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Letter from the Manse....

We live today in dangerous and anxious times. Terrorist attacks in Paris, Beirut, Egypt, Mali, Iraq, Pakistan...and many other places have cast a shadow over us all. These are dark and difficult days especially for those who have been personally affected.

One of the immediate and heartfelt responses following the shooting in Paris was a social media call to prayer. The hashtag #prayforparis was sent from person to person the world over – an indication of genuine love and a deep longing for help in the midst of this distress.



Men and women often have turned to prayer in their times of deepest need to seek after the mercy and grace of God. As Christian believers we know that through Jesus God listens to the prayers of his children and He can be known and experienced as our refuge and our strength. Jesus, of course, encouraged his followers to pray – the words which he taught many of us came to know as children. The Lord's Prayer is precious and it is powerful.

The Church of England put together a one minute video presentation of the Lord's prayer to be shown in cinemas in the week leading up to Christmas. The idea of the video was a simple one, many different people being shown praying the words Jesus taught. See the video online at <https://youtu.be/vlUXh4mx4gI>



However, the cinemas decided that the film was unsuitable since it might cause offence to some people. The mind boggles given that cinemas are happy to show adverts for alcohol, gambling, violent computer games and much more.

Yes there is much darkness in the world today and so there is no better time to pray. This advent let's remember again how, in Jesus, light, life and hope came to the aid of the world. In those dark days thank God for what Christmas means.

John 1 reminds us *"⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."*



I pray that you all have a peaceful and Happy Christmas

Allan Vint

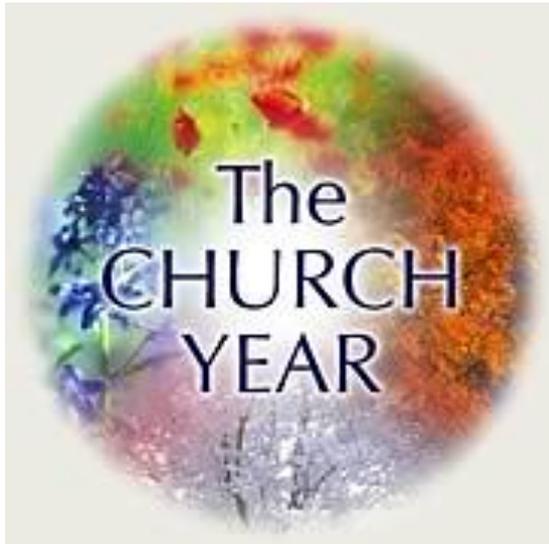


Please note: The Drop-in closes on the Friday 18th December and re-open on Friday 5th February.

The ladies wish you a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

The Christian Year

The life and worship of the Church centres round the great events of Jesus's life and the most significant experience of God's intervention in the life of the infant Church. That means Christmas, when Christ was born, then Easter when Christ died and rose again and finally the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost which guaranteed God's continuing presence and power in the life of the Church. Each year we repeat that pattern of celebration and remembering.



The year begins with Advent, the weeks of preparation for Christmas when we look at God's promises in the Old Testament speaking of the coming of one to be our Saviour and Messiah. This was fulfilled by the birth of Christ at Christmas. Following on from this we can spend the next weeks thinking about the life and ministry of Jesus leading up to Easter, including the period called Lent in which we are led through the journey of Jesus to Jerusalem. The death and rising are remembered and celebrated over Easter. With the resurrection we begin to think of the results of this on the

Church, the people of God and this takes us into the study of the early days of the Church in the New Testament. We can also think then about the leading of God in this life of the Israelite community as the Old Testament tells it. Finally we get back to the Advent again and the whole circle repeats. We don't follow this slavishly but it is a handy way of covering the essential truths of Christ's Gospel

Here are some memory verses for the coming months that follow this pattern.

DECEMBER: ISAIAH CH.7 vs14

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The Virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and will call him Emmanuel."

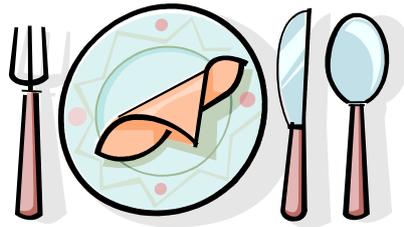
JANUARY: MATTHEW CH.2 vs2

"Where is the one who has been born the King of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him"

FEBRUARY: ACTS CH.2 vs22

"Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know"

Over 70's Dinner



Our over 70's dinner will hopefully take place in early 2016.(Date to be confirmed)
Please make sure you contact Cathie McIlwain if you have recently reached that magic number so that she can send out an invitation



Can You Help!

Church Cleaning

Everyone agrees that our beautiful Church is being well cared for. All credit for this is due to our happy band of volunteer cleaners,- men as well as ladies – who work well together for just over an hour , **once every 5 weeks.**

We have 5 teams of eight: 3 teams on Thursday morning/2 teams on Saturday mornings.

Perhaps you have been thinking about joining us?

While we feel we are doing something worthwhile, we all enjoy each other's company and the time just flies!

Some of our original team are no longer able to come and it would be much appreciated if we could have some more volunteers to fill the vacancies.

Margaret Waddell looks forward to hearing from you

Kilsyth Community Food Bank

Please continue to support our local food bank as they continue to help the local community during the Festive period. Remember there are boxes placed in the vestibule on a Sunday and at the Drop- in on a Friday. Please contribute to this appeal and remember they still need everyday items too.

Christmas Hamper Appeal
Monday 16th November - Friday 18th December
Donations can be made at KCC Kids Club or at the Lighthouse Charity Shop
Alternatively, you can contact us to arrange a collection

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| - Mince Pies | - Christmas Crackers |
| - Steak Pies | - Chocolates |
| - Tuna | - Short Bread |
| - Salmon | - Crackers/Cheese |
| - Tinned Ham | - Shloer/Fruit Juice |

Financial contributions also accepted, please contact us for details:
Tel: 01236 8289872 Mob: 07879 470134



The recent Scottish Bible Society collection in September totalled £2280.00.

£422.00 was raised from our Church.

Mr John Stark of the Kilsyth Action Group wrote thanking all those who participated

Church Box Money

The money recently collected from church boxes amounted to £1,223.05. This included £90.00 of Gift Aid money.

Thanks to all who contributed and those who uplifted the money and assisted in counting it.

Should you wish to have a box please contact Anne Lauder or Bill Smith
If you wish to sign up for Gift Aid please contact Ronnie Swan.

Bill Smith

Church Box Convenor



Retiring Offerings

With our congregations continued support recently we have been able to donate from our Harvest Thanksgiving

£200 to WaterAid

£200 to Rose of Sharon Ministry

From our Remembrance Sunday Service

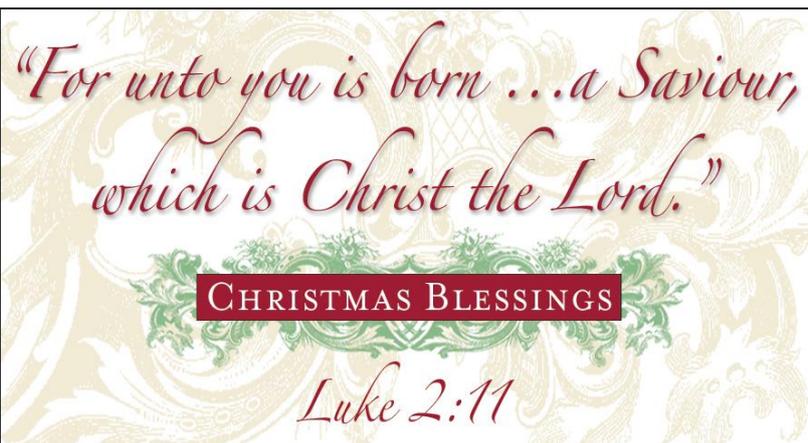
£80 to the Scottish Poppy Appeal

£80 to Erskine Hospital

Mc Millan Cancer Appeal



The Drop-in had a Big Coffee Morning in aid of McMillan, a fantastic £622.00 was raised. Thank you to Anne Strang for organising the event and to those who supported this worthwhile cause



Flower List

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| 6th Dec: | Mrs Jan Bateman | Tak-ma-doon Road |
| 13th Dec: | Mrs Nan Kinvig | Livingstone Park |
| 20th Dec: | Mrs Anne McLean | UP Road |
| 27th Dec: | Mrs Margaret Brown | Ebroch Drive |
| 3rd Jan: | Boys Brigade | |
| 10th Jan: | Mr Ronnie Swan | Coneypark |
| 17th Jan: | Unallocated | |
| 24th Jan: | Mr William Shaw | Arden Grove |
| 31st Jan: | Unallocated | |



If you wish to contribute flowers in 2016 there are still spaces on this List which can be found on the Vestibule Table or speak to Margaret Waddell. These floral gifts are very much appreciated by those members of our church family who are unable to join us in fellowship.

GIRLS BRIGADE



As we approach Christmas the girls and leaders in the Girls' Brigade would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a super New Year. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support and encouragement in everything we do.

The Explorers Coin Jar

The Explorers are continuing to collect coins for mosquito nets. We were heartbroken to learn that our sponsored child Fiona had sadly passed away with malaria.

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh

Well done to our Brigaders: Abigail, Abby, Eilidh, Holly, Katie M, Katie S, Karen, Karis, Kenzie, Leanne and Olivia who have completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. The girls completed their award with the Cumbernauld Open Group under the instruction of their trainers Ann and Dawn Morrow.



November Newsletter



We've had a busy start to the year. Our numbers have kept up - particularly in the Company section where we are around 40 Boys.

The Anchor Boys have worked for their badges and are now busy making Christmas door hangers and Christmas cards. We are currently looking at the story of Moses who is also being studied by the Junior Section. The Junior Section's badge work is also progressing. They painted lovely poppies for Remembrance Sunday.

Many thanks to all who attended the Remembrance Sunday parade - we couldn't have asked for better behaviour - you showed remarkable respect for those who died during wartimes.

On Friday 13th - maybe the date was significant - 14 Junior Section Boys, Aileen, John and I spent the night at the BB Giant Sleepover in Glasgow Science Centre. We had a great time - only problem is it should be re-named a Giant NO-SLEEPOVER! We had fun at a live science show, in the Planetarium watching the night skies and having shots on all the exhibits.

The Company Section has been a bit disrupted this part of the session. We have had badminton coaches coming in and taking the Boys for a 3 or 4 week block which has meant that space is limited for the rest of the Boys. We have been doing 'stand alone' sessions - outdoor cooking, an assault course and a week of challenge based on World War 1. The Boys had a number of challenges to solve (one was in a smoke filled room and they had to find a message which was taped underneath the table, therefore difficult to find!) which led them to a particular battle, the date of it, where it was fought and the Battalion which fought in it. We DO try to make our sessions FUN!!!

National Competitions are up and running. With success also comes failure! We had to withdraw from the table tennis as we could not get our team all together on a night when we could play and the badminton team was beaten by a better team! However.... the Masterteam won round 1 convincingly as did our chess team. Well done and good luck for round 2

Masterteam, which we are hosting on 12th December, to Blair Anderson, Lewis Cameron, Jack Rennie and the new Boy on the block - Fraser Anderson. We are now waiting to hear who the very young chess team - Lewis Moody, Joel Paget and Tom Moody - will play in Round 3 of that competition.

Next, of course, is our Christmas Card delivery service. We will again offer this service to Kilsyth and the four surrounding villages at the same price as it has been for at least 20 years - a BARGAIN AT 10P!!! Boxes will be available in Miller's and Rennie's from 4th December until 18th December. Boxes will also be in the Church on Sundays 6th and 13th December and in the hall weekdays. Our grateful thanks to all who have supported this venture over the years and we look forward to your support again.



Christmas Concert

Columban

Singers



Balmalloch Primary Choir

Kilsyth Anderson Church

Sunday 6th December 2015

7.00pm

(Church doors open 6.30pm)

Collection for Yorkhill Children's Charity

Diabetes Fund



A Winter Prayer

Oh Father,
The days are so cold and the wind bites so deeply
The nights are dark and no stars appear
How I long for the day and the sun
And the warmth of Summer once more
But everything is bleak and cheerless
My spirits are down and I am quelled
Oh to see once more just a single shaft of light
Piercing these shortest of days
But as I sit just trying to keep warm and awake
I am suddenly aware
That it was in the darkness that you came to us
It was then your word of hope was born
Father help me to cling to that truth through this gloom
That there was a stable and a dim light shining there
That there was a baby and this no ordinary birth
That here is the message that the world longs for
And the truth making real an ancient dream
Here is nothing less than the coming of your Son
And his light will shine on in the world forever
For despite its menace and in the face of its power
The light shines on into the darkness
and the darkness has never overcome it
Lord Jesus how wonderful that you appear at this bleak moment
When spirits are so low and faith is dim
How amazing that you conquer our deepest woes
On the brink of our defeat
And send them off into the distance of forgetfulness
So my heart is transformed, my being re-made, my fears
quenched
And my despair becomes hope and I am full of joy
O Lord thank you for showing us this miracle that has come to pass
AMEN

PRAYER DAY

Just after New Year last year we held a "Day of Prayer" between the morning and evening services. Frankly this was a bit of an experiment for we had no idea how it would go! Happily it went extremely well with over forty people attending for at least part of the time.

There was a very relaxed atmosphere with the people feeling free to come and go as the pattern of the day dictated, just as had been suggested. All the groups and organisations associated with our church were represented and prayed for. We also remembered groups in the community in which our church plays a part. We had a time-table indicating when particular organisations were being prayed for and a list of suggested topics to help people take part. It was stressed of course that it was not essential for everyone present to feel obliged to take part, for there is real value in silent prayer too and this is also encouraged. It was lovely to hear so many different people praying and to feel part of a real family in which everyone was involved and concerned.

Now we plan to repeat this in the New Year around the same time. The date for this year's event is **SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY**. We will follow a similar pattern. Fuller details will be published nearer the time. This is meant to give everyone preliminary warning for lots of people said how much they appreciated this opportunity for sharing and we are sure they will want to keep a space for it in their diaries. *We hope you will be one of those attending.*

The Story Behind The Hymn: Silent Night

Silent Night is a popular Christmas carol, composed in 1818 by Franz Xaver Gruber to lyrics by Joseph Mohr in the small town of Oberndorf bei Salzburg, Austria. The song has been recorded by a large number of singers from every music genre. The version sung by Bing Crosby is the third best-selling single of all-time. The song was first performed on Christmas Eve 1818 at St Nicholas parish church in Oberndorf, a village in the Austrian Empire on the Salzach River in present-day Austria. A young priest, Father Joseph Mohr, had come to Oberndorf the year before. He had already written the lyrics of the song



"Stille Nacht" in 1816 at Mariapfarr, the hometown of his father in the Salzburg Lungau region, where Joseph had worked as a coadjutor. The melody was composed by Franz Xaver Gruber, schoolmaster and organist in the nearby village of Arnsdorf. Before Christmas Eve, Mohr brought the words to Gruber and asked him to compose a melody and guitar accompaniment for the church service. Both performed the carol during the mass on the night of December 24. The original manuscript has been lost. However a manuscript was discovered in 1995 in Mohr's handwriting and dated by researchers 1820. It shows that Mohr wrote the words in 1816 when he was assigned to a pilgrim church in Mariapfarr, Austria, and shows that the music was composed by Gruber in 1818. This is the earliest manuscript that exists and the only one in Mohr's handwriting.

In 1859, the Episcopal priest John Freeman Young, then serving at Trinity Church, New York City, published the English translation that is most frequently sung today. The version of the melody that is generally used today is a slow, meditative lullaby, differing slightly from Gruber's original, which was a sprightly, dance-like tune.

The carol has been translated into about 140 languages.

The song was sung simultaneously in English and German by troops during the Christmas truce of 1914 during World War I, as it was one carol that soldiers on both sides of the front line knew.



Our Family

Blessing

11th October: Summer Currie,
daughter of Paul & Elaine Currie

Deaths

October : Miss Helen Boyd, Craig-en-Goyne
29th October: Mr David Gourlay, Anderson Avenue
November: Mrs Bridget Thomson, Market Court
26th November: Mrs Chrissie Kidd, Craig-en-Goyne

Special Birthdays

Congratulations to Helen & Jean Barrie who will celebrate their 60th Birthdays
on the 1st December

Two of our Elders are celebrating special birthdays in January

Helen Shaw celebrates her 50th Birthday on the 27th

Dorothy Barrowman celebrates her 60th Birthday on the 29th

Happy Birthday to both of them



Apologies

In the last issue I mistakenly put Anne & Andrew as the newly married Mr &
Mrs Smith. Please accept my apologies and let me put the correct notice in for
you



Wedding

21st August: Miss Anne Millar & Mr Alan Smith

With Thanks

Thank you for the prayers, kind thoughts, flowers and gifts I received after my knee surgery. It was very much appreciated.

Abigail Shaw

Thank you to everyone who sponsored me in the half Marathon in October. I finished the run in 2 hours & 5 minutes and your generosity helped to raise £1360.00 towards the Boys Brigade project in Katete, Malawi. Thanks again

Blair Anderson

We would both like to thank you very much for the beautiful flowers and kind wishes we received last week. Thank you for remembering us.

Anne McLean & Mary Abercrombie

Thank you for the gift of flowers that were delivered to me.

Marion Whyte

Ladies & Gents, sorry to be so late but I would like to thank everyone for kind words, prayers and flowers after my accident. Thank you all again (p.s. I am on the mend!)

Margaret Bell

I would like to thank friends and the guild for cards and flowers which I received on my special birthday. Everyone kindness was much appreciated. I wish you all a Happy Christmas and good wishes for 2016.

Roberta Kennedy

Thank you to everyone who contributed ideas for a new name for this magazine, your ideas were very much appreciated.

Helen Shaw

I would like to thank everyone in the church. Allan for his visits, Molly for the flowers, all the cards and good wishes I received after my surgery. Your friendship and support were a great comfort to me

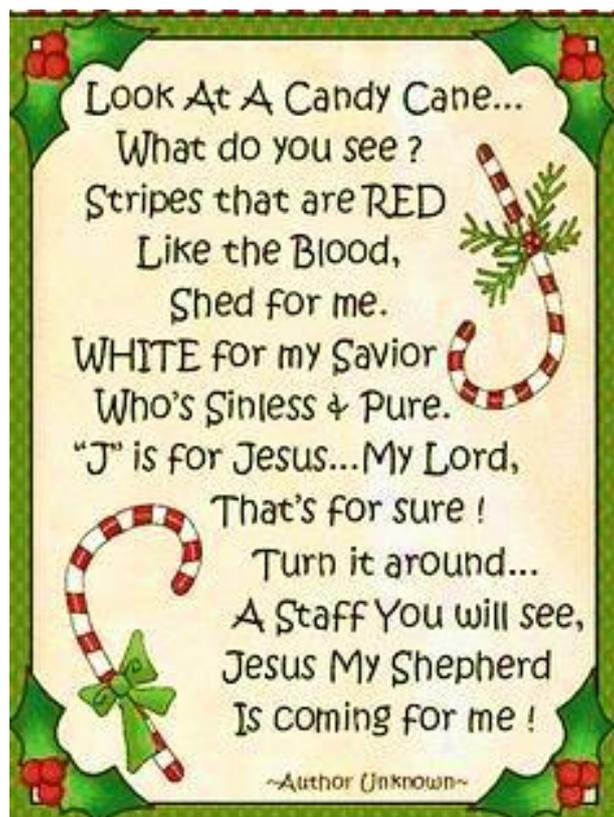
Annie McGinnes



LMN

LMN stands for Last Monday Nights and is the name for the group of teenagers who meet together each month. When Bible Class finished last summer, the Holiday Club helpers and the young folk going up to the Academy were invited to meet together once a month. There are currently 12 girls and boys who gather in High Barrwood Road at the home of the Allens. They spend some time playing games, learning about the bible, discussing topics and eating together. There is a lot of noise, fun and chat. We started off watching a golden oldie film, Run Baby Run, the story of the American gangster who became a Christian preacher.

In September Lee Moody, who led Holiday Club in the summer, came and spoke with the group. This past month we looked at what the Bible teaches about evil and made pumpkin lanterns decorated with Hearts, instead of scary faces and sent money to World Vision for Syrian children. This month we have a visit from Bare Feet, one of the leaders from Polar Explorers and we are going to make Christmas wreaths together. Over the Christmas holidays we are going to watch the film Soul Surfer together. Any youngsters at the Academy are welcome to join us and the group represent 3 churches in the town.





Church Diary

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

Dates for your Diary

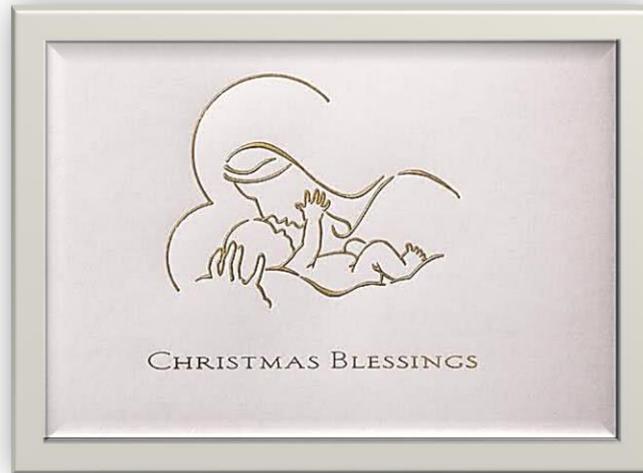
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| 6 th Dec: | Gift service | 11.00am |
| | Columban Singers Concert | 7.00pm |
| 13 th Dec: | Carol Praise & Invitation Sunday | |
| | 11.00am | |
| 20 th Dec: | Children's Nativity | 11.00am |
| | No Evening Service | |
| 22 nd Dec: | Balmalloch Primary School Service | |
| 24 th Dec: | Christmas Eve Service | 6.30pm |
| 27 th Dec: | No Evening Service | |
| 3 rd Jan: | No Evening Service | |
| 10 th Jan | Prayer Day | |
| 27 th Jan | Board of Managers | 7.30pm |

Contact for urgent Pastoral Care

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Session Clerk: Mrs Elizabeth Strang 01236824875





Places to find us

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www.facebook.com/kilsythanderson

Twitter@ Kilsyth Anderson

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 24th January 2016

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