

Kilsyth Anderson Parish Church



October/November 2014

From the Manse.....

I could have written this article earlier but it wasn't time – I needed to wait. The reason for the delay was that a big decision was about to be made, the outcome of which would affect everything else – so I waited. The decision was of course the outcome of the Scottish Referendum. The outcome was uncertain until all the votes were counted. We are now in the post-referendum phase and inevitably there are those who are happy with the result and those who unhappy, there are those who are elated and those who are devastated – it was always going to be that way whatever way the result went. It is good for us to acknowledge the spectrum of emotions which exist both in the church and in the wider community but then to also to hold aloft the invitation found in Jesus for a unique kind of unity and reconciliation.

On the Sunday following the referendum we gathered in the Anderson church around the Lord's Table for our time of communion. It was a special reminder to us of how much God loves each of us, how much he was willing to sacrifice for us and how through faith in him we are a people tasked with loving one another as well as this world in which we live. I pray that love, the special love shown by Jesus, will be our experience and our practice whatever joys or disappointments we know in life.

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”
Acts 4:12

The referendum choice and decision was undoubtedly a big one for individuals but bigger still, because it has eternal consequences, is the decision men and women have to make regarding Jesus. The bible is clear that there is only one way to know God, one way to experience salvation and one way to heaven and that is

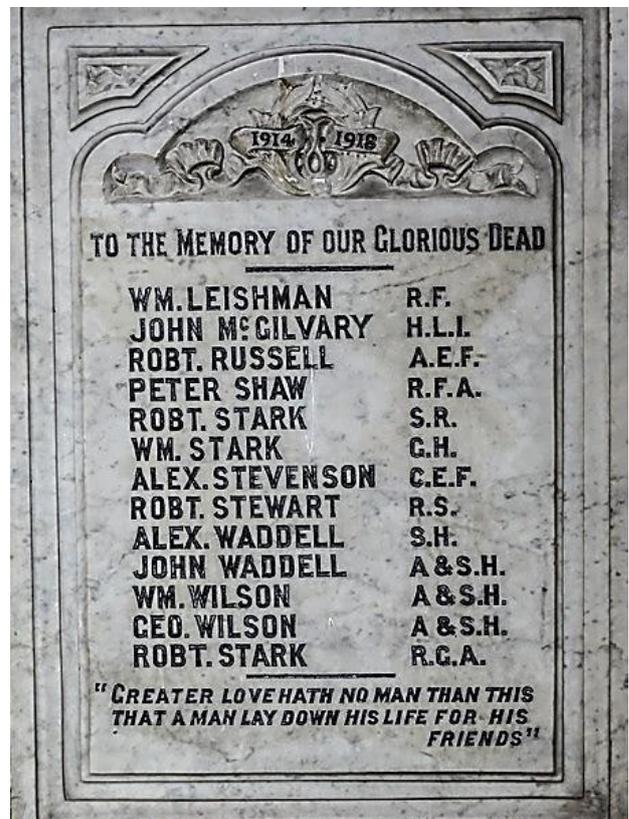
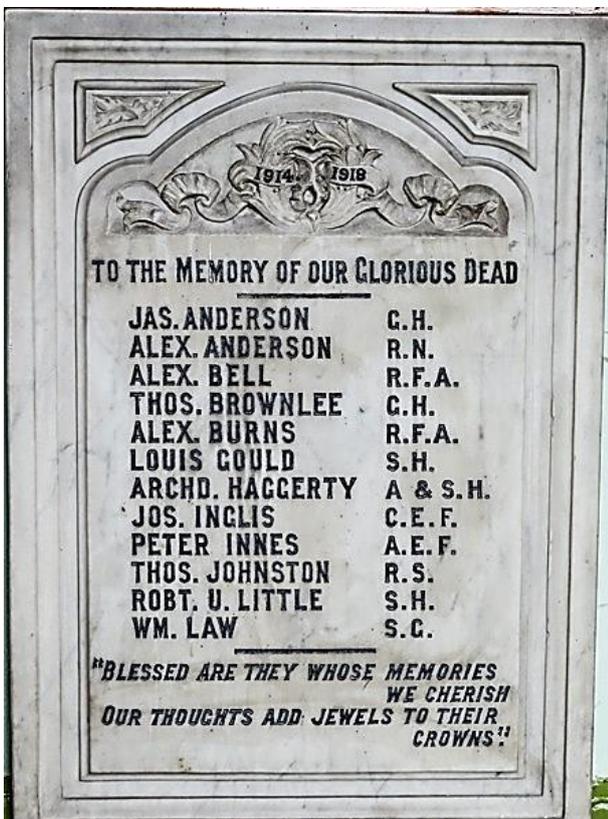
through personal faith in Jesus Christ.

One of the big talking points arising from the referendum is the large number of people that participated in the vote. People, young and old understood the gravity of the decision. That reality was brought home to them by the energy, enthusiasm and dedication of those who campaigned for their respective positions. The political activists did a great work in encouraging people to engage and participate in the democratic process. Churches need to learn a lesson here and that is if we really do believe that making a decision for Jesus has far reaching consequences for individuals then why do we not campaign more vigorously to help them make the right choice? Left to themselves men and women will not simply figure it out – the Gospel message needs messengers!

I rejoice knowing that there are many who activists for Jesus in our congregation are and I invite those not already involved to do so – your efforts really matter. If you would like to volunteer your time, your gifts and your energy then do speak to the minister or one of the church elders, we would love to have you help.

Remembrance – 100 years after the beginning of World War 1

I have invited our youth organisations to find out about the people whose names are inscribed on our war memorial in the church vestibule having paid the ultimate sacrifice in World War 1. Can you help? If you have information, photographs or might even be a relation it would be great to know. You can drop us a note at the Anderson Church, 1 Kingston Road, Kilsyth, G65 0HR or use our special contact page on the church website <http://www.kilsythandersonchurch.org/welcome/>
Many thanks for your help.



Contact for urgent Pastoral Care

Minister: Rev. Allan Vint

Session Clerk: Mrs Elizabeth Strang

I usually do a Story behind the Hymn but thought with Remembrance falling within this magazine; I would do the story behind the famous poem:

In Flanders Fields

By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD (1872-1918)
Canadian Army



In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



McCrae's "In Flanders Fields" remains to this day one of the most memorable war poems ever written. It is a lasting legacy of the terrible battle in the Ypres salient in the spring of 1915. Here is the story of the making of that poem:

Although he had been a doctor for years and had served in the South African War, it was impossible to get used to the suffering, the screams, and the blood here, and Major John McCrae had seen and heard enough in his dressing station to last him a lifetime.

As a surgeon attached to the 1st Field Artillery Brigade, Major McCrae, who had joined the McGill faculty in 1900 after graduating from the University of Toronto, had spent seventeen days treating injured men -- Canadians, British, Indians, French, and Germans -- in the Ypres salient. It had been an ordeal that he had hardly thought possible. McCrae later



wrote of it: "I wish I could embody on paper some of the varied sensations of that seventeen days... Seventeen days of Hades! At the end of the first day if anyone had told us we had to spend seventeen days there, we would have folded our hands and said it could not have been done."

One death particularly affected McCrae. A young friend and former student, Lieut. Alexis Helmer of Ottawa, had been killed by a shell burst on 2 May 1915. Lieutenant Helmer was buried later that day in the little cemetery outside McCrae's dressing station, and McCrae had performed the funeral ceremony in the absence of the chaplain.

The next day, sitting on the back of an ambulance parked near the dressing station beside the Canal de l'Yser, just a few hundred yards north of Ypres, McCrae vented his anguish by composing a poem. The major was no stranger to writing, having authored several medical texts besides dabbling in poetry.

In the nearby cemetery, McCrae could see the wild poppies that sprang up in the ditches in that part of Europe, and he spent twenty minutes of precious rest time scribbling fifteen lines of verse in a notebook.

A young soldier watched him write it. Cyril Allinson, a twenty-two year old sergeant-major, was delivering mail that day when he spotted McCrae. The major looked up as Allinson approached, then went on writing while the sergeant-major stood there quietly. "His face was very tired but calm as we wrote," Allinson recalled. "He looked around from time to time, his eyes straying to Helmer's grave."

When McCrae finished five minutes later, he took his mail from Allinson and, without saying a word, handed his pad to the young NCO. Allinson was moved by what he read:

"The poem was exactly an exact description of the scene in front of us both. He used the word blow in that line because the poppies actually were being blown that morning by a gentle east wind. It never occurred to me at that time that it would ever be published. It seemed to me just an exact description of the scene."

In fact, it was very nearly not published. Dissatisfied with it, McCrae tossed the poem away, but a fellow officer retrieved it and sent it to newspapers in England. The Spectator, in London, rejected it, but Punch published it on 8 December 1915.

On January 28, 1918, while still commanding No. 3 Canadian General Hospital (McGill) at Boulogne, McCrae died of pneumonia with "extensive pneumococcus meningitis". He was buried the following day in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission section of Wimereux Cemetery, just a couple of kilometers up the coast from Boulogne, with full military honours.



International Conference of Girls' Brigade Jacqueline Brown



July 2014 will be etched in my mind forever. I was privileged to be one of 7 leaders to represent

Girls' Brigade Scotland at the International Conference of Girls' Brigade (ICGB) in Perth Australia. This conference only takes place every 4 years.

I was apprehensive about going as I was unsure of what I was involving myself in but for me it was one of the greatest experiences in my life and one I will never forget.

One of my highlights was our group photograph. I was photographed with all our sisters from Girls' Brigade companies all over the world. It makes me proud to be a Girls' Brigade leader and to know that I am never alone as there are sisters all over the world whom I now know and God is right beside me too.

At the conference we laughed, cried tears of joy and supported each other. The bond we have, is through our Lord and he gives each one of us strength each day.

We listened to the confident individuals from all over Girls' Brigade give their testimonies, heard about the amazing work that was going on with Girls' Brigade around the world and talked lots with leaders from all over the world. We had guest speakers from history makers and various churches all over Australia.

Throughout the week at ICGB I looked at my own faith. I prayed to God to give me guidance and strength to take on new adventures and challenges. Since being at the conference I am now holding the Cumbernauld and Kilsyth division meetings, representing our division at the officers meetings and at the Executive Meetings in the Glasgow Division. I know God will guide and support me and I am now more confident in my faith and knowledge of Girls' Brigade having been at the conference.

What I have taken from the conference is faith is first and through following God we are not alone and we have to trust and walk with him. There will be conflict and strife as we move forward in life and in our faith but we must continue to follow the Lord's path and believe in him.

It was heart-breaking to learn some of the girls abducted in Nigeria are members of the Girls'. What helps us all is our faith in God. It is over 180 days since our girls were captured and every day I pray for their release.

Having been at the conference I am so happy that I have made so many wonderful friends, learned so much from our sisters and this contact will continue through email and Facebook.

ICGB has for me

- ❖ been one of the greatest experiences of my life
- ❖ challenging in a personal way
- ❖ strengthened my faith
- ❖ allowed me to make friends around the world
- ❖ given my opportunities I could never have dreamed of
- ❖ a passion to take on more roles within my local Girls' Brigade section, in the district and nationally

ICGB transformed my life and gave me a new lease of life. For me I will be eternally grateful.

Calling all Teddy Bears!



The Explorers are having a Teddy Bears Picnic on Tuesday 7th October from 6pm to 7pm. The invitation is for all Teddy Bears in the church to come along and support them.

You can bring your human person too. There will be cakes and tea, coffee, juice & cakes provided.

Donations of home baking would be gratefully appreciated.

The Guild

The Guild's opening social is on Monday, 6th October at 7.30pm in the Burns and Old Parish Church.

The Rev. Stuart Steell is the speaker for the night
A warm welcome is extended to all.



COMMONWEALTH GAMES.

This year, one of our young leaders, Debbie Marshall volunteered at Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Here is Debbie's account of her time there:

"This summer I was given 'the opportunity of a lifetime' to volunteer at the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games. I was one of the lucky 15,000 people to be chosen from a total of 50,000 applications and the process seemed like it took forever!

It didn't feel real until the day I went to pick up my uniform. Wearing it made me feel important and with the Scotland flag on my back, made me feel proud to be supporting my home country.

On my first shift at the Commonwealth village, the Sports Information Dream Team was formed. We worked together to make sure that everything ran as smoothly as possible and make the athletes stay in the village as stress free as possible, but we also had to make sure that we had 'time off too', so we went for a night out for the Opening Ceremony. After the Opening Ceremony, we suddenly all became much busier, not only with our normal duties but with competition results and ensuring that the athletes made it to their venue in time for their event. Although our dream team were assisting with all the different sports, we never hesitated to help each other out. It was amazing to see the buzz, not only in the athletes' village and at Scotstoun, where I assisted at the squash but also in the city centre of Glasgow. The atmosphere was extraordinary with so many people supporting Scotland! Many foreign visitors came to Scotland to not just support their countries, but to take in the culture of Glasgow and Scotland too. When the Games were coming to a close and the volunteers were coming to an end of their shift, it made me realise I didn't want this experience to end, I could have happily stayed in my Commonwealth Games bubble! I miss the friendship I not only made with the dream team but with the athletes who we spoke to, who became our friends by the end of the Games. This was an experience I will never forget.

I hope to volunteer for the Commonwealth Games 2018. Look out Gold Coast, here I come!"



FLOWER LIST

October 5th	Mrs Marion Cowie:	Laightoun Drive, Condorrat
October 12th	Mrs Jean Robertson:	Montrose Gardens
October 19th	Mrs Margaret Kennedy:	Arnbrae Road
October 26th	Mrs Aileen Mitchell:	Backbrae Street
November 2nd	Mrs Liz Meechan:	Shuttle Street
November 9th	Mrs Judy Abercrombie:	Stirling Road
November 16th	Mrs Elsie Short:	Monieburgh Road
November 23rd	Mrs Ray Goodwin:	South Dumbreck Road
November 30th	COMMUNION	
	Mrs Berta Kennedy:	Blenheim Court

WITH THANKS

We send our heartfelt thanks to all our Church family in Anderson for their care and love and prayers especially during the last year.

Thanks also to all those who shared birthday wishes with us at BB and Midweek Fellowship evenings. We appreciated very much all your kindness to us and to all those who sent cards, Thanks

Bill & Liz Moore

I would like to thank everyone for the good wishes, cards & flowers I received on my 95th Birthday
God bless!



Margaret McDonald, Montrose Gardens

Thank you for Church flowers I received recently, It is great to know I am in your thoughts & prayers and thank you to Molly for delivering them

Lillian Thomson

Church Diary

Sunday: Morning worship	11.00am
Evening worship (fellowship after service in main hall)	6.30pm
Time for prayer Wyper Hall	6.00pm
Monday: Ladies Bowling	10.30am
The Guild	7.30pm
Tuesday: <u>Girls Brigade:</u>	
Explorers (P1-P3)	6.00pm
Juniors & Brigaders (P4 +)	7.00pm
Wednesday: Praise Group	7.30pm
<u>Boys Brigade:</u>	
Anchor Boys (P1 -P3)	5.45pm
Junior Section (P4 -P6)	6.30pm
Company Section (P7 +Secondary)	7.30pm
Thursday: Mid-week Fellowship Wyper Hall	7.00pm
Friday: 'Drop in Café Wyper Hall	10.00am - noon



Dates for your Diary



3 rd October	K.D.C.C.T. Fellowship Meal	6.30pm
	St Patricks Hall	
5 th October	Youth Parade & Dedication Service	
6 th October	Guild	7.30pm
	Burns & Old Parish Church	
12 th October	Morning Service: Rev Martin Allen	
	Evening Service: Rev Alex Fleming	
14 th October	Work Party	7.30pm
21 st October	Board of Managers	7.30pm
26 th October	Ordination Of New Elders	
1 st November	GB Coffee Morning	10.00am - noon
2 nd November	Service: Craig-en-Goyne	3.15pm
4 th November	Kirk Session	7.30pm
9 th November	Remembrance Sunday	
	(Main Parade will come to Anderson)	
30 th November	Communion	11.00am & 6.00pm
7 th December	Youth Parade & Gift Service	

Birthdays

Mrs Edith Martin, Craig-en-Goyne celebrates her

101st Birthday on 2nd October

Mrs Babs Burns, Kingston Road celebrates her

86th Birthday on 25th November

Mrs Helen Wison, John Jarvie Square celebrates her

94th Birthday on 30th November

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Deaths

10th Sept. Mrs Tracy Bell,

Archways, Kilsyth

23rd Sept. Mr Ronald Allison,

Craigends Court, Kilsyth

Miss me but let me go, for this is a journey

We all must take and each must go alone

It's all part of the Master's plan

A step on the road to home

In the Lord's Prayer, however, when Jesus calls on us to pray for the coming of the Kingdom he is speaking of it as something that is to come. "Thy Kingdom come!" That is the hope of a future day when the acknowledged power of evil in the world will be confronted and finally defeated and God will take control of his creation. That will complete the work of our salvation for at that point the redeemed will be rewarded and enter their inheritance.

The Lord's Prayer then goes on to speak of the will of God being done on earth as it is in Heaven and that can only come at the end of time when the final act is complete. The prayer also acknowledges that this is already the situation in heaven where the rule of God is unchallenged. Thus harmony will be established between Heaven and this renewed earth. It isn't hard to see that this final outcome is what every Christian longs for, prays for and works for and which we are assured will be so in the "there and then" of that great day.

This is a wonderful concept and we should all pray and pray constantly for the fulfilment of this petition as we yearn for the coming of the Kingdom

Church Flowers

Thank you to all who have gifted flowers during the year and thank you to the talented ladies who arrange them so beautifully to adorn our church for the Sunday Services.



These floral gifts are very much appreciated by those members of our church family who are unable to join us in fellowship.



*Should you wish to donate flowers for a Sunday in 2014 please add your name to the list which will be available on the Vestibule Table from Sunday 16th November
Thank - you*

Girls Brigade

The session starts early for the Officers and helpers with a specialised training in Renfield, St Stephens Church Centre on the 30th August. This was an enjoyable and informative day which all who attended thoroughly enjoyed. The session for the girls started on Tuesday 9th September where we welcomed girls old and new. Our numbers have increased due to a recruitment drive we did in the weeks leading up to our re-commencement. More girls are still welcome to join our happy gang! We have a new Brigaders book with lots of fresh and up to date ideas for the older girls. Explorers and Juniors are just as busy with their programmes. We have spoken to the girls and if we get sufficient number we are hoping to take them to camp later on in the year.



There are a couple of fundraisers organised during the year and hope to keep the girls busy with them and their badge work.

Boys Brigade October/ November

The new session has started well with 28 Anchor Boys, 20 Junior Section and 30 Company and Senior Section Boys. We give a warm welcome to our new members and hope that they will enjoy their time in the Boys' Brigade. Many of the Boys attended the first parade in September and we thank them for their presence.

All three sections have enjoyed some outdoor badge work activities before the nights get too dark, but now it will be onto indoor badge work. Some Boys have completed their Duke of Edinburgh's bronze awards, and the others are working hard to complete.

The BB nationally has issued a challenge for companies to walk/cycle/swim



collectively 100km which is the length and breadth of Scotland. We have started to do our share - Company Section/Seniors walked around 1km when doing a community challenge

Some Boys cycled 5km as they set off to do some furniture removal

Blair ran 10km in aid of Strathcarron Hospice

Anchor Boys had a 5km walk to Colzium and back with a playtime on the swings in the middle - making so far a total of 21km. Well done to those who participated.

Thank you to all who attended our Malawi night and gave us donations towards our next project - the renovation of the Church which doubles as 2 classrooms. We raised almost £800 before claiming Gift Aid. On top of that, some people ordered our calendars which will, again, bring in quite a bit of money. A great big thank you to everyone who supports us so well.

I spent 2 busy weeks, assisted by some Boys and parents, delivering Ikea catalogues - £350 (before gift aid) going into the Malawi fund. The referendum also provided an income - it was a LONG day, but the fund benefits to the tune of £200 (before gift aid!). I'm always looking for ways to earn the money rather than keep asking the same group of people for money!

Another way in which people can help - and it doesn't cost any money - is to donate any old cable to us. So far we have had more than £40 from this venture. If you buy any new electrical appliances, please cut off the cable from the old one and pass it on to us. Also please spread the word - all proceeds go to the project, and it is amazing how quickly the fund is growing.

Girls' Brigade Fundraising Charities

This year the Explorers will be collecting tins and food items for the local food bank in Kilsyth. The Junior and Brigader sections of the Girls' Brigade will be fundraising for the Glasgow City Mission. The girls will be holding various events throughout the session to raise money for the men and women who use this valuable service in Glasgow.



The girls would appreciate if you could support them in their various fundraising activities including a coffee morning to be held on Saturday 1st November.

Jacqueline Brown, one of our lieutenants volunteers at the Glasgow City Mission on Thursday nights. With the Brigaders, she is collecting plastic bags. These are used by men

and women on week nights to take home food they have received at the mission. If you have any used plastic bags please can you put them in the box in either the vestibule or the church hall and Jacqueline will take them on a Thursday night.



A message to all the knitters in our church

When I was at International Conference Girls' Brigade (ICGB) in July, there were lots of leaders from around the world knitting during the conference. Vena Lung from Thailand spoke about the 'Blanket for Love. Vena has asked anyone who can knit to get involved. They are looking for over 2000 hats for the needy in the mountains of Thailand. The hats are for children and adults. Along with my friend Anne who runs 1st Harthill Girls' Brigade we are hoping to send some hats over to Vena by the end of October/first week in November. If you are able to knit one hat or more we would be eternally grateful.



If you would like a pattern please see Catherine Kerr, Helen Shaw, Jacqueline Brown, Margaret Brown, Mary Abercrombie or Anne McLean. There will also be patterns available at the Drop In on a Friday morning.

Thank you in advance

Jacqueline x

The actual date for the Christmas Fayre

is still to be arranged



Fit For A King Holiday Club 2014

For a week in August we celebrated with 70 youngsters as they joined in our 5th Holiday club. Many of the leaders who have now been involved in all 5 clubs voted this the best year ever. The team was drawn from Anderson Church, KCC, Burns and Old, Kirkintilloch Baptist, Chryston Parish, as well as our own young people who served as Trainee leaders and were a huge help. We worked really well together and were well fed by a dedicated group of lunch providers.

The programme was varied and engaged the interest of the youngsters. A regular 62 turned up each day and 28 returned in the afternoons to enjoy more games together. The storyline was, why Jesus



is a very different kind of King, a caring, humble, miracle working friend and through DVDs and storytelling, crafts and group times and a drama, the story was retold.

For 3 evenings a small group of teenagers met and chatted together about the gospel. The Thursday evening family night was a great success. The hall was filled with children and their families and we had great fun, building models, answering quizzes and singing the catchy songs we had learned.

On the final Sunday we were delighted when around 30 children and their families came along to the final celebratory service.

We were so grateful to Phil Wray from Scripture Union Scotland for leading the mission this year. As we look to 2015 we need to find leadership and vision to develop this exciting work.

On the 4th of August a service was held in Glasgow Cathedral to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the outbreak of World War One.

CENTENARY PRAYER

In August's edition of Life and Work they featured a prayer which was included in that service. I thought it would share it with those who haven't access to Life and Work".

Between 1914 and 1918, the First World War claimed the lives of around 145,000 Scots, leaving many more thousands injured or disabled.

Almighty God, through your love the universe and this world were formed and sun and stars set in their courses.
In love your Son claimed us as your children;
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
the future you have planned for us is revealed and assured.

We know your purpose is that all should live as brothers and sisters. On this day we declare our sadness that the history of our world is so marred by failure to live in peace, that injustice, tyranny and oppression are ever rife. Remind us that still your call is given to us to show courage when danger threatens, fortitude in the face of loss and pain, hope when tempted to despair and perseverance in defence of right values.

We give thanks for those who have set us an example in their standing fast for the ways of truth and justice, and who held nothing back as they strove to uphold freedom and secure our peace.

Forgive us our failure to be all that we should be. Instead refashion us into loyal servants of your cause, that your kingdom of peace may indeed be established through all the world to the glory of your name.



Jonah Word Search

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WARM
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Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Psalm 23 Anagram

Word List:

anoint, banquet, forever, goodness, guide, house, overflows, protect, psalm, shepherd



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WEBSITE

www.kilsythandersonchurch.org

If you wish to listen to the morning service again, it can be found on the church website

CD MINISTRY

A copy of the morning service can be provided.

Please speak to your Pastoral Care visitor who can arrange for a copy

Items of news, special occasions, etc. for the next Newsletter should be given to Helen Shaw by Sunday 23rd November 2014

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