

Wee Bulletin

9th December 2021

Advent Project: welcoming the baby....welcoming every baby

Thank you everyone for your amazing start to our Reverse Advent Calendar project.

Your generosity will be greatly appreciated by the 150 folk who are kept sustained each week by St. Gregory's foodbank in Kelvindale.

A reminder about items requested for the second week of the Reverse Advent box. These items have been requested by Birth, Baby and Beyond in Anniesland.

8 th December	1 tin of baby formula
9 th December	1 new bottle
10 th December	A selection of baby food (either jars, pouches or dried food)
11 th December	1 packet of wipes
12 th December	Nappy rash cream
13 th December	Detergent
14 th December	Disposable sanitary products or one packet of eco-friendly/reusable Bloom and Norma sanitary pads.

Please deliver these to the New Halls before church on Sunday 12th (a bit of advance filling here!) or Tuesday 14th December 11-12noon, or 6.30 to 7pm. Thank you.

3D and Bairn Necessities in Drumchapel also focuses on young mums and under 5s. They would greatly appreciate the following, the clothing for pre-school children.

15 th December	Socks
16 th December	Slipper socks
17 th December	Hat
18 th December	Gloves
19 th December	Pyjamas or babygrow
20 th December	Chocolate (we all appreciate Christmas treats!)
21 st December	Children's soap or bath/shower gel

Please bring these to New Halls on Sunday 19th December before church, or Tuesday 21st December 11-12noon, or 6.30 to 7pm. Many thanks.

And, looking forward to the last days of Advent, for advance filling for delivery on above dates or after Christmas, 2nd or 9th January before church, or Tuesday 11th January, some daily necessities that are always appreciated:

22nd December Tinned fruit
23rd December Tinned vegetables
24th December Tinned meat or fish

Don't worry! We shall keep you reminded nearer the time.

Christmas Services

Sunday 19th December is Nativity Sunday, and we offer two celebrations that day. In the morning and online, we present a unique puppet nativity written by and designed by the Sunday School. That will form the main part of the service in the morning.

In the afternoon, we have our carol service, led by the choir, at 4.30pm in the sanctuary: a blend of carols and readings for the season.

Christmas Eve, between 6.30 and 7.30pm, depending if we consider it safe to do so, we have our light festival, outdoors regardless of the weather! Wear something warm and waterproof. We have a maximum of 300 people, and everyone will receive a light bag when they arrive. This will be your ticket. We ask you to wear masks and remain socially distanced throughout. As with everything at the moment, we will take as few risks as possible, weighing up the severity of Omicron, and may cancel at the last moment.

At 11.30pm on Christmas Eve, we have our Watchnight Service in the church, with all the usual mitigations in place.

There is no Christmas Day service, but we are back again on Boxing day at the usual time of 10.30am in the sanctuary.

There will be a short video service suitable for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day.

Stand with the Mums this Christmas

Christian Aid Christmas Appeal

This year's Christmas Christian Aid Appeal focuses on Mums on the frontline

of the climate crisis. Whereas they face impossible choices every day, our decision to stand with them should be an easy one. Adut, from South Sudan, had to choose between giving her three children dirty water – which she knew was unsafe – or no water at all! (See more about her story on the Christian Aid website).

Your donations this year could help build more boreholes, provide seeds and farming tools, and even help Mums set up small businesses. This would provide families with clean water, nutritious food, and income – things we simply take for granted.

As we celebrate Christmas, let us choose to do all we can to bring hope to people like Adut and her children.

The Christian Aid committee would like to invite you to respond to the annual Christmas appeal in one of these ways:

- You can pop an envelope through the manse or Church Hall doors (cheques payable to ‘Christian Aid’),
- You can transfer a donation to the church bank account using the reference: Christian Aid, (Sort Code 80-05-57 and Account Number 00701598),
- You can donate on Christian Aid’s own [website](#),
- You can leave a donation in the Christian Aid bucket, which will be at the door as you leave church on 12th December.

Thank you once again for your generosity this Christmas and throughout 2021. Every penny given helps realise Christian Aid’s vision - an end to poverty. We can make a difference!

Let it Snow ... Have Yourselves a Merry Little Christmas ... CAROL SINGING on CHRISTMAS EVE

In case any of you out there are worried about not being “singers”, please – this is not a choral concert: no expertise needed. Just come along and join in the carols we all love.

Song sheets will be provided; just bring your torch and tinsel for your broly in case it rains, ‘cos we’re going to sing no matter what!

I’m waiting for your emails or phone calls. If I don’t answer, I’m probably making shortbread!

Please leave a message and your number and I'll get back to you. It's going to be a fabulous start to our Christmas at NK.

BUT we need **YOU!**

Please contact Morven at morven.white@yahoo.co.uk or phone 0141 942 6963 if you wish to join us.

Christmas Eve Light Festival Volunteer Stewards

We are hoping to run our Light festival outdoors this year, depending on restrictions.

To run this safely we are looking for volunteers who would help steward.

Your tasks would be to be around a number of points wearing hi-viz vests to direct folk towards the venue and answer any questions on what is on.

If you are interested, please give your name and number to Dougal White at dougal.white@sky.com or phone 0141 942 6963.

Volunteers wanted!!

We require volunteers to help with the distribution of fliers around Bearsden Cross on 22/23/24 December to publicise our amazing Light Festival on Christmas Eve.

If you feel you could help in this way for a short time, please ring David or Muriel (0141 942 8484) to indicate when you would be available. Many thanks!)

Guilds Together Christmas Carol Service

Sadly, in light of the ongoing uncertainty regarding coronavirus, Dunbartonshire Guilds Together have cancelled the **Carol**

Service on Monday 13th December 2021 in Milngavie: St. Paul's Church.

If you have items that you would like to pass on for either the Simon Community or the Street Pastors, they can be handed into **Faifley Parish Church Hall** on **Tuesday 14th December** between **10am and 12 noon**. Please make it clear that donations are for the Guild collection.

Those we have lost

Having to record those who have died is always difficult, especially when we have been unable to gather as a whole community to celebrate their lives.

We record their names here but still speak of them, their story, their part in our lives, and celebrate what they have been to us.

Neil Morley, Great Western Terrace, Glasgow (26.12.20)

Jean Muir, Antonine Road (06.06.21)

Angus McColl, Mugdock House (14.06.21)

Donald Forbes, Fernlea (20.07.21)

Michelle Kilcoyne, Camstradden Drive East (26.07.21)

David Reid, Kilmardinny Crescent (15.08.21)

Elizabeth Hillis, Upper Glenburn Road (17.08.21)

Hugh Gemmell, Russell Drive (05.09.21)

Herbert Sheil, Douglas Park Crescent (06.09.21)

Ramsay Platt, Clydebank (21.09.21)

Susan Ure, Rutherford Avenue (27.09.21)

Fiona Simpson, Jackson Place (27.09.21)

Isobel Johnstone, Abbeyfield Bearsden Society (12.10.21)

Bertha Wilson, Milverton Avenue (13.10.21)

Thomas Lang, Middleton Drive, Milngavie (16.10.21)

Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, Manse Road (05.11.21)

Don Kinloch, Kilmardinny Gate (11.11.21)

Ann McSkimming, Roman Court (12.11.21)

Winifred Thomson, Balfron Station (29.11.21)

William Dorrall, Keystone Road, Milngavie (02.12.21)

Allan McDowall, Jedworth Court (Date unknown)

Diary

Friday

10.30: Coffee Pot on Zoom

Sunday

10.15-11.15: In-person Sunday School

10.30: In Person Worship in the Sanctuary

YouTube, Podcast and Phoneline

Monday

7pm: Quiz night on Zoom

Thursday

7pm: The Sofa Surfers Christmas Party on Zoom. Sofa Surfers will be back in the New Year.

Friday

10.30: Coffee Pot on Zoom. The last Pot before Christmas.