

# The *Lych Gate*

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## FROM THE MINISTER

### Advent attitude.

We're into a new church year, or at least, the church calendar starts with Advent. I might have said this before, but I personally prefer the season of Advent over Christmas itself! I guess to me the themes of Advent feel more pertinent and honest to the times we find ourselves in. We still wait, we still long for and hope for the coming of God's Kingdom and the return of Christ the King. There is so much in our lives and in our world that cries out for restoration, healing and reversal. There is so much that needs to be put right, recreated and renewed.

Justice and righteousness are two terms often used in the Old Testament to show what God is like and what his King will bring and establish; these aren't academic qualities but about people's lived lives. There are so many injustices in our world and so many inequalities that mean folk don't have an equal chance at flourishing as human beings. The coming of the Lord, as promised in the Old Testament prophecies, would also mean the offer of forgiveness, for it is our

human sin (Francis Spufford in 'Unapologetic' appropriately calls it 'our Human Propensity to F\*\*k Things Up') that has caused all this need and wrongness in the world. And so Advent is not just a time of waiting and hoping, but also a time – like Lent – of preparation and repentance. We are to prepare a way for the Lord; acknowledge our own part in the sorry state of our world, our human relationships and communities.

It is not easy or comfortable to really look inside like this, it is much easier to point to other people's behaviour rather than know our own heart.

God says in Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

We really need's God's help even in understanding ourselves and our motives. As David writes in psalm 139: 23-24

Search me, God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Having said all that, there can be a

danger in self examination without reference to Jesus; we cannot hope to ever be ready enough or good enough to receive him! That is the whole point of the gospel, that Jesus comes to us as a healer – for those who need healing; that he comes with forgiveness – for those who are sinners; that he comes to bring life – for those who are dead and without hope. He comes to bring light to a people living in darkness. If we think we have no need for any of those things, we will not truly be able to welcome the One who comes.

This Advent and Christmas may we have the humility and the openness to receive the Christ child in the messy stable of our hearts.

*O holy Child of Bethlehem*

*Descend to us, we pray*

*Cast out our sin and enter in*

*Be born to us today*

*We hear the Christmas angels*

*The great glad tidings tell*

*O come to us, abide with us*

*Our Lord Emmanuel*

Yours *Hanneke*



## 1st BRIDGE OF WEIR GUIDES (WEDNESDAY GUIDES)

Our autumn term has continued, and the Guides are continuing to work on their Skill Builders and Unit Meeting Activities (UMA) which all go towards their section Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. We have started our First Aid Skill Builder and will finish it off this coming week learning CPR on Resusci-Anne manikins. The Patrols also had the opportunity this term to plan a Unit Meeting Activity. They chose which one they wanted to do, planned the activity and delivered it for the whole Unit.



At the end of October, we had a 'Spooktacular' party. The Guides wore some great outfits and as well as playing games, we tucked into some food. We made pumpkins made out of oranges, witches hats from Oreos, banana ghosts and spider chocolate cookies – yum!



As always, we attended the annual Remembrance Sunday service in St Machar's Church with the Rainbows and Brownies.



In November we also had a no-bake evening and the girls all chose a traybake to make. They made Mars Bar squares, Rice Krispie Christmas puddings, Biscoff marshmallow fingers and chocolate Rich Tea slices. All made enough that everyone got to try out the other patrols' hard work. At the end of November, the three Guide Units in the District will get together for a sleepover in Flip Out Trampoline Park. Let's hope we get some sleep.

This December we will be out, around the village as usual, with the Bridge of Weir Festival committee Santa's Sleigh. Let's hope the weather will be kind.

Christine Haddock  
Guide Leader

## HER-STORY

I will be using a new Women's Lectionary by Ashley M Wilcox this coming year. The description of this lectionary is as follows: *Focusing on passages about women in the Bible and feminine imagery of God, The Women's Lectionary reimagines the liturgical calendar of preaching for one year. These women are daughters, wives, and mothers. They are also strong leaders, evil queens, and wicked stepmothers. They are disciples, troublemakers, and*

*prophetesses. Ashley Wilcox explores how the feminine descriptions of God in the Bible are similarly varied—how does it change our understanding if God is feminine wisdom, has wings, or is an angry mother bear?*

There is a book with the same title which can be purchased online. It has an Old Testament and a New Testament reading for each Sunday of the year. In the coming months between now and Easter I will be using passages from the gospels,

but I do intend to switch to stories from women in the Old Testament, as well as female imagery for God at a later stage.

If you would be interested in reading these passages together and talking about them during the week, let me know and I will run a reading group (Wednesday evenings or Tuesday afternoons). This of course is not just for women!

Hanneke

## FROM THE ORGAN LOFT



I can't say I believe particularly much in "luck" or "fate". Everything happens for a reason, and sometimes there's a series of spooky coincidences. Some years back at my previous charge (St. Luke's Church in Paisley) our anthem on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018 was Howard Goodall's *Psalm 23* otherwise known as the theme tune to the BBC Comedy *The Vicar of Dibley*. On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018 the death of Emma Chambers (who played verger Alice Tinker/Horton in *The Vicar of Dibley*) was announced. Fast forward to 2022, term had hardly started when the news of the death of Her Majesty the Queen was announced. The Choir of Westminster Abbey had just returned from their summer holidays when they had to begin preparing for her funeral just over a week later. This was one of these occasions where everyone can probably remember where they were, and what they were doing when the sad news came through. I had just locked up after Junior Choir, when I picked up Carla's text telling me the news. It took a wee while to process the enormity of this. We were in uncharted territory and many colleagues were unsure of what to do. What events/services could or couldn't run and what music choices would have to be changed? Music which had been carefully planned and

even rehearsed was shelved for more appropriate things. This is where a series of spooky coincidences came into play here. The events of September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001 resonate with me. This was the first big, global event which I can vividly remember and was certainly the first time I was mature enough to realise all was not well in the world. The 11<sup>th</sup> September fell on a Sunday this year and in my own way wanted to commemorate the victims of this terrible atrocity. The anthem which I had selected for this particular Sunday was *How can I keep from singing?* The text for this hymn is by the 19<sup>th</sup> century American preacher and hymn writer, Robert Lowry. I feel the words perfectly fitting to themes of remembrance, loss but also thanksgiving. I also find the words quite comforting. It was just sheer luck in terms of scheduling this anthem seemed to have been chosen for the Sunday following HM Queen's death. The following Sunday brought its own problems, the anthem, a setting of words from Psalms 149 and 150 set to Parry's *Jerusalem* (a tune which brings its own controversies in a Scottish setting) could be deemed too upbeat considering the late Majesty's funeral service was the following day. However, King Charles III is a huge fan of Parry's music and has presented many programmes about Parry on the radio and television. It seemed somewhat fitting that we were singing Parry's music at this time. Sunday 9 October saw the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of Ralph Vaughan

Williams celebrated. Vaughan Williams was one of Britain's leading composers as well as being editor of the English Hymnal. Many of his hymn tunes feature in CH4. On Sunday 9 October we the choir sang for their introit *O taste and see* followed by *The Old 100<sup>th</sup>* by Vaughan Williams. Both these pieces had been composed or, had been arranged for HM Queen Elizabeth II's coronation in 1953. One final coincidence is on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November the choir's anthem was *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* by the late Sir Stephen Cleobury – former Director of Music at King's College Cambridge. Our performance fell just days before the third anniversary of his death. What wasn't a spooky coincidence was the Meet, Eat and Sing we had on Sunday 9 October. St. Machar's opened its doors to choirs from Langbank, Bishopton, Houston as well as our own. We ate lunch together before rehearsing four pieces Martin How's *Day by Day*, Elderslie's Peter Nardone *A new commandment*, Ogden's *Christ has no body now but yours* and Rutter's *Gaelic Blessing* as well as some favourite hymns and a prayer response *Ukuthula*. It was great to have so many singers in the building making a glorious sound. Many of the singers commented how nice it was to sing as part of a bigger group. Bishopton Church has already offered to host the next event! A huge thank you to all those who helped and supported this event, with special thanks to Norma and her team for feeding us so well. Ian Munro



## JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

FROM BRIDGE OF WEIR TO BETHLEHEM (AGAIN !)



It is a long day's journey to Bethlehem from Bridge of Weir by the time one has reached Easy Jet at Luton Airport and 5 hours later passed through the scrutinizing security at Tel Aviv Airport and climbed clumsily in a "Sherut" (communal bus) for the 2 hours highway trip to Jerusalem! But St Andrews Church of Scotland Church and Guesthouse is a welcome sight at last - not to mention the warm welcome and cool beer! This hallowed place for Scots has been a place of peace and sanctuary since after the First World War when it was built as a memorial Church. Juliet has been coming here for the last 20 years – a second home - in this tortured and UN Holy Land. The 16th century Jerusalem walls are pink in the sunset as we gaze across and Margaret (Lyle Kirk Greenock) summons up strength to reach her "bedroom with a view" atop the church tower!

But we are here for 4 precious days only and have much OLIVE TREE work to do. It is our mission to BUY, SELL and TELL i.e. to buy crafts ( Bethlehem olive wood, LArche felt, village embroidery, Hebron ceramics, hand made silver jewellery, olive oil, dates, soap etc, SELL here at stalls and fairs, and on the way TELL the tragic story of what is happening in Israel Palestine today.

The next day is Sunday so we seize the chance to be in the Church for Service but we are sad that the 3 of us make up half the congregation (no pilgrims today!) but the interim Methodist

minister tells us how she will soon welcome Rev. S. Gillan from Kelvinside Church and how immense the work of reconciliation is here – challenging times!

We 3 need to head off however into the tantalizing sounds and smells in the souks of the Old City and meet our trusty Christian jeweller friends – George and Abraham. We buy more than we should, are astounded at the high dollar prices and forego seeing the Church of the Holy Sepulchre – Calvary - because next day is a busy one.



Early next morning we clamber into a taxi for the short 20 minute ride to Bethlehem. Here we have much to do – GIVING and BUYING, SHARING and MEETING loyal and true friends we have not seen for 3 years. The 25 ft high encircling concrete walls and sentry towers seem larger and more menacing than before but the green light is on at the checkpoint so we hasten through the caged corridors and we are IN Bethlehem – chaotic, impoverished but so welcoming.



Bethlehem is Arab, Palestinian, in Area A, has 4 refugee camps ( from Israel' s foundation in 1948 and from the 6 day war in 1967.) Now it is mainly Moslem tho once was mainly Christian – the large Christian emigration goes on.....and on. Our brilliant hotel is right next to the Church of the Nativity and Square and allows us to meet easily all our trusty suppliers so we visit and donate to 3 special needs charities.



We visit the lovely family where father is slowly dying (he cannot get the kidney he so needs from Egypt) and here we pay the Christian school fees for the son, Issa (Jesus in Arabic) and his 2 sisters. We meet needy scholarship students at Bethlehem University who need a sponsor so much so that they can remain there ( we help a little). Everywhere we meet need and distress and only wish we had MORE to give.



We resolve to increase our efforts at home...where would we be we wonder without our NHS, our pensions, our social security – our FREEDOM? Such is the life under occupation for those in this "Little Town".

We have feasted on friendship and falafel. Loved every precious minute. Are loathe to leave. The big black suitcase is heavy with pashminas and hand made crafts – the rest will come later by Parcel Force!

We promise to return and hope so much we can and will- Vivid memories of love in this divided land stay with us. We pray for peace and the wisdom of leaders who could make a difference. We simply try to make a difference in our own unique and VERY small way. Please support us and them – thoughts, prayers, purchases, donations will do very nicely – the dunny at no 24 is open – just phone. 01505612963

Thanks to Margaret and Jane (W. Kilbride C of S ) for huge support and immense patience.

Juliet Robb (Sept.10-16 2022)

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A most enjoyable Christmas Community Lunch was held in the hall on Friday 25th November. Thanks to Ann, Jennie, Norma and Rosemary for preparing such a delicious lunch and to all the helpers from St Machar's Ranfurly and Freeland Churches for decorating the hall and serving the meal.. Thanks go to Rev Hanneke Marshall and Rev Kenneth Gray for leading us in prayers and to Helen and Hanneke for organising the enthusiastic carol singing. A great time was had by all.



# COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH



## CHRISTMAS TREE BAUBLES

Our Christmas tree is again outside the church so more people can enjoy it!  
We want to invite you to come and collect a bauble and bring it back decorated to tie it to the tree.  
Some ideas for decoration:

- ◆ The (first!) **name** of a person you want to remember
- ◆ A **word** that you want to share as a prayer for the village
- ◆ Something that represents something you're **grateful** for this year
- ◆ Just something **colourful** and joyous!
- ◆ Something to represent the **Christmas story**



Baubles will be available in the vestibule. You can take one home to decorate and bring it back in your own time to hang on the tree.

## THE GUILD



Since starting the Guild in September we now have 23 members, who managed last Monday despite the road upheaval. Our speakers have all been interesting, ranging

from the history of Johnstone to a tour of Iceland and last week a journey from Navy Chaplain to St. Fillans by Father Andrew McFadden.

We are in the process of organising the next half of the syllabus, starting on the 9th January with a lunch at the River Inn, and the following meeting will be on the 23rd. Jan. We have pencilled in a

coffee morning on the 11th March and hope to have lots of support on our first venture after the pandemic.

We would be delighted to welcome any new members when we meet every second Monday at 2.00 p.m. in the Church Hall for an interesting topic and fellowship.

Ann Hart

## QUIZ (FIND THE SCOTTISH TOWN)

		Answer
1	My French junction has a common flower	
2	£1 and assorted rags	
3	It turns out to be an A1 drier	
4	What makes the gas glow?	
5	Gives shelter to fourteen pounds	
6	Inexperienced but all right round about	
7	Agitate fish	
8	Bacon, one litre weight	
9	Ran in to get sorted	
10	Individual USSR states includes it	

### October Quiz Answers:

- |               |               |            |               |             |
|---------------|---------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1. Terrier    | 2. Whippet    | 3. Spaniel | 4. Schnauzer  | 5. Pekinese |
| 6. Rottweiler | 7. Bloodhound | 8. Saluki  | 9. Great Dane | 10. Corgi   |

Helen Bullen



## JUNIOR CHOIR

As I write, our winter term is drawing to an end. We have around a dozen children attending each week. We began working on *The Water of Life* festival service material which we were hoping to participate in in Perth in the middle of September. Due to the death of HM Queen Elizabeth this event has been postponed until later in 2023. The material in this book covers all sorts of music from the bouncy *Sing of the Lord's goodness* to an African worship song *Come, all you people* to a spiritual *O healing river* and more besides. The children seem quite taken with a lot of the music and it has been great to encourage this. We are also singing from printed music, which for many of the children is their first time ever experiencing this. After some initial

challenges they quickly got the hang of it and it's great to see the older kids helping the younger ones.

We are preparing for our end of term performance as well as participating in the Christmas Music Service on Sunday 18 December at 4.00 p.m. we are singing Bob Chilcott's arrangement of the original (American) tune to *Away in a Manger*, Gerre Hancock's setting of *Infant Holy*, *Infant Lowly* and highlights from the *Muppets' Christmas Carol* which is bringing the children a lot of joy.

This term I've started to let the children lead the choir in the warm-ups. It is good to be able to give them some leadership experience. What is slightly more terrifying is how much they've

been paying attention to me! From the way I stand, to how I speak, the children seem to have taken everything in and it's good to see them participate more actively in rehearsals. It doesn't bother me if the children go on to have a musical career, but the skills that they can learn at a choir are more than just musical ones and stand them in good stead for their future.

As ever I am incredibly grateful for the encouragement we receive from both parents and congregation in encouraging the Junior Choir, and my sincere thanks to Mary, Helen, Anne, Hanneke and Dennis for coming along so willingly to help out at rehearsals.

Ian Munro

## 1ST BRIDGE OF WEIR GUIDES (TUESDAY GUIDES)



It's already twelve months since we have been meeting back in the Church Hall and the time has flown. Having missed our Christmas themed Coffee Mornings due to Covid we decided that we would hold one this year. We have lots of help and support for which we are very grateful. It has been quite a busy few weeks doing craft work, and hand making Christmas Wreaths.

We had a night of celebrating Halloween with bonkers messy and very noisy games culminating with everyone in the carpark gathered around the fire pit with giant sparklers. The Young Leaders organised a baking evening, which everyone enjoyed. The baking was a contribution on the eats table at our Coffee and Christmas Craft morning last Saturday.



We would like to thank everyone who very kindly supported our Guide Unit.

The amount raised on the day was £988.61.

This week we are looking forward to joining a District Event with Wednesday and Kilmacolm Guides for a sleepover at the Flip Out trampoline park in Glasgow

Moira Johnston  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bridge of Weir Guides

## PRESBYTERY PLANNING

As communicated with the congregation, a draft plan was shared by the presbytery planning committee earlier in November and the intention was for presbytery to discuss it and vote on the draft plan in its meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

The presbytery meeting took place, and congregations were heard, however a vote was not taken as the presbytery planning committee had received so many questions and responses from congregations that they felt they needed to continue their consultation. What exactly this will entail is not clear due to the time constraints. It will mean that the presbytery planning committee will look again at all the feedback and might, in certain cluster areas, have further conversations. It may mean that they change the draft plan, or they may conclude there are no better scenarios! In any case, the presbytery will now meet in a conference session on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February, when the vote on a draft plan will take place. Then the PMPIG and General Trustees will still have to approve it too. This does mean that we won't meet the end of the year deadline and that there won't be any vacancies allowed to call in our presbytery in the

meantime.

The draft plan indicates there would be one full time minister of word and sacrament for Bridge of Weir and that Freeland Church and St Machar's Ranfurly Church would need to unite, with the Freeland building being designated as the one to be retained. I don't think this is likely to change in any revised presbytery plan. Our kirk session have submitted its views and concerns, in particular regarding the designation of St Machar's Ranfurly church building as 'not needed and to be disposed of' – we can see there being a continued need for our building for a period even after a potential union, e.g. if Freeland building was to be extensively refurbished to accommodate the united congregation.

We have also raised concerns regarding the tenure of our minister and asked that it won't be ended before September 2025.

The kirk session feels strongly that if there is to be a union between our churches it should create a new, strong church for all of Bridge of Weir, which is not a continuation of either Freeland or St Machar's Ranfurly Church, but a new congregation that members from both former

congregations can shape, play an active part in and contribute to. For this to happen and to be an equal affair, it is of course important that our own members do not withdraw their involvement from the current life of the congregation, nor from our joint efforts at exploring a future together. We all know examples of church unions that have been fraught, but it doesn't have to be this way and we can all play our part in trying to achieve a good and fruitful union. This will not take away a sense of loss, at leaving behind what is precious to us, but it is also hopeful about the future and faithful to our calling as Christians in this place.

The presbytery plan will only set out a rough direction travel; at a local level in time negotiations will need to be held to agree a basis of union, which all members will be able to vote on. In the meantime, as previously reported, a constructive initial meeting was held at the beginning of November with representatives of Freeland Church. The intention was expressed to identify further areas of potential collaboration between our churches, such as we already have regarding mission, school chaplaincy and some services.

Hanneke

## GOOD THINKING

I spent an hour in the bank with my dad, as he had to transfer some money. I couldn't resist myself and asked...

"Dad, why don't we activate your internet banking?"

"Why would I do that?" He asked...

"Well, then you won't have to spend an hour here for things like making a transfer. You can even do your shopping online.

Everything will be so easy!"

I was so excited about initiating him into the world of Net banking.

He asked "If I do that, I won't have to step out of the house?"

"Yes, yes"! I said. I told him how even groceries can be delivered at

your door now and how amazon delivers everything!

His answer left me tongue-tied.

He said "Since I entered this bank today, I have met four of my friends, I have chatted awhile with the staff who know me very well by now. You know, I am

alone...this is the company that I need. I like to get ready and come to the bank. I have enough time, it is the physical touch that I crave.

Two years back, I got sick. The store owner from whom I buy fruits, came to see me and sat by my bedside and cried. When your Mom fell down a few days back while on her morning walk, our local grocer saw her and immediately got his car to rush

her home as he knows where I live. Would I have that 'human' touch if everything became online?

Why would I want everything delivered to me and force me to interact with just my computer? I like to know the person that I'm dealing with and not just the 'seller'. It creates bonds of Relationships. Does Amazon deliver all this as well?"

Technology isn't life..

Spend time with people .. Not with devices.



# NOTICES

## DIARY

December	Sunday	10.30 am	Morning Service
	Sunday 4th	3.00 pm	Blue Advent Service
	Monday 5th	2.00 pm	Guild - Girl Guiding
	Tuesday 6th	7.30 pm	Kirk Session Meeting
	Sunday 11th	10.30 am	Morning Service
	Monday 12th	2.00 pm	Guild - Safety in the Home
	Sunday 18th	10.30 am	All Age Nativity Service
	Sunday 18th	4.00 pm	Carol Service
	Saturday 24th	4.00 pm	Christingle Service
	Saturday 24th	11.30 pm	Watchnight Service
	Sunday 25th	10.30 am	Christmas Day Service in
January 2023	Sunday	10.30 am	Morning Service
	Sunday 8th	10.30 am	Morning Service
	Monday 9th	2.00 pm	Guild Lunch at River Inn
	Thursday 12th	2.00 pm	Book Club
	Sunday 15th	10.30 am	Morning Service
	Sunday 22nd	10.30 am	Morning Service
	Monday 23rd	2.00 pm	Guild Meeting
	Friday 27th	12.00 Noon	Terrace Lunch
	Sunday 29th	10.30 am	All Age Service
February	Sunday 5th	10.30 am	Sacrament of Holy
	Sunday 5th	7.00 pm	Joint Communion with
	Sunday 12th	10.30 am	Morning Service
	Monday 13th	2.00 pm	Guild Meeting

## BOOK CLUB

The Inaugural Meeting of the Book Club will be held in the Millennium Room on Thursday 12th January at 2.00 pm. All welcome.

## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



Don't miss our Christingle Service at 4 pm on Saturday 24th December. A wonderful way for the whole family to start their Christmas Celebrations.

## LETTER OF THANKS

## THE TERRACE



Friday 27th January 2023

### LUNCH

Homemade Soups, Sandwiches,  
Tea/Coffee, Biscuits  
Entry £5

Come along and enjoy good food and good company

**St. Machar's Ranfurly Church Hall**



The Editorial Team would like to thank all our contributors who have supported us throughout the year.

**Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to All our Readers.**

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November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Mr. Francis Hancock  
Treasurer  
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Dear Francis,

Please convey my personal thanks and that of the Glasgow & Renfrewshire Branch of SSFA - the Armed Forces charity to your Members and Congregation for their generous donation of £225.00 collected at the Rattling Collection in the Church on Remembrance Sunday - November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

As the country's leading Armed Forces Caseworking Charity SSFA assists some 50,000 serving personnel, veterans and their families every single year. Formerly known as the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen & Families Association, we have been looking after the Forces Family since 1885 and was the only national military charity supporting servicemen and their families when World War One broke out in 1914.

The qualifying criterion for assistance in time of need is usually to have received one day's pay in the Armed Forces (which includes National Service) or in the Merchant Navy. SSFA - the Armed Forces charity works closely with, and acknowledges the assistance given by, The ABF (The Soldiers Charity), The Royal Navy Benevolent Trust, the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, Merchant Navy Welfare Board, PoppyScotland and the many and various Army Regimental Charities as well as other Forces and Civilian Charities and Trusts.

If any member of St. Machar's Ranfurly know of any person who is serving, or has served, in the Forces or is an eligible member of their family and is in need they can be referred to us to be considered for assistance.

We would also be pleased to receive details of persons who might be interested in volunteering as Caseworkers and / or to help with Administration. Professional training is given and expenses paid.

If you require any further information I am available to talk about the charity and / or provide explanatory brochure(s). Information is also available on our website [www.ssafa.org.uk](http://www.ssafa.org.uk)

I confirm that I have received a donation from the Rattling Collection to the value of £225.00 and I attach our formal receipt.

Please thank your Congregation and Officials for their continued support - it will make a difference.

The Glasgow and Renfrewshire Branches have now merged and all our volunteers are working from home.

*Milly Pepper*  
Milly Pepper  
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## ROTAS

Date	Welcome		Sound and Vision	
Dec 11th	Agnes McKechan	Ann Hart	Katelyn Macfadyen	David Macdonald
18th	Philip McCulloch	Norma Hancock	Greg Millar	Katelyn Macfadyen
24th	Mary Taylor Jennie Durward	Dennis Taylor (4.00 pm) (11.30 pm)	Katelyn Macfadyen Harrison Butterworth	Lois Marshall Drew Richardson
Jan 1st	Elizabeth Lyle	Scott McLaughlin	Jonny Watson	Naomi Butterworth
8th	Sarah McNaught	Anne Allen	Katelyn Macfadyen	Greg Millar
15th	Margaret Richardson	Morven McLeod	Lois Marshall	Tabitha Marshall
22nd	Jennie Durward	Allan Durward	Harrison Butterworth	Drew Richardson
29th	Anne Yeaman	Ann Hart	Jonny Watson	Naomi Butterworth
Feb 5th	Bill Robb	Norma Hancock	Katelyn Macfadyen	Greg Millar
12th	Agnes McKechan	Philip McCulloch	Lois Marshall	Tabitha Marshall

### FLOWER ROTA

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Date	Donation	Delivery	Day	Time	Activity	
Dec 11th	Flower Fund		Monday	9.30 am	Pilates	Hall
18th	Flower Fund		Monday	7 pm	Pilates	Hall
24th	Flower Fund		Tuesday	7.30 pm	Guides	Hall
Jan 1st	Philip McCulloch		Wednesday	6 pm	Rainbows	Hall
8th	Mary Taylor	Mary Taylor	Wednesday	7.30 pm	Guides	Hall
15th	Margaret Connelly	Norma Hancock	Thursday	4 pm	Junior Choir	Church
22nd	Anne Allen	Anne Allen	Thursday	6.45 pm	Yoga	Hall
29th	Liz Curran	Liz Curran	Thursday	7.30 pm	Choir	Church
Feb 5th	Ann Hart	Ann Hart	Friday	7 pm	Boys Brigade	Hall
12th	Anne Yeaman	Anne Yeaman	Saturday	9.30 am	Dance West	Hall
			Sunday	7 pm	Young Farmers	Hall

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