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EK South Parish Church

Advent 2021

## **Mission Statement**

By the grace of God,  
In the spirit of Christ,  
We are a people called by God  
To live and act by His Word,  
And spread the Good News  
In our community and beyond.



## **Vision Statement**

“East Kilbride South Parish is an inclusive church, it welcomes everyone, giving opportunity for their faith to be nurtured.

It builds good relationships within the whole church family and reaches out to share our life of faith in our community.

It is able to do this, in an environment where God is central, through good leadership, sharing faith together and valuing everyone.”

# Favourite Christmas Hymn



By Rev. Terry Taylor

What is your favourite Christmas hymn? Do you feel disappointment it is not included at any point in the Christmas Season (which, incidentally, in the church calendar, starts on Christmas Eve and not some time in October! But do let us know your favourite and you may not be disappointed ☺)

My favourite is ‘O come, O come Immanuel’, and was traditionally sung on the seven days at the end of advent (so, if we are really being traditional I have it too early, oh well!)

I love it not because of the tune, which I do like, but because it is a hymn that is so full of longing and hope. It transports us back in time to the longing of the nation of Israel for a redeemer and brings us right into present times. As I sing, I think of all that the nation of Israel suffered at the hands of foreign powers, of their longing for the coming of the Messiah to free them from the tyranny of others. As I sing, I reflect upon all that isn’t going well in the world just now. Every year there is much upon which to reflect, these past two years it has been Covid and it has been the sorrows and sadness we have all experienced. Each year brings its own troubles. This wonderful hymn is a constant reminder of the hope we have in Jesus.

The hymn refers to Jesus and we encounter Him in every verse.

O come O come Emmanuel...

Isaiah 7.14: The Lord himself will give you a sign; the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel

Matthew 1.23: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

It is strewn with phrases that we hardly ever use:

O come thou rod/branch of Jesse...

Isaiah 11:1-2 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots; a reference to the promise that from the line of King David (Jesse’s son) the Messiah will come. (see also Matthew 1.6)

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O come thou key of David come...

Isaiah 22.22 “I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.”

Revelation 3.7 “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

This promised king, Jesus, whose authority cannot be challenged, this Jesus who has the final say in the history of creation.

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O come thou dayspring from on high...

Luke 1:77 – 78 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, To give knowledge of salvation to His people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;

John the Baptist will announce the arrival of ‘Dayspring’ a metaphor for Jesus, the one who brings the light of heaven into the darkness of this world. Reminiscent of the words of another hymn, ‘yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting light, the hopes and fears of the all the years are met in thee tonight’.

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O come thou Lord of might...

Exodus 15.11 “Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”

John 1.1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. Here we find that this Jesus is God almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

This Lord of might is the creator, the do-er of miracles, the mighty redeemer, Jesus is this Lord of might and power, he is the one who is majestic and holy.

Most of all this hymn calls us to rejoice because the messiah has come and will come again (have a wee read at John 14).

So, let us rejoice that Emmanuel will return

Revelation 22.12-13 “Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

These are the reasons this is my favourite hymn to sing as we approach Christmas. These words keep me focused on the great wonder of the incarnation. It is a glorious reminder that in dark times we live with great hope.

*As we prepare for Christmas, let us avoid being distracted by the “commercial” or “cultural” Christmas around us and focus on the one thing Christmas is really about—the Incarnation of the Son of God. “For I have come down from heaven... to do... the will of him who sent me... this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” (Xmas and Christmas: A Lost Chapter from Herodotus.” CS Lewis, 1954)*

Here are a couple of versions of the hymn which you can find on youtube.

A particularly lovely version, in my humble opinion, by the singer Beth Neilsen Chapman on youtube [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_1f7mbCMWNg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_1f7mbCMWNg)

More contemporary version by Belle & Sebastian: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6s25qJVER\\_U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6s25qJVER_U)

A traditional version: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xtpJ4Q\\_Q-4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xtpJ4Q_Q-4)

Graham and I take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy and blessed Christmas season and, may the hope that Jesus offers live in your heart now and always.



### ***Christmas greetings***

**" Wishing all my friends at the South Parish a very Happy Christmas and a healthy 2022" - Anna Cossar**

Wishing all my South Parish Church friends a very happy Christmas and a healthy 2022. It has been good to join you on Zoom during the past months. Thanks to all those who have made this possible. Let's hope things get back to normal next year.

God bless.

Rena Nimmo

## Getting to know you...

Interview with Rev Terry Taylor, speaking to Sandra MacKenzie

A friend of mine has just finished his PhD on the topic of St Bernard and whether or not he owed his sanctity to his life within the monastery or outwith it and that came back to my mind when I was looking at my interview notes from my meeting with our minister. Does Terry owe her goodness and her piety and all her other special qualities to her life *before* she became a minister or *after* her training and ordination?

She grew up as an ordinary wee girl (her own words) in Pollok in Glasgow and was the eldest of six children; she had two brothers and three sisters. Terry was raised in the Roman Catholic faith. She made good friends and some of them remain her friends to this day. She remembers they used to go out with a radio and would listen to Radio Caroline and Radio Luxembourg on the steps of some tenement – until they were chased!

“We didn’t have much,” said Terry, “But we didn’t know it because everyone was the same. And one of my clearest memories is that everyone shared. Everyone was kind.”

She enjoyed school and remembers teachers who were caring and encouraging. She lived near to her gran and had to pass her house on the way to and from school but she remembers she never passed her door without popping in to say hello. Regular attenders at the South Parish will remember many references to Terry’s gran, a woman of great faith.

“I learned about hope from my gran,” remembers Terry. “She had a difficult life but never ever lost her belief that God is good.”

Terry attended Lourdes Secondary School in Cardonald and was there for five years.

“I was a real blether and could probably have done better,” said Terry with a wry smile. Then she just happened to mention that when she was 14 she developed TB and spent three months in Mearns Kirk Hospital and had actually been quite unwell for some time before that probably losing out on nearly a year of school work. I think when she says she didn’t do quite as well in her O Grades and Highers as she might have done it was probably more due to that than blethering!

When she was almost 16 Graham Taylor and his family moved into the same block of flats as Terry's family and thus began a romance which has lasted now for about 50 years. Terry remembers that Graham's mother had her eye on Terry's sister Josephine for her son but Graham had other ideas! Terry and Graham were married in St Conval's Church when Terry was 18. She remembers a friend telling her she was too young to get married.

"But while Graham and I will celebrate our Golden Wedding Anniversary quite soon she's now on her third husband," said Terry with a mischievous smile.

Terry and Graham started married life in a flat in Cumbernauld and Terry worked as a shorthand typist with Glasgow Corporation and Graham as a trainee transport manager with a road haulage company. Prior to that Graham had worked with Alliance Box Company where he made her the famous paper clip necklace which she told us about one Sunday.

Terry stopped her work as a shorthand typist when they had their children Tracy and David and they moved to a house in Bo'ness in 1978 after Graham started work with BP in Grangemouth. Terry remembers with great fondness bringing up her family in Bo'ness. Graham worked continental shifts which meant that every five to six weeks he had ten days off.

"This meant we could spend a lot of time together which certainly helped our marriage," said Terry. "He was very involved with the children and very good about the house."

They made lots of friends in Bo'ness and Terry obviously loved that part of her life. They were there for more than 25 years.

But what about Terry's faith during this time? She doesn't remember a time when she didn't believe in God but she also remembers she only attended Mass occasionally.

Everything changed in November 1987 when her beloved daddy died. It's obvious he was a major influence in her life.

"He was a Red Clydesider and had a great sense of justice," said Terry.

"He gave me a copy of Robert Tressell's novel 'The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists' when I was 14. He was also an agnostic and I remember when he was in hospital, dying, I prayed really hard for him to have faith. A neighbour told me she had

asked her minister to go and have a word with him in hospital and I was really worried he would tell him to take a running jump! After he died we discovered that he had started to keep a notebook about faith after that visit and died a week later.”

That same young pastor came to visit Terry’s family after her dad died and it was a pivotal moment for Terry.

“It wasn’t that he told me anything about Jesus that I didn’t already know,” said Terry, “But it was as if the penny dropped.”

And that was the beginning of Terry’s journey which culminated in her becoming a minister and more especially for us – OUR minister.

(To be continued...)



### **More Christmas greetings**

Wishing all my friends at the South Parish a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year from Fiona McEwan

May God fill our lives with love, joy and peace this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas with love from Andy and Maureen.

Elizabeth and Barrie would like to wish all their friends at the South Parish every blessing for Christmas and in the New Year.

## PASTORAL CARE GROUP



*John 13:34-35*

*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."*

Unfortunately, life has still not quite returned to normal during the on-going Covid pandemic but we have started to resume some visits of our housebound members of the church family and that has been encouraging.

Phone calls are still being used as a way of keeping in touch and, of course, the services being relayed into some homes by way of Zoom has been a lifeline for those who have the technology available.

We will continue to do all we can to make sure our sick or housebound friends are not forgotten and, as usual, we will be sending a special pastoral care Christmas card to those unable to meet with us on a Sunday.

We all have a duty to care for one another whether comforting in times of sadness or sharing in happy news and we are encouraged that this takes place throughout our church family and that can only be a good thing as Jesus commanded us to love one another as he loves us.

Please let us know of anyone you know who is ill or going through difficult days and we will do our best to share Jesus' love with them.



We finish up with a Christmas Meditation by Helen Steiner Rice and wish you all a happy and safe New Year.

*Give us through the coming year  
Quietness of mind  
Teach us to be patient  
And always to be kind,  
Give us reassurance  
When everything goes wrong  
So our faith remains unfaltering  
And our hope and courage strong  
And show us that in quietness  
We can feel your presence near  
Filling us with joy and peace  
Throughout the coming year.*

*(Helen Steiner Rice)*

Happy Christmas from all of us and many blessings in the New Year.

*Elizabeth, Barrie, June, Jean, Jeanette and Alison*

## BACK ON THE ROAD AGAIN

The Rambling Club were finally able to return to travelling together in the minibus in September. Previously throughout the summer we did some local walks to the Heritage Park and Cathkin Braes but we were overjoyed to be back with Stevie, our driver and the new look bus with its plastic screening to protect the driver. We set off for Dunure and it was a beautiful day. We wore our masks and kept the windows open and when we left Dunure it was to the sound of the pipes, a fitting start to our first big day out! (The piper was actually there for a family who were scattering their loved one's ashes).

Not long after we set off, Andy gave us a fright by collapsing while trying to open the wrapper of a sweetie. He insisted he was fine so there was no need to call out the rescue helicopter and he seemed to bounce back after lunch.

Our path followed the beautiful coastline and took us through the grounds of Culzean castle. We stopped for a photo shoot beside the castle wall with the backdrop of the sea and had to make way for a newly engaged couple getting a picture taken by a camera on a drone flying out over the castle walls and above the cliffs.

We continued the walk down to the Maidens and finished up with tea and cakes on the decking of Marie's caravan. A lovely end to a lovely day.

We have since been walking in Mugdock Park in Milngavie and Callendar Park in Falkirk.

We were also out for a meal to celebrate the 90th birthday of one of our 'retired walkers', Lottie and it was a lovely reunion of many walk-

ers from over the years who not only enjoyed walking together in our beautiful countryside but formed lasting friendships which continue to this day. Anyone who would like to join us would be made most welcome and can contact myself on 07985 595167.

Fiona McEwan

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## ***Sunday School***

As we approach Christmas, the Sunday School has very little to reflect on since this time last year. Sadly, we have not yet been able to resume our normal teaching programme.



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We plan to get together to find a way forward for our work with the young folk very soon. Our numbers are very low and at the moment we don't appear to have any young children aged 3 for our Beginners' Department. In our older groups we feel we should perhaps make some changes to our programme. We will certainly be giving this much thought over the coming weeks after Christmas. Please remember us in your prayers as we try to create interesting and varied activities as we move into the new year. We are hoping, once again, to invite the younger children in the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade to join us on a Sunday morning, so please pray for us in this and pray for the families who, through the organisations, have a connection to the South Parish.

For almost two years life has been different for most of us. However, we hope for some normality to return in the new year and we give thanks for the work of the BB and the GB who have already managed to resume contact with their young people. As we have done in previous years, we are again appealing for donations of selection boxes for the families who have the

need to use Loaves and Fishes. We have been well supported by the congregation in the past and would welcome any contribution this year.

Unfortunately, there will be no Christmas outing to the pantomime this year, nor any visit from Santa. However, we will make sure each young person in the Sunday School receives a small present and we do hope that during the special Christmas services we will see the children at church. We really have missed them so much!!

Thank you to all who have supported us through this difficult time in many different ways.



*A Christmas Blessing for you!*

*May Jesus, our Saviour,  
Who was born on Christmas Day,  
Bless you this season  
In a very special way.  
May the beauty and the promise  
Of that silent, holy night  
Fill your heart with peace and happiness  
And make your New Year bright!*  
*(Helen Steiner Rice)*

Happy Christmas and every blessing in the New Year from all of us in the Sunday School.

Elizabeth

## Reflection

Where is the time going? I can't quite believe it is 5 months since my last service at EK South in June. I hope you are all well. I am delighted to be able to write to you as you all still hold a very special place in my heart and I keep you in my prayers. I do get the opportunity to keep in touch with some of you in social settings and it is great to hear how everything is going. Sadly my newly found bowling skills were just starting to improve as the season ended.

I am almost halfway through my 3<sup>rd</sup> year at University with exams looming in December. I have been enjoying the learning and this semester my modules are Hebrews (I am so glad the Bible Study group did this in May as it has given me a bit of a head start), Homiletics (a fancy name for preaching so I am enjoying that), and Christian Spirituality where there is a lot of history mixed with practical skills too. All in all a lot to learn but all very enjoyable. Your prayers will be very welcome as I complete assignments and examinations. Next term I begin my research project and I am focusing on Christian Hospitality in its broadest sense although coffee and cake is always good too! I will also be studying Counselling in a Pastoral Setting.

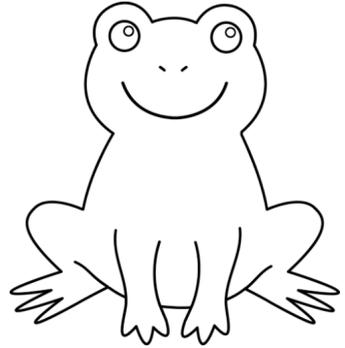
I am settling in well at my new Placement Church which is St Mary's in Motherwell where everyone has been welcoming and kind. I have been kept busy with 3 baptisms, 2 funerals, 2 weddings, Holy Communion, Session and Board meetings, Junior Church talks, Sunday worship and coffee mornings. It is all great experience as I continue on my journey in ministry.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to keep in contact in this way and hopefully one day I will get to see you again in person and wouldn't it be great if it was without masks too.

To close I thought I'd share this story as an encouragement to you.

## THE FROG RACE

There was once a bunch of tiny frogs, who arranged a running competition. The goal was to reach the top of a very high tower. A big crowd gathered around the tower to see the race and cheer on the contestants. The race began....



No one in the crowd really believed that the tiny frogs would reach the top of the tower. They shouted, "Oh, way too difficult!!! They will NEVER make it to the top" and "Not a chance. The tower is too high".

The tiny frogs began collapsing, one by one except for those who, in a fresh tempo, were climbing higher and higher.... The crowd continued to yell, "It's too difficult! No one will make it!" More tiny frogs got tired and gave up...

But one continued higher and higher. This one wouldn't give up! And he reached the top.

Everyone wanted to know how this one frog managed such a great feat.

His secret? **This little frog was deaf!!**

Always remember: Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with you. Keep focused on God's goals – Love God and Love one another

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and every blessing for 2022

Yours in Christ, Hazel Shaw



# UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE UK 2021

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY

It was lovely to be led in worship by Joy Codona during the COP26 climate change conference at the beginning of November, to hear her examples of how climate change has impacted on the lives of people in other parts of the world,

and to think and pray about how God wants us to care for his creation. My best friend Penny stayed with us that weekend- some of you kindly said hello to her on Zoom- and she was touched by Joy's words. Penny was one of the COP delegates, and went into the Blue Zone the next day singing "Beauty and Brokenness" in her head after we'd sung it at the service. Prior to arriving, she'd spoken to folks at her own church, and after a long week, she sent a few notes from the train home which she's happy I share with you.

*Claire*

Beauty for brokenness  
Hope for despair  
Lord, in your suffering  
This is our prayer  
Bread for the children  
Justice, joy, peace  
Sunrise to sunset  
Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives  
Cures for their ills  
Work for the craftsman  
Trade for their skills  
Land for the dispossessed  
Rights for the weak  
Voices to plead the cause  
Of those who can't speak

Rest for the ravaged earth  
Oceans and streams  
Plundered and poisoned  
Our future, our dreams  
Lord, end our madness  
Carelessness, greed  
Make us content with  
The things that we need

God of the poor  
Friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray  
Melt our cold hearts  
Let tears fall like rain  
Come, change our love  
From a spark to a flame

*Graham Kendrick*

Penny writes:

“I know that some of you know lots and are already making commitments to reduce your own carbon footprints but it can feel overwhelming. I hoped that by sharing these insights I might raise the subject a bit higher up the consciousness of my friends who are less steeped in the subject. In turn, if you just talk about it to someone you usually wouldn't, that's already a step of influence which I can't have and you can.

We probably all know the main things we can do, and each of us have different lives where some are more feasible than others but even one of the below is better than none:

- Use your voice: keep this in conversations with friends, colleagues and family
- Use your vote: for the parties who have highest commitments to decarbonization
- Waste less: everything we consume contains carbon, at least don't throw it away: food, clothes, furniture, fuel, even internet!
- Switch your home energy tariff to a green one, insulate your home better, put in a heat pump or solar or both
- Buy a more efficient car next time you change
- Walk, cycle or take more public transport
- Reduce the meat, especially beef and lamb, and dairy in your diet and be mindful of where your food comes from
- Don't hop straight back on the plane for work or leisure if there's an alternative, bundle the journeys if you must make them.
- Plant your own tree and tend it, offset as a last resource.

One of the great communicators I follow says the best advice is to care, because then you will work out what your contribution can be.”

*Penny Endersby*



## Memories of Jim Muir

I recall Jim coming to the BB in the South Parish as an officer in the 60s. My first memory is of him taking drill and putting us through our paces. I remember thinking that he was quite a stern man and we were all a bit afraid of him. I soon realised that he was a lot of fun when you got to know him. He got the boys to put on a play about Cinderella which was written in rhyme. I got the part of the baddie but I got my comeuppance by the end!

Jim also put on another play but managed to get the Girls Brigade to play the female parts. One boy and one girl were singing a hit of the time – Cinderella Rockefeller. Being teenage boys in the BB we teased them a lot about being an item, but the romance was strictly an on-stage one!

I recall being in the session room in a class that Jim was taking one Friday night. Another boy a couple of years older than me was training to be an officer and had been given the job of timekeeper for the evening. Towards the end of the class he put his head round the door and stuck up two fingers and shouted “Two minutes!” Unfortunately he had shown the two fingers round the wrong way and Jim had to show him the appropriate gesture!

In 1969 the BB had their summer camp in Ramsey on the Isle of Man and Jim and his family were there. We had a great holiday and while we were there the first men landed on the moon.

Fred Hearle, who took over as BB Captain from Jim, told me a couple of stories about Jim which illustrate his fun side.

The BB were at camp in Arbroath and some of the boys were wearing long trousers instead of shorts. A football tournament had been arranged and while all the boys were away, Jim went round their cases and removed all the long trousers!

Fred also told me that Jim could be described as a wind-up merchant. Apparently he used to tell visitors to the South Parish that he intended to turn the big hall there into a swimming pool. His idea was that there would be a rising floor so that the hall could be used as normal

and then lowered to make a swimming pool. What a way to impress visitors!

Jim became an elder in the South Parish in 1970 and also took over as Captain after Adam Davidson passed away. He and Eileen left the South Parish in the early 80s and joined the Congregational Church in Carnegie Hill which became the URC and served there faithfully for over 40 years.

We kept in touch as the URC is involved together in the Murray Churches Partnership. Jim had a lot of roles in the church and he and Eileen ran weekly church lunches for a number of years. Jim was a great soup maker and I'm told that haggis soup was his speciality! They also helped to run a club for the residents of Fraser River Tower and I recall a lovely evening there when Elizabeth and I treated them to a singalong.

When I emailed South Parish contacts about Jim's passing, I got some lovely comments. Here are a few -

"He was a lovely man and will be missed by many."

"I met him a few times and he was always great chat and obviously loved the BB."

And from a former GB officer - "What an absolute gentleman he was. I have fond memories of him helping out with the GB and being bossed about by Eileen!"

Jim's funeral took place on 18<sup>th</sup> November and it was great to see a number of BB boys from Jim's time in the company in attendance. Some former officers paraded the company colours at the crematorium.

For me Jim was a sincere man whom I respected. He had a great sense of fun and he did his best to serve his Lord by serving others in a great many ways.

*Barrie Crawford*





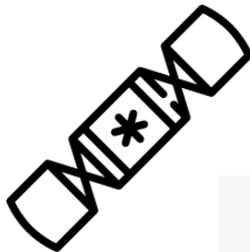
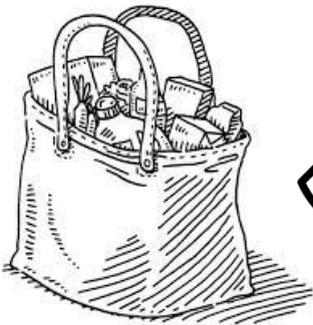
## **EK foodbank update**

How can it possibly be 30ish days until Christmas? This time of year sees the Foodbank's involvement in the community go slightly crazy. From the end of November until mid December we start offering clients the chance of buying low cost toys at amazing prices which helps them spread the cheer when on such a tight budget. At the end of November we also open the ordering system for a Christmas day Hamper which contains all food necessities to create and enjoy a beautiful dinner on the day. We then distribute these parcels to the clients at home and this year that takes place on 23rd December. In order to provide the items needed for the hampers EK foodbank are encouraging people who can, to take part in their reverse advent calendar. For each day in advent instead of opening a door on an advent calendar, why not pop an item into a bag/box that is needed to make up the parcels, details of the items suggested can be found on EK Community Foodbank Facebook page.

In relation to what has been happening in our Foodbank this past year I honestly don't know where to begin. My husband Joe and myself, have been manning the outreach every Thursday with a few wee days off provided by Donna, Douglas and Stuart, to which we are extremely grateful. Increasingly over the year we have seen so many families new and recurring visit each week. The families are eternally grateful each week for the help and support our team provide by hosting an outreach at our church. On a Friday we have a team who help at the main unit organising bag packing, sorting through donations and many other duties. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Claire, Wendy, Stuart, Graham, Ishbel and Iain. You guys do a fantastic job behind the scenes! So far with the encouraging prayers we have had a few successes of clients who have found employment and thankfully no longer need the help of the foodbank, the great works of Gods power working in our community!

I would like to thank our Church family for all the support you have given to my family, the Foodbank Team at South Parish and we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Gods' blessings for the New Year.

*Fiona, Joe and Family.*



*Seen in a Christian coffee shop...*

**WAYS TO LOVE**

**Listen**

*Without interrupting*

**Speak**

*Without accusing*

**Give**

*Without sparing*

**Answer**

*Without arguing*

**Share**

*Without pretending*

**Enjoy**

*Without complaint*

**Trust**

*Without wavering*

**Forgive**

*Without punishing*

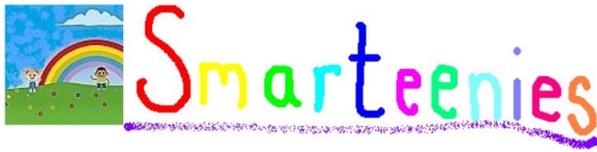
**Promise**

*Without forgetting*

**Honour**

*Without fail*

*Barrie Crawford*



The toddlers have settled in well and now can't wait to get playing as soon as they arrive each Wednesday morning. We will have a few Christmas activities in the lead up to Christmas culminating in our Christmas party and a visit from Santa Claus.

Thank you all for remembering us in your prayers, we do feel very blessed as we serve our community in this way.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope that you are able to spend it with your loved ones this year, from all of the team at Smarteenies.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King!

*Wendy*

### **Update on Ulrike!**

A number of people ask me about our German friend, Ulrike, who had a massive stroke earlier in the year. I'm happy to say that she's still making good progress. I spoke to her on the phone last week and she was joking away, as she always did. She told me too that she had managed to walk 2 kilometres the previous day with her rollator and she hope to progress to doing without it, albeit gradually. Her husband, Bernd, is clearly happy with her progress and both of them continue to be grateful for all the prayers for them.

*BarrieCrawford*

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### Congregational Activities

Sunday Worship service 10.30am

(In church building and on Zoom)

Wednesday 7.30pm Bible Study

(On Zoom)

Continue to check on our Facebook pages for details  
of organisation and group activities

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