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**BADMINTON**

Badminton will be available on Friday evenings in the Church Centre from 7.30 onwards. See Joan McConnachie for more information Everyone welcome.

**SHOEBOXES**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this year's appeal by donating money, items for the Shoe Boxes and the filled Shoe Boxes. 70 well filled Boxes were handed in and my team of ladies filled 60 boxes from all the clothing, toiletries, note pads and pens etc that were kindly donated. This is the best response we have ever had - 130 boxes. Blythswood Care is absolutely delighted with our efforts. The boxes are now on their way to Romania and other parts of the world where folks will enjoy the kindness of the people of Kirkliston. Thank you so much.  
Margaret Brechin, Co-ordinator.



**A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MINISTER**



*'Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn'* (Isaiah 60:3)

Dear Friends

You know the scenario; it's early, in fact for quite a few it's very early indeed. The kids have been champing at the bit since before dawn, the stocking has kept them happy for a while but now the excitement and anticipation is just too much to bear any longer. *'Please please can we go and open our presents, pleeeeee!'* You drag yourself wearily out of bed not having had nearly enough sleep and you know it's a full day ahead, but you make your way into the living room following excited children where the brightly coloured tree twinkles with promise as the presents have indeed arrived. Which present will you open first? There are so many to choose from - the biggest one, the smallest one, the one with the prettiest paper and bows or the one from your nearest and dearest?

It's a wonderful moment and makes for special memories you may even try to capture it on film. But the truth is many people waken on Christmas morning with absolutely nothing to open, and with no one to share it with. For some it's because they live with the reality of being poor, others live alone and have no family, many simply do not believe in, celebrate or even know about the amazing story of Christmas and what it truly means.

It's a life-changing gift given to the *whole world* from God. This gift came in the package of a baby, born in a stable in

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Sunday December 4th**

**11.00 a.m. in the Church**  
**3.00 p.m. in the Sheltered Housing Lounge**  
**6.30 p.m. Cafe Church in the Church Centre**  
**You are warmly invited to attend.**

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Bethlehem more than 2000 years ago amongst farm animals, wrapped not in bright coloured paper with shiny bows but in strips of cloth and lying in an animal's feeding trough! God's beloved Son - Jesus came to us so simply, and not at all like a king, but shepherds gathered to worship him, angels sang out at his birth, a bright star guided Kings from the East who came in search of him to bow down before him, each with a gift for the child - *gold, myrrh and frankincense*. Something incredible had happened. Jesus came to bring light into this dark world. He came to bring hope to those in need, the poor and the despised and the lonely. He came to give us the truth and healing and forgiveness and love; those are his gifts *to us*. The best gift of all at Christmas is Jesus, Son of God come to be with us. It's not too late, his gift is still waiting to be discovered and opened by each one of you. *If you seek Him, you will find Him*. The presents are all opened, the floor and the room is utter carnage, the magical moment has passed, Christmas day will be fun but those first few moments of utter joy and anticipation cannot be sustained. If only we could bottle it up and make it last a bit longer. Soon everything will be packed away until next year, when we try once more to capture it again. But the gift of Jesus is eternal, the moment never passes, once you receive him, he is with you always. He does not breakdown or wear out and we never get bored of him. Be wise this Christmas and put Jesus top of your wish list. Have a blessed Christmas

Maggie



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 Statement of Financial Activities  
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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
<b>Incoming resources</b>							
activities generating funds	5,655	—	—	5,655	9,337	—	—
investment income	8,095	14	—	8,109	7,694	—	—
Income from Charitable Activities	2,392	—	—	2,392	2,712	14	—
Voluntary income	51,991	—	14	52,005	47,266	—	—
Office expenses centre	843	2,392	—	3,235	1,071	—	—
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	7,734	—	—	7,734	47,266	—	—
Legacies	4,000	843	—	4,843	1,000	1,071	—
Donations	1,373	7,734	—	9,107	2,339	—	—
Contributions from Church Groups	358	—	—	358	500	—	—
	556	4,000	—	4,556	500	1,000	—
	1,373	—	—	1,373	2,339	—	—
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<b>Voluntary Income</b>					
Offerings	51,951	—	—	51,951	47,266
Offerings centre	843	—	—	843	1,071
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	7,734	—	—	7,734	—
Legacies	4,000	—	—	4,000	1,000
Donations	1,373	44	—	1,417	2,339
Contributions from Church Groups	356	—	—	356	500
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>82,402</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>82,461</b>	<b>71,920</b>
<b>Resources used</b>					
<b>Cost of Generating Funds</b>					
Offering envelopes	501	—	—	501	560
<b>Charitable Activities</b>					
Ministries & Mission Allocation	38,251	—	—	38,251	37,374
Dues to Presbytery	1,184	—	—	1,184	1,581
Fabric Repairs & Maintenance CH & M	4,229	—	—	4,229	2,628
Fabric Repairs and Maintenance Centre	4,715	—	—	4,715	3,434
other building costs	7,071	—	—	7,071	6,328
other building costs centre	6,970	—	—	6,970	5,997
local staffing costs	4,735	—	—	4,735	5,604
local staffing costs Centre	3,251	—	—	3,251	3,232
Pulpit Supply	831	—	—	831	150
Local costs	5,940	403	—	6,344	6,305
Local costs Centre	797	—	—	797	735
<b>Total resources used</b>	<b>78,478</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>78,882</b>	<b>73,933</b>
<b>Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfer</b>	<b>3,923</b>	<b>(345)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,578</b>	<b>(2,012)</b>
<b>Transfers</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	37,276	—	—	37,276	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	(37,276)	—	—	(37,276)	—
<b>Net incoming / outgoing before other gains / losses</b>	<b>3,923</b>	<b>(345)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,578</b>	<b>(2,012)</b>
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>3,923</b>	<b>(345)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,578</b>	<b>(2,012)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>62,679</b>	<b>6,154</b>	<b>150,931</b>	<b>219,765</b>	<b>218,415</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>66,602</b>	<b>5,809</b>	<b>150,931</b>	<b>223,343</b>	<b>216,402</b>

*There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown*

## PARISH REGISTER

### MARRIAGES

*"Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail."*

(1 Cor 13:7)

23<sup>rd</sup> October

**Christina & Dan Pearson** renewed their wedding vows  
in celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

29<sup>TH</sup> October

**Jacqueline James & David Meikle** at Ferryfield House

### BAPTISMS

*"Let the children come to me."* (Luke 18:16)

14<sup>th</sup> August

**Ruadh Diaz Tait**

6 Newliston Road, Kirkliston

18<sup>th</sup> September

**Kirsty Jane Lamb**

10 Glendenning Way, Kirkliston

16<sup>th</sup> October

**Laurie Beth Liddle**

11 Provost Milne Grove, South Queensferry

23<sup>rd</sup> October

**Ella Southard**

19 Joseph Cumming Gardens, Broxburn

6<sup>th</sup> November

**Jack Ritchie**

4/6 Echline Rigg, South Queensferry

4<sup>th</sup> December

**Evelyn Susan Hogg**

13 The Glebe, Kirkliston

### FUNERALS

*"I am the resurrection and the life"* (John 11:25)

9<sup>th</sup> August

**Archie Cochrane**

35 Glendinning Drive, Kirkliston

18<sup>th</sup> August

**John Fraser**

3 Almondhill Road, Kirkliston

19<sup>th</sup> August

**Hamish Milne**

20 Newmains Road, Kirkliston

1<sup>st</sup> September

**Sarah Crowe**

10 Hillwood Cres, Kirkliston

20<sup>th</sup> September

**Margaret Greenock**

26 Riverside, Newbridge

7<sup>th</sup> October

**Robert Bonnar**

27 Maitland Road, Kirkliston

12<sup>th</sup> October

**Jessie Barnes**

21 Almondside, Kirkliston

24<sup>th</sup> October

**Walter Davidson**

Peacock Nursing Home

25<sup>th</sup> October

**Samuel Johnstone**

90 Jubilee Road, Whitburn

26<sup>th</sup> October

**Jean Henderson**

41 Maitland Road, Kirkliston



## THE GUILD

Our session opened with our Minister, Maggie Lane, speaking to us on this year's theme, "Walking Humbly with God." Since then, we have had an illustrated talk on the trip to Israel earlier this year from Paula, Isobel Gibson speaking on her experiences in the Gulf War, and a very entertaining gentleman showing us all the Royal memorabilia he has collected over the years. We have welcomed several new members this session and extend an invitation to everyone interested in coming along and joining us. We are looking forward to Guild Week, when we will be taking part in the Sunday Service and hosting our regular Afternoon Tea for the housebound, older people and anyone else who wishes to join us. Our Christmas party ends our first session, after which we look forward to a variety of speakers in the new year.

Joan, Maureen and all Guild members wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## SUNDAY CLUB

Our numbers have dropped slightly this term, but those who come along remain enthusiastic and lively. We are continuing with the Scripture Union material. We have recently been studying Peter and are now moving on to look at some Old Testament stories. The children have enjoyed the variety of stories and activities – particularly acting, baking, craftwork and singing. We also had a thought-provoking slideshow from Ruth Aird, a nurse from Penicuik who spends her summer holidays volunteering with the Vine Trust and with a charity supporting children's hospitals in Romania. Nativity preparations are now well underway – the Christmas Nativity and Family Service will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December. This year we are not having our traditional Christmas Party but instead will join with other children's groups at the Children's Entertainer event on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

This term we lost Peter Woollven from the Sunday Club team and he is greatly missed by the children and the team. We have managed to increase our bank of volunteer helpers – currently they only have to do one Sunday per term. It would be good to have a few more volunteers on the rota so please prayerfully consider volunteering for this. No preparation or experience is required, just someone to sit in and help out with crafts and activities.

My grateful thanks to all of the team and to all of our volunteers. On behalf of everyone in the Sunday Club, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and joyful Christmas to all and every blessing throughout 2012.

Morag Carnall

## 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.

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**

## CHRISTMAS QUOTES



"A Christmas candle is a lovely thing; it makes no noise at all, but softly gives itself away; while quite unselfish it grows small." Eva K. Logue

"Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone." - Charles Schulz

"Remember if Christmas isn't found in your heart, you won't find it under a tree." - Charlotte Carpenter

"Christmas, my child, is love in action." - Dale Evans

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day, their old familiar carols play, and wild and sweet the words repeat, of peace on earth, goodwill to men." - Longfellow

## FLOWER CALENDAR JANUARY TO MARCH 2012

December		CHURCH DECORATED FOR CHRISTMAS
January	8	MRS K McKAY, MAIN STREET
	15	MRS MCCONNACHIE, MAITLAND ROAD
	22	MRS DOIG, STONEY FLATS, SOUTH QUEENSFERRY
	29	MISS BOWMAKER, QUEENSFERRY ROAD
February	5	MRS BRECHIN, THE SQUARE
	12	WOMEN'S RURAL INSTITUTE
	19	MRS FAIRBAIRN, NEW LISTON
	26	VACANT
March	4	MRS McKAY, HIGH STREET
	11	MRS POLLOCK, KIRKSTYLE
	18	MRS BROWN, ALLAN PARK
	25	MRS ROBERTSON, THE GLEBE

### FLOWER DELIVERY

JAN. MRS E. BROWN, MRS L. BIRD, MRS G. KING  
FEB. MRS M. BUCHANAN, MRS K. McKAY, MRS H. SHADE\*  
MAR. MRS J. MCCONNACHIE, MRS M. GLEN, MRS M. GRAHAM\*



### DORCAS LUNCHES



We are having our annual Christmas lunch on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December in the Thomas Chalmers Church Centre from 12 noon - 2 p.m. Come and join us and have a lovely, four course Christmas meal for the fantastic price of £7.50 payable on the day. All proceeds from this lunch are given to homeless charities in the Edinburgh area.

Ann Denholm

### C.A.B. NEWS (Christian Action Bus)



“This Little Light of Mine, I’m Gonna let it Shine”

Our church folks have many gifts and we use them to further God’s Kingdom here on earth. We do this in Kirkliston by the various organisations working together to serve others. The c.a.b. team serve by being an outreach to the children who would otherwise not connect with the church. We play, chat, listen to music and have a short time of combining craft with a Christian message.

Last week was Halloween, and, with the help of a smiley faced pumpkin, we gave the message of light and not darkness at this time.

The days are getting shorter and weather is getting rougher but we still try to be there for the kids who watch for us coming. In the past we have been out each week right through the year, but this year, we are finishing with a party night on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. We have invited our other children’s groups to join us as we have an entertainer coming so are looking forward to a fun night for all.

We start going out again on the 13<sup>th</sup> January. We give thanks for all the children who come to the c.a.b., and, for a dedicated team who are Gina King, Katie Marshall, Liz Woollven Morag Carnall, Sandra Black, Mike Lynch, Gordon McConnachie, Christina Pearson and Daniel Pearson.

Christina Pearson



**MARION DONALD**

We hope to profile different members of the church in the magazine over the coming months. This month we take a closer look at Marion Donald.

**To kick things off I asked Marion if she had to chose one of the following which would she prefer?**

Skirts or Trousers? - *Both Equally*

Psalms or Proverbs? - *Psalms*

Cornflakes or Weetabix? - *Cornflakes*

Music or Silence? – *Music Mostly, Silence occasionally*

Dogs or Cats? – *Definitely cats – big & small*

**What brought you to Kirkliston Parish?** - *I agreed to do pulpit supply for Maggie in her first summer here. I came along a few weeks to see the 'lie of the land' so to speak.*

**How long have you been worshipping here?** - *I felt so welcome here from the beginning that I stayed on as God wasn't moving me elsewhere. I've been here 27 months.*

**Where were you before?** - *I was locum at Broomknoll & Caulderbank Parish churches in Airdrie for 2 ½ years. Before that I was church coordinator in Coldness & Bonkle Parish Churches (Newmains) for several years.*

**If you met someone in an elevator and only had a short time until the door opened to tell the your story what would you tell them?** - *That I'm a sister, wife, mum & grandma who loves Jesus because he's changed my life through his amazing love & sacrifice on the cross; that's he's sustained me through many challenges in my life and is transforming me still and that He loves them too. I have a joy and a peace in my life now that I never knew before I knew Jesus.*

**Where and what did you study?** - *Firstly at Hamilton Teacher training college in the 1960's where I gained a Dip C.E. in primary teaching. Secondly at International Christian College, Glasgow (2000-2003) where I gained a BA in Theology.*

**TRANSPORT ROTA**



**DECEMBER 2011—MARCH 2012**

Dec.	4	Merridy Graham	0131 333 2286
	11	Peter Marsden	0131 333 0799
	18	Keith Moss	0131 333 3779
	25	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie	0131 333 3123
Jan.	1	Anne Reilly	01506 855725
	8	Bill Paterson	01506 890628
	15	Merridy Graham	0131 333 2286
	22	Ann/David Denholm	0131 333 1834
	29	Peter Marsden	0131 333 0799
Feb.	5	Keith Moss	0131 333 3779
	12	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie	0131 333 3123
	19	Anne Reilly	01506 855725
	26	Bill Paterson	01506 890628
Mar.	4	Ann/David Denholm	0131 333 1834
	11	Merridy Graham	0131 333 2286
	18	Peter Marsden	0131 333 0799
	25	Keith Moss	0131 333 3779

If you require a lift to Church please contact the person on the rota for that Sunday by 9.30 a.m. If you have any problems or require any more information, contact me on 0131 333 1834.

Ann Denholm

## WHAT'S NEW?

**Mid Week Worship:** Is it difficult for you to get to Church on a Sunday? This service could be for you. The Tuesday morning services led by Marion Donald BD, have been moved to a *new slot* and now take place on **THURSDAY** mornings at 10 – 10.30am. Tea and coffee and are available after the service, so why not come and receive a spiritual shot in the arm through the week and enjoy fellowship with friends afterwards.

**The Healing Rooms** Ministry has also moved from a Tuesday to a Thursday morning 11.30am-1pm where people can come and just have someone listen to them and receive prayer for physical, emotional or spiritual healing. We are seeing so many wonderful healings through this ministry and thank God for his goodness to us.

**Prayer Room** – a beautiful new prayer room has been dedicated and opened in the Church Centre. This room provides a quiet space for reflection, meditation, reading, prayer and soaking in the Lord's presence. It is an interactive and creative space – with changing prayer activities to experience and participate in. Open: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings 9.30 – 12noon.

**Communion Services** – have moved forward by a week to the first Sunday in December, March, June and September. This will give people more opportunities to participate in Communion, as it will be available during the Sunday morning service, the afternoon service at Kirkland's Sheltered Housing and the Café Church service in the evening in the Church Centre.



### Little Coffee Stop

A new drop in Café for parents and carers with children will take place every Friday morning starting on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 9.30-11.30am in the Thomas Chalmers Centre, The Square.

Parents can book their children into our free crèche for an uninterrupted hour or more and enjoy some valuable 'time out'

chatting with friends. Messy play is available for the kids so they have a good time too. We need more volunteers for this venture. If you feel you would like to be involved in this ministry in either the café or with the kids please speak to Helen Hogg m:07525 941501 or Maggie McConnachie m:07545270001 or Rev Maggie Lane: 3333298.

**What do you enjoy doing?** - *Anything involving being in sunshine – walking, reading, praising, travelling (especially abroad) meeting new people and hearing their stories. Working with friends for widows and children's groups in Uganda. Listening to praise music and praising God.*

**Favourite Bible verse or story?** - *Jeremiah 29:11 is a special verse given to me by God at a particularly difficult time. It reminds me of my destiny in Him. ( and John 3:16 which shows the way to that destiny!)*

**One challenge and encouragement you have faced in the last year?** - *Only one challenge? I wish! - Having to move my husband from the care unit he's been in for 10 years. My encouragement is that my granddaughter became a Christian in November last year.*



**Something God has been saying to you recently?** - *That He CAN do so much more that we can hope or imagine (Eph 3:20) and I need to remain focused on Him and be in complete surrender in every area of life.*

**You lead the mid week service at Kirkliston, tell us what you enjoy about that?** - *I have a passion for Jesus and a passion to preach the word. I'd missed that when the locum post ended. The smaller group in the mid week service gives me the opportunity for creative worship with sensory objects, pictures and powerpoint.*

**Finally tell us 5 words that best describe you.** - *Imagine asking a preacher to only use five words now that is a challenge! Here goes...Friendly, bold, optimistic, beloved (by God) and (com)passionate – sneaked two in there.*

Thank you Marion.

Article by Helen Hogg

## “THANK YOU”

James & Helen Hogg would like to say thank you for the church flowers after the birth of Evie. They were beautiful and brightened up our lounge. They would also like to thank the many members of the congregation who gave presents and cards for baby Evie. We are so grateful to be part of such a kind, generous church family.

## CRECHE- CATERING FOR GOD'S LITTLE WORSHIPPERS

The under 3's is an age group in the church that we cater for but can vary greatly in size week by week and needs a number of volunteers to care for the little participants. We have a programme of bible stories, activities and songs to encourage the youngest of our members to get into God's word and discover his love and care for them.



Each week the volunteers receive a text message to remind them its their turn on the rota. There is also a notification in the weekly notice sheet of the rota for that week and the next. It is our aim to get a good number of volunteers to help here so that we can have a 1 in 8 week rota. In order to do that we would need a minimum of 24 people so if you would enjoy reading a story, giving cuddles and playing with toys then please drop Helen Hogg an email [hedgehogg@me.com](mailto:hedgehogg@me.com) or call 0131 333 3632.

## MANNA MEALS

James and I would like to say a massive thank you to the church for the recent provision of meals after the birth of our little Evie. What a fabulous encouragement it was to have a meal delivered to our door hot and ready to eat. They were all gorgeous and I have never eaten so well. We told everyone about the ministry and it became an amazing way to open conversation up about our wonderful church.

Thank you for supporting such an incredible ministry

Helen Hogg

## CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD

The Church Christmas Card will be in the Church Centre from Sunday 4th December. For those of you who are new to our Church, this Christmas Card is instead of sending cards to your friends in Church. You can sign the card and, if you wish, put the money saved into gift envelopes provided marked "Christmas Appeal". These can then be put in the Sunday offering bag. The money collected will go to the homeless.



## FABRIC REPORT

In the Church we have replaced the two old notice boards in the entrance with new blue cloth ones and lit up by two brass lights which helps to brighten up the vestibule

A clever solution by David Gowans the electrician solved a possible expensive bill pertaining to a water pump in the Manse for a modest expense I was delighted when Brian Lane came up to me a week ago and said that the Manse was 100% - long may that situation continue.

The old playgroup room in the Church Centre has been transformed into a Prayer room with a new carpet, redecoration and a better radiator to make it warmer. Two new cupboards and a couple of settees have completed the revamp

Two new and bigger radiators have replaced the old and noisy ones in the hall much to the delight of the various groups who use it

Finally I would like to express my thanks to David Denham, Gordon McConnachie and Cliff Plester who have over 4 mornings, using 6 bags of sand and cement helped to repoint, and, in one section, rebuild the boundary wall at the back of the Centre.

Charlie Wright—Fabric Convenor

## KIRKLISTON GUIDING

Since the start of term in September the rainbows have been successful in their entries to the Kirkliston Horticultural Show, been corresponding with their unit penpals in America, and have enjoyed an indoor campfire and Halloween party.

The new Friday brownie unit have been meeting weekly since the end of September under the guidance of Sheila Mutch and Alicia Stephens, leaders in training.

Guides have been concentrating on teamwork activities. A few guides and leaders visited the Dogs Trust at West Calder and donated goodies. All the patrols put together boxes for the Blythwood Trust Shoe Box appeal. Four guides are working on their Baden Powell challenge badges. Senior section continue to meet regularly with the young leaders busy in their units.

All units are going to the Edinburgh Gang Show at the Kings Theatre, Edinburgh in late November, supporting girls from Kirkliston who are in the cast.

Helen McPhee

1<sup>st</sup> Kirkliston Guide Leader