
ST NINIANS OLD PARISH CHURCH STIRLING



**PARISHIONER
FEBRUARY & MARCH 2018**

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Deadline for April/May Parishioner – Sunday, 18th March 2018

FROM THE MANSE

Dear Friends,

Like many of you, I was greatly impressed by the wonderful floral arrangements that were on display at our Christmas Flower Festival. Thanks must go to those who planned the event, to those who gave of their time, talent or money and to all who came along to admire the arrangements. Our thanks must also go to those who generously gave money in sponsorship and to all who contributed baking and food for the hall where further fellowship was enjoyed.

We are fortunate to have within our congregation people who are not afraid to roll up their sleeves and work hard for the good of the Church. Such people are an asset and I, for one, am grateful to them as I am to all who support the Church in so many different ways.

We are now into the second month of the New Year and slowly but surely we are beginning to see signs that make us realise that spring is not far away. I am sure I am not alone in welcoming these signs and the promise of better and brighter days.

I am aware that for a good number of you, the beginning of the year has not been easy and that many are coping either with illness or the loss of a loved one. I endeavour with God's help to support all who are going through a difficult time but I ask the congregation as a whole to join me in remembering in prayer our brothers and sisters and all for whom these days are challenging.

I was encouraged by the recent Messy Church held in the Parish Halls. It was good to see people of all ages happy and celebrating God's love for us in a relaxed and informal setting. My thanks go to all who helped in whatever capacity and in this, I include our good friends from St Columba's Church with whom we work together on a number of occasions throughout the year.

I assure you of my commitment to you, our Church and Parish and I send you all my warmest good wishes.

Ever blessing

Your friend and minister,

Gary J. McIntyre

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SERVICES IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Sunday 4th February

10.30a.m

Morning Service with Crèche and Sunday Club
The Rev Jim Landels

Sunday 11th February

10.30a.m. Morning Service

Sunday 18th February

10.30a.m. Morning Service followed by Fellowship Tea

Sunday 25th February

10.30a.m. Morning Service with Crèche and Sunday Club
The Boys' Brigade will be in attendance and there will be
A Family Communion following the Service

Sunday 4th March

10.30a.m. Morning Service with Crèche and Sunday Club

Sunday 11th March

10.30a.m. Morning Service with Crèche and Sunday Club
Holy Communion will be celebrated

6.30p.m. Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 18th March

10.30a.m. Morning Service with Crèche and Sunday Club
Followed by Fellowship Tea
1.00p.m. Holy Communion in the Parish Halls
This annual Service is open to all and particularly to those
who find it difficult to attend the Communion Services in the
Church. Lunch for those who wish it will be served at
12.30p.m. It would help with catering if those who intend
coming to the lunch inform their elder or the Minister.
Transport can also be provided for those who require it.

Sunday 25th March – Palm Sunday

10.30a.m. Morning Service with Crèche and Sunday Club
Followed by the Stated Annual Meeting of the Congregation

HOLY WEEK

There will be services each evening in Holy Week at 7p.m. (Details will be
intimated in due course)

EASTER DAY

There will be a family Service at 10.30a.m.

MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Bible Study Group will meet in the Upper Room of the Church on Wednesday 14th February and Wednesday 14th March at 7.30p.m. This session we are reading 'Mere Christianity' by C S Lewis. You are welcome to come and join us.

THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Business Committee will meet on Tuesday 13th March at 10a.m. in the Upper Room of the Church.

THE KIRK SESSION

The Kirk Session will meet in the Parish Halls on Thursday 22nd March at 7.30p.m.

JOINT CHURCH FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEAS

Monday 12th February and Monday 12th March – 12 – 1.30p.m. in St Columba's Church, Park Terrace, Stirling. You will be very welcome.

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

There will be a Holiday Club in the Parish Halls on the mornings of Tuesday 3rd – Friday 6th April. More information will be given in the coming weeks.

SELF DENIAL ENVELOPES

Envelopes have been distributed with this edition of the Parishioner. If you would like to give an additional sum of money to support the work of the Church and to mark the season of Lent you can place your gift in the envelope and return it to the Church any time between now and Easter. If you pay tax please consider putting your name and address on the envelope as this will allow the Church to reclaim the tax you have paid on your gift.

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

PASTORAL CARE GROUP

There are eight of us in the Pastoral Care Group. We visit elderly members of the congregation who enjoy visits over and above those received from the minister and the district elders.

If you know of anyone who would like us to visit please let me or the minister know

Grace McIntosh
Pastoral Care Group Convener

SOCIAL AND FUND RAISING

The committee would like to thank everyone who supported the Christmas Flower Festival, without you it would not have been a success.

We would also like to thank those who support the Soup and Sandwich Lunches. Again they would not be a success without you and the Street Pastors and Start Up Stirling are very grateful for the donations that you give.

The next Soup and Sandwich Lunch is on Saturday, 3rd February and the last for the season will be on Saturday 3rd March.

Future events will be in the next Parishioner.

The Tuesday Group

Many thanks to all those who joined together to celebrate our National Bard's birthday and make the Tuesday Group Burns' Supper, yet again, a superb evening of Scottish entertainment.

On 6th February we invite Murray Cook to come along and tell us more about St Ninians of old. Some of you will remember his talk last year at The Mayfield Centre, followed by a tour of our Church's graveyard.

Our next event sees the return of the brass band of 1st Tulliallan Company of the Boys' Brigade on February 20th. The boys are the current BB National champions and I am sure they will give us a varied programme that will have you clapping, stamping, singing or all three! This is an open night with tickets on sale at £6 each.

Finally, on 6th March, we welcome Dr Mary Higgins to tell us about the charity 'Let it shine'. The charity funds a boarding school for girls in Ghana, founded by Mary and her late husband John, and to which Mary is still a frequent visitor.

Our AGM takes place on 20th March in the King Robert Hotel at 7pm. There will be a 2 course meal plus tea/coffee at a cost of £10 per head. A small amount of business has to be attended to, but most of the evening is a great opportunity for fun and friendship. Please come and join us.

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Loving God

We thank you again for this new day

For the fellowship we share in this congregation

For all it offers, all it means

And for all the way it enriches our lives.

We thank you for the unity we have discovered in your name

For the love that binds us together

We thank you for the experiences we have shared over the years

For the bond that you have created between us.

We thank you for the care we have been able to show

And the care we have in turn received.

We thank you for the opportunities we have to discuss our faith

And the way our understanding of you has grown as a result.

We thank you for the way we can talk together openly and honestly

And know that our friendship within this congregation

will continue to flourish.

AMEN

Lorna Waddell
Prayer Promoter

UPDATE FOR ST NINIANS OLD PARISH CHURCH

START UP STIRLING

In 2017 St Ninians Old Parish Church donated 682.15kg of food and £763.73. Thank you for your support! We really appreciate it.

Christmas

The demands for foodbank support before Christmas were significantly higher than previous years. The week before Christmas we supported 371 people of which 146 (39.4%) were children. This is a 21% increase against the same week in December 2016. 24% of referrals were for rural delivery.

Lent Appeal

We received an overwhelming amount of donations in December – in fact we received 18.361kg of food. We took the opportunity this month to review the contents of the food packs we provide clients with. We want to ensure there are at least 3 – 4 days worth of meals and as such are increasing certain items. Our appeal for Lent is therefore based around the items we will run low on by February.

- Tinned Meat – ham, corned beef, pork
- Jars of cooking sauce – pasta, curry, chilli, sweet n sour etc
- UHT milk
- Tinned tomatoes

First Minister Visit

Start Up Stirling welcomed First Minister Nicola Sturgeon and the Children and Young People's Commissioner for Scotland Bruce Adamson to our unit on Wednesday 17th January. They met with volunteers, staff and Janet from Stirling CAB and left with a real understanding of the work we are doing throughout Stirlingshire and some of the significant challenges we face on a weekly basis. Our support service in Stirling and Callander is funded by the Scottish Government's 'Fair Food Transformation Fund'

BOYS'BRIGADE AND CHURCH ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT

We are delighted to host our second annual quiz night with the Church! We managed to raise a fantastic £350 last year.

This year, the quiz shall take place at the Church Hall on Friday, 16th February. Please arrive at 7.00p.m. for a 7.30p.m.start. Tickets cost £4 each, and there will be the opportunity to buy tablet, cakes etc on the night.

Tickets can be purchased at the Church in the couple of weeks leading up to the quiz. Paying at the door might be possible depending on how many tickets have been sold. The event should end at 9.30p.m.

Please join us for eight fun-filled rounds of quizzing. All proceeds are split between the 8th Stirling Boys' Brigade and St Ninians Old Parish Church. Any questions should be directed towards:

Jack Unsworth 07789962457 or Andrew MacDonald 0784804955

I envisage a fantastic night ahead!

Many thanks

Andrew MacDonald
Company Captain

MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP – POSTCARDS

Another carrier bag of used and unused postcards has been passed to MAF for which they have expressed their grateful thanks. There is a box in the vestibule in which postcards may be placed. Thank you!

START UP STIRLING FOODBANK

STIRLING PRESBYTERY LENT CHALLENGE

Foodbanks identify the period around Easter as a time when stocks are low. Start Up Stirling has identified their most needed items including cleaning products which people require to keep themselves and their homes clean. As we know the congregation here at St Ninians is already very generous, so it is suggested that we donate what we can from the list below during Lent. Items should be left in the Start Up box in the Church vestibule as usual.

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| 1. Rice | 21. Paper Plates |
| 2. Tinned Fruit | 22. Shower Gel |
| 3. Tinned dessert | 23. Shampoo |
| 4. Jar of Cook-In Sauce | 24. Conditioner |
| 5. Squash/Fruit Juice | 25. Deodorant |
| 6. Coffee | 26. Disposable Razors |
| 7. Boxed Cup-A-Soup | 27. Shaving Foam/Gel |
| 8. Instant Meals | 28. Soap |
| 9. Milk Sachets | 29. Toothpaste/Brush |
| 10. Oat Cakes | 30. Flannel |
| 11. Sugar | 31. Tissue |
| 12. Tinned Meat | 32. Sanitary Towels/Tampons |
| 13. Tinned Fish | 33. Toilet Cleaner |
| 14. Tinned Veg | 34. Toilet Rolls |
| 15. Sugar Sachet | 35. Kitchen Roll |
| 16. UHT Milk | 36. Multi-Purpose Cleaner |
| 17. Tin Opener | 37. Washing Up Powder/Liquid |
| 18. Kitchen Utensils | 38. Dustpan and Brush |
| 19. Plastic Jug | 39. Sponges/Scourers |
| 20. Paper Cups | 40. Cleaning Cloths |

Arthur Walls

ST NINIANS OLD PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, STIRLING
Fund Statement - January to December 2017

Income

Expenditure

General (incl. General, Pastoral, Sunday Club, Flower & Choir funds)

Offerings	23581	Church of Scotland	58487
Gift Aid Donations	51792	Salaries	10490
Other Donations	2048	Manse Expenses/Pulpit Supply	2611
Income Tax Refund on Gift Aid	14024	Maintenance etc.	31863
Legacies	0	Heating & Lighting	4111
Congregational Organisations	314	Insurance & Manse Council Tax	7348
Use of Premises	11436	Office expenses, etc.	4255
Bank Interest	164	Local Costs	263
Wedding & funeral fees etc.	2628	Church Choir Fund	0
Life & Work Subs 2016	867	Sunday Club, Outreach etc.	673
Church Fund Raising	3551	Life & Work	901
Flower Fund	0	Flower Fund	0
Pastoral Fund	0	Pastoral Fund	52
Sunday Club Fund	0	Sunday Club Fund	0
(Charity Fund Raising	5180)	(Donations to Charities	5180)

Year to date:	110405	Sub-total:	121054
Balance b/f	49100		

Sub-total: **159505**

Balance c/f **38451**

Fabric Fund

Balance b/f	1807
Bank Interest	0

Sub-total: **1807**

Balance c/f **1807**

Development Fund

Balance b/f	10899
Interest etc.	55

Sub-total: **10954**

Balance c/f **10954**

Historic Building Fund

Balance b/f	1279
Donations	

Sub-total: **1279**

Balance c/f **1279**

Overall Balance of all funds : **52491**

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