

December 2019 / January 2020

# The Parishioner





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## My Dear friends,

As I sit in front of the computer in my attic study to write this wee message to you, I am again totally amazed by the speed of time as today is Saturday 30 November 2019. In a few weeks time we will not only be celebrating Christmas, but again be welcoming another New Year. My goodness!!!!!! Don't know about you, but I feel that the speed time passes is quite scary. If you are anything like me, you will be bewildered by how fast the past year has gone.

Some folks say that 'auld age does'nae come alone' and that time seems to speed up the older you get. Guess I'm hitting that stage myself. Argh!!!!!! Disbelief!!!!

Anyway, we carry on regardless! Seems only five minutes ago (1 May 2019) that I became your Locum Minister. Can you remember the Millenium Celebrations of 2000? Again, doesn't this seem just a short memory back in time? They say time speeds up for folks in three ways, i.e. when you get older, when you are

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very busy and lastly, when life is good and you are having a lot of fun and enjoyment. I suppose all three would apply to me in one way or the other. The last seven months for Maggie and me, as members of the St. Mary's Church Family, have been very special and so enjoyable as we have got to know many of you in a very special way. Thank you so so much for that!

Friends, how has 2019 been for you? Maybe for some folks the past year has been a very good one with many happy memories. Yet, possibly for others, could it have been that last year has been a tough year full of pain and struggle: you have lost a loved one or illness or unemployment has brought an unwelcome intrusion into your life. Perhaps some of us, as we are fast coming to the end of this past year of 2019, might take a moment to reflect on such events.

The end of one year and the dawning of a new one

can provide an excellent opportunity to wipe the slate clean and make a fresh start according to Henry W. Beecher (1813-1887) when he offered good advice by saying, "We have passed through one more year. One more long stage in the journey of life, with its ascents and descents and dust and mud and rocks and thorns and burdens that wear the shoulders, is done. The old year is dead! Roll it away! Let it go! God in His providence has brought us out of it! It is gone; its evil is gone, its good remains. The evil has perished and the good survives."

Looking back over 2019 there is so much good to give thanks for. Personally, I have had the privilege to serve you as your Locum Minister and be part of the St Mary's church family. I would like to thank you all for all the kindness and friendship that you have shown to me. I have enjoyed so much getting to know you and also for the fun and laughs we have shared

together. Friends, however last year has been, may we journey into this coming New Year with energy, faith and optimism and look to our faithful God who has not only sustained us in the past but also promises to lead and guide us into the future. May we grasp all the new opportunities ahead! It maybe sometime in 2020 that you could be welcoming a new minister into your church who will lead you forward into a new and exciting phase of your journey of worship and faith, Maggie joins me in praying that you may receive God's richest blessing as you prepare for this new ministry and era in the life of St Mary's Parish Church. Our further prayer also for you is reflected in Paul's personal ambition as he shared it with the young Philippian church, found in Philippians Ch3: 12 - 16

"But one thing I do:

Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus" My dear friends, may we face 2020 with confidence and look to our God to enable us to be victorious disciples for the glory of Jesus our Lord. Whatever God has for you, press on for it! Don't let the 'little foxes steal your blessing'. Wherever the Lord takes us next year, may we agree to pray for each other and to look forward in faith to much blessing!

Maggie joins me in wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a New Year full of happiness, health and prosperity!

**Your locum Minister and friend . . .**

**Morris**



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# Parish Register

## Funerals

*Jesus said 'I am the resurrection and the life ...'  
'Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted'  
Jesus said 'The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God'*

November 28 Mrs Jean Campbell, 21 Braehead Street, Kirkintilloch

*It is with sadness we intimate the deaths of the following members:*

*Mrs Anna Struth, Alloway Drive, Kirkintilloch*

*Mr David Smith, formerly Monkland Avenue Kirkintilloch*

*Mrs Janette Trotter, Oak Drive, Lenzie*



## ***The Bells of St Mary's***

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<b>December</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>Cara Bevens and Mhairi Green</b>
	<b>15</b>	<b>Fiona and Mhairi Green</b>
	<b>22</b>	<b>Lisa and Daniel Malloy-Gibson</b>
	<b>29</b>	<b>Lesley and Cara Bevens</b>
<b>January 2020</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>Mary Stirling and Jen Biggans</b>
	<b>12</b>	<b>Cara Bevens and Mhairi Green</b>
	<b>19</b>	<b>Fiona and Mhairi Green</b>
	<b>26</b>	<b>Lisa and Daniel Malloy-Gibson</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>Lesley and Cara Bevens</b>
	<b>09</b>	<b>Mary Stirling and Jen Biggans</b>



# Church Flowers

We wish to thank the following members who will donate the flowers for the Chancel of our Church during December and January.

December	08	Mrs I Hay, Mrs N Marshall, Mrs R Downs
	15	Mrs J Reid, Mr J Wilson
	22	Miss M Weir, Mrs R Bennie, Mrs L Brown
Christmas Eve		Mrs E Walker
	29	E & C Kerr, Mrs J Finney, Mr G Fraser
January <b>2020</b>	05	Mrs M Girault, Mrs J Reid
	12	Mr Mrs D Burns, Miss J Provan, Mr Mrs J Cuthbertson
	19	Mrs J Pearson, Mrs S Nicol, Mrs S Burns
	26	Mrs J Cardwell, Mrs B McMillan, Mrs J Clarke
February	02	Mrs M Taylor, Mrs L Black, Mrs M Smith
	09	Mrs E Dewar and Mrs F Wilson

The following members, whom we wish to thank for their assistance, will be responsible for the distribution.

December	08/15	P & L Malcolm and Mrs C Kerr
	22/29	Mrs S Nicol and Mrs C Devine
<b>2020</b> January	05/12	Mrs B Walker and Ms L Dunn
	19/26	Mrs B McMillan and Mrs J Reid
February	05/12	Mrs A Pearson and Mrs J McCann

***Grateful thanks to all who have donated so generously towards the Chancel Flowers during the last month.***

# Dates for your diary . . .



## Listeners Circle

### **Listeners Circle on Friday 20 December in the Session**

**House at 2.00 p.m.** will be a selection of Christmas music chosen by Mrs Edith Dunn. Visitors are always welcome,

especially at this festive season. You may even get a mince pie and slice of cake to accompany your cuppa in the interval. The first meeting of 2020 is Friday 21 February.

## Friday Fellowship

Friday Fellowship meets every second Friday in the Lesser Hall at 7.30pm. The programme for January is as undernoted.

January	10	Glenda White – Train Journey with a Difference
	24	David Tinto – Slides Presentation
February	07	Elizabeth Walker – Floral Demonstration
	21	John Pears – Swiss Railways

## Burns Night

Burns Night will be celebrated on Saturday 18th January 2020. The three course traditional meal will be provided by the caterers at Lenzie Golf Club. Speeches and entertainment will be made by members of the congregation and invited guests.

Tickets costing £16 will go on sale on Sunday 29th December.

## Open Doors

There will be no open doors in January or February but will recommence on Wednesday 4th March. Thank you to all volunteers who have willingly given of their time to make this venture a success throughout the year. Thanks also to members of the congregation who have dropped in to support us, have a chat and a cup of tea. See you all in March.



*Some of the craft group hard at work preparing decorations for Christmas.*



## The Parishioner

The next issue will be **February 2019** and copy for this should be handed to Sandra Burns, left in the Publications pigeon hole in the Hall vestibule or sent by e-mail to [sandraburns.me@gmail.com](mailto:sandraburns.me@gmail.com) no later than **Sunday 26 January**. With continued thanks to those who make donations towards the cost of producing the magazine. **The Publications Committee take this opportunity of wishing everyone a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year. Personal thanks from the Editor to all involved who give of their time every month assisting in the production of the magazine and keeping the Website up-to-date.**

## Visitors are welcome

St Mary's is a sit anywhere Church and visitors are always welcome. If you feel there should be more to life than retail therapy and Friday night clubbing, try coming along to the 11 o'clock service on Sunday morning. You may hear something to change how you value your life and your relationships with those around you. You don't have to join up to join in.

The Church office is located on the right as you enter the Church Halls. The secretary, Mrs Denise Japp, is available in the office Monday to Friday 8.15 a.m. – 12.15 a.m. and may be the first point of contact for general enquiries. Denise will be able to refer you to the person best suited to respond. Church office telephone 0141 775 1166 or e-mail: [office.stmarys@btconnect.com](mailto:office.stmarys@btconnect.com)

# Session Report

The Kirk Session met on the 20th November and amongst the wide range of topics discussed, one of the most significant was in regard to our financial deficit and the vacancy process. Following a lot of hard work and careful deliberations, we have reached a pivotal moment in our journey as a congregation and in the life of St Mary's. You may have received this information in print already, if you were at Church at the end of November or beginning of this month, but it is critical that everyone is aware of what has been happening, what our next steps are going to be and how you can play your part.

- We have met with representatives of Glasgow Presbytery and the Central Church and presented our proposals for addressing our current financial shortfall. The meeting was very positive and our proposals were met favourably by all parties.
- The proposal put forward by the Kirk Session involves a relaxation of our reserves policy, as well as de-restricting funds that are currently held for specific purposes (primarily special projects).
- This will allow us to make a payment of £56,500 towards our deficit, leaving an outstanding balance of £60,000. We will undertake to repay this balance over a period of 5 years.
- In light of the above, our proposal includes requesting permission to call a new Minister. This call would be on a reviewable tenure, until the shortfall is repaid in full.
- Presbytery meets on the 10th of December and a joint report from the Stewardship & Finance Committee, along with the Vacancy Procedure Committee will be presented at the meeting. The report will recommend that Presbytery accept our proposal, granting permission for the vacancy process to commence.

- So we now have a coherent plan that, with the support of Presbytery, will allow us to engage in the vacancy process and move forward in this new chapter of St Mary's life. And it is at this time that we need your help and support to deliver that plan.
- Whilst we have been able to clear a significant proportion of our deficit, we will need to reinstate our reserves policy and replenish our restricted funds for the ongoing maintenance and enhancement of our Sanctuary and halls. In addition, we still have a deficit of £60,000 which we need to repay as quickly as we can, but certainly within the next 5 years.
- With that in mind, we have agreed to launch our Advent Appeal, giving everyone the opportunity to make a personal financial gift. Details of the appeal are enclosed with your magazine, inviting you to make a significant contribution towards securing our future as a worshipping congregation at the very heart of Kirkintilloch.

This is an exciting and incredibly positive place to be at this time and Advent feels like a most appropriate time to be able to share this good news. It needs every one of us to play our part and I am confident that we will rise to the challenge, allowing us to engage in the vacancy process early in the New Year. Thank you to everyone who has helped to get us to this stage of our journey. In particular, I would like to express my gratitude to our Interim Moderator, Ian Taylor, for his faithful support and continued guidance.

Finally, on behalf of the Kirk Session, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas with best wishes for the New Year.

**Kind regards,  
Gordon Morrison, Session Clerk**

# Organisations Accounts/Auditors

Will treasurers of all organisations please ensure that a copy of their annual audited accounts is passed to the Treasurer or Finance Convenor no later than 29th February 2020. These accounts will be made up to their year-end falling into the year to 31 December 2019. The Nursery, Social Committee, Young Church and Friday Fellowship, whose accounts are included in the Church Accounts, should work to a deadline of 14th February 2020.

The members of the Finance Committee who have volunteered to act as auditors for the church organisations are John Pears, Gordon Sinclair, Lewis Wilson and Hugh Biggans.

The Church Accounts should be submitted to Presbytery and Church of Scotland by 31st March annually, therefore, it is very important that these deadlines are adhered to, especially in our current circumstances. We need to present the accounts to Session as early as possible to enable them to be inspected by our Independent Examiner prior to submission to the relevant bodies. Your assistance in this matter is very much appreciated by John Thomson and myself.

**Hugh Biggans, Finance Convenor**

## Fairtrade News

We were recently asked by the Fairtrade Foundation to confirm the work we do as a church for Fairtrade.

A submission was made a few weeks ago and we have just heard that we have once again been recognised as a Fairtrade Church. Thank you to everyone who made this possible and please continue to support Fairtrade.

The fields of the poor may produce abundant food but injustice sweeps it away. Proverbs 13.23

**Fiona Leishman**

# Nursery News

The children celebrated St Andrew's Day by wearing tartan and enjoying a special Shake 'n' Wake. It was good to have so many parents and grandparents join us for this!

The nursery is having their annual "RAG BAG" collection this month. This is an opportunity for you to have a pre-Christmas clear out and hand in any unwanted textiles you may have whilst raising funds for the nursery.

Our Christmas Nativity Concert this year will be "A King is Born". It will be held in church on Thursday 19th December. Tickets for the Nativity are available from the office at a cost of £3 each. I urge as many of you who are able to come along and enjoy our Nativity and show support for our nursery.

Wendy Stirling has left us to take up a post at Lenzie Meadow. We wish Wendy all the very best for her future. We welcomed Jean Ralph to the St Mary's team at the beginning of last month and she will share Mrs MacDonald's group. Mrs McDonald has now returned to her post as Head of Centre. She will work Monday – Thursdays for the next few months. Elaine Connor will remain based within the nursery as a support for the staff as well as working on the transition to 1140 hours for next year. Over the winter the nursery focus will be to clear the mud kitchen at the back of our garden area. The area will be cleared and bark laid leaving a "blank canvas" for development in the Spring. In line with our ECO school's commitment, we will be using natural materials. Watch this space!

Rev Morris Dutch continues to visit the nursery each week to tell stories and teach the children new songs. We thank Morris for his enthusiasm and commitment.

**Fiona Leishman, Nursery Convenor**

# Easy Fundraising

Using [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) or the App is a simple way for the Church to raise funds while you shop. If you shop via this website, every purchase will generate a donation to the Church which will then be received on a quarterly basis

Over 3000 retailers are affiliated to this online shopping forum, including big brands such as John Lewis, M & S, Argos and Ebay, so you can purchase all sorts of items such as your weekly shop or your latest holiday and you will be raising funds for St Mary's. Just go to the website [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and register at no cost, select St Mary's Parish Church Kirkintilloch as your good cause, carry on shopping to your heart's content and the website will do the rest.

**Happy Shopping.**

**Veronica Carmichael, Stewardship Committee**

## Seekers

On Sunday 22nd September the Seekers met unusually early at 9.35am to get the bus into Glasgow where we went to the Glasgow Cathedral Harvest Service. Mark had then arranged a short tour of the Cathedral for us where we enjoyed going down into the crypt and learnt the story of St Mungo. We then went to Cineworld to see The Lion King and also managed to fit in a McDonald's before getting the bus back to Kirkintilloch.

Throughout this session you may have heard some of us take our turn of doing the reading during the Sunday morning service on the last Sunday of the month. We have been a bit nervous about this, but hope you have enjoyed seeing us taking part in the service.

At Seekers we have been learning about the journeys of Paul and have enjoyed mapping his travels.

Seekers is on during the Sunday morning service and is open to all young people in P6-S6. We would be happy to welcome anyone interested in coming along.

**Margaret Paterson**

# Stewardship Programme

Stewardship is not new in St Mary's. In 2007 we had Giving for Living and Future Focus in 2011. We had recent appeals for roof repairs, sound systems and stonework. This Church has raised funds in the past to build halls and manses.

What we have not done is have a Stewardship Programme. This is not a one-off appeal but an ongoing programme of events that will be part of the annual life of this Church. This is what the Stewardship Committee has been set up to manage and implement.

Our Giving for Living campaign set out the 4 tenets of Stewardship as being time, talent, money and faith. The aim of the Stewardship Committee is to develop ways in which we can make better use of these assets present in St Mary's. And through that help to continue St Mary's as a self-sustaining, thriving, relevant faith community in Kirkintilloch.

To help us achieve our aim, we will be using a resource developed by the Church of Scotland called Narrative of Generosity. This resource challenges congregations to consider 12 themes and with each theme to consider how, we as a congregation, interact with that theme, what questions that raises and how we can do things better. Examples of the themes are Youth, God, Money and Volunteering.

We are planning our first event early in March 2020 that will lead up to our first Stewardship Sunday service on 8th March. You can expect to receive an invitation in February. The theme of the event will be 'Vision' as we ask you to reflect on how you see the church progressing in this new era.

2020 will be a year of change for St Mary's and we look forward to working with you at these exciting times.

**Charles Hay**  
**Stewardship Convener**

# Treasurer's Report

## OCTOBER OFFERING

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS
06.10.19	387.00	348.50	117.14	
13.10.19	321.00	552.00	112.60	
20.10.19	223.60	289.50	97.00	
27.10.19	370.00	794.50	106.50	
Standing orders				4127.00
TOTAL	1301.60	1984.50	433.24	4127.00
Total for the Month		7846.34		
<b>RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS Received During October</b> with thanks and gratitude for your consideration of our Church				
Donation to Parishioner				10.00
Donation to Fabric Fund				20.00
Harvest Thanksgiving Monetary Donations				138.00
Donation for which the donor wishes to remain Anonymous				100.00
Donation to Special Projects Fund				10.00

# The Lord's Prayer and you in 2020

- I cannot pray 'our' if I am not in communion with fellow Christians.
- I cannot pray 'Father' if I do not treat Him as such, on a daily basis.
- I cannot pray 'Who are in Heaven' if all my interests are on earthly things.
- I cannot pray 'hallowed by thy name' if I am not striving, with God's help, to be holy myself.
- I cannot pray 'Thy Kingdom come' if I don't live as if I am within His kingdom now.
- I cannot pray 'Thy Will be Done' if I am disobedient to His commands.
- I cannot pray 'on earth as it is in Heaven' unless I am truly ready to give my life to God's service here and now.
- I cannot pray 'give us this day our daily bread' if I am not also willing to work for it, and to share with my neighbour in need.
- I cannot pray 'forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us' if I harbour a grudge against anyone.
- I cannot pray 'lead us not into temptation' if I deliberately remain somewhere where I am likely to be tempted.
- I cannot pray 'Thine is the Kingdom' if I live as if the world is my kingdom.
- I cannot pray 'Thine is the power and the glory' if I am seeking power for myself and my own glory.
- I cannot pray 'forever and ever' if all my attention is on daily affairs.
- I cannot pray 'Amen', unless I honestly say, 'Cost what it may, this is my prayer.'

# Christmas Message

Away in a manger the baby lay,  
No blankets or pillows – just some hay.  
Shepherds watching their flocks by night  
Angels appear midst blinding light.

Wise men travelling from afar  
Following a guiding star,  
Herod filled with rage within  
Planning to kill this new born king.

What can this mean for us today?  
Just a story some would say,  
Perhaps we need to think it through,  
A Saviour born – for me, for you?

## Are your teenagers even more grumpy than usual?

It may be social media is to blame. A research study has found that 13 to 19-year-olds who started using social media early in their lives are now showing signs of ten mental health symptoms, including anxiety, feeling overwhelmed, and insomnia. They are also more irritable, procrastinate for longer, and reveal low self-esteem.

The study was undertaken for the private health provider Bupa. It found that overall, social media made teenagers more stressed as more than half of them admitted that it distracted them from homework, which then made them more concerned about their declining academic performance.

## 'Tis the season for Angels!

Angels make a big appearance in the story of Christmas, but over the next few weeks other kinds of angels will be making appearances throughout the country, on streets and inside nightclubs.

Teams of Street Angels and Club Angels will work hard this month to

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help to keep communities and people, especially within the night-time economy, safe.

At an hour when most of us are safe at home in bed, these volunteer angels will be out on patrol, offering people in need some flip-flops or a plaster, a bottle of water or time to chat. They will make a massive difference as a result.

Paul Blakey, founder of Street Angels, tells how earlier this year one of the Street Angels teams came across a young man holding his head and kneeling over, very dazed, having had his head bashed against a wall. "The team took him to a safe hub and left him. Three months later this same man came to say 'thank you for saving my life'. It turns out the safe hub team had got him to A&E and a brain scan revealed a bleed on the brain.

"We are called to be angels! We can all be God's hands and feet, delivering good news of great joy through words and action. We can all take the time to look out for others. We can all ask God to make his Kingdom known through our daily living.

"So, this Christmas do pray for our teams out on the streets and in clubs. Or maybe you could even consider volunteering if there is a team near you!"

Meanwhile, if you are going on a night out yourself, have a SafeNightOut.party and remember these top tips:

1. Stay with friends, don't go off alone, and have contact info somewhere other than your phone.
2. Ladies - carry a pair of slip-on shoes for when high heels become unbearable.
3. Always eat before a night out and don't start cooking once you get home.
4. Know what you are drinking and how much you have - mix alcohol with soft drinks.
5. Pick a venue right for you - if you feel out of place, leave!
6. Keep your taxi money in another part of your handbag / wallet. Take a picture of the taxi and taxi drivers ID and message it to a friend.

**For more information on the work of Street, Club and Festival Angels or to make a donation check out [cninetwork.org](http://cninetwork.org) (CNI Network is the umbrella organisation for all things angelic.)**

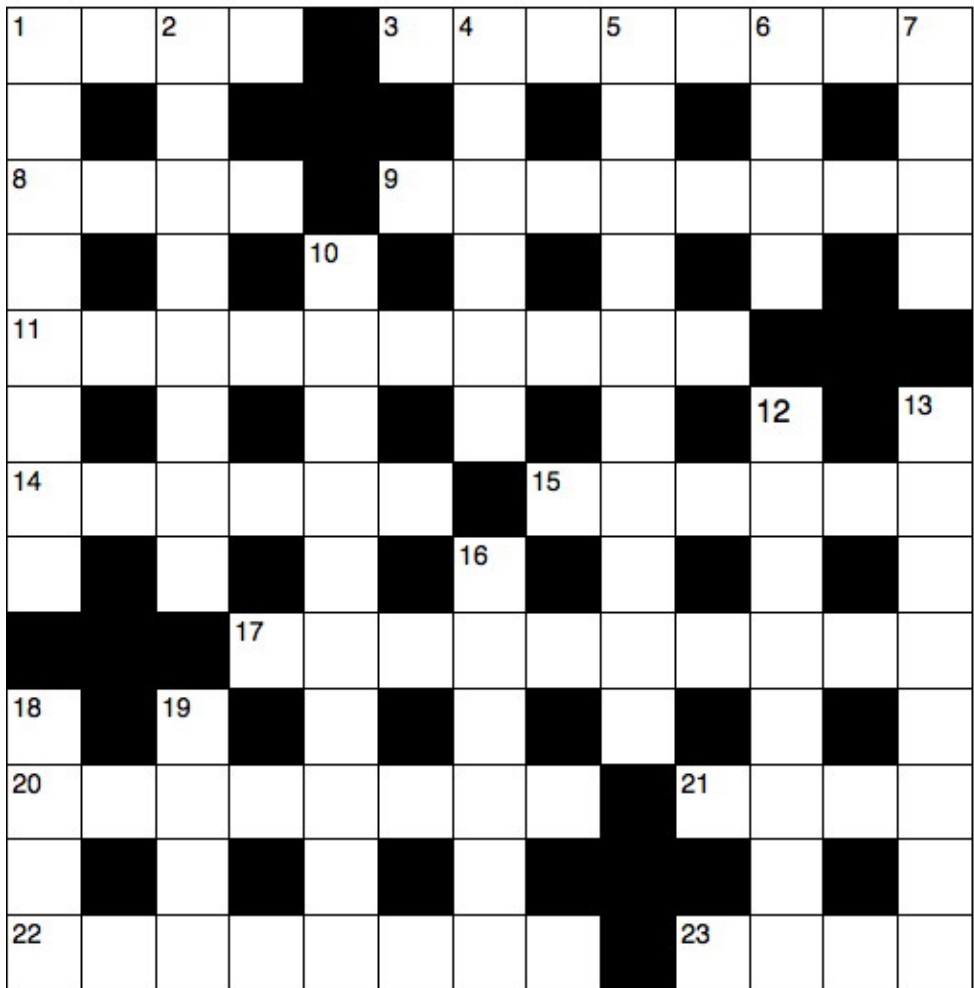


*Little Wayne couldn't sing a note, so they  
made him mascot*



*We don't sing carols no more...  
you 'ave to listen to 'em off me iPod!*

# Crossword



## ACROSS

- 1 'Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a — began to crow' (John 18:27) (4)
- 3 Fetters (Job 33:11) (8)
- 8 Perform on a musical

instrument (1 Samuel 16:23) (4)

- 9 Paul describes it as 'the third heaven' (2 Corinthians 12:2–4) (8)
- 11 Loyal (Deuteronomy 11:13) (10)

- 14 Hens? Me? (anag.) (6)
- 15 Not visible (Matthew 6:6) (6)
- 17 Predicted site of the final great battle (Revelation 16:16) (10)
- 20 Jacob's youngest son (Genesis 35:18) (8)
- 21 One of Zophar's eleven sons (1 Chronicles 7:36) (4)
- 22 For example, London, Paris, Rome (8)
- 23 United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (1,1,1,1)

- (2 Timothy 1:5) (4)
- 7 Killed (Psalm 78:34) (4)
- 10 One of Graham Kendrick's best-known songs, — — King (3,7)
- 12 Indecency (Mark 7:22) (8)
- 13 Unceasing (Jeremiah 15:18) (8)
- 16 He prophesied 'the abomination that causes desolation' (Matthew 24:15) (6)
- 18 British Board of Film Classification (1,1,1,1)
- 19 Pans (anag.) (4)

## Down

- 1 Favourite church activity: Fellowship round a — — — (3,2,3)
- 2 Divinely bestowed powers or talents (8)
- 4 Pile together (1 Thessalonians 2:16) (4,2)
- 5 Commanded to justify (John 8:13) (10)
- 6 Timothy's grandmother



# The Rectory . . .

## ***St James the Least***

### ***The perils of eating with members of your church***

*My dear Nephew Darren*

Your idea for our two churches to hold a combined New Year's Day walk was an admirable one, although I could sense a certain clash of cultures when your party arrived at the starting point with boots, waterproofs and GPS equipment. Our own group, rather anticipating tottering between tea shops, with a little light shopping in between, sported tweed suits, shopping bags and furled umbrellas.

Even the two sets of dogs seemed bemused with one another, with your Westies and King Charles spaniels making enough noise to scare all the wildlife in the county, and our Retrievers puzzled why the pheasants were not dropping from the sky. Dear Miss Mill's miniature poodle, with the painted toenails, will probably need life-long counselling; the furthest she had walked previously was from her bed to beside the dining room table.

The electronic navigation equipment brought by members of your group made me think that if only the wise men had had these blessings, they wouldn't have had to follow anything as unreliable as a star. Although I suppose that instead of gold, frankincense and myrrh, they would then have arrived with an MP3 player, a mobile phone which would have been obsolete before Jesus' first

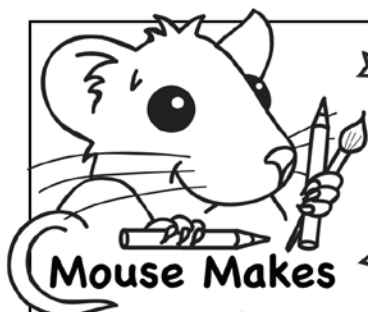
birthday and a CD of Madonna's greatest hits.

I do concede that our two congregations learned much from one another. Our ladies were most interested to hear about the latest in personal trainers, while yours discovered how to bring a pan of jam to a rolling boil. Your men seemed impressed to hear of squirrel shooting while ours gathered useful tips for caravanning abroad. And poor Miss Mill's poodle learned that the great outdoors was a parallel and hostile universe.

By mid-afternoon, however, the balance of power shifted. When the leader of the walk from your group lost his SatNav, our members felt the need to assert themselves. The gentlemen navigated using wind direction, moss on trees and angles of the sun, while our ladies, with tweed skirts furled somewhat higher than one would have wished, showed yours how to wade through peat bog without complaining.

Perhaps town and country really can learn from one another. But if Major Bullock's wife arrives for Mattins next Sunday sporting the latest gym gear, you will have much to answer for.

**Your loving uncle,  
Eustace**



**Mouse Makes**

Where was  
Mary's baby born?  
Why were Joseph  
and Mary there?  
**Read Luke 2 :1-6**

Where did  
Mary lay  
her baby  
and why?  
**Read**  
Luke 2:7

**Good news!**

What did  
Mary dress  
her baby in?  
**Read**  
Luke 2:6

Why were  
the  
shepherds  
afraid?  
**Read**  
Luke 2:8

**Glory to God**

**A Saviour is born**

What did the angel  
tell Joseph to name  
Mary's baby and why?  
**Read Matthew 1:21**

What good  
news did  
the angel tell?  
**Read**  
Luke 2:10-11

Who  
appeared  
praising God  
and what did  
they say?  
**Read**  
Luke 2:13-14

What did the  
shepherds  
do after they  
had seen  
the baby?  
**Read**  
Luke 2:16

Colour a  
star each  
day until  
Christmas

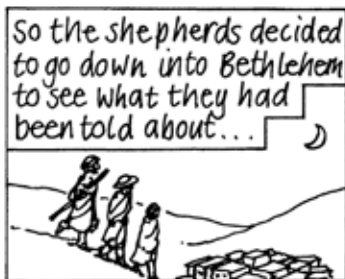


# Bible Bite

## A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Luke chapter 2 verses 8 to 20

Shepherds were paid to look after the flocks out on the hillside. Uneducated and rough, they were usually avoided, or overlooked.



Contact list 2019.20	Organisation	Location	Time	Contact
<b>Sunday</b>	Sunday Worship	Church	11am	Rev Morris Dutch
	Young Church	Church Halls	11am	Elaine Stevens
	Fairtrade Stall	Main Hall	12 noon	Leslie Baird/Fiona Leishman
	Badminton - Senior	Main Hall	7.30-10pm	Liz Barrie
<b>Monday</b>	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Elaine Connor
	Ladies Bowling	Main Hall	1.30-3.30pm	Cathie Devine
	Running/Walking Club	Session House	7pm	Bob Brown
<b>Tuesday</b>	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Elaine Connor
	Ladies Badminton	Main Hall	1.15-3.15pm	Ann Selbie
	Badminton - Senior	Main Hall	8-10.30pm	Liz Barrie
	Prayer Time	Meeting Place	7-7.30pm	Rev Katy Owen
	Country Dancing	Mid Hall	7.45-10pm	Moira MacNeill
<b>Wednesday</b>	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Elaine Connor
	Wednesday Welcome	Session House	10-11.20am	Mary Stirling
	Wednesday Service	Church	11.30-12noon	Rev Morris Dutch
	Over 50's Badminton	Main Hall	1.30-3.30pm	Anne Allan
	Rainbows	Mid Hall	6.30-7.30pm	Janet Millin
	Brownies	Main Hall	6.30-7.45pm	Cara Daniels
	Vestry	Church Vestry	7-9pm	Church Office
	Running/Walking Club	Session House	7pm	Bob Brown
	Guides	Main Hall	7.30-9.30pm	Cara Daniels
	Trefoil Guild (monthly)	Mid Hall	7.45-10pm	Edith Dunn
<b>Thursday</b>	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Elaine Connor
	Flower Circle (Alternate Weeks)	Mid Hall	7.30-9pm	Elizabeth Walker
<b>Friday</b>	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Elaine Connor
	Listener's Circle (Monthly)	Session House (church)	2-4pm	Edith Dunn
	Friday Fellowship (Alternate Weeks)	Mid Hall	7.30-9pm	Moira MacNeill

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