



# The LINK



## Message From the Manse

Dear Friends,

The season of Advent is upon us once again and the resounding message is from Isaiah 9. *The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in a land of deep shadow (or the shadow of death) a light has dawned. For you have shattered the yoke that burdens them.*

That was the message of hope at our Blue Christmas Service last weekend. No matter what we have lived through last year, no matter what we are facing as the new year dawns, this is the time to remember the Christmas story, a story which offers hope and love despite beginning or perhaps because it begins under the most difficult of circumstances.

**It's not soppy and sentimental in the Bible. The light comes, the Saviour comes, into the harshest and cruellest of worlds but He does find people who love Him and support Him and stand by him throughout His life. Isn't that, at the end of the day, what we all hope for?**

**When we walk in darkness, it's incredibly difficult to reach our destination and yet that, so often, is how we live our lives, in darkness, rejecting the light, rejecting the offer of the Saviour who guarantees to get us through life to our eternal destination. He will shatter the yoke that burdens us not necessarily by removing the burden but by carrying it with us, by supporting us and walking with us so that we have the strength to take the next step into the unknown where the light will still shine.**

Christmas is about the real world, the world in which you and I live and it is the hope that came into the world that first Christmas which I wish for you and for your family and friends this Christmas.

With best wishes,  
From both of us at the manse.

Hilda Smith

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

Thursday December 24th

10.30pm - Carols, Mince Pies and Mulled Wine

11.15pm - Service

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## More Than A Christmas Carol

**Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol**, published in 1843, is one of the best-loved stories to be associated with **Christmas. Although a familiar tale, it's**

worth closer inspection as we ask what it has to say to us in the 21st century.

**The book's main character is the mean and intimidating Ebenezer Scrooge, who lives to make money and little else. He particularly detests Christmas, which he views as 'a time for finding yourself a year older, and not an hour richer.**

Scrooge is visited on Christmas Eve by the ghost of his former partner, Jacob Marley, who died seven Christmas Eves ago. Marley, a miser like Scrooge, is suffering the consequences in the afterlife and hopes to help Scrooge avoid his fate. He tells Scrooge that he will be haunted by three spirits: the ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future. They succeed in showing Scrooge the error of his ways and reforming him.

Christmas morning finds Scrooge sending a Christmas turkey to his long-suffering clerk, Bob Cratchit, and spending Christmas day in the company of his nephew, Fred, whom he had earlier spurned. He goes on to raise Cratchit's salary and assists his family, including Bob's crippled son, **Tiny Tim. In the end Scrooge became 'as good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man, as the good old city knew'.**

In the 21st Century we can fall into a similar trap as Scrooge, despite the credit crunch! We can see money, and the things it buys, as the answer to our problems. We can lose sight of the value of relationships; consistently choosing our career over family and being driven by an insatiable desire for success.

Like Scrooge, the dawn of Christmas morning can be an opportunity for us to change our perspective, as we remember the birth of the hero of the greatest Christmas story, Jesus Christ. Just as the spirits of Christmas wanted Scrooge to change for good, so God knows us better than we know ourselves, and loves us enough to help us to change and make a difference.

**We have the opportunity to receive God's forgiveness, renew our faith, release our fears and rebuild friendships. Yet, like Scrooge, we have to choose to change! In fact, Jesus alone can give us a new outlook on life, as we commemorate the past, consecrate the present and contemplate the future.**



## 12 Days of Christmas

**When most people hear 'The 12 days of Christmas' they think of the song of the same name. It is believed by many that this song had its origins as a teaching tool to instruct young people in the meaning and content of the Christian faith. From 1558 to 1829 Roman Catholics in England were not able to practice their faith openly, so they had to find other ways to pass on their beliefs. The song 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' is one example of how many people believe that they did it.**

The song goes, "On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me..."

**The 'true love' represents God and the 'me' who receives these presents is the Christian.**



**The 'partridge in a pear tree' was**

Jesus Christ who died on a tree as a gift from God.

**The 'two turtle doves' were the Old and New Testaments - another gift from God.**



**The 'three French hens' were faith, hope and love - the three gifts of the Spirit that abide (1 Corinthians 13).**

**The 'four calling birds' were the four Gospels, which sing the song of salvation through Jesus Christ.**

**The 'five golden rings' were the first five books of the Bible, also called the 'Book of Moses'.**

**The 'six geese a-laying' were the six days of creation.**

**The 'seven swans a swimming' were 'seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.' (1 Corinthians 12:9-11, Romans 12, Ephesians 4, 1 Peter 4:10-11.)**



**The 'eight maids a milking' were the eight beatitudes.**

**The 'nine ladies dancing' were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).**



**The 'ten lords a-leaping' were the Ten Commandments.**

**The 'eleven pipers piping' were the eleven faithful disciples.**

**The 'twelve drummers drumming' were the twelve points of the Apostles' Creed.**



**So the next time you hear 'The 12 Days of Christmas' you can make up your own mind: could this non-religious sounding song really have had its origins in the Christian Faith, or not?**

## Where did Christmas stockings come from?



No one is really sure, but a story is told of St Nicholas, a bishop who lived in the 4th century, who may have started the custom by accident. St Nicholas was of a wealthy family, and of a generous heart. As Christmas approached one year, he wanted to help a poor family whom he knew, but he did not want them to know it was him. So he climbed up on their roof on Christmas Eve and dropped some coins down the chimney

The next morning the coins, to the great surprise of the family, were found in the stockings of the ladies, who had hung them to dry by the fire the night before. Every year after that they put their stockings out, in the hope that some more money would fall into them. They told the story of this amazing appearance to their friends and neighbours, and the custom caught on.



## How safe is your fridge?

Christmas is a time for entertaining - but how safe are the people who eat in your kitchen?

Years ago, people shopped very often, and the food in their kitchens was fresh. Nowadays, people tend to shop weekly- or fortnightly. A lot of bugs can breed in that time! So here are five simple tips to ensure that the people who dine at your house this Christmas go on to lead normal, healthy lives (?!).

1. Keep cheese and dairy products at the top of the fridge, with cooked meats and meat products just below.
2. The door is the warmest part of your fridge, so make more use of the shelves. Milk is especially sensitive to temperature changes, so store as much of it on a shelf as you can.
3. Always store raw meat or fish at the bottom of the fridge in sealed containers, where the juice cannot drip on anything else, and where it is coldest.
4. **Don't refrigerate tomatoes, cucumbers, bread or potatoes.** Tomatoes and cucumbers lose quality. Bread goes stale. Uncooked potatoes in the fridge can increase in sugar content, leading to higher levels of a chemical called acrylamide (linked to cancer) when they are baked, fried or roasted at high temperature.
- 5 **Adopt a 'first in, first out' drill to use food in order, and place new items behind existing ones.**

Finally, hope you can manage to squeeze the turkey in there somewhere!

## Where did Christmas trees come from?



There are two early stories that mention fir trees. The first involves St Boniface, who went to Germany in the 8th century as a missionary and found people sacrificing a child to their god under an oak tree. Boniface was appalled, and rescued the child. He then chopped down the oak tree and found a tiny fir tree growing nearby. He gave this to **the people and said: "This is a symbol of life. Whenever you look at this tree, remember the Christ-child who is the one who will give you life, because he gave his life for you."**

The second early fir tree story involves Martin Luther in the 16th century. It is said that one year he decided to drag a fir tree into his home and to decorate it with candles. He used it as a visual aid, telling people that the candles symbolised Jesus as the light of the world, and the evergreen tree symbolised the eternal life that Jesus gives to us. Many of the people who followed Luther were struck by the idea, and took up the custom.

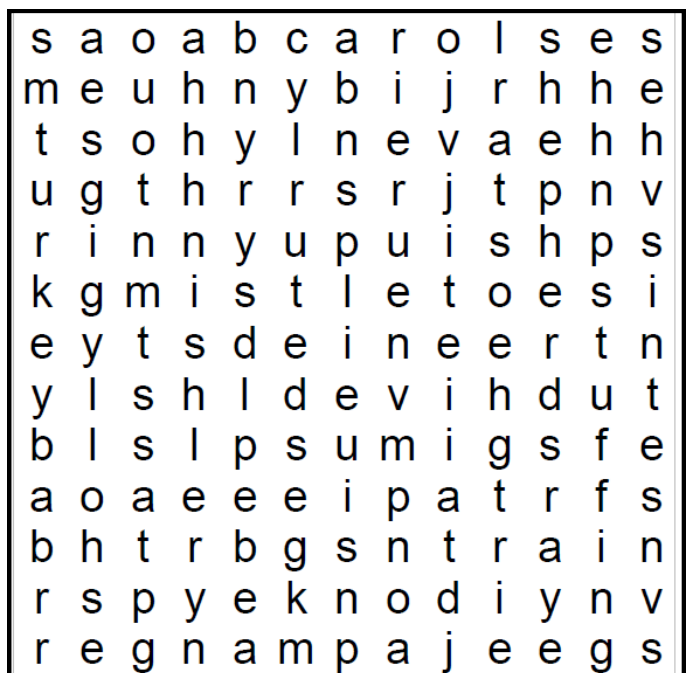


## Christmas Word Search



**We're in the countdown to Christmas!** Christmas cards, shopping, school nativity plays, carol concerts, ordering the turkey, wrapping presents, bringing home the Christmas tree.... all in preparation for the big day itself! How many Christmas related words can you find in the following word search?

Baby, tree, Jesus, nativity, shepherds, angels, donkey, sheep, inn, Mary, virgin, Joseph, manger, star, hallelujah, heavenly host, turkey, holly, presents. Mistletoe, stuffing, pudding, carol.





## Guild Report

By Margaret Jacobsen

The Guild members who met on 10<sup>th</sup> November saw another side of our Session clerk. We knew him to be well organised and to have a ready smile but on this evening we learned what a great story teller he is. Sandy Taylor spoke of legislation and its impact on civilisation. He took a wide sweep of history beginning with the building of the Ark and the problems Noah had getting it built the way he wanted it.

Sandy ranged the centuries talking of how rules and regulations develop and of some of the lunacies that are created. He told us about the Meals on Wheels service which stopped giving out paper serviettes in case the old folks ate them; he spoke of children being issued with goggles to play conkers and of one council which cut down **horse chestnut trees in case conkers fell on someone's head.**

It was a fascinating evening which gave us much to laugh at and a lot to think about and we very much appreciated Sandy giving up his time to talk to us.

Sixteen Guild members braved a wild November night on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> to hear Father McLean talk. The hall was cosy and the fellowship warm as Edna Armstrong began our evening with prayer and we sang a hymn together. Father McLean was then introduced to us and we settled down to listen to him talk of Moses and the pharaohs in the book of Exodus.

We think nowadays that we have discovered the art of manipulation and spin and how to present the facts in a way that benefits our side in an argument. But in a very interesting talk Father McLean showed us that the writers of the Book of Exodus knew a thing or two about how to present the facts and did so to ensure that the pharaohs came out very badly.

We learned of the significance of snakes to the Egyptians who believed them to be symbols of new life due to their habit of sloughing their skin each year. We also heard a lot about the heart which was considered to be the centre of the physical, mental, and spiritual life of humans.

**Pharaoh was said to be of "Heavy Heart"; apparently they believed that a heavy heart was a sign of the evil done by a person. Many statues are shown where a person has died and is waiting to enter the afterlife and their heart is being weighed to see if they can enter: the heart on one side of the scales and a feather on the other.**

It was a fascinating tour of some of the themes in the Book of Exodus which gave us all much to think about. We **then enjoyed seeing Father McLean's holiday slides of Egypt.**

Tea and biscuits followed with a few intimations and then **we sang together a hymn of joy about God's kingdom; Father MacLean then closed our meeting with a prayer.**

## Project Notes



Keep in touch with our fundraising by watching the arrow gradually creep up the side of page towards our target each month.

Grants/Pledges (£22,000)
  Fundraising (£51,001)

Watch  
Our  
Money  
Grow

**£360,000  
Phase 3**

### CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Organisation for the Christmas Tree Festival is now well underway. The Festival will open at 1.00pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December and run until 4.00pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>.

There will be approximately 16/17 trees in the Church, each decorated by a different charity. A Silent Auction for each tree will run throughout the Festival for anyone who wishes to purchase a decorated tree, to put in a bid. The money raised from each auctioned tree will go to that specific charity. General donations will be split between all the charities taking part.

At 11.00am and 1.30pm each day there will be musical entertainment, both singing and instrumental, in the Church from children from the local schools and nurseries. There will also be periods when our Church organists will be playing. Why not come along and give them your support, see the trees and finish off with a tea/coffee or a soup lunch in the hall. Perhaps you might even wish to just come along and sit for a few moments of quiet reflection.

There will also be Carol Singing outside the Church on Saturday morning. Anyone can come along and join in. The Pipe Band will be playing on Thursday evening.

#### TIMETABLE

Dec. 16 - 1.00pm - 5.00pm; 6.00pm—8.00pm

Dec. 17 & 18 - 11.00am - 5.00pm; 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Dec. 19 - 10.00am—4.00pm

Tea/coffee will be served every day. Soup lunches will be served Thursday - Saturday from 12.00pm.

This is a new venture for us and for the community of Lochgilphead, which we hope will be an exciting one and will add a colourful element to the start of our Christmas celebrations. We hope that you will come along and not only give us your support, but also the local charities in our community.

We look forward to seeing you there.

£340,000

£320,000

£300,000

**£280,000  
Phase 2**

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**£200,000  
Phase 1**

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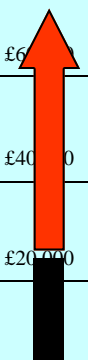
£100,000

£80,000

£60,000

£40,000

£20,000



## Session Notes

At their meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, the Kirk Session welcomed Fiona Kalache of the Mid Argyll Youth Project, who gave an inspiring talk about the work of the Youth Project, before the Kirk Session settled to address more mundane aspects of its business.

The MA youth project has 130 members, each of whom pay a membership fee of £20, per year. About 40-50 young people attend the Project each evening. Although meantime open only on Monday through to Thursday evening, the Project will open on Friday and Saturdays also, from January 2010. One full-time employee, Fiona, and eight sessional workers work with the youngsters in the evenings and one trainee youth worker.

The Project is open to a younger age group on Monday from 6.30 - 8.30 pm, and to an older group, from 7.00 -10.00 pm on the other nights. The younger group get involved in arts, crafts and quizzes, for example, whilst the older group, enjoy music, cinema and pool, and are currently working on their own JAM Band and making their own films. Youngsters can enjoy free swimming one night a week. Members have free access to all activities and events organised by the Project throughout year.

Fiona spoke of her continuous searches for funding. The project relies exclusively on grants from external grant awarding bodies and governmental agencies. Awards from The Big Lottery, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, SNH and Cash Back for Communities have provided key, core funding to date, with some providing funding through to 2012. In addition, some funding has been secured for ad hoc projects, such as trips away, from local Companies and governmental bodies.

**Fiona spoke of the Project's work to promote drugs and alcohol awareness,** working with NHS Highland and ultimately promoting their message to festival goers at the Connect festival in Inveraray 2008. The Project recently arranged a drop-in facility at the Project, when over forty schoolchildren visited the Hub over their lunch break and met a variety of people who offered advice on sexual health.

Partnership work is key to their success to date. Key partners include NHS, ASSET, Careers Scotland, ENABLE, Princes Trust and Community Scotland. A lot of work has been done with unemployed young people and to develop the skills and confidence of young people with specific problems (about getting out to meet others, with behavioural problems and learning difficulties). Recent successes included the recent success of eight youngsters who had studies for an SVQ in Youth Work, with two obtaining jobs as a direct result. Fiona is currently working with Ann Devine, Principal of the Lochgilphead Joint Campus to work more closely with schoolchildren in the school as of 2010.

Speaking of the Community Cinema established in the Youth Hub or Project Building, Fiona was keen to ensure that the adult public in Mid Argyll saw the Community Cinema as a facility for all, not just young people. Fiona was proud of the status of the cinema with film Distributors, and spoke of their agreement with Warner **Bros which allowed them to screen "hit films", before they go to DVD.** Unfortunately, the lack of adult cinema goers did mean that showing some adult films (to which the youngsters cannot be admitted) has resulted in significant costs to the Project. Renewed effort will be made in the New Year to better market the Cinema.

In concluding her talk and in response to one of a series of questions, Fiona suggested that people enthused by what they had heard could offer their services as a volunteer.

## Christmas traditions - which ones do you still keep?



What traditions are becoming the ghosts of Christmas past, and what does the Christmas of the future seem to hold? One survey has found the following:

- 1 Putting a penny in the Christmas pudding? Only 3 per cent of us still put them in.
- 2 Tangerines in Christmas stockings? 69 per cent of us have not even heard of this old custom
- 3 Toasting the Queen? 18 per cent of us still do this at Christmas lunch.
- 4 Dousing the Christmas pudding in brandy and setting it alight? 29 per cent of us still like this.
- 5 Home-made Christmas cake? Well, 46 per cent of us still enjoy this.
- 6 Or German stollen instead? 25 per cent of us prefer this, or Italian panettone (14 per cent of us)
- 7 Roasting some chestnuts? Only about 5 per cent of us will be doing this.
- 8 Chocolates? 64 per cent of us will indulge over Christmas.
- 9 Champagne for Christmas breakfast? 65 per cent of us now think this is a great idea.
- 10 Watch the Queen's speech? 26 per cent of us still do this.**
- 11 Play charades? 28 per cent of us will have a go.
- 12 Watch a DVD/play a computer game instead? 42 per cent of us will do this.
- 13 Sing carols? Amazingly, only 16 per cent of us will bother.
- 14 Pick mistletoe? A paltry 9 per cent of us will go out searching for some.
- 15 Make a holly wreath? Only 6 per cent of us will tackle any holly this year.
- 16 Any pre-prepared shop food? 24 per cent of us will be **'cheating' this Christmas...**

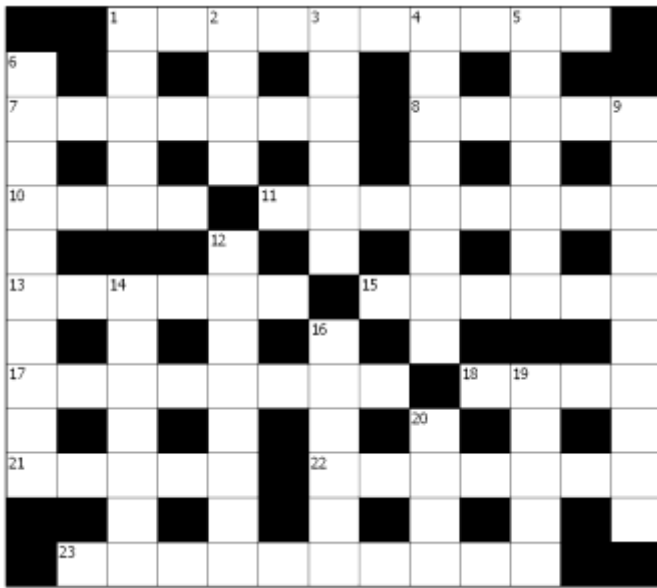
### Kirk Session Business Meeting

**Although the Kirk Session had to work through a "busy agenda",** the mundane nature of it means that there is little of interest to report.

The Kirk Session received reports on Child Protection, the Malawi Partnership and new congregation development tool, called Future Focus which will be the subject of a fuller report at the next meeting of the Kirk Session. The Session also considered how they can continue to work towards the aims set out in the Kirk Session Work Plan 2009-10 and the impact of the draft Equality Bill, which is expected to become an Act of the UK Parliament early in the New Year and will prohibit discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, religion and sexuality. The Session agreed to return to this at a future date, when it may wish to make representation to the Church of Scotland.

Finally, the Session was delighted to welcome Fiona Toner, Joan Stewart, Sheila Hood and Anna Barclay as new members. The next meeting of the Kirk Session will be on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010. You are invited. Anyone can come along and see how we work as a Kirk Session.

## Crossword



### Across

- 1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)
- 7 **David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during a battle with his father** (2 Samuel 18:14-15) (7)
- 8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)
- 10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)
- 11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)
- 13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)
- 15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith — (6)
- 17 Stormy (8)
- 18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone **'unclean'** (Numbers 9:11) (4)
- 21 Arson (anag.) (5)
- 22 **How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn** (7)
- 23 Habitation (I saiah 27:10) (10)

### Down

- 1 **' — and see that the Lord is good'** (Psalm 34:8) (5)
- 2 **'The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the Righteous are as — as a lion'** (Proverbs 28:1) (4)
- 3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)
- 4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19-20) (8)
- 5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)
- 6 **'Offer your bodies as living — , holy and pleasing to God'** (Romans 12:1) (10)
- 9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)
- 12 One who accepts government by God (8)
- 14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7)
- 16 **He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?'** (John 18:38) (6)
- 19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5)
- 20 **'You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will — his people from their sins'** (Matthew 1:21) (4)

## Laughter Lines



### Name That Tune?

There was a man who went for a job as an accountant. The first question they asked to test his mathematical knowledge was 'How many days in the week began with the letter T?' He thought for a moment and answered two.

'That's correct,' they said, 'Please tell us what are they?'

'That's easy,' he replied, 'Today and tomorrow.'

They said, 'We had better give you another test. How many seconds are there in a year?' They offered him pen and paper, but he refused saying he could do it in his head. 'Twelve,' he replied.

'How do you work that out?' they asked.

'Easy, the second of January, the second of February, the second of March and so on.'

They decided to give him one more test. 'How many D's are there are in Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer?' The man thought for a moment and replied, '256.' 'How do you make that?' they asked.

'Oh that's easy,' he said, humming the tune, 'DDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDD...'

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### Don't Step On The Ducks

Three women die together in an accident and go to heaven.

When they get there, St. Peter says, 'We only have one rule here in heaven: don't step on the ducks!'

So they enter heaven, and sure enough, there are ducks all over the place. It is almost impossible not to step on a duck, and although they try their best to avoid them, the first woman accidentally steps on one.

Along comes St. Peter with the ugliest man she ever saw.

St. Peter chains them together and says, 'Your punishment for stepping on a duck is to spend eternity chained to this ugly man!'

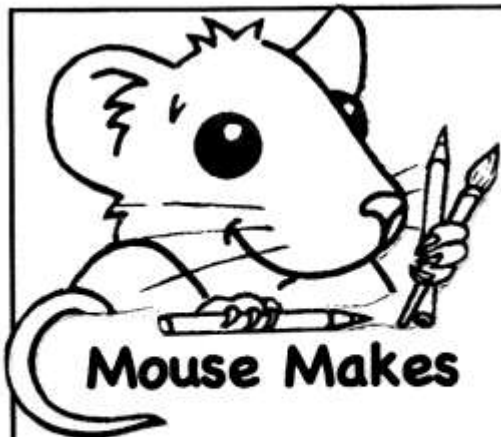
The next day, the second woman steps accidentally on a duck and along comes St. Peter, who doesn't miss a thing. With him is another extremely ugly man. He chains them together with the same admonishment as for the first woman.

The third woman has observed all this and, not wanting to be chained for all eternity to an ugly man, is very, VERY careful where she steps. She manages to go months without stepping on any ducks, but one day, St. Peter comes up to her with the most handsome man she has ever laid eyes on .... very tall, long eye-lashes, muscular.

St. Peter chains them together without saying a word.

The happy woman says, 'I wonder what I did to deserve being chained to you for all of eternity?'

The guy says, 'I don't know about you, but I stepped on a duck.'



Glue this sheet to a piece of thin card and carefully cut out around the stable shape. Colour in and hang on the Christmas tree. Add glitter for extra sparkle.

Away in a manger,  
no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus  
laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky  
looked down where he lay  
The little Lord Jesus  
asleep on the hay.

Read the Christmas story in **Matthew**  
1:18-25 and  
**Luke**  
1:26-2:20



## Rotas for December/January

	Door Duty	Flowers (Contact E Armstrong)	Readers	Tea/Coffee Duty (Contact - M. Davidson)
Dec. 6th	Malcolm MacFadyen & Mary Mac-Donald	Cathie Cameron	Edna Armstrong	No coffee - Christmas Lunch
Dec. 13th	Jim Kirk & Charles MacLean	tba	Jim Kirk	Roddy & Sandra Morrison
Dec. 20th	Roddy Morrison & Frances Fleming	Edna Armstrong	Roddy Morrison	Jim & Ruth Morrison
Dec.27th	Frank Killeen & Allison Pearson	Hilda and Cathy Smith	Ian Davidson	Margaret & Ian Davidson
Jan. 3rd	Mary MacDonald & May Taylor	tba	Mary MacDonald	Jim & Ruth Morrison
Jan. 10th	Alex Emslie & Ishbel MacArthur	tba	Ishbel MacArthur	Tom & Chris Stevenson
Jan. 17th	Ian & Margaret Davidson	tba	Margaret Davidson	Sandy & May Taylor
Jan. 24th	Jim & Ruth Morrison	tba	Ruth Morrison	Roddy & Sandra Morrison
Jan. 31st	Tom & Chris Stevenson	tba	Tom Stevenson	Margaret & Ian Davidson

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

### What's on

Services (all at 11.00am except where stated)

December 6th	Rev. Hilda Smith
December 13th	Rev. Hilda Smith
December 20th	Rev. Hilda Smith Christmas Family Service
December 24th	Rev. Hilda Smith Watchnight Service
December 27th	Rev. Hilda Smith
January 3rd	Rev. Hilda Smith
January 10th	Rev. Hilda Smith
January 17th	Rev. Hilda Smith
January 24th	Rev. Hilda Smith
January 31st	Rev. Hilda Smith

### Other events

December 2nd	Session Meeting
December 5th	Toucan Club (Saturday am)
December 6th	Christmas Lunch after the Service
December 12th	Rotary Carol concert in aid of the Renewal Project, 7.00pm
December 13th & 27th	Youth Group Meetings
December 16th - 19th	Christmas Tree Festival
January 27th	Kirk Session
January 31st	Burns Supper, Council Chambers, 7.30pm

### CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Tabernacle. 7, Absalom. 8, Incas. 10, Roes. 11, Captured. 13, Fright. 15, Cavell. 17, Cyclopic. 18, Herb. 21, Sonar. 22, Amazing. 23, Settlement.  
DOWN: 1, Taste. 2, Bold. 3, Ramiah. 4, Abiathar. 5, Lucerne. 6, Sacrifices. 9, Saddiebags. 12, Theocrat. 14, Incense. 16, Pilate. 19, Exist. 20, Save.

### ...and for your diary

Mar. 24, May 12, Jun. 20, Sept. 1, Nov. 3, Dec. 1 Session Meetings

Feb. 10, April 21, Jun. 2, Oct. 6, Nov. 24 Congregational Board Meetings

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Fundraising	T Stevenson, J Kirk, I McArthur, J Cranston, C Stevenson, C MacLean	
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