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Dear Friends,
Well here we are into the New Year and already we are starting to look forward to the many different things that will be happening in the Church in the months ahead.



A lot of people tell me that they don't really like this time of year, and that they feel kinda down. Indeed as I am writing this, I have just been listening to the radio and the presenter announced that it was national blue day (oh dear) I suppose after all the festivities there is a sense of the dark cold winter yet ahead of us, and that can make some people feel a bit low. When I was a youngster I called January a nothing month because I felt that nothing really happened – or so it seemed to me.

However as I have gotten older I like the idea of this month being a beginning of all the exciting things that are yet to come, and all that God has in store for each one of us. It is a time when I start to map out the year ahead and to plan the different themes which I want to explore throughout the year. So for me it's exciting and challenging all at the same time. However, as a friend keeps telling me – “just because you are excited – it doesn't mean everyone else is Fiona”. How true!!!

Anyway I hope that the year ahead will be a good one for all of us. Of course it will have its fair share of challenges and difficult tasks – but I am sure that it will also be a good and positive one for us all

I look forward to sharing the journey with you all

With my love and prayers as ever

Fiona N

PRAYER

Over the next few months please pray for

- our country as we face up to change
- people who find this time of year difficult
- the health service as it serves the community
- our members in care homes and hospital



CHURCH DIARY



FEBRUARY

5 th	12noon	Informal Communion
19 th	11am	Thinking Day
19 th	2.30 pm	Café Church
20 th	7pm	Trustees Meeting
20 th	7.45pm	Congregational Board
26 th	11am	Souper Sunday

MARCH

5 th	11am	Communion
5 th	3pm	Communion
12 th	2.30pm	Messy Church
13 th	7.30pm	Kirk Session
19 th	3pm	BB Battalion Service
26 th	12noon	Annual Stated Meeting
31 st	9.30am	School Easter Service

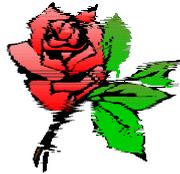
APRIL

3 rd	7.30pm	Congregational Board
9 th	11am	Palm Sunday
9 th	2.30pm	Café Church
13 th	7pm	Maundy Thursday Communion
14 th	7pm	Good Friday Service
16 th	9.30	Easter Breakfast
16 th	11am	Easter Service

CHURCH REGISTER

FUNERALS

10 th December	Alexander Downie
19 th December	Betty Craik
23 rd December	Annie Wallace
29 th December	Jean Boyne
5 th January	James Cartwright
10 th January	Archibald Brown
12 th January	Michelle Whitelaw
19 th January	Marion Collins



Flower Fund

The floral arrangements in the chancel at services provide colour and enhance the area as well as being distributed after the service to members who are housebound or may have a special need of our thoughts and prayers at this particular time in their lives.

Although the Fund has a sound, inherited financial base, the last few years have shown an increasing deficit which is causing the Fund to considerably reduce.

Contributions to the Flower Fund can be put in the offering plate (appropriately labelled) or given directly to the Flower Fund Treasurer at any time.

Thanks are due to those members who regularly contribute and make possible the continued presence of flowers which also serve to remind us of God's creation. Also thanks to the ladies (no gentlemen as yet !!) who use their talents and skill in arranging the flowers and to those who organise and carry out their distribution every week.

Dorothy Dunlop
Flower Fund Treasurer



GUILD

We finished our “sociable part” of our syllabus with Christmas Lunch at the Tudor Hotel on 7th December then the following week we had a “Café Chanson” with entertainment from Pat Price – singing and Joan Hamilton – Recitations. This was a very enjoyable evening and I would like to thank everyone for their help.

NOW

Feb 15th – Rev Derek Gunn on Life at the Prisons

March 1st – Singing Birdies

March 15th - Margaret Clayton – “Why did I do it”

March 29th - AGM

Anyone – Man or Lady interested in an evening at the Guild, please come along. Senga McGuire



At our meeting of the Guild in Guild week, Moira and Jean were presented with commemorative badges, recognising 60 years each as Guild members. Both ladies have been, and continue to be, active members in the Guild and we congratulate them on their loyalty and support.

Elma Cunningham

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Will be held at United Reformed Church on Bank Street, Coatbridge on Friday 3rd March 2017. All welcome

THURSDAY CLUB

The Club meets in the Church Hall every Thursday afternoon from 2pm-3.30pm.

Here is a taste of what is happening some weeks:

Feb 9th Mr Nimmo – Talk about Commonwealth Games

Feb 16th Beetle Drive

Feb 23rd AFTERNOON TEA

Mar 2nd Mrs Ena Stevenson

Mar 9th Drumpellier Park Ranger (TBC)

Mar 16th Mrs Rena Gemmell & Friend

Please do come along and join with us. You will be made welcome.

Moira Kyle, President

FUNDRAISING

Our fundraising plans for the year have now been prepared, and are set out in the flyer inside this magazine. We hope that you will put the dates in your diary and come along to some or all of the events.

Anne Clemenson, Convener

SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH GROUP

The Sunday School/Youth Group had a very busy time over Christmas. We all went to Airdrie Town Hall to see the Pantomime Cinderella and had a fun filled afternoon.

The children enjoyed bringing the story of Christmas to the congregation when they performed the Nativity.

By the time you are reading the magazine we will have had our annual coffee morning and I would like to thank everyone who baked, donated items for the £1 stall and of course to those who came along. We are always well supported by the congregation and it is very much appreciated.

Joyce McClelland, Sunday School Leader

Our Organisations



1st COATBRIDGE BOYS BRIGADE

Our Anchor Boys are continuing with healthy numbers and we are hoping they will continue to attend. The session has continued with games and crafts and the boys took part in the Battalion competition which this year is to design a sensory book about the good Samaritan coming joint 3rd. The boys had a Halloween party and also attended the pantomime with the Junior section in Hamilton.

The Juniors took part in the Top Team Quiz and board games and were joint winners of the P.A competition. They are now preparing for the 5asides, figure marching, mind and creativity and bible knowledge. The Juniors also attended the ten pin bowling at Halloween. We had three boys swimming in the gala with Ethan Fleming winning a silver medal. Unfortunately we did not have a fourth body to enter the relay. Some of our Juniors were involved with Airdrieonians in helping them commemorate remembrance day.

Both Anchor boys and Junior section attended the Battalion carol service at Caldercruix church and the Christingle service at our own church.

The Company section session has been a real success so far winning Top Team Quiz, P.T. & Swimming competitions with Lewis McKean, Blair McKean and Craig McKee winning individual medals and these 3 along with Scott Thomson came 2nd in the relay. The boys also did very well in the squad drill coming 4th. We are now preparing for the Cross country, Scripture Knowledge, & Company drill. Company section Christmas night out was to Gravitare in Chapelhall a good night was had by all.

All sections took part in the Fun Run at Drumpellier Lochs in November. The sponsored event which helps us pay our annual fees. All sections have also attended Battalion parade and attended and were involved in our Remembrance service.

We would like to thank everyone who donated towards the making up of Christmas boxes for those less fortunate through the Coatbridge foodbank.

We were overwhelmed by the support we received pictures of which are on both the company and church websites and company facebook.

Our officers took part in a Battalion figure marching training seminar held in our hall and provided a stall at the Church Christmas fayre.

Late news - Company section won battalion x-country.

Medals for Blair McKean 3rd in Junior event. Junior team 3rd.

Lewis McKean 2nd Adam McRae 3rd in intermediates. No team event.

Scott Thomson won seniors

Senior team 1st

Battalion overall winners 4 boys invited to run in the national cross country.

We are hosting a Caberoke (Cabaret, Karaoke and dancing) evening in the Gartsherrie club on Saturday 4th March from 7.30pm till midnight. Tickets priced £7 including buffet are available from officers.

For more updates and reminders see our facebook page and our website or contact Jim Elliot on 07983450183



1st COATBRIDGE GIRLS' BRIGADE

Girls Brigade hope you are all well. We are ready for the second half of 2016/2017 session with craft nights planned, games, badgework and an end of session outing.

It was great to see all the girls back on 10th January full of enthusiasm. We are grateful for help from Nicole Cornfield who is undertaking her Service with us for Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, we also have welcomed back Susan Carmichael for a period of six weeks. We are looking forward to the Commissioning of Morgan Halbert and Adele Wilson this session and welcome them as Officers of 1st Coatbridge.

If you know of any new girls aged 5 years to 18 years who would like to join us, they will be made very welcome on a Tuesday night. If you think you could give Girls Brigade an hour or two of your time each week to help out please contact me on mobile.

Irene Krebs, Captain (07732342570)

6th COATBRIDGE RAINBOWS, BROWNIES, GUIDES.



Rainbows: The lead up to Christmas with the Rainbows was very busy with doing badge work and crafts. All sections went to see Peter Pan in Motherwell on the afternoon of Saturday 2nd December - don't think they knew what had hit them when 100 of us arrived. Then we had our party on the 16th December and as the girls have been very good we had a visit from Santa which caused great excitement and when it was time for him to go, he was being offered something to drink and eat. We are now back and are working away at badge work and learning new games. 4 of our rainbows are moving on to Brownies and we wish them well.

Brownies: Again they also had a busy time leading up to Christmas with badge nights, crafts and also the Pantomime. Instead of a Christmas party the Brownies made edible crafts at the start of the night and then ate them at the end. Again Santa visited leaving presents for everyone. Again we are back after the break and a full programme has been arranged for the girls.

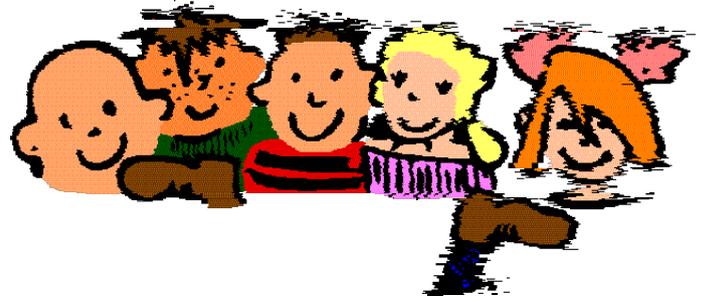
Guides: Well what a busy time we have had, along with the Senior Section the guides were bag packing in Tesco on Saturday 5th November when we raised £1,633.26 and the girls decided to give £163.00 to Tesco's charity Diabetes Scotland and gave MacMillan Cancer Support £735.13. They also helped Tesco and the Round Table on the Santa Appeal and a picture was in the Advertiser showing our girls with trolleys loaded with presents being passed over, they also helped at Tesco's appeal with the cycle from Coatbridge to Lapland with some of the girls cycling. We all enjoyed the Pantomime and instead of a party we went to M & D's Ice Skating and back to the hall for Hot Chocolate and cake. We also donated 100 selection boxes to the Food Bank and Women's Aid. As well as this the girls have been busy working on Survivor badge, Cooks, Film Lover and Performing Arts. One of our guides was in the Pantomime in East Kilbride (Robin Hood). We have a very full programme planned for this session.

Senior Section: The girls were good at helping out in Tesco and enjoyed the Pantomime and the Ice Skating. They are also working on the Duke of Edinburgh this session and also most of them are doing exams. Busy time for them.

I would like to thank everyone in the Congregation who gives support to all the above sections throughout the year.

Alexis Crichton, Guide Guider.

KIDS' PAGE



Bible Characters - Who am I ?

Oldest human in the Bible

M _____

Cut off Samson's hair



D _____

Mother of John the Baptist

E _____

Climbed a tree to see Jesus

Z _____

Father of Shem, Ham and Japheth



N _____

King at the time of Jesus' birth

H _____

Giant over nine feet tall, killed by David

G _____

Tax collector who became a disciple



M _____

Mother of Cain and Abel

E _____

Criminal released instead of Jesus

B _____

Brother of Moses



A _____

Disciple known as "The Rock"

P _____

DID YOU KNOW?

The young Jesus spent his boyhood in the city of Nazareth which is about 75 miles from Jerusalem. Nazareth is the capital and largest city in the Northern District of Israel and has a current population of almost 76,000 which is almost the same as Paisley !!

The Family Tree

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Rev. Fiona Nicolson

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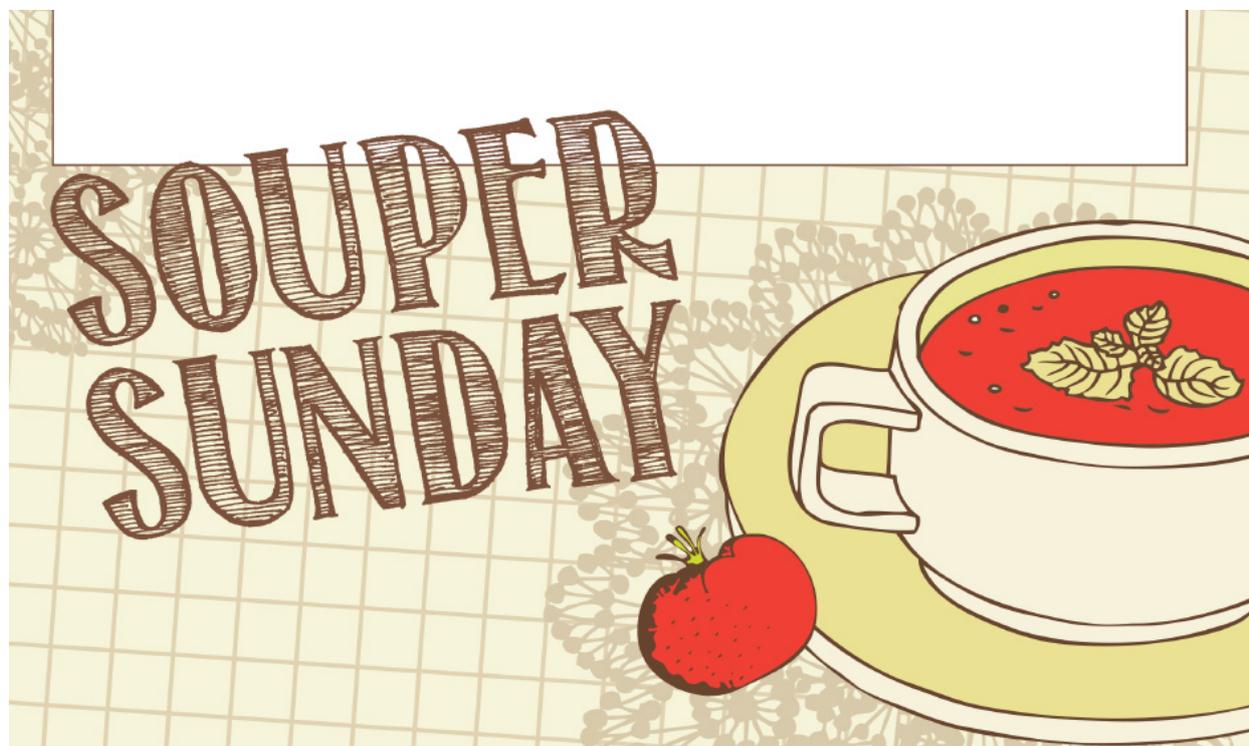
Hallkeeper
Georgia Gillespie

Church Officer
Douglas Crichton

Souper Sunday

Souper Sunday has been endorsed by The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland as a time when congregations might choose to hold elder-led acts of worship, followed by a simple lunch of soup and bread. As a result of the day it is hoped that church members will become more aware of the many issues surrounding HIV.

Souper Sunday also offers a brilliant opportunity to raise much needed funds for a wide range of HIV initiatives at home and overseas.



FEBRUARY 26TH AFTER WORSHIP