

# Kilsyth Anderson

## News



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## From The Manse.....



What's in a name? Well, names are chosen for a variety of reasons, sometimes we pick a name based on the beauty of the name to our own sense, the sound of it perhaps. Sometimes it is related to a connection it has or a memory it evokes. The name given to the church here in Kingston Road, Kilsyth – **the Kilsyth Anderson Memorial Parish Church** is because it makes a reference back to a time when two ministers served this congregation faithfully for almost 100 years between them. Let me tell you a little of these two remarkable men.

The first is Rev John Anderson M.A. John Anderson was born on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 1770 in Falkirk (Gutterhead). His ministerial training was at Glasgow University, with some classes in Edinburgh. He was known as a keen thinker and good preacher and within a few months of being finished with his studies, he was approached by three congregations who asked that he would be their minister. John chose Kilsyth and was ordained on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 1793 in what was then called the Kilsyth Relief Church. Rev Anderson served the church here in Kilsyth over a 69-year period!! A son of Rev John Anderson, called Robert, came to serve alongside him in 1847 and continued ministering in Kilsyth until his death in 1890.



Rev John Anderson ministered during a period in history in which the French Revolution and the Napoleonic Wars took place. These were sometimes very hard times in Scotland, during which John Anderson was known as a compassionate pastor to his flock, many of whom were desperately poor and sometimes literally starving. His help for the unfortunate was both spiritual and, from his own pocket, practical. There were thankfully also good and settled times and in these, John, was to enjoy a large family around him; he had 14 children. As a father, he was known for his strict approach to discipline in the household, but always with a desire to instil good Christian values.



Rev John Anderson was notable for his early approval of the use of instrumental music in public worship. He held that even though the scriptures encouraged praise with a variety of instruments, the church chose to 'follow its own cunningly devised fables' to prevent it. It was another son of the Kilsyth manse, Rev Dr William Anderson whose famous 'Apology for the Organ' pamphlet helped eventually bring about change.

Church services during that time began at 11am and continued until 2pm. The sermon usually lasted for about 45 minutes!

Rev Robert Anderson was, like his father, known for his preaching which attracted a sizeable congregation. In addition to his other duties, education was a key concern for Robert, knowing the many men and women of the district could not even read. At his own expense Robert started a night school and when the government passed the Education Act, naturally it was Robert who was appointed as the chairman.

Both John and Robert Anderson were men of confident Christian faith and both well-respected ministers and faithful preachers of the Gospel. It is for their service to Christ and the local community that the congregation unanimously chose to name the new church building after them – quite an accolade yet not one desired or expected.

I began by asking the question, 'What's in a name?' Well, for all that it is great for our church building named after such eminent individuals, we must always remember that there is always a name which is above all other names – and that is **Jesus**. The meaning of the name Jesus holds within it not simply a link to history of the past but also to the future, you see, the name literally means Jehovah saves or Jehovah is salvation. This is a reminder to us of where we need to place our faith for our future.

This Christmas season you are invited again to recall that Jesus is the one who serves and who saves and to follow him.

May Christmas be a blessing to you all.

Yours, in His name.

*Allan*

## CHRISTMAS CARD FOR MALAWI

You have possibly heard that the BBs are unable to deliver Christmas cards this year. In previous years this helped fund their trips to Malawi. However, in June 2018 six young boys aged 14 - 16 years from our company are still planning to go back to Malawi to build a classroom block.



To encourage them we wondered if you would consider another approach to sending Christmas cards this year taking into account the cost of postage. The postage for one card is 56p + the price of the card. So instead of sending so many cards especially to friends and family you see every day or each Sunday in the church, why don't you just hand in one signed card to the church which will be displayed for all to see and put a donation in an envelope which will go towards funding this project. Ena & Olivia will gladly accept your card and donation which will then be passed onto the BBs.

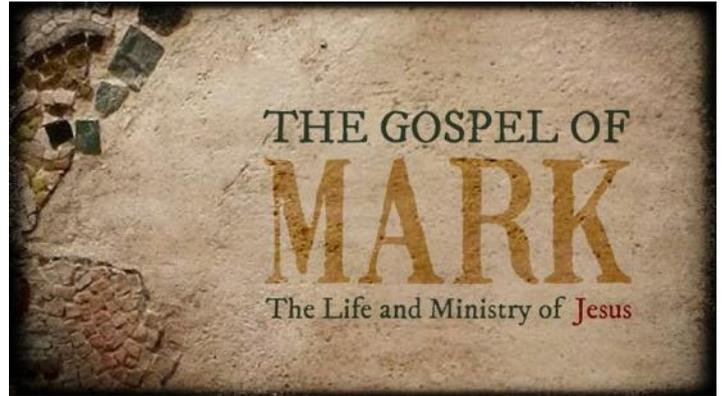
Ena Graham & Olivia Brittan



**Advent Concert**  
Kilsyth Anderson Parish Church  
Columban Singers  
Balmalloch Primary Choir  
**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 p.m.**  
Collection for Chosen Charities  
Doors Open 6.30 p.m.

## Read Mark and Learn

The start of Advent marks the beginning of the Christian year. Between now and Easter is the perfect time to learn more about the life of Jesus. That life is outlined in the four Gospels. Now these are not biographies in the ordinary sense of telling the story of a life. They are much



more. They have been written from a particular point of view and for a particular purpose. The point of view is that Jesus was the promised Christ and had come from God to redeem the world. The particular purpose is to lead the reader through the great acts of Christ's life to convince them too of the truth of Christ's claim to be the Son of God sent to give his life for the world. By the time you come to the end of the Gospel Christ you should be in a position to come to a decision for or against the claim of Christ. This makes the Gospels very special indeed as proclamation of the Good News.

Have you ever read through a whole Gospel like this?

I recommend it to you and now is the perfect time to begin. I suggest you read the Gospel of Luke, for it is a lovely gentle and caring book that reveals a Christ who reaches out to the world in love and who gives himself freely in a sacrificial death for us. It has been called the most beautiful book in the world - it contains the story of Jesus' birth and of the boy in the Temple. It tells of Jesus' temptation and gives his manifesto of good news to the poor. It tells of his caring for the lepers, speaks of a Centurion's faith and of the Prodigal Son who comes home to his father. It tells of the Good Samaritan and the conversion of Zacchaeus, the tax collector. It outlines Christ's experience in the Garden of Gethsemane and betrayal by Judas. It ends with the Crucifixion and the amazing fact of the Resurrection and finally the appearance to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. I suggest you read it through slowly, regularly reflecting on what the writer is telling us and at the end pause and ask yourself whether you believe Jesus is your Saviour and Lord. You will find it life changing. Here are some verses for you as you journey.

DECEMBER: LUKE 1 Vs35

The angel answered: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the Holy one to be born will be called the Son of God"

JANUARY: LUKE2 Vs49

"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

FEBRUARY: LUKE4 Vs13

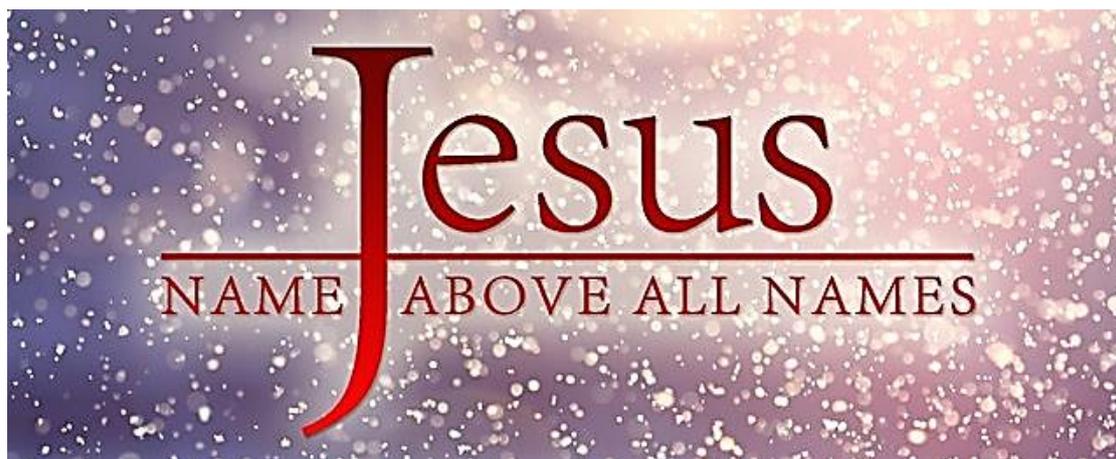
"When the devil has finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time."

## Calypso Carol

*(See him lying on a bed of straw)*



The **Calypso Carol** is a popular modern Christmas carol, with the opening line "See him lying on a bed of straw". It has often been introduced by BBC announcers and others as a traditional folk carol from the West Indies. The calypso of the title refers to its West Indian flavour, and the words have featured on a set of Caribbean postage stamps. However, both words and music were written by an Englishman, Michael Perry, Michael Arnold Perry (8 March 1942 – 9 December 1996) was a Church of England clergyman and one of the leading British hymnodists of the 20th century. He was closely associated with Jubilate Hymns. Michael Perry was born in Beckenham, Kent on 8 March 1942. He was educated at Dulwich College and went on to study at University College London; Oak Hill Theological College, London; Ridley Hall, Cambridge; and University of Southampton. It was during his student days at Oak Hill in 1964 that Perry wrote his best-known hymn, the Calypso Carol, the first line of which is "See him lying on a bed of straw" He wrote this for a college concert, and it only became famous by accident when Cliff Richard substituted it for a missing recording in a radio show. After ordination in the Church of England Diocese of Liverpool, Perry ministered at St Helens, Merseyside. He moved to Bitterne, Southampton, Hampshire, where he was curate and then vicar. During his time at Bitterne he was on the committees that produced the popular hymn books *Psalm Praise* (1973) and *Hymns for Today's Church* (1982). From 1981 to 1989 Perry served as Rector of Eversley, Hampshire. In 1982 he became Secretary of Jubilate Hymns, and was involved in editing most of their books. In addition, he worked as Chaplain and lecturer at the National Police Staff College, Bramshill. He was also elected to the Church of England's General Synod in 1985. Perry's last posting was as Vicar of Tonbridge in his native Kent from 1989 until 1996. He was appointed Chairman of the Church Pastoral Aid Society in 1993, and again to the General Synod in 1994. Perry married Beatrice Mary at St Helens Parish Church in 1967. They had two children, Helen and Simon. From early 1996 Perry was increasingly disabled by an inoperable brain tumour. He died at home on 9 December 1996.



## Church Anniversary Meal

Anniversary Dinner - At last month's Kirk Session meeting it was agreed that we would hold an anniversary dinner at the Coachman Hotel. No date has been set but it will be a Sunday lunchtime straight after the morning service in either late January or February. The cost for three course and tea/coffee is £18.50, should you wish to make the sums easy and pay £20.00 any additional £1.50s will be collected together and shopping bought to be donated to the Foodbank. To gauge interest a sheet will be left in the vestibule. If you would like to go can you please add your name and how many people will be attending with you. As soon as enough interest is confirmed a booking will be made. Below is a copy of the suggested menu.

**MENU**

Homemade Soup Of The Day  
Smooth Chicken Liver Pate With Crisp Salad Leaves  
Dingwall Haggis & Stornoway Black Pudding Bon Bons  
Garlic & Mushroom Flatbread

Our Famous Individual Steak Pie  
Tandoori Salmon Sizzler, Basmati Rice And Naan Bread  
Chicken & Mushroom Risotto  
Grilled Sirloin Steak With Onion Rings (£2.00 Extra)  
Deep Fried Haddock & Chips

Sticky Toffee Pudding & Vanilla Ice Cream  
Homemade Cheese Cake & Chantilly Cream  
Mixed Cheese Selection, Warm Bread & Oatcakes  
Toffee Apple Crumble & Vanilla Ice Cream

Freshly Brewed Tea Or Coffee On Request

## Kilsyth Community Food Bank

We are still accepting non perishable donations and have a box out in the vestibule or goods can be handed in at the drop-in on a Friday You can find out more about their organisation on their facebook page where you can share their news.

Can you help with any of the items listed?

***Christmas Hamper Appeal***

***Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December***

Donations can be made at KCC Kids Club or at The Lighthouse Charity Shop  
Alternatively you can contact us to arrange a collection

- *Mince Pies*
- *Steak Pies*
- *Tuna*
- *Salmon*
- *Tinned Ham*
- *Chocolates*
- *Crackers & Cheese*
- *Fruit Juice*
- *Fresh Meats*
- *Eggs*

You Can Sponsor A Christmas Hamper for £10 & Sponsor A Gift For A For Child £5

Financial donations are welcome. Please contact us for details: Telephone: 01236 829872

# Something Different

Looking for your participation!



As it is our Churches anniversary in 2018, I thought that we could put together an anniversary recipe and household tips book.

Many years ago the Anderson produced some cook books, probably some of you will still have them, (I remember my Mum having one) Dig out some of your favourite recipes from them or if you have special recipes of your own and wish to share them, please leave them in the box on the vestibule table (The box I usually use for newsletter pieces).

I look forward to receiving your recipes

*Helen x*

## Christmas Fayre

Thanks to all who donated items, helped set up and man the stalls and supported our Fayre. The total to date raised for the Church Fabric Fund is £1971.00. Many Thanks.



**Well done to the following winners:**

Hamper- **Beth Griffin**

Teddy- **Mrs C McIlwain**



## Over 70's Dinner

As we are having a special Anniversary Dinner in January/February, the Over 70's Dinner will be held later in the year. Invites will be sent out once a date has been set



## 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation



On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, a young monk, published 95 criticisms of the Catholic Church practice of selling Indulgences – famously he did that by nailing them to the church door! He intended to bring about reformation within Catholicism, not break it apart, however, in the end, he did both, beginning what would be a long, difficult and dangerous task. The criticisms Luther made are called the ‘Ninety-Five Theses’, and it is worth looking at a few of them to get a flavour of what Luther was saying,

1. *When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, “Repent” (Mt 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.*
5. *The pope neither desires nor is able to remit any penalties except those imposed by his own authority or that of the canons.*
21. *Thus those indulgence preachers are in error who say that a man is absolved from every penalty and saved by papal indulgences.*
27. *They preach only human doctrines who say that as soon as the money clinks into the money chest, the soul flies out of purgatory.*
36. *Any truly repentant Christian has a right to full remission of penalty and guilt, even without indulgence letters.*
37. *Any true Christian, whether living or dead, participates in all the blessings of Christ and the church; and this is granted him by God, even without indulgence letters.*
62. *The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God.*
94. *Christians should be exhorted to be diligent in following Christ, their Head, through penalties, death and hell.*
95. *And thus be confident of entering into heaven through many tribulations rather than through the false security of peace (Acts 14:22).*

Luther’s concern was truth – truth as it is revealed in the Bible. The Bible was his guide in thinking through what was right and wrong about the way the church operated. The selling of indulgences (tokens to release dead relatives from a place called ‘purgatory’). Luther saw this practice as a clear abuse of power by the church and an unbiblical money raising exercise. The call of Luther was on the Pope to stop this practice. His criticisms, however, placed him in real danger of his life, and he had to flee. At a later trial, in a place called Worms, he was told by the church authorities that he had to recant of his criticisms of the church. The famous reply Luther gives provides us with a clear indication of his focus and his strength of conviction.

*“I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me, Amen.”*

This first step led Luther and others on to give fuller expression to what was to become the keys towards understanding the Protestant Reformation; we refer to them as ‘The Five Solas’, essentially the five fundamentals on which the Church is built, they are:

1. **Sola Scriptura** (“Scripture alone”): The Bible alone is our highest authority.
2. **Sola Fide** (“faith alone”): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.
3. **Sola Gratia** (“grace alone”): We are saved by the grace of God alone.
4. **Solus Christus** (“Christ alone”): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Saviour, and King.
5. **Soli Deo Gloria** (“to the glory of God alone”): We live for the glory of God alone

In due course, the Roman Catholic underwent its own reformation and today these fundamentals are not disputed as they were back at the time of Luther. It is however still all too easy for the Church and for individual Christians to fall into error when these five keys are not observed and when we look toward other authorities and other paths towards salvation.

Luther may be history but what he highlighted is as relevant today as ever.

## Gift Service

Our Gift Service is on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Sad to say we have been informed that Glasgow City Mission is no longer accepting toys for Christmas.

This year our toy gifts will go to the Salvation Army in Cumbernauld and to the Preshal Trust, run by May Nicholson in Glasgow.

Please leave gifts unwrapped; donations of wrapping paper would be appreciated



## FLOWER MINISTRY



Grateful Thanks to all those who have donated flowers during the past year and thank you to the talented ladies who arrange them so beautifully to adorn our Church for Sunday Services.

These floral gifts are then very much appreciated when received by those members of our Church family who at a time may have been unable to join us in fellowship.

A special thank you to Mollie and Andrew Muirhead for their dedication to this service over many years. If you wish to donate flowers during 2018, please add your name to the list on the vestibule table



# Church Diary

Sunday:	<u>Morning worship</u>	11.00am
	<u>Evening worship</u>	6.30pm
	(fellowship after both services)	
	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

## Contact for urgent Pastoral Care

Minister:

**Rev Allan Vint**

Session Clerk:

**Mrs Elizabeth Strang**

## Drop - In

The drop in will finish up on the Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December and re-open on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018. The lady hostesses would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



# Dates For Your Diary

3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec:	Start of Advent Sunday	11.00am
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Joint Session/Managers Meeting	7.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Gift Service	11.00am
	Columban Singers Advent Concert	7.00pm
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Carol singing in Main Street (Organised by Parish Development Group)	11.00am
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Carol Praise	11.00am
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Jam Club Nativity	11.00am
	Christmas Eve service	6.30pm
31 <sup>st</sup> Dec:	New Year's Eve	11.00am
7 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Martin Allen	11.00am
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Family Service	11.00am
	Day of Prayer	
21 <sup>st</sup> Jan:	Anniversary Service	11.00am
	Conducted by Rev. Albert Bogle	
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Exchange of Pulpits	11.00am
	Mr Gordon McInally	
	Thanksgiving Service	6.30pm



DATE	DOOR DUTY	INTIMATIONS
3 <sup>RD</sup> DEC	MISS O BRITTIAN, MISS E GRAHAM, MRS H DODDS	MR T KINVIG
10 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	MRS N KINVIG, MR T KINVIG, MRS C BRYDEN	MR J WEIR
17 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	MRS H SHAW, MR W SHAW, MR J GORDON	MRS D BARROWMAN
24 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	MRS M WADDELL, MR C WADDELL, MRA A McCALLUM	MRS C McILWAIN
31 <sup>ST</sup> DEC	MRS A ANDERSON, MR T ANDERSON, MRS J GILMOUR	MR M BROWN
7 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	MRS C McILWAIN, MR W McILWAIN, MRS B REYNOLDS	LIST NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINTING
14 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	MRS M BROWN, MR B SMITH, MRS B SMITH	
21 <sup>ST</sup> JAN	MRS H PROVAN, MISS C JOHNSTON, MRS B BEAVER	
28 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	MRS I TENNANT, MR H SMITH, MR J GORDON	

## Our Family

### Deaths

Mrs Margaret Whyte from Horsburgh Avenue,  
Kilsyth on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017



### Anniversary/Birthday

Congratulations to William and Isabelle Tennant who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary and to Isabelle on her recent special Birthday

### Congratulations

To Mrs Elsie Donnelly, Eastbrook, Balcastle Farm, on gaining her MSc with distinction from the University of the West of Scotland.

*(Elsie is the daughter of Mollie and Andrew Muirhead)*

To Miss Amy Robertson who recently graduated with a HND in Architectural Technology from Glasgow City College, Amy is now studying to be an Architect at Strathclyde University.

*(Amy is the grand-daughter of Eileen Weldon)*



To Gavin McPherson who recently graduated from Glasgow City College with a HND in Travel & Tourism

*(Gavin is the grandson of Isabelle Tennant)*

## Retiring Collections

With our congregations continued support recently we have been able to donate from our Harvest Thanksgiving £300 to Tear Fund.

From our Remembrance Sunday Service £75 to the Scottish Poppy Appeal & £75 to Erskine Hospital.

Thank You

## FLOWERS

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec: Mrs Berta Kennedy  
10<sup>th</sup> Dec: Mrs Hilda Dodds  
17<sup>th</sup> Dec: Mrs Anne McLean  
24<sup>th</sup> Dec: Mrs Margaret Brown  
31<sup>st</sup> Dec: Miss Jacqueline Brown

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7<sup>th</sup> Jan: Boys Brigade  
14<sup>th</sup> Jan: Mrs Mollie Muirhead  
21<sup>st</sup> Jan: Mr Ronnie Swan  
28<sup>th</sup> Jan: Mrs Helen Shaw



## With Thanks

It was a lovely surprise to receive the church flowers on Armistice Sunday. They were beautiful and much appreciated

**Winnie Leishman**

Many thanks for your kind words, cards and flowers that I received during my illness

**Margaret Sturrock**

Jack and I would like to thank you for the lovely flowers we received and thanks to Mollie for delivering them

**Jack & Christine Roberts**

## Church Box Money

The money recently collected from church boxes amounted to £953.04 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 Convener



# Christmas Bible Quiz



**What does Jesus' other name, "Emmanuel", mean?**

*(Matthew 1:23)*

- Son of God
- God with us
- Anointed One
- He who is God

**When Joseph first discovered that Mary was pregnant, he:** *(Matthew 1:18-20)*

- Rejoiced
- No longer wished to marry her
- Beat her
- Tore his robe

**Why did Joseph and Mary go to the city of David?**

*(Luke 2:4-5)*

- To visit Joseph's parents
- To seek the prophet Simeon
- To celebrate their wedding
- To pay taxes

**In what city was Jesus born?** *(Luke 2:4-7)*

- Nazareth
- Bethlehem
- Galilee
- Cyprus

**Why were Mary and Joseph unable to stay in an inn?**

*(Luke 2:7)*

- The innkeeper hated them
- They didn't have enough money
- There was no room for them
- All the inns were closed

**With what did Mary wrap new-born Jesus?** *(Luke 2:7)*

- Joseph's cape
- A scarf
- Swaddling
- A blanket

**After Jesus was born, where did Mary lay Him?** *(Luke 2:7)*

- On the ground
- In a feeding trough
- She held him
- In a pile of hay

**What was the shepherds' initial reaction to the angel who visited them?** *(Luke 2:9)*

- They were angry
- They were upset
- They were afraid
- They were excited

**What did the angel tell the shepherds?** *(Luke 2:10-12)*

- How to recognize the new-born Saviour
- To not be afraid
- The location of the new-born Saviour
- All of this

**Who visited Joseph, Mary, and Jesus on the night He was born?** *(Luke 2:15-16)*

- Shepherds, wise men, and all those dwelling in Bethlehem
- Shepherds
- Shepherds and wise men
- Wise men

**The wise men travelled \_\_\_\_\_ to Jerusalem.** *(Matthew 2:1)*

- Eastward
- Northward
- Southward
- Westward

**How many wise men brought gifts to Jesus?**

- 2
- None
- 3
- The Bible never says

**Who diligently asked the wise men about baby Jesus?**

*(Matthew 2:7)*

- King David
- King Elias
- King Herod
- King Pilate

**Why did this man (Question 13) want to learn more about Jesus' whereabouts?**

*(Matthew 2:16)*

- He wanted to worship Jesus
- He wanted to ask Jesus to be the heir to his throne
- He wanted Jesus to heal him
- He wanted to kill Jesus

**What guided the wise men to find Jesus?** (*Matthew 2:9*)

A dove      A star      An angel      Their dreams

**What gift did the wise men NOT give Jesus?** (*Matthew 2:11*)

Myrrh      Gold      Frankincense      Silver

**What was Jesus' approximate age when the wise men presented Him with gifts?**  
(*Matthew 2:16*)

6 years old      less than 2 years old  
12 years old      10 years old

**Why did Jesus' family flee Bethlehem?** (*Matthew 2:12-13*)

The king of Jerusalem wanted to kill Him  
The Gentiles hated Joseph  
They couldn't pay all of their taxes  
God would destroy it

**To where did Jesus' family flee from Bethlehem?**

(*Matthew 2:12-15*)

Greece      Egypt      Nazareth      Samaria

**When they returned, where did Jesus and His family dwell?** (*Matthew 2:23*)

Egypt      Samaria      Nazareth      Greece

## (Answers below)



We've  
often heard  
the story of  
Jesus and His birth.  
We use the phrase quite  
freely: "The Saviour of the earth!"  
But do you know the meaning? And do you  
know it's true?  
And do you know the birth  
of Jesus happened just for you?  
And do you know He loves you,  
and that is why he came? If there were  
only you on earth, He still would do the same!  
For yes, He  
thinks you're worth it!  
And yes, His love is real. And yes,  
today, He knows exactly what it is you feel.  
So don't just hear a story: He wants you to be part  
Of this year's special chapter when you let Him in your heart.  
Just open  
up and  
listen  
to what God has to say.  
Then be a part of the  
unending story,  
from today.

1. God with us      2. No longer wished to marry her      3. To pay taxes  
4. Bethlehem      5. There was no room for them      6. Swaddling  
7. In a feeding trough      8. They were afraid      9. All of this  
10. Shepherds      11. Westward      12. The Bible never says  
13. King Herod      14. He wanted to kill Jesus      15. A star  
16. Silver      17. Less than 2 years old  
18. The king of Jerusalem wanted to kill Him  
19. Egypt      20. Nazareth



## Best Wishes to All from 2<sup>nd</sup> Kilsyth Girls' Brigade Company

Every week we have a core group of girls attending, giving of their best and filling the evening with energy and fun. We are grateful for every one of these girls and ask for the congregation's prayers towards helping the officers to nurture the girls' young faith.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of November three of our young Brigaders led a section of the Anderson Church's Remembrance service. Their focus was on women's contribution to the war effort at home and further afield with a sobering reminder that we all have neighbours whose families may have suffered the loss of a loved one. It is now 100 years since women first made up a section of the Armed Forces and the girls reminded us of this through photographs and word.

As we move towards Christmas we have had fun preparing for the church fayre, along with all the learning and skills development towards our badgework.

We enjoyed a visit from Jacqueline and baby Ava. Jacqueline explained the work of 'Bliss',



one of our chosen charities. Baby Ava and her parents were supported by Bliss when Ava arrived somewhat earlier than anticipated. Bliss supports premature babies and gives practical and emotional support to the baby and family members. We hope to hold an event early in the New Year to help raise funds towards this good work. We will keep you posted!

**We wish to all our families and to our friends in Kilsyth, a very happy Christmas and a good New Year!**

### Holiday Club Reunion

We held a reunion for Holiday Club on Saturday 11th November in the Storehouse. Almost all the children who attended in the summer were able to come, as well as some new Primary 1 children. We spent a happy 3 hours in games, crafts, bible teaching and then a meal together.....maybe the noisiest meal ever as they tucked into chicken nuggets, sausages and chips and ice cream and jelly! The plan is to hold next year's club between July 30th and August 3rd so those who want to be involved please put these dates in diaries! We are so glad to have the opportunity to share the gospel with so many youngsters and look forward praying for numbers growing and interest increasing.



## BOYS BRIGADE



At last we have the certificates and Duke of Edinburgh Silver awards for 5 of our ex members. Congratulations on achieving this award go to Katie Scott, Blair Anderson, Calum Baird, Cameron Costiff and Caleb Walker. We hope to present these at our Family Service/Parade on Sunday 10th December. The four Boys who received their President's badges earlier this session have begun working for their Queen's award which takes about 18 months to complete.

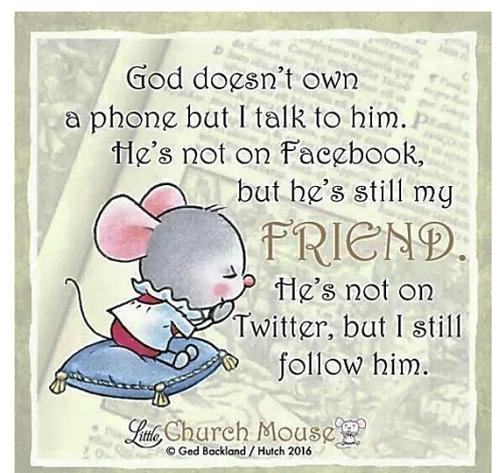
National competitions have begun. The only one we have had success in was the Master team in which we came second in our round. This guaranteed us a place in round 2 which will be played at Motherwell on 9th December. Good luck to Fraser, Craig, Mark and Robert. It's win this one or go out, but as I always say, it's the taking part that counts! Just enjoy the experience.

Our flights from London to Malawi have been booked - 4 adults and 6 Boys (6 seems to be the magic number as, each we have gone, 6 Boys have travelled), but we still have to arrange our transport to London. It looks as though we will NOT be flying - flights and luggage will cost around £3000!! There must be a cheaper way to do it, so investigations continue. I, for one, am really looking forward to this trip as we are going to be joined by a family of 5 (parents, 2 sons who are ages with our Boys and their daughter), friends of mine from New Zealand. Exciting times!!!!!!

I'd like to thank all those who have saved biscuit wrappers for us. I'm just about to send off the next box of wrappers. To date we have raised £31.98 which will go towards buying a bike or bikes - depending on how much we can raise from this venture.

## LMN

Last Monday Night continues once a month to cater for around 19 teenagers who come for an evening of food, fun and bible input. Sometimes we do a bit of craft work, sometimes group discussions but always there is a lot of banter and chat as we spend time together. They range in age from 1st year to 2 lads who are now at college, and represent most of the churches in Kilsyth as well as those having no church connection. This month a group of them went along to Power Point, a Scripture Union event for young people which runs on a Saturday evening bi-monthly in Glasgow as well as across Scotland. About 600 young people attend and enjoy worship with a youth band and some bible teaching together. It was a success so we hope to repeat that with the group on a regular basis.





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