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CHURCH CALENDAR



NOVEMBER

Sunday 3rd	Morning Worship	11am
Sunday 10th	Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph	10.45am
	Church Service of Remembrance	11.30am
Sunday 17th	Morning Worship	11am
Sunday 24th	Morning Worship	11am

DECEMBER

Sunday 1st	First Sunday in Advent	
	With the Coalburn Silver Band	11am



FLOWER CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Sunday 3rd	In memory of Robert Craig
Sunday 10th	The Flower Fund
Sunday 17th	The Flower Fund
Sunday 24th	The Flower Fund



If you would like to dedicate the flowers for any specific Sunday,
please phone Elizabeth Robertson: 01355 243205

Pastoral letter



Every night in the town of Ypres in Belgium, a crowd gathers at 8pm beneath the Menin Gate to observe the ceremony of the Last Post. It is a simple, but profound way to remember all those who gave their lives during the First World War. One of my friends, a minister and also a school chaplain, accompanied a group of fifth year pupils on a trip which included attending this ceremony. They were studying the First World War and had spent the day visiting some of the war graves, and then they gathered for this ceremony at the Menin Gate. He was astounded by the impact this ceremony had on the young people, especially the boys, and most of them were moved to tears. Inscribed on the gate are the names of thousands of soldiers killed, and with no known grave. There can surely be no more graphic reminder of the awful cost of war. This poem sums it up:

*All at once fell silent as the clock came round to eight,
and a poignant tribute sounded beneath the Menin Gate.
And as the bugles faded till their sound was heard no more,
we saw then all too clearly the dreadful face of war.
Instead of names around us there were young men in their prime,
a tragic generation cut down before their time.
We heard their cries of anguish, we felt their searing pain,
and we understood more clearly this must never be again.
Unless we come together, until we learn to share,
until we love more widely and think in ways more fair,
then the last post will be sounded in the future just the same,
but the thousands who it heralds will all have died in vain.*

(Nick Fawcett)

On 10th November we will remember all those who have lost their lives in conflicts, we will remember all who suffer because of conflicts, and we remember all whose lives will never be the same again because of conflicts. Let us also remember the one who died on a cross to put an end to death and misery, the one who said, "Love one another as I have loved you."

Yours in love, *Anne Raton*



UPCOMING EVENTS

1) The Christmas 'Craft' Fayre



The Christmas Craft Fayre will take place on Saturday 30th November in the Glebe Street Hall from 10am until 2pm. Please note that the middle pages of this magazine contain a detailed list of the stalls and happenings at the Fayre. Please bring along friends and others to buy from the huge assortment of goods on sale there. Tea/admission tickets cost £3 and are now on sale OR you can just pay at the door.

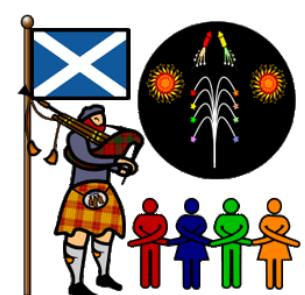
2) The Hogmanay Ceilidh

This will take place on Tuesday 31st December in the Glebe Street Hall from 8.30pm until some time in 2025! Soup and sandwiches will be provided.

3) The Burns Supper

Just a note for your diary: the Burns Supper will take place on Saturday 1st February 2025. Further details will follow in the new year.

Xen Ross—Kirk Life Convenor



Iain's monthly update

Jesus is the Light of the World

We will hold our next Messy Church on Sunday 3rd November from 2-4pm in our Glebe St Church Hall.



We will have an alternative Halloween Party focusing not on the darkness of Halloween but on the good news that Jesus is the **LIGHT** of the world.

Children (and adults) can dress up if they want to – this is totally optional but please still come along dressed up or not,

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult(s) but adults do not need to bring a child(ren).

We have fun, games, challenges, arts, crafts, quizzes, singing, Bible teaching and refreshments - All this and much more and its totally **FREE!** – What are you waiting for?

If you've not tried Messy Church before why not give it a try.

Our regular weekly groups for children and young people are as follows why not invite someone you know to come along -

JUNIOR BADMINTON GROUP for P4 & above meets on a Friday afternoon in our Glebe St Church Hall from 4-5.30pm



CHILDREN'S ARTS/CRAFTS GROUP for all primary school aged children meets on a Thursday afternoon in our Glebe St Church Hall from 4.30-6pm



SUNDAY SCHOOL is for all ages and meets from 11-11.45am in the upper hall at the church building in Montgomery Street.





HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE

I was walking down life's highway a few months ago and saw a sign that read 'Heaven's Grocery Store'.

As I got closer, the door opened and I walked inside.

I saw a host of angels. They were everywhere and one handed me a basket and said "My child, shop with care."

Everything a Christian needed was in the grocery store. And if you couldn't carry them, you could come back for more.

First, I got some PATIENCE. LOVE was in the same row. Further down was UNDERSTANDING, you need that wherever you go.

I got a box of WISDOM and two bags of FAITH. I couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST, He was all over the store. I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE to help me and although my basket was getting full, I remembered to get some GRACE.

I didn't forget SALVATION – that was free so I got enough to save both you and me. Then I went up to the checkout to pay but remembered I needed PRAYER – PEACE and JOY were plentiful and were on the last shelf.

Then I said to the Angel on the till, "Now, how much do I owe?" He just smiled and said, "Just take all these items everywhere you go!"

Again, I smiled at him and said, "How much do I really owe?"

The Angel smiled again and said, My child, Jesus paid your bill a long time ago".

Please keep all our children, young people, families and our wonderful volunteers who help in so many ways in your thoughts & prayers.

Thank you for all your encouragement, support, prayers and friendship – I really appreciate it so very much.

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Men's association

Our session is now well under way. Our opening meeting was addressed by Anne, our Minister and at our second gathering, we heard about the Lanarkshire Police History Society. At these meetings, we have welcomed visitors who have come because of the speaker and the subject. There's an open invitation to anyone to come and join us, even just for the one meeting, out of interest in a particular topic. And here are the details for our next two meetings:-

On November 4th, Fiona Dawson will speak about the Old Parish Church Cemetery. This will be an illustrated talk, introducing us to the many stories about the Kirkyard. Then on November 18th, Liz Allan will tell us about a remarkable Scottish nurse called Elsie Inglis, who despite being told to "Go home and sit still", went off to Serbia where her nursing service in the First World War is still remembered.

We meet in the Glebe Street Hall at 2pm, finishing usually around 3.30pm. All welcome.

The guild

On Wednesday 13th November the Guild will meet in the Glebe Street Hall at 2pm. The speaker will be Liz McIntyre Allan who will present a Powerpoint telling the life of Beatrix Potter.

On 27th November we will have an afternoon of Country Music given by the Jolly B's. All welcome.

Fairtrade festive evening

The EK Fairtrade Group is holding a Festive Fairtrade Evening on 20th November at 7pm in the Arts Centre, Old Coach Road. There will be various stalls and it is hoped to have songs by St Kenneth's Primary School Choir. Admission is free and the evening will end around 8.30pm. All welcome.

Stewart and Mary Smith

Christmas 'Craft' Fayre

30th November 2024

In the Glebe Street Hall

From 10am until 2pm

STALLS

1) CAKE & CANDY (The Church Choir)

All sorts of home-made cakes, biscuits, confectionery (ie Sweets) etc.

2) TOMBOLA (The Church Guiding Units)

Our church Guides, Brownies and Rainbows are running this stall which will provide:

- a chocolate tombola
- A chocolate quiz
- Hot chocolate and marshmallows
- the Brownie/Rainbow Chorus singing at 11am

3) ARTWORK (Barrie Herbert)

Various paintings and other artwork from members of the congregation and friends.

4) SURPRISE GOODY-BAGS AND CARDS (Evelyn Brownlie)

Dip into the unknown and buy a surprise goody-bag and see what you get OR buy a hand-made card.

5) TALI CRAFTS (Joanna Kent)

Here you will find all sorts of hand-crafted goods—ideal for gifts or to hang on the tree or place in your Christmas display or just for yourself!

6) WOODWORK (David Kent)

All sorts of hand-turned or hand made wooden (and some in other materials) goods. All ideal for Christmas/Birthday gifts or to adorn your house at Christmas or all year round if you wish.

7) ARTS & CRAFTS & KNITTED GOODS (Jill Cowan and the Craft Group)

Many and various crafted goods made throughout the year with the Craft Group and other craft stuff including knitted, crocheted and sewn articles.

8) THE TEA ROOM (Catherine Selfridge)

Last but never the least, we have our tea room which will also be open from 10am until 2pm. Teas, coffees and soft drinks, biscuits, cakes and home baking will be on offer.

PLEASE, ENCOURAGE OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES TO COME TO THIS FAYRE. THERE IS ONLY SO MUCH WE CAN ASK OF OUR FAITHFUL MEMBERS WHO TURN UP AT THESE EVENTS AND BUY TO HELP CHURCH FUNDS. NEW PEOPLE WILL SEE NEW THINGS TO BUY AND THEY WILL HELP US TOO!

SPREAD THE NEWS TO ALL!

TEA/ADMISSION TICKETS COST £3 ARE ON SALE NOW FROM MEMBERS OF THE KIRK LIFE TEAM OR JUST PAY AT THE DOOR! ON THE DAY!

The prayer group

Catherine Selfridge , Anne Learmonth and Marilyn Ross meet in the Lounge Area after the Church service and invite you to visit/join them in the Prayer Group at any time.

There are Prayer request boxes in the Church Sanctuary - one upstairs at the east side and one downstairs next to the Baptismal Font. Rest assured all Prayer requests will be treated with the utmost respect and discretion. Only first names should be given along with a brief reason for the request, i.e. awaiting treatment, etc.

Catherine Selfridge, 07710 173248, Anne Learmonth 01355 267584 ; Marilyn Ross 01355 249028/ 07934 256839, will be pleased to receive in person, phone or text prayer requests.

THE PRAYER DIARY

1st. Lord, I thank you for the knowledge that under your wings I will always find refuge.

2nd. Father, please help me to see when I am about to speak without thinking, and to check my heart.

3rd. Lord, Thank You for giving us worth in Your eyes.

4th. Help us to live as the one You uniquely intended us to be.

5th. Loving Father, help me to learn, that a life worth living is found not in being safe, but in trusting your protection.

6th. We pray for your continued grace and goodness to overflow in our country so that humans can live alongside one another respectfully, allowing for mutual flourishing.

7th. Father, may each trial we face, become a stepping stone to greater strength and faith.

8th. May my heart remain thankful in every situation, Lord, and may I always praise you for your unfailing faithfulness.

9th. Father, please help me move beyond the hurdles that trip me up and give me the strength and wisdom to look up and see the hope I run toward in Christ.

10th. Oh God of truth and justice, we hold before you all those people who have died in active service. As we honour their courage and cherish their memory, may we put our faith in you, for you are the source of life and hope.

11th. Lord, grant us the strength to face all challenges with courage and resilience.

12th. Without You, Lord, I cannot find my way. Without You, I feel lost and alone. You are the reason I am still here. Thank you, Lord.

13th.Father, with a heart full of gratitude I come before you to thank you for the countless blessings in my life.

14th.Thank you for the gift of each new day, for the love of family and friends and for your continued presence and guidance in my life.

15th.Surround us Lord, with your love and remind us we are never alone.

16th.Lord, I cannot see the way, so hour by hour and day by day let me place my hand in yours.

17th.Lord, even when I make mistakes You never give up on me, and I am grateful. Thank you for never leaving my side.

18th.Life cannot be altered by worrying about things we cannot change so we Pray to You, Lord, to take over.

19th.Help me not to fear the future but to boldly trust that you are in control when my emotions take a plunge, and when I am in despair.

20th.God, help us to remember to make a space in our crowded lives and minds for You.

21st.Lord, help me to face and overcome every challenge set before me.

22nd.We pray for God's justice in the world; only with God's justice can there be God's peace, the peace that passes understanding.

23rd.Thank you, Lord, for all the people in our lives that we could not do without.

24th.Rekindle hope, Lord, amidst all the hatred, violence, death, and destruction in our world today. The nights are dark and heavy, but you are the light amidst hopelessness and misery.

25th.Father, give wisdom to all who are running our country.

26th.Forgive me, Lord, for so easily forgetting your presence when I am busy or feel stressed.

27th.Please protect, comfort, and heal children, women and men who face unspeakable loss and profound emotional and physical challenges in their world torn apart by war and violence.

28th.Lord, help us always to look for the good points in others and not the worst.

29th.Unite all peoples in pursuing a world where all can thrive in Your peace, mercy, and abundance.

30th. To the innocent who live in the shadow of war and terror, especially the frightened children, Lord God, be a shelter and strength, their haven and hope.

DECEMBER

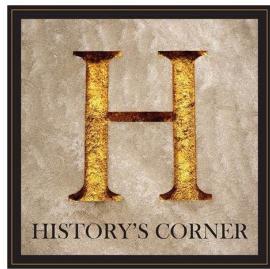
1st. Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God.

2nd. Lord, when life knocks me down, please help me to get back up. All I need is the strength that comes from you.

3rd. Lord, I may not have everything I want, but I have everything I need, and I am grateful to You for this.

4th. Thank you, Lord, for your word of hope that gives us strength, for your love that makes life meaningful, and for your grace that renews and restores our life.

5th. Father, help us show love to those who betray us, patience with those who criticize us, and compassion for those who are focused on everything that is wrong and are unable to enjoy all that is good.



REMEMBRANCE

2024 marks 110 years since the beginning of the First World War and 80 years since the D Day Landings. The Memorial Plaques at the front of the church list the names of the fallen, in both world wars, who had links to East Kilbride Parish Church.

William Allison, c1893 – 21st / 22nd February 1916, joined the Seaforth Highlanders. He was killed in France when a shell burst while he and a company of soldiers were having breakfast. William is buried at Noeux-les-Mines Communal Cemetery, 4 miles south of Bethune on the main road to Arras, 25 miles southwest of Lille.

William was the son of William and Isabella Allison nee Dunn of Lickprivick. His young brother James died of scarlet fever on 6th June 1898, aged 5½ years and is buried in the Kirkyard - Lair 34.

Private David Wyse Millar, Royal Scot Fusiliers, 1897 - 31st October 1918. David, aged 21 years, was killed in action in the aftermath of the Action of Oochteghem, Belgium, part of the final advance in Flanders. He is buried in Vichte Military Cemetery, West Flanders, Belgium.

Sergeant James Millar, Royal Field Artillery, 1890 - 1st August 1917, was the elder brother of David Wyse Millar. James, aged 26 years, was killed in action during the Battle of Pilckem the first of the Battles of Ypres. He is buried in Dickebusch New Military Cemetery Extension, West Flanders, Belgium. David and James were the sons of James and Maggie Miller nee Wyse of Ravenslee, Maxwellton, grocers in Maxwellton. Their young brother Neil died on 25th February 1894, aged 1 year. He is buried in the Kirkyard - Lair 234. Their Grandparents Neil Ballingall Wyse and Christina Ann Howden are buried at Lair 74.

Douglas Carruth Smith, Sub-Lieut. (A) RNVR 828 Squadron, HMS Owl, 11th April 1921 - 7th June 1944.

Douglas, born in Langside, was the son of William and Agnes Smith. He attended East Kilbride School before transferring to Hutchesons' Grammar School. Douglas joined the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserves on 4th September 1940 and became a pilot with the Fleet Air Arm. He was a torpedo aircraft pilot finally flying the Fairy Barracuda. He kept a diary throughout his service which took him to Africa, Madagascar, Egypt and around the UK. He joined 828 Squadron in March 1944 and was finally stationed at Fearn Airfield, also known as HMS Owl, 5.4 miles southeast of Tain. A week before his wedding, Douglas, aged 23 years, was killed on 7th June 1944, when two Barracudas collided with the loss of all crew, 10 miles off Tarbet Ness, Easter Ross.

There are nineteen names on the World War I Memorial Plaque and five names on the World War II Memorial Plaque.

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them."

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Fiona Dawson



PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Read the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-9,18-23) then complete the word search below.

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WITHER	BIRDS	ROOT	CHOKE	SOIL
FELL	PARABLE	SCATTER	SEED	GREW
ROCKY	SHALLOW	GOOD	SOW	PATH

Pastoral register

Deaths - *"I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."*

Janet Watt

Mary Doig

Rita Duncan



Eko submissions

The dates for submission of material for the December EKO are: for hand/type-written copy **Sunday 17th November** and the deadline for submitting electronic copy is:-

Wednesday 20th November

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