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MESSAGE FROM THE MANSE

The Manse.
November, 2017.

Dear Friends,

I heard a phrase recently which was being used to describe this generation. It was described as the tourist generation, the generation which is always on the move, which never stays in the one place for any length of time and which constantly seems to be just passing through.

At this time of year, as Remembrance Day approaches, we are called to slow down and indeed to stop and remember the fallen. As Christmas approaches, we are called to come off the treadmill and take time to remember the birth of our Saviour, Christ Jesus.

If we are racing around frantically dealing with all the trappings of Christmas, we will miss what is happening in the stable. If we race through Christmas at a rate of knots, we will fail to see the baby in the manger and we will fail to understand the significance of that birth for our lives.

If are constantly on the move, we will fail to see those who stopped what they were doing so that they could worship the child born to be king of heaven and earth.

The shepherds stepped aside from their work in the fields and from what demanded their time and their attention to see the child that had been born. The wise men likewise stepped aside from their daily lives in the East to visit the child of whom the prophets had spoken. Are we willing to do that?

Each had to travel from where they were but once there, they stopped and they bowed down and they worshipped the Christ. They took time to stop.

We are so busy but we are called to stop and remember. I would encourage each of us this Christmas to take time to stop and remember the Christ. I would encourage each of us to make that journey and to join with others who will make that journey that together we might cease to be tourists passing through Christmas but rather people who stop and remember. I would encourage us to be people who not only know about the Christ from the 'tour guide' but people who get to know the Christ by spending time with Him and, knowing Him, bow down to worship Him.

May each of you stop and know the peace of the season.

Best wishes,
Hilda

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A REMINDER

Please send any contributions for the January/February Link to Roberta Bowen
by **Wednesday 20 December**



Some thoughts on remembering

Remember me as the poppies fall
On the shoulders, heads, and at the feet
Of young and old,
All gathered for the Festival.

Remember me in the music played,
In the clapping of the audience,
Keeping time
And uniforms so proudly worn.

Remember me in the stories told,
Most from the distant past, but others new,
Each one rehearsing memories stored or
In the making.

Remember me -
And if a tear should chance to flow
Then let it flow for the world in pain,
And dedicate yourself to peace.

For you are my memorial.
And your life, if lived for others,
Is my legacy.

By Sam Doubtfire



The Remembrance Day Service and Wreath Laying

will take place at the War Memorial,
Colchester Square on

Sunday November 12th, 2017,
at 11.00am

Our Church service
will begin at 9.45am



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sunday December 3rd,
3.00pm

As the Christmas season approaches and many are caught up in the excitement and the party spirit, those who have suffered a loss in the previous year or, indeed, in years gone by, are often reminded again of the pain of that loss.

A special service will be held at the beginning of Advent for everyone in our community who wishes to take time to remember friends and family. It is hoped that through coming together, each will find comfort, hope and a sense of peace in the midst of pain.

The Watch Night Service on 24 December will start at 11.15pm but why not come along early for Mince Pies, Mulled Wine and Carol Singing at 10.45pm.



Watch Night Service



**Christmas
Coffee Morning**

Saturday November 25th

10.00-12.00

This Coffee Morning is being organised by Margaret Davidson. If you can help on the day please let her know.

- There will be
- A Sales Table
- A Christmas Tombola
- A 100 Square Raffle for a Christmas Cake
- A normal Raffle

Donations for all stalls most welcome

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Sunday December 10th

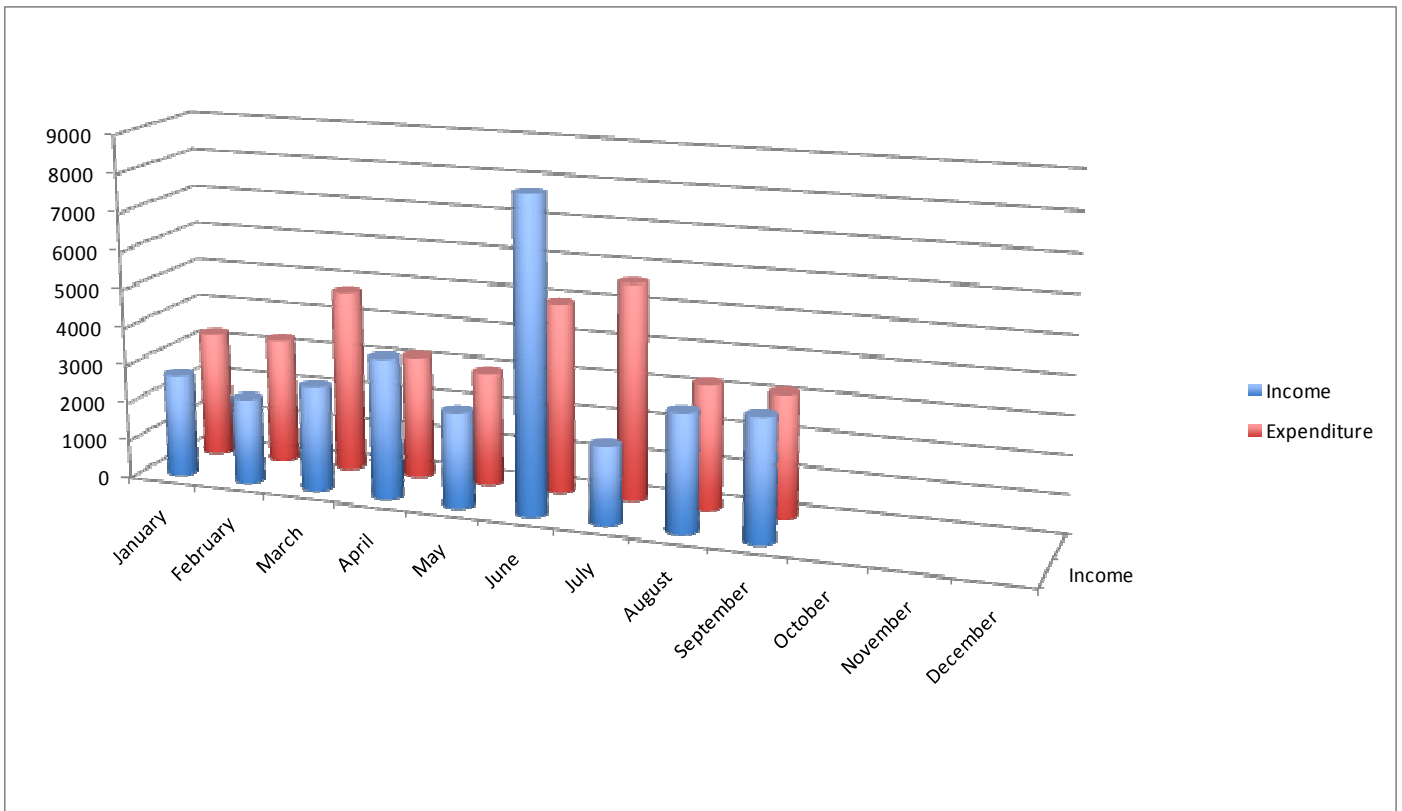
after the service

Price £12.00

Fun, Food and Fellowship



LPC Finance Graph General Fund January-September 2017



August and September show as steady, however this is largely due to a donation received of £1000, as well as coffee morning income.

Total deficit in figures between income and expenditure for the year to 30th September 2017, now stands at £4,320.

We thank you all for your continued support.

JOLOMO MUGS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Church mugs make ideal Christmas presents.

Why not place an order now - £14.00 each.

Contact Margaret Davidson on 01546 603784 or collect them from the Church Café on a Wednesday.



Afternoon Training Event

Please note that there will be a

CARE for the FAMILY
training day

in
Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall
on
Saturday 25th November
from
1.30pm to 4.30pm.

GUILD NEWS - NEW SESSION 2017-2018

On the opening night of the Guild, our Minister Hilda, started us off in Bible Study by quoting several relevant passages from the Bible before we had a very lively discussion round the table about LOVE and all its aspects.

What is LOVE?

There are many different kinds, and Hilda asked us to consider what do they all mean to us. It was widely agreed that parental love is the most encompassing as it is totally unconditional. Love for friends and family may not be quite so intense but nevertheless is strong too. Love for the stranger and those we are not compatible with is more difficult but in the things we do we can show this is a form of love also. The ultimate question was 'would you give up your life for someone' by say organ donation? It was a thought provoking meeting and most enlightening to share our views.

At our next meeting on Tuesday 24th October, our Speaker was from Crossreach and he gave us an excellent presentation and insight into some of the work they do. He focussed on the Visitor Centre at HM Prison Perth and the work they do there with counselling and supporting prisoners and their families of all ages. An invaluable service.

He also spoke about the difficulties there are in Govanhill, one of the most deprived areas of Glasgow, where Crossreach provide a service to the poor and displaced, their children and now also the many refugees far from home. There are 50 languages spoken in this one area! They support the community by running kids clubs and advice centres for adults as well as other much needed services. This is an organisation who have a wideranging input and provide a service to so many and in ways we could not have imagined and all done with LOVE for humankind.

SOUTH ARGYLL PRESBYTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING - 23rd October 2017

After business was concluded, the Guest Speaker, Rev Steve Fulcher from Southend, gave a talk on Martin Luther and the history of the 500 years of Protestantism in such an interesting way that it held your attention throughout.

INTIMATIONS

After the result of the vote re Summer Rally, it has been decided that this event will not take place for the next 5 years and the question will be revisited after that time.

The next Leadership Guild will be Lochgilphead along with Cumloden & Fyneside.

GUILD ROADSHOW - 23rd OCTOBER 2017

Several of our members attended the Guild Roadshow in Tarbert, which took place after the Presbyterial Council meeting in the morning.

The team from Head Office are travelling round several Guilds and started with our area, going on to Fort William, Kyle of Lochalsh, Skye etc. After the introduction we were asked to have a 'Conversation in Worship' with our neighbours to share a story on several questions put to us. Although these were posers, we at the Guild are good at having conversations and this was interesting and fun to do although we did have to put our thinking caps on, but it's good to share.

We also got pointers on future meetings where we would not need to invite a Speaker but just use the resources to hand - THE GUILD LADIES & MEN.

So all you men who are too shy to come and join us, you are not alone. There are 500 male members of the Guild in Scotland and we hope to see YOU at one of our meetings You won't have to bake a cake!

Make A Note of this Telephone Number

All directory enquiries services are expensive but if you do need to telephone such a service, the cheapest option is to dial **118 990**. This costs £1.50 per call plus £1.50 per minute, with a 60 second minimum charge, including VAT = £3.00 for the first minute ...

By comparison using the 118 118 service costs much more - £4.49 per call plus £4.49 per minute, again with a 60-second minimum charge applied= £8.98 for the first minute ...

You can see there is a significant difference - almost three times the cost of the alternative.

If you use this type of service, or need to in the future, by using the cheaper alternative it is possible to save a considerable amount of money.



Drop In Café
Every
Wednesday
10.00am to 3.30pm

We really need some more volunteers to help in the cafe for a couple of hours once or twice a month.

The café is very busy at lunchtimes and extra hands would be much appreciated.

If you would like to help
please contact Margaret on 603784.

Wednesday Drop in Café

If you would like to go to the café on a Wednesday but have difficulty getting there, then a lift may be available.
Contact Ian Davidson on 01546 603784 to arrange transport.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT
Making Time for Prayer, Jesus, and God
 GERALD O'COLLINS, SJ

Every second Sunday
 10.30am - 10.45am in the hall

**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
 COFFEE MORNING**
 10.00am-12 noon
 in the hall
Saturday 25th November

**Organised by
 Margaret Davidson**

Offers of help, donations of home baking and raffle prizes will be most appreciated.

Are you searching for the meaning of life?
 Do you wonder where Christianity fits in your life?
 Would you like to worship in a less formal way?
 Or are you just unable to get to Church on a Sunday?

The Monthly Midweek Reflection could be for you.

Once a month, at 1.00pm for 15 - 20 minutes...
 A time of calm in the midst of a busy week
 Midweek Reflection is a relaxed, informal 'mini' service lasting no more than 20 minutes, which offers a time for reflection, song and prayer.
**Wednesday 29 November,
 In Lochgilphead Parish Church**

THE GUILD

THEME: - GO IN LOVE

7.30pm

14 November *Fostering & Adoption*
Kirsty Hunter

28 November *Floral Christmas Decorations*
Allison Pearson

5 December *Fun Night*

12 December *Christmas Evening*

NEOLAIA YOUTH GROUP

Neolaia" is the Greek word for youth and the group is open to all young people within the secondary school age range, with or without an existing or previous church connection.

Held every Sunday night from 7-9 pm at Ardmore, 4 Kilmory Road, Lochgilphead, PA31 8SZ and led by Fiona Cameron, Youth Leader (07399413654) and the Rev Hilda Smith (01546 602238).

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING
 November 23rd**

In the hall

FUN, FOOD AND WORSHIP

Exciting Crafts, Stories, Songs & Activities

Why not come along and give it a try.
 All children must be accompanied by an adult.
DON'T MISS IT!

Let's get Knitting!

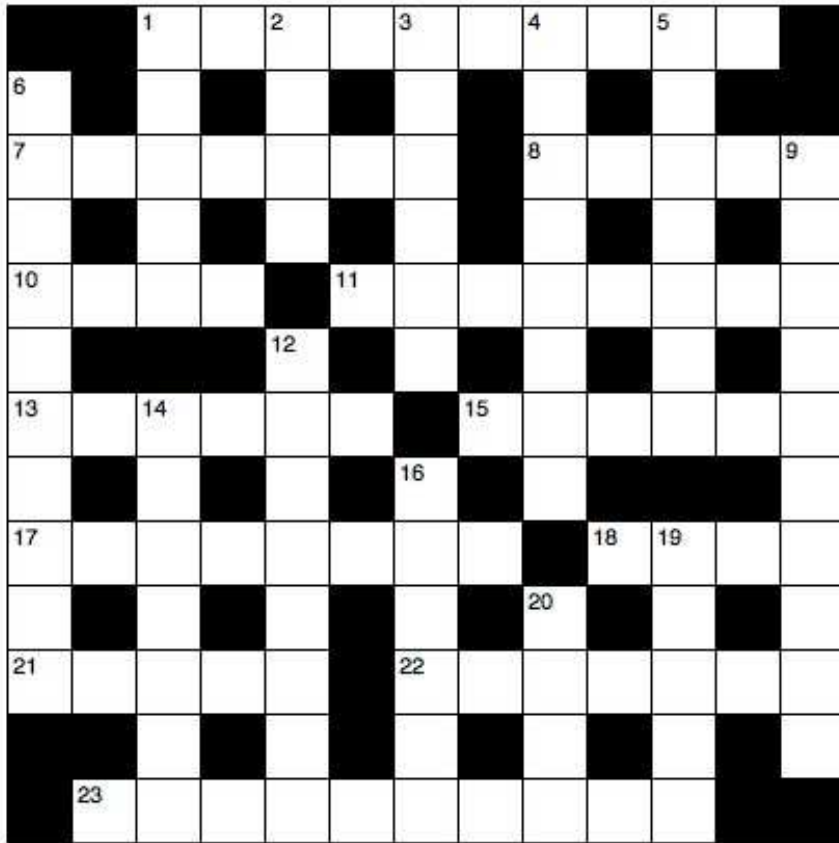
We meet fortnightly in various venues to knit, chat, laugh, learn new techniques and partake of a light supper.

New members, both experienced and beginners are welcome to come along and join us.
 For more information contact Margaret on 01546 603784.

Bumps Babies and Toddlers

Every Tuesday, 10.00 - 3.00pm
 (except school holidays)
 In the hall

Crossword



Across

1. He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)
7. 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him — the cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7)
8. Relieved (5)
10. Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)
11. Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)
13. 'It is — for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)
15. Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)
17. One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)
- 18 and 20 Down. 'She began to wet his — with her tears. Then she wiped them with her — ' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)
21. 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an — , — the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51-52) (3,2)
22. 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — — go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)
23. Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

Down

1. He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)
2. Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't — yourself! We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)
3. 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this — the whole — of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)
4. The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)
5. Sun rail (anag.) (7)

Grave certainties

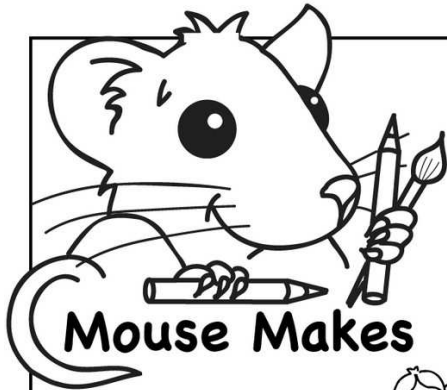
As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man with no family or friends. The service was to be at a cemetery some distance away. As I was not familiar with the area, I got lost, and finally arrived an hour late. The funeral director and hearse were long gone. There were only the diggers left and they were eating lunch. I went to the side of the grave and looked down. The lid was partially covered with soil. The diggers stared at me over their sandwiches, and I sensed their reproach that I had deserted this dead man in his final hour of need. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The diggers looked quite startled at this, and put down their lunches. But they stood quietly enough while I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. And as I played 'Amazing Grace,' the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together.

When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full. As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, 'I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years.'

So, apparently I'm still lost....

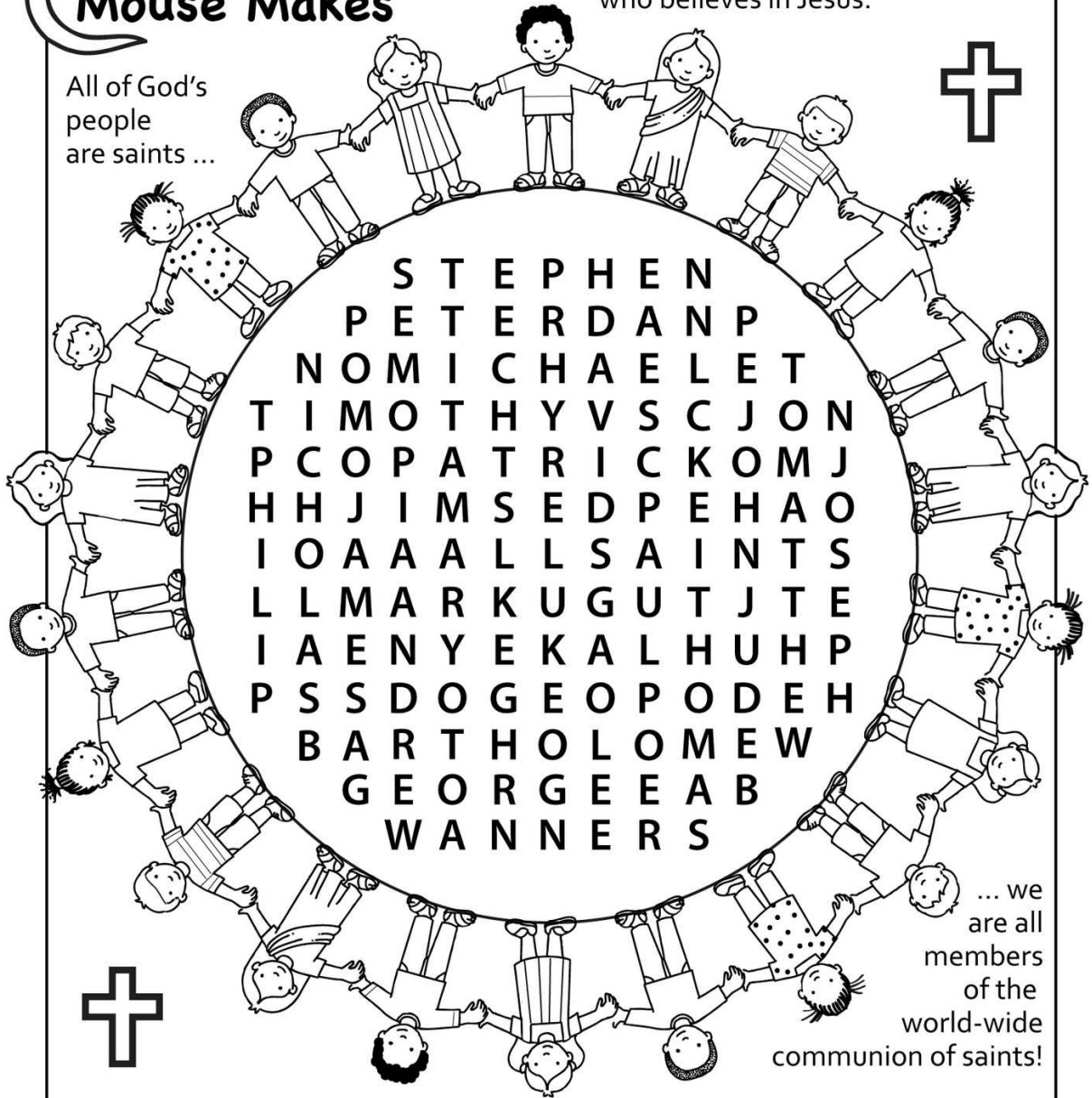
6. Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)
9. Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their — to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)
12. This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)
14. Mop ruse (anag.) (7)
16. Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)
19. Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5)
20. See 18 Across



*"To those who are made holy in Christ Jesus, and called to be **saints**, with all those in every place who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours".*
from 1 Corinthians 1:2

The Bible tells us that a SAINT is not just a Christian that we think of as special but *anyone* who believes in Jesus.

All of God's people are saints ...



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W A N N E R S

... we are all members of the world-wide communion of saints!

Can you find these saints names in the word search above?
GEORGE • ANDREW • DAVID • PATRICK • MARY • JOSEPH • MATTHEW • MARK • LUKE
JOHN • PETER • THOMAS • JAMES • JUDE • BARTHOLOMEW • PAUL
TIMOTHY • PHILIP • STEPHEN • NICHOLAS • MICHAEL • ANNE • ALL SAINTS

Rotas for November/December 2017

	Door Duty	Prayers	Flowers (Contact - E Armstrong)	Readers	Tea/Coffee Duty (Contact - M. Davidson)
Nov 5th	M Jacobsen & I McMillan	M Jacobsen	L Cameron	M Jacobsen	M & S Taylor
12th	Jim & Ruth Morrison	Remembrance	Poppy Basket	J Morrison	Remembrance-no coffee
19th	Sandy & May Taylor	I Davidson	M MacDonald	S Taylor	J & A Barclay
26th	C Gilmour & A Hunter	F Cameron	J MacAulay	S Stankey	S Morrison & T Cameron
Dec 3rd	M MacFadyen & E Munro	J Morrison	E Armstrong	M MacFadyen	F Elder & L Mochrie
10th	S Stankey & I MacArthur	M Taylor	M Taylor	I MacArthur	Christmas Lunch-no coffee
17th	Ian & Margaret Davidson	I Davidson	Christmas Flowers	I Davidson	A Person & E MacAllum
24th	F Fleming & S Morrison	S Taylor	Christmas Flowers	TBC	S Stankey & M Jacobsen
31st	Niall & Phyllis Cameron	TBC	Christmas Flowers	M MacDonald	M & S MacFadyen
Jan 7th	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

If you are unable to carry out any of these duties please arrange a replacement.

Services (all at 11.00am except where stated)

November 5th	Rev. Hilda Smith (Communion)
12th	Rev. Hilda Smith Remembrance 9.45am
19th	Worship Group
26th	
December 3rd	Rev Hilda Smith 11.00am Blue Christmas Service 3.00pm
10th	Rev Hilda Smith
17th	Rev. Hilda Smith
24th Family Service & Nativity	Rev. Hilda Smith 11.00am also Watch Night Service at 11.15pm
25th	Rev Hilda Smith (Children welcome to bring presents to show Hilda)
31st	Rev Hilda Smith
January 7th	Rev Hilda Smith

Other Events

Every Tuesday (except school holidays)	Bumps, Babies and Toddlers 1.00 - 3.00pm
Every Wednesday	Drop in Cafe, 10.00am - 3.30pm
November 1st, 15th & 29th December 13th	Knit and Natter Group, 7.30pm
November 23rd	Messy Church, 4.00pm—6.00pm
November 25th	Christmas Coffee Morning
December 10th	Christmas Lunch
November 14th & 28th December 5th & 12th	Guild Meetings
November 29th	Midweek Reflection

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Jehoiachin, 7, Endured, 8, Eased, 10, Rash, 11, Startled, 13, Easter, 15, Rubric, 17, Impurity, 18, Feet, 21, Eye at, 22, Ready to, 23, Holy Spirit.
DOWN: 1, Judas, 2, Harm, 3, Is duty, 4, Cheerful, 5, Insular, 6, Jerezlike, 9, Dedication, 12, Secretly, 14, Supreme, 16, Stir up, 19, Egypt, 20, Hair.

..... and for your diary

January 9th & 23	Guild Meetings
February 13th & 27th	
March 13th & 27th	

Who's Who in LPC

Minister	Rev Hilda C Smith	01546 602238
Session Clerk	Sandy Taylor	01546 606218
Interim Treasurer	Mary MacDonald	01546 602087
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Roll Keeper	Frances Fleming	01546 602270
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