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Minister's Message



The New Year always brings with it a whole host of hopes and expectations! There are some that are ethereal and will never materialise such as our perpetual hope to lose some extra weight, to be a little fitter, or whatever other far-fetched resolution might be yours for the year ahead.

Equally, there are other hopes that are more concrete and can at times prove challenging if not uncomfortable for us all. These may include a change of job, a move of house or the possibility of retirement coming closer. Each New Year always brings some degree of change despite our natural desire to reassure ourselves that things don't really change that much.

The beginning of this new chapter in the life of Stamperland Parish Church, namely the deferred linkage with Netherlee Parish Church, will be one that for many of us will not be defined as yet. The document that is the deferred linkage document is one that will now move from being something that expresses some hopes and dreams to being a framework with which we have to start working and wrestling with to put into reality. For instance, whilst we have written of the hope of worship continuing in both buildings – how will that be possible with one leader of worship between both congregations when Rev. Tom Nelson retires.

Now, before anyone becomes anxious, let me be clear that I am looking forward to the process of answering such questions and riddles. However, it is important for us all to realise that there are some big steps to take together in the weeks, months ahead as we move through 2018 together.

In the season of Epiphany, the readings we pursue open up Jesus's ministry to the world around him. From baptism by John, to starting to preach, teach and heal in Galilee there was an amazing kind of explosive dynamic that moved Jesus. The Spirit was forever leading him into challenging places with enough wisdom to guide him through.

This was not a neutral or only joyous process. When we look at the gospels in these early days as we will in the next few Sundays, we find both joy and wonder being experienced but also shock and frustration and even for some of the religious leaders, anger! This kind of mixed reaction is one that I think that we will all face as we move through 2018 together. I hope and pray that as we work to make real the linkage document, we might understand that new challenges produce all sorts of human reaction. I hope that we can be gentle and loving with one another as we move steadily forward into the future.

May God guide us all in the months ahead, amen!

Communion Roll Changes



	From:	To:
Mrs Sheila Macdonald	32 Allison Place	Wellmeadow Lodge Care Home
Mrs Christine Hartley	7 Gordon Drive	4 Old Castle Gate. Cathcart.
Mrs. Hilda Kean	14 Strathtay Ave	Parkhouse Manor Care Home
Mr Alastair Graham	18 Stamperland Dr	2 Glen Grove, East Kilbride
Mrs Evelyn Graham	18 Stamperland Dr	2 Glen Grove, East Kilbride

Change of Address: *We hope you are happy in your new abode.*



Mrs Elsie Brown	3 Monteith Drive	
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New Members: "Welcome !" to:-



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Members Leaving: *Sorry you have gone, but you take our best wishes with*

	<p>Find and follow us on</p> 
	<p>Netherlee Church Halls</p>

An opportunity for busy young families on a Sunday afternoon from 4-6pm to experience Church through games, crafts and activities; as well as something to eat as a family. *OK to drop in at the last minute!*
SAVE THESE PROPOSED DATES: Mar 4

Stepping Stones

Karen Cramb



This article has been written by Rebecca Owens, Laura Cramb and Lauren Owens to update you on what we have been up to over the last couple of months in Stepping Stones.

First, we went to see a Pantomime in Eaglesham called Beauty and the Beast. We saw this early December and we are not sure who had more fun watching, Colin or the kids!

On Christmas eve we held our Chocolate themed Nativity Play and had a lot of fun performing it, we hope you enjoyed it too. We also had a visit from a very special guest and all the children in the congregation were very lucky to receive a present.

The first week back in January we had a party to celebrate Jesus birthday and we had lots of fun, this party included games and treats. It was also a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas.

All of Stepping Stones wish you a Happy New Year and we hope you had a nice Christmas.

Laura, Rebecca and Lauren

Giffnock South Parish Church

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New Community initiative! 'Sing Well'

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WEDNESDAYS at 1.45pm from October to May 2018;

28th February, 28th March, 18th April, 23rd May

Foodbank

The weight of food collected in December amounted to 43kg which will feed 4 single people for three days. At present some of the Foodbank clients are single young men who depend on the support of others.

The food chosen for the month of February is as follows:

As this magazine covers two months you may wish to choose other items as detailed in the Foodbank Shopping List as shown separately on this page.

If you would prefer to donate any of the other items from the East Renfrewshire List please refer to the list as shown. If you are unable to carry heavy items please do not be deterred from donating, there are always lighter options available on the list.

Thank you again for your continued support which is very much appreciated. Again we would ask that items donated are within the **“best before” date**. The Foodbank will not distribute food which is out of date.

Evelyn Graham on behalf of The Parish & Beyond Committee

Sugar
Tinned meat or fish
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Breakfast Cereals
Fruit Juice (carton)



UHT Milk and Creamed Rice or Custard (Tinned) are acceptable at any time



SHOPPING LIST

Thank you for your support!

- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Sugar (500g)
- Fruit Juice (carton)
- Pasta Sauces
- Tomatoes (Tinned)
- Tinned Veg
- Cereals
- Dried/ Boil In bag Rice
- Tinned Meat/Fish
- Instant Mash Potato
- Sponge Pudding (Tinned)
- Rice Pudding or Custard (Tinned)
- Tea Bags/inst coffee
- Tinned Fruit
- Jam/Spreads
- Biscuits or snack bars

ALSO COLLECTING

- Toiletries men and women
- Nappies & Baby Food
- Treats

Focus Collection & Distribution



Any changes to the delivery details should be advised to the Editor at the earliest opportunity so that they can be made prior to distribution.

Material for the magazine can be e mailed/posted/ handed over at any time for inclusion in the next available publication. There is no need to wait for any announcements or reminders before doing so.

Norrie Bolton, our Session Clerk, has been able to convert the production copy of the magazine to normal page size (A4) each month and has been putting it on the web site of the Church for all to read. If you are keen to access this you will be able to enjoy all the pages in colour where it exists, and perhaps if you receive your copy through the post from the Church you might like to consider whether you would be happy to read it on line, rather than receive it by post. If anyone does so, please let me know and I will withdraw your postal copy from our mailing list.

To enable events that are date sensitive to reach members of the congregation, it would be helpful, where this is practical, if all those who deliver the magazine can uplift their magazines and deliver them before the start of the month,

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March	11th February	14th February	25th February
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May	15th April	18th April	29th April
June	13th May	16th May	27th May

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Musical Minds

The Musical Minds Singing Group performs on the first Thursday of each month from 10.00am to 12.00 noon in Clarkston House, 57 Stamperland Hill.



Anyone living with early stage dementia, and their family members, will be made welcome to join the singing group and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and a scone, priced £2

Stamperland Congregation's own Page for Messages

I would like to say thank you to Scott Blythe for his kind words and prayer, and the lovely church flowers I received on the death of my young brother. Also a thank you for the cards, well wishes, visits, and flowers received from my friends and members of the congregation.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks for the very generous cheque for £2,150 which I received at the Induction Social on 30th November. Many thanks also for the beautiful basket of flowers which was presented to Barbara.

I had been told in advance that a presentation would be made to me, but the amount of the cheque was quite overwhelming.

May God bless you all at Stamperland as you continue your journey in faith under Scott Blythe's leadership.

Jack Drummond

A big thank you to the boys and Officers of the BB for braving the elements on Friday 19th January to clear all the ice and snow from the paths leading into our halls and Church and also the public footpath from our entrance up to Stamperland Hill and beyond. Great effort boys.

Anon.

Christian Aid

The Clarkston and District Christian Aid Art Exhibition and Sale takes place in the Carmichael Hall, Eastwood Park, behind the swimming pool, on Saturday 10th March from 10am to 4pm.



There will be a Baking stall at the Art Show. Home baking for this will be much appreciated. If you would like your baking collected, please contact Sandra Cowie on **0141 585 7188**.

Entry, including tea/coffee and a catalogue is Adults £3.

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Mon 11 December 2017

Dear Margot,

It is my pleasure to write and thank you for the donation of gifts and sweets delivered to St Andrew's Church, Barrhead, today.

As planned, the ladies from Women's Aid arrived in time to uplift toys for the children in their care. Those gifts remaining will be delivered to the Salvation Army tomorrow afternoon.

The sweets and biscuits will be a bonus to our clients who attend in the next few weeks. They will be a real treat.

We have been providing this Christian based service for over 4 years now and in that time we have fed over 12,000 people. Needless to say many of these people are repeat clients who due to their circumstances of low incomes are entitled to several visits over a period of time.

Our volunteer group has remained steadfast in its support as have our donors. Schools, Churches, Supermarkets, ER Council Employees, private companies and many individuals throughout East Renfrewshire are still the mainstay of our food supply.

Please thank all involved in the Worship Committee of Stamperland Church for taking the time and effort to organise this very generous collection.

Sincerely,

Ag Law

Ag Law -member of the Management Team

Pastoral Care

Your Pastoral Care Team are here for you. If you need ;

- **Transport to Church**
- **Doctors Appointment**
- **Could do with a chat**
- Hospital Shopping**
- Have a prayer request**



Please contact Grace Scott, 0141 637 2226

A few months ago we introduced a Library service to you, and this month would like to commend this to you again. Kay is able and willing to exchange your library book, assist you with future choices of your favourite authors, or like authors. Additionally she can provide listening books and large print books. If you are not already a member of the library Kay will happily see to this for you. With winter coming in, why not make use of this great service? We hope you will.

Remember that we are only a phone call away to help you with shopping, getting to Church, hospital and doctor's appointments and any other assistance

Open Door

You will be aware that Stamperland Church sanctuary is open on a Wednesday morning from 10.00 o'clock until 12.00 o'clock for quiet contemplation and personal prayer. Tea, coffee and biscuits are available in the vestibule where fellowship can be enjoyed. It would be encouraging if more of our members were able to come along.



As you will know we are trying to work more closely with Netherlee Church. They also have an Open Door on a Wednesday morning. They have a short Service at 10.00am for approximately 30 minutes. They also have tea, coffee and fellowship after the Service. If anyone from Stamperland Church would like to attend they would be made welcome. This may be of interest to you if you feel you are unable to attend Sunday morning worship at Stamperland. If you require transport to Netherlee their minibus can collect you. Please contact either, Evelyn Graham or Nancy Fisher Tel. 638 3844.

Down Memory Lane



From the 1979 January and February Focus the following snippets have been extracted to challenge your memories;

The Sunday School under the leadership of David McLean had an item in the Junior Sunday School with some items of praise led by three budding guitarists , Graham Winters, Elaine Wood and Douglas MacIntosh under the tuition and watchful eye of Mr Devlin. Fiona McLean and Derek Milligan played piano solos. It was also reported that the teachers were still recovering from the Christmas parties!!.

The Scouts had a jumble sale in which they raised £300 from 400 homes having distributed 1500 leaflets in terrible weather so they were delighted with the outcome. They had also exchanged nights with the BB to allow a Friday night set up.

They also reported the loss of their halls on a Thursday evening for all but one week in December due to Church related activities encroaching on them but despite that, their numbers continued to grow. They also went Carol Singing in Stamperland with the proceeds being donated to a Children's Charity nominated by the Church.

They also attended the Citizen's Theatre for the panto, Dick Whittington, as did the Junior BB the following month, having previously made badge awards to boys too many to list. They were also planning a visit to the Transport Museum with an advanced plan to visit St Andrews in the summer time, having been to Girvan the previous summer, the latter planned by a relatively new leader by the name of Neilson.

Bible Study Groups were prevalent in 1979, meeting in the Vestry, Session Room, in houses in Stamperland Dr, and Netherview Rd, a total of four per week on varying days and times.

The end of 1979 saw 18 years of Hospital Services at Mearns Kirk, as reported by Jack Fraser.

The Committee of Social Responsibility, as reported by M Kennedy, delivered 21 gifts to Florentine Home for children and staff and whilst there, witnessed the delight on children's faces when they were returned by two policeman from a Christmas party run by the Mounted police. The gifts were provided by the Guild members and friends.

The Young Woman's Group amongst other things were having their own Concert Party entertain them at an Open Night with all proceeds going to Yorkhill Hospital to help in a project to produce a new cancer drug called Interferon.



From the February 1979 edition we heard of the death of the first minister of Stamperland, Magnus JG Macintosh MA at aged 70. He was ordained in 1935 as assistant in the Barony Church, from 1937 in Laurieston Church and from 1940 in Stamperland before moving to Saint Nicholas Church in Dalkeith.

He was remembered with the story of how he began our Church in those war-time days in a shop, and with the help of his assistants and enthusiastic helpers our Church grew and soon a hall-church was built (the buildings comprising our halls to this day). Whether we knew him or not, we all owe him a great debt of gratitude for laying the foundations of Christ's work in Stamperland, both literally and metaphorically.

Baptisms in February were Lynne Hill, Randolph Dr, Peter Bryers, Orchy Gardens, and Craig Lamont of the Oval. The number of Communicants on the roll was 798. The budget for 1978 was £11,680 and collections amounted to £12,002, creating an excess over budget of £322.

Following the Christmas break the Dramatic Club were rehearsing for their comedy play "Wild Goose Chase". The Social Committee were organising a Family Folk Night with tickets priced 50p for adults, 30p for children. The Christian Aid Coffee Morning was planned for March and tickets were on sale at 20p.

The BB were having a Jumble sale in February, reported on a visit to Strathclyde Police HQ "Black Museum" in December organised by WO J Welch.

Subject to obtaining enough leaders to attend, the summer camp was scheduled for a Jamboree organised by the Isle of Man government.

The Brownies also visited the Citizens Panto and the Maternity Unit at Hairmyers to sing carols, following which they gave each baby a toy.

The 1st Pack were awarded a certificate for second place in ER Division Challenge which was lodged in the "Pack Book".

The Ranger Guides visited Mearns Kirk hospital to sing carols, donate Christmas cards and homemade sweets. They were asked to return in the spring to provide entertainment for patients. They also planned a joint meeting with Eaglesham Rangers, youth hostelling, and a joint camp with handicapped Rangers from Paisley.

The Junior BB were continuing with their badge work and planning their day trip to St Andrews in the summer. The football team won the Local League gaining maximum points and being awarded personal medals and a cup to retain for the year.



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Church Membership Statistics



At the meeting of the Kirk Session on 14th January, Bill Pater-son, our Church Roll Keeper, presented the following summary of changes to the membership roll.

Number on Communion Roll at 31/12/2016 **326**

Number removed by death	8
Number removed by transfer to another church	2
Number removed by "otherwise"	38
Number added by profession	0
Number added by transfer from another church	0
Number added by "otherwise"	3

Number on Communion Roll at 31/12/2017 **281**

Last year saw our roll fall below 300. Membership of our church peaked at 1030 in 1959 and remained above 900 until 1974. From then onwards there has been a decline; over the last 25 years we have lost an average of around ten members per year. The very significant reduction which occurred in 2017 was the result of legislation which required us to have the explicit permission of every member for their name to be listed in the Communion Roll. Many did not respond to repeated requests whilst others indicated they did not wish to continue membership.

Whilst we can tell ourselves that it is quality and not quantity which is important, we cannot hide from the fact that our reducing numbers mean the financial costs of maintaining the church fall on fewer shoulders, including yours, and that the task of sustaining a real Christian presence in Stamperland increasingly falls to you. Statistics do not define a church but they do highlight how attitudes to religion and the role of the church in our culture and our society have changed.

Change is inevitable. Nothing stays the same. We have a new minister and that, in itself, will bring changes to our church. However, in the middle of the year, when Tom Nelson retires, Stamperland Church and Netherlee Church will link. Our new minister, Scott, will have the additional responsibility and workload associated with Netherlee Church. Presbytery recognise the need for additional ministerial resource and both churches will soon embark on the process of seeking one or, potentially, two part-time, Ministries Development Staff to work with Scott.

The year ahead will bring changes and challenges. Let's work together and, as Scott says in his Focus article, seek God's guidance as we work through the linkage process.

Norrie Bolton



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diary and come along and support us. We have had Margaret Weldon at the Guild in the past and it was a most enjoyable evening.

The Rev. John Martindale is coming back by popular demand, on Tuesday 13th March, to mesmerise us with his magic. This time relating his magic tricks to Lent.

Evelyn Graham, Guild Secretary

Flower Calendar February/March 2018

May Paterson 0141 571 8652



4 th Feb	Mrs J Marshall
11 th Feb	Mrs M Allan
18 th Feb	Mrs M Boyce
25 th Feb	Miss J Stewart and Mrs E Macpherson
4 th Mar	Mrs B Richmond
11 th Mar	Mrs M Neilson & Mrs M Paterson
18 th Mar	Mrs W Paterson

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Errors in Church Announcements

The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing "Break Forth into Joy."

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.



The Guild



I do hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Our syllabus for February and March is as follows:

Feb 6	Malawi Fruits		
Feb 13	Feed the Minds	PROJECT	Rev George Lind
Feb 20	History of the Grand Central Hotel		Jill Scott & Bill Hicks
Feb 27	Outing		
Mar 2 (Friday)	World Day of Prayer Netherlee Church		
Mar 6	Daffodil Tea entertainment by Music of 50's, 60's & 70's		Margaret Weldon
Mar 13	Optical Confusion		Rev John Martindale
Mar 20	AGM & Memory Boxes		
Mar 27	HOLY WEEK		

On Tuesday 20th February Jill Scott and Bill Hicks, who both are connected to The Sunday Post, are coming to tell us about the History of the Grand Central Hotel. This will be a very interesting evening open to everyone.

Our outing on 27th February is to Dobbie's Garden Centre at Stirling. When we have gone in the past it has been very successful. The bus will leave Stamperland Church at 11.00am arriving at Dobbie's around 12 o'clock in time to buy lunch. Dobbie's will reserve an area for us to have lunch at that time. After lunch there is plenty time to browse around the Garden Centre before the bus leaves at 2.30pm to arrive back at Stamperland Church by 3.30pm. We do hope that members of the congregation and friends will join us. The cost of the bus is £8.50. We are asking for a £5.00 non-returnable deposit. If you would like to go to Dobbie's please speak to myself or Jan Barr.

This year the World Day of Prayer Service, on Friday 2nd March, is being held at Netherlee Church at 10.30am. We do hope that as many members of Stamperland Church as possible will attend the Netherlee Service. Tea and coffee with home baking will be served after the Service.

FORTY YEARS SERVICE

At Girlguiding East Renfrewshire's Thanks and Recognition Evening, I was delighted to present awards for 40 years service to Girlguiding to Christine Mailley and 40 years service to Anne McCann.

For more than half that time Christine and Anne have been leaders in 1st Stamperland Guide Company. The amount of work, effort and enthusiasm with which they have led the Company has been remarkable and many girls have benefited from the opportunities which they have had over the years.

At the present time, their guiding is not just in Stamperland – Christine is County Commissioner and Anne is Assistant County Commissioner for East Renfrewshire. This involves a tremendous amount of time and effort and these duties are carried out with great diligence and the County is going from strength to strength under their leadership of the County Team.

Girlguiding has a long history of empowering girls and young women to do their best and Christine and Anne have certainly played their part in this. Very many thanks and congratulations to Christine and Anne.

Nancy Fisher.

Gift Service

The Worship Committee would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated to the Gift Service held on Sunday 10th December.

This year we requested biscuits, chocolates or selection boxes. You did not disappoint. The response was wonderful, and we are very grateful to everyone.



We also received five bags of toys, beautifully wrapped, which have been given to Woman's Aid who will distribute them to needy families. The other gifts are with the Foodbank which we support through the Parish and Beyond Committee. These goodies will be a bonus to families. A real treat. Thank you so much for your generosity.

The Worship Committee.

Church Notice Board Blunders

The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility.



231st Glasgow Company Boys' Brigade – Junior Section and Sparks

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Happy New Year! I hope that this year is a happy and prosperous one for you. 2018 will be an exciting year for the 231st as it will be the 75th anniversary of the Boys Brigade in Stamperland. This is something we look forward to celebrating and sharing with you.

Since the last time of writing we enjoyed our Christmas Party. We all enjoyed playing party games and having our pizza from Pizza Hut before our visit from Santa. The next and last activity of the year with the boys was our annual visit to the Kings Theatre pantomime on Friday 28th December. We were lucky enough to have some friends and family come with us due to a couple of call offs and we all had a really good night.

We had our Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the event. There was a steady flow of people throughout the day and we were delighted to raise a total profit of £837.79 which is split equally between the Junior Section and Sparks and the Company Section.

Over the last couple of years we have been trying to grow the numbers in our Section and share what we do with as many people as possible. I am pleased to say that in the past year we have been able to welcome ten new boys to our Section and we now have around 30 Boys .

Weekly BB events have started in mid January with Football training and Saturday morning games being up and running. We hope that these activities add more to the BB curriculum in addition to the normal Friday evening activities. The boys who come seem to always have fun, which is the main aim of the activities and anything that helps get children away from a screen these days is positive!

Our Junior Section boys have been working hard on their maze marching routine for the competition held in the middle of March, as well as a Bible Knowledge Quiz for which the boys have been learning about the story of the two house builders. We enjoyed trying to build towers on the concrete floor and then on the bouncy castle to compare which tower stood better.

Finally in the coming months we will have our Race Night Fundraiser. Dates to be confirmed but please look out for them and if you are interested in coming you can get tickets from myself or Peter Dale.

Christine's Craft Fair with Liz's Knits

Stamperland Church (Large Hall)

Sunday 4th March 2018

12pm – 2pm

*Sale of handmade cards. Vintage
and new jewellery. Bookmarks,
ornaments, embroidered delights.
All crafted by Christine Finnigan.
Beautiful hand knitted toddler tops
by Liz Toole.*

*All proceeds go to Medecins Sans
Frontieres work rescuing refugees in
the Mediterranean Sea.*

Netherlee Christmas Tree Festival



Thank you to everyone who supported the Netherlee Christmas Tree Festival and Carol Singing. Approximately £400 was raised by the door to door Carol Singing and with an about another £200 from the Christmas Tree festival we were delighted to donate £600 to Shelter Scotland. Both events were well supported and we hope to see the Christmas Tree Festival return next year.

Stuart Buchanan

Netherlee Choir



Netherlee choir were joined by 5 members of Stamperland in November and December for both the Induction of Rev Scott Blythe and the Lessons and Carols Service at Netherlee. With Stamperland's choir being quite small, it was a great opportunity to experience singing with a larger group – and there were even other men in the choir!

Early in January the choir had a dinner in Williamwood Golf club which was a great opportunity to make new friends across the two churches. Entertainment was provided on the evening by members of the choir with comedy sketches, singers, poetry reading and much more.

The next opportunity to sing in the joint choir will be for Easter and rehearsals start in February. Talk to members of the Stamperland choir, our organist or myself if you are interested in taking part next time. It's great fun and a great experience to sing with other people.

Please refer to rear page of Focus to see the results!



Contributed by Steven Owens

More Errors in Church Announcements

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

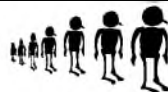
Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.

The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.



Duty Teams for 2018

January 2018			February 2018			March 2018		
7th	TEAM	4	4th	TEAM	2	4th	COMM	2
14th	TEAM	5	11th	TEAM	3	11th	TEAM	6
21st	TEAM	6	18th	TEAM	4	18th	TEAM	1
28th	TEAM	1	25th	TEAM	5	25th	TEAM	2
April 2018			May 2018			June 2018		
1st	TEAM	3	6th	TEAM	2	3rd	COMM	1
8th	TEAM	4	13th	TEAM	3	10th	TEAM	6
15th	TEAM	5	20th	TEAM	4	17th	TEAM	1
22nd	TEAM	6	27th	TEAM	5	24th	TEAM	2
29th	TEAM	1						
July 2018			August 2018			September 2018		
1st	TEAM	3	5th	TEAM	2	2nd	COMM	2
8th	TEAM	4	12th	TEAM	3	9th	TEAM	6
15th	TEAM	5	19th	TEAM	4	16th	TEAM	1
22nd	TEAM	6	26th	TEAM	5	23rd	TEAM	2
29th	TEAM	1				30th	TEAM	3
October 2018			November 2018			December 2018		
7th	TEAM	4	4th	TEAM	2	2nd	COMM	1
14th	TEAM	5	11th	TEAM	3	9th	TEAM	6
21st	TEAM	6	18th	TEAM	4	16th	TEAM	1
28th	TEAM	1	25th	TEAM	5	23rd	TEAM	2
						30th	TEAM	3
TEAM 1		TEAM 2		TEAM 3				
Mr W Paterson (C)		Mr G Fairweather (C)		Mrs A Macfarlane (C)				
Mrs D Clark		Mr R Kirkwood		Mrs K Cramb				
Miss L Robb		Mr S Owens		Mr A Henderson				
Miss G Scott		Mr R Russell		Mrs S Skelton				
Mrs M Young		Mrs J Silcock		Miss J Stewart				
TEAM 4		TEAM 5		TEAM 6				
Mrs N Fisher (C)		Mr R Allan (C)		Mr A Graham (C)				
Miss J Barr		Mrs J Curror		Mrs K Baird				
Mrs K Bolton		Mr J Curror		Mrs E Graham				
Mrs J Cranston		Mrs J Herriot		Mrs M Neilson				
Mr G Finlayson		Mr S Russell		Mr N Walker				

Any Duty Member who cannot attend on any date allocated should arrange a substitute for that date and inform the Duty Convenor.



1. The Master 2. The MC 3. Warm Up 4. Over the Rainbow 5. If I were a Santa
 6. Walking the Dog 7. At the Music Shop 8. Gaudete 9. Eye Catching
 10. If I were a rich man 11. The best time of year 12. What he does best
 13. Funny 14. Sing-Along 15. Singing keeps you young 16. Beatles Medley



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