmas message through singing carols, ancient and modern. Of course, there might even be the odd cracker joke!!

This year also, we have been asked to sing in Cadzow Church at the Macmillan Carol Service on Sunday 11th December....an encore!!

Best wishes to everyone for Christmas and the New Year.

Campbell Barr



Christian Aid

Thank you so much to all of you for your hard work and continued support.

The total that was made during Christian Aid week 2016 in Hamilton was an amazing £15031.12.

There is a meeting of the Hamilton Christian Aid Committee on 3 November which I will be attending. I will relay details to the congregation in due course and look forward to working with you all again to support the work of Christian Aid.

To find out more about the work of Christian Aid around the world and how the funds raised are used, please click on the following link <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/aboutus/> or speak to myself for further information.

Amanda Strachan



The Haven, Blantyre

Jim Locke, a representative of the men's group at Haven Blantyre attended our charity lunch from which a proportion of the funds raised were donated to. Jim is also a member of the Baptist Church in Blantyre and has recently had a book published about his spiritual journey during his wife's illness and after she passed away. They both used Haven during this time. The book "Autumn Leaves" is on sale through Amazon costing £5.00 with some of the proceeds going to the Haven.

Finance

In 2011 The General Assembly instructed all congregations to carry out a Stewardship programme each year based on time, talents and money with the latter featuring at least every third year. Due to various circumstances, such as the union and vacancy the Old has not taken part in any Stewardship programme since 2010 so we were well overdue to carry one out. With advice from Edith Scott, a Church of Scotland Stewardship consultant, we undertook the 'Giving for Growth' programme. Two gatherings took place at the beginning of October with presentations from members of the congregation on where our money goes and the work supported by our offerings locally, nationally and internationally. There were also displays of the wonderful work undertaken by the church and its organisations. Afterwards attendees enjoyed fellowship over a cup of tea. I would not know where to start in thanking individuals who took part and I would probably miss someone out so I will just thank anyone who contributed in making the events a success and of course thank all members of the congregation who attended. I hope you found the information useful. If you have any questions or comments, please speak to any member of the finance committee.

Initial responses look very positive and more information will follow once all the information has been collated and analysed.

Marilyn Henderson
Finance Convener



Gift Aid News

Early in January I will be submitting the claim for the congregation for 2016. If a member has signed a declaration, then the total donated over the year is entered in a spreadsheet which is submitted electronically to HMRC. I record all the payments by standing order, the counting team enter the amounts in FWO envelopes anonymously in a register and the Finance Convener, Marilyn Henderson, keeps a tally of payments by cheque. Bill Nelson, Free Will Offering Convener, collates the figures in the register. I then gather all the figures together for processing. As you can see it is very much a team effort and the result is a very sizable contribution to church funds.

To date, I have no information about any new declarations following the stewardship campaign but I expect to be able to update you in the next magazine.

Good news is always worth sharing. The amount that can be claimed for through the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS) has been increased to £8000. It was previously £5000. This means that the cash in the open plate can contribute to our Gift Aid income and we will receive an additional £2000 (£1250 last year). Thanks to the counting team for keeping the necessary records. As always, I would remind everyone that

- **I need to know if your tax position changes.**
- **I need to know your current address. Please tell me if you move house.**

Nesella Barr (Gift Aid Convener)
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World Mission

Being part of a world church allows us as the Church of Scotland to participate in, learn from and enjoy global community. We are able to connect with partners all over the world under the banner of faith. (Hence the reason to have the newsletter from the Meikle family in our Tidings).

Let us build a house - the World Mission Council is challenging presbyteries and congregations to raise £500 to build a house in Nepal. Five lucky volunteers from Annandale and Eskdale took up the challenge. On Friday 9 September their house was made in the car park of St Andrews Church. It was made of cardboard and the five slept in it. The weather was very windy with torrential rain. The experience was very important to them. Firstly they were only in it for one night (space 12 x 8 feet) and next morning were given bacon rolls for breakfast. Annan in September was not quite like the Himalayas in winter with 20 degrees or less.

It makes us think just how lucky we are. So far £220,000 has been raised overall and over £4000 from the above presbytery. Sandy Sneddon from World Mission is visiting our Guild in January so perhaps he can tell us more about it all.

Nessie Garrett



Stamp Appeal

Now that Christmas isn't far away please save your stamps. Bring them to Church and I will take them to the Glasgow office in bulk to be converted into money for this year's appeal.

Nessie Garrett



Heavenly Father,

Jesus taught us that we are your children
and that we must become like children
if we are to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Yet, at the close of every day,
thousands of your children
go to sleep hungry or on the streets;
many know loss
of replaceable material things
or irreplaceable loved ones;
many are afflicted
by the consequences of war.

We recall the losses experienced
in this last 102 years of warfare,
and we are troubled with a righteous concern
that future generations might know
less of war and more of peace,
less of evil and more of the Prince of Peace,
our saviour, Christ.

To call to memory is an action.
Each action has a consequence
and requires that we do not sit idly by
where justice needs pursuing.
Yet the problem seems too big
for us to effect change.
Even as we petition you to help
we ask that you might also help us
to play our part in justice and peace.

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
we will remember them.

Remember them, Lord,
and with that activity
act in your grace,
in Jesus name.
Amen.



What is God by a boy

It was written by an 8-year-old named Danny Dutton, who lives in Chula Vista, CA. He wrote it for his third grade homework essay, to 'explain God.' I wonder if any of us could have done as well ?

EXPLANATION OF GOD:

'One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way He doesn't have to take up His valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.'

'God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because He hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in His ears, unless He has thought of a way to turn it off.'

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting His time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.'

'Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.'

'Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.'

'His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.'

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.'

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God!

Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.'

'If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.'

But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases.

And...that's why I believe in God.'

Flower List 2016

December	04	Mrs MacLean
	11	Mrs Macintyre
	18	Mrs Wilson
	25	Mrs Kinsman
January	01	Mrs Garrett
	08	Mrs Maxwell
	15	Mrs McLuckie
	22	Mrs French
February	29	Mrs Hunter
	05	Mrs Simpson
	12	Mrs Scott
March	19	Mr P Murphy
	26	Mrs Renwick
	05	Mrs Laird
	12	Mrs Wright



Donations to the fund are always welcome since they assist with the special occasions such as Harvest.

Thank you for your generosity and co-operation.

E Gardiner

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Flower Delivery

December	04	Mrs N Barr
	11	Mrs M Henderson
	18	Mrs A Henderson
	25	No delivery required
January	01	No delivery required
	08	Mrs A Messer
	15	Mrs J Paterson
	22	Mrs K Shearer
February	29	Mrs A Gibson
	05	Mrs Y Paterson
	12	Mrs R Downie
	19	Mrs S Samson
March	26	Mrs B Smith
	05	Mrs H Simpson
	12	Mrs G Keir



Flowers are usually delivered after the Morning Service. If the date is unsuitable, please try to re-arrange or contact:

Kate Morrow

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Rose Bowl List 2016

December	04	F McIntosh
	11	E Reid
January	01	H McGreevy
	15	J Henderson
	22	F Young
February	29	L Munn
	05	J Mathie
	12	M McCartney
	19	A Girasoli
March	26	M Wilson
	12	E Reid



Flower Circle

Would the members of the Flower Circle please meet in the Church on Friday 2 December at 9.30am in order to decorate the Church.

Anyone willing to help is most welcome.

Elizabeth Gardiner



Safeguarding Report

As reported in June, we were very busy with the safe recruitment procedures for volunteers who wanted to help with the holiday club. Job descriptions, application forms and two references per person are now needed for each new volunteer, in addition to the PVG form and identity checks which we have previously had to do. Given the number of volunteers needed this was quite a task, but we are pleased to say all volunteers involved in regulated work, ie working with the children, successfully completed the process and their names have been added to the congregational register. All the relevant paperwork has been securely stored in the church office.

Training for all volunteers is now very much a priority and we have been trying to keep people informed whenever a course becomes available. It is encouraging that some have already attended courses and we have been able to organise a training event in our own church. We are really fortunate to have one of the presbytery trainers, Penny Simpson, within our congregation and we are grateful to her for her support. Organisation leaders have responded well to our efforts by talking to their personnel about training and keeping us updated about progress.

Reminder – if a volunteer attends a volunteer training course, please remember to tell Nesella Barr so it can be recorder in the register.

Keeping our young people and vulnerable adults protected is everyone's responsibility. Our contact details are on the notice board in the halls.

Nesella Barr / David Young (Safeguarding Coordinators)

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Entered into Eternal Life.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

*God of grace and peace, in your Son Jesus Christ
You have given us new birth into a living hope.
Strengthen us now to live in the power of the resurrection
and keep us united with our loved one
from whom in death we are not divided;
for You live and reign forever and ever. Amen*

*22 August 2016
John Frew*

*28 August 2016
Elizabeth Weir*

*29 August 2016
Janet Scott*

*31 August 2016
Elizabeth Gordon*

*1 September 2016
Agnes (Nan) Davidson*

*2 October 2016
Elizabeth (Betty) Davidson*

Baptisms

"Let the children come to me"

*2 October 2016
Imogen Catherine Elizabeth Paton*



*Wishing you a
Merry Christmas*



and a Happy New Year