

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

BAPTISM

"Go therefore and baptise"

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| 4 March | Alexander Ian Niven |
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FUNERALS

"I am the resurrection and the life"

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| 22 Jan | Mrs Dunn |
| 8 Feb | Mr Black |
| 14 Feb | Mrs Lindsay |
| 3 Mar | Mr Eadie |
| 6 Mar | Mrs Helen Brownlie |

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ELDERS' LONG SERVICE



On Sunday 11 February, 5 Elders from our Kirk Session were presented with certificates celebrating 30 years' service. Pictured with Rev Bryce Calder and Session Clerk Allan Joyce (far right) they are (from left to right): Janette Rennie, Harry Corbet, Finlay Cornelius, Les Innes and Bill Taylor.



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Dear Friends:

Easter Message

Along with Christmas, Easter is my favourite time in the Christian Year. At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. At Easter we remember His crucifixion at Calvary and His glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday Morning.

The inherent connection between Christmas and Easter is rightly celebrated in the magnificent Stained-Glass Window which graces our Church Chancel - directly above the Communion Table.

As I write this Newsletter, I have just celebrated my second Baptism at St. Mary's Parish Church - the Baptism of little Alexander Ian Niven. It is my practice, during the Sacrament of Baptism, to follow the French Reformed Tradition of sharing the good news of the gospel with the baby, child or adult being Baptised.

The words I use are slightly different each time. However, they usually begin like this: ***"It was for you that God sent Jesus into the world on that first Christmas 2000 years ago. Jesus came as God's gift of love and He lived a wonderful life of love to show you what is possible when you follow Him in your life. It was for you that Jesus went to the Cross at Calvary on that first Good Friday, where He died to forgive you for all the wrongs that you will ever commit in life. And it was for you that God raised Jesus to New Life on that first Easter Sunday Morning - so that through Him you might find New Life, Resurrection Life, Life in all its Fullness."***

Like Christmas, Easter is not just a historical event, something in the distant past, rather it is a daily living reality for each and all of us: it was

for you and me that Christ lived, died and rose again.

May the amazing message of Easter, that Jesus died and rose again for us, fill us afresh this year with the hope, love and peace of God.

Lanarkshire Passion Play 2018

The famous Passion Play at Oberammergau, which was first performed in 1634, is attended by thousands of people from all over the world. The next Passion Play at Oberammergau will be held in 2020.

You don't have to travel to Bavaria, though, or wait till 2020, to enjoy a fabulous Passion Play.

As Easter 2018 rapidly approaches, please put **Saturday 31 March, 2.00 pm** in your diary to come along to watch this year's **Lanarkshire Passion Play**.

The setting is outdoors in Hamilton [near the Asda, Vue Cinema and Frankie and Benny's], so please pray for the weather to be kind!

The Lanarkshire Passion Play is simply entitled "Resurrection" and it will tell the story of Holy Week - from Palm Sunday, the Last Supper to the Cross and Resurrection.

Please come along and bring friends, family, neighbours and colleagues to experience the wonderful Easter story in a unique and powerful way. There is some amazing talent in the cast, especially the trained actor, Nicholas Elliott who plays Jesus.

My wife, Helen is taking part, and I may even make a small cameo myself!

Your Friend & Pastor:
Rev Bryce Calder



GUILD

It seems no time at all since the last magazine was published. In the Guild we are now approaching the end of the session, for the spring/summer break. On Monday the 12th March, we look forward to hearing from our guest speaker, the Rev John Thomson who will deliver a talk on our theme, Go in Love. John is no stranger to the Guild, as he has spoken several times as guest speaker. On one occasion, he replaced the designated speaker at the last minute, when he/she didn't turn up and his talk proved to be most enjoyable and interesting.

Our closing social is on Monday, 19 March to which members of Our Lady's Musical Society have been invited to supply the entertainment, after which, supper will be served.

For those ladies who are thinking about joining the Guild, now is the time to come and visit, where you will be made most welcome.

I'd like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a very happy recess and God willing, we'll reconvene in October.

Valerie T Craig
President



UPDATE

Now that we're in touching distance of Spring, however un-spring like the weather, planning for Christian Aid fundraising is well underway.

The 'Pancakes-a-Plenty' coffee morning at Crosshill Parish Church was well-supported and raised £660.

The next Motherwell and District Christian Aid Committee event will be a concert in Motherwell South Parish Church on Tuesday, 24 April at 7 pm. All 3 of St Mary's choirs and our CAST members will be taking part, together with local school choirs.

Christian Aid Week 2018 is May 13-19. As always, we will be hoping for your support, particularly with the House-to-house collection.

The staff of Christian Aid continue to work with local partners and communities to fight injustice, respond to humanitarian emergencies, campaign for change, and help people claim the services and rights they are entitled to. They need our help to do so.

Margaret MacGregor

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

As reported in the last edition of the magazine the first meeting of the New Year got off to a flying start with Bob Dalziel and his talk on Robert Burns.

A life-long member of St Mary's, Mrs Jennifer D Mambro, spoke of her experiences in education and the changes which have been introduced and had to be implemented over the years. In her talk Jennifer told of her own progress in the profession and of her present role as a Deputy Head at Dalziel High School.

A Scottish Night was presented by 3 of the male members of the Inbetweeners and the efforts of Paul Bradshaw, Fraser Hamilton and Chris Mitchell were much appreciated by the membership, although it has to be said that some of the links with Scotland were tenuous in the extreme.

A night exploring TV comedy with Chris Scott was most enjoyable with short clips of classic TV shows.

Church Elder Bill Clark related his experiences as a reporter "Covering the Troubles" in Northern Ireland. An assignment, which at times, saw him placed in areas of extreme danger.

The joint night with the Guild explored the world of TV game shows when host Alan Joyce Jr invited contestants to take part in: Would I Lie To You, Blankety Blank and Ask The Family. Contestants were Howard Rennie and Guest Adele Joyce for the Fellowship and Margaret McCloy and Guest Gordon Joyce for the Guild, technical support was provided by Colin Weir. A friendly evening of fun and laughter.

The serious work of Church of Scotland Social Care, now called Crossreach, was presented by Mrs Liann Weir, who has responsibility for projects in the Govanhill area of Glasgow.

The last 3 meetings of the session will include a look at Football the Golden Years, then a change to the published syllabus when Secretary Alan Joyce will take us on a cycling adventure and on our last night the Junior Choir provide the entertainment followed by the AGM.

The Fellowship has again been well attended throughout the year and I thank members for their loyal support.

Allan Joyce
President

EVENTS ACTION TEAM

Tickets for the **Annual Quiz** night are now on sale for Monday 23 April, 7.30 pm in the Avon Hall.

It's still only £10 for a team of 4, also if you're not in a team but wish to come, please come along and we will make up a team of "All Stars" or fit you into an existing team. Tickets are on sale after the service in the Avon Hall or from any member of the Events Action Team.

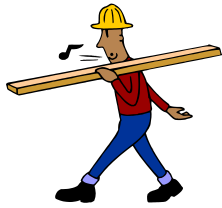
The next event after the quiz is the **Shine Music Theatre Greatest Hits Concert**, tickets have been upgraded since the last bulletin it's now £8 for adults and £5 for kids.

The concert will be in the church, 7.30 pm on Friday 1 June. Tickets will be on sale very soon, and are expected to sell very quickly. Please look out for the tickets going on sale.

Happy Easter

Alan Joyce Jnr

WORK PARTY



The Work Party will resume their activities on **Monday 23rd April**. We meet each Monday around 9 am, finishing around 12 noon.

As well as the general tidying of the grounds around the church and halls, we are undertaking some redecoration, and joiner work.

We will also be undertaking some gardening around the Church House, during the period that it remains vacant.

If you would like to join us, you will be made most welcome. All you need is enthusiasm!!

Even if you are not able to attend every week, your help when available, will still be valued.

Howard Rennie

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 CLEANING TEAM



The church cleaning team will meet on **Monday, 12 March** at 9.30 am for 2 hours (tea break included!) Please bring your own marigolds and old towels to be used as rags.

A list of duties has been made up for each room and helpers can choose which job to tackle!

Your help is very much appreciated.



THEY MISSED HIM!

They were looking for a lion, He came as a Lamb, and they missed Him.

They were looking for a warrior, He came as a Peacemaker, and they missed Him.

They were looking for a king, He came as a Servant, and they missed Him.

They were looking for liberation from Rome, He submitted to the Roman stake, and they missed Him.

They were looking for a fit to their mould, He was the mould breaker, and they missed Him.

Will you?



Thinking Day was celebrated by a large turnout of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Guiders and members of the Trefoil Guild. The WAGGGS theme this year was IMPACT and the girls helped make an impact locally in this the Year of Young People by inviting the congregation to bring food for the Basics Food Bank in Motherwell. A large amount of food was gathered in the chancel in exchange for a Tunnock's biscuit which the girls distributed to the congregation.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this good cause.



The girls can be seen singing Heal the World (Michael Jackson) with great feeling.

The theme of the service was based on a jigsaw representing each section of Girlguiding, and how we are all able to make a difference in the wider world.

A drama representing the feeding of the five thousand was presented by a group of Brownies and Guides.

Many of the girls had also taken part in a pyjama party and sleepover the previous evening. The girls enjoyed games, crafts, food, campfire and entertainment. The Rainbows returned home at 8 pm leaving the Brownies and Guides to keep the Guiders awake during the night! Amazingly some Guiders did manage to sleep.



The 6th B Brownies (Monday) started their World Guiding badge in January and are learning all about the World Centres. They have already found out about Pax Lodge in London and Our Chalet in Switzerland and are now looking forward to finding out all about Our Cabana, Mexico and Sangam in India when Jean and Lynn, Tuesday Guiders, come along on 12 March to tell them all about their experiences when they visited both centres.

Company section

The New Year to Easter block of our BB session is always a busy one. This article will hopefully give you a flavour of this busy time...

BATTALION COMPETITIONS

Since the last article we have taken part in 3 Battalion competitions - the Quiz, Bible Knowledge and Physical Challenge. A great mix of competitions with something to cater for everyone in the company.

The battalion quiz was a victim of the bad snow in January and was rescheduled to the bad snow in February! The quiz is always a fun but closely fought night and this year was no different and our team finished second. Congratulations to the awesome team from 20th (North Motherwell) for winning again this year.

The physical challenge competition is a good test for the athletes in the company and a strong performance from our team will hopefully bring a good result at the Review.

We used the Penny Bible for our Bible Knowledge materials again this year and the stories of Luke provided some interesting material for the team to learn about Jesus life. The team were firing on all cylinders on the night of the competition but we will have to wait until the Review to find out if we improved on last year's performance!

The Battalion senior 5-a-side was unfortunately cancelled due to not enough entries. While we are fortunate in 13th to have a big group of senior boys some of the

other companies aren't so lucky which makes getting a team a bit of a challenge.

Our seniors got their football fix in the National Senior 5s and did very well getting to the quarter finals in January but unfortunately their run finished there, finishing 4th when a top 3 spot was required to progress. Well done seniors!

A great set of results but more importantly excellent participation from the boys all taking part to the best of their ability and in the spirit of the BB. A big thank you to the parents also for all your support and for chauffeuring the boys to and from the competitions!

The Junior 5-a-side football and squad drill competitions will take place before the school Easter holidays and the athletics will be the last competition later in April when the nights are a bit lighter!

DRUGS AWARENESS WORKSHOPS

As an officer team we decided that as part of our programme this session we would tackle a tricky issue - drugs awareness. We were able to secure support from Police Scotland who sent one of their drugs experts along to run an awareness workshop for the boys.

This was a highly interactive event where the detective constable led the boys in a workshop using presentations, questions and answers and hands on activity. The boys (and officers!) found it very useful and are undoubtedly better equipped to deal with any situation they could find themselves in in the future.

As a follow up we also ran a parents version of the same workshop to help raise their awareness of current issues surrounding drugs. Again this was highly interactive and informative and rated highly by all those that attended.

QUEENS BADGE

This year we have 7 boys who are in the final stages of their work towards the Queens Badge. The boys have been working across all the sections of the Company this session and have been out in the community fulfilling the volunteering section of the award. As part of this the boys will be serving as stewards at the Ups and Downs show in early March as part of our ongoing link with the theatre group.

The boys will then be heading off to Scottish Headquarters at Carronvale house in Larbert at the end of April to complete this work in time to be presented with the award at the Battalion Review in May.

OFFICERS TRAINING

Three of the current officer team successfully completed the BB Youth Leader Training at Carronvale over a weekend in February. Stephanie McMurray and Colin Barr from the Junior Section and Greg Weir from the Company Section all undertook the training in order to become a fully qualified officer.

Gavin McLauchlan from the Junior Section also completed his King George VI officer training after a second week of training at Carronvale in the summer and his service of graduation will be held in the New Wellwynd Parish Church later in March.

A big thank you to these 4 officers for undertaking formal Boys Brigade training!

BATTALION REVIEW

The Battalion Review will take place this year on Friday 4 May but the venue is still to be confirmed so watch this space for more information. Parents and friends of the Battalion are welcome to come along.

SUMMER CAMP

We are returning to our favourite campsite at Badaguish outside Aviemore for our summer camp and are looking forward to going away as soon as the schools break up. We have an action packed camp in the making all we need is some sunshine and no midges!

Captain Stewart Maxwell

Dates for the Diary

Fri 30 March - BB on as normal
Fri 06 April - No BB (School Holidays)
Fri 13 April - No BB (school holidays)
Fri 20 April - BB BACK!

Fri 04 May - Battalion Review
(End of Session)

JUNIOR SECTION FOOTBALL TEAM



Football Team (Back row (l-r): James, Finlay, Ethan, Jude, Zack, Luca, Tyler. Front row: Alex, Gregor, Charlie)

13th Motherwell Boys' Brigade Company

St Mary's Parish Church, Avon Street, Motherwell



junior section update

The Junior Section has had a busy start to 2018. We have taken part in Battalion competitions; had fun in the snow; tried new games and re-discovered some old favourites.

Battalion Competitions

The first battalion competition of the new year was the Gillespie trophy, which is a potted sports competition. The various games and challenges that make up the competition are taken from the International Junior Section Team Games, which is an annual BB event where Junior Section's from around the world are invited to submit their results and the BB's announce an international winner. So, fingers crossed our team does well at both the Battalion and International level! My thanks go to the enthusiastic team of boys who volunteered for the competition and who gave an enthusiastic and effortful performance on the day. Our team was: Charlie Fleck, Fraser Neilson, Tyler Weir, Zack Fleming, Kyle Mossman and Murray Neilson.

The second Battalion competition was the always popular Football competition, which this year was a 7-side competition at Ravenscraig Sports facility. Thankfully this year the competition took place inside, so the boys did not get windswept and rain drenched like they did in 2017. Once again, our team was coached by Company Section's Mr Greenhorn, who was ably assisted by our own Miss McMurray and a parent helper, Mr Davies. The boys demonstrated excellent skills and determination throughout. And in a nail-biting final game managed to clinch first place, with just one point between them and second place. A great result for 13th Motherwell Junior Section, no wonder the team look so pleased (see photo!).

If Alex McLeish doesn't last long as the new Scotland Manager I would definitely throw Mr

Greenhorn's hat into the ring as a possible contender!

We don't care what the weather man says when the weather man says it's snowing.

When the snow hit in the middle of January the hardy Junior Section boys were not put off and turned up, as normal, on the Wednesday night. Taking into account their 'can do' attitude and the untouched snow covered church grounds, it seemed only fitting that the games that night were played outside. The boys proceeded to make not one, not 2, not even 3, but a whole congregation of miniature snowmen. I believe there was over 40 snowmen in the end, along with a snow-minister, a bible made out of snow...and rather unusually a snow sheep. I think one of the boys perhaps misinterpreted the challenge of creating out of snow 'a minister and his flock'.

Game time

The Junior Section officers are always on the lookout for new games to try out, so as to keep our Wednesday night meetings interesting and fun for the boys. Our new favourite this month was a bridge building challenge, which involved the boys being given a few minutes to build a way of getting from one end of the church hall to the other without touching the ground at any time (cue lots of chairs, tables, and clothes rails being used in creative and unusual ways).

In the last month we also re-discovered non-stop cricket, (an old favourite which we had somehow forgotten). And whilst the boys really enjoyed it, it's fair to say that whilst the bridge building game brought out the team working skills of our boys; non-stop cricket in comparison tapped into their more competitive sides; but with the Battalion Marching competition only a few weeks away, that is perhaps no bad thing!

Stephanie Laing - Officer in charge

Junior Church News!

The Junior Church enjoyed a visit from Bryce and Helen on Sunday 18 February. The children had heard the story of the King's Great Feast, and as a Junior Church they shared a feast together!

Before the morning service the children met at 10.30 am and each child decorated a plate for the feast. To demonstrate the story the Y zone performed a short drama, bringing the story to life. The younger children really enjoyed the drama, and they all will remember the message from the story... that God loves us all.



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COMPETITION

Design a CrossReach Christmas Card for 2018

We will print the winning entry as a card and sell it through the CrossReach Christmas Card & Calendar Collection 2018 collection. The Winner will receive a certificate and a supply of their own printed Christmas Cards.

Competition Guidelines

- The card must be an original design.
- Submit your card design on a sheet of paper no larger than A3 size.
- Computer generated designs must be printed out as a hard copy.
- Avoid textures, 3D-effects or images which can be difficult to reproduce in print.
- You can suggest a Christmas verse for your design.
- Please enclose an addressed envelope.
- If you wish your name to be included to you the competition is a supporter of CrossReach of any age.

Remember to include the name of the person or group who designed the card, age (14 or under) and a contact person's name, address and telephone number on the back of each entry.

While copyright of all entries remains with the entrants, by submitting an entry, each entrant agrees to grant an irrevocable, perpetual and exclusive licence to CrossReach Teaching Ltd to use it for the purpose of their Christmas cards and any promotional material connected to that.

Closing date: Tuesday 3rd April 2018

Send your entry to:
Christmas Card Competition
CrossReach, 47 Allhall Road East,
Edinburgh EH10 2JH

The Church of Scotland
Scottish Episcopal Church

Check out the Crossreach website for details



YEAR OF YOUNG PEOPLE 2018



The young people in our Guiding units made an impact in our community by collecting food for the Basics Food Bank in Motherwell at our Thinking Day Service.

A number of our young people have been involved in recent services by leading the Call to Worship.

NURTURE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Mission and Discipleship Council needs your help to shape how we nurture and care for the young people in our church over the next few years. It needs to hear from you, your views and your thoughts! Please take a few moments before 31 March to visit www.churchofscotland.org.uk/youthworksurvey where you can find a series of surveys that will help give a clear picture about what is required. This is your chance to have your voice heard, don't let it slip away!

Suzi Farrant
Young People and Young Adult's Development Worker
Mission and Discipleship Council
Church of Scotland

Keep an eye on the noticeboard in the corridor outside the Avon Hall to see what our young people are doing.

Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) is the Scottish Government's drive to improve outcomes for all children.

As part of CrossReach's contribution to Year of Young People, Children and Family Services have introduced an interactive tool - Calamari SHANARRI, created by Tanya Anderson, GIRFEC Development Adviser. The 8 legs represent the health and well-being indicators - Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible, and Included.





FLOWER LIST

| MARCH | |
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| 4 th | Mrs M Graham Mrs M Skimming Mrs M Carrol |
| 11 th | Mrs M Watson Mrs E Fraser |
| 18 th | Mrs M Johnstone |
| 25 th | Mrs I Craig |
| APRIL | |
| 1 st | Mrs H Wilson Mrs B Neilson Mrs J Findlay |
| 8 th | Mrs A Anderson Mrs Murray Mrs H Graham |
| 15 th | Mrs E Currie Mrs E Taylor & Mrs J Findlay |
| 22 nd | Mrs E Simpson Mrs E Scott Mrs S Forrest Mrs L Kelly |
| 29 th | Mrs A Johnstone Mr & Mrs Malcolm Mrs J McPherson |
| MAY | |
| 6 th | Mrs I Craig Mr A Millar |
| 13 th | Mrs S Brown Mrs E Ross |
| 20 th | Mrs A Pearce |
| 27 th | Mrs M Graham Mrs C Allan |

June Graham - Flower Convener

An Easter Prayer



Glory be to you,
God our Strength and our Redeemer.

The vacant cross and the empty tomb
Vindicate your claim
That the love which suffers
Is the love which saves.

So fill your people with joy
And your Church with celebration
That the world may know
That your son Jesus
Is not a dead hero we commemorate,
But the Living Lord we worship.
To whom, with You and the Holy Spirit,
Be our praise for ever:

Amen

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

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| 25 | March | 11.00 am | Palm Sunday Family Service |
| 1 | April | 11.00 am | Sacrament of Holy Communion |
| 13 | May | 11.00 am | Christian Aid Sunday |

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: 26-30 March at 7 pm



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| Monday | North Motherwell Parish Church |
| Tuesday | Crosshill Parish Church |
| Wednesday | St Mary's Parish Church |
| Thursday | Dalziel St Andrews Parish Church |
| Friday | Motherwell South Parish Church |
| 13-19 May | Christian Aid Week |
| 23 April | 7 pm Annual Quiz Night |