

# Wee Bulletin

2nd December 2021

## Christmas Words

We're creating an advent window that will grow a little more each day.

But we want to fill it with advent and Christmas words.

If you'd like to spend a wee ten minutes just going through your mental thesaurus then please send us an email ([mail@nkchurch.org.uk](mailto:mail@nkchurch.org.uk)) with your results and we will add them, day-by-day, throughout advent.

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

A reminder about items requested for our first week of the Reverse Advent box

1st December	Shortbread
2nd December:	Christmas pudding
3rd December:	Coffee
4th December:	Custard
5th December:	Chocolate/ chocolates
6th December:	Mince pies ( use by end of December )
7th December:	Nice toiletries

Please deliver these to the New Halls before church on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> (a bit of advance filling here!) or Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 11-12, or 6.30 to 7PM.

Thank you. And now some thoughts from Joan McMinn and Kathryn Clubley as we continue our Advent journey, with every special baby in our thoughts.

We visited Birth Baby and Beyond on 25th November and were very impressed with the set up and facilities which this charity is able to provide for the community. We were shown around by Natasha who told us all about the work which has gone into the venture.

At the moment they deal with the needs of children from 0 to 5 years, pregnant mums and families in the community in need of help and support. They have set up a drop in for mums to come and chat and meet up with other mums, have coffee and allow their children to play and socialise. They are hoping to set up an education forum to help new mums.

In future they are looking at the needs of teenagers who perhaps don't have easy access to simple things like deodorants, skin care and beauty products etc. They are grateful to receive a variety of items for 0 to 5 years eg clothes,

prams, toys, books, high chairs, bouncy chairs etc in good condition. Anyone can come and donate or buy to support this amazing charity.

On a weekly basis, families in need are given a support bundle. These may be baby food packs, new born essentials bundles or reusable baby bundles. These cost about £55 to make up. We are looking to help out at this time with the baby food packs, including items listed below..

Birth, Baby and Beyond have a very informative website which is well worth a visit.

If you can help, then some items specially requested for our Advent boxes.

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

Please bring these to New Halls on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December before church, or Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 11-12, or 6.30 to 7PM. Many thanks.

### **Blessed Bakers**

Many of you have responded to our request for shortbread for our community reachout, but we are still looking for some more bakers to achieve our goal of 1500 pieces; so, if you have not yet contacted [kirsteen7@btinternet.com](mailto:kirsteen7@btinternet.com), and could bake a few stars, Christmas trees or the like - cutters can be supplied - Kirsteen would be very happy to hear from you.

### **Reaching Out at Christmastime – Increasing our Contacts in the Community**

During the last 18 months, we have tried at NK to keep in touch with those whose lives have become all the more isolated due to lockdown and restrictions.

We have made contact with some whom we know would value the connection, but as time goes on, the list we have needs updating.

Do you know of someone who would appreciate a friendly greeting and a small gift from NK at Christmastime? Perhaps a neighbour or someone down the street or someone a friend has spoken of.

Please let the office know, or email [kirsteen7@btinternet.com](mailto:kirsteen7@btinternet.com), as we try to find those in our wider community who spend a lot of their time without contact with others.

### **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](mailto:dougal.white@sky.com) or phone 0141 942 6963.

### **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](#),

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!

### ***Ding Dong Merrily – Deck the Halls***

#### **Carol Singers Wanted**

Dads, Mums, Children, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles and Cousins We need **YOU** to be our Carol Singers on Christmas Eve from 5.30pm to sing in in till 6.15 at Bearsden Cross .

No auditions! Song sheets provided. Just bring a torch and SING.

We will then proceed down to Kirk Place to join in our amazing Light Festival.

Then home to get the stockings up ready for Santa.

Please contact Morven at [morven.white@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:morven.white@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 0141 942 6963 if you wish to join us.

#### **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!

#### **Boys' and Girls' Brigade Christmas Market**

The Boys' and Girls' Brigade Joint Christmas Market and Coffee Morning.  
Saturday 4th December 10 am – 1230 pm.

Tickets available from all Brigade members or on the day at the door.

- £4 for adults
- £2.50 for children
- Free for members.

They have a number of Christmas stalls selling various items and everyone's favourite 0 and 5 raffle stall. In addition to bottomless tea and coffee cups and cakes or biscuits, they will be offering rolls and bacon or sausage for an additional cost.

The Christmas market is one of their biggest fund-raising events of the year, so they have ensured they have plenty of COVID-19 safety measures in place to make it a success. Fewer, more spaced tables, ventilation, and plenty of hand sanitizer to go with the face coverings when not eating and drinking. Numbers in the hall will be restricted.

If you can come along and support the companies, you will be most welcome.

### **Guilds Together Christmas Carol Service**

Dunbartonshire Guilds Together are delighted to invite Guild members to the annual **Carol Service on Monday 13th December 2021 at 7.30pm in Milngavie: St. Paul's Church.**

The Christmas Projects being supported are Glasgow Street Pastors and The Simon Community and our collection this year will be for CHAS, Balloch.

They are asking members of guilds to bring "cosy packages" for adults, e.g. hats, scarves, gloves, hot water bottles, housecoats, jackets for The Simon Community

OR

Gloves (for men or women), small mars bars, tins of soup for Glasgow Street Pastors

They say: Please only give what you are able to collect and bring – it may only be one or two items for either project which is absolutely fine.

### **Diary**

#### **Friday**

9.30 In-person Music Group, Church Hall

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

**Tuesday**

2pm: Singsong! Open to all, dementia-friendly, and with space for everyone who just wants to sing some familiar songs together.

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**Attendance Slip for Morning Worship**

**Date of Church Service**



**Name**



**Telephone Number**



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