

# ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

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*Peace and Joy at Christmas*



# CHRISTMAS 2022

Bulletin No 357

# OUR CHURCH FAMILY



## **BAPTISM**

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

9 October	Finlay Robert Forbes	Motherwell
9 October	Noah McCallum	Motherwell
12 November	Aiden Ian Hutton	Motherwell

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## **MARRIAGES**

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

3 September	Kirsty Ewing and Matthew Boal	Motherwell
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## **FUNERALS**

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

12 September	Sandy Sharp	Motherwell
11 October	Jean Hilton Gillespie	Motherwell
12 October	William Robert Stirling	Motherwell
November	Irene Laing	Motherwell





Manse of St Mary's

November 2022

Dear Friends:

### **Remembrance Sunday**

It was so thrilling for me, as Parish Minister, to see St Mary's Parish Church so full at our recent Remembrance Sunday Service. It was certainly the largest attendance that we have enjoyed since pre-Covid days.

To see so many of our Youth Organisations on Parade and to welcome many of their family and parents to Church was so heart-warming.

### **Advent And Christmas**

Like Remembrance Sunday, Advent and Christmas is also a time when people of all ages turn to the Church - seeking something of the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love of Christ the Saviour.

This Christmas looks like being the first 'normal' Church Christmas since 2019 and we have some wonderful services and events planned.

The Boy's Brigade Christmas Fayre is being held on Saturday 3 December and it looks to be extra special this year.

Our Advent and Christmas Services will be as follows:

Advent I [Sunday 27 November] Baptism and Advent Communion Service 11:00 am

Advent II [Sunday 4 December] Christmas Gift Service at 11:00 am

Advent III [Sunday 11 December] Lessons and Carols Service [With Choirs] 11:00 am

Advent IV [Sunday 18 December] Junior Church Nativity Service 11:00 am

Christmas Eve [Sunday 24 December] Watchnight Service 11:15 pm

Christmas Day [Sunday 25 December] Short All-Age Christmas Service 10:30 am

New Year's Day [Sunday 1 January] Short Service to Welcome 2023 11:00 am

Epiphany Sunday [Sunday 8 January] Short Service to Celebrate Epiphany 11:00 am

Please note that the Services on Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Epiphany Sunday will be shorter in nature and are open to all ages in the congregation. If you are coming on Christmas Morning, please bring one of your presents with you so we can show one another what we got,

As well as our Christmas Services, we will also hold our annual Outdoor Carol Singing by Firelight in the Church Garden on Sunday 11 December - 6 pm. This will be followed by refreshments in the Church Sanctuary and the much-loved Y-Zone Panto.

With the cost-of-living crisis affecting so many of us this year, Christmas and New Year may involve tightening the purse strings. Maybe less gifts and treats await. The Christmas Message will remain unchanged though. Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus, the baby of Bethlehem, was born in an animal outhouse, to poor parents being pushed around by an officious government. Soon after, they were forced to flee Israel for Egypt - seeking refugee status - as King Herod sought to kill the baby Jesus.

Herod saw this new born baby as a threat to his power and his throne. Christmas is not about riches but is Good News to the poor and to all; it is a time of hope and joy filled with the promise of peace, love and justice.

As the Prophet Isaiah says: *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined...for a Child has been born for us, a Son given to us; authority rests on His shoulders, and He is named: Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be His authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his Kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this."* [ISAIAH 9:2 & 6-7]

### Closing Words

As I end my Christmas Newsletter, on behalf of myself, my wife Helen, and our family, I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the congregation a very blessed Christmas and New Year ahead.

As we near the end of 2022 - such a dark and difficult year for so many people - may the hope, peace, joy and love of **JESUS, IMMANUEL, GOD WITH US** bring light to each and all of us throughout the special and sacred seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Your Friend & Pastor:

**Rev Bryce Calder**

### A Prayer For Advent And Christmas

Creator God:

In this season of waiting,  
of longing,  
of preparation:  
*We seek Your Light.*

In our Own Lives: *We seek Your Light.*

In our Families: *We seek Your Light.*

In our Workplaces: *We seek Your Light*

In our Church: *We seek Your Light.*

In our Parish and Community: *We seek Your Light.*

In our Nation: *We seek Your Light.*

In our World: *We seek Your Light*

Jesus said: *Seek and you shall find  
Knock and the door will be  
opened  
Ask and it will be given to you*

**Lord Jesus,  
You are the Light of the World  
May we have Eyes to See You  
Ears to Hear You  
And Hearts to Welcome You  
As You come afresh into our World  
This Advent and Christmas Season:**

**AMEN**



## The Presbytery Plan

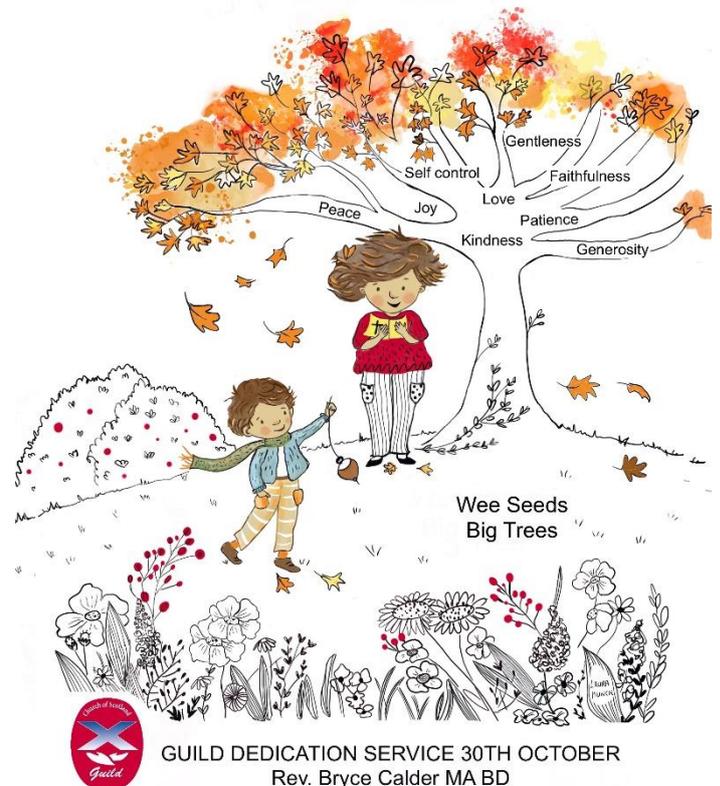
The Presbytery Plan for our new Presbytery Forth Valley and Clydesdale lies in temporary suspension following the resignation en-masse of the Presbytery Planning Team at the October Meeting of Presbytery. The team's attempts at a 'Draft Plan' was, in large parts, a threat to the future of the Church in our locality. The abuse that individual team members received, however, was completely unacceptable. Our thoughts and prayers should be with those who feel hurt and broken at this time. Debate in the Church should always be civil and carried out in the right place and at the right time.

A new Presbytery Planning Team has been nominated to carry on the job of Presbytery Planning into the New Year. The original deadline [set by the National Church] of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2022 is going to be far exceeded.

I was on the Presbytery Committee electing the new Presbytery Planning Team. It is no secret, or surprise, that few people wanted to serve on the new committee - especially amongst Ministers. Disagreements with the premise of the whole planning process and fear of being abused [like the former team] automatically eliminated almost everyone we asked. We are fortunate, though, to have the help of an experienced retired Minister from Glasgow Presbytery and the use of 2 full-time Interim Ministers from the National Church's Faith and Nurture Committee. Please pray for this new team as they begin their work in earnest. May God guide them along the right paths.



## Laura Muncie's artwork for our Guild



GUILD DEDICATION SERVICE 30TH OCTOBER  
Rev. Bryce Calder MA BD

## MOTHERWELL FOOD BANK

Please continue to donate to this Christian Project which offers support to those who are at a crisis point in their life. All packs are given out on a referral basis to people living in our local area.

Suggested items: hotdogs, meatballs, long-life milk, noodles, breakfast cereal, pasta and sauce, meals in a tin, tinned meat, tinned veg, tinned rice/custard.

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



## A MESSAGE FROM ELEANOR HAMILTON - CANDIDATE FOR THE MINISTRY

I am absolutely delighted to be here at St Mary's for my third and final placement in my ministry training. It's great being with Bryce and all of you for this final and perhaps most important placement.

You all have the advantage of only learning one name (mine), I have loads! I have learnt though that there are a lot of Stewarts so if I get stuck, I'll just shout and if the right one comes running!

I've been asked to share a wee bit about me, so here goes.

I'm Eleanor and I'm 25 plus postage & packing! Until April of this year, I lived in East Kilbride (otherwise known as polo mint city) and then moved to Holytown. I live with my daughter Emma who is a 999-call handler, my mum and my very large, fluffy dog Miko, a Samoyed we rescued from Siberia who as I type is lying snoring at my feet.

Before entering training for full-time ministry, I worked for 21 years in HMRC. Latterly I worked in fraud, as a VAT inspector.

My home church is Moncrieff Parish Church in East Kilbride where I have been since I was 15. I was a Sunday school teacher and bible class leader for 30 years (ooh giving the age away now) as well as being on the Board.

I study at Highland Theological College which is part of The University of the Highlands and Islands and I'm enjoying studying even though I'm not a natural academic.

In my spare time, in between essays and service prep etc, I am involved in a panto club in East Kilbride, I crochet and love musical theatre.

I'm really enjoying my time with you all so far and there has been lots going on already. So far, I've taken part in your services, been to a school assembly, a care home service, sadly a funeral service, a remembrance service for the high school and a baptism! It's been busy.

Soon we'll be in advent and looking forward to Christmas and I'm looking forward to sharing that with you as well as continuing my faith journey with you.

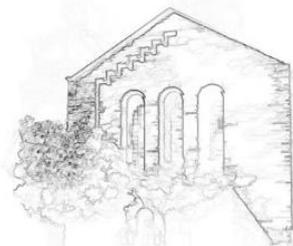
God bless you all and thank you for being so welcoming.

Eleanor x

### WORK PARTY

We have completed our labours for yet another year. I am grateful to the small group who have again regularly given their time and talents, to undertake a variety of tasks, both outside and inside the church properties. This year the work included some external decoration at the Manse.

Howard



## FINANCE REPORT TO END OF OCTOBER 2022

Our financial year closes on 31 December and at that time we are predicting a deficit of £10,000 on our accounts.

While giving has increased over 2022 compared to the same period in 2021, expenditure has grown by a huge amount mainly due to an increase in payments to the Presbytery and to the Church of Scotland via Mission and Ministry payments.

Last year we paid Presbytery dues of £1,437 compared to £3,245 this year. Last year Ministry and Mission was £82,000 compared to £91,000 this year.

Other expenditure in gas and electricity has also gone up compared to last year. However, although gas and electricity prices have increased dramatically, the Church is currently on a very good fixed rate at a fraction of the price currently on offer and this lasts until at least October 2023. What happens after that is anyone's guess.

As I have said above, giving, through envelopes and Standing Order, has increased by 2% compared to 2021. In raw terms £99,000 compared to £97,216 in 2021.

At this point in time a deficit of £10,000, although very disappointing, is not catastrophic. However, if deficits of this size were to become the norm then financial worries would surface and this could prevent us fulfilling all of our financial commitments.

What can be done to help our financial position. A Sunday morning change initiated today, at the Remembrance Service, was the collection of envelopes and Open Plate during the service. One loss in our income has been the almost non-existent amount of Open Plate during the pandemic up to this date. Over a year we normally have around £6,000 in Open Plate giving but in recent years we have had nothing like that. Consequently, we are down approximately £5,000 this year and the tax recovered on that amount of £1,250.

Everyone is feeling the financial pressure of a society that is struggling to pay bills, buy food and heat homes. Businesses and Organisations have also been hit and our Church is no different.

All I can do is ask you to consider increasing what you give to the Church if you are able to afford an increase at this time. The re-instatement of Open Plate giving will help and the very busy Christmas period will also help.

Please find below some statistics to help you make up your mind:

### Annual comparisons

Offerings to end of October 2022.	£99,171
Offerings to end of October 2021.	<u>£97,216</u>
	£1,955. +2.0%
Expenditure to end of October 2022.	£124,119
Expenditure to end of October 2021.	<u>£109,417</u>
Difference.	£14,702. +13.4%

Once again, I thank you for your giving and your support over the last year.

Kind regards,

Leslie Innes

Finance and Stewardship Convenor.



GUILD

**"Wee Seeds    Big Trees    Growing in  
Faith"**

We began our new session in October, and our numbers have grown. Most meetings are nearing 50, which is wonderful.

Our varied programme started with a musical evening featuring "Same Difference", a highly talented group with an extensive and wide-ranging repertoire, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Hazel Shaw, one of our former ministers in training, spoke about the mustard seed, and Guild members planted individual pots of seeds.

Our Dedication Service on Sunday 30 October encouraged us to follow the Guild Motto, "Whose we are and whom we serve", and our Project "Home for Good." The front cover for the service was commissioned by the Guild and drawn by Laura Muncie, (see page 5) a professional children's author and illustrator, who lives with her husband, Chris, and their 2 children, John and Lucy, in Germany. Although living in Germany, Laura, who is a Church of Scotland elder, attends our services in St Mary's when they come over on holiday for "home visits", the last one being at the end of July for a lovely family celebration. The occasion was the baptism of Lucy by her Opa (Grandpa). Laura is one of the many people, worldwide, who shares in the St Mary's services through the Internet. It is a wonderful thought that through modern technology

the Wee Seeds of faith can be sown far round the world.

Our meeting at the end of October was a film night - "Mama Mia". There was lots of singing, and large quantities of popcorn were consumed!

Another of our former ministers in training, Dawn Westwood, gave us an insight into how her faith grew, until finally she recognised her calling to the ministry. She remarked upon the great support she received, and continues to receive from her family.

Christmas is arriving quickly, and we are guests of the Men's Fellowship for a St Andrew's Celebration, which I am told will include, dancing, music and food!

In December we will attend the "Big Sing" in Motherwell: Dalziel St Andrew's Church, and our Christmas Dinner is in the Bentley Hotel.

Before the Christmas break June Graham is going to show us how to make a Christmas decoration.

We have a very diverse syllabus which encourages us in our main aim - meeting together and growing in our faith. Together we share the good times and the difficult times, knowing that we are supported by God and our fellow Guild and church members, all of which gives us the strength we need as we journey in faith.

Wishing all of you a peaceful Christmas and thanking you for all your support.

Marlene Thomson  
Guild President

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The first meeting of the new session on Monday 10 October saw an excellent turnout of members ready to enjoy the company, friendship, and fellowship of the meeting.

Following the opening act of worship, our minister Bryce again excelled in his talk on the "The Church in Scotland and The Church of Scotland" tracing the history, development, and spread of Christianity through the islands and onto the mainland. In doing so he spoke of times of difficulty and change which had resulted in the church as we now know it and emphasised the need for prayerful thought as we move into an uncertain time of widespread change in Presbyteries, Parishes, and distribution of Ministers of Word and Sacrament.

The Meeting on the 24 October was an illustrated Power Point Presentation by our secretary Alan of his and Agnes's recent and much anticipated holiday in the Maldives. The holiday was "he Stated" a one off to mark his retirement from public service and his presentation proved to be a humorous and interesting adventure into the land of Sun, Sea and friendly faces, made the more enjoyable for them with the booking of long-haul Business Class flights.

On the 7 November the Rev Jim Murphy from Blantyre Old Church told the life story of a lady whose story had proved to be a great inspiration and influence on him. Corrie Ten Boom was a Dutch woman watchmaker, who with her father and other family members had hidden and assisted Jews from arrest and persecution by the Nazis during World War 2. The story told of their betrayal, capture, and imprisonment in concentration camps where they were subjected, like so many others,

to brutal and inhumane treatment. Corrie's story went on to tell of the death of family members and her lucky escape and survival. She went on to become a Christian writer, with some of her books being made into films and she died in America on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1983, aged 91.

Forthcoming meetings:- November 21<sup>st</sup> - Hazel Shaw. 28<sup>th</sup> - Joint Meeting with Guild in celebration of St Andrews Night. December 5<sup>th</sup> - Robert Nimmo and 19<sup>th</sup> last meeting of 2022 our light-hearted Fellowship Quiz.

Meetings for 2023 start on the 16 January and we meet fortnightly till 27 March.

Gentlemen be assured that a warm welcome awaits you any evening you care to join us, we meet at 7.30 in the Avon Hall.

President  
Allan Joyce



Boys' Brigade Colour Party  
on Remembrance Sunday



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

St. Mary's Parish Church, Avon Street, Motherwell

**Saturday 3 December, 10-12**

# **Christmas Coffee Morning**

**Tea, Coffee, Home Baking,  
Entertainment, Stalls**  
**New for '22 - Christmas Tree Festival**



**Tickets £1 available from any boy or officer  
(under 12's free) or pay at door**

**HOT SAUSAGE or BACON ROLLS  
will be available for £1.50 each**



Halloween with the Rainbows - sitting around their own bonfires.



The Tuesday Guides have begun their centenary celebrations by having special evenings for the girls. This began with a Fun with Drums session and a Circus themed Halloween Party when Circus skills were learned.



It was good to see our Brownies and Guides on parade again on Remembrance Sunday.



Remembrance and the meaning of the poppy featured in their previous week's meetings.



Our units are very busy with girls joining us for an exciting Guiding experience. More volunteers would be welcome and will have opportunities to try new things and gain new skills as well as being role models for our girls. Whether you wish to give a little or a lot of time register your interest by logging on to <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/getinvolved/become-a-volunteer/>



## JUNIOR CHURCH - dates for the diary!

We are ready to begin our Nativity preparations and we look forward to welcoming all our families over the coming weeks as we share the script, songs, character roles and story of this year's Nativity.

<b>NOVEMBER 2022</b>	
20 Nov	11-12 noon Junior Church begin Nativity
27 Nov	11-12 noon Junior Church begin Nativity Welcome baby Luke on his special Baptismal Sunday
<b>DECEMBER 2022</b>	
4 Dec	11-12 noon Junior Church Gift Service 12 - 1.30 pm Nativity rehearsal in church - Please bring a packed lunch
10 Dec	Christmas Winter Wonderland Party 2-4 pm Weather permitting we will have lots of winter themed fun in the Church grounds and a visit from Santa! Remember to wrap up.
11 Dec	11-12 noon Junior Church Gift Service 3-5.15 pm Nativity Rehearsal Followed by McDonalds in the halls Families are then invited to join the children at 6 pm for festive fayre and the panto
11 Dec	Candlelight Carols and Y Zone Panto! 6 pm in the Church grounds, then in the Church for festive fayre and the Panto!
18 Dec	NATIVITY Children to meet at 9.15 am for a run through Costumes and breakfast treat in the hall NATIVITY SERVICE at 11 am
25 Dec	10.30 am Family Service
<b>JANUARY 2023</b>	
1 Jan	11 am Family Service
8 Jan	11 am Family Service

Hazel and the team have been busy preparing the script, songs and costumes. We are all really looking forward to working together - all our Zones will be involved! This will be our first live Nativity for a number of years and a first time for many of our children.

We look forward to working with the children Sunday by Sunday to prepare for this very special service.

The Junior Church Team

## The Y-Zone

The Y-Zone is the senior group within Junior Church for young people in S1 and above. We meet every Sunday morning at 11 am in the 'Coffee Bar'.

This session we have enjoyed a varied programme of activity which has been linked each week to a bible verse and the theme that with God 'All Things Are Possible' (you can follow our programme on twitter @YZone46361882)

**Week one:** We looked at who we are as a group, and got to know each other better as we worked together to make animated movies with Lego.

**Week two:** We got our brains into action as we considered what activities we could do throughout the new session. Every idea was written on a post it note and when we brought them together they created a mural of ideas.



**Week three:** Was our own version of 'The Great British Bake Off' where we learned that when we work together we can create wonderful things.



**Week 4:** Was the September Holiday Weekend but we still enjoyed time together and enjoyed meeting up with younger members of the Junior Church crafting and making some great canvas art to display in the Coffee Bar.



**Week 5:** We helped decorate the church for harvest and assisted with gathering in the harvest gifts. This week was also step one in giving the Church an environmental health check looking at how environmentally friendly we currently are and thinking on how we could do better.



**Week 6:** We enjoyed a prayer walk - each with a pack of M&M's. Each different coloured sweet represented something to be thankful for (we also managed to have a sneaky detour via McDonalds before returning to the church)



## COFFEE AT ST MARY'S



**Week 7:** Was the first weekend of the October week and again we enjoyed meeting with some of the younger members of junior church - our activity candle making.



Coffee, tea, chat and home-baking are on offer in the Avon Hall on Wednesday mornings, from 10-12. We are very grateful to June Graham who is providing us with home baked treats.

**Week 8:** Was the last weekend of the school holidays and we enjoyed some team building exercises and brain teasers.



From our recent weekly donations, we have been able to give support to Headway (Glasgow) - a charity supporting people with an acquired brain injury and our own church Christmas gifts. We have also been able to provide finance for the lights on our church's new Christmas tree.

**Week 9:** Was pumpkin carving and partying with the Junior church at the All Saints Party.



We have been lucky to have over 30 volunteers who help run this new venture. Many thanks to all who are assisting. Should you wish to add your name to this list please speak to Christine Clark, Margaret Watson or Isabel Johnstone.

**We are taking a break over the Christmas Period.**

**Our last coffee will be on 14 December and we will resume on 11 January.**

A busy but enjoyable session!

The Y-Zone - Lead by Iain Graham & Diane Connor



### Junior Choir

All children P2-P7 are welcome to meet on a Friday evening from 6-7 pm in the Conference Room.

Please bring a folder and a water bottle!  
For more information contact Marie Maxwell



## UPDATE

Christian Aid's work continues with its ongoing development programmes, its campaigns for justice and its response to emergencies.

The emergencies include the humanitarian need caused by the Russian military offensive against Ukraine.

Christian Aid was founded in 1945 by British and Irish churches to help refugees after the Second World War. Back then, they worked with partner churches to alleviate suffering by raising the equivalent of £3 million plus in today's money. They supported, equipped and enabled partner churches in mainland Europe to provide what people needed. Nearly 80 years later, they are doing the same.

Since the Russian Federation launched a military offensive against Ukraine on 24 February 2022, over 5.2 million people have fled their homes to escape conflict in Ukraine. At least 2,435 civilians have been killed and 2,946 injured. This is the fastest growing refugee crisis since World War II.

Christian Aid is working with 3 partner organisations in the ACT Alliance:

- Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA) in Ukraine and Hungary
- the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in Poland

- Swiss Church Aid (HEKS) in Ukraine, Hungary and Romania, to offer assistance to internally displaced peoples and to refugees

So far, HIA have reached 26,187 people with lifesaving aid, shelter, truckloads of food (345 metric tons), water, sanitation and health support, as well as offering vital information for refugees and internally displaced people.

Through the DEC emergency appeal, Christian Aid has donated £1 million for trauma first aid kits and £1 million for urgently needed medical and pharmaceutical equipment, items and supplies, for Ukraine, through their partner Crown Agents. Their partner is working directly with Ukraine's Ministry of Health to supply these kits to those caught up in the fighting.

The situation in Ukraine makes other crises worse by causing global food prices to rocket. In East Africa, for example, millions of innocent children, women and men are taking desperate measures to survive in the face of extreme hunger, caused by failed harvests, livestock deaths and water shortages. The severe conditions are being made worse by the climate crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, the increase in global food prices has turned a tough situation into a dire crisis.

Please continue to help Christian Aid through your donations and prayers.

Margaret MacGregor



## WRAP UP LANARKSHIRE

'Wrap Up' is a Rotary project, working in partnership with the registered charity 'Hands on London'.

'Wrap Up Lanarkshire' started in 2021, initiated by the Rotary Club of Motherwell and Wishaw. The Club presented the idea of 'Wrap Up' to other Rotary Clubs in North and South Lanarkshire, resulting in 8 Rotary Clubs forming 'Wrap Up Lanarkshire'

The project's aim is to provide warm coats/jackets for the homeless or people in need.

At the beginning of October, Rotary Clubs in Lanarkshire placed specially designed boxes in various locations such as churches/chapels and schools. People were asked to deposit coats and jackets into the boxes. Rotarians emptied the boxes at regular intervals throughout October and took the contents to one of 3 central locations in Lanarkshire, where they examined the items for quality and cleanliness before sorting them into various categories.

Motherwell and Wishaw Rotary teamed up with Hamilton Rotary and Strathaven Rotary to carry out the sorting process in an area of the stadium generously supplied by Hamilton Accies Football Club.

During the month of November, the coats/jackets are being distributed via homeless shelters, refugee centres, organisations supporting the elderly, women's refuges, children's centres and other charities helping people in crisis. This year 1,200 coats/jackets have been distributed from the Hamilton Accies sorting location, with more still to be distributed. This will hopefully include Ukrainian refugees living on a ship moored on the River Clyde at Glasgow.

This year, the generosity and concern for those in need was very evident in our own church of St Mary's, where the members donated the very impressive total of 153 quality coats/jackets.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Motherwell and Wishaw, a sincere thank you to everyone who donated coats/jackets.

Ian Carrol



## FLOWER LIST FOR 2023

JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH	
1st	Mrs J Weir	5th	Miss C Kelly	5th	Mrs M Skimming Mrs M Carrol
8th	Mr H Rennie Mrs E Williams	12th	Mrs D Livingstone Mrs C Brownlie	12th	Mrs M Watson Mrs C Dewar
15th	Mrs M McArdle	19th	Mr & Mrs Malcolm	19th	Miss I Johnstone
22nd	Miss J Graham Mrs M Wilson	26th	Rainbows, Brownies, Guides	26th	Mrs J Findlay
29th	Church Choir Mrs J Munro				
APRIL		MAY		JUNE	
2nd	Mrs B Neilson Mrs E Calder Mr A Craig	7th	Mr & Mrs Malcolm Mrs J McPherson	4th	Mrs W Burrell
9th	Mrs H Graham Mrs E Currie	14th	Mrs J Conquer	11th	
16th	Mrs E Taylor/ Mrs J Findlay Mrs E Simpson	21st	Mrs S Brown Mrs J Westwood	18th	
23th	Mrs E Scott Mrs S Forrest/ Mrs L Kelly	28th	Mrs A Pearce	25th	Mrs F Hannah
30th	Mrs Anne Johnstone Mrs J Knox				
JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
2nd	Mrs E Blackwood			3rd	
9th	Miss J Graham Mrs F Shearer	6th	Miss J Pettigrew Mrs G Neill	10th	Miss J Graham
16th	Miss L Clarkson Mrs Galloway	13th	Mrs L O'Neill	17th	Friends of Irene Nimmo Mrs J Loughbridge
23th	Miss J Moffat Miss A Ford	20th	Mrs J Crawford	24th	Mrs M Joyce Mrs J Findlay
30th	Mrs M Dick	27th			
OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
1st	Mr A Joyce (Jnr) Mrs B Aitkenhead	5th	Mrs J Weir Mrs S Sinclair	3rd	Mr S McCue-Dick The Guild
8th	Mrs S Forrest	12th	Mrs A Corbett	10th	Mr W Wotherspoon Mrs E Williams Mrs I Scott
15th	Mrs I Dougal Miss V Craig	19th	Mrs M McCloy Mrs D Livingstone	17th	Mrs M Wilkie Mrs C Dewar
22nd	Mrs Currie	26th	Miss J Graham	24th	Mrs F Renwick Mrs A Brown
29th	Rev & Mrs J Thomson			31st	Mrs D Connor

There are dates in June, August and September which are currently free. Should you wish to put flowers in the sanctuary on any of these dates please contact June Graham, Flower Convener.



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St Marys Parish Church Motherwell

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### FORTHCOMING SERVICES

27	Nov	11.00 am	Anniversary Service with Communion
4	Dec	11.00 am	Gift Service
11	Dec	11.00 am	Lessons and Carols
11	Dec	6.00 pm	Carols by Torchlight Followed by YZone Pantomime
18	Dec	11.00 am	Nativity Play
24	Dec	11.15 pm	Watchnight Service
25	Dec	10.30 am	Christmas Day Family Service
1	Jan	11.00 am	New Year's Day Service

### FLOWER LIST DECEMBER 2022

4th Mr S McCue-Dick  
The Guild  
 11th Mr W Wotherspoon  
Mrs E Williams  
Mrs I Scott  
 18th Mrs M Wilkie  
Mrs C Dewar  
 25th Mrs F Renwick  
Mrs D Connor  
Mrs A Brown

### JANUARY 2023

1st Mrs J Weir  
 8th Mr H Rennie  
Mrs E Williams  
 15th Mrs M McArdle  
 22nd Mrs M Wilson  
Miss J Graham  
 29th Church Choir  
Mrs J Munro

