



BLACKHALL
ST. COLUMBA'S
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

KIRK NEWS

to glorify God ... to proclaim Christ ... and to serve others

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Come, ye thankful people, come



Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Sunday 13 October 2019 at 10.30 am

Minister (Vacancy) Interim Moderator: The Very Rev Dr Russell Barr Locum: Rev Gordon Farquharson Tel. 343 1047	Session Clerk Mr Eddie Thorn Tel. 332 5702	Church Secretary Ms Julie Nicol In Church Office from Mon-Fri, 9.00-12.30pm Tel. 332 4431 secretary@blackhallstcolumba.org.uk
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Midweek Services/Lunch

The fortnightly services started on 4 September and are well into the Winter term. All are welcome and it was great to see some new faces in September.

The next date is 9 October [sorry my fault-I got the dates wrong when drawing up the rota] and every 2 weeks thereafter until 18 December when we have a Christmas break. We start again on 8 January 2020. There is a great variety of good speakers some familiar and some new. Why not come along and see what you think.

The short service is followed by a delicious lunch of homemade soup, rolls, homebaking with tea and coffee and a lot of chat.



We **desperately** need some help with transport. This involves picking up from home delivering to the Church and collecting again about 1.15 pm to return the people home. You do not have to stay for lunch but most drivers do. As on Sunday mornings we have a number of people who find it tricky getting to Church independently and who rely on friendly transport.

Further information from:

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A LAND OF PURE DELIGHT?

The modern idea of the ‘earworm’ is about a tune that you hear played perhaps on the radio or on the street, or on your I-player, and you can’t get it out of your head because it has ‘wormed its way’ in. In these uncertain days, as I wonder about what the future may hold, my earworm is the tune (with the words) of the old hymn whose first line is my title.

*There is a land of pure delight,
where saints immortal reign;
infinite day excludes the night,
and pleasures banish pain.*

This once-loved hymn is about the prospect of ending life, looking forward hopefully to a happy heaven, a place where all the weary are at rest in a blessed eternity. Some of the hymn’s lines may have contemporary chords to strike:-

*There everlasting spring abides,
and never-withering flowers;

Sweet fields beyond the swelling flood
stand dressed in living green;*

But there are doubts and fears about our crossing to this place of security.

Might it be too good to be true?

Scepticism is like the earworm, becoming an almost automatic response in a time when we are aware of scams, fake news and warnings and threats.

Our attention is forcibly drawn to the looming problems posed by global warming and urgent issues of environmental management.

The hymn is of course an encouragement to faith and our faith is challenged today in many ways: / continued

From the Minister continued

in world and in domestic politics, in the future of the planet and the safety and stability of our children's heritage. Few folk in today's world must think they are anywhere near a land of pure delight, and the values on which we base our faith and that we struggle to affirm and hold on to cannot be those of 'pie in the sky'. So we should do our best to express our Christian principles in everyday life and to find ways of showing that we do not give in to cynicism and pessimism but hold to the hope that we find in following Jesus and rising above the world's betrayals and disillusion. In the offerings and gifts we bring in this month of October we will celebrate the benefits of the season by contributing as we are able to inspire hope and encouragement in places near and far, where there are so many different needs. We recognise the needs of now for those who are short of food, or shelter, medical or material supplies.

Practical Christianity means following the Gospel and putting into active expression the gratitude we feel for the gifts of life and the benefits of Creation that we have the good fortune to share in our land and communities. So in our thanksgiving we must try to show our neighbours and all members of our global family that there is hope and there can be a better world than the one they have so far experienced.

In God's name we must offer prospects, not of 'pure delight' or 'everlasting Spring', but of safety, support, comfort, co-operation.

Our duty of thanksgiving is: 'to bring Good News to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to bring release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to free the downtrodden from oppressors, to show that the time of the Lord's favour has come.'. **Luke Chapter 4: verses 18, 19**

We must try to bring the Kingdom in – in every way we can.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon Farquharson, Minister

Church Diary

October

6	10.30 am	Stewardship Service
9	12 noon	Mid-Week Service followed by light lunch *
13	10.30 am	Harvest Thanksgiving
20	10.30 am	Morning Worship
23	12 noon	Mid-Week Service followed by light lunch
27	9.30 am	Sacrament of the Lord's Supper **
27	11.00 am	Sacrament of the Lord's Supper **
29	4.00 pm	Strachan House Service

** Please note there was no Midweek lunch on Wednesday 2 October but there is one on Wednesday 9 October and fortnightly thereafter.*

November

3	10.30 am	Morning Worship
6	12 noon	Mid-Week Service followed by light lunch
10	10.20 am	Remembrance Service**
17	10.30 am	Morning Worship
20	12 noon	Mid-Week Service followed by light lunch
24	10.30 am	Morning Worship followed by short communion
26	4.00 pm	Strachan House Service

*** Please note different start times of these Services*

Harvest Service

Sunday 13 October at 10 30 am

Foodbank Donations

As in recent years, the congregation are invited to bring donations of non-perishable foodstuffs to the Harvest Service to be shared between the FreshStart Foodbank and the Edinburgh North East Foodbank.

Before shopping you might find it helpful to check these foodbank websites to see what, in particular, is needed.

A list of items needed by FreshStart is on the halls corridor noticeboard.

Family

Deaths

August

25 Miss Maureen Paterson



Edinburgh Floral Art Club

Our autumn session began on Friday 13 September with a demonstration entitled “Artistic Licence” by Dawn Weaver from Chester.

On Friday 11 October Heather Curry of Gosforth will demonstrate on the title “A Basket Case”.

Visitors are most welcome to our Club meetings. Tickets (£7) can be bought on the day. Club subscription is £41.

Meetings start at 2 pm and are held in Blackhall St Columba’s Church Hall, Queensferry Road, Edinburgh EH4 3QU.

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Flowers

The flowers in church this month will be donated as follows:

October

6 Mrs Lyndy Paton

13 Mrs Doris Badenoch

20 Mrs J Johnstone

27 Mrs Sheila Dickson

Mrs Katy Millar and Miss Norma Sinclair will deliver the flowers.

Violet Troup, Flower Convener

Edinburgh Floral Art Club

**Saturday 26 October 2019
from 2 to 4pm**

**Blackhall St Columba’s
Church Hall**

**James Burnside from
Northern Ireland
will give a demonstration
entitled**

‘Inspired by.....’

Tickets for this event (£10)
are available from:

Alison Hewat
rajahewat1@btinternet.com



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

For some years now the members of Blackhall St Columba's have been responding generously to the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal and, in so doing, giving children who have so much less than we do the joy of receiving gifts at Christmas. For some it may be the first or only gift they receive.

Boxes, and instructions for filling them, are already available in the small hall. As in the past our boxes will go to Belarus so woolly hats/gloves etc might be appreciated. Due to changes in the regulations toothpaste and sweets are no longer allowed.

So please, fill your shoeboxes and, if you can, include an envelope with £5 to cover the cost of sending a shoebox.

Filled boxes must be returned to the church by Sunday 10 November or they will miss the collection.

Question: To how many children can we send joy and love this Christmas?

Answer: As many as the number of shoeboxes we fill this year.

Thanking you in anticipation of another year of your generous support.

Adrian Johnston

"Life can be tough when your living conditions are poor, but little Jana has an energy and enthusiasm for life that is contagious. She loved her shoebox gift and proudly showed off her favourite item, a large hairbrush. She jumped around excitedly in her new hat, as she explored every item in her shoebox gift."



Meet the Junior Singers



On Tuesday, 24 September St Columba's Junior Singers had their first public performance of the season when they sang for the residents of Strachan House during the church service held monthly in the Care Home.

The Singers meet every Thursday from 3.30 to 4.15 pm during term time in the Upper Hall and will be very happy to welcome any child (P3 – P7) who would like to come along and see what we are about.

For further information contact Amy Donaldson 3321354.

Our young people need you!

Crèche

We are desperately in need of volunteers on a Sunday morning to join the crèche rota and as is always the case, the more volunteers we have, the fewer times you will be on duty.



Sunday Club

Following the retirement of some of our Sunday Club leaders we are looking for helpers in this department too. Our young people are our future and we owe it to them to guide them in their Christian education so if you think you can help then please contact either,

Ruth Laidlaw ruthlaidlaw@gmail.com or

Eddie Thorn egthorn@btinternet.com



Thanks to a great deal of hard work involving both planning and the physical removal of everything that was either in or under the Sanctuary, the actual work on the church has begun. The contractors, John Dennis and Company started



on site on 26 August. Currently the plan is that they will finish the Phase 1 works by 24 April 2020, but there will be work for us to do after they vacate, so it is likely we will resume worship in the Church sometime in May. A lot has happened up to this point but it is especially good to feel that we are 'properly' under way.

The preparatory work included trying to ensure that we kept everything we will need over the next eight or nine months and arranged for everything else either to be stored off-site or disposed of. Then, of course, we had to make arrangements for the Large Hall to be used for Sunday worship while at the same time trying to ensure that those who use the Halls during the week are as little inconvenienced as possible. Inevitably, there have been some necessary compromises but things seem to be working well and the cooperation of everyone involved has been greatly appreciated.

One of the major jobs before the contractors could begin work was the removal of the pews. Again this meant a great deal of work but it is good to know that all the pews have either been bought by individual members of the congregation, by architectural salvage firms, craftsmen or others who will recycle the wood so that nothing will go to waste.



If you had a chance to look into the Sanctuary after the pews were removed you will have seen what a wonderful space we now have and will have realised how much potential it has. The removal of the pews, as well as freeing up the space for much more flexible use, has made the Sanctuary much brighter – and that is before we put in new lighting and flooring! /continued

Building for the Future continued

Now, of course, the Sanctuary is strictly out of bounds to everyone except the project managers and even they can only gain access by prior arrangement. This is obviously for safety reasons and when you realise that the first major job for the contractors was the removal of the floor you can see how necessary this is!

Happily, there is a link on the church website to a virtual reality tour. This allows us, in effect, to look in and see how the work is progressing. If you go to <http://www.blackhallstcolumba.org.uk/refurbishment/> you will find links to 'Virtual Reality Tour of Works' and 'Timelapse Video of Works'. These will show you how things look now and they will be updated from time to time.

Over the summer all the halls and corridors have been redecorated and this has given them a much smarter appearance. In addition, the toilets at the rear of the Large Hall have been totally renewed. New notice boards have been put up along the east wall of the Large Hall and in the main corridor. Much of the noticeboard space has already been allocated to some of the groups who use the halls but, as well as these, there is a dedicated area in the Large Hall for updates about Building for the Future and one of the new boards in the corridor will also be set aside for this purpose.

Finally, this is very much a project which involves and affects the whole congregation and thanks are due to everyone who has contributed either financially or in practical ways or in many cases both.



Harvest Appeal



Kasthuri's story

'I couldn't do this alone - but together we can be successful.'

Harvest time is coming. Five women chat and laugh as they tend rows of organic tomato plants, which are already loving the hot sunshine.

Kasthuri's life wasn't always like this. Like her friends, she was born into India's underclass; as a Dalit, she knows what it feels like to be discriminated against and alone.

She survived because someone had faith in her. Selvi is from a different caste, but she gave Kasthuri what she needed most – a home to raise her son, Mathi. 'Normally, someone from her community wouldn't even hand a cup of water to a Dalit person' says Kasthuri. Fortunately, Selvi is determined to change the world around her.

The EcoVeg project is also breaking barriers. It supports Kasthuri and her women's farming collective with agricultural and business skills, and gets them a fair price for their crop. For the first time, everyone has a sense of control over their lives. 'Alone as a woman, I couldn't do this' says Kasthuri, 'but together, we can be successful. I have no words to explain how happy I am to be here with my son.'



£30 could give two families a full season of seeds to plant

£50 could train five farmers in organic techniques, so they can change to a sustainable future.

£100 could help build a procurement hub, so a whole community gets a fair deal for their next crop.

A donation envelope is enclosed with this magazine

Filled envelopes may be placed in the offering plate or handed in to the Church Office.

Scottish registered charity no.
SC039150

This informal fellowship group meets on Wednesday evenings in the homes of the members and you would be most welcome to join with us if you are free from around 7.30 to 9.30 each week.

Wednesday House Group

We have coffee/tea and biscuits as folk arrive, then go on to discuss a current issue, with reference to a short passage from the Bible. No previous experience needed - and no pressure to share your own opinion !

A good way to get to know others from the Blackhall St. Columba's family.

Contact the church office for venue details each week, or call Muriel on 07908805364

Thursday

Bible

Fellowship

The weekly Bible Fellowship which meets at the home of Doreen and Bob Barker recommenced on Thursday 3 October at 2 30 pm.

In the period up to Advent the group will be doing a study of the Epistle to the Ephesians. The first meeting will consider the background to the letter after which notes for future reading will be issued. There is still room for one or two new folk, so names to Bob or Doreen please.

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WAT[†]CH COMMITTEE

This year the WAT[†]CH Committee is supporting Beach Wheelchairs Portobello (Scottish Charity SC046190) and Kindred (Scottish Charity SC000264).

Beach Wheelchairs Portobello provide the free hire of beach wheelchairs from a base adjacent to the promenade at Portobello beside the Tumbles car park. They have wheelchairs suitable for children and adults and a hoist is available if required. We hope to donate enough funds to provide a new chair for children.

Kindred have a team based at Edinburgh's Royal Hospital for Sick Children which provides practical information, emotional support and guidance, supporting families of children with complex needs. They also have a trained therapist who provides massage therapy in the ward.

We recognise that with the Building for the Future project already started and the sanctuary unavailable for the rest of the year, there could be challenges ahead to our fundraising programme. Nevertheless, we plan to hold the usual events and continue the run of 28 consecutive Christmas Fairs at Blackhall St Columba's.

Our fundraising started with the Summer Pennies Collection, raising the figure of £905.89 during the services in July and August and the committee would like to thank most sincerely all those who helped to raise this sum by bringing coins and donations.

Our next event is the Craft Coffee Morning which will be held in the Large Hall on Saturday 19 October between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. This is always a bright and cheerful occasion and we hope you will come to sample home baking and view (and buy) the produce of those talented people who do home crafts. Donations of baking and produce would be most welcome.

The Christmas Fair will be held in the halls on Saturday 30 November at 2.00 pm. Most of the usual stalls will be there and you can take an early opportunity for a chat with Santa in his Grotto. Please come and support our fundraising for Beach Wheelchairs and Kindred.

- **Craft Coffee Morning Saturday 19 October 10.00 am – 12 noon**
- **Christmas Fair Saturday 30 November at 2.00 pm**

George Millar,
WAT[†]CH Committee Convener

Blackhall St Columba's Church
WATCH Committee

Craft Coffee Morning

Coffee / Tea / Juice
hand-made goods

Saturday 19 October
10 am - 12 noon

**Blackhall St Columba's
Church Hall**

Adults £3, Children (over 5) £1

Proceeds shared by

Beach Wheelchairs Portobello

registered charity - SC046190

and

Kindred

registered charity - SC000264



KIRK SESSION REPORT

The Kirk Session met on 21 July, 11 August and 23 September.

The meeting held on 21 July was primarily for the Kirk Session to agree the terms of the contract to carry out the work under phase 1 of the Building for the Future project. The Kirk Session agreed that John Dennis & Company (Scotland) Limited be appointed as the contractor. Fay Stirling, Project Manager, was thanked for all her work in getting us to this stage.

The meeting held on 11 August was convened in order that the Kirk Session, as required under Church law, could vote for a second time relative to the Ministers and Deacons in Civil Partnerships Act. Following debate the voting was as follows:-

Depart from current doctrine	32
Remain with the current doctrine	14

The decision on this second and final vote was to depart from The Church of Scotland view on this matter.

Banner

It was agreed that a banner be procured to display the time of Sunday Worship. The banner will be situated on the wall of the Large Hall facing Queensferry Road.

Elder resignation / retiral

Andrew Walls intimated his resignation as an active Elder. Tribute was made to Andrew's service as Communion Convener and Chair of the Pirie Mission Partnership Group amongst the other work he did for the Church.

In August Margaret McArthur retired as an active Elder after thirty three years service to the Congregation. Over that long period Margaret made a significant contribution to the life and well being of Blackhall St Columba's with her editorial skills, the dedication that she gave to the Pirie Partnership along with the attention that she extended to the members in her District.

Harvest Thanksgiving

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday 13 October. Donations will be apportioned between Fresh Start and NE Edinburgh Foodbank and Sandy Aitken and Fiona Cooke have graciously agreed to attend to the transportation to these locations.

Messy Church/ continued

KIRK SESSION REPORT

Messy Church

Fay Stirling proposed that we look at running Messy Church within Sainsbury's in Craighleith Retail Park. Kirk Session was supportive of such an initiative and the Outreach Committee will take this on board.

October Retiring Offering

It was agreed that the retiring collection should go to an appeal on behalf of the people in the Bahamas that suffered from the recent horrendous weather.

Volunteers

The Session Clerk reported that a number of the organisations were short of volunteers and it was agreed that Elders when delivering the cards for the October Communion will speak to members to ascertain if they could assist. A note will be prepared outlining which organisations / activities are requiring volunteers.

The Vacancy

I have endeavoured to keep the Congregation fully informed of what is happening with regard to the vacancy process. To recap:-

- The Congregation voted the following to be members of the Nominating Committee : Fiona Cooke, Michael Cockburn, Brian Duffin, Alan Hunter, Adrian Johnston, Ruth Laidlaw, Sheila Mackintosh, Hamish Mair, Lyndy Paton, Peter Stewart, Fay Stirling, Ian Templeton and Eddie Thorn.
- The Nominating Committee has appointed Brian Duffin to be Convener and Ruth Laidlaw as Clerk.
- The Parish Profile is being worked on and when that is ready and agreed we can formally advertise the role. Meantime our vacancy features prominently in The Church of Scotland 'List of Charges being Advertised' which will alert any minister who might be interested.

Eddie Thorn
Session Clerk

GIVE BLOOD

Blackhall St Columba's Church Hall

Wednesday 6 November 2019

2 - 4 pm and 17.30 - 20.00 pm

Remember The Football Pools?

When I was a boy, long before the National Lottery, a “wee flutter” on the Football Pools was taken by many households throughout the land. I could never understand the way “lines” were formatted by my Dad but I did know it was all about forecasting, for a small monetary stake, draws in upcoming football matches. This when they were all played on Saturday by the way as Sunday then was a day only of rest and for the Kirk. I’d get a chance to pick a draw or two as did my Mum but our selections were often to my father’s great incredulity and perhaps he didn’t put down crosses at what we chose. Maybe that’s also why we never won anything.

We at Blackhall St Columba’s have certainly won now though and without risking a penny!

We have put in our claim for tax back on Gift Aided donations made for the year to 5 April 2019. Congregational general giving was £124,075 with £8,000, the maximum permissible, for undocumented small cash donations producing a return of **£33,046**. Also included were Building for the Future donations of £213,880 producing **£53,470 making £86,516 extra for the Church in total!!**

Now the Football Pools top prize was limited in my time to £75,000 so haven’t we done well?!

Of course the very generous giving for the Building this year might not be repeated in subsequent years but it does show what an enormous impact Gift Aid has on both our ability to pay every day bills as well as for capital fundraising but all for the work and mission of the church.

Put it this way, for any future building or development phases if we encourage 200 donors to give £25 monthly, Gift Aided (extra 25%), for 4 years we’d have raised £300,000 by the end of the term. You can work out various encouraging scenarios. For instance - 400 donors of £30 monthly over 4 years raises £960,000. Let’s call it a million.

This all discounts possible legacies so maybe we *can* get what and where we’d all like to be in future.

Sandy Weir,
Gift Aid Convenor

Sing Aloud

Sing Aloud are still going strong and recently enjoyed singing to the Cameo Club. Along with some Praise songs we focussed on a Scottish theme.

We start up again this month and welcome newcomers.

Marge Whiteside
whiteside32@btinternet.com



Tuesday Topics

Tuesday Topics resumed on 24 September. We have an interesting and varied programme planned. On our opening night we enjoyed a talk by Christine Jardine, MP for Edinburgh West titled “Women in Politics”. On 8 October Yvonne Sutherland from Nationwide Building Society will give a presentation to alert us about Scammers and Conmen and on 22 October the topic is “The Work of the Water of Leith Conservation Trust”. The speaker on 5 November is Russell Clegg regarding the history of Riddles Court.

Our charity this year is to be the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association and Nikki Neesam will inform us about the work of the organisation on 19 November. Our final meeting of 2019 will be an appropriate illustrated winter talk on Polar Bears by Christine Murdie.

A warm welcome is extended to all existing members and any visitors or newcomers. Membership for the year remains at £15 or £2 an evening for visitors.

Eleanor Lowrie, President. Jacky Cowie, Secretary

Moderator calls for prayer as radical action continues

Published on 16 September, 2019

As the Church of Scotland continues its work on the agreed Radical Action Plan voted for by this year's General Assembly, including the recent appointment of the new Chief Officer, Rt Rev Colin Sinclair, calls on Kirk members to join in prayer using an upcoming series of weekly prayers written by people from across the Church and its partners.



The Moderator called on congregations in every community to “come together” in prayer and reflection, noting that the 2019 General Assembly asked for prayer after accepting a set of radical proposals which will reshape the Church of Scotland at every level over the coming years.

Commissioners made their decisions recognising that that the Church cannot stand still when the world around us has changed dramatically and fewer people in our country share our faith.

In order to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ more effectively, all of us must embrace radical change.

To help us on our way we will need courage, collaboration, generosity and prayer.

To support the work underway in local churches, presbyteries and in the central offices, a series of prayers will be posted on our website and shared across the Church of Scotland from mid-September to December.

Rt Rev Colin Sinclair, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, said:

“These prayers can be used personally, in Church gatherings of varied sizes or built into Sunday worship.

“This helpful resource can act as a catalyst to encourage us not just to talk about praying but actually to pray.

“Can I encourage you to look out for these prayers, to use them and the other prayer resources that are already available on the website?”

Retreat, rest and reflection to allow space for God to change us

The 2001 report, entitled *A Church Without Walls*, stated that: ‘It is difficult to change direction. The old routines, requirements and habits are instinctive. We often need to stop, stand back and reflect before we can reset our priorities.’ / continued

Moderator calls for prayer as radical action continues (continued)

The report went on to recommend that the leadership in every area of Church life institute the discipline of a period of retreat, rest and reflection to allow space for God to change us.

This year's agreed Radical Action Plan mirrored that emphasis on prayer saying: "We are a people of faith, rooted in prayer. We are not called to be busier: we are called to be faithful in our efforts to follow Jesus."

Prayers from people across the Church of Scotland and our partners will be posted each week, between 23 September until late November through news stories and on the Prayer section of our website.

Below is the first prayer of the series from Rt Rev Colin Sinclair, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

This is the time to pray.

Jesus Christ

You call us all to follow You
in the adventure of faith.

As we begin the process of change
guided by Your spirit,
help us to trust You.

Help us to willingly let go
of all "the ways we have always done things",
when it feels safer to shrink from changes that deeply affect us,
back into what we have known.

Inspire us
to take risks,
to creatively and courageously
be Your church today:
looking to You in worship,
reaching into our communities
venturing out in service.

Bless the Church of Scotland
as we seek to build Your Kingdom.
Bless the Assembly Trustees in their tasks,
bless the new Chief Officer when they take up their post
and help us all to see what we can do, together,
to bring into being the Radical Action Plan.

Let us renew our commitment to follow You
as we step out in glad obedience.
For Your name's sake. Amen



There are over 70 CrossReach Services and projects across the length and breadth of Scotland.

These services cover 3 main areas:

Older People, Adults, Children and Families.



Christmas may be 11 weeks away but now is the time to think about the cards we will be sending to friends at home and abroad. As usual, I will be selling cards - just a few shown here - on behalf of CrossReach and hope that members of Blackhall St Columba's will continue to support this vital section of the Church's work. 100% of the profit CrossReach receives from the sale of their Christmas Cards and Calendars goes to support their caring work across Scotland.



Cards and Calendars will be on sale in the large hall after morning worship on -

Sundays 3, 10, 17 and 24 November.

Margaret Brown, Church 'Link'

Its that time of year again when I ask if you would like to have a yearly subscription for Life & Work, the Church of Scotland magazine.



The price has not gone up this year and remains at £30.60 for a year. Your copy will be delivered by your Elder or Visitor along with Kirk News or the Blackhall Bulletin so it comes straight to you.

Over the years I have learnt a considerable amount about life in the various Church of Scotland Parishes and from articles written about the work that is undertaken by the Church all over the world. Do consider taking out a subscription. You would start with the January 2020 copy but you can look at previous copies if that would help. I look forward to hearing from you, but hurry as I must order them by 31 October.

Contact me with a note to the Church Office or at rajahewat1@btinternet.com.

Alison Hewat.

THE TRUE VINE
Jesus said:
*"I am the **vine**;
 you are the **branches**.
 The one who remains
 in me -and I in him -
 bears much **fruit**,
 because apart
 from me you can
 accomplish nothing."*
 John 15:5

Mouse Makes

*"My **commandment** is this -
 to love one another just
 as I have loved you."*
 John 15:12

*"No one has greater
love than this -
 that one lays down
 his life for his friends."*
 John 15:13

You can read
 Jesus' teaching on
The True Vine in:
 John 15:1-17

Each of the word
 in **bold** on this page
 is hidden in the
 bunches of grapes.
 Can you work
 out which bunch
 each word is in?

How many other
 words can you make from:
THE TRUE VINE

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DEADLINES

Kirk News - Sunday 20 October

Please send all items to the Editor:
 Christine Denham c/o Church Office
 Home tel: 336 5943 or email
kirknews@blackhallstcolumba.org.uk

Blackhall Bulletin - 27 October

All items should be sent to the Editor:
 Barbara Wilson c/o Church Office
 Home tel: 312 6035 or email
bulletin@blackhallstcolumba.org.uk

Enquiries about advertisements should
 be sent to Kay Rich:

8 Queen's Ave South

Tel: 332 8502



Church Christmas Fair - Saturday 30 November 2019



The following stalls are seeking donations

Please note that the Church will not be available for storage this year
Donations should be handed directly to the stalls on Friday and
Saturday

Books Bottles Bric-a-Brac

Fashion Accessories - *new or nearly new*

Hampers Light and Bright - *new items only*

Tombola Toys and Games

We will also be grateful for homemade Craft, Baking and Sweets

However help is wanted now for

Tombola

The Tombola Stall would appreciate New Ideas for vouchers.

Please suggest any business that might support us which may include
Beauticians, cafes, florists, garden centres, hairdressers, restaurants,
shops,

Sporting clubs or events,

or people with skills who might donate their time

Please make suggestions to the Tombola team by contacting

Rosi Watt 332 4027 rosijwatt@outlook.com

Hampers

We would be grateful for any hampers, baskets, or even nice boxes
suitable for the Hamper Stall at the Christmas Fair.

For collection contact Ann Wood 312 6730.



Thank you

