

# ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

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# OUR CHURCH FAMILY

## *BAPTISM*

**"Go therefore .... and baptise"**

Dec 13    Matthew Scott Forsyth

## *MARRIAGES*

**"Whom God hath joined .... "**

Dec 28    Stephanie Crawford and Colin Lang

## *FUNERALS*

**"I am the resurrection and the life"**

Nov 3    Catherine Maltman  
Nov 6    Wyn Hannah  
Nov 12    Nessie Webster  
Nov 20    William Florence  
Nov 25    Margaret Irvine  
Nov 27    Nan Patrick  
Dec 9    Elizabeth Kiloh  
Dec 18    Norman McDonald  
Dec 21    Flora Johnstone  
Jan 5    Betty Ormiston

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### FOR INFORMATION DURING VACANCY

#### **BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS**

During the period before a new minister is appointed please contact the  
Rev Arthur Barrie Tel: 01698 261147 for baptisms and marriages and  
Rev John Stevenson Tel: 01698 817582 for funerals and hospital visits.

#### **ILLNESS OR HOSPITALISATION**

It is vitally important over the next few months to use the Yellow Cards at the end of the pews if you know of anyone who requires a pastoral visit due to illness or hospitalisation. These cards can be left in the church office.

*Letter from the  
Interim Moderator*



30 Airbles Crescent  
Motherwell

Dear Friends of St Mary's

The Season of Advent and Christmas has now past, but as we reflect on these past days there has been much to encourage and excite us. The contribution of the children and young people, the beauty of the decorated sanctuary and the evolving pattern of services as they led us up to Christmas itself. A joyful time in which I was delighted to play my part.

We are a very busy congregation, so much going on as so many people involved in doing so many things and doing them well. But at the heart of our being as a congregation there lies the privilege of worship. It is the end of all our striving - to somehow encompass God in his love and graciousness. Despite its imperfections Sunday by Sunday we seek somehow or another to hear the "still small voice of God". How encouraging it is for minister and for people when so many gather each Sunday to offer that imperfect worship. It truly does sustain us all and gives us that sure spiritual base from which all our work comes.

That worship is of course weakened if you are not there. For many the habit of church-going has gone and it can be so difficult to reinstate it and recover it. But there is always a place and I hope a welcome for all of God's people in St Mary's.

Whoever you are and whatever your situation I pray God's blessing upon you.

Yours sincerely

Arthur Barrie  
Interim-moderator

### THANKS TO THE CONGREGATION OF ST MARY'S

Two letters have been received thanking the congregation for their kind donations of Christmas gifts.

Linda Pople of One Parent Families Scotland said it was an absolute delight to see the children's faces light up on receiving their presents. The Church's generosity gave a lot of families within North Lanarkshire a lovely Christmas.

Margaret Ann Jones of Motherwell & District Women's Aid expressed the organisation's appreciation of our generous donation of Christmas gifts and our continued support.



## CHURCH OFFICER'S RETIRAL

The last day of December 2015 not only brought to an end another year but signalled the retirement of our Church Officer, Sam Harper.

For the last 15 years Sam has served our congregation carrying out his role with great enthusiasm.

Along with his daily and weekly duties of cleaning the church and halls for Sunday Services and in preparation for use by all various organisations, Sam was always willing to lend an extra hand at special events whether moving furniture back and forward or after the Christmas season had passed assisting in the disposal of Christmas trees, and many unforeseen tasks often never recognised by many of our congregation. Sam would often be found on a Sunday morning greeting people with a firm handshake and cheery smile as they entered the building. He has played a significant part in the life of St Mary's and I'm sure everyone would agree he will be greatly missed.

We wish Sam and his wife Valerie a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Ian Beattie  
Clerk to the Congregational Board



## BASICS FOOD BANK (LANARKSHIRE)

Please continue to donate to this Christian Project which offers support to those who are at a crisis point in their life. It provides family and single packs of food items, non-perishables and a hygiene pack over a two-week period. All packs are given out on a referral basis to people living in our local area.

Donations can be left in the box in the vestibule of the church or in the cupboard in the church kitchen.



## THE GUILD

On the run up to Christmas Lesley Hamilton from Elspeth Hamilton Perfumery in Hamilton gave us all an opportunity to purchase some Christmas gifts and gave us an insight into the history of the business and how Hamilton traders are working to keep the town a vibrant shopping experience. She also identified perfume references in the Bible.

The Christmas craft evening was much enjoyed as the ladies created gift tags, wrapped parcels, learnt how to fold napkins inventively, create a floral table decoration and make Christmas wreaths and trees.

2015 ended with a most enjoyable Christmas Dinner held at the Bentley Hotel, with 58 ladies in attendance. After dinner the evening was brought to a close with carol singing accompanied by Edith Sharp on the keyboard.

The 2016 session started on 11 January with Major Connelly of the Bellshill Salvation Army. He gave us an insight into his work in the Glasgow area with the homeless, alcoholics and drug addicts. The session continues with a variety of speakers and a joint evening with the Men's Fellowship for a Scottish Night on 25 January. At the beginning of February we have a night dedicated to our Guild Project - Let's Stick Together (Care for the Family).

We continue to enjoy fellowship on a Monday evening and welcome new members to join us.

Myra Philip  
President

## ST MARY'S PRAYER GROUP



Our prayer group meets in the lounge on a Thursday evening from 7 pm to 7.30 pm. We would like to take this opportunity and invite you to come along and join with us in our Bible reading, short discussion and prayers for the sick. We are small in number, but enjoy fellowship with each other.

Since our minister, Rev David Doyle, retired, we have continued with our prayer meetings and at the present time, a few of us, visit members of our congregation who now reside in care homes. Please let our Church Secretary know if a member of your family has recently gone into a care home.

The Prayer Group

### REMINDER TO ALL ORGANISATION LEADERS

Could all leaders please ensure they notify the Church Office of start back dates and any dates when they will not be using the premises.

Ian Beattie  
Clerk to the Congregational Board

## **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

At this time of writing we have yet to attend our first meeting in the New Year when on the 11<sup>th</sup> January the Revd Bob Kent will be our speaker.

Meetings in November and December continued to be very well attended.

November and curator of North Lanarkshire Archives, Vidca McGhee, shared with us, stories and verse from the archives. A lively look at our past!

Country Side Ranger Kate Williamson gave an excellent illustrated talk on Whitelees Wind Farm and its various attractions and facilities.

Fellowship member, Peter Ferguson, detailed the rise of the Covenanters and the formation of the Cameronians, giving an interesting history lesson on the subject, in which, he pointed out numerous local sites associated with the talk.

Stephanie Crawford talked of her work as a Consultant Clinical Psychologist, explaining the development of her subject over what could be considered in medical terms a relatively short period of time. Her enthusiastic, eye opening and at times humorous presentation was much appreciated by the fellowship.

Douglas Keith was his usual humorous self with his illustrated talk on the life and works of Robert Burns,

December: and A Shetland Childhood was shared by Mrs Eleanor Simpson who spent her early years on Fetlar. In her talk Eleanor used photographs and craft items to give a real flavour of what life was like on the island.

Our last meeting of the year was our usual lively and hotly contested quiz, organised and presented by our own "Paxman" Bill Taylor, Thanks to Bill for another great night.

As we look forward to future meetings, I would ask you to please check the church intimation sheets for news of each week's lively topic.

As always a warm welcome awaits you on any Monday evening you may be free to attend, meetings start at 7.30 pm and finish at 9.00 pm.

Allan Joyce  
President

## **EVENTS ACTION TEAM**

The Events Action Team would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. We are happy to report that the Curry and Cabaret night held on the 5th of December was a great success with over 60 people enjoying a choice of 2 fantastic Curries followed by a night of comedy and singing delivered by a slick team of professional standard performers. Over £300 was raised, a special thanks to everyone who helped to make the night the great success it was.

Over the festive period the team were busy assisting when and where it was needed, a huge thanks to all who decorated the church and the halls and then helped with the clear up and storage of the decorations, all ready for next year.

At this time the next planned event in the calendar is the Quiz night in April, but keep your eye out for any events to be held before then.

Alan Joyce Jnr

## THE CHURCH CLEANING TEAM



The church cleaning team meets one morning a month to help with the on-going task of keeping our church sanctuary, halls and rooms clean and tidy. We now have 24 people in our team, but would always welcome another pair of hands (with marigold gloves) to help with the chores.

Each room has a checklist and our helpers choose tasks suitable for them from light dusting duties to toilet cleaning, and from hoovering 100 pew cushions to oven cleaning... There is a job for everyone.

Tea and home-baking are always a welcomed reward at our mid-morning coffee stop!! If you have a morning to spare and would like to join our team please contact Heather Greenhorn, Karen Maxwell or Margaret McCloy.

## TUESDAY CLUB

Our Christmas Lunch was held in the Bentley Hotel on the 1<sup>st</sup> December which was enjoyed by all, including our invited guests, the Rev Mr and Mrs Arthur Barrie.

In the previous quarterly magazine I had explained how we are short of funds for the tax year 16/17 and had indicated that we were to hold an afternoon Tea in November of last year in order to raise some funding. However, due to illness the event did not take place. We do intend to hold the afternoon tea in April and hope that many of you will give your support by buying tickets.

The syllabus from 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 is :-

Jan 12th	Strathclyde Fire Brigade
Jan 19th	Police Scotland
Jan 26th	Womens' Institute
Feb 2nd	British Red Cross
Feb 9th	The Scout Association
Feb 16th	New Lanark Village
Feb 23rd	Malawi update
Mar 1st	NSPCC
Mar 8th	RSPB Baron's Haugh
Mar 15th	Meditation
Mar 22nd	HOLY WEEK
Mar 29th	Keep Fit
April 5th	Poetry Women's Institute
April 12th	Citizens Advice Bureau
April 19th	Christine Jones Jewellery
April 26th	Afternoon Tea Fund Raising Event
May 3rd	Lunch at the Bentley Summer Recess

Valerie T Craig



The girls and leaders in our units all enjoyed the various activities that come with the Christmas season.

Parties were to the fore with the girls dressing up, playing games and enjoying the variety of food on offer.

Once again the Rainbows of both units joined together for their Christmas Party.



The Guides of both units celebrated Christmas with outings. The Tuesday Guides took the train to Edinburgh to visit the various markets and enjoy a meal at the Cosmo World Banquet. A very interesting and enjoyable experience. This was a very wet and cold day but they still managed to visit some shops in the St James' Centre and Princes Street, and enjoy the experience of the German Christmas market before the journey home.

The Thursday Guides visited the Civic Theatre to be entertained at the Pantomime - Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

The 6A Brownies, Thursday, have been doing lots of Christmas crafts, making candle holders, table decorations and calendars with their group photo and held their Christmas party on the 18th when Santa paid a visit.

In the new session the Brownies are going to sponsor another Guide Dog puppy and look forward to regular updates. They will work on some interest badges in groups. The Brownies will choose what badges they want to do.

The 6th Brownies, Tuesday, prepared for their Christmas feast by completing the Agility Badge. They celebrated Christmas by hunting the stars hidden around the premises and then tucked in to Domino's Pizza.

All units have now started back after the holidays with their usual enthusiasm.

# 13<sup>th</sup> Motherwell Boys' Brigade Company

St Mary's Parish Church, Avon Street, Motherwell



Since our last article our main activities as a Company have been.....Battalion competitions, the coffee morning and a trip to Stirling for a challenge game of football which led us into our Christmas break.

## BATTALION COMPETITIONS

The Battalion Swimming Gala took place in November and our outstanding team managed a convincing win. The team are shown in the photo below and are (in no particular order!): Reece McPherson, Robert Kerr, Josh Greenhorn, Calum Lingie, Jordan McGhee, Mark McGhee, Scott Rankin and Ryan Anderson.



The first of the 2 drill competitions, the restricted drill, took place in December and by all accounts our squad gave a great performance but the result as usual will not be known until the Review in May.

## COFFEE MORNING

In December we hosted another successful coffee morning. The recipe of festive music (including the Junior Section!), excellent coffee, creamy cakes and Christmas gifts was popular once again and I would like to thank all those who supported the event and helped raise a fantastic total of **£1550** for company funds.

This money is used in the running of the Company over the course of the session, to help with our BB subscriptions (£1600!!), badges, training, activities, class materials, subsidising trips and competitions etc. Without this money we wouldn't be able to do half the things we do!

A big thank you to everyone in the congregation who supported the event and to all those friends of the company (visible and invisible) who helped in the kitchen, staffed the cake stalls and mucked in for the clearing up - the coffee morning would not be such a success without you.

## CENTENARY FUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone who has donated CDs, DVDs, mobile phones etc to our Centenary fundraising initiative - we raised an amazing total of £510 to help fund our Centenary activities.

A special thank you to Heather Greenhorn for processing thousands of items for recycling!

Our latest Centenary fundraiser (it's expensive being 100!) is the ASDA green token scheme - if you shop there please see the details elsewhere in the magazine.

## COMING UP....

We are only just into the New Year but we are continuing our preparation for the squad drill, Bible Knowledge and first aid competitions, the Queen's Badge guys are busy working away and we have 12 busy Fridays and 7 Battalion competitions before the Easter holidays!

Captain Stewart Maxwell

# 13<sup>th</sup> Motherwell Boys' Brigade Company Centenary 1915 - 2015



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St Mary's Parish Church, Avon Street, Motherwell, ML1 3AB

November 2015 saw the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of 13<sup>th</sup> Motherwell Boys' Brigade Company and the Company has had an action packed start to its Centenary Session.

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 120 boys and officers from across the Anchor, Junior and Company sections of the Company came together for special Centenary Launch Night in Dalziel High School. This was a night of games and activities including a giant 50 foot inflatable obstacle course, team games and relays, an xbox challenge on 5 big screens and a centenary quiz.

Over the weekend of 21st/22<sup>nd</sup> November the Company hosted a Centenary Dinner (21st Nov) for over 100 former members and guests. The night was a fitting tribute to 100 years of the Boys' Brigade within St Mary's Parish Church, which just last year celebrated its own centenary, and speakers included former chaplains, officers and guests from the Boys' Brigade national organisation. The exhibition of BB memorabilia and audio visual presentations from 'then and now' provided many opportunities for former members to trade stories and reminisce about their times within the BB.

On the Sunday morning over 170 boys, officers and former members paraded in the bright November sunshine from the cenotaph in the Duchess of Hamilton Park led by the 1<sup>st</sup> Largs BB Pipes and Drums band and a colour party of BB Captains (5 former and 1 current) along Avon Street to cheering crowds waving flags and into St Mary's. The service, led by Rev Arthur Barrie provided a meaningful thanksgiving for 100 years of the BB within the church and offered the opportunity for both the former and current members to re-dedicate themselves to the object of the Boys' Brigade.

Current BB Captain, Stewart Maxwell, said: "the Centenary events so far have been a fantastic way for both current and former members to mark their affinity with the organisation and the parade along Avon Street and into church for the Centenary Dedication Service was a very special moment from my 32 years in the Company"

The Centenary Session of 13<sup>th</sup> Motherwell Boys' Brigade will continue with further events for the current members in 2016, culminating with the Centenary Camp in June 2016.

13<sup>th</sup> Motherwell  
Boys' Brigade Company  
Centenary  
1915 - 2015



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## ASDA FUNDRAISER

As part of our Centenary fundraising we have been selected to participate in the ASDA Green Tokens scheme.

If you shop in ASDA in Motherwell we would like you to request Green Tokens when you pay for your shopping.

You then take the tokens and post them into the chute on the way out of the store.

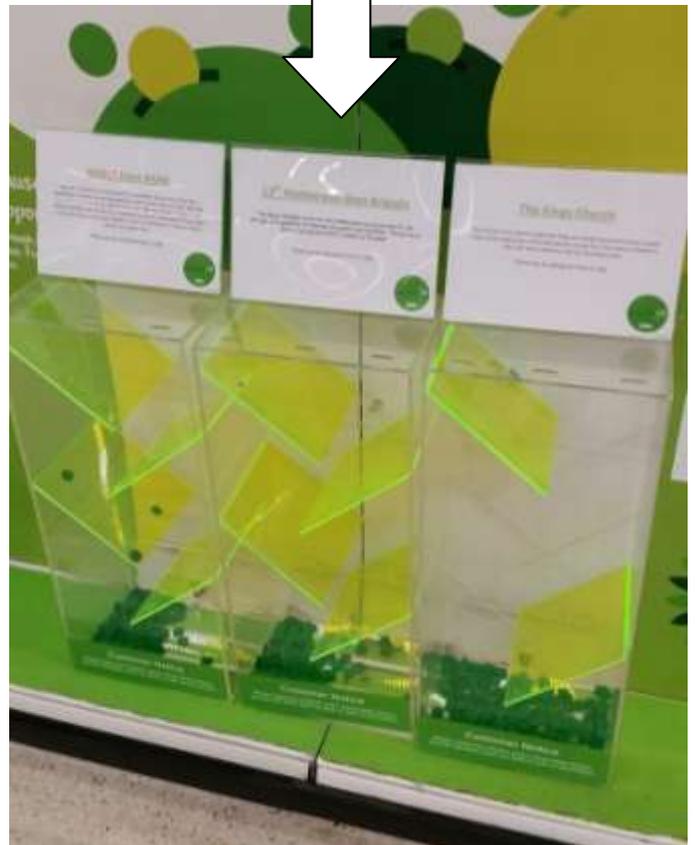
If at the end of the period (January & February) we have collected the most tokens in our chute, ASDA will donate £200 to 13<sup>th</sup> Motherwell BB.

So please remember to ask for green tokens each time you are in the store.

Thank you for your support in this fundraising initiative.

*Stewart*

Stewart Maxwell  
Captain  
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@captainmaxi





As I write this report, it is still in the early days of January and I would like to take this opportunity and wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. The festive season has come and gone, the hustle and bustle, the buying and spending, the eating and partying is now over for many of us and I'm sure you will agree with me that it's good to get back to 'normality'.

In August last year, we raised £1,315.65 at our sponsored walk round Strathclyde Park which supported the Rwanda Appeal. The retiral offering in September from St Mary's raised £739.15; in 2015 the sale of used stamps £59 and donations from other churches brought in the total sum of £1,114.35. This has been sent to Bible House to be used at their discretion.

There are 5 very worthy projects SBS are supporting this year in China, Malawi, Brazil, Iraq and Ukraine. The project we have chosen to support at our annual concert is Brazil 'Light of the Amazon'. It helps to fund a boat that travels along the Amazon River reaching the areas that are often otherwise inaccessible. Provision of Bibles and other Scripture materials is supplemented with conducting medical and dental care to the riverside population.

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February, we have arranged a concert to be held in the new Motherwell South Parish Church. Mark Donnelly a professional musician, Head of Music at a leading school for girls, Conductor of the Bothwell Philharmonic Choir and committed to sharing his passion for music with others, is our guest soloist. He is bringing along two of his students, Nicole Dickie,

Mezzo Soprano and Sophie Luc, Violinist. This should prove to be a very enjoyable evening and I ask for your support. Tickets for this concert are now on sale either from myself or from the church office.

Once more I sincerely give you our thanks for all prayers and support given to us throughout the year.

With every blessing,

Margaret Carrol  
Motherwell Action Group



# Concert

Featuring

**Mark Donnelly – Baritone**

Nicole Dickie – Mezzo Soprano

Sophie Luc – Violinist



Motherwell South Parish Church

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 at 7 pm

**In support of  
Light of the Amazon**

Tea/Coffee/Home Baking

£5

Scottish Charity No SCO10767



# UPDATE

The total of St. Mary's fundraising for Christian Aid in 2015 was £6158.12.

This was made up as follows:

Retiring offerings	2881.78
House-to-house	1510.74
Donations	49.00
Long March	892.00
CAST events	824.60

The £824.60 raised by our young Christian Aid Support Team was made up of £379.15 from the lunch at the beginning of Christian Aid Week, £181 from the Messy Day and £264.45 from the Coffee Morning after morning service in October.

Christian Aid continues to support many people in need. In the current refugee crisis, Christian Aid is working with its ACT Alliance agencies to support humanitarian efforts in Greece and Serbia. Essential items such as food, wellington boots, children's coats, nappies and baby food are being provided.

Other areas in which Christian Aid and its partners are providing emergency help include South Sudan, where 3.9 million people are at risk of famine and Ethiopia, where severe drought has put 10 million people at risk.

The effects of conflict in Gaza and the earthquake in Nepal continue to need long-term support.

Your generosity has already helped Christian Aid to carry out its Christian mission of supporting those in need. Please continue to show kindness to the organization as it faces the challenges of 2016.

Margaret MacGregor

## Extract from Christian Aid Scotland website



### Giving, acting and praying our way to another world

*There is Another Way to live,  
so all flourish not just the few.  
There is Another Way to live,  
so there is harmony instead of discord.  
There is Another Way to live,  
so there is hope instead of despair.*

Throughout our 70 Munro's challenge in 2015, Christian Aid Scotland was reminded of Scotland's rich mountain landscape.

Scotland is also blessed with an extensive network of way-marked long distance routes, great trails, pilgrimage routes and cycle routes.

Next year, we will continue the journey begun in the mountains, as we take a number of walks and cycle rides across the country. In 2016, there will be **Another Way to explore and tackle issues of poverty and justice**

# Junior Church News!

## Christmas Celebrations....

It was good to have the children in the Junior Church involved in our Christmas services. We had a wonderful response to our gift service and would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and friends for supporting the work of The Basic food bank supporting families in our town.



Our Nativity Sunday saw the chancel filled with shepherds, wise men, snowflakes, roman soldiers angels and a narrator. The Kids Zone told the Christmas story this year performing The nativity - Whoops a daisy angel! The narrator, Jack Wilson told the story of the very first Christmas as the actors and chorus acted and performed. With talented actors, soloists and a full chorus from the Kids Zone the children impressed the congregation with their talents at this special service.

With solos from Ava Di Mambro as Mary and Sophie Blair as Whoops a daisy, a duet with Charlotte Hemmings the lead angel, and a lively dance from the snowflakes - added to the choral items from the cast it was a super Nativity Sunday enjoyed by all.



Our thanks to Hazel and Ian Graham and the staff of the Kids Zone along with the willing team of stage crew, production experts, choreographers and set designers! (The Y Zone). As always the Nativity was enhanced by the musical team: Karen Maxwell, Fraser Joyce, Chris Mitchell and Paul Bradshaw.

It was also great to have the children in the Mini Zone adding to the nativity as they performed their Christmas songs.

At the end of this very special play the children were given - **a ten from Len!** alias Mr Barrie as he congratulated them on a **fab-u-lous** performance!!

## Christmas Parties...

Our party season was the usual mix of games, laughter, hot dogs, ice cream, treats and Santa! Each Zone leader hosted a party for the children and everyone had a fun-filled time. The children were delighted that Santa was able to visit the parties and we do hope that he enjoyed our singing and mince pies! The Mini Zone and Kids Zone filled the afternoon with traditional games, crafts and unusual and messy relay races! A big thank you to the staff who helped to make the parties a success. All who attended would want me to make special mention to June Graham who again catered for all the Christmas festivities....cakes, scones with cream and hand made mallow snowmen just a few of the treats on offer! A big thank you to June from all in the Junior Church.



## Candles and Carol Singing

After a busy afternoon rehearsing the nativity play the Junior church staff along with the events team prepared for another festive event on the December calendar.

Over 150 friends in the congregation enjoyed a wonderful festive evening hosted by the Kids Zone and Y Zone. Carol singing in the church grounds was followed by hot soup, crusty bread, mince pies and cakes before ending the evening with a performance of the pantomime produced and performed by our Y Zone. As always the panto was a huge success and we were glad to see that Santa was saved by 007 in time for Christmas ! It was a super evening enjoyed by all and one which we all hope know be repeated again next year. Next time with even more chairs in the hall !



## New Year.....

The 2016 session has already started and the teachers are busy preparing for the term ahead. We all look forward to sharing in the many Family Services .



## Thank you.....

Thank you to all our children, parents and friends who have supported our Pencil case challenge as part of 'Be nice in November!'

We collected 341 pencil cases and these have gone on to support the work of Empower a child. The children in Kampala were very excited to receive a large box filled with pencil cases. This arrived in time for Christmas ...a very special gift for each of the pupils.



"Let the little children come to me," Matthew 19:14



## THE TODDLER GROUP

We have enjoyed a busy few months at the Toddlers. In October we held a Sponsored Bounce event with bouncy castles, mini trampolines, a ball pool and bouncy toys and raised lots of money towards the group funds to go towards the Halloween and Christmas parties and other craft days. At the end of October the children all came dressed up and paraded for the annual Halloween parties and we made spooky Halloween wreaths and enjoyed delicious home baking!

In November the children all had great fun making sparkly stars for bonfire night and dressed up in pyjamas and onesies and we donated to 'Children in Need'.

December as always was soon upon us and in the lead up to the Christmas parties we practised our singing to get ready for Santa, had Christmas crafts and had a 'Christmas Jumper Day' in aid of the 'Christmas Jumper Day' appeal for 'Save the Children'.

The Christmas Night Out for the mums and grans this year was at Riva in Bothwell and we had a delicious 3 course meal with live music and good chat!

We ended off the year with 2 terrific Christmas Parties and as always Santa was the favourite guest! The adults all enjoyed a well-deserved roll and sausage and the children were all delighted with meeting Santa and with their lovely gifts.

We are looking forward to starting back on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 10 am and to welcoming some new members to the group! We are currently at full capacity for the hall and have a short waiting list - please contact Emma Mitchell or via the Toddler group email [stmarystoddlers100@gmail.com](mailto:stmarystoddlers100@gmail.com) if you would like to join us.

If anyone would like to be added to our team of "Aunties" and help us in the kitchen with making the tea/toast on a Tuesday or a Friday morning (usually once or twice per session) please get in touch with June Graham or Emma Mitchell.

We would also like to thank Sam Harper for all his help over the years with setting up the hall and keeping an eye and amusing some of the young ones allowing the mums to get cleared up! Sam you will be missed and we wish you and your wife all the very best for the future and hope to see you again soon.

Thanks again to everyone involved - parents, carers, grandparents, helpers and our wonderful "Aunties" - for a great end to the 2015 session of the toddler group and here's to another enjoyable term.

Emma Mitchell

## FLOWER LIST

### JANUARY

- 3rd Mrs M Munro  
Mrs D Connor  
Mrs M Hardie  
Mrs J Weir
- 10th Mrs J Rennie  
Mr J Williams  
Mr & Mrs W McNair
- 17th Mrs M McArdle  
Miss J Graham
- 24th Mrs N McMillan  
Mrs M Wilson
- 31 st Church Choir

### FEBRUARY

- 7<sup>th</sup> Mrs I Gardiner
- 14<sup>th</sup> Miss C Kelly
- 21st Rainbows, Brownies, Guides
- 28th Mr & Mrs Malcolm

### MARCH

- 6th Mrs M Graham  
Mrs M Skimming  
Mrs M Carrol
- 13th Mrs M Watson  
Mrs E Fraser
- 20<sup>th</sup> Mrs M Stewart  
Mrs M Johnstone
- 27th Mr A Craig

June Graham - Flower Convener



## FORTHCOMING SERVICES



February	14	11.00 am	Sacrament of Holy Communion
	21	11.00 am	Girlguiding Thinking Day Service

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Feb	10	7.30 pm	Annual Congregational Meeting
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