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Pastoral Letter ...

Hello everyone!

A couple of weeks ago, I had a few days off. Steven was at work and Grace was enjoying some time with her Grandparents and cousins at the caravan and so my time, during the day, was very much my own. It was lovely, but very odd! I went for a massage, met a friend for lunch, took myself off to a matinee performance of Jesus Christ Superstar and enjoyed lighting my candles, snuggling up on the sofa with a blanket, a cup of tea and a good book; in this instance, one called Slow Seasons, all about reconnecting with nature the Celtic way. As I did so, I heard a sound in the living room that I didn't know existed ... the tick, tick, tick of the clock on the wall behind the door! I had never noticed it before but, in the quiet and the stillness, there it was!

Time tick, tick, ticks away and, as November arrives, I am all too conscious of what a busy period is approaching for many of us. The craft fayres, the Christmas preparation, the concerts, the get-togethers and gatherings, all great in and of themselves, but it can make for a hectic and pretty exhausting time. Even with the

best of intentions, we can wish the dark nights of November away, sprint through Advent moving from one thing to another and arrive at Christmas, without having stopped – really stopped – to remember what it is all about and reconnect, not with nature, but with God.

And so, as much as many of you can't believe that I am mentioning the C word in this letter (can't she wait until December, I hear your cry!), I do so to remind us of the wonderful opportunity that the season before it offers. For Advent invites us to slow down, to prepare and to remember the one who is at the heart of it all, Jesus, the light of the world, and ponder again the mystery and wonder of incarnation, God-with-us. To that end, as well as our weekly Sunday worship and Wednesday Welcome, there will be the opportunity to be quite deliberate about pausing together in the busy season, with four opportunities to meet for **Advent: Still and Slow**. These will be short, weekly moments to be still and listen to music, silence and some scripture, using the ancient practice of Lectio Divina, to help us pray and engage and reconnect with ourselves, our world, and ultimately with God.

I offer this, not to stress you out and add something else for you to do in a busy month, but as an invitation to come along and simply be, something that I know I'm not always very good at, yet have come to realise it's importance. For slowing down and being still is not just to be enjoyed during some time off, it is essential for our wellbeing and for deepening our relationship with God.

Advent: Still and Slow starts on Thursday 30th November at 7.30pm in the Session House, and thereafter on Wednesday 6th December, Thursday 14th December and Thursday 21st December. The invitation is open to everyone, and it would be lovely to see you, at one, some or them all.

With love and blessings,

Ruth



Copy for the December 2023/January 2024 magazine should be e-mailed to sandraburns.me@gmail.com no later than Thursday 24 November. For all our new members, after the afore mentioned edition, there is not another magazine until February 2024.

The Parishioner Online



www.stmaryskirkintilloch.org.uk

Missed or lost your copy of the Parishioner ... why not go to www.stmaryskirkintilloch.org.uk and see this month's copy. Stephen McKean, Webmaster, has built up previous issues online so you can look back on past copies.

Parish Register

Funeral

October	13	Robert Smart, 86 Muirside Avenue, Kirkintilloch
	13	Robert Dewar, 7 Beaufort Drive, Kirkintilloch
	26	William McCall, 63 Monkland Avenue, Kirkintilloch
	31	Owen Findlay, 4 Getter Grove, Twechar

*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'.*

The thoughts and prayers of the congregation are with all those suffering loss at this sad time.

New Members (By Transfer Certificate)

Rev Ruth Morrison,	23 Braes O' Yetts Drive, Kirkintilloch
Norman and Dorothy Bates,	26 Kenneth Kincaid Way, Milton of Campsie

As we welcomed Ruth into our congregation at her Induction just over 2 years ago, we now welcome Norman and Dorothy and trust they will find peace and joy in our midst. The good wishes of the congregation are sent from St Mary's.

Church Office

The secretary, Mrs Denise Japp is available in the office Monday to Friday 8.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.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

Thank you

On the sad passing of Robert, Edith Dewar wishes to thank their friends in St Mary's for the many cards, beautiful flowers and messages of sympathy received and to thank all who attended the funeral at the Church. It was greatly appreciated.



Church Flowers

As you know the church is decorated each Sunday with flowers. Each arrangement is delivered to someone who is unwell, bereaved or having an over 80 Birthday! To continue this ministry of flowers we depend on donations from members and recently donations have lessened, so we need your help. If you would like to donate to church flowers either on a regular basis or a one-off donation, then please let one of us know.

Grateful thanks to all who have donated over the past month.

***Fiona Leishman, Sandra Burns,
Ruth Poynton, Elizabeth Walker
The Flower Committee***

Nursery Update

The October break is becoming a distant memory as staff and children enter a new (very busy!) term.

October finished with a Hallowe'en party and an open Shake and Wake session to allow parents and carers to join in!

Stay and Play sessions have been going well allowing parents to get a hands-on view of life in the nursery. Our annual photo shoot will take place this month with photographs available in time for Christmas.

All staff updated their First Aid training during the October In-service Day. The Nursery website is updated monthly. Why not take a look at some of the interesting things that our nursery children get involved in?!



**Fiona Leishman,
Nursery Convener**

Session Report

The Kirk Session met towards the end of October and are due to meet again at the end of November. This will be our last meeting until after the festive period.

The key activity in regard to our proposed basis of union was a very successful workshop held at St Mary's at the end of September. This primarily involved the Elders from our Kirk Session along with the Elders and Deacons at St David's Memorial Park (SDMP). This was an opportunity to worship together and get to know each other better. We also shared in a very welcome breakfast – thanks to Isobel Tinto and her team for looking after us!

During the morning, we considered the challenges and (more importantly) the opportunities that the union will bring, specifically regarding Property, Finance, Communications, Pastoral Care and our Young folks.

The nominated group have not met with Presbytery recently, due to holidays and various other commitments. However, we hope to be able to meet with Presbytery during November.

Thank you for all your donations for our harvest celebrations at the beginning of October. Your generosity is very much appreciated by the three charities we were supporting – Lodging House Mission, St Rollox Community Outreach Programme

and East Dunbartonshire Foodbank. My thanks also to Dorothy Stewart, Garry Burns and Stephen McKean for organising the distribution of all the produce. As we work towards our basis of union, it is good to be able to engage in joint activities with our friends at SDMP.

We have had numerous opportunities already, but some coming up include: Joint worship service at SDMP on Remembrance Sunday; Christmas event on Saturday 25th November (see details included elsewhere in the parishioner); Joint Cluster Service in SMPC on Sunday 19th November; and Joint Watchnight Service at SMPC.

Finally, my gratitude to Mrs Dorothy Finnie, who has taken on responsibility as our contact for the Scottish Bible Society. This is a role that Mrs Doreen More undertook faithfully for many years. My thanks to both Dorothy and Doreen. Please feel free to get in touch at any time if there is anything you would like to discuss or if you would like any additional information.
Kind regards

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Father God,

November is not many people's favourite month, unless there is a birthday or a delight in bonfires. Short days, sometimes dismal weather can lower our mood. The days of springtime optimism and summer sunshine seem a long way away, whether we look back or forward.

Help us Lord, whatever the month, whatever our circumstances, whatever our mood, to know the reality of Your presence and peace; to treasure each new day and know it is transformed by You into the most precious and beautiful gift. Help us not to waste a single one of them, Lord. Thank You so much for November days.

In Jesus name, Amen

By Daphne Kitching

Died in the services

Little Alex was staring up at the large brass plaque that hung on the side wall of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and it seemed to fascinate the seven-year-old. "All those names," he said to the minister. "Who are they?" "Well, they were people who used to go to this church," explained the minister. "This is a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the services." Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, "Which service, the 9 o'clock, or the 11 o'clock?"

Dates for your Diary

Christian Aid



The Kirkintilloch and Lenzie Christian Aid Group are holding a coffee morning in our hall on Saturday 18th November. Like last year there will be several stalls; eg books, jewellery, tombola etc.

Donations of Home baking would be most welcome.

Tickets priced £3 can be obtained from Paul Malcolm or can be bought at the door on the day. Please come along and support the work of Christian Aid in this time of international crisis.

Baking

Our Saturday Bake will take place again in the Church Hall on Saturday 2nd December. Please see Isobel Tinto or add your name to sheet in Church vestibule.

The Churches Walking and Talk Group

The Walk and Talk Group will continue to meet throughout November at the locations below. Unless stated otherwise the walks start at 1:30 on Thursday afternoons, last approximately one hour and the start points and routes vary.

If you would like to join us for a walk, then please turn up at any of the locations on these dates and we will be delighted to see you.

2nd November

9th November

16th November

23rd November

30th November

St Columba's Church. 1:15pm for transport to Auchinstarry Quarry. Waterside, including refreshments at The Gatehouse.

Hillhead Basin.

St Columba's Church. 1:15pm for transport to Broadwood Loch. Donaldson Street, including refreshments at The Stables.

Two of the walks in November will be outside the Kirkintilloch and Lenzie area. On these occasions the meeting point will be St Columba's Church at 1:15, note the earlier time, and a car sharing operation will take place. Please note that normally at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of our walkers arrive by car and are happy to provide transport for non-car users where required.

More Teddy Adventures!

As there will be a pre-Christmas event with stalls and a funfair being held in the Barleybank carpark on 25th and 26th November, we decided to get involved too! Following the success of our Parachuting Teddies event in the summer, we have a new challenge for them – a zipwire from the balcony to the front of the church! Do you have/know an adventurous teddy? If so, bring them along anytime on 25th and watch them zip through the sanctuary!

The church will be open from 10am until 4.30pm that day so please come and see the fun and join us for a cup of tea or coffee and some home baking.

As well as a teddy zipwire we hope to have crafts available for children to do. At 4pm, when the light begins to fade, there will be a drop-in carol singing session – please come along to sing or to listen. As darkness falls, we plan to end the day by turning on our Christmas tree lights.

We look forward to a fun filled day – please join us!



ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH
Cowgate, Kirkintilloch

CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 11th November
10am – 4pm

Crafty Christmas Cafe

**A Lovely range of quality Craft
Stalls**

**Great Ideas for Christmas gifts
(Shop Local)**

Tombola and Hamper Raffle

Email stallinthehall@live.co.uk

Donations of tombola prizes and for the Christmas hamper raffle would be greatly appreciated.

We would like some help in the tearoom and on Friday evening 10th to set up the tables and on Saturday 11th at 4pm to put tables and chairs away.



Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert will be held on Saturday 2nd December at 2.30pm in the church.

Tickets are priced £6 with free admission for accompanied Primary School Children.

Tickets can be bought from any choir member, David Burns, Sally McLellan or by phoning 0141.775.2437

To book online use link below:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/kirkintilloch-male-voice-choir

**Forty-Six Sleeps until the Advent
Lunch on Sunday 10th December.**
(at least it was when this was written)

So now it is time to provide the rest of the information promised in the last Parishioner. Tickets will be on sale at the front of the church on Sunday 5th December costing £15 for three courses followed by tea or coffee. You will be asked your choice for each course as well as any dietary requirements.

An absolute bargain! Where else would you get a three-course meal served to you and the best company in town! We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this great prelude to Christmas celebrations.



The poppies of Remembrance

In late 1914, WW1 erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of previously green fields and forests were blasted and bombed, leaving them bleak and barren, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.

But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud. These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.



We all know that these endless fields of cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such misery and destruction, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

And it was McCrae's poem which inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She got it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States, and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, caught the same vision, and planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl Haig, the founder of

the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as its emblem in the UK.

The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. Ever since then, the red poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance, of support for the Armed Forces community, and also of hope for a peaceful future.

A new kind of Remembrance poppy

For the first time in 28 years, there is a new kind of poppy for Remembrance Sunday this year: it is plastic free.

Director of the Poppy Appeal, Andy Taylor-Whyte explains: "We are very proud to introduce the plastic-free poppy. It will not only enable people to support our Armed Forces community but also continues the RBL's commitment to sustainability."

The new poppy has been three years in development and making. The aim was to reduce the use of single-use plastic and to "be economical, sustainable, and less impactful to the environment."

The new poppy design has a 40% smaller carbon footprint, and it made from "bespoke red and green paper." The paper comes from a blend of renewable fibres, 50 per cent of which has been recovered from the waste used in the production of coffee cups.

The plastic-free poppy will be available alongside remaining stocks of the current poppy, to reduce any waste of poppies already produced. Poppies containing single-use plastic can be returned to Sainsbury's stores for recycling.

St Margaret of Scotland

Some women have power, and some women are good. When a woman with power is also good, she can achieve an astonishing amount.

Margaret of Scotland has been called 'The Pearl of Scotland', but she began life in Hungary about 1045. She was born to the expatriate English prince Edward the Exile, and so was an English princess. The family returned to Wessex in 1057, when she was 13, and following the death of King Harold II at the Battle of Hastings in 1066, her brother Edgar Aetheling should have been King of England, but he was never crowned. Instead, the family fled north, to Scotland, where she was married to Malcolm III of Scotland by 1070. As a Scottish queen she went on to become mother of three kings of Scotland, and of a queen consort of England.

Margaret was a Christian, and became a good friend of Lanfranc, a future archbishop of Canterbury. Her biographer tells of how she read narratives from the Bible to her husband, thus helping to 'civilise' him. He was illiterate, but so admired her reading, that he had her books decorated with gold and silver. She was also credited with helping her youngest son, the future King David I of Scotland, towards becoming a just and holy ruler.

Margaret introduced the worship and practise of the Church of Rome into Scotland. She also wanted to help the many pilgrims travelling in Scotland, and so she established a ferry across the Firth of Forth, which is where the towns South Queensferry and North Queensferry got their names.

Margaret performed many charitable works for the poor, and she interceded for the release of English exiles who had been forced into serfdom following the Norman conquest. She also began the restoration of Iona Abbey.

In private life, Margaret spent much of her time in prayer, using a cave on the banks of the Tower Burn in Dunfermline as a place of devotion and prayers. St Margaret's Cave is still there today, covered beneath a municipal car park.

Margaret died in 1093, and in 1250 Pope Innocent IV canonised her. Her relics were dispersed after the Scottish Reformation, but at one time Mary, Queen of Scots, owned her head.

Ten years on - minister reflects on terror attack that killed his mother.

A minister whose mother and 19 relatives were murdered by terrorists a decade ago has told how he has resisted feelings of revenge and hatred.

The Revd Aftab Gohar said he found peace through the teachings of Jesus Christ, following a double suicide bomber attack at All Saints Church in Peshawar, Pakistan on 22nd September 2013.

Worshippers had just left the building to join the fellowship meal on the lawn when two explosions ripped through the crowd, killing 122 people and injuring more than 250.

Among them was Mr Gohar's 79-year-old mother, his nieces, nephews, cousins, uncles, aunts and friends.

The minister of Eddlestone, Peebles Old Parish, and Stobo and Drumelzier churches in the Scottish Borders, said they "died for their faith" and that surviving family members still miss them terribly.

Founded in 1947, Pakistan's constitution gives every citizen 'the right to profess, practice, and propagate his religion'.

However, the official religion is Islam, and religious minorities are frequently attacked, with Pakistan's blasphemy laws being used to discriminate against non-Muslims.

Mr Gohar believes that the controversial law is used to justify attacks, such as a recent spate of church and house burnings in Jaranwala near Faisalabad.

Early this autumn, he and other campaigners handed over a petition to Syed Zahid Raza, Consul General of Pakistan for Scotland and Northern Ireland, at the Consulate of Pakistan in Glasgow.

It called on the government of Pakistan to improve safety for religious minorities and use the blasphemy law to punish those who desecrate Bibles and burn down churches and homes.

It was on 22nd September 2013, when Mr Gohar was preparing to lead a church service, that he received a text message to say there had been a bombing in Pakistan and his mother and other relatives had died.

"It was hard for me to forgive those responsible, but with the strength of God I did so and freed myself from the extra burden of hatred and revenge.

"On the cross, Jesus prayed for those who were crucifying Him: 'Forgive them Father, they don't know what they are doing.'

"Jesus said 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you' – a lesson that some people find impossible to follow."

Mr Gohar was inspired by the words of Corrie Ten Boom, a Dutch watchmaker who helped Jewish people escape the Nazis during the Holocaust. "She said 'forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door of resentment and the handcuff of hatred,' added the minister. "It is a power that breaks chains of bitterness and the shackles of selfishness."

Mr Gohar grew up in Peshawar and was ordained into the Church of Pakistan in 1995. After studying in Edinburgh, he served at Abbotsgrange Parish Church in Grangemouth until his move to the Scottish Borders last year. Mr Gohar and his wife Samina and their two grown up sons, Shahan, and Zeeshan, are now British citizens.

The Church of Scotland has an official partnership with the Church of Pakistan, which is marking the 10th anniversary of the atrocity.

Treasurer's Report

Once again I am grateful for your continued support and giving; and for the generosity of all our donors.

Some recent receipts over the last couple of Months (Most of these donors wishing to remain anonymous)

Donation to Special Projects Fund £200

Donations to Parishioner costs, amounts received totaling £105.

Donations to Fabric Fund totaling £40.

Donations to General Funds £40.

Donation of £600 from St Mary's Badminton Club

Fees and donations following some recent Funerals £575

John M Thomson
Treasurer

Young Church

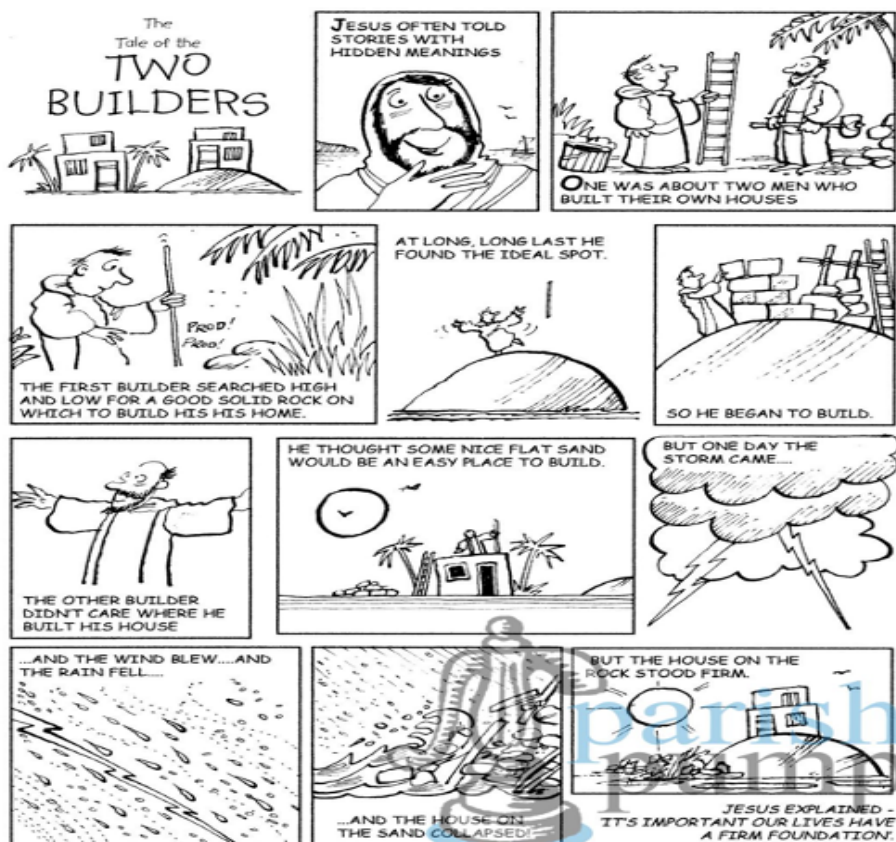
Young Church invite everyone 0-16yrs to join them on a Sunday morning 11am-12noon over in the halls. They have lots of fun with stories, singing and crafts etc in our different groups. There is no need to attend every week. **Visiting children are very welcome.**

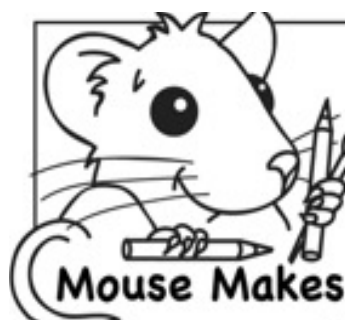
Creche: 0-3yrs

Kidzone: 3yrs - Primary 5 age group

Seekers: P6 – 16yrs

Over the last few weeks, the children have been following the Jesus “I Am” stories and have been enjoying the retelling of them via videos, games and crafts. We welcome young people of all ages to share the fun every week and have age-appropriate activities available for all.





Mouse Makes

"Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by
_____ and _____
with thanksgiving, present your
_____ to God."
Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

"The _____
is _____
to all who _____
on him in _____."
Psalms 145:18

"For where two or three
in my name, there
I am with them."
Matthew 18:20

PRAY FOR THE SICK

PRAY FOR THE NEEDY

PRAY FOR FRIENDS

FOR MY FAMILY


THANK GOD

PRAY FOR YOURSELF

PRAY FOR OTHERS

SAY SORRY

PRaise GOD


NIV

Look up the Bible verses,
fill in the blanks then
find them in the word search

C	O	N	F	E	S	S	P	K	R	Q	C
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PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

Find these words too:
APPROACH
MEDITATE
HEAR • LISTEN
BLESS • PRAISE
FORGIVE • NAME
CRY OUT • AMEN

"_____ always, _____
continually, _____
in all circumstances."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Therefore,

_____ your sins to one another and
_____ for one another,
that you may be healed."
James 5:16

"_____ yourselves
to prayer, being
watchful and
thankful."
Colossians 4:2

The Rectory

St James the Least of all

My dear Nephew Darren

I hear you have joined the committee which wants to convert the waste land between the abandoned soap factory and canal in your parish into allotments – although I would have thought there were holier sorts of conversions you could have concentrated on. I am sure you will soon be caught up in arguments which make that little disagreement over an apple in the Garden of Eden seem quite trivial.

Some years ago, we similarly decided to let part of our Glebe land become allotments; the outcome was not wholly as may have been anticipated. Colonel Wainwright saw it as an opportunity of re-living his War years and was only just restrained from digging trenches around his plot; no doubt he would have offered to play football with neighbouring allotment holders on Christmas Day.

It caused some surprise when the Earl of Stowe applied for a plot, but it has become something of an attraction to see his daily procession, preceded by his gardener pushing the wheelbarrow, the undergardener carrying the tools and following him, his butler with the newspaper, a deckchair, and a flask of coffee. He then settles

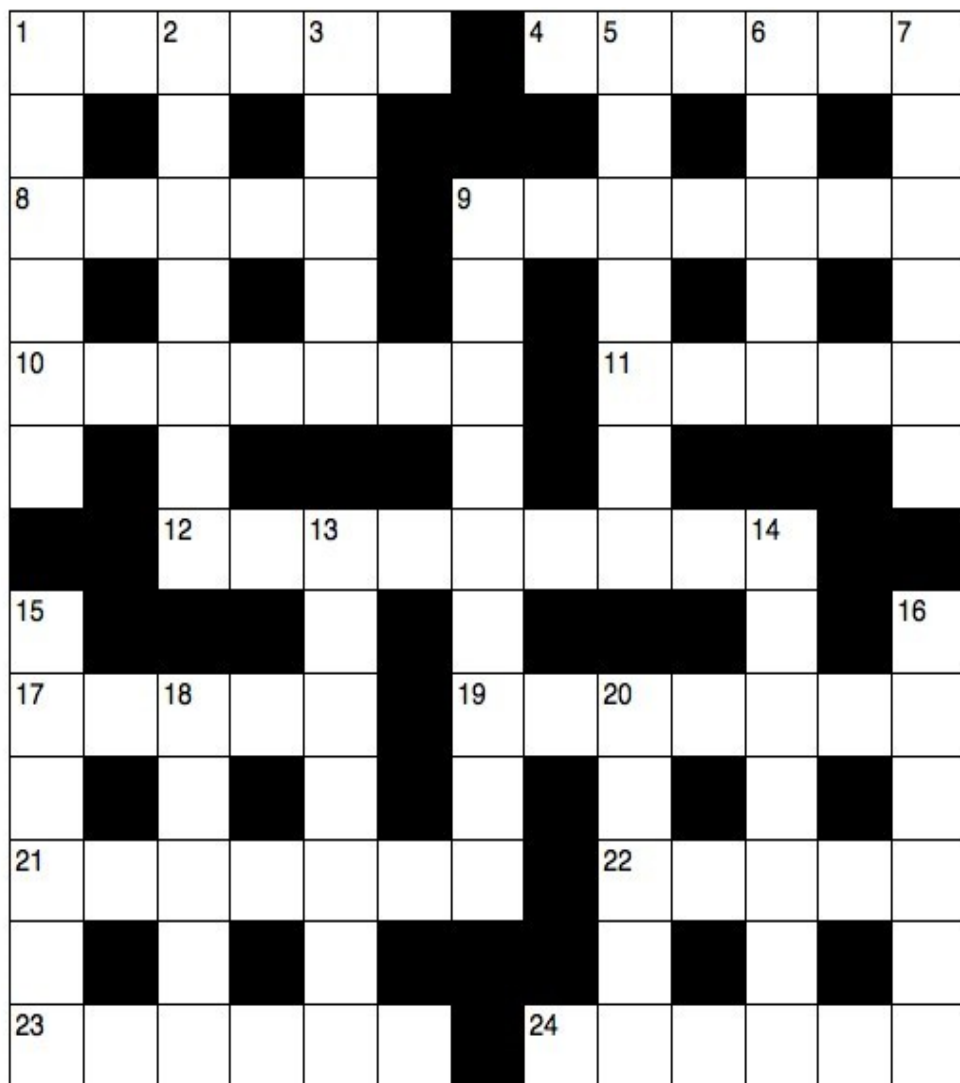
down for a comfortable hour while occasionally supervising the work, once reports on the local hunt have been read.

Miss Simpson managed to unite everyone in communal outrage by using her plot to encourage fluffy bunnies, darling foxes, and sweet squirrels. She seemed to be particularly grateful to everyone else for providing fruit and vegetables for their happiness. Resolution was only achieved when she was convinced to grow potatoes, helping the Colonel in his War Effort. Fortunately, he did not ask her to arrive equipped with the regulation gas mask.

Our local architect seems to spend most of his time beautifying his garden shed, rather than growing produce. With its gothic arched windows, Norman tower and flying buttresses, I do wonder if he may have spent rather too much of his time renovating ancient churches. Neighbouring plot-holders look forward to the agricultural equivalent of the Dissolution of the Monasteries.

I am sure you will find you have committed yourself to many hours of unnecessary work. Just make sure you get a percentage of their produce for your Harvest Festival.

Your loving uncle, Eustace



Across

- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when he had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)

- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
- 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
- 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
- 17 'They make many promises, take

- false — and make agreements’
(Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19 Roman province to which Paul
returned after evangelizing it
on his first missionary journey
(Acts 16:6) (7)
- 21 Material used to make baby
Moses’ basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
- 22 ‘And feeble as — , in thee do
we trust, nor find thee to fail’
(5)
- 23 ‘The watchman opens the gate
for him, and the sheep — to
his voice’ (John 10:3) (6)
- 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of
wine vinegar given to Christ on
the cross (John 19:29) (6)

Down

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar
he built on Mount Carmel and
filled it with water (1 Kings
18:32) (6)
- 2 ‘I am not — of the gospel,
because it is the power of God

- for the salvation of everyone
who believes’ (Romans 1:16)
(7)
- 3 Buddhist term relating to belief
in reincarnation (5)
- 5 Damascus disciple who, at
God’s command, restored the
sight of the blinded Saul of
Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
- 6 and 16 Horses: their sound
(Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their
gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7 A three (anag.) (6)
- 9 Athenian council addressed
memorably by Paul (Acts
17:22) (9)
- 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
- 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
- 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
- 16 See 6 Down (6)
- 18 Paste (anag.) (5)
- 20 How the cedars of Lebanon
are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

Christmas Cards

The Church will once again be collecting Christmas cards for delivery in Lenzie, Kirkintilloch, Auchinloch and Waterside. As well as Sunday 26 November and Sunday 03 December for bringing cards to Church, you can also hand them in any day to Stewart Walker Newsagent until 1.00p.m. on Sunday 03 December. Whilst the price has remained the same for a number of years, there is a slight increase to 30p per card, with all money being donated to the Church. **Cards along with money must be put in a plastic bag. It is important to include a house number when addressing the envelopes, thus making it less difficult for those delivering and to avoid cards having to be posted.**

Our sincere thanks to Ruth Poynton for organising all of this.

ACROSS: 1, Thanks, 4, Banner, 8, Esther, 9, Azariah, 10, Compare, 11, Ishma, 12, Doorposts, 17, Oaths, 19, Galatia, 21, Papyrus, 22, Trail, 23, Listen, 24, Hyssop.
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