



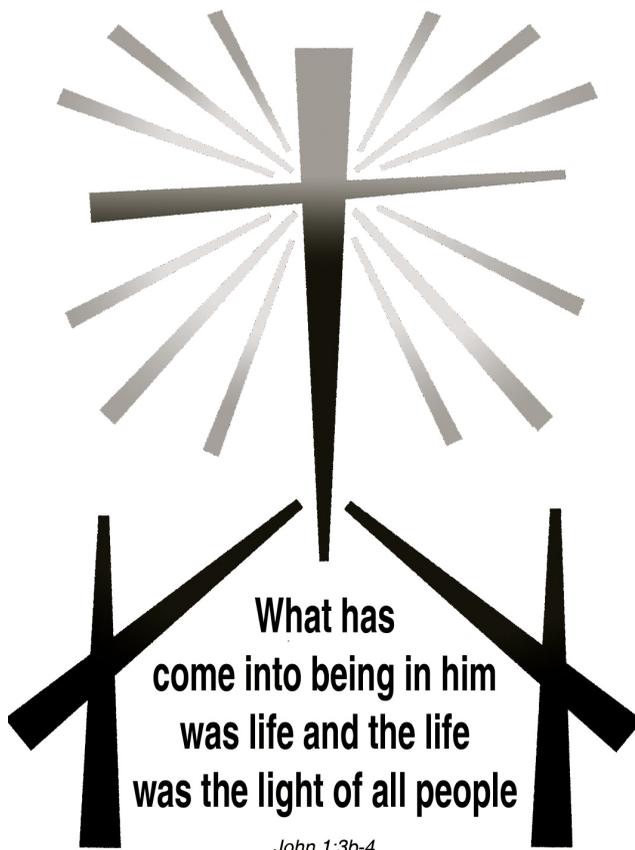
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ST. COLUMBA'S
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KIRK NEWS

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Wishing you peace and blessings in 2019

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Congratulations to Donald Cameron OBE LLCM

We are delighted to offer our congratulations to Donald Cameron, our church's Director of Music, on the award of the OBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours List for his services to Eyecare in Scotland.



During his 40 year career in optics Donald has played a leading role in Scotland's having the highest standard of eyecare in the UK. His interest in the profession has not been confined just to the development of his own practice, Cameron Optometry. Working concurrently as a practising hospital optometrist at the Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion he examined, diagnosed and treated patients independently, one of the first hospital optometrists to do so.

Elected to the General Optical Council in London in 2002 he began discussions with the UK Government for safe optometry prescribing of therapeutic drugs resulting in the Independent Therapeutic Prescribing Course at Glasgow Caledonian University. He was one of the first to pass this exam in 2009 and prescribe eye medication, a significant step in the clinical practice and professional responsibilities of optometrists.

Donald has been greatly involved in the politics of his profession, being a co-founder of Optometry Scotland, a powerful group that successfully lobbied the Scottish Government for a new Scottish General Ophthalmic Services Contract. In 2009 he was appointed Programme Director for Optometry with NHS Education for Scotland enabling the establishment of unique educational opportunities for optometrists. His most significant educational achievement has been the foundation of a Masters online course in Primary Care Ophthalmology for Optometrists through Edinburgh University. He has Honorary membership and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Optometrists as well as an Honorary Life Fellowship of the Association of British Dispensing Opticians and Life Fellowship of the College of Optometrists, London.

Donald is Chairman of the Christian charity '2 Timothy 4' and is generous with his time and resources, helping with charitable work and needy individuals, both in Scotland and overseas, through his Optometry practice. Before joining Blackhall St Columba's last February Donald was Director of Music at Charlotte Baptist Chapel for 26 years.

MINISTER'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT

New Hope for a New Year

But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

(Lamentations 3: 21-24)



The world is full of beginnings and endings. We begin a new year with a certain hope - another year, another chance, a new day. But we carry with us the same fears, the same longings, the same resolutions. A more cynical reply might be: *Is there ever really anything new about a new year?*

Let's face it, the loss of hope can easily become a breeding ground for cynicism and apathy on the one hand, or anger and violence on the other. Where morals are relative, hate and violence become alluring absolutes. That is why hope is that necessary posture of the mind to even move forward against all odds.



Some years ago, I recall seeing the image of a painting of a wrecked violin with broken strings titled, “**Hope.**” How was such a title given to a worthless instrument? One had to look closely to see that one string still held firmly stretched. In the hands of a maestro, even one string gives hope for a melody.

The Apostle Paul, living in a world as broken and complicated as ours, spoke of the three excellencies of life: faith, hope, and love (1 Corinthians 13). Genuine faith in the eternal rises above what is seen in the temporal. That combination of faith and hope leans on the heartbeat of God, which is that we love Him with all our heart and our neighbour as ourselves.

With that in mind, I call upon every Christian and member of Blackhall St. Columba's Church to begin the new year with faith, hope, and love. Live it in such a way as to draw others to see the true values of life rooted in an eternal God who gives us a calendar to understand that though time is fleeting, his purpose is eternal. May 2019 be a year of hope/ continued

New Hope for a New Year continued

hope in the right sense because of faith in the one true God. The canvas of time moves on to a new easel. The design of God continues through the hands of those who lift them up to Him.

Loss of hope? Only for those who have made politics, wealth and worldly thinking their religion and who have lost the true reason for hope.

"Do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

We need to listen to what God told Joshua about 3,400 years ago. As Joshua was about to lead God's people into the promised land, he had reason to be afraid. He had an enormous task ahead of him, and he was well aware of the dangers that he and the people would soon be facing. He needed God's encouragement. A New Year brings lots of questions:

Will our health hold? Will our marriage last? Will I be able to hang on to my job? Will I get into the right University? Will I live to see the end of this year? Will there be a terrorist attack or some natural disaster? Will Building for the Future (the Church project) be completed? Will all the money needed be raised? Will the economy improve?

My dear friend, don't let cynicism, unbelief or doubt, ever question the reality that God is true to Himself and to His Word. The Creator of the universe, our Saviour, comes to us and says, **"Don't be afraid; don't be discouraged."** What happens in this coming year is not left to chance. God is in charge, and he promises to stay close: **"The LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."** Many years later, the Lord Jesus made the same promise when he said, **"I am with you always"** (Matthew 28:20).

In the words of the hymn by Isaac Watts,

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

This is surely the ground of our sure hope and the reason we can wish each other a "Happy New Year!" And mean it!

Have a wonderful New Year and make it count for eternity.

In His service,

Benjamin (Minister)



A Prayer For the New Year

(This prayer from Billy Graham, in 2008, is just as relevant 11 years later)

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year, we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future. We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us - but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So, help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love. In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost. And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: **“Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end”** (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our country and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our Armed Forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that **“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord”** (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over this past year, we thank You for Your goodness to us - far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and centre of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Saviour, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come. *Amen.*



Family

BAPTISM

November

18 Emily Ann, daughter of
Joanna and Roddy Henderson

DEATHS

October

26 Mr Robert Brunton
28 Mrs Agnes Addison

November

14 Mr Raymond Baxter

December

2 Mrs Jean Fraser

Edinburgh Floral Art Club

Our meetings are held monthly (September - December, February - June) at Blackhall St Columba's Church Hall from 2 - 4 pm.

Forthcoming meeting:

Friday, 8 February - "The Club Entertains", a performance by "Rolling Hills Chorus", Edinburgh's premier male a cappella singing group, followed by tea and treats.

Visitors are most welcome (£7).

Christine Morrison

Flowers

During January the flowers in church will be donated as follows:

6 Mrs Margaret McArthur
13 Mrs Margaret Notman
20 Mrs June Logan
27 Mrs Margaret Edington

Mrs Ann Pugh and Mrs Elspeth Williamson will deliver the flowers.

Violet Troup

A Message from the Flower Convener

That time of year has come round again when I like to thank all those who donate, arrange or deliver flowers. No Sunday passes without flowers to brighten our services, be it one arrangement in the Apse or an arrangement on every window sill.

Each week flowers are delivered to those who are sick, bereaved, going through a difficult time or happily celebrating a special event. Those receiving them know that they are not forgotten: they know that we care and I receive many letters and phone calls of appreciation.

Thank you to all of you who help in any way to make this happen.

Violet Troup

Church Diary

January

6	9.30 am	Early Family Service
	11.00 am	Morning Worship
9	12 noon	Mid Week Service followed by light lunch
13	11.00 am	Morning Worship
20	11.00 am	Morning Worship
23	12 noon	Mid Week Service followed by light lunch
27	11.00 am	Morning Worship followed by short communion
29	4.00 pm	Service at Strachan House

February

3	9.30 am	Early Family Service
	11.00 am	Morning Worship
6	12 noon	Mid Week Service followed by light lunch
10	11.00 am	Morning Worship
17	11.00 am	Morning Worship
20	12 noon	Mid Week Service followed by light lunch
24	9.30 am	Sacrament of Communion
	11.00 am	Sacrament of Communion
26	4.00 pm	Service at Strachan House



Emily Ann,
daughter of
Joanna and Roddy
Henderson
was baptised on
Sunday,
18 November
2018.

Sunday Club

The children have been busy at Sunday Club over the last term, learning bible stories through the animals that appear in them. This inspired the entry for the Christmas Tree at the festival, with lions, whales, donkeys, sheep and snakes making an appearance on the branches. The children worked very hard to make all the decorations, as well as preparing for the Nativity and marking Remembrance Sunday. Thank you to all who have helped with Sunday Club this term and we look forward to continuing our learning in 2019.

Lorna Rogers
Sunday Club Coordinator



First Sunday in Advent



The congregation welcomed the return of the Edinburgh University Brass Band with conductor Ondřej Soukup to lead the music of the service. The congregation showed their appreciation in a retiring collection of £746.



Abigail (R) and Rona McVinnie (L) lit the Candle of Hope, the first of the four red candles of the Advent Wreath, Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, the white Candle of Christ to be lit on Christmas morning.

Nativity and Gift Service

The second Sunday in Advent was the time for adults to take a back seat. It was all about children. The second candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace, was lit by the Wood Family and Christmas gifts for the children of prisoners were brought forward. Thereafter, directed by Marie Abeledo, the children of Sunday Club and the St Columba's Junior Singers, trained by Amy Donaldson, presented a tableau of the Nativity with beautifully sung carols. Bible reading and narration of the story were done by members of youth group, Open Door.

Thank you and well done to all who were involved in the production. It was clear that the congregation - who had been allowed to share in the singing of one or two carols - had very much enjoyed the service.

The team behind the
setting up and
decoration of the
church
Christmas Tree -
'No it does not come
ready in a box.'
Michael Cockburn





Following their visit in August, the Church of Scotland Committee on Church Art and Architecture have sent us a report on the preparation work the Steering Committee has done for phase one of Building for the Future. They praised the committee for its work and approved all

the aspects of the plans which come under their aegis. We have also had building consent from the city of Edinburgh planning department which means that everything has been approved and we can now go ahead as we had hoped.

The sub group working on the interior design of the sanctuary will be presenting their proposals to the Kirk Session in January for consideration and approval and the process of choosing contractors to do the different aspects of the work will also be moved forward at that meeting. On a less exciting but equally necessary note, a great deal of work has been done on clearing the storage space under the church; you may have noticed two skips outside the church in recent weeks and more will probably be needed! Planning is also under way for clearing the sanctuary, storing items during the works and preparing for worship in the Large Hall while the sanctuary is out of commission.

All this means that in practical terms we are very much on schedule to begin the work towards the end of May with the hope of completing it in early 2020.

So far two concerts have been held to help with fund raising and these have realised the splendid sum of £2000. Many thanks are due to all those who put in the hard work involved in staging and performing these, as well as those who were able to support them. As was said in the last report, we are continuing to work to raise money both to assist with the cash flow involved in completing phase 1 and to go towards what we will need to move on to phase 2 as soon as is financially and practically possible. All efforts to help with this are genuinely appreciated and anyone who has an idea for an event of any kind which would help is invited to contact either:

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Fay Stirling at fay.stirling@btinternet.com or

Ian Templeton at iangtempleton@outlook.com

Alternatively, please just speak to any of us or drop a note in to the church office. This is very much a whole church project and with the funds donated or pledged and all the necessary permissions in place it is now an exciting reality rather than an aspiration and the more people who become involved the more rewarding it will be for us all.

Music@St.Columba's

Supporting Building for the Future (B4+F)

We end 2018 and start 2019 with a sense of excitement at what we have done and of what lies ahead.

We are aiming to have some sort of musical “event” at least every month under the banner “**Music@St.Columba's**” and in October the Origin Foot Stomping Band gave us a fabulous night of great musicianship and singing accompanied with some powerful testimonies about how God has been working in the lives of those in the band. I suspect we have not seen the hall bouncing so much and even those who could not stand and clap along were seen tapping their sticks in time with the music.

In November we were especially thrilled to have one of our own members, Philippa Wood, sing “The American Songbook”. We set up a small combo of guitar, bass and keyboard to support her and in fact she covered a considerable range of musical styles and accompanied by her husband, Malcolm, took us into her world of classical music singing Habanera from Bizet's *Carmen*. We introduced a new singer to the 100 strong audience as Martha Egner, just sitting her Highers, gave a very impressive rendition of “All The Things You Are” by Jerome Kern. The night was made all the more interesting with the variety of Mocktails served at the back of the hall which were greatly appreciated as was the coffee and biscuits at half time. Congratulations to all involved for putting on such a great show. Each concert raised over £1000 so thanks to all who came along to support the event.

December was filled happily with Advent services and we had various musicians supporting the wonderful Christmas Tree Festival with background music. January will be given over to the Burns Supper on 26th so no concert that month. We are trying to arrange a classical concert with piano, organ, oboe and violin for 23rd February but the details have yet to be confirmed. In March we will hold a Ceilidh with a live band on 30th so save that date and get your dancing shoes on. We hope to have a brass band concert on 27th April and that will take us to the start of the refurbishment and we will have to decide what capacity we have for extra events.

I hope you will join with us for Sunday worship to hear the organ and choir in full flow as well as the regular faithful ministry of God's word from our Minister, Benjamin Abeledo. You will be assured of a warm welcome and we look forward to seeing you as we continue our series, **Music@St.Columba's**.

Donald Cameron OBE LLCM,
Director of Music



Foot Stomping Gospel



Philippa Wood sings the American Song Book

KIRK SESSION REPORT

The Kirk Session met on Tuesday 13 November 2018.

Armistice Service

The Minister was complimented on the meaningful and fitting nature of the Remembrance Service.

The members of the Worship Team, who planned the Service and all those who participated in it from the beginning, minutes before the eleventh hour, to the words and prayer at the War memorial after the Service were also complimented on their work. In particular the Sermon of our Minister was considered to have been exceptional and so clearly taught us, amongst other things, how Christian life and hope do not end or need suffer because of warfare past, present or in future.

Building For The Future

Listed building and planning approval has now been granted by The City of Edinburgh Council and The Presbytery of Edinburgh has approved the Phase 1 work.

Fabric

It was noted that the annual roof inspection had taken place with remedial work already planned. It was also noted that there had been issues with the lighting in the Sanctuary and that Iain King had assisted in reaching a resolution.

Communion Convener

The Clerk expressed his thanks on behalf of Session to Andrew Walls for his services over the past five years as Communion Convener and welcomed Jim Laing as the new Convener.

Correspondence

It was noted that the Clerk had written to Rev Colin Sinclair conveying the congratulations of the Congregation on his appointment as Moderator Designate in 2019.

A letter was received with a cheque of £5,000 from the late Miss Catherine Fegan's Estate.

Elder Retiral

The Clerk informed Session that Alan Notman had written indicating his wish to retire as an Elder. The Clerk commented that Alan, as well as being a faithful District Elder since his ordination in 1983, had also held a number of other posts over a long period of time including Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, and Count Leader as well as helping at the Annual Christian Aid book sale.

New Elders/

New Elders

Session approved the ordination of Fay Stirling and admission of Dianne Fulton as new Elders. Dianne had recently moved to us from an Aberdeen congregation.

Local Church Review

It was noted that one of the Local Church Review team from Presbytery would attend and participate in the Service on 10 February 2019 and would also speak to the Congregation on the outcome of the review.

Monthly Fellowship Group

The Moderator referred to correspondence received from Muriel Stenhouse concerning a forthcoming 2 day conference at the EICC in March 2019 entitled “Women Walking With God”. This is an annual event for women to take time out, share fellowship together and to discuss current issues from a Christian perspective. Muriel would like to encourage some women from our Church to join her at next year’s event. With this in mind, she is setting up a monthly fellowship group on the fourth Friday of each month. Session supported Muriel with this initiative.

New Initiatives

The Moderator outlined a number of new initiatives linked to the Local Church Review:

- It is intended to have an Alpha course in place in February or March next year. This would be held on a Sunday evening linked to evening worship.
- Trauma Healing services would be made available to parishioners. These have their origins in treating wounded service personnel but are now more widely used to help people with a variety of issues such as mental health, relationship breakdown and individuals who may have gone through some form of trauma in their life. A form of outreach, this therapeutic healing is Bible based with two facilitators being involved one of whom would be the Moderator. More details will be provided in the New Year.

For these initiatives to be successful, volunteers will be needed to help with their delivery.

Presbytery

It was noted that Eddie Thorn had been appointed to be a member of the Presbytery Planning Strategy Team.

Retiring Offerings

Session agreed that the retiring offering from the June 2019 Communion will go to The Rock Trust.

Welcome Team Leader/

Christmas Tree Festival



As we go to press, the Church is spectacularly decorated with 38 Christmas trees. Our grateful thanks goes to everyone who has contributed to this event.

A fuller report and more photos will appear in the next edition of the Blackhall Bulletin.

Ruth Laidlaw

KIRK SESSION REPORT continued

Welcome Team Leader

Session was pleased to note that June Logan had volunteered to take over this role from Jack Burton and handover arrangements were in hand. The Moderator recorded his grateful thanks to June.

Working Teams

The Clerk reported on the meeting of Working Team Leaders (formerly Committee Conveners) and commented on one emerging suggestion, namely the creation of a Catering Convener as a new role. Session agreed the merit in making such an appointment and a job description would now be drawn up and a volunteer sought for this role.

As the Working Teams will carry out most of the day to day activities that ensure the smooth running of Church affairs it is only reasonable that there needs to be reflection on the frequency of Kirk Session meetings. The Clerk indicated that where such Working teams were well embedded the number of Session meetings had been reduced to 4 or 5 per year compared to our 9. It was proposed and agreed that towards the end of the current Session term we should discuss the future of Kirk Session meetings from 2019/2020 onwards.

Eddie Thorn, Session Clerk

Hope you're not forgetting!

Saturday 26 January 2019, remember?! Our Burns Supper is being held in the Holiday Inn Hotel, City West, at Craighleith. Reception starts at 6.30 p.m. with proceedings commencing at 7 p.m. ending by 11 p.m.

A highly talented local cast will be starring with words, music and song. Good company is also guaranteed along with a 3 course supper with tea/coffee & shortbread for only £35 p.p.

The event is being organised by the Stewardship team for the benefit of the Building for the Future Appeal. Time is running out and remaining tickets are limited so you are strongly advised to get yours now. On your own or with family or friends you'll be in excellent company and enjoy yourself.

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Remembrance Sunday

11 November 2018

With emphasis in 2018 on the celebration of the Centenary of the end of World War 1 there were some special additions to our traditional Remembrance Service, in any year a very moving experience.

The Apse area of the church and the vestibule had been beautifully decorated with poppies by Violet Troup, Norma Sinclair, Alison Hewat and Elaine Walker, while the church bell from the original iron church had been set up in front of and to the side of the Apse.

Called to worship by the Rev Benjamin Abeledo, the service for the most part followed the usual pattern. Carried in by representatives of the Scouts and Guides and by Councillor Hal Osler, the Church wreath and the Council wreath were laid at the Communion table. Major Alistair Laidlaw, SCOTS, 2nd in Command, Army Assessment Centre, Glencorse spoke Binyon's Lines from the poem, 'For the Fallen' -

‘They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

And the congregation affirmed ‘We will remember them.’ The Last Post was played by Aileen Erginsoy and the Lament by Ewen Napier. The two minutes silence was observed, followed by Reveille and the Kohima Epitaph -

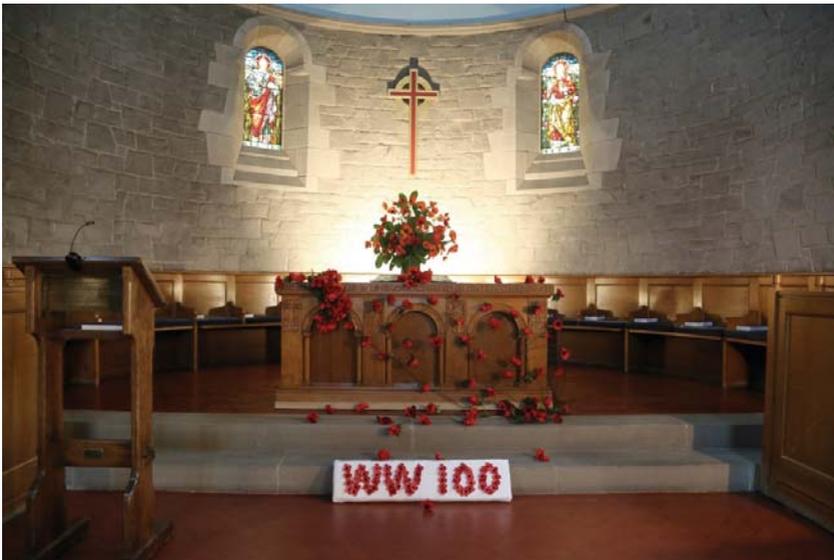
‘When you go home tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrows we gave our today.’

Then, reflecting the sound of church bells rung throughout the country to celebrate the end of World War 1, Daniel Hoyle sounded 7 strikes of the old church bell.

Music throughout the service was provided by organist, Donald Cameron and the Church Choir who sang the anthem ‘So they gave their bodies’. Bible readings were done by Hal Osler and Eddie Thorn and the Rev Benjamin Abeledo spoke on the theme ‘Remembrance: A Vision of Hope’.

In a further Act of Remembrance wreaths were then taken and laid at the War Memorial.

It was, as ever, a very meaningful occasion. Thank you to all who made it so.





Christmas Fair



The Watch Committee would like to thank everyone for making the Christmas Fair such a happy and successful event, including stallholders and their helpers, musicians and everyone who made donations and/or attended on the day.

The committee are pleased to report that **£6,752** was raised for **Alzheimer Scotland**.

We will present a cheque for the total of our 2018 fundraising to Alzheimer Scotland at a Sunday service during January.



George Millar, Watch Committee



Fairtrade Stall



Your support is needed

I have indicated in other articles that our suppliers are Traidcraft plc who directly support the producers of the large range of goods in their catalogue. Recently this company has had to face possible closure and some of you may have read articles in the press about this.

However they have managed to restructure and downsize. This means that they will be offering a more restricted range of goods in the future. Unfortunately a number of their regular producers have had to be dropped from their list of suppliers. This will cause extreme hardship to a large number of artisans and farmers in the third world. Their sister company which is a charity Traidcraft Exchange will do their best to offer support to these people. We have been able in the past to make a contribution to this charity from our proceeds. We are non profit making so it is good to be able to offer such help in this way. We want to be able to continue to do this but need you to buy from us to help in this way. Also remember we take old jewellery and send it to them.

The only way to keep the momentum going is to continue to get the goods on our monthly stall from Traidcraft plc but there may be some regular items in short supply for a while. **PLEASE** do your shopping on the 2nd Sunday of every month. Next dates are 13 January and 10 February.

Elsbeth Williamson

elsbethwilliamson@gmail.com



Fellowship Afternoon Group

To commence our 2019 programme we will be welcoming Rev. Benjamin Abeledo who will be speaking about Susanna Wesley, mother of John Wesley the founder of Methodism. The meeting on Tuesday 15 January is open to all (visitor's charge is £2) and begins at 2.15 pm in the Small Hall.

On 12 February we will be having a presentation about The National Library by Veronica Denholm who works there. 12 March there will be a talk about Fabergé Eggs.

Finishing our programme for the year will be a musical entertainment with Donald Cameron, our church organist, on 9 April. There will be a Bring and Buy stall at that meeting in aid of Building For The Future.

So plenty to interest those who come along. We will be pleased to see you. Refreshments are always on hand.

Fiona Drinnan

Tuesday Topics

We have had a very successful first term with excellent speakers and good attendance at all meetings. On 23rd October Dr Karen Pearson gave us a fascinating talk on the history of genetics which left us with much food for thought regarding the future implications of this subject. In November Malcom Lamont discussed the amazing work carried out by Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance and our local MSP Alex Cole-Hamilton gave us insight into the working of the Scottish Parliament.

We are now looking forward to our Party night with music by Amy Donaldson with her superb group Quern on 4th December.

On 15th January we are heading out for a post Christmas meal then back in the hall on 22nd for a talk by Dr Jane George on the Scottish Suffragettes. 5th February sees the return of Fred Daniels telling us about his journey in America and then on 19th we have a talk by Roy Johnstone on Spitfire Women Pilots.

As always a warm invitation is extended to any visitors who would like to attend any of our talks. We meet in the small hall of the Church on alternate Tuesdays at 7.30pm.

Very best wishes are extended to all our members and friends for 2019.

Eleanor Lowrie, President tel. 332 4827.

Jacky Cowie, Secretary tel. 332 1066



“Everything was really good quality and I'm so grateful for everything I have received. I have made myself a home and I'm so happy, I don't know where I would have got these items.”

This comment from one of Fresh Start's clients shows what a starter pack means. During the past year I have been taking your items fortnightly to the Fresh Start warehouse on Ferry Road Drive where they are always gratefully received.

Due to the size of their warehouse, Fresh Start is able to take **only items on their starter pack list**. A copy of this is on the notice board in the hall corridor. It can also be found, along with a short film about starter packs, on Fresh Start's website <http://www.freshstartweb.org.uk/starter-packs>

Once again on behalf of Fresh Start's clients, thank you for your generosity.

Fiona Cooke

Congratulations to Grant Douglas MBE

Congratulations to Grant Douglas for the inclusion of his S'up Spoon in the exhibition room dedicated to Scottish Design at the V& A in Dundee. He and those he worked with in getting his spoon manufactured are shown in a screen on a desk top where two other similar design stories are told.

Contributed

DEADLINES

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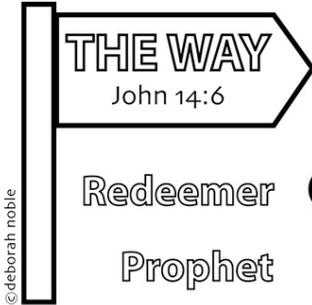
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There are many different ways by which Jesus is known.

See how many you know and colour them in.



Son of God

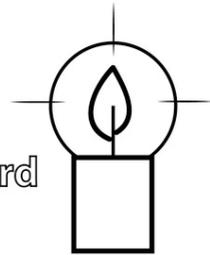
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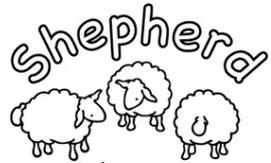
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John 8:12



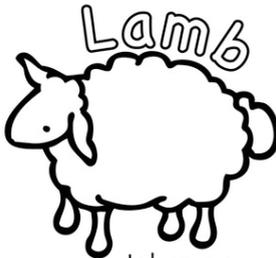
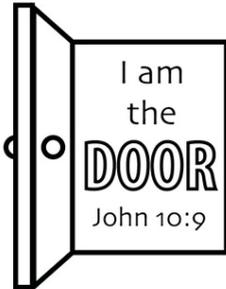
John 6:35

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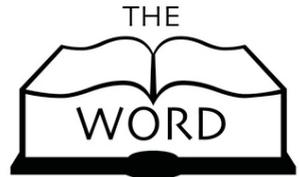


John 10:11

Son of man



John 1:29



John 1:1-5

Truth



JOHN 15:1

Mediator

Cornerstone



Life

Judge

Alpha and Omega

Luke 2:11