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Jesus IS THE
Reason
FOR THE
Season

Letter from Our Locum Minister

Dear Friends,

It's that time of year again - the 'countdown to Christmas' when we are constantly reminded of the number of shopping days we have left. We are encouraged to hurry up and do our shopping if we really want to have the perfect Christmas.

The pressure can build up so much that instead of enjoying the preparations folks can begin to wish

it was all over to have a rest. There is no mention of why Christmas is celebrated, no mention of the 'reason for the season'. You may glimpse a Nativity Scene on an Advent calendar here or there, in amongst all the other ones which feature popular children's characters seen on TV or in films, but otherwise the goal is the 25th day when we all get presents!

I'm glad that in church we celebrate the season of Advent, which allows us to examine ourselves spiritually as we prepare for Christmas when we celebrate the birth of Jesus - His 'First Coming' into the world. We also look forward to His 'Second Coming' when the promise of the new earth and new heaven will finally be fulfilled (Rev 21: 1-5).

Recently I came across the Christmas story below which helps to illustrate God's love for us.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and may you experience the love, joy and peace of Christ in 2018.

Blessings,
Betty

The Christmas Problem

Once upon a Christmas Eve, a man sat in reflective silence before the fireplace, pondering the meaning of Christmas. "There is no point to a God who becomes man," he mused. "Why would an all-powerful God want to share even one of His precious moments with the likes of man? And even if He did, why would He choose to be born in an animal stall? No way! The whole thing is absurd! I'm sure that if God really wanted to come down to earth, He would have chosen some other way."

Suddenly, the man was roused from his reverie by a strange sound outside. He went to the window and saw a small gaggle of blue geese frantically honking and aimlessly flopping about in the snow. They seemed dazed and confused. Apparently they had dropped out in exhaustion from the flight formations of a larger flock on its way from the Arctic Islands to the warmer climes of the Gulf of Mexico. Moved to compassion, the man tried to "shoo" the poor geese into his warm garage, but the more he "shooed" the more they panicked. "If they only realized I'm only trying to do what's best for them," he thought to himself. "How can I make them understand my concern for their well-being?" Then, this thought came to him: "If for just a minute, I could become one of them, an ordinary goose, and communicate with them in their own language, they would know what I am trying to do." And suddenly he remembered Christmas and a smile came over his face. Suddenly, the Christmas story no longer seemed absurd. Suddenly, he pictured that ordinary-looking infant, lying in the manger, in that stable in Bethlehem, and he knew the answer to his Christmas problem: God had become one of us to tell us that He loves us.

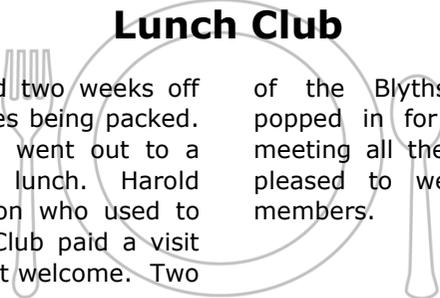
Carol Singing



If anyone is shopping at Fort Kinnaird on Saturday 16 December please come and sing carols with us outside New Look for an hour from 2-3pm.

Fort Kinnaird chaplain Judith Wilkinson
(07940 786 935)

Lunch Club



The Lunch Club had two weeks off due to the shoeboxes being packed. Some of the ladies went out to a restaurant for their lunch. Harold and Kathleen Bowron who used to help at the Lunch Club paid a visit and were made most welcome. Two

of the Blythwood drivers also popped in for lunch and enjoyed meeting all the members. We are pleased to welcome several new members.

Flora Paton

Nativity Exhibition



We will be displaying a collection of nativity scenes in the church over the Christmas

period and, as has become traditional, we will be opening up the exhibition to the public on 16 and 17 December, from 2pm to 4pm each day. There are always new scenes being added to the collection so do pop along if you have not been for some time; perhaps you could invite a friend or neighbour to join you?

There will be a warm welcome, refreshments and an opportunity to enjoy a few minutes of peace and reflection in what is inevitably a busy weekend. Children are, of course, very welcome and there will be some activities for them. Offers of help on the days of the exhibition would be gratefully received.

Any donations received over the time of exhibition will be given to CrossReach, the social care arm of the Church of Scotland. The proceeds of other special collections over the Christmas period will also go to CrossReach.

Pauline Weibye

Update on donations for refugees:

- Baby blankets and winter jackets – yes please!
- Squares for full sized blankets – no thanks!

1. Knitting blanket squares

You may remember that recently Mary's Meals let us know that they did not need knitted blankets anymore, so we were going to send them to Syrian refugees in Arsal, Lebanon, through Edinburgh Direct Aid.



Now Maggie Tookey of EDA has returned from Lebanon with the news that a local charity is providing blankets on a big scale there, which is great news. But it means they do not need any more full sized blankets made from knitted squares.

Baby blankets, however, are still required in Arsal, so if you want to continue to knit squares for these, in wool no thicker than double knit wool, that would be very useful.

And I will send any bigger blankets that we have at the moment to Knit For Peace, or Samaria's Aid, which also distributes winter supplies to refugees and displaced people in Syria and Iraq.

2. Winter jackets for Syrian refugees in Arsal, Lebanon

Maggie reports that the greatest need in Arsal at present is winter jackets for all ages. So if you have a warm jacket or coat in good condition that you no longer use, please bring it to the church as soon as possible – before Christmas.



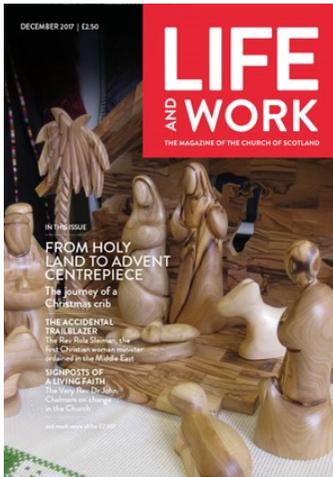
Many thanks, Ann Thanisch

Service of Lessons and Carols

with the Church Choir & St Margaret's Singers

Sunday 17th December at 6.30pm





Life and Work

The December issue includes:

Christmas reflections from the Rev Lezley Stewart, Ron Ferguson, the Very Rev Albert Bogle and the Moderator

The Accidental Trailblazer: Thomas Baldwin meets the Rev Rola Sleiman, the first female ordained Christian minister in the Middle East

Return to Chitambo: Ronald and Andrew Swanson, children of Church of Scotland missionaries, return to the Zambian mission station where they spent their childhood

Life and Work subscriptions are now due. The cost remains unchanged for 2018 at £27.36 for 12 monthly issues. Please make cheques payable to 'Craigmillar Park Church' and hand to Christopher McLeod or post to 2 East Savile Road, Edinburgh EH16 5ND.

The Edinburgh Telephone Choir

I thought I would ask Ruth to put an intimation in the next issue of *Prism* about the choir's annual **Christmas Carol Service on Wednesday 13 December at 7.30pm in Morningside Parish Church, Cluny Gardens**. This event is open to all and includes lots of carol singing. No ticket is required and there is no charge for admission. At the end of the service there will be an opportunity, should you wish, to give in a freewill offering, the proceeds of which will go to the funds of the Disabled Men's Club linked to Morningside Parish Church. This helps with the cost of outings for the men over the year.

A little background information: The choir was formed in 1947 by Mollie Scott, a supervisor in the then Rose Street Telephone Exchange. It started as a ladies choir but gentlemen were invited to join in the 1950s, enabling the group to undertake a wider range of music. Our annual concerts have become a 'must' for our many supporters and friends. With our Musical Director, Jerry Gregson, we are delighted to be preparing for our 2018 annual concerts on 9, 10 and 11 May 2018 in the Church Hill Theatre.

Christine Sloan

Parish Visitations



The Kirk Session has now agreed we will continue with parish visiting twice a year until we have called on every household in the parish (apart from those whose streets are defined as 'no cold calling' zones).

The plan for 2018 is that we visit after delivering Easter cards in March and copies of *Prism* in September.

Just to sum up how things went with the recent trial run:

Ten volunteers, in pairs, visited 122 households.

- 25% - the house was unoccupied or residents were out
- 20% - householders did not want a visit
- 55% - householders were happy to chat about the church or the parish, and over half of them (36 individuals) completed a questionnaire telling us a bit more about them

Although this was a very small sample, it already reveals some interesting results, which can be used to develop our work in the parish:

- The most interested residents, perhaps not surprisingly, were regular church goers, attending at least 16 different churches of 6 denominations
- The matter of greatest concern in the parish seems to be social isolation or lack of activities and contacts for older people; this was evident in both the questionnaire returns and the positive reaction of many such residents to their visitors
- *Prism* is greatly appreciated and enjoyed by its readers
- The church hall was commended as a community facility; fitness/dancing for the middle aged was identified as the most popular type of potential activity!

Perhaps of most importance, both callers and householders very much enjoyed the opportunity to meet and chat. So if anyone would like to volunteer for such visiting next year, please let me know.

Ann Thanisch, 0131 477 2430

***Advent for Everyone: A Journey with the Apostles* by Tom Wright**

Last year some of us worked through Tom Wright's earlier book on Advent with the gospel of Matthew. This year he takes us through the Epistles with a daily commentary using his own translation of the passages.

But what is Advent? Wright's introduction is helpful. *Advent* means *coming* or *arrival*. The early Christians were not just going round in circles repeating the church year and getting nowhere.

Think of a bicycle wheel; it goes round and round, but it is moving forwards, not standing still. The same circuit around the hub of the wheel becomes part of the forward movement of the bicycle as a whole...We are signing on as part of God's larger project, God's forward purposes, his plans for the whole creation to be renewed, so that...the earth will be full of the knowledge and glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. In Jesus, God brought heaven and earth together; in his second coming, that joining together will be complete. That is the Advent hope.

He goes on to explain that with the *first Advent*, God's rescue operation for humans and the world had been decisively begun but not yet completed. Jesus really did launch God's kingdom on earth as in heaven in his public career, his death and his resurrection. But it was clear that it would have to

make its way through the humble, self-giving service of Jesus' followers, until the time when Jesus returned to finish the work, to put all things right, to banish evil and death for ever, and to bring heaven and earth completely together.

Wright explains how we live between the first Advent and the second: "That is one way of saying what it means to be a follower of Jesus."

The book thus does not concentrate on one bit of the New Testament but ranges through the Epistles. The readings are chosen to help us ponder and pray through what it all means-what it meant at the time and what it means today and tomorrow. "My hope and prayer" says Wright, "is that this book will help individuals, groups and churches to be 'Advent people': people of light in a dark world, people of hope in times and places of despair. People who follow Jesus."

I am looking forward to reading this book with the Advent group. Perhaps you will join us? If you are interested, do speak with Ann Thanisch for details.

I hope the church library will be open on the second weekend of December. (In November that weekend clashed with the Blytheswood shoeboxes.) Don't forget that you can access the library cupboard when you wish but the door needs a strong arm!

Jean Walker

Recent Deaths

We were saddened to note the deaths last month of Professor David Manners and Ian Kellerd, both long-serving former elders in the congregation and recently resident in care homes. We also lost Betty MacPherson, again a long-standing member, who died in hospital after a period of illness. It was comforting to attend the service of thanksgiving for David's life, held in the church, and to be able to reassure Gwen,

Judith, Johnathan and the rest of the family of our thoughts and prayers. Ian's funeral also provided an opportunity to remember his contribution and his happy life with his late wife, Winnie. Betty's funeral was private by her own request. We give thanks for the faith of these our late friends and commend them to God's care in the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection.

Pauline Weibye

World Day of Prayer

"All God's creation is very good!" This is the theme chosen by the women of Suriname. The local service this year is in the Salvation Army Citadel in East Adam Street on Friday 2 March 2018 at 2pm. All will be most welcome.



The associated Bible Studies on Genesis 1: 1-31; Genesis 2: 4-24 and Psalm 8 will be held in 121 George Street on Fridays 9 and 16 February at 10.30am. Again, all will be most welcome.

Isabel Smith

Date for your diary:

Burns Supper on Friday 26th January

Tickets will be available in January 2018

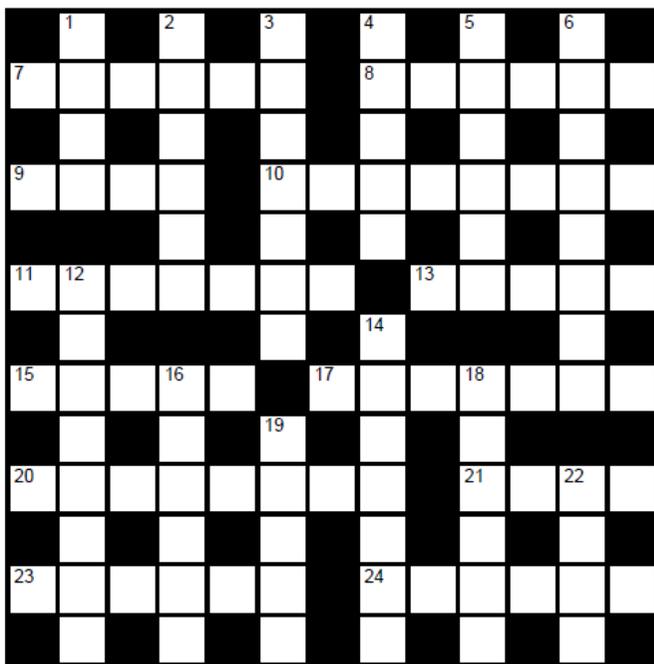
Crossword

with a Biblical theme

by Roger Paton



Answers on page 17



Across

- 7 He had a coat of many colours (6)
- 8 He was the second son of Jacob and Leah (6)
- 9 Race of persons of Hebrew descent (4)
- 10/11 No corn beef salad found amongst these trees! (6,2,7)
- 13 Priest and brother of **7 Across** (5)
- 15 Described as the father of David, king of the Israelites (5)
- 17 They carried Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem (7)
- 20 Sal Roach became a learned person (1,7)
- 21 Prophet (4)
- 23 Choirs should sing in this! (6)
- 24 How many Disciples after Judas left? (6)

Down

- 1 Toga-like coat (4)
- 2 Moses led the Israelites to safety across this (3,3)
- 3 A bully (1,6)
- 4 Words spoken by actor to audience (5)
- 5 Ancient Greek city (6)
- 6 Formula of praise (8)
- 12 Not a day-time service (8)
- 14 Pilgrimage town in south-west France (7)
- 16 Separation of two churches (6)
- 18 Food suitable for Jewish consumption (6)
- 19 They were cured by Jesus (5)
- 22 Whose partner was Adam? (4)

ROBERT SOUTHEY BOSTOCK

We have remembered a number of names from the memorials in recent years and, given the emphasis this year on the centenary of the first war, I chose to think about those on our memorials from the second war and, at random, picked Robert Southey Bostock, a young airman with a story to tell and who is still remembered in Germany, Britain and Norway because of a most unusual adventure in the early months of WWII.

On Saturday, 27 April 1940, three Blackburn Skua aircraft of 800 Squadron took off at 12.30 to provide fighter patrol over the Andalsnes area in western Norway, Captain Partridge and Lieutenant Bostock forming the crew of the leading aircraft. During this patrol a German Heinkel bomber was attacked and forced down on the side of a hill; the crew were seen to climb out of their wrecked aircraft.



Just after the attack Captain Partridge realised that his engine was failing and he landed his machine successfully (with the undercarriage up) on a frozen lake. Partridge and Bostock set fire to their aircraft and then set out for a small hut at the top of a hill near where they eventually landed. Walking through the snow proved to be extremely hard going but the building was reached at last and they went inside to investigate.

A few minutes later they heard a whistle outside. On looking out of the window they saw three Germans armed with revolvers and knives. These were the crew of the Heinkel, which had crashed on the other side of the hill from their little hut. The situation was awkward, but Captain Partridge rose to the occasion and ordered the three men to come inside. To his relief they obeyed meekly and Captain Partridge continued to take charge. Differences of language proved an obstacle, but by use of broken English and broken German the British officers discovered that the enemy consisted of a Lieutenant (the pilot) and two NCOs, one of whom was the navigator. The

rear gunner of the Heinkel had been killed in the action with the Skuas.

Partridge and Bostock did not want the Germans to learn that they were responsible for shooting them down and killing their comrade and managed to persuade them that they were the crew of another British aircraft which had been forced to land nearby; the Germans appeared convinced that they had been attacked and shot down by Spitfires.

It was decided to have another look round for more suitable shelter so the two British airmen walked to a nearby chalet which turned out to be a small hotel, shut up for the winter; they entered and discovered food and bedding. Early next morning the Germans appeared, still armed. There seemed no alternative but to offer them a share of the food, so all five enjoyed a remarkable breakfast together, after which Partridge went to explore outside the hotel with one of the Germans while Bostock remained inside with the other two. A few minutes later Lieutenant Bostock heard a shot outside and, thinking that the German had shot Captain Partridge, hurried out to look. A fast approaching Norwegian ski patrol had fired a warning shot; the German called out "Ingleesh, Ingleesh" and, apparently satisfied, the leading officer turned his attention to Captain Partridge. As the Norwegian turned away, the German made an attempt to reach his revolver; seeing this, another member of the ski patrol shot the German dead.

The Norwegians then searched all the airmen for weapons. They did not at first believe that Captain Partridge and Lieutenant Bostock were British, but the production of British coins and the showing of a tailor's label inside their uniform coats eventually convinced them. An amazing coincidence then occurred, as the English-speaking leader of the Norwegians chanced to be the brother-in-law of a close friend of Captain Partridge. On discovering this, the Norwegians became very friendly and most helpful; they decided to hand over the two Germans to the French Headquarters to become POWs.



The Norwegians suggested that Captain Partridge and Lieutenant Bostock should join the British Forces at Ålesund where a destroyer was arriving that night to evacuate the British force, but it did not appear. Partridge and Bostock managed to commandeer a car and, with yet more adventures, they reached Andalsnes, embarked in HMS Manchester and were brought home to Britain.

This episode became so famous in Norway that it has even been made into a film, "Into the White", popular also in Germany. In the film, strangely, the names of Partridge and Bostock were changed (to Davenport and Smith) but not those of the Germans.

So, if Captain Partridge and Lieutenant Bostock were rescued from Norway, why is Bostock's name on our bronze memorial? Well, after some home leave they returned to active service re-joining 800 Squadron.



We now move to 13 June 1940 when HMS Ark Royal, following the evacuation of all British and Allied forces from Norway, is pursuing the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau battleships near Trondheim. At a range of 170 miles it launched 15 Skua bombers. They were intercepted by German fighters, and eight of them were shot down including

that of Partridge and Bostock. Partridge was badly burned but survived and was captured by the Germans, spending the rest of the war as a POW. Lieutenant Robert Southey Bostock RN was killed and is commemorated on the Fleet Air Arm memorial at Lee on Solent for those whose bodies were not recovered.

The answer as to why Lieutenant Bostock's name is on our (original Mayfield South Church) war memorial relates to his wife and her family. In 1939 he had married Catherine Grace Watson, a domestic science teacher, daughter of Thomas and Amelia Watson of 29 Orchardhead Road, Liberton; I am assuming that they were members of this church. Sadly this leads to a postscript to the death of Robert Bostock. On 18 October 1940 a son, Michael Robin Bostock, was born to Catherine Grace and died the same day; sadder still, on 21 October 1940, she also died from peritonitis as a result of complications from the pregnancy.

Finally, Partridge and Bostock's aircraft, Skua no. L2940 which had sunk in

the fjord when the ice melted, was discovered in 1974 by Norwegian divers, after which it was recovered by the Royal Naval Air Command Sub Aqua Club and was transported to the Fleet Air Arm museum at Yeovilton where today it is on display.



Norman Weibye

Advent Prayer

Our **hearts** praise God this Advent

As we remember the excitement and expectation of a new baby

A baby who would bring hope, wonder and the promise of new life

A baby who would be the fulfilment of promises made long before his birth

A baby who would change the world

A baby who would bring health and new possibilities to those who sought him
and to those who did not.

With Mary our hearts are full of praise and with her we are glad.

Our **voices** praise God this Advent

As we rejoice in the miracle and challenge of God coming among us

God who would seek out the despised and dejected

God who would lift up the bent and the broken

God who would challenge the systems of power and authority

God who would bring new life and wholeness to those whose knew they
needed changed and those who did not.

With Mary our hearts are full of praise and with her we are humble.

Our **lives** praise God this Advent

As we seek to be people who live out the radical message of the incarnation

People whose values are based on the Magnificat and not on the populist
press

People whose message brings comfort to the uncomfortable
and challenges the comfortable

People who take action to be faithful disciples true to a hard message

People who have confidence in the God of Advent, who is with us today and
tomorrow.

With Mary our lives are full of praise and with her we are changed in heart,
mind and soul.

Before Advent ends

Before we look forward again to a new year

Before God gives us a fresh start

Let us deal with the unfinished business.

We bring our sorry hands

The unfulfilled promises to you and to each other

The unfulfilled promises to ourselves

The unopened presents of time, of interest, of love

Which others have offered.

We give you, with sorry hands

The thankyou's that were never said

The apologies that were never made

The time that was never spent.

We offer you, even with reluctance

Any disappointment or hurt

Any jealousy or pettiness

Which will dement the future

Unless we are liberated from it today.

And we do this

Because Your unfinished business

Is to make us complete

And we will not stand in the way of your purposes.

Amen.

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Christmas Angels at Cameron Toll

One of the children's activities for Christmas is a treasure hunt in the various shops, organised by the Cameron Toll chaplaincy. Usually Priestfield craft group makes the 'treasure' to be found – eg lost sheep or baubles. This year they asked Reid Memorial and Craigmillar Park to help them knit 60 angels.

Here is the Craigmillar Park Church contingent of the heavenly host - quite an alarming sight for the flocks by night!

Thanks very much to all who helped make them.



Parents and Toddlers

You may be aware that for some years now Mark and Susan Wong have, almost single-handedly, run a parent and toddler group in the church hall, meeting on Saturday afternoons. It attracts a varied range of attendees – never huge numbers but clearly meeting a need for somewhere for local parents to meet and chat (and drink good coffee) over the weekend. The children enjoy playing with the colourful toys and games.

Mark and Susan have decided that they cannot continue with this enterprise, quite understandably.

They have selflessly and uncomplainingly given up every Saturday for some years now and we are enormously grateful to them for their energy and their commitment. They have built up something quite special and the Kirk Session and the congregation recognise and thank them for that. They deserve a rest.

We hope to keep the group going using a number of people on a rota and will keep the congregation informed of progress.

Pauline Weibye

Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal 2017

I have written much during the past 10 years about the Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal, mostly about the shoeboxes themselves: what to put in; what not to put in; and how to pack it. Or about the physical nature of the sorting: boxes too big, boxes too wide, boxes badly packed and sometimes boxes just perfect. I've written about the numbers: who gets the most, who gets the least (teenage boys), and generally how the boxes are distributed by gender and age. On one hand this is, of course, true and relevant but on the other hand the whole operation is about people. I have also written, more than once, about the support received from the Royal Bank and other companies and corporations; this is important because they fill the gap between the active retirees who are available during the day, and the active employees who are not available unless their employers donate their time for community and social projects.



The problems of ageing congregations within the Church of Scotland and other churches are well known and they affect our handling of the Shoebox Appeal. Many of our own CPC members are no longer fit and able to help and there are too few younger members to replace them. I am in

the middle, being both retired and active, but I am also 10 years older than when I started. Without the vital input from similar others, including Mark and Susan Wong packing the heavy cartons and Lorne McDougall handling shipments in and out, we could not manage the sorting centre. Even then, only the presence of the younger corporate crews has let us achieve the numbers processed in recent years.

Our sorting centre is a recognised success. We had our second moderatorial visit this year and, yet again, record numbers of shoeboxes were sorted within the period, although not in total as Blythswood ran out of boxes to send to us. So thank you once again to our own members: Katy in her time off (and Zara), Sheena with many trips to the dump, Flora, Isobel (and the Soroptimists), Betty Laing, John, Alison, Julia and Christopher and our Scout troop, 85th Braid; and a special mention for Susan Penny and Kathleen.

The organisation of all of this is an increasing burden and I shall be discussing our options with Blythswood Care and others in the coming months because,

for the same reasons already given, we need to find new volunteers to take over the planning, organising and communicating, throughout the year and especially during the two or three weeks when Craigmillar Park Church and Hall are given over to the Shoebox Appeal.

Norman Weibye

Fresh Start

During December we will be collecting household items and hoping to take them down to Fresh Start before Christmas.

The household items go towards helping people who have been homeless to settle into their new home. They are always very appreciative of your donations.



There are leaflets at the back of the church regarding Fresh Start.

Many thanks,
Flora Paton

Coming up at Stewart House Men's Club...

8th Dec—*Flowers and Forests of Chile*, John Graham

15th Dec—Christmas Party with buffet and music

22nd & 29th Dec—No meetings

5th Jan—*Quiz Day*, David Small

12th Jan—*Kakadu National Park—Australia*, Sandy MacLean

19th Jan—*The Battle of the Somme—July 1916*, Jim Peter

26th Jan—*Between Silk and Cyanide*, Alan Tulleth

Fridays at 10.15am in the church hall. Coffee £1.50. Visitors welcome.

Crossword Answers

Clues Across: [7] Joseph, [8] Simeon, [9] Jews, [10]&[11] Cedars of Lebanon, [13] Aaron, [15] Jesse, [17] Donkeys, [20] A scholar, [21] Seer, [23] Unison, [24] Eleven
Clues Down: [1] Robe, [2] Red Sea, [3] A Hector, [4] Aside, [5] Smyrna, [6] Doxology, [12] Evensong, [14] Lourdes, [16] Schism, [18] Kosher, [19] Blind, [22] Eve's

Dates for Your Diary



December

Sun 3 Dec, 10.30am – Holy Communion First Sunday in Advent

Tue 5 Dec, 7pm – Edinburgh Presbytery (Holy Communion)

Wed 6 Dec, 2.30pm – Holy Communion at St Margaret's Care Home

Wed 6 Dec, 7.30pm – Finance Committee meets in the Session Room

Thu 7 Dec, 2pm – Advent Bible Study in the Session Room (week 2)

Thu 7 Dec, 7.30pm – Congregational Board meets in the Session Room

Sun 10 Dec, 10.30am – Morning Worship Second Sunday in Advent

Wed 13 Dec, 7.30pm – Christmas Carol Service by Edinburgh

Telephone Choir Morningside Parish Church (see page 5)

Thu 14 Dec, 2pm – Advent Bible Study in the Session Room (week 3)

Sat 16 Dec, 2-3pm – Carol Singing at Fort Kinnaird outside New Look
(see page 8)

Sat 16 and Sun 17 Dec, 2-4pm – Nativity exhibition in the church (see page 8)

Sun 17 Dec, 10.30am – Morning Worship Third Sunday in Advent

Sun 17 Dec, 6.30pm – Service of Lessons and Carols with St Margaret's Singers

Thu 21 Dec, 2pm – Advent Bible Study in the Session Room (week 4)

Sun 24 Dec, 10.30am – Morning Worship Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sun 24 Dec, 11.30pm – Watchnight Service in Candlelight community carols from 11.15pm

Mon 25 Dec, 10.30am - Christmas Morning Service

Sun 31 Dec, 10.30am – Morning Worship

January

Sun 7 Jan, 10.30am – Morning Worship

Thu 11 Jan, 7pm – Kirk Session meets in the Session Room

Sun 14 Jan, 10.30am – Morning Worship

Sun 21 Jan, 10.30am – Morning Worship

Fri 26 Jan – Burns Supper

Sun 28 Jan, 10.30am – Morning Worship



	Reader	Sound	Church Officer
Dec 2017			
3rd	Colin Aitken	John Kelly	Ian Breadon
10th	Gordon Braidwood	John Humphrey	Norman Weibye
17th	Ruth Longmuir	Norman Weibye	Ian Breadon
24th	Julie Read	Christopher McLeod	Julia Yarker
31st	Miriam Weibye	John Kelly	Roger Paton
Jan 2018			
7th	David Cargill	Norman Weibye	Ian Breadon
14th	Elizabeth McLeod	Christopher McLeod	Norman Weibye
21st	John Kelly	John Kelly	Julia Yarker
28th	Pauline Weibye	Norman Weibye	Roger Paton
Feb 2018			
4th	John Humphrey	Christopher McLeod	Ian Breadon
11th	Astrid Gracie	John Kelly	Norman Weibye

Duties

3rd December is Communion

10th & 17th Dec - Convener: Gordon Braidwood (667 1773)

Miriam Weibye, Norman Weibye, Pauline Weibye, Julia Yarker, Colin Aitken, Ian Breadon

24th & 31st Dec - Convener: Christopher McLeod (667 1475)

Renate Breadon, Kathleen Cockerell, Brenda Humphrey, John Humphrey, John Kelly, Ruth Longmuir

7th & 14th Jan - Convener: Jim McNab (667 3408)

Julie Read, Katy Ruggeri, Ann Thanisch, Christine Thomson, Miriam Weibye, Norman Weibye

21st & 28th Jan - Convener: Roger Paton (664 2877)

Flora Paton, Pauline Weibye, Julia Yarker, Colin Aitken, Ian Breadon, Renate Breadon

4th & 11th Feb - Convener: Isabel Smith (667 6336)

Kathleen Cockerell, Brenda Humphrey, John Humphrey, John Kelly, Ruth Longmuir, Julie Read

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