

St Machar's Ranfurly Church, Church of Scotland, Bridge of Weir. Scottish Charity No. SC003766

FROM THE MINISTER

Advent, as you well know, is a time of waiting. The word advent is derived from the Latin adventus, which means arrival or coming to.

What are we waiting for to arrive? We
may want to say Christmas, but it
would be more precise to say we wait
for Christ's coming. I read somewhere
that there are three aspects to
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challenging for me, is that it's

1. we prepare ourselves to remember and celebrate the first coming of Christ into this world

2. we prepare ourselves to welcome Christ into our lives (perhaps afresh) and into this world in the here and now

3. we look forward to Christ's coming again in glory at the end of the age to make all things new.

If I'm honest, I often don't get much further than the first meaning of Advent; and my time and attention is mostly spent getting ready for Christmas rather than Christ's coming in the here and now, or His coming again in the future. And yet if we don't get past 1. then it all becomes a wasted spiritual opportunity for deepening our faith and hope. And Advent and Christmas as a season in the church year becomes rather shallow and sentimental, lacking an existential edge.

I think what makes 2. and 3. so challenging for me, is that it's much harder to pin down what I'm meant to do; making space to welcome Christ into my life in the here and now is not exactly a passive thing, but it does require an attitude of waiting and expectancy. The Bible says: 'wait for the Lord!', 'be still', 'see I am doing a new thing'. It's hard to remain open and expectant towards the future when you don't know what is going to happen and how God will show up. It's frustrating when you are not in control of timelines or the shape of the future.

This is very much true for me personally just now as I apply for vacancies, wait to see if I've got through to a next phase, wait for more vacancies to appear and so on. Last year I didn't know if it was going to be my last Christmas with you at St

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Machar's Ranfurly Church. This year I do know that it will be, yet I don't know where I will be next year.

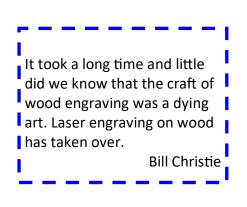
In a sense you as congregation are in a similar boat; you know things will be different next year, but you don't know how exactly. It is unsettling. I think it is ok to acknowledge the mixed feelings this brings for us. The challenge is in all this to remain both faithful and expectant for Christ to come into our lives – personally but also as a congregation. Jesus was born not in Joseph and Mary's hometown of Nazareth, but while they were on the move. The circumstances were far from ideal and not what any expectant couple would want to plan for. But Christ came nonetheless and God protected them in all their wanderings.

I hope this month you will find encouragement and hope amidst the mixed feelings and uncertainly that you may feel. Christ is Emmanuel: God -with-us, in all times and seasons. Prepare and wait for His coming.

Yours,

Hanneke





BOYS' BRIGADE AND GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

The National Boys' Brigade competitions are now well under way. Two of our three badminton squads have been knocked out, one of them by the reigning UK champions. So at least they got a practical demonstration of top-quality badminton to aspire to! We have 2 teams in the quiz and 2 five–a –side football squads still to face round one

At the end of September, we had the BB Enrolment Service in Freeland. Always an important occasion when we ask for God's blessing and guidance for the coming session, and it is an opportunity for the entire Company to be together. During this service I had the pleasure of presenting five of the seven Duke of Edinburgh awards gained since the last presentation in May. The Girls' Association had a bonfire night which was great fun with sparklers, toasting marshmallows, hot dogs, singing and games. The BB and a few of the GA took part in the very well attended all-age Curry and Quiz night in Freeland. For the first time in a few years a BB team did not win!

Our funds have been gradually diminishing over the past few years, but I am delighted to say we have been selected by the local Coop as one of their charities for October 2024- 2025. Please consider specifying the BB and GA as your chosen charity. If you have a Coop membership card, you can do this by going on to the Coop website or app. We have also decided to do a sponsored walk in March next year.

Thanks to all the friends, family and leaders who support our organisation.

Brian Logie



QUIZ - FIND THE ARTICLE IN THE KITCHEN

	Answer						
1	Irritation Scots know about						
2	Rocky Oboes OK						
3	Special price diamonds displeases						
4	Quiet after time with limb belonging to the queen						
5	Princess's hard thrombosis is hard!						
6	Unmade brain bed						
7	A store never had it						
8	Undo pat toe						
9	No 1 fish dressing?						
10	Polish the tiger gem						
1. 6.	u iz Answers: Caithness 2. Aberdeen 3 Sutherland 4. Fife 5. East Lothian Roxburgh 7. Stirling 8. West Lothian ** 9. Perth 10. Lanark e given for this should have read West No 5	Helen Bullen					

UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED UNION OF FREELAND & ST MACHAR'S RANFURLY CHURCH

This article has been produced by the two Session Clerks to keep both congregations updated with the latest information as we move towards a union. It includes some background information, some recent developments, a timeline for the next three months and some detail on the congregational votes which will take place in around three months' time.

The Background

In 2021 the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland decided to take radical action in response to falling numbers of ministers, a decline in membership and a drop in income. Presbyteries were required to produce, and to implement, a five year mission plan, which entailed a major readjustment with a reduction in the number of charges, and the creation of some team ministries where deemed appropriate, to ensure congregations were better equipped to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and to serve their communities going forward.

For us in Bridge of Weir, Clyde Presbytery decided that the two Bridge of Weir churches should unite as one charge. At the time neither of our churches was particularly enthusiastic to embrace this but there was nevertheless some recognition in both churches that the coming years would prove challenging, and this has indeed been borne out, such that the Kirk Sessions of both churches are now agreed upon union. It was also unrealistic to imagine that Bridge of Weir could remain untouched in such an extensive national readjustment exercise.

Our Vision

Whilst the process of union undoubtedly brings its challenges on a more positive note it also brings fresh opportunities for service and friendship, and a chance to reappraise how we can best serve our Lord together in the Church and in the wider community. In our recent discussions our elders have highlighted the following vision aspirations-

A church at the centre of the community, both geographically and metaphorically

• A church that is both welcoming to all, and outward looking

• A church where there is a strong emphasis on building relationships, both within and outwith the church, particularly with families and children

• A church with a strong emphasis on worship, service, witness and unity

• A caring church, caring for both members and abroad in the community

 \cdot A church rooted in God's Word

The Basis of Union

In recent months a union steering group, comprising representative elders from both Kirk Sessions, has been working through the Basis of Union and then liaising with the Kirk Sessions over this. The Basis of Union is a formal document which the Church of Scotland requires both Kirk Sessions and the Presbytery to agree upon prior to union. It contains ten clauses covering a range of topics, some of which are relatively straightforward e.g. parish boundaries.

One clause covers the name of the united charge. After a process that included consultation with the congregations the name of "Bridge of Weir Parish Church of Scotland" was agreed.

Two of the clauses covering major items were actually decided at Presbytery level in its Presbytery Mission Plan. The church building chosen as the place of worship for the united charge was the Freeland building. There was to be one minister for the united charge and due to the unrestricted tenure of Rev Gray and the reviewable tenure of Rev Marshall, the Basis of Union proposes that Rev Gray shall be the minister of the united charge. (The reasoning underlying these decisions can be discussed at the congregational meetings noted below).

On 11th November the Kirk Sessions both approved the steering group's draft Basis of Union. This has subsequently been approved by the relevant departments of the central Church of Scotland and been passed back to Clyde Presbytery for approval there, and we trust this will not be withheld.

Timeline for the Next Three Months

In January we will issue the final approved Basis of Union and a background information Question & Answer document for perusal by the congregations. Also in January we will hold two congregational meetings-on Sunday 19th and on Thursday 23rd-where members of the steering group will be available to discuss the proposed union and answer questions.

If members and adherents have any questions they would like answered it would be helpful, where possible, if these could be submitted to the Session Clerks in advance of the January congregational meetings.

We hope to be in a position to hold the congregational votes on Sunday 23rd February. We require the assistance of Presbytery personnel for the votes. We will confirm the vote date well in advance.

Please note only members or recognised adherents who appear on the congregational rolls will be permitted to vote. If you worship regularly at one of the churches but are unsure of your status please speak to your Minister or Session Clerk by early January to make sure you do not miss out on voting.

The Congregational Votes

All members and adherents will be entitled to vote in person on the designated day.

In Freeland Church there will be one vote along the lines of :-

"Do you agree to Freeland Church entering a Union with St Machar's Ranfurly Church to become the Bridge of Weir Parish Church of Scotland?" Yes or No

In St Machar's Ranfurly Church there will be two votes along the lines of:-

"Do you agree to St Machar's Ranfurly Church entering a Union with Freeland Church to become the Bridge of Weir Parish Church of Scotland?" Yes or No

"Do you agree to accept Rev Kenneth Gray as the minister for the Bridge of Weir Parish Church?" Yes or No

THE UNION - TIME TO VOTE

FROM THE ORGAN LOFT

The vote will be conducted by Presbytery officials at the close of the morning worship services on the designated day. Please note only those physically attending the church that day will be able to vote. There will be no postal or proxy voting (this is Church law). A simple majority will determine the outcome.

If the votes are all positive then further preparations will continue for the formal Union which would take place on 1st October 2025 (or earlier if Rev Hanneke

Marshall has accepted a calling elsewhere before then). The funds and assets of the two churches will be merged. The church building relevant congregation/ of St Machar's Ranfurly would be sold or otherwise disposed of (timescale not entirely clear yet), and the manse of St Machar's Ranfurly would be sold, let or otherwise disposed of. The proceeds of any property sales would remain locally.

If however one or more of the votes is negative Presbytery would then be remitted with the task of

deciding the way ahead. In the first instance a team from Presbytery would come down and visit the congregations to assess matters further before any definitive decisions are undertaken. Members may wish to enquire further about the potential consequences of a "No" majority vote at the congregational information meetings.

In recent months the union steering group, comprising elders and the ministers from both churches, and the Kirk Sessions have been working well together to progress the union. We recommend to both congregations a positive vote in each instance to secure the healthiest outcome for both current congregations and, most importantly, for the prospective united church.

Dennis Taylor, Session Clerk, St Machar's Ranfurly **Church of Scotland**

Graeme Harris, Session **Clerk. Freeland Church of** Scotland



Over the summer our organ packed in. It did so in spectacular fashion, short circuiting and it is just by a stroke of luck it didn't go up in flames. With the backing of the Kirk Session, and thanks to a very generous anonymous donor we were able to get a replacement procured and installed in time for the autumn term. It took a little while for me to get the volume sorted out. When sitting at the console it sounds very quiet regardless of which stops are used, however, in different parts of the church it sounds quite different. I think I've got it right now! It's a charming little instrument, one which I'm enjoying playing and one which I hope will enhance and enrich our worship for some time to come. With the Christmas Tree Festival looming, I've been able to arrange for seven different organists to come

to the church and play it alongside other musicians and choirs. It'll be interesting to get their feedback and I hope they enjoy playing it. I am actually looking forward to hearing it played by others. In terms of Choir repertoire most decisions have been made about what we are singing up until Watchnight, and I've started to mull over some tunes I'll play at our Christmas Tree Festival and one down in Langbank. I'm sure I've waffled before about the origins of some Christmas tunes. I wonder if you know what connects: Good King Wenceslas, Of the Father's heart begotten, Unto us a boy is born, and, Up! Good Christen folk and listen? The music for each of these carols/hymns is from a book called the Piae Cantiones from 1582. The Piae Cantiones is a collection of 74 Latin school and church songs of Finnish origin but first printed in Sweden. A student named Theodoricus Petri made this collection as generally believed that in

he was worried that these important songs were going to be lost at some point in history and needed to be preserved. The songs collected in the anthology are not all Christmas related, and some of aforementioned carols we associate with these seasonal tunes aren't, originally at least, anything to do with Christmas. For example, Of the Father's heart begotten is a communion text, Good King Wenceslas is a text celebrating the joys of spring and fresh flowers, Up! Good Christen folk feels more like a sermon with the first part telling us how good it is to worship God, singing psalms and all brothers are to live according to the monastic code! Verse two tells us not to be like Judas Iscariot but instead lead Godly lives. The **Piae Cantiones whilst** popular in Finland and Sweden took a while to reach the UK and it is

1853 a G. J. R. Gordon, Her Majesty's Envoy and Minister at Stockholm, gave a rare and possibly unique copy of the 1582 edition of Piæ Cantiones to the Rev. John Mason Neale. We know Neale as the hymnwriter for many familiar hymns including Christ is made the sure foundation, Good Christians all rejoice, and Of the Father's heart begotten. Two of these melodies coming from the Piae Cantiones. Indeed, he also wrote the text of Good King Wenceslas! *it* makes you wonder if Neale hadn't received this gift would we be singing some of our favourite Christmas hymns today and would many of these melodies be familiar to us today. If you want to hear some of the music from the Piae Cantiones sung in the original texts Andrew Lawrence King has recorded a CD with Finnish musicians called Piae Cantiones available from all good record stores and music streaming services. Well worth dipping into. Ian Munro

Mary Jane Bird

Constratulations to

Mary Jane was ordained as an elder in St Machar's Ranfurly Church in 1994.

> She is seen here receiving her Church of Scotland 30 year certificate from the Rev Hanneke Marshall at

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morning service on Sunday September 29th.



Stewart & Anne

Yeamann

on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding.

Stewart and Anne were married on Saturday September 26th 1964

St Columbas Church. Foxbar.

in

Allan & Jennie Durward

on the occasion of their Golden Wedding.

Allan & Jennie were married on Tuesday August 6th 1974 in

Sale in Cheshire



CHURCHES OF THE WORLD

Kallunge KyrKa'' Visby, Gotland, Sweeden



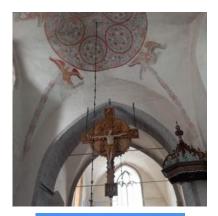
Built in the 12th/13th century it has a Byzantine influence in Swedish art which is shown by the richly decorated walls and ceiling with medieval frescoes and reliefs which although now are quite light and difficult to see are still well preserved.

There is a beautiful baptismal font and the organ is quite unusual.





STRATHGRYFFE RANGERS GUIDES





The church gives its name to the Kallunge codex which is a 1622 collection of choral music.

Helen Bullen

After the Rangers summer outings to Pinkston, Glasgow's Water Activity Centre where they had an evening tubing on the commonwealth Games Kayaking Course. Then there was a day visit to the **Highland Show at Ingleston** with an overnight camp at Fordell Firs Scout Centre.

We began the autumn term with six Rangers, two of which in addition to our meeting evenings are working towards their Young Leader qualification, helping out with Kilmacolm Guides. Our Ranger group meets in the church hall every alternate Tuesday evening and on one Sunday day each month. In September the girls had a day of activities at Lapwing

Lodge, kayaking and learning how to follow points using the 'what3words' app downloaded on their phones.



At the start of October, the girls attended an evening Remode Sewing Workshop at University of West of Scotland where they were taken through the steps to make a scrunchie using hand sewing and machine techniques by a member of the Remode Organisation. Since then, we have had a

Sunday at South Newton our Annual Christmas Craft Coffee Morning.

Then the following Sunday



Four of our Rangers joined Ranger teams across Renfrewshire in a Fun activity day called 'Mind the Gap'. Travelling to all stations on the Glasgow underground system and participating in various activities at each stop. The girls have recently enjoyed a fun sleepover kindly arranged by Christine



on behalf of the district at Flipout Trampoline Park, sleepover not being the appropriate word as I don't think there was much sleep! We are looking forward to our annual Christmas Craft Coffee Morning on Saturday 23rd November and take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has supported us. Our annual Christmas Coffee Morning fundraiser selling the girls endeavours, enables us to offset the prices of some of our away from home activities and overnight camps.

Moira Johnston

Farm House making Christmas Crafts to sell at

ST MACHAR'S RANFURLY GUILD



After a summer of highs and lows in the weather, we restarted the Guild on a nice sunny day on the 7th October. The committee were under a wee bit of pressure as due to the "non-kitchen" because of dry rot, but all went well and we were delighted to welcome 17 ladies who listened to a talk from a

gentleman from Glasgow Mission. All enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee at the end.

was Stuart Wilson, our student who was with us for 6 months. He spoke very well on our theme "Sure Foundations". Tea was served again.

Our syllabus for the New Year: Jan 6 Saved from Titanic

Jan 20 Guild Lunch Feb 3 Antarctic Exploration Feb 17 Pest Solutions Our speaker at the second meeting Mar 3 Trip to Johnstone Museum

Mar 17 AGM

We think we have some very good speakers and hope to see you there. Do bring a friend and enjoy our speakers, tea and a good chat.

Ann Hart

1ST BRIDGE OF WEIR GUIDES

We started the new term in September with 25 Guides and have been steadily working on our term Skill Builder and Unit Meeting Activities since then. This included an evening learning sign language and having fun designing new emoji's.



We also spent an evening testing one of the new activity badges Girlguiding is introducing next year. Ours was a Music badge and, after a noisy but

entertaining evening, we gave our feedback on what we thought worked well, and what we believed could improve it for other Guides. We look forward to seeing if any of our ideas make the final version of the badge. In October, we celebrated World Animal Day. We also enjoyed an evening 10-Pin Bowling at Braehead and made and decorated boxes filled with sweets for the girls to give away as a 'random act of kindness'.

At the beginning of November, we went for a sleepover at FlipOut with Kilmacolm Guides and Strathgryffe Rangers. Everyone enjoyed the evening flipping on the trampolines. We even managed a few hours sleep, thankfully.

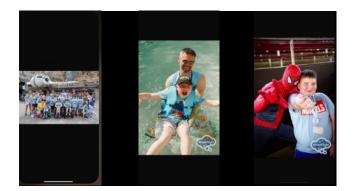


As always, we attended the annual Remembrance Sunday service here in St Machar's Ranfurly. Through November and December, we will be working on decorations for the tree we will have in the Christmas Tree Festival along with other Christmas crafts. We are also hoping to have another outing to the local cinema for a Christmas movie and looking forward to finishing the year with the BoW Festival's Santa's Sleigh. Christine Haddock – Unit Leader

DREAMFLIGHT

Thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning in aid of DREAMFLIGHT last June, when we raised an amazing £1700!

We thought you would like to see how your money was spent last month, when 192 deserving children had their life changing holiday! Thank you so much.



Muriel & Linzi

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BRIDGE OF WEIR CHURCHES ACTIVITIES Regular Activities 6.30 pm Girls Association (All Age Group) at Freeland Mondays Thursdays 10.00 am - 12 noon Coffee Drop-in Home Baking at Freeland Thursdays 4.15 pm Junior Choir at St. Machar's Ranfurly Hall Thursdays 6.15 pm Anchor Boys at Freeland Boys Brigade Junior Section at St. Machar's Ranfurly 6.30 pm Fridays Boys Brigade Company Section at Freeland Fridays 7.30 pm **December Activities** Friday 6th 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm Christmas Tree Festival - St. Machar's Ranfurly Church and Hall Christmas Tree Festival - St. Machar's Ranfurly Church and Hall Saturday 7th 10.00 am to 6.00 pm 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm Christmas Tree Festival - St. Machar's Ranfurly Church and Hall Sunday 8th Freemachar's Christmas Lunch Tuesday 10th TBA Junior Choir Christmas Concert Thursday 12th 5.15 pm Saturday 14th 10.30 am Village Carol Singing **January Activities** Monday 6th 2.00 pm The Guild - Saved from Titanic Monday 13th 7.30 pm Union Steering Group - St. Machar's Ranfurly Tuesday 14th 11.00 am Freemachar's Meeting Joint Meeting of the Kirk Sessions - Freeland Thursday 16th 7.00 pm Sunday 19th 2.00 pm. Joint Congregation Information Meeting in St. Machar's Ranfurly Guild Lunch Monday 20th 12.00 noon Thursday 23rd 7.30 pm Joint Congregation Information Meeting in Freeland Church **February Activities** Monday 3rd 2.00 pm The Guild - Antarctic Exploration Tuesday 11th 11.00 am Freemachar's Meeting

The Guild - Pest Solutions

Union Steering Group - St. Machar's Ranfurly

Joint Meeting of the Kirk Sessions - Freeland

Monday 17th

Thursday 20th

Tuesday 25th

2.00 pm

7.30 pm

7.00 pm

JUNIOR CHOIR

Junior Choir rehearsals have resumed, and our numbers work out at roughly 10 children per rehearsal. We have a varied repertoire for the term. Before the October break we were focussing on harvest/creation themed songs. Particular favourites include Conkers which sees the children having to shout (you could probably hear it in your homes!), and the Wombles theme tune! This seems to have sparked a bit of interest in the Wombles amongst the children and you can see some of their Womble inspired art work on the wall in the hall. I was quite surprised to have been asked by the Juniors for them to participate in the Remembrance Service, which they duly did. It was nice to

have them join up with the adult choir to sing both the introit and the anthem. That particular service was one of my proudest moments with them. All the children who said they could participate turned up ahead of time, and were ready to sing. When it came to the service at both the introit and anthem they were ready and waiting with the right pieces of music at the right time and ready to sing. They even joined in with the hymns with great gusto which was lovely to hear. I was most impressed with them as not every choir (junior or senior) is that disciplined! With Remembrance gone we are now preparing our songs for Christmas which range from Rapping Paper to carols by

John Rutter. The Junior Choir will be heavily involved in the Christmas Tree Festival – they'll be decorating a tree, and singing on Saturday 7th December. Their Christmas concert will be at 5.15 p.m. on Thursday 12 December to which all are invited. In the new year we are hoping the juniors will lead one of the services in March. Please come and support the young people. My thanks as ever go to the team of loyal volunteers: Mary, Helen, Dennis, Anne, Hanneke, Jane and Morven who come and assist at rehearsals, and of course, to Evelyn Watson who has been playing for the Juniors for the past few months.

Ian Munro

NOTICES

Airport runs

If you are fortunate enough to be planning/ getting ready to go on holiday, please remember that the Fundraising Committee can organise runs to the airport or Johnstone station, for a donation to Church funds. How nice to be picked up by a friendly person whom you know. Contact Morven 07887771522 or Jane 07580040186

Village Carol Singing Saturday 14th December 10.30 am

Freemachars

A Warm invitation is extended to all retired men to get together on the last Tuesday of each month. Talks are in Freeland church at 11 am. Usually followed by lunch at Bernie's. Visits meet at Freeland at 11 am (sometimes earlier) with lifts available.



Funerals

Jesus said "I am the Resurrection and the Life"

David Mills 20th November 2024

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ROTAS

Date			Service		Welcome		Beadle/Reader
Dec 08	10.30 am Joint Servi		Joint Service in	St. Machar's Ranfurly	Anne Allen	Sarah McNaught	Bill Christie
15	5 10.30 am		Morning Service		Agnes McKechan	Bill Robb	Norma Hancock
22	10.30 am		Morning Service—Lessons and Carols		Norma Hancock	Elizabeth Lyle	Helen Bullen
24	4.00 pm		Christingle		Mary Taylor	Dennis Taylor	n/a
24	11.30 pm		Watch Night Service		Mary Taylor	Dennis Taylor	Dennis Taylor
29	10.30 am		Joint Service in St. Machar's Ranfurly		Bill Christie	Philip McCulloch	Dick Hughes
Jan 05	10.30 am		Joint Service in	n Freeland Church	Ann Hart		n/a
12	10.30 am		Morning Servi	се	Anne Yeaman Morven McLeod		Greg Miller
19	10.30 am		Morning Servi	се	Anne Allen Bill Robb		Bill Robb
26	10.30 am		All Age Service	e - in Church Hall	Jennie Durward	Allan Durward	n/a
Feb 02	10.30 am		Communion S	ervice in Freeland	Sarah McNaught		Dennis Taylor
09	10.30 am		Morning Service		Mary Taylor	Dennis Taylor	Philip McCulloch
16	10.30 am		Morning Service		Norma Hancock Morven McLeod		Bill Christie
23	10.30 am		All Age Service - in Church Hall		Elizabeth Lyle Bill Christie		Norma Hancock
Mar 02	10.30 am Mornin		Morning Servi	се	Margaret Richardsc	n Anne Yeaman	Helen Bullen
Date			Flowers	Flower Delivery	Date	Flowers	Flower Delivery
Dec	08	Jennie	Durward	Jennie Durward	Jan 26	Anne Allen	Anne Allen
	15	Norma	Hancock	Norma Hancock	Feb 02	Ann Hart	Ann Hart
	22	John Sharp		Mary Taylor	09	Ian Hales	Anne Yeaman
	29	Lydia Sharp		Ann Hart	16	Norma Hancock	Norma Hancock
Jan	05	Freela	nd		23	Margaret Connelly	Ann Hart
	12	Coral N	McLaughlin	Coral McLaughlin	Mar 02	Jennifer McNosher	Margaret
	-) Naomi Butterworth		Naomi Butterworth			Richardson

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