



Kirkliston Church of Scotland Newsletter December 2010

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A message at Christmas from your minister

'You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'
(Luke 2:12)

Dear Friends

Have you ever considered the different ways we encounter God? Some say they are aware of God in the wonder and beauty of creation, others in music, art and worship. What about in the face of a baby?

A beautiful Christmas song written by Mark Lowry entitled '*Mary did you know?*' talks about how Mary encountered God in the face of the child she gave birth to in the humble surroundings of a stable in Bethlehem:

*'Mary, did you know
that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Did you know
that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?
Did you know
that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?
this sleeping child you're holding
is the Great I Am'*

Imagine for a moment that young girl gazing in wonder at the miracle child in her arms. Immanuel – God with us.

In the midst of the stress and rush and preparation that comes with our 21st century Christmas celebrations I want to ask you to stop and think for a moment what Immanuel means for you this Christmas.

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Immanuel, God with the homeless, God with the addict, God with the elderly and the lonely, God with stressed out families, God with those in debt, God with the unemployed, God with those who are sick or in hospital, God with those who have lost someone dear to them. Immanuel God with us - may you know the joy of His presence this Christmas as you celebrate this awesome miracle in your hearts.

Have a blessed Christmas

Maggie



The new session started in August with a few new Boys in Anchor Boys & Junior Section – some Boys have also moved to Company Section this year, allowing us to do some more activities. We've also managed to recruit some more helpers; which allows us to offer a more interesting programme and, we hope will encourage more Boys to join. We've recently had our Hallowe'en Party (which was quite messy!), and will soon be looking forward to Christmas, and so the year marches on! Meanwhile, Boys are taking part in a number of interesting activities such as crafts and games, as well as badge-work. In Company Section, we've done some outdoor cooking (in the rain), and are planning a series of "Adventures" over the coming weeks. We hope to do some joint activities with 2nd Broxburn Company; and plan some walks, cycling and outdoor activities. It is also our intent to get the Company's Kayaks back in service and to do some Canoeing on the Canal (with the help of Brian Lane, and some other men from the Church). Boys in the Junior Section will this year be participating in the Boys' Brigade (Church of Scotland) World Mission project to raise money to build small-scale methane recovery units for families in China. The methane is produced from fermenting pigs' droppings. The gas is used by the families for cooking and heat in areas where wood is in short supply. The slurry bi-product is also an excellent fertilizer. In November, Boys in P6 and P7 will be taking part in a sponsored sleep-out on Edinburgh's George Street organised by The Rock Trust to raise awareness of youth homelessness. This year, we are returning to Denmark, to camp with our friends from Storvorde-Sejflod (who visited Kirkliston 2 years

ago). This takes quite a lot of organization – and will be costly; so we will be running some fundraising activities this session (some of which you may like to take part in)! We will be in Denmark for a fortnight next summer, and plan to take Boys currently in P6 and above. We've invited 2nd Broxburn and 67th Aberdeen Companies to come too, and share the adventure! We're fortunate that a number of people have come forward as Helpers this session, but the Company is currently running with only 3 Officers. There's always room for more helpers / instructors or Officers; so if you feel you would be able to give up some time (however small) to teach a skill, or introduce a new activity; to assist Officers with badge-work or outdoor activities; or are interested in training as a BB Officer, please speak to the Captain. If you don't feel able to give any time to work directly with the Boys; but feel you'd like to help in another way, now you can! We'd like to re-launch "Friends of the 1st Kirkliston" - a Parents & Friends Committee who can take on some of the burden of raising funds, planning activities, and doing PR – or you may even like to commit to a small monthly donation to the Company to help pay for some of our activities, insurance premiums, Battalion membership etc. There's also plenty of room for any Boys of Scotland) who'd like to come and join us! All sections meet in the Church Centre on Monday evenings. Anchor Boys (P2 / P3) meet from 6:30 pm 'til 7:30 pm; Junior Section (P4 - P6) from 6:30 pm 'til 8:00 pm and Company Section (P7 – S6) from 7:30 pm 'til 9pm. Boys in P1 can join Anchor Boys in February (after the school holiday), and any new members will be made most welcome. Please continue to uplift the work of the Boys' Brigade in your prayers. Remember the Boys in our care, and their families; and the work of the BB in Scotland and worldwide as it seeks to advance Christ's Kingdom among Boys. Lindsay Stein, Captain

Update on Kirkliston Local Office Move.

You may have seen previous updates and news items about work to provide local office, registration and library services from the current library building. You can see plans for the new interior on display in the library, with meeting rooms for registration and local office business. There will be a new shelving lay out, with better use of space, and there will be no reduction in the overall book stock.

The building warrant for the proposed works to the library was passed in mid October, and we anticipate the necessary building changes being made in December or January. Work should take around two weeks, and while there will be some unavoidable disturbance, the library will stay open throughout.

We have been working with local community groups to make the transition as smooth as possible. Key items from the Local History Society's Collection will be available in the new premises, and representatives from the Community Council, Kirkliston Parish Church, and Gateside Tenants and Residents' Association have been participating in the project team.

The existing Local Office at 19 Station Road is open for business as usual, but the building is now on the market. If you are interested in viewing the property, please contact Alistair McArthur on 0131 529 5928, or Frances Maddicott on 0131 529 5828.

The West Team Lead for this project is Margaret Meechan, and you can contact the West Neighbourhood Team on 0131 529 7440 or email westteam@edinburgh.gov.uk

A Word from The Treasurer

Our Harvest Thanksgiving collection this year was dedicated to help the people in Pakistan caught up in the dreadful flooding. A total of £1050 was raised and used to purchase seven Water-Survival Boxes which were sent to families who survived the initial disaster but are now faced with the difficulty of finding clean water. The charity, 'Worldwaterworks Ltd', are very grateful for our support. You can read their latest news on their website www.worldwaterworks.org.

80% of our income comes from the weekly offerings, with the rest coming through donations, Dorcas Lunches, Sunday teas and from our

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The Guild

This session we have enjoyed a variety of speakers and topics: Rev. David Cameron from South Queensferry on our theme called “To Love Mercy”; a very entertaining gentleman and his dog from the Link Centre for Deafened People; a very committed speaker from the Salvation Army who told us just how the organisation has expanded and the wide variety of help given to people in need; our own Ann Denholm gave us some excellent ideas for Christmas crafts and the session will close with a traditional Christmas party.

We held our Afternoon Tea for the housebound and older people when the Grange Singers entertained us and the joy on the faces of those there was just wonderful to see—a most enjoyable afternoon.

We are delighted to have 60 members now, all faithful attenders even on wet and windy evenings. Any new members will be made most welcome when our next session begins on January 12th 2011.

Wishing you all a blessed and happy Christmas.

Joan, Maureen and the Guild Committee.

Christmas Riddles

If Santa Claus and Mrs Claus had a child, what would he be called?

What do donkeys send out near Christmas?

Who sings “Love Me Tender” and makes Christmas toys?

Answers on page 19



Immanuel

History is littered with examples of men who would become gods, but only one example of **God becoming man!**

GUILD OF ST. LUKE



Our health and healing group meets in the Church Centre on the second Monday of the month, for prayer and to update our prayer list. If you, or someone you know, would like prayer for healing, please use the cards on the Church pews and leave them in the boxes provided at each door of the Church.

Linda Moss

Angels

Whenever angels appear in the Christmas story they never fail to say “don’t be afraid”. In fact, this happens four times during the events of the birth of Jesus. Someone has counted the number of times we read - “don’t be afraid” in the Bible. It amounts to 365. That’s one for each day of the year. God does not want us to live in fear.



Home Groups/Bible Study Groups



The days and times of the groups are given below and anyone who wishes to go along will be made most welcome.

The group meeting at Buie Haugh is especially for those **under 40** or thereabouts. For any further information please contact your minister, Maggie Lane on 333 3298

Tuesday 7.00pm
59 Maitland Road, Kirkliston
Wednesday 10.30am
5 The Square
Alternate Thursdays 7.30pm
3 Buie Haugh

The C.A.B. Volunteers

We are just racing through the year and it seems no time since we had our outreach Christmas service down at Gateside which the c.a.b. played a part in.

This year has been just as rewarding as past years and we still see lots of children coming out to be with us every Friday.



We have had many opportunities to let the kids see how God can work in our lives. This happens every time a child mistreats one of their peers and they watch and see how we react.

OR when a young lad prevents us from doing something because he is disruptive, how do they see us handle it.

OR one of the kids has a special event in their lives, how much do we find pleasure in their joy.

These issues may seem unimportant in our busy lives but God wants us to use every opportunity to show his love.

We look forward to another year of sharing.

PLEASE COME FORWARD AND GIVE US YOUR HELP AS WE ALWAYS NEED HELPERS

As always please keep the leaders and the children in your prayers.

A very special Christmas blessing from all the c.a.b. leaders.

Christina Pearson



CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD

The Church Christmas Card will be available from Sunday 27th November in the Church Centre.

Wish all your friends in the Congregation a Happy Christmas by signing this card, and put the money you would have spent on individual cards in the envelopes provided marked "Christmas Appeal". These can be put into the freewill offering bags any Sunday morning or handed to the Church Treasurer



Flower Calendar

January to March

DECEMBER Church decorated for Christmas



January 9 MRS K McKAY, MAIN STREET
 16 MRS MAC CONNACHIE, MAITLAND ROAD
 23 MRS DOIG, STONEY FLATS, SOUTH QUEENSFERRY
 30 MISS BOWMAKER, QUEENSFERRY ROAD

February 6 MRS BRECHIN, THE SQUARE
 13 WOMEN'S RURAL INSTITUTE
 20 MRS FAIRBAIRN, NEW LISTON
 27 VACANT

March 6 MRS McKAY, HIGH STREET
 13 VACANT
 20 MRS BROWN, ALLAN PARK
 27 MRS ROBERTSON, THE GLEBE

FLOWER DELIVERY

JANUARY MRS E. BROWN, MRS L. BIRD, MRS G. KING, MRS H. SHADE

FEBRUARY MRS M. BUCHANAN, MRS K. McKAY, MRS H. SHADE

MARCH MRS J. MACCONNACHIE, MRS M. GLEN, MRS M. GRAHAM

HELP NEEDED

If you would like to help in any way, whether it is with deliveries, a donation or arranging the flowers, please give me a phone. The more people who are involved the easier it is for everyone. There are two vacancies this quarter please let me know if you want to provide flowers on either of these Sundays.

Thank you to all the helpers, flower arrangers, those who have given to the flower fund and everyone who has offered words of encouragement. I can assure you that it is much appreciated.

During December as you know the Church is decorated for Christmas, however if you would like to donate to a vase of fresh flowers or a pot plant during this time please let me know as we like to send flowers to those who are in our thoughts and prayers.

JOYCE BROOKS

Flower Convenor Tel: 0131 333 3710

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Jazz Evening held in September proved to be a most enjoyable evening for all who attended.

Unfortunately, the Rainbow Whist had to be cancelled due to lack of interest.

However, we hope to have a social evening in January or February, but this is to be confirmed.

Any suggestions for the Social Committee would be greatly appreciated—we won't know if they'll work until we try them, so please pass on any ideas to us.

Joan McConnachie
Convenor

God's Not Deaf!!

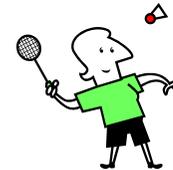


As it was coming up to Christmas, a little boy was praying upstairs while his Mum was sitting with him, and his Dad and Gran were downstairs. He prayed, "Lord, I pray for a train set, a remote-controlled car and a NEW BICYCLE!!!" "You don't have to shout, dear," said his Mum, "God isn't deaf." "I know," replied the little boy, "but Gran is!"



BADMINTON

We now have a badminton court once again in the Church Centre. Anyone who is interested in starting up or joining a badminton group, probably on Friday afternoons/evenings, please contact Joan McConnachie



Kirkliston Parish Church of Scotland

Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/10/2010	As at 31/10/2009
Ogilvie Growth Fund	39,999	—
Ogilvie Investment Fund	119,998	—
Total Fixed assets	159,998	—
OGILVIE CofS a/c	1	—
WEDDEL CofS a/c	2,372	—
High Int A/c + cofS Inv 145387	45,195	—
Current A/C Bank 00185079	3,902	—
Projects Fab BANK ACCOUNT	1,918	—
flower acc	797	—
BENEVOLENT a/c 00162362	1,128	—
ss account	1,011	—
KPCG A/C	(36)	—
ACTION BUS A/C	142	—
Total Current assets	56,432	—
Agency collections	(70)	—
Total Liabilities	(70)	—
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	216,501	—
Excess / (deficit) to date	(1,914)	—
Starting balances	218,415	—
Total Reserves	216,501	—

Transport to Church

Drivers Rota

December 2010 - March 2011



December 5 Ann/David Denholm
12 Keith Moss
19 Bill McKay
26 Maggie/Gordon McConnachie

January 2 Anne Reilly
9 Bill Paterson
16 Ann/David Denholm
23 Merridy Graham
30 Bill McKay

February 6 Keith Moss
13 Maggie/Gordon McConnachie
20 Ann/David Denholm
27 Anne Reilly

March 6 Bill Paterson
13 Ann/David Denholm
20 Merridy Graham
27 Bill McKay

If you would like to help with transport, need help getting to church or require any more information please contact:-

ANN DENHOLM
Transport Convenor Tel: 0131 333 1834

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A Word From The Treasurer

investments. We are very fortunate that our giving has kept pace with the Church's needs but we must not allow ourselves to become complacent - more demands are ever being placed upon us while our old well loved buildings need constant upkeep and care.

Rob Brechin



Kirkliston Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section Units

girls in the lead

All the units restarted at the beginning of September. The two Rainbow units have been busy doing rainbow handprints, painting piggy banks, learning games and songs, have enjoyed a Halloween party and are now looking forward to a pamper afternoon.

Brownies ended the guiding centenary year with a splash at Broxburn Pool. They've been busy working on their Friend to Animals badge which included going on a trip to the Five Sisters Zoo and a talk from the local vet. In the next few weeks the Brownies have a trip to the Gang Show planned and a trip to the Pantomime, as well as further work on the Collectors badge.

Guides have enjoyed a sleepover in the Church Centre, have completed their Adventure 100 badge work and just started their 1st Aid badge courtesy of the British Red Cross instructors. A few of the unit managed to attend the Centenary Finale event at the Corn Exchange and enjoyed live bands, chocolate fountain food as well as renewing their promise with many others round the world at 20.10 on 20.10.2010.

The girls are looking forward to their Christmas trip to see the show Hairspray.

The Senior Section unit continues to meet regularly with all the girls continuing in their role as Young Leaders in the Units.

Yours in Guiding
Helen McPhee, Guide Leader



DAILY AUDIO BIBLE

Welcome to the adventure of a lifetime every day for one year through the Bible in Community. Why not journey with thousands of others on every continent and in every culture through the epic story of God's love. Go to DAILYAUDIOBIBLE.COM and hear what they have been hearing.

“Puttin’ on the Ritz”

A very successful and most enjoyable Afternoon Tea was held on Saturday November 20th in the Thomas Chalmers Church Centre in order to raise funds for the Church. Although, at the time of writing this the final amount is yet to be realised, it is in the region of £880 which is a tremendous achievement. Included in that figure are successful sales at a Baking Stall and the Kirky Krafters Card Stall.

We set out to “put on the Ritz” and we can certainly say we did it in style, with three tiered cake stands which boasted sandwiches, pancakes, scones with clotted cream and jam and baking. There was also a variety of teas to choose from. People were taken to their seats by our maitre d’ and served by waitresses complete with white aprons—we all looked the part! Music played in the background to set the atmosphere.

At certain points in the proceedings we found that people had to wait to get a seat at a table, such was the popularity of the event. We even had to go out to buy more produce to replenish the rapidly diminishing plates of sandwiches! However, it was all worth it, as it was a joy to see the Centre so packed and to hear all the chat and laughter.

The Fundraising Committee would join me in thanking all who gave their support to this venture and for making it such a wonderful occasion. I, in turn, would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Committee for all the support they gave me in putting this together. A great team effort.

Jan Wemyss
Convenor—Fundraising Committee.



Parish Register

Funerals

14th September **Agnes (Bunty) McFarlane**
35 Almondhill, Kirtliston

22nd October **Margaret Stewart**
43/3 Kirklands Park Garden, Kirkliston

27th October **Margaret Duff**
6 Hillwood Rise, Ratho Station

Adult Baptisms

22nd August **Michelle Suddon**
20 The Glebe, Kirkliston

New Members

Helen Gilmore, 4 Kirklands Park Crescent

Michelle Suddon, 20 The Glebe

Jennifer Rice, 6 Craiglockhart Dell Road, Edinburgh

Doreen Davidson, 17 Kirklands Park Gardens

Lindsay Stein, 74 Nicol Place, Broxburn

Jane Stein, 74 Nicol Place, Broxburn

QUOTE

“There has been only *one* Christmas—
the rest are anniversaries”
W.J. Cameron

PARTNERS IN MISSION

Jane has sent the following update on their work -

"We are really grateful to God for our new flat. It is already feeling like home and we are starting to get more involved in our ready made community (60 students who live in the same place as us during term time!) Our new address is CCT, 328 Phayathai Road, Ratchatewi, Bangkok 10400 Thailand.

Jane is preparing to hand over all or most of her Interserve leadership roles at the end of the year. Please pray for someone to come forward as the over all team leader. Initially the regional director will have to do this from Australia until the right person appears.

Mike and the child protection team are doing an increasing number of paid trainings and seminars for places like international schools in an effort to protect more kids but also raise money to enable the project to be more self supporting. They have developed a good reputation.

The CCT (Church of Christ Thailand) general assembly was a huge amount of work but went OK. Elections mean the CCT has a new leadership team (Moderator, Vice Moderator, General Secretary and Treasurer) for the next four years. The General Secretary, with whom Mike works the closest was re-elected so Mike will continue in his role with the ecumenical office and working for the GS. The other three are all new. Mike knows them all but we don't know how the dynamics of the new team will work. They start in January.

Dodo has had a rough couple of months with several deaths amongst the HIV project members. Also one of the kids who lives with her and has CP broke her leg. Pray for Pupa's full recovery.

Aylie has a school trip away the week of December 13th and Rachel has major exams that week.

Christmas is a busy time with many evangelistic opportunities. Please pray that we will have wisdom about where to get involved.

One of the girls Jane got to know very well in the prison hospital (Tik) has been released. Please pray for opportunities to come alongside her and help her to grow in her faith (she became a Christian in prison about 2 years ago.) Also that she would find a job quickly."

SUNDAY CLUB (1)

Our numbers have dropped slightly this term, but those who come along remain enthusiastic. Unfortunately, at the time of writing, we do not have any children in the Under 5's Sunday Club.

We have started our preparations for the Christmas Nativity, which will be on Sunday 19th December at the Family Service.

In the afternoon, we will have our Christmas party from 2pm to 4pm. (Parents please note the earlier time). Tickets, priced £5.00, will be available from Sunday 27th November onwards.

Sadly this will be my last time at Sunday Club as I have decided to retire after 30 years. Morag Carnall has agreed to take over as Team Leader, for a period of three years and I wish her well in her new role. I would also like to thank everyone in the Sunday Club Team for all their help and support over the years. Without such a dedicated team, there would be no Sunday Club.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and blessed Christmas and every blessing in the new year.

Linda Moss

SUNDAY CLUB (2) — A REPLY

An ode for the retirement of Our Leader by A.Non (one of the Moss Troopers). It goes to the rhythm of *Bonnie Dundee*.

For our Linda's retirement
I've penned this short ditty,
The kids will all miss her,
it seems such a pity,
But she's needing a rest
for she's done thirty years
And the Sunday Club all give her
three rousing cheers.
Linda took to the work like a dog with a
bone
And the first lot she taught
now have kids of their own.
And the teachers who come next
will struggle to match her
For she ruled the roost longer
than Margaret Thatcher.

Yes, it is difficult to think of something to rhyme with "match her"! Anyway Linda, all of us Sunday Club teachers wish you well in your retirement, although no doubt you will still be busy! Thank you for your devoted leadership over many years. You have put so much thought and effort into planning lessons that will engage the children and help them to grow in their faith, and of course the organization of Christmas parties and Nativity plays takes some doing! You are a hard act to follow, but we will do our best.

Love from the Sunday Club Team.

SAFEGUARDING

The church is working towards the new system of safeguarding under new the Protection of Vulnerable Groups laws and regulations. The main changes are that this will affect volunteering with adults, that all of us working with vulnerable groups of people will need to be on a List or register, and this list will be checked when we do any other work in another organisation. In theory, it should be easier and quicker- in practice we won't know for a while how it will work exactly. The church, the Government and employers are all preparing documents and policies on how to roll this out.

From mid November, the old Disclosure checks are no more and from 30th November the new system is to be used. At recent training I was advised that we may not get new paperwork until later in December. I will be meeting with all group leaders to discuss changes as soon as I know the process. We will start with new volunteers, and catch up with others in the coming 2-3 years. Watch this space!
If you have any enquiries, I will answer as much as I can - Paula Roots 334 1819

STOP PRESS!! - It has just been announced that there will be a delay in putting the new procedure into place.

FAIR TRADE

Our busy season is upon us and a BIG thank you to all who are supporting fair trade in your Christmas shopping for gifts, cards, or cake ingredients! As usual by mid December the final sale of cards is on the stall on 2nd Sunday of the month (12th Dec) and all final catalogue orders should be available by then. In January I can report how much our Christmas sales have raised but it is usually over £1,000, roughly half the annual sum.

Another BIG thank you goes to all the volunteers who help on the stall and who drive to Portobello to collect our orders - we couldn't do it without you! Have a lovely Christmas and New Year.
Paula Roots 334 1819



“DIGGING DEEPER”

NATIONAL CHILDREN’S ASSEMBLY – IONA. 16-19.10.10

It felt like the middle of the night when we left the house, and it took one car, two ferries, a coach and some walking to get to our base at the MacLeod Centre on Iona. We felt so excited when we got there, with 58 other children from Scotland, England and the Netherlands. We were a bit surprised that we weren’t sharing the same room, but it didn’t matter as we quickly made new friends – Daniel in the “dog” group and Murray in the “cow” group.

We were on Iona for 4 days for the National Youth Assembly – the sun was shining, the sea was blue, the scenery was beautiful and there was not a cloud in the sky ... at least not on the first day!

Every day we had morning and evening worship in Iona Abbey and the locals looked very happy to have us there. We had loads of fun activities – singing, drama, mime, craft, art, sports and we made some very trendy music with some folk from Fischy Music! We climbed up 101 metres to the top of Dun I – a hill named after the Celtic words for “One God”. The organisers had planned for us to have a pilgrimage round the island ... but the heavy rain had set in by then and it was freezing so we had a pilgrimage around the Abbey instead!

Surprisingly, our sweeties lasted almost until we came home – probably because the food on Iona was so good! We learnt lots about the Bible - there were stories about leprosy, battles between armies and lots of Jesus’ good deeds. We all got given a DVD with “The Message” and a CD of some of the songs that we learnt.

We learnt a lot about God and the Bible and we feel that this will help us to make good “God” decisions in life. We would like to thank the Kirk Session for contributing towards the funding for us to go to the Assembly and we would recommend it to any other young Christians in P6 or P7 next year.

However, there is a possibility that the Youth Assembly might not happen again. We think that this would be a real shame – and we would love you all to email Eleanor Porte (the Youth Convenor) to register your support for future Youth Assemblies. Please email eleanor-porte@hotmail.co.uk

Daniel Carnall and Murray Flannigan

Dorcas Lunches

The Tuesday lunches are well underway and we have had a very loyal group supporting this very worthwhile venture. We still have room for more, so why not come along and sample the simple fare whilst enjoying the chat.

It seems absurd to be talking of Christmas, as we have just finished taking the bedding plants from our gardens, but the December frenzy will be with us all too soon and here is the first date:-



Dorcas Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 7th December at 12 noon.
Place - Church Centre.

As yet no final decision has been taken on price or menu but we expect it to be similar to last year. We hope you will make this a date in your diaries, as all the money raised has in the past helped the Home less in the Edinburgh area to have a better Christmas.

Thank you all for your continued support and all the volunteers for their help.

Shoebox Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Shoe Box Appeal this year. We received 65 well filled Boxes and another 47 were filled by my team of ladies with all the individual items that we collected. The Shoe Boxes are on their way to Romania. Blythswood Care are delighted to receive our number of Boxes as the overall total is down for 2010. A special thank you to all the ladies who helped to check and pack. The donations of money were also very gratefully received. Christmas will be brighter in Romania thanks to your kindness and generosity.



Answers to Riddles

a) Subordinate Claus! b) mule-tide greetings! c) Santa's little Elvis!

**Kirkliston Parish
Church of Scotland**

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TEL: 333 3115

Halls Management

Gill Davidson
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**CARING
CHRISTMAS
TREES**

**Show you care this
Christmas: buy a Caring Christmas
Tree and help a homeless person**

Homelessness charity, Bethany Christian Trust is selling Caring Christmas Trees (freshly cut Nordman firs) to raise money for their vital overnight shelter for homeless people in Edinburgh.

Pre-order your Christmas tree on www.caringchristmastrees.com or call **0845 111 8733**. You choose your preferred tree size, collection site and collection date. All proceeds from the sale of Caring Christmas Trees go towards the funding of the Bethany Care Shelter this winter



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