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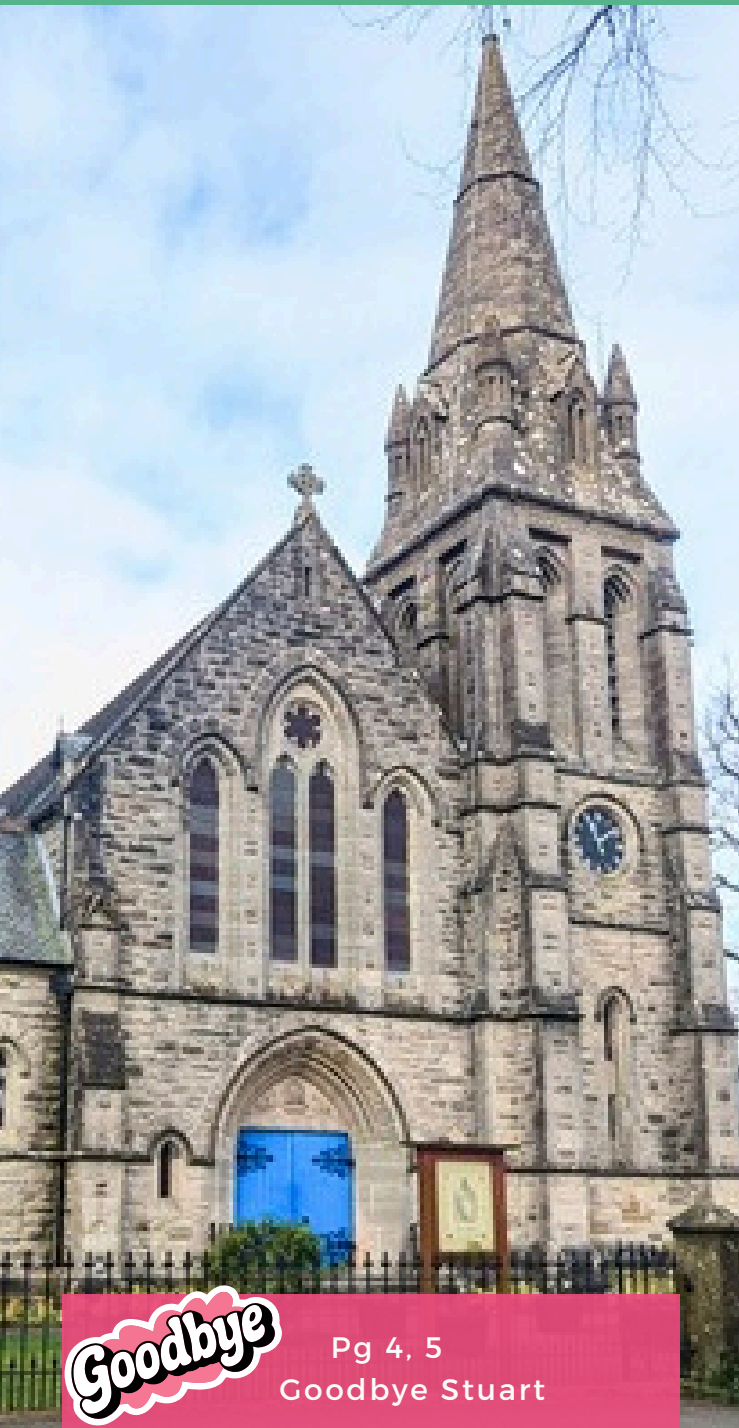
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**Christmas Eve Family Service**  
Followed by lighting of last advent window  
6 - 6:30pm

**Christmas Day Service**  
10 - 10:30am

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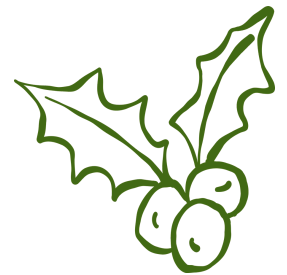
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Goodbye Stuart

We say a fond farewell to Stuart and Karen as they head to Dundee.





# CHURCH NEWS

## Christmas Services

We have a number of Christmas services coming up, please see the back cover for a list of dates.

This year all Christmas Gifts will be donated to the Salvation Army, in Stirling. They will be given to families who have little or nothing so that children and young people might have at least one gift to open on Christmas Day. Your donations can be handed into the church before or on Sunday, 14th December. Please do not wrap them so we can ensure they go to an appropriate recipient. On behalf of the children, young people and parents for whom Christmas will be made better by your gifts – thank you and God bless.

## Harvest Thanksgiving

Start Up Stirling expressed their sincere thanks for the generous donation of 326.27kg of food received from Killearn Kirk and Killearn Primary School. These donations make a huge impact to people in the community.



## Funerals

We are saddened to report the passing of the following, since the last magazine, who were members of Killearn Kirk or whose funeral/memorial service was held in our Kirk;

Mary Fallas \*  
 Hilary Dalby  
 Christopher Riches  
 Ros Dingwall  
 John Stewart  
 Charlene Gallacher \*  
 (\* Members of Killearn Kirk)

May the comfort and peace of God be with all who mourn the loss for one they have loved.

## Flower Ministry

Flowers have been a part of Christian worship for centuries. The art of flower arranging goes back to the Middle Ages. Flowers still hold an important place in both church and personal life. Flowers are a great blessing to those who are ill. Studies have shown that arrangements offer more than well-wishes; they make illness more bearable. For many years Madge Kennedy has been arranging flowers for special occasions and organised the weekly rota for members to arrange flowers in the sanctuary every Sunday. Madge is now hanging up her secateurs as she retires from this role, and we express our gratitude and thanksgiving for her dedication to this special ministry.



If you would like to consider leading and being involved in helping with the flowers, then please let us know.

Email: [sessionclerk@killearnkirk.org](mailto:sessionclerk@killearnkirk.org)

## Weddings

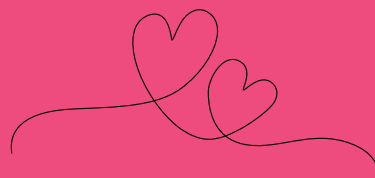
Since our last publication the following weddings have taken place at Killearn Kirk.

Catherine Ferns and Brian Waters 31st May

Rachel Brown & Callum Eddie 10<sup>th</sup> May

Louisa Davies & Robert Jones 12 July

We wish many congratulations to the happy couples, may God bless you and your marriage.



# CHURCH NEWS

## Stuart and Karen head to Dundee

'Rev Stuart Sharp and his wife Karen came to Killearn on 15th November 2018 when Stuart took up the position as parish minister. He inspired us with his preaching and encouraged us to think more deeply about how we live and apply the teaching of the written word in our daily lives. Scripture was made relevant to the 21st century, allowing us to understand how this impacts our lives in the world we live in today. Stuart introduced a wide range of sources into his sermon that were thought provoking and people were encouraged to do further reading. We have been blessed by his preaching; leavened with humour, and always firmly biblically based. We will certainly miss his singing and infectious energy. Stuart enjoyed the opportunity to mentor others who were coming into ministry and was a great encourager, motivator and supportor while giving them opportunities to develop their preaching.



Stuart's calmness and gentle humour helped prepare many brides and grooms for their happy occasion in coming to be married. Young parents bringing a child forward for Baptism or a Blessing have been welcomed and prepared for the significance of this sacrament. His ability to handle the unexpected re-assures and helps families not to feel overawed by the occasion. Funerals were carried out in a calm, comforting and caring way. Many families have appreciated Stuart's sympathy and empathy in times of bereavement. When giving eulogies, Stuart's attention to detail provided family and friends with a depth of description resulting in a warm accurate picture of loved ones.



Stuart was forward thinking and guided us through numerous changes. New skills were learned to provide online services during Covid which became a comfort to many folks locally and further away. Following on from this it was decided by the Kirk Session that services would continue to be recorded and latterly, having installed new equipment, we are now streaming the services live. With the changes in the Church of Scotland and a shortage of ministers Killearn and Strathblane Churches were required to become a linked charge and on the 21 March 2024, Stuart was inducted into both charges with both churches still being used for weekly services. Stuart encouraged us to work together wherever we can, and we shall continue with these joint efforts in the months to come.





Stuart has left us richer in faith, stronger in spirit, and forever thankful for the compassion he showed in every step of his ministry. The memories of his preaching at the church services will remain a source of strength, as we adjust to his absence in our weekly gatherings.



Members of the congregation enjoyed an afternoon tea in the halls enabling everyone to extend their thanks to Stuart and Karen. Having received donations from the congregation, Stuart and Karen were presented with a photograph of Dumgoyne, provided by Norman McNab, and a generous cheque. We wish Stuart and Karen God's Blessing as they leave to return to their 'Old Hometown' (Dundee), but we cannot deny that they will both be greatly missed.

## The process of finding a new minister

The Presbytery of Perth has now granted the congregations of Killearn and Strathblane permission to call a minister, on the basis of a seven-year Reviewable Tenure.

Now we are ready to elect a Search Team (Nominating Committee) for a Parish Minister for the linkage. The Search Team will comprise of thirteen (13) members of the congregations of Killearn and Strathblane. Seven members from Killearn and six members from Strathblane who will be nominated and elected by the congregational members and adherents. A Congregational Meeting will be arranged in the New Year and members will be informed at church, via social media and the website.

Potential members of the Killearn and Strathblane search team should all have their names on the Congregational Roll that was fixed in November of this year; and will, after election, form a group who fairly represent the congregations in terms of gender, age, breadth of belief and interest. Members and Adherents will be asked to nominate people whom they will have asked for permission to nominate them, before writing their names on a form. Once a date has been fixed for the congregational meeting the nomination forms will be made available in the church prior to the meeting. At the congregational meeting nominees will be asked to identify themselves. Only members and adherents who are present at the congregational meeting will be allowed to vote. If more than seven members/adherents are nominated, then we will need to elect by ballot.

As the search gets started in the new year (2026), after all the required documents have been produced and protocols have taken place, that under God's guidance, we pray that the nominating committee will identify the right person for the ministry and mission of both Congregations and Parishes.

# CHURCH NEWS

## Oh What a Storm!

Strong winds, trees down, electricity off and on top of all that, a stone comes off the spire. Storm Eowyn certainly left its mark in the Killearn area and beyond. It was indeed fortunate that the wind was so strong that it carried the stone away from the top of the church roof and it impacted on the gravel beside the path on the north side of the church. We were fortunate that no harm resulted from the dislodged stone. Taking on board that one stone was dislodged in a storm, clearly raises the issue of the potential of other stones being 'at risk'.

Recognising the seriousness of the storm damage and the urgency of executing repairs was the first step in the process. Under explanation: Lime mortar is a highly skilled and tricky material to work with. Requirements are that the ambient temperature should be five degrees centigrade and rising. Also, that it should not be used during periods of excessive heat. (Not usually a problem in Killearn!) If applied when too cold, it would not set and if applied when in extremely hot weather, or at the incorrect moisture content, it will crack. Both outcomes are to be avoided. After application it also requires protection from excessive rain. (Sometimes a problem in Killearn!)



Consequently, the Kirk Session were appraised of this and approved the allocation of funds from Kirk Reserves after which approval was sought from the Church of Scotland Trustees to proceed. Input was sought from Jamie McNamara, Presbytery Building Officer who had carried out the recent quinquennial inspection. His advice was very useful and appreciated. A discussion was also had with the Conservation Officer at Stirling Council. Quotes for the work were sought and the various methodologies were considered (i.e. repairs from ropes or scaffold). After due consideration the task of repairs was placed with MC Heritage of East Kilbride, a firm of third generation stone masons. Starting with scaffold erection on the 14<sup>th</sup> July and scheduled for take down in 14 weeks at completion, bearing in mind the fact that in Killearn lime mortar repairs are most definitely a summer task.

The works comprised of raking out and cleaning 100% of the lime mortar joints. Also 100% removal of previous cementitious mortar repairs and reinstatement with lime mortar. The cement mortar present had been very well executed at the time, but we now know that it was the wrong material to use on stonework. We don't know when this work was carried out but best guess it was in the 1920's.

After raking out all the joints to the required depths the entire structure was given a DOFF wash. This is a washing method compatible with heritage stonework, high temperature and low pressure. The benefits from the DOFF washing are not only aesthetic but also practical in that remaining residue from the raking out is removed from the joints, enabling better bonding of the new mortar when applied into the joints.

The two trees which had been growing out of the turrets (a rowan and an elder) were cut back to the stonework and the remaining roots were dealt with by driving copper nails into the visible wood.

After washing the main task got underway ie repointing the entire structure of the spire and tower with a relatively small number of indents being inserted. (an indent is a replacement stone).



'Also, some Lithomix, an approved Lime based material was utilised where a stone was sound but had a degraded face which was restored with Lithomix. If you look up to the wind vane, the cockerel has been repainted in its original gold colour and the direction indicators are also painted in gold.



'Two of the three clock faces were delaminating under the black paint. The third clock face was not as bad as the other two but all three were stripped back and repaired with Lithomix as required and repainted in black. It may be interesting to note that only when on the scaffold was it apparent the clock numerals are not painted on to the clockface, they are indeed precision cut stainless steel plate and fixed to the face with epoxy adhesive.

Clearly not an 1881 technique. Who knew? It is virtually impossible to tell from the ground but obviously a previous Kirk Session made a really good choice at the time.

Further addition to the works consisted of replacement of one of the wooden (highest up) louvres as it was seriously rotten. Three of the wooden louvres had clearly been replaced at some point in the past, but the one to the south was not and consisted of lighter timbers which were disintegrating in places. External joiners were brought in by MC Heritage to replace and paint the rotten louvre and to paint the other three. All in all, a first-class job by the joiners. The lower louvres (belltower) were discovered to be beautifully cut slate slabs which required no maintenance beyond minimal pointing, where dressed into the stonework.

Now that the grime has been removed, if you look up to where the tower and the spire begins (just under the turrets) you may notice twelve heads carved in stone. I have been known to refer to these heads as green men but on closer inspection they do not meet the historical definition of 'green men' which most people assume is a nod to pre-Christian times and an acknowledgement of the church's connection to God's creation and the natural world.



Each elevation has three Heads with what is clearly a King wearing his crown, on the right of each group. In the middle is a grotesque which may be a representation of a 'spirit' or it has been suggested to me that it may be a representation of hell. The grotesque on the east elevation has a really 'nasty' set of teeth. On the left of each group is a female head, not wearing a crown, but with a very 'regal' hairstyle. It is too much to suggest that she may be a representation of a Queen? The 'queen' head on the west elevation has red hair because of the iron oxide in the stone. Whether this was the builder's original intention is lost in time, but it certainly is very effective. Is the fact that there are twelve heads on the tower significant? One of the stonemasons ventured that they may be representations of the 'Twelve Tribes of Israel' or indeed the 'Twelve Apostles'. Anyone with perhaps an interest or greater insight into the symbolism of these heads is welcome to get in touch with me.

The job overran for a couple of weeks beyond the original schedule but then again, this sort of task always does. I for one am confident that these repairs come into the 'top job' category. It has in my opinion been good value for the monies expended and hopefully will secure the future of the spire and tower for many decades to come.

David Young

# CHURCH NEWS



VACANCY

## Session Clerk Report

It was with sadness that the congregation had to say goodbye to Rev Stuart Sharp and his wife Karen as they headed off to pastures new to Dundee Law Parish Church, to be part of a new team ministry position. Eighteen members travelled to Dundee to support Stuart at his induction.

The departure of a much respected minister can be an emotional experience, but we are reminded of the quote from Helen Keller that says, "when one door closes another one opens, but we often look regretfully upon the closed door so we don't see the one that has opened for us". As a linked charge with Strathblane we must work together for the future of the two parishes to ensure that the ministry of Jesus Christ moves forward to support both communities. We can use the 'closed door' to reflect on past experiences, to ask what lessons we have learned and how can we prepare for what is coming. We need to seek Gods wisdom in the decision-making process and pray for the next steps. Sometimes opportunities are not what we envisaged, and we need to be open minded, flexible and embrace Gods direction for us. I was reading an article recently about how letting go of the good can be hard, but we can also be guilty of holding too tightly to the negative experiences allowing them to weigh heavily on us for years and robbing us of joy. As we move into the next chapter for Killearn and Strathblane churches let us not hold on too tightly to happy memories or not let go of experiences weighing heavily but embrace change allowing for harmony and engagement.

As I write, I have just received notice from the Vacancy Procedural Committee of the Presbytery of Perth, informing us that we have been granted permission to call a minister. A vacancy nominating committee will be chosen from the two churches. Rev Ramsay Shields, St Luke's Church, Milngavie, is appointed as the Interim Moderator. The Kirk Session will meet Ramsay on 18th November. Ramsay is leading us in worship on Sunday, 7th December when we will also have the Sacrament of Holy Communion. In the new year Rev Shields will preach both churches into vacancy, thereafter we will be able to begin with the processes of choosing nominating committee to seek a minister of word and sacrament for the linked charge.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Chris Gordon as our Locum. Chris has been appointed on an interim basis to fill the vacant position allowing for the continuity of worship until we find a permanent minister.

Revelation 3:8 I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut".

Carole Young  
Session Clerk



## Strathendrick Teens

15 young people enjoyed an evening in Killearn Kirk halls with fun activities run by Sally and Susan, engaging them in learning more about Jesus. Food is always an important part of these events and pizza and ice cream were duly served allowing the young people to enjoy each other's company while sharing a meal. Strathendrick Teens meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month, in a different venue (village) at 6.30pm to 8pm. If you know of a young person who would like to attend then please let Carole know and she will put you in touch with the leaders. Next meeting is on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at Drymen Church Hall.





# CHURCH NEWS

## Kirk Finance

The snapshot of accounts for the 10 months ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 for the GENERAL Fund which covers the day-to-day running of Killearn Kiirk were presented to the Kirk Session on 18.11.25. These showed income of £69,052 (same period last year £60,927 (this year included £6000 donation from the Caram Trust and £1500 donation from one of our members).

Expenditure of £65,600 (same period last year £67,799) – the reduction was partly due to sharing of certain costs of the shared ministry with Strathblane Church. Both this year's income and expenditure were better than budgeted.

The 10 month's results show a Surplus of £3,452 against a deficit of £6,872 for the same period last year. The General Fund expenditure does not include major capital expenditure like the AV System replacement and the major Tower refurbishment. These costs come from the Fabric Fund. These will be fully reflected in the annual accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> December.

We are very grateful for the financial support from both members and visitors and the help I receive from the members of the Finance Committee – Teresa Prescott, Scott Macintosh and Helen Gee.



Bob Ballantyne  
Treasurer

## Blythswood Shoeboxes

Our annual Christmas Shoebox appeal was in full swing in October and we managed to produce 53 beautifully wrapped and filled shoeboxes for distribution by Blythswood Care in many poor areas of Eastern Europe, such as Ukraine, Albania, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania and Serbia. It's easy to choose gifts for people who have so little. Shampoo, a pair of socks, a notepad, a small toy, a bag of sweets - things we take for granted will seem like luxuries to people living in poverty. Thank you to all the kind people who filled a box, for a girl/boy or woman/man. You will have brought warmth, joy and hope this Christmas.

### Serbeze's Story

For four year old Serbeze, whose photo graced the front of this year's leaflet, a shoebox full of simple gifts isn't just a present - it's treasure! Serbeze's parents are both unemployed and live in extreme poverty, struggling daily to provide food for their three children. As a result the children do not attend school and miss out on the opportunities education can bring. To make ends meet, the parents collect rubbish and cans on the streets of Gjakova, Kosovo, doing whatever they can to support their family. Serbeze found essential items she needed such as toothbrushes, soap and a comb, all of which will help promote cleanliness and create self confidence. She also appreciated the hat and scarf not to mention the toy and sweets. Mum and Dad and her two siblings also received appropriately filled boxes. For Serbeze, the shoebox isn't just a gift, says the shoebox distributor, "it's a moment of joy and love".



### Agron's Story

Agron's favourite gift was a diary. "My life is not easy because my father is in prison," he says. "I always try to be hopeful but when I have been thinking a lot, I find it difficult to share my thoughts with others. When I opened the shoebox I found a beautiful diary with drawings of flowers and a packet of coloured pens. I could not believe that I had something so special just for myself. I've always wanted to be able to write down my thoughts and feelings which I am unable to tell others. This diary is more than a gift. It is a way to express everything I cannot say out loud".

Doreen Snadden

# A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE...



## Don't Forget to Remember

If you ask any member of my family, they'll confirm that I am prone to forget things. Rarely do I leave the house without having to return a short time later to grab a personal item which was left behind.

Recently, I was relaying this frustrating trait to someone who gave me this helpful advice: "Just remember that you are forgetful". Easier said than done!

These last few weeks in church we've been considering the importance of remembering. Not tasks or items as such, but rather aspects of God's character and also our own way of being.

Because when we look at the story of God and his people, it seems that their memories are short too. Time and time again in the Old Testament they become distracted and slip into unhelpful habits that are the outworking of having forgotten their creator. And then similarly in the New Testament the early church needs to be reminded of the words and example of Jesus as they stray off course.

So that call to remember God remains important for us. To remember his faithfulness and his promises. To recall what he has done in the past and then to expect him to be working today and the future.

The prophet Samuel thought it was important to mark this truth when he erected his Ebenezer stone to mark God's provision saying 'thus far the Lord has helped us' (1 Samuel 7:12). At that time God's people were regularly being

pursued by invading armies but they trusted that God would defend them and they considered Him to be faithful, even though they had turned away from Him in the past.

I find that encouraging, that God is faithful to us. Even when we are prone to forget him. That he remembers us when it seems that everyone else has forgotten us.

That's a theme that runs through the Bible too; God remembering people who society has forgotten. Hagar felt abandoned by Abraham (and everyone else) as she hid from the scalding sun with her son Ishmael, having been banished into the wilderness. But God remembered her and as He rescued her she named him as 'the God who sees me' (Genesis 16:13).

Perhaps you feel a bit abandoned right now. Perhaps you look at the church, locally and nationally, and wonder where God is and what he is doing? Well, looking back at His faithfulness should give us hope.

God is still in the business of saving people. He has plans for Killearn Kirk and this community. And he remains our source of strength and hope in adversity.

So, let's remember that God has helped us in the past. And let's be confident that God sees us now. And then allow those truths to generate expectancy that he will do marvellous things for us, in us and through us that proclaim his glory.

Chris Gordon



# CHURCH HALLS



## What's happening at the Church Halls?

Our church halls are a busy place for church and community activities. Check out the list below of current activities taking place throughout the week.

<i>Monday</i>	<b>Gentle Yoga and QiGong</b> Weekly, 10am	<b>Strength and Balance</b> Weekly 1:15 - 1:45pm, 2 - 2:30pm
<i>Tuesday</i>	<b>Strathendrick Stitches</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month	<b>Guild</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 1:30pm, Oct - March
<i>Wednesday</i>	<b>Killearn Toddlers and Babies</b> Weekly, 9:15 - 11:15am	<b>Killearn Guides</b> Weekly during term time 7pm
<i>Thursday</i>	<b>Probus</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday Sept - May 10 - 11:30am	<b>Thursday Club</b> Weekly 2 - 4pm
<i>Friday</i>	<b>Yoga</b> Weekly 9:30 - 10:45am	<b>Dance and Sing for Parkinsons</b> Weekly 12pm
		<b>Move with Julie</b> Weekly 1:30pm

The halls are available for private hire outwith the booked times above. Ideal for events of all kinds; birthday parties, ceilidhs, weddings and charity events.

### Rates:

- Voluntary youth groups £7.50 an hour
- Charity Groups £12 per hour
- Commercial £15 per hour
- Children's party £15 per hour (*min 3hr hire*)
- Adult Party £25 per hour (*min 3hr hire*)

The session house is also available for small groups or services (max 40) at £15 per hour.

For bookings please contact:  
[property@killearnkirk.org](mailto:property@killearnkirk.org)



# The Nativity Story

Follow the pictures below to learn about why we celebrate Christmas!

1



The angel Gabriel visits Mary to tell her she will have a baby and he will be the Son of God.

2



Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem for the census.

3



When they arrive there is no room at the inn. They are offered a place to stay in a stable with the animals.

4



Mary gives birth to Jesus in the stable. He is placed in a manger.





Nearby, Shepherds saw a bright star and Angels appeared telling them to go and worship Jesus.



In the east wise men see the same bright star, they follow the star to Bethlehem.



They brought gifts of Frankincense, Gold and Myrrh.



A new King was born on Christmas day in a stable. He was Jesus our saviour.

So you can think of Christmas day as Jesus' birthday! Perhaps you can sing Happy Birthday to him this Christmas.



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

## The Guild

Killearn Kirk Guild began its new session on Tuesday, 14th October where we were ably entertained by the local String Band. We welcomed members back and were delighted to welcome some new members. The Guild is open to both men and women. At present we only have one brave gentleman so come along and keep him company and I promise you, we are a happy, welcoming Guild family.

But why should you join? Here's a few reasons .....

- Faith is at the centre of all we do as the Guild. Our faith drives us to serve others and to be the light of Christ in our communities. Our motto "whose we are and whom we serve" reminds us why we do what we do.
- Throughout our history the Guild has been at the forefront of pioneering and radical work both at home and overseas. By working in union with others our project partnership scheme has tackled issues such as HIV / Aids, FGM, homelessness, postnatal depression and has supported refugees and children with special needs.
- Guild members have raised £7 million since 1970 supporting the work of local congregations and local charities with a further £7 million raised to support projects at home and overseas. Through coffee mornings (Killearn), soup lunches, afternoon teas and sponsored events this dedicated group of people have shown God's love in action.
- The care and support Guild members show to each other is inspiring. Whether you have been a member for years or are just joining, the love you receive will be special. A phone call, a cuppa, a prayer chain - ways where we keep in touch and show love to each other.

### Syllabus

28th October - Killearn Heritage Trail with Nick Hawkins.

11th November - Our project, the Scottish Bible Society on Bibles for Bairns.

25th November - Jonathan Buchan - Robert Burns in word and song.

9th December - Christmas Lunch at Fintry. (Not open to visitors)

13th January - Our second project - Bear Necessities, build my church Bulgaria.

January 27th A cycle pilgrimage with Kevin and Linda.

10th February - Christina Paterson (convenor of the Guild 2024-25) on her visit to Bulgaria for the Bear Necessities Project.

24th February - Exercise and fun with Yasmin.

10th March - Is peace between Israel and Palestine possible? The view from a diplomat based in Jerusalem 2020 - 24. Nick Horne.

24th March - AGM followed by the Ukelele Band.

Two important dates for your diary;

Saturday, 13th December coffee morning and Saturday, 21st March coffee morning.

These are our fundraising efforts so please come and join us in the Kirk Halls from 10 to 12am. Real coffee and limitless cakes, Adults £5, children 12 and under free.

## Advent Reflections

Strathendrick Baptist Church are once again holding their advent reflection rooms at Balfron High School. It is open from the 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> December from 9am - 3:30pm for school pupils and 4pm - 8pm for members of the public. Drop in to find some seasonal peace. during this busy time.







## Traditional Tablet



18 servings



20 minutes

### INGREDIENTS

**450g (1lb) sugar –**

(golden caster sugar is best as it helps the flavour and isn't as grainy as granulated)

**110g (4oz) butter**

**small tin of evaporated milk (170g)**

Carnation

**1 tsp vanilla extract (optional)**

### DIRECTIONS

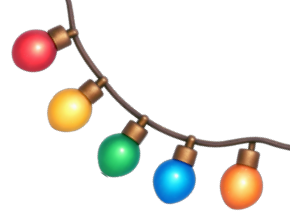
1. Put everything except the vanilla in to the bowl
2. Microwave on full power for 4 minutes, take out and stir
3. Microwave on full power for 4 minutes, take out and stir
4. Microwave on full power for 4 minutes
5. Take out
6. Add vanilla (doesn't matter if you forget it! I do!)
7. Beat with wooden spoon or hand mixer (best option) until mixture thickens (about 1 ½ min if using electric)
8. Pour into 7 or 8 inch square tin.
9. Mark into squares sizing of your choice after 10 mins. Leave till cold.



### TOP TIPS

1. If you are using a large tin of evap and plan to do 2 batches and have 2 bowls, weigh both lots at the beginning. When you take the first bowl out after the final 4 mins you can put the second bowl in for its first 4 mins!
2. Use the largest non-plastic bowl that will fit in your microwave. The mixture tends to bubble up and the heat will distort your plastic bowl. Microwave should have a minimum maximum power of 800w. Less and you get toffee rather than tablet.
3. Don't forget that the scrapings from the bowl are good for pudding toppings such as ice cream OR a fast way of quality control on the batch that is cooling!

# Dates for your Diary



**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Communion Service**  
 10am Killearn Kirk Service

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**  
**Preparing for Christmas**  
 10am Killearn Kirk

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Sanctuary Service**  
 3pm Killearn Kirk  
 A short service for people who have lost loved ones. Lighting candles in remembrance.  
 Tea/Coffe and a time to chat after the service.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Christmas Eve Family Service**  
 6 - 6:30pm Killearn Kirk  
 Followed by lighting of advent window no.24.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
**The Guild Coffee Morning**  
 10 - 12am Killearn Kirk

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Christmas Day Service**  
 6 10 - 10:30am Killearn Kirk  
 Children to bring a favourite gift.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Christmas Gift Service**  
 10am Killearn Kirk  
 Gifts will be donated to Salvation Army  
 Christmas Appeal, Stirling.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Songs of Praise**  
 10am Killearn Kirk

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