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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

As we approach this season of Advent I wonder if you have anything planned in your busy schedules to observe this season or have even considered journeying through Advent as a Spiritual Observance. Have you set aside time to pray, to read the scriptures and spend quietness with the Lord. It is my hope that many of you will take the opportunity to still both heart and mind during this often chaotic period.

Advent as you know means, coming, and is derived from the Latin word *adventus*. In the fourth and fifth centuries Advent was a season of preparation – not for Christmas but for baptisms that would take place at Epiphany. It was a season (40 days) of fasting, prayer and penance. Roman Christians in the sixth century began to tie the season of Advent to the second coming of Christ. It was not until the Middle Ages that Advent was celebrated in anticipation of Christmas.

In the modern-church era, Advent is a memorial of Christ's first coming and an anticipation of the kingdom to come. In fact, the first two Sundays of Advent point to the return of Christ in judgement while the last two Sundays remember his first coming into the world.

Advent is intended to be a time of reflection, penance, fasting and praying: A season of expectation, of preparation and celebration. Yet our world teaches us different lessons. Much of our culture is "on demand." We often hear that waiting is a waste of time; if we can't get something immediately, we become dissatisfied or disinterested. Ironically, the weeks leading up to Christmas are filled with parties, food and shopping. The secular commercialism of Christmas can distract the faithful from taking time to reflect during this Holy Season. Yet Jesus taught his followers to be prepared and wait expectantly for his return and ultimately to have patience.

As Christians, during this season, we need to avoid getting caught up in the hype. Instead of waiting for God by showing off our faith and only talking about God's kingdom, we should wait by actually doing God's will and preparing for God's kingdom.

Amid the activities of the season, reflect on the Scriptures for each week in Advent. Remember that reflection often prompts one to action, and many wonderful gifts of kindness and compassion are expressed during the season of Advent. So instead of looking for signs and guessing about Christ's return, maybe this Advent we should do the work that Christ calls us to do now.

*A child is born to us, a son is given to us, and authority will be on his shoulders.
He will be named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, and Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)*

May I on behalf of the Manse family take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

God bless you all

Fiona, Eddie and Adam xx

Rev Fiona

Reverend Fiona McKibbin

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Church Roll Intimations

Baptism



Sunday 6th November 2016

Ailsa Hamilton Rae Greenshields

Daughter of Thomas & Karen
Date of Birth: 2nd January 2016
Place of Birth: Kensington, London

Sunday 27th November 2016

Olivia Helen Bettley

Daughter of Scott Bettley & Laura McMahon
Date of Birth: 5th July 2016
Place of Birth: Wishaw General
and

Morven Clark

Daughter of Andrew & Lianne (nee Roberts)
Date of Birth: 6th May 2016
Place of Birth: Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Glasgow

Marriage



Saturday 5th November 2016

Arlene Weir & Simon Lyttle

Deaths

At this sad time our prayers and condolences
are with the family of

Mr Ronald Rattray (Ron)

Date of Death: 19th November 2016

Change of Address

Mrs Grace Thomson

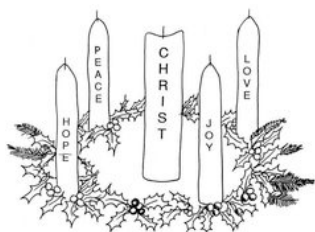
is now in Rosepark Nursing Home

After Service Teas

The total raised to date for St Andrew's Hospice is
£1490

Thanks to everyone who attends and contributes
and enjoys the fellowship after the Morning &
Evening Services.

Souper Sunday on 27th November raised £273.30
Congratulations to all involved.



Duty Roster

Morning Service at 11am & Evening Services at
6.30pm

Front Door teams for the next month:

December	11th	Margaret Ballantyne
	18th	Billy Ballantyne
	25th	Carol Frame

January	1st	Margaret Clark
	8th	James Caskie
	15th	Mary Fox
	22nd	Pamela Aitken
	29th	Janette Moore

February	5th	Margaret Abercrombie
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If you are in one of the above teams, please bear in
mind that you should try to arrange for a
substitute if you can't make it.

Tea & Coffee is served every week in the Large Hall
after the Morning Service

The Social Committee will serve on 11th December

The Session will serve on 18th December

The Guides will serve on 29th January



Sunday School & Pram & Praise



The November All Age Service went with a BANG.
Thanks to all who took part in any way and a
reminder that the next All Age Service will be on
4th December in large hall 10 - 12 noon.

Presently the children are crafting furiously to
make decorations for our Christmas tree to be
displayed in Church from 10th December and
preparations are in hand for our Nativity Service
to be held in Church on 18th December at 11am.

Liz Lyttle

Parish Funerals conducted by Rev. Fiona McKibbin

At this sad time our prayers and condolences
are with the family
of

Mrs Katherine McKenzie

Date of Death: 10th November 2016
and

Mr John Blair Walker (Ian)

Date of Death: 11th November 2016
and

Mrs Mary Hegarty

Date of Death: 14th November 2016
and

Mrs Chrissy Milne

Date of Death: 23rd November 2016

Biblical Word Puzzle**Unscramble the letters to find Place Names, Persons, Events or Religious Relics.**

1. OZPFHAPOEHIRYHECARC

Answer: _____

2. MTCTEANH FIAIG

Answer: _____

3. ISQIURNU

Answer: _____

4. NBRLIGLG EAEA

Answer: _____

5. EHIDTSEIPFERHSEHNSDL

Answer: _____

6. GHOAONTELADEFRLN

Answer: _____

7. EIZENENALGIARATHL

Answer: _____

8. OSNEIM

Answer: _____

9. EWTEMSHIRENE

Answer: _____

10. DNAGILMEIARAN

Answer: _____

11. HTPSIYOIRL

Answer: _____

12. FUITJSOHBERS

Answer: _____

(Answers in December magazine)

(Thanks to M.K for this)

**Answers to Biblical Word Puzzle in November Magazine**

1. The Ten Commandments
2. Jerusalem
3. The Twelve Disciples
4. Wages of Sin
5. Emperor Augustus
6. Mary and Joseph
7. Gold Frankincense and Myrrh
8. Dead Sea
9. The Acts of the Apostles
10. Caesarea
11. Star of Bethlehem
12. Island of Patmos

Harvest Collection

Many thanks from Christian Aid to all those in Uddingston Old who gave generously through the Harvest envelopes to raise a total sum of £846.

There will be a further opportunity to support Christian Aid's work throughout the world at our Watchnight Christmas service on 24th December.

Bob Read

Congratulations

We were all delighted to learn that Boyd Tunnock a member and elder in our church was awarded an an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Business Administration for his contribution to industry on Tuesday 22nd November at Glasgow Caledonian University's winter Graduation Ceremony.



In his address to students from the university's School of Engineering and Built Environment and School of Health and Life Sciences the 83-year-old described himself as a "humble baker" and told the students, "The best advice I ever received was: 'If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again.'"

Thanking the university, he spoke of the legacy of Thomas Tunnock Limited, where he started work at eight years of age, before going on to launch the company's world-famous teacakes.

Well Done Boyd.
A well deserved Honour.



JOY TO THE WORLD

CHRISTMAS GIFT SERVICE

This year our service will take place on Sunday 18th of December and is in aid of "Quarriers" a Charity who help older children and those who, through no fault, find themselves homeless, this struck a chord with the Kirk Session.

Gifts of new toys and books for younger children are also needed but the teenagers are the most difficult group to buy for.

If I could ask you to label the gifts for child / teenager / male / female and an age range.

Toiletries: Shower gel Gloves Pyjamas Slipper Socks Perfume Aftershave Hat Scarf

Food items - packets of biscuits, tins of soup, packets of pasta or rice mix, packets of noodles, hot chocolate, teabags, coffee.

Fleecy blanket Gift vouchers from Primark Or anything else you think would be enjoyed.

If you wanted to give a financial gift this will be used to take the children out for the day and have fun. Cash or cheques [QUARRIERS] will be very well received.

As I am aware this is a busy time for everyone and I am very grateful to you for taking the time to buy and wrap your gifts. This service only works if we all do a little to help someone we don't know.



Thank you all for making this such a good service.

Grace McKirdy



Uddingston Pride Update

The year 2016 has been a truly memorable one for us in Uddingston Pride. Events that stand out include:

- The complete refurbishment of Crofthead Park, with all the old battered play equipment replaced with superb new items, giving a greatly enhanced area for children to play in, our budding footballers a smart games area, and even an outdoor gym for all ages to exercise in. Plus lots of new seating for those who simply want to sit in the sunshine, watch and blether.
- The grand opening of the "new" park in May, with Mr Boyd Tunnock kindly cutting the tape to declare the park officially open. A really enjoyable day, with large numbers enjoying all the fun and games that had been arranged.
- Bag packing at the opening day of the new Marks and Spencer store - a busy day, but helped the funds considerably, so worth while.
- Our Arts and Crafts Exhibition was an outstanding success this year, with an excellent standard of entries of paintings and craft items, and good numbers supporting the show.
- A major litter pick with the pupils of Uddingston Grammar School, we filled a lot of bags with rubbish that day.
- Then in August, the Village looked at its best for the Beautiful Scotland Judges, who enjoyed their visit so much, we were presented with a Gold Award at the presentation ceremony in Aberdeen in October.
- Planting crocus bulbs with Rotary as part of their "Purple4Polio" campaign, helping them in a very worthy cause.

Certainly, a year to remember!

Of course, the year is not quite finished yet, don't miss the Christmas Open Day, on Sunday, 4th December. Look out for School Choirs, dancers, the Pipe Band, the Salvation Army Band, special Christmas displays, and, of course, a visit from Santa.

Your support for that afternoon's activities would be greatly appreciated.

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UNITED MENS' FELLOWSHIP Programme

January

9th Me & My Music
 - Bill Keir
16th The Pirates of Port Royal
 - Craig Mains
23rd St Andrew's Hospice
 - Lorna McCafferty

January

30th Spain & Portugal
 - Heather Willimott

February

6th Scottish Waterways

United Men's Fellowship

Monday 31st October

President Ian Maxwell welcomed members this evening and following opening devotions introduced our speaker for the evening Neil Whitlock. The topic tonight was Sand, Sea and Snow. Ironically Neil had been due to give this presentation last year but it had had to be postponed as adverse weather conditions (snow) had made travel from Neil's home in Helensburgh impossible. Very much an outdoor person Neil's passion is for outdoor activities including climbing, canoeing, skiing and mountaineering. Illustrated by an excellent slide show Neil described just some of his adventures.

In 2003 Neil along with other intrepid adventurers undertook a 6 week trip to Chile and the wilderness of the Cordón Novara mountain range, an area only accessible by boat. The aim was to explore this largely unknown area, climbing, mapping and finding new mountain peaks. Despite inclement weather conditions including avalanches and snow storms, the expedition was a great success making 5 new ascents in this area.

Looking for a new challenge Neil along with 3 other companions undertook the Ocean Rowing Regatta involving rowing across the Atlantic. Setting off from the Canaries Neil and his crew (along with 22 other crews) managed to complete the journey in 49 days and 12 hours despite tropical storms and 60 foot waves. Minky whales, flying fish and porpoises were just some of the marine life encountered.

2007 saw Neil take on another challenge, this time running across the Kalahari Desert which he managed with his running partner to complete in 6 days covering some 250 kilometres, running mostly at night as the temperature during the day soared to between 40/50 degrees. With check points every 10 kilometres this was a well organised event with many nationalities taking part.

Neil's adventures have been somewhat curtailed for the present due to the arrival of his baby daughter, but his one remaining ambition is to ski to the North Pole.

A hearty vote of thanks was given by John Caldwell for an interesting and entertaining evening

Monday 7th November

President Ian Maxwell welcomed a good turnout of members and introduced Robert Nimmo from Wishaw as speaker for this evening. Well known to members from previous visits Robert's topic this evening was "Commonwealth Games Volunteer."

In 2014 along with 15,000 other volunteers (10,000 women and 5000 men) Robert underwent the selection and 3 day intensive training process for stewards. At the end of this time they were split up into small teams who would work together throughout the Games. Generally working from 7am to 3 pm Robert and his team were involved at various locations including Celtic Park, Ibrox Stadium and Hampden Stadium. Reporting for duty each day involved daily accreditation with the Police Force or Army before gaining entry to a venue. Robert's team were mainly involved with stewarding in the VIP areas at the locations and they met many well known personalities from Presidents, Politicians, stars of Stage and Screen as well as the Royal Family particularly at the Opening Ceremony. Among those they met were Billy Connolly, Roger Moore, Seb Coe, Allan Wells and Chris Hoy to name a few. The team were at Celtic Park (3 times), Ibrox Park and Hampden Stadium for both the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and were also privileged to meet many of the participating athletes.

Willie Paul gave a comprehensive Vote of Thanks for an interesting and informative insight into the organisation behind the Commonwealth Games.

Monday 14th November

President Ian Maxwell gave a warm welcome to members this evening and to our guest Bob Copeland, a previous visitor to the fellowship. Bob's topic this evening was Malta and Gozo.

The George Cross was awarded to Malta on 15th April 1942 by King George VI "to bear witness to the heroism and devotion of its people" during the early part of 1942. Accompanied by an excellent slide show Bob took us on an extensive tour of the Island showing many of the interesting and historic places he had visited. The capital of Valetta has changed little and still has many narrow, winding streets outwith the centre. The Grand Harbour is a fascinating place to visit and was a major Naval Base during the Second World War. Nowadays although not so busy Malta's own navy ships are based there. A very religious country Malta, which only measures 17 miles by 10 miles, has 366 churches, one for each day of the year.

Popular places to visit include Mosta in central Malta with its Rotunda Church with its huge Dome which a German bomb penetrated but luckily didn't explode. Other places visited included Fort St.Elmo, Mdina (the Silent City), Sliema and the Dingle Cliffs. Also included in Bob's visit was a trip to the neighbouring island of Gozo whose capital is Victoria. Whilst there, Bob and his wife took a boat trip to visit the Blue Grotto, a series of 7 caves famous for deep blue waters and spectacular natural rock formations. Everywhere visited was amply illustrated by an excellent series of slides depicting the many aspects of ancient and modern Malta.

The 1980 musical film "Popeye" was set in Malta and the film set has been retained as a major tourist attraction

Robert Keir gave a hearty Vote of Thanks to Bob for once again keeping us so well entertained.

Monday 21st November

President Ian Maxwell welcomed members and guest speaker Helen Morrison. Following opening devotions Ian handed over the evening to Helen, whose topic for the evening was "Scottish Leningrad Albums" a title which had the members intrigued, with a sub heading "Nothing is forgotten, no one is forgotten."

Accompanied by an excellent slide show, Helen recounted how the women of Coatbridge and Airdrie supported and encouraged the women of Leningrad (now St.Petersburg) during the siege of 1941, which lasted for 900 days. By the end of the siege some 1,000,000 people are thought to have died from many causes including starvation. In June 1942 an illustrated Album was sent to Leningrad by the women of Coatbridge and Airdrie containing messages of support and listing monetary gifts made by those women. A response to this Album and message of support was not received until June 1942 in a telegram from the Anti-Facist Committee of Soviet Women. Shortly after that an Album was received from the women of Leningrad, illustrated by some of the leading artists and illustrators of the day and bound in silk with exquisite hand crafted embroidery. The presentation in Scotland was made by Madame Maisky in Glasgow, but the women of Coatbridge and Airdrie were represented at the ceremony. In 2009 the Leningrad Album was translated into English by 2 Russian students and both the original and the translation are now in the Mitchell Library, Glasgow and can be viewed by prior appointment.

A comprehensive Vote of Thanks was given by Andrew McCandlish.

The Guild

Tuesday 25th October

Leader Ina Cairns opened the meeting, and introduced our speaker for the evening Mr Tom Marchant with his wife. Tom's subject was an illustrated talk entitled 'Some Place Glasgow'. He gave a brief summary of Glasgow's development from its origins as a small Cathedral village which developed and expanded through the centuries into a vibrant trading centre, whose wealth was founded on tobacco, sugar, cotton and slavery till by the early 1900's Glasgow was known as the Second City of the Empire. Tom showed two short films showing the thriving industry taking place in Glasgow between 1962 and 1972. These brought back memories to many of the Guild members. He finished his talk by saying that Glasgow has become a world famous tourist attraction with its magnificent 19th century buildings, some of which were erected by the Tobacco Lords as well as the acres of parkland which are open to the public. He also emphasised that Glaswegians are renowned for their hospitality and distinctive sense of humour.

The vote of thanks was given by Muriel McCandlish

Tuesday 1st November

After opening the meeting Leader Isobel Read welcomed our return speaker, Liz McIntyre Allan. Liz's subject was a sequel to her previous talk 'Love Letters From a Desert Rat'. This time she focused on her mother's life from her difficult birth in a Glasgow tenement, requiring a forceps delivery which left her with a damaged left eye. Liz's mother Nan never gave in to this disability and her favourite expression was 'I've still got one good eye. Leaving school at 14 she secured a job in the shoe department of McDonalds in Buchanan Street. A keen dancer she met Alex at the Albert Ballroom and they married in 1940. A few days later Alex was sent abroad with the army and Nan didn't see him again for 5 years. Their first child born in 1946 only lived for a few hours but their two other children were born in 1947 and 1954. Alex's poor health deteriorated and he died in 1961 aged only 50. To care for her family Nan got work as a School Dinner lady and her determination to ensure her children had a better life enabled them to study and gain University Degrees. Nan always wanted a house with a back & front door but never achieved this, instead she was allocated a new 5th floor flat in Shawlands. Towards the end of her life new technology showed that the sight in her left eye could be fixed but she refused saying she still had 'One Good Eye'. She did, however bequeath her eyes to Medical Research when she died in 1998 aged 88. An interesting and humorous reflection of her mother's life

Margaret Faith gave the vote of thanks.

Tuesday 8th November

After opening the meeting Leader Isobel Read welcomed our own organist Peter McLean. Peter had kindly agreed to come along and play for us 'A Songs of Scotland Singalong'. Peter had chosen a very comprehensive and varied programme of songs for us all; with the words on the large screen. We sang songs made famous by Burns and Harry Lauder as well as some traditional favourites. Peter interspersed the songs by entertaining us with funny stories and also treated us to the solo 'Mull of Kintyre'. The evening of music and song was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The vote of thanks was given by Gelda McCulloch



Tuesday 15th November

Leader Isobel Read opened the meeting and introduced Wendy Sandiford from Kilmarnock as our speaker for the evening. Her subject 'Powder & Paint' a history of Make-up through the centuries. Wendy gave an extremely interesting and well researched insight into Make-up, the materials used, the effect these had on the individual, and how various cultures throughout the world used them. We learned that both sexes used 'Powder & Paint', from the ancient Egyptians using various oils for their skin and women charcoal to emphasise their eyes.

In Ancient Greece was found the first 'Cold cream' a hand cleansing cream made of beeswax, olive oil and rosewater. Over the centuries, depending on the fashion of the time various dyes were used including from red vegetable to colour the lips, to pastes made from quick lime to make the skin look white. Many of these were toxic & poisonous leading to early death, ruined skin or hair loss. The late 19th & 20th centuries saw the development of the Hair & Cosmetic Fashion Industry established by the likes of Helena Rubenstein, Max Factor and Elizabeth Arden who all thrived as this was the era of Music Halls, theatre and films. Nowadays the emphasis is more on skin care products. Wendy also brought along several cosmetic items, including curling tongs, compacts, lipsticks which were considered essential items for women during the first half of the 20th century

Edna Hume gave the vote of thanks.

THANK YOU

The Guild would like to thank everyone who bought tickets, contributed goods and baking and came along to support our Coffee Morning on Saturday 12th November. We were delighted with the attendance on the day.

We really appreciate your support and are delighted to say £1500 was raised for the Guild Funds and will be distributed between our own Church and the two Guild projects we are supporting this year.

Congratulations to the winners of our 'Guess the Dolls Birthday' competition: Maralyn Caruthers who chose 25th September and Margaret Faith who chose 2nd December.



The Guild

The Guild meets weekly on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

A warm welcome awaits friends old and new.

Coming Programme

January

17th 'Nostalgia' - Kevin Smith

24th Film Night

31st 'Karaoke Hymns' - John Irvine

February

7th Guest / Open Night

'Joyce's Voices'

Miracle at Christmas

Beautiful story.... makes you understand that things happen for a reason

The brand new pastor and his wife, newly assigned to their first ministry, to reopen a church in suburban Brooklyn, arrived in early October excited about their opportunities. When they saw their church, it was very run down and needed much work. They set a goal to have everything done in time to have their first service on Christmas Eve.

They worked hard, repairing pews, plastering walls, painting, etc. and on December 18th were ahead of schedule and just about finished. On December 19th a terrible tempest - a driving rainstorm hit the area and lasted for two days.

On the 21st, the pastor went over to the church. His heart sank when he saw that the roof had leaked, causing a large area of plaster about 20 feet by 8 feet to fall off the front wall of the sanctuary just behind the pulpit, beginning about head height. The pastor cleaned up the mess on the floor, and not knowing what else to do but postpone the Christmas Eve service, headed home..

On the way he noticed that a local business was having a flea market type sale for charity so he stopped in. One of the items was a beautiful, handmade, ivory coloured, crocheted tablecloth with exquisite work, fine colours and a Cross embroidered right in the centre. It was just the right size to cover up the hole in the front wall. He bought it and headed back to the church. By this time it had started to snow. An older woman running from the opposite direction was trying to catch the bus. She missed it. The pastor invited her to wait in the warm church for the next bus due 45 minutes later.

She sat in a pew and paid no attention to the pastor while he got a ladder, hangers, etc., to put up the tablecloth as a wall tapestry. The pastor could hardly believe how beautiful it looked and it covered up the entire problem area. Then he noticed the woman walking down the centre aisle. Her face was white as a sheet... 'Pastor,' she asked, 'where did you get that tablecloth?' The pastor explained. The woman asked him to check the lower right corner to see if the initials, EBG were stitched into it there. They were. These were the initials of the woman, and she had made this tablecloth 35 years before, in Austria.

The woman could hardly believe it as the pastor told how he had just gotten the tablecloth. The woman explained that before the war she and her husband were well-to-do people in Austria. When the Nazis came, she was forced to leave. Her husband was going to follow her the next week. He was captured, sent to prison and she never saw her husband or her home again.

The pastor wanted to give her the tablecloth; but she made the pastor keep it for the church. The pastor insisted on driving her home, that was the least he could do. She lived on the other side of Staten Island and was only in Brooklyn for the day for a house cleaning job.

What a wonderful service they had on Christmas Eve. The church was almost full. The music and the spirit were great. At the end of the service, the pastor and his wife greeted everyone at the door and many said that they would return. One older man, whom the pastor recognised from the neighbourhood continued to sit in one of the pews and stare, and the pastor wondered why he wasn't leaving.

The man asked him where he got the tablecloth on the front wall because it was identical to one that his wife had made years ago when they lived in Austria before the war and how could there be two tablecloths so much alike? He told the pastor how the Nazis came, how he forced his wife to flee for her safety and he was supposed to follow her, but he was arrested and put in a prison. He never saw his wife or his home again all the 35 years in between.

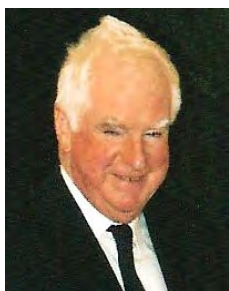
The pastor asked him if he would allow him to take him for a little ride. They drove to Staten Island and to the same house where the pastor had taken the woman three days earlier. He helped the man climb the three flights of stairs to the woman's apartment, knocked on the door and he saw the greatest Christmas reunion he could ever imagine.

True Story - submitted by Pastor Rob Reid

Who says God does not work in mysterious ways... I asked the Lord to bless you as I prayed for you today, to guide you and protect you as you go along your way. His love is always with you, His promises are true, and when we give Him all our cares you know He will see us through.



Jim McIntosh (1934 to 2016)



Jim and Ena McIntosh moved to Uddingston from Dundee in 1969 and settled into Powburn Crescent, where they lived with their two daughters, Morag and Fiona.

An active elder in Chalmers Church, and then Uddingston Old, Jim had succeeded Frank Leckie as Session Clerk of Uddingston Old in 1988 and held that position until 2008. During his time as Session Clerk Jim's meticulous approach to all that he did gained great respect from fellow elders and church members. Most of all, Jim's witty comments and unparalleled 'one liners' became part of the heritage of Uddingston Old. In particular, when giving votes of thanks following many social occasions, Jim's contribution would often become part of the evening's entertainment!

The 'Sainsbury bag' served Jim well as a briefcase for all his meeting papers well before such an item cost five pence!

Jim was always anxious to share his knowledge and commitment on a wider front, and served on one of the Central Committees of the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh. He attended the General Assembly as a Commissioner, and with his professional background as a quantity surveyor, Jim served on the Property Committee of Presbytery for several years.

Jim McIntosh was part of the Church in Uddingston for over four decades and in that time he brought dedication, commitment, professionalism and humour to all of those who were privileged to have known him and been part of his life in this community.

Uddingston Musicfest 2017

February 11th - 19th

Programme

Saturday 11th

Mixed Instruments Workshop Nigel Gatherer (Book a place nearer the time on Nigel's website)

Scratchy Noises 'Play together' all instruments Both in Church of the Nazarene.

'Music around the Village'

Ring up the Curtain George Rodger and Friends Uddingston Old Evening

(Singalong a folk)

Monday 13th

Tea Dance with George Rodger Uddingston Old Church. Afternoon.

Barber's Shop Male Voice Ensemble Church of the Nazarene Evening

Thursday 16th

Summerlee. Paul, Donald and Cait Church of the Nazarene Evening.

Friday 17th

Jackie Kay, Scotland's Poet Makar Uddingston Library Afternoon

(and children from 4 local primary schools)

Stonehouse Male Voice Choir St Andrew's Episcopal 7pm (to be confirmed)

Strumulele Ukuleles Rowantree Inn from 7.30 till late.

Saturday 18th

'Grand Finale' Uddingston Old 7 pm

Sunday 19th

Songs of Praise Uddingston Baptist Church Early evening

Uddingston Musicfest is a Charity/ Community Event.

'Pay at the door' to support charities.

(Last year we gave £100 to five different charities.)

Dates for your Diary

Sunday Services 11am & 6.30pm
Tea & Coffee after morning service



Monday 5th December
Board Meets 7.30pm



Wednesday 7th December
Church open 10am - noon
for Quiet Reflection & Communion
also

Advent Bible Study Group 2 - 4pm
also

Cafe Church 7.30pm - 9pm



Thursday 8th December
Vestry Hour 7.30 - 8.30pm

Saturday 10th December
Church Windows Display & Coffee Morning 10am - Noon

Sunday 11th December
Choir Christmas Carols 11am
also

Nine Lessons & Carols: St Andrew's Episcopal Church
6.30pm

Wednesday 14th December
Church open 10am - noon for Quiet Reflection
also
Advent Bible Study 2pm - 4pm
also
Bible Study Group 7.30pm

Thursday 15th December
Vestry Hour 7.30 - 8.30pm

Sunday 18th December
Christmas Nativity & Gift Service 11am
also
Pram & Praise Christmas Party 2.30pm - 4.30pm
also
Christingle Party 6.30pm - 9pm

Tuesday 20th December
Grammar School Concert 7pm

Wednesday 21st December
Grammar School Christmas Service am
also
Blue Christmas Bereavement Service 7.30pm

Saturday 24th December
Christmas Eve Family Service 6.30pm
also
Watchnight Service 11.30pm
for Quiet Reflection & Communion

Sunday 25th December
Christmas Morning Service 11am

Sunday 15th January
Teen Zone Youth Club 6.30pm - 9pm

Sunday 29th January
Teen Zone Youth Club 6.30pm - 9pm

Monday Get Together

We meet in the large hall from 2pm until 3.30pm
each week.

If you need transport please call Mary Fox
or Ann McIntyre

The programme from January is

January

9th Bite & Blether

16th Film Show

23rd Bite & Blether

30th Singalong 'Scottish Songs'

February

6th Film Show

**Pastoral Care**

The Pastoral Care team is holding
a

'TWIXMAS LUNCH'

12noon to 2pm on

Wednesday 28th December.

We invite anyone who is on their own over
Christmas and New Year to join us.

If you are interested in coming along could you
please contact Mary Fox or Anne McIntyre,
before 21st December.

This will allow us to organise our catering.

Congratulations

to Alastair & Andrean McDonald
who will celebrate their Diamond Wedding
on 15th December

Request From The Lodging House Mission

Hi Folks

We are running out of towels here at the LHM.
As a result, we are sending out this request to
anyone who can help us by providing us with some.

The Glasgow Winter Night Shelter will be starting
soon and we anticipate a higher demand for towels.
It would be very much appreciated if you could help
us at this time.

Gus (Chaplain)

Donations can be placed in the buckets in the
vestibule at the church front door.
Thank You