

A stylized illustration of a nativity scene. At the top, a wooden stable structure is shown against a dark blue night sky with several small white stars and a large, bright yellow star with radiating lines. The title 'Blessings' is written in a large, elegant, blue serif font across the center of the stable's opening. Below the title, the text 'Kilsyth', 'Anderson News', 'December 16', and 'January 17' is written in a smaller, blue, cursive-style font. At the bottom of the stable, a baby Jesus lies in a manger, surrounded by straw, with a bright yellow halo and radiating lines behind his head. To the left of the manger, a white sheep stands looking towards the center. To the right, a brown cow sits looking towards the center.

Blessings

Kilsyth

Anderson News

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From the Manse....



Happy St. Andrew's Day! As I write this piece for the magazine I am reminded that on this date is the ancient ecclesiastical feast day of St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland. Our country has been associated with this disciple of Jesus for very many generations and in so doing it allows us to reflect on what it means to be truly Christian.

We know some important things about Andrew. First of all he was an ordinary man of his time, a fisherman along with his brother Peter. He was a man who knew what it was to work hard and in often difficult places to make his living. We know also that Andrew was a man who sought after truth - he listened carefully to the preaching of John the Baptist and was to discover that Jesus was to be the saviour of the world. Now one of the great qualities of Andrew is that he was willing to share the truth he learned with others. We know that it was Andrew who introduced his brother Peter to Jesus and that both became his followers. Andrew listened and heard the eternal truth Jesus taught and later when commissioned by Jesus to take out the message of Jesus' life, death and resurrection he did so willingly. His Christian faith however led to his arrest and execution – his death by means of crucifixion, though apparently at his own request, not a cross as his Lord Jesus but on a Latin cross, a saltire. The saltire, of course, now embedded as the symbol of Scottish identity in the national flag. I do pray that Scots, in greater number, might again recall and remember, like Andrew of old, the identity they can know in Christ. An identity to live, love and witness for His cause and His kingdom till He returns.

Christmas Fayre Past and Present

Did you know that 120 years ago Kilsyth Anderson Church fayre was held in Glassford Street, Glasgow and ran for 3 days!? The theme for that special event was an Indian Bazaar with a variety of stalls decorated with appropriate designs and colours. (You can read the full story of what took place together with the names of those involved at <http://www.kilsythandersonchurch.org/church-history/>)

This year the stalls were no less colourful and there were a great many willing helpers. Many thanks to all who continue to work so hard to provide finance for the upkeep of the church fabric.



Kilsyth Anderson Live Online

At Kilsyth Anderson church we share so many wonderful times together, times of celebration and worship, times when we learn from the scriptures and when we share in loving community with friends and with guests. Like Andrew and the Christians of a previous generation we desire to find ways of sharing the Good News of Jesus out beyond the walls of our buildings. One way of allowing others to join with us is to use the power of the internet and



Video image from recent infant baptism

live video so that men and woman can join with us at the touch of button. Over the past few months we have been testing out the technology and I'm glad to say that we are now ready to let others know how they, even at a distance from the church, can join with us.

To find us go to www.youtube.com and search for Kilsyth Anderson Church. If you visit during the service times you will have the opportunity to watch live, at all other times there are copies of previous services available.

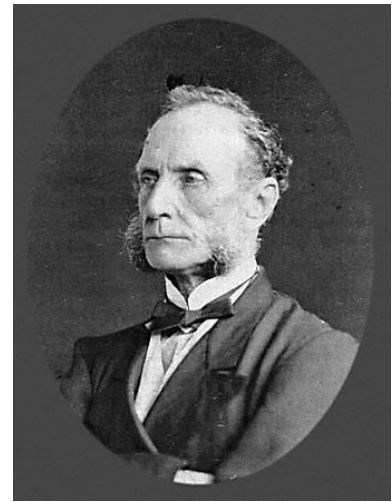
As we approach Christmas my prayer is that we will all come to know the gifts of hope, love and peace which Jesus brings to us.

Allan Vint

The Story Behind The Hymn O Come All Ye Faithful

John Francis Wade (1711 – 16 August 1786)

was an English hymnist who is sometimes credited with writing and composing the hymn "Adeste Fideles" (which was later translated to "O Come All Ye Faithful"), even though the actual authorship of the hymn remains uncertain. The earliest copies of the hymn all bear his signature. Born either in England or in Douai, Flanders, France, Wade fled to France after the Jacobite rising of 1745 was crushed. As a Catholic layman, he lived with exiled English Catholics in France, where he taught music and worked on church music for private use. As exiled Catholics returned to England, they took Wade's hymn with them. And in 1841, the words were translated into English. A copy of Wade's hymn was also sent to the Portuguese chapel in London, where the Duke of Leeds heard it and introduced it to a group of concert singers he conducted. From there it circled the globe, becoming one of our most well-loved Christmas hymns First written in Latin — the original version begins with the words, Adeste Fideles — an Anglican clergyman, Frederick Oakeley, translated it into English. Today it is one of the most popular Advent/Christmas hymns, and is sung by Christians around the world.



One of the reasons for its popularity is the joyful character of its words and music. "O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant," it says — and the music has a joyful, triumphant lilt to go with the joyful, triumphant words.

Christmas is a busy season, and we have a thousand things on our minds and a thousand things to do. But through it all, let us remember to come and adore the Christ who came into the world in this season to bring us light for our darkness — and joy — and life eternal.

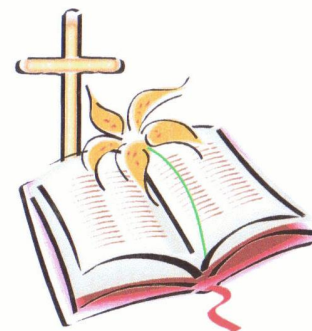
CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Many thanks to those who donated, set up, cleared away, helped at the fayre and thank you to all who supported us. We raised over £2700.00 for the fabric fund
Many Thanks Again



Another Look At The Psalms

It is well known that the Psalms touch every sort of emotion and condition of life. Sometimes the Psalmist is triumphant and joyful and sometimes he is in the depths of despair or wailing a lament. Always, always, though, wherever he begins from, he ends up by acknowledging God and singing His praise for he has been rescued. God hears his cry and answers his pleading. The note of praise is overwhelming in the Psalms. That is the reason that makes memorising these verses from the Psalms so worthwhile.



DECEMBER: PSALM 51 Vs 10

David had sinned big time by committing adultery and he knows he is guilty and far from God. He has to be humble himself and filled with a true repentance, he pleads with God, asking for forgiveness and restoration. Happily God hears.

“Create in me a pure heart, O God and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”

JANUARY: PSALM 92 Vs 1&2

This is described as a Psalm for the Sabbath Day. It is worshipful and full of praise. These are verses we should know and repeat as God brings us to each new day.

“It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.”

FEBRUARY Psalm 103 Vs 2-5

You will know metrical version of this Psalm, for it has for long time been sung at the thanksgiving conclusion to the Communion Service. It simply outlines the truth that God blesses us and gives us the gifts of his grace. While it was written in an Old Testament setting, it is even more true in the context of Christ’s sacrificial death that we celebrate as we share the bread and wine of the Sacrament.

“Praise the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits – who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”

THERE WAS A TIME

**“Once upon a time” we say in fairy tales,
picturing a world of giants and gnomes and fear,
of fantasy, unreal and dark as night
where dangers lurk, among the shadows glimpsed**

**But there is a world where we can use these words,
and they are coloured by the deepest truth
truth that lifts men to the greatest heights,
and brings the hope that leads to peace**

**There was a time when ancient prophets said,
that God would act to cure the wound of death
condemning us to everlasting loss
the heart of stone becoming a flesh at last**

**There was a time, when that time was now
and God, honouring his covenanted word
surprising the world, broke into history
and at a stroke the cosmic plan was fixed**

**Look not to the heavens, salvation lies elsewhere,
through the star that shines still points the way.
seek it not in the lofty palaces of power,
for human might is surely now eclipsed**

**There was a time when angels sang on high
but they the mighty truth only proclaimed ,
and pointed to the lowly manger bed
where God had chosen to confine his power**

**“There was a time”, the Gospel writer penned
when the eternal word in flesh appeared
an infant, vulnerable and frail
but God incarnate and our Lord is he.**

**Rejoice! Praise God! Proclaim this truth!
“There was a time”, when God among us dwelt
and by his coming brought new life to earth
Jesus Christ forever our sweet King!**

Church Box Money

The money recently collected from church boxes amounted to **£1,049.25** 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 Helen Shaw

Bill Smith

Church Box Convenor



Retiring Offerings

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

£335 to Compassion UK

From our Remembrance Sunday Service

£105 to the Scottish Poppy Appeal & £105 to Erskine Hospital

Annual Christmas Concert



Columban Singers



with

St Patricks

Primary School Choir

St Patricks Church, Kilsyth

Sunday 11th December 2016

7.00pm

(Church doors open 6.30pm)

(Collection for our chosen charity will be much appreciated)

An update from Blair Anderson.....

This is the letter he received from Mary's Meals Backpack Project thanking him for his donation. Blair would like to express his gratitude to everyone who donated to this appeal.



Dear Mr Anderson

Thank you so much for your generous donation of 103 backpacks, 7 bags of extras and 23 bags of clothing and supporting Mary's Meals. For many of the children, the backpack they will receive from supporters like yourself is the only gift they have ever been given. Children attending Yorodano Primary School in Malawi tell us how important the Backpack Project is to them:

"I am happy to have a book to help me learn." – *Innocent Charouza, age 8*

"This is my first school bag, I am happy" – *Tiwonde Taendo, age 6*

Many children receiving Mary's Meals don't have basic learning tools such as pencils and notebooks or even clothes to wear to school, so your support is helping these children to realise their full potential and go to school equipped with the necessary educational items.

With your help our school feeding programmes have continued to grow. We are currently feeding over **1,000,000** children all over the world for just **£12.20** a year.

Our vision is that every child in the world receives a meal a day in their place of education. Mary's Meals is a simple idea that works – by providing a daily meal in a place of education, chronically poor children are attracted to the classroom where they can gain a basic education that provides an escape route from poverty. Supporting Mary's Meals through the Backpack Project is a practical way to enable children to get the most out of their education.

Thank you again for your contribution towards our work.

Yours sincerely,

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow

Chief Executive, Mary's Meals

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

from all the hostess in the Drop In

We will be closed from Friday 23rd December

and will re-open Friday 3rd February



Our Family

Blessing

6th November: Cole Ryan Ingleston

Baptism

20th November: Casey John David Lowe

Funeral

13th September: Heather McFarlane

Anniversary



Congratulations to Bill & Catriona from Banknock celebrating their Ruby Anniversary in December.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Lewis Anderson on graduating with a B.Sc. Honours in Sport & Physical Activity from Strathclyde University.



In Memory



The church recently acquired a defibrillator which is located in the hallway outside the vestry. This was financed by the Drop In Café, The Guild, The Church Fayre Committee and all our organisations in Memory of

Mrs Mary Abercrombie

who gave a lifetime of faithful service to the Church.

Flower List

4th Dec	Mrs H Dodds	Balmalloch Road
11 th Dec	Mrs L Vint	Anderson Manse
18 th Dec	Mrs A McLean	U.P. Road
25 th Dec	Mrs M Brown	Ebroch Drive
1 st Jan	Boys Brigade	
8 th Jan	Mrs M Muirhead	Balcastle Farm
15 th Jan	Ronnie Swan	Strone Gardens
22 nd Jan	TBA	
29 th Jan	Mr W Shaw	Arden Grove

With Thanks

I would like to thank the Church for the lovely flowers which I received and Molly for delivering them

Anne McLean

I wish to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers I received recently.

Rita McKerron

My sincere thanks to the Church for the beautiful flowers and also to Molly for delivering them. I would also like to thank Rev Vint for his visit which was very much appreciated

Ethel Docherty

Grateful thanks for the beautiful Church flowers we received recently. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are very much appreciated

Charlie & Margaret Waddell

We would like to send our thanks to the Anderson Church family and all those who sent lovely cards, flowers and expressions of concern and especially those who prayed for us through the months of Ann's treatment. We feel very blessed to be surrounded by such kindness and are so grateful to God

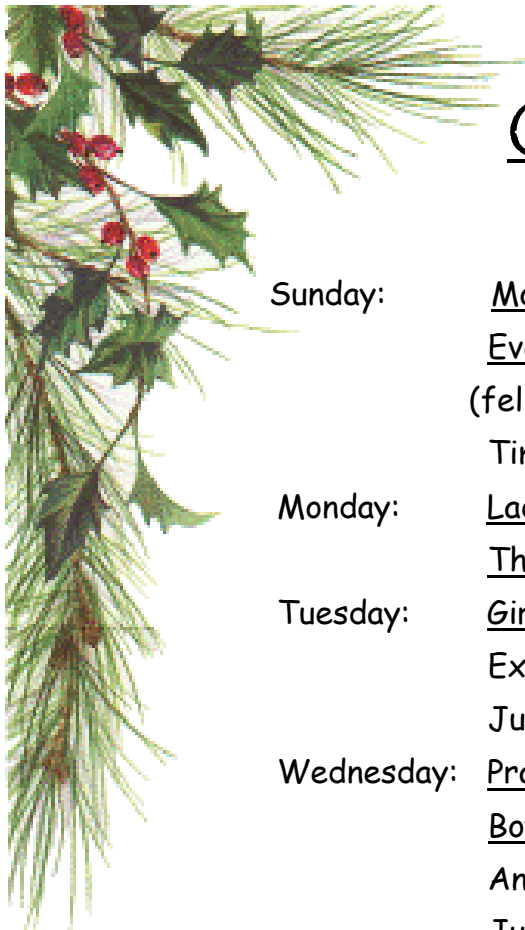
Ann & Martin Allen

We would like to thank everyone who sends cards and best wishes to George at Gartnavel hospital especially the Jam Club who all signed their card. I am grateful for all the support and prayers and the beautiful flowers from the church and also Anne and Martin Allen. George has enjoyed visits from Allan and Hamish our dog has enjoyed Alan Strang taking him for walks. We both thank you all for your care and offers of help at this time. Yours sincerely

George & Jane Barclay

I would like to thank the church for the flowers I received. Thank you so much for your kindness

Babs Taggart



Church Diary



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

DUTY ROTA		
DATE	DOOR DUTY	INTIMATIONS
4 TH DEC	MISS O BRITTIAN/MISS E GRAHAM/MRS P KERR	MRS A HARROWER
11 TH DEC	MRS H SHAW/MR W SHAW/MRS E GRANT	MRS M WADDELL
18 TH DEC	MRS N KINVIG/ MR T KINVIG/ MRS C BRYDEN	MR T KINVIG
25 TH DEC	MRS H SHAW/ MR W SHAW	MR J WEIR
1 ST JAN	MRS M BROWN/ MRS H PROVAN	MRS D BARROWMAN
8 TH JAN	NEW ROTA TO BE ISSUED	
15 TH JAN		
22 ND JAN		
29 TH JAN		

Dates for your Diary



Sunday 4 th December:	Gift service in aid of Glasgow City Mission	11.00am
Monday 5 th December:	Guild closing social with the Aria Singers	7.30pm
Sunday 11 th December:	Carol Praise Service No evening service Columban Singers Festive Concert In St Patrick's Church	11.00am 7.00pm
Saturday 17 th December:	Carol Singing in Kilsyth Main Street Joint venture with Anderson, Burns & Old, Banton & Twechar Churches	11.00am
Sunday 18 th December:	Jam Club Nativity No evening service	11.00am
Monday 19 th December	Carol Singing at Burngreen Bandstand with Croy Silver band (organised by Kilsyth Rotary)	7.30pm
Saturday 24 th December:	Christmas Eve Service	6.30pm
Sunday 25 th December:	Christmas Day Service No evening service	11.00am
Sunday 1 st January:	New Year Day Service No evening service	11.00am
Sunday 8 th January:	Rev. Martin Allen No evening service	11.00am
Sunday 15 th January	Mr Graeme Moore No evening service	11.00am
Sunday 22 nd January:	Exchange of Pulpits between local Church of Scotland Ministers	11.00am

Contact for urgent Pastoral Care

Minister: Rev. Allan Vint

Session Clerk: Mrs Elizabeth Strang





Many thanks to all who came along to our very first Messy Church event on Saturday the 5th of November. Since it was fireworks night the theme chosen was LIGHT and through it we were learning about Jesus as the LIGHT of the World – a bright LIGHT to help and to guide us and a special LIGHT who deals with the

darkness, bringing us peace and love.

Messy church is a family event and all the activities involve both the adults and the children together.

Together we made paper lanterns; we used glue and glitter, with chalk and crayons (yes it was a wee bit messy!) to make colourful pictures of fireworks exploding in the dark sky. We also sang some songs together including one which was new to us “I am a city on a hill” (check it out

at <https://youtu.be/Cg2We2iK7og>)



February – watch out for further details.

One of the key features of Messy church is sharing food together and we were very thankful to Helen for providing a tasty meal.

The general feeling from all concerned was that we should do more Messy Church events. In view of the positive feedback we plan to do the next Messy Church on a Saturday morning in

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

A poster for a Christmas Hamper Appeal. The background is a close-up of snow. The text is written in a mix of black and white fonts. The main title is 'Christmas Hamper Appeal' in a large, black, cursive font. Below it, the dates 'Friday 11th November - Friday 16th December' are written in a smaller, black, cursive font. The text continues with 'Donations can be made at KCC Kids Club or at the Lighthouse Charity Shop.' and 'Alternatively, you can contact us to arrange a collection'. A list of items to donate is provided in two columns: Mince Pies, Steak Pies, Tuna, Salmon, Tinned Ham, Christmas Crackers, Chocolates, Short Bread, Crackers/Cheese, and Shloer/Fruit Juice. At the bottom, it says 'Financial contributions also accepted, please contact us for details: Tel: 01236 8289872 Mob: 07879 470134'.

BOOKSTALL

As in the past years we have planned on two occasions to have a bookstall before Christmas. This was provided once again by the Faith Mission Bookshop in Glasgow, through the good offices of Jean Chalmers, from our church who works there.

The bookstalls were on Saturday, 26th November at our Christmas Fayre and again on Sunday, 4th December at our annual Gift Service. There was a great variety of cards, books and novelties to choose from. The two stalls were very well supported. Thank you for your support on these two occasions



Prayer Day

prayer

A few years ago we tried an experiment: this involved starting the second half of our Winter's work with a "Prayer Day". During a Sunday afternoon early in

January we took time to pray for each of our groups and organisations in turn, as well as for the work of the Session and individuals such as the Minister and the Organist who have specific jobs. We set down a timetable for the day and let all the organisations know when their particular group would be being prayed for. We also asked for suggested topics for prayer. Happily the response was very encouraging and the day was felt to have been so worthwhile that it become an important annual even.

This is just a preliminary notice to say that we intend to repeat the exercise early in January again, though the details are still to be worked out.

We are convinced that the prayer is at the heart of all our work, for we are totally dependent on God and rely on Him for any success. This is why we are doing this and we hope you agree and will plan to be there for even a small part of the time

Full details will be published in good time.



Holiday Club Reunion

On Saturday 19th November 47 excited youngsters gathered in the Hall for an event which was a follow up to the summer holiday club. From 4pm until 6.30pm they enjoyed games, a bible story, activities and made a Christmas charm bracelet as a craft. Even the boys enjoyed that!

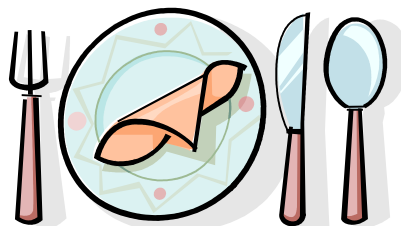
A noisy meal of chicken or fish fingers and chips, ice cream and jelly was served and the evening finished off with a messy challenge and the farewell song which is our signature tune.

The teenage trainee leaders were a huge help to the senior leaders, sharing in the setting up and clearing up and preparation for games and crafts.

Once again we had helpers from other congregations so these events are now owned by all the congregations in the town. Special thanks go to Graeme Moore for his commitment to leadership and Jayne Machray who works alongside him and to the leaders who worked so hard for the afternoon.

An event is planned for March, just before the Easter holidays, as we seek to build on the solid relationships formed with the young folk.

Over 70's Dinner



Our over 70's dinner will hopefully take place in early 2017. (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

GIRLS BRIGADE



Congratulations to Lynne Vint (our new captain), Margaret Brown and Jean Ewing who have been reinstated as Girls' Brigade lieutenants in our company having completed the new Girls' Brigade training course. They were commissioned along with Helen Shaw (our new lieutenant) on Sunday 4th December. Our Commissioner Brenda Diamond was present to oversee the commissioning of our lieutenants.

We have been busy in Girls' Brigade this session. Our Brigaders have been working with Lynne and Jack (our youth worker) on a short presentation for the Gift Service. Our Juniors have been busy creating Christmas crafts which we are currently selling for Girls' Brigade funds and for the Explorers literacy box for Zambia. Thank you to Mhairi McFarlane and Jean Ewing for their superb ideas and helping the girls to create different gifts to sell. Our Explorers have been busy looking at preparing for journeys as part of their badge work.

On Tuesday 13th December we will be having lots of fun at our Christmas parties. We return from our festive break on Tuesday 10th January, 2017

Thank you to everyone who supports and helps us throughout the year. We are very grateful.

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



BB NEWS November



This is the season for the start of National Competitions. Unfortunately, this year, we have been eliminated from all competitions at this early stage. However, we must say well done to the Boys who represented the Company and were good ambassadors, not only for the Company but for the whole BB movement. Lewis and Tom Moody, Joel Pagget and Cameron Napier played badminton against 1st Stewarton - an older and more experienced team. Thanks go to Douglas for taking them to Stewarton. We hosted the first round of the Masterteam quiz which was attended by 6 companies in total. Thanks to Fraser Anderson, Craig McFarlane, Robert Beveridge and Mark Donnelly for their preparation for the night. Only 2 more points would have seen them through to Round 2 - hard luck guys! Thanks, too, for helping to clear up after everyone had left, and to John, Aileen, Lynne and May for taking care of the buffet. Our young chess team - Joel Paget, Lewis Elliot and Daniel Morton met a much older team - 128 Glasgow (Clarkston) - and again were defeated. I must say that all teams were very sporting in defeat and wished their opponents well in the coming rounds. I think the Boys enjoyed the experience and meeting Boys from different companies.

We had a good attendance of Junior Section and Company Section at the Remembrance Sunday parade, but, yet again, the turnout from Anchor Boys was disappointing. However, the 6 Anchors who did attend were very well behaved and hopefully enjoyed their short time in the JAM club. Quite a number of our Company Section took part in the service in one way or another - we had a brand new colour party, all of whom carried out their duties impeccably, some Boys uplifted the offering while others paid tribute to the soldiers who fought in the Battle of the Somme 100 years ago. At the end of the service Boys were handing out calendars and pens to those who attended the service - just a wee thank you to everyone who supports us throughout the year. I hope everyone got a calendar - if you didn't, please speak to me or one of the officers as we have a few left. Well done to all who took part - as usual you all played your part perfectly - I couldn't ask for better!

We are now almost finished for this part of the session as we are fast approaching the Christmas Card delivery period. Badge work has made good progress and is on target to be completed by about Easter time - phew!!!

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY

We will be offering the usual Christmas Card delivery service to Kilsyth and surrounding villages. Boxes will be in the Church, Church hall, Miller's and Rennie's from Sunday 4th December until Monday 19th December. The price..... still 10p! No increase over the last 20+ years - not many companies can make that claim!!!



Now for something a wee bit different....

here are another couple of Christmas recipes for you try

Mince pies (serves 18)

Ingredients:

For the pastry:

175g plain flour
75g butter, cut into cubes
25g icing sugar
1 egg, beaten

For the filling:

350g mincemeat
1 egg, beaten, to glaze
Icing or caster sugar for dusting



Use a star cutter for the top – so much more festive and slightly less pastry, too!

If you are feeling very creative, you could also cut out holly or Christmas tree shapes and these to top the mince pies. Preheat the oven to 200°C/180°C fan/gas mark 6.

Method:

To make the pastry, put the flour, butter & icing sugar into a bowl rub the mixture through your fingers until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Pour in the beaten egg and mix until the dough starts to form a ball. Knead lightly on a floured board.

Roll the pastry out thinly on a lightly floured work surface and cut out 18 rounds using a 7.5cm fluted cutter. Use these to line 18 holes of two 12-hole bun tins. Spoon a generously heaped teaspoon of mincemeat into each pastry case.

Re-roll the pastry trimmings and cut out 18 stars using a 4.5-5cm star cutter. Put a star on top of the mincemeat, and brush the pastry with a little beaten egg.

Bake in the preheated oven for 12-15 minutes or until golden and crisp. Allow to cool slightly and dust with icing sugar or caster sugar before serving.

Christmas chocolate log

Ingredients:

3 large eggs 100g caster sugar plus a little extra for sprinkling 75g plain flour 25g cocoa powder 15ml hot water
Chocolate icing and topping/ 2 x 200g bars Bournville chocolate, broken into small pieces/ 600ml double cream/
4tbsp apricot jam/ Icing sugar for dusting

Preheat the oven to 200°C/180°C fan/gas mark 6.

The apricot jam helps the icing to stick to the cake

Method:

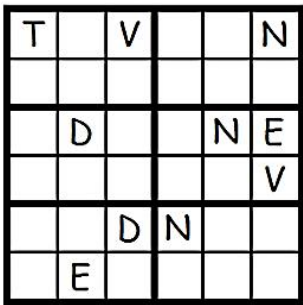
Lightly grease a 33x23cm Swiss roll tin, and line with non-stick paper or baking parchment, pushing it into the corners. For the sponge, whisk the eggs and sugar using an electric hand whisk in a bowl until the mixture is pale in colour, light and frothy. Sift the flour and cocoa powder into the bowl and carefully cut and fold together, using a metal spoon, until all the cocoa and flour are incorporated into the egg mixture (be careful not to beat any of the air out of the mixture). Stir in hot water. Pour into the lined tin and spread evenly out into the corners. Bake in the middle of the preheated oven for 8–10 minutes until evenly brown and the sides are shrinking away from the edge of the tin. Place a piece of baking parchment bigger than the Swiss roll on to the work surface. Invert the cake on to the paper and remove the bottom lining piece of paper. Trim the edges of the cake with a sharp knife and make a score mark 2.5cm in along the longer edge. Roll up (from the longer edge) using the paper, rolling with the paper inside. Set aside to cool. While the cake is cooling, make the icing. Place the chocolate and 450ml of the cream in a bowl over a pan of simmering water until melted (be careful not to overheat; the bowl must not touch the water). Put into the fridge to cool and firm up (this icing needs to be very thick for piping). Whip the remaining cream.

Uncurl the cold Swiss roll and remove the paper. Spread a third of the icing over the surface, then spread the whipped cream on top and re-roll tightly. Cut a quarter of the cake off from one end on the diagonal. Transfer the large piece of cake to a serving plate and angle the cut end to the side of the large cake to make a branch. Cover the surface of the cake with the melted apricot jam.

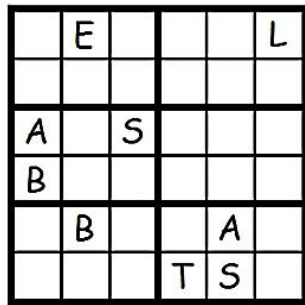
Put the remaining chocolate icing into a piping bag fitted with a star nozzle. Pipe long, thick lines along the cake, covering the cake completely so it looks like the bark of a tree. Cover each end with icing or, if you wish to see the cream, leave un-iced.

Dust with icing sugar and garnish with fresh holly to serve.

Nativity Sudoku



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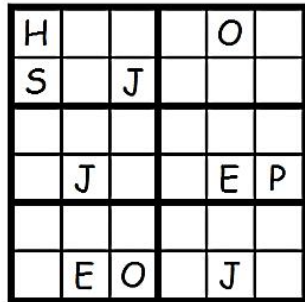
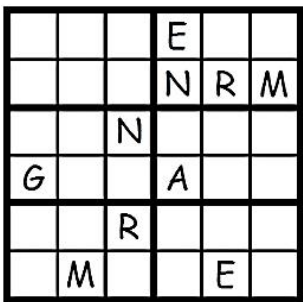


STABLE



MANGER

JOSEPH



The Spirit of Christmas

The crowds asked John, "What should we do?" John told them, "If you have two coats, give one to someone who doesn't have any. If you have food, share it with someone else." Luke 3:10-11 (CEV)

Words are taken from Luke 3:7-11 (NLT).



Joy to the World

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 A G T R F Q W R R O H G A X F
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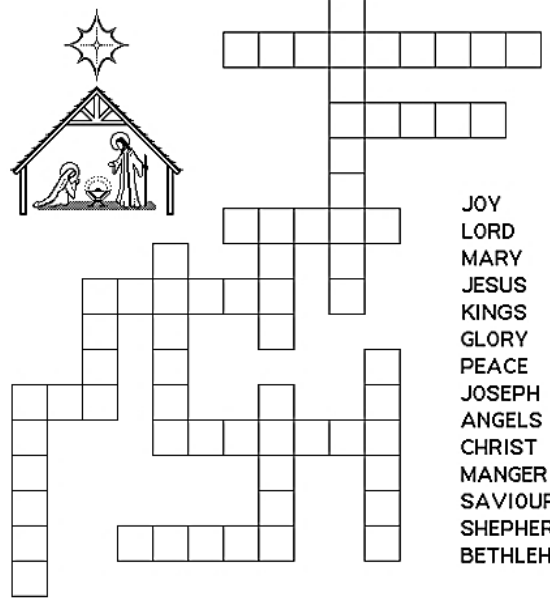
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crowds	good	produce	shirts	turned
food	hungry	prove	sins	two
fruit	live	repent	snakes	warned



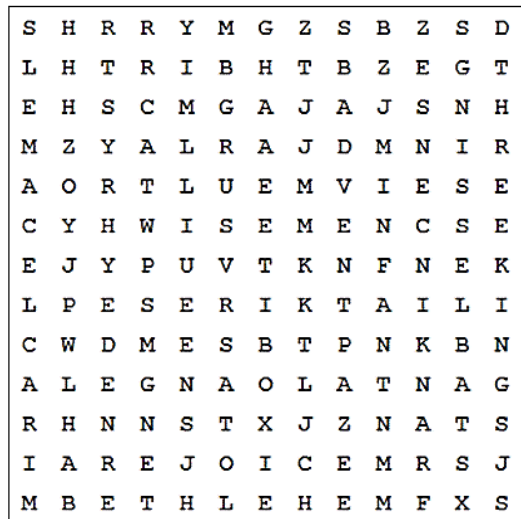
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Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword.
Each word is only used once.



- JOY
- LORD
- MARY
- JESUS
- KINGS
- GLORY
- PEACE
- JOSEPH
- ANGELS
- CHRIST
- MANGER
- SAVIOUR
- SHEPHERDS
- BETHLEHEM



- ADVENT
- ANGEL
- BETHLEHEM
- BIRTH
- BLESSINGS
- CAMELS
- FRANKINCENSE
- INFANT
- JESUS
- JOSEPH
- MAGI
- MANGER
- MARY
- MIRACLE
- MYRRH
- NATIVITY
- REJOICE
- STABLE
- STAR
- THREE KINGS
- WISE MEN



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Items of news, special occasions, etc. for the next
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Helen x

