

Burnside Blairbeth Church

Contact



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Christmas 2019

Dear friends,

What is the spirit of Christmas? Is it optimism or perhaps it's benevolence? Hopefully it involves a bit of generosity and looking out for those who are less fortunate than us. There are a variety of other components. Some years ago, an advertisement appeared in the New York Times which stated "the meaning of Christmas is that love will triumph and that we will be able to put together a world of unity and peace." It sounds wonderful but I suspect we won't even get as far as New Year's Day before the hope is shattered.



The key problem with this advertisement is that it suggests that we will be able to put together this sort of world. In trying to celebrate Christmas, it actually ends up spectacularly missing the point of Christmas. Christmas celebrates peace and goodwill to all – but not as something which we can make for ourselves.

The truth about Christmas is, it acknowledges a seemingly pessimistic view of the world. It is about the arrival of a baby who was to change the world, but the fact that he had to come at all recognises that the world needed to change and only a miracle could achieve that – hardly a hopeful view of humanity!

One of the readings we will hear at Christmas is the beginning of John's Gospel where John refers to the light coming in the darkness. That darkness was a messed-up world where there was a hostile occupying power in the land of Jesus' birth. This represented in miniature the problems of human sinfulness over the centuries where nations had been at war and people constantly betrayed God and one another. The world needed to change, but up to this point it had proved unable to do so.

John acknowledges that Jesus arrived as light in a dark world, but then goes on to point out that the dark world did not recognise Jesus when he came. We are told "He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him." It seems that the Bible maintains the pessimistic view we've already noted. Not only was the world messed-up, but when the solution came people missed it totally – or rather it missed Him totally. They continued to look for all sorts of alternative solutions such as the ritual of religion or attempted political upheaval.

That is not a million miles away from the idea that “we will be able to put together a world of unity and peace.” It is the idea that somehow, we can find the solutions to the world’s problems ourselves – but the message of Christmas is that we can’t. No matter how hard we try we won’t be able to put together a world of unity and peace.

The message of Christmas is also that love will triumph – but it can only do so when we have a realistic view of the world. That realistic view of the world starts when we acknowledge that we are all part of the world’s problems – we all tend towards selfishness, fractiousness and all sorts of unattractive qualities which are symptomatic of what the Bible labels sin. But we don’t have to stay at that place. Although we are part of the problem, God has provided the solution. The Light has come, and the darkness has not been able to put it out.

The Spirit of Christmas starts with recognising that the world is not what we would want it to be. It then moves on to acknowledging that God has provided the solution to that problem. Unity and peace only come about when we’re honest enough to acknowledge that they have to be received as part of God’s gift to the world, rather than something that we can dredge up for ourselves. Peace and goodwill have been offered by God to all – no wonder we celebrate joyously at Christmas. Through a baby who grew up to be the Saviour of the world, God has given us the solution we could never find for ourselves.

May you know the peace that can only come through Jesus – the Light of the world – as you celebrate this Christmas.

Your friend and minister,

William Wilson

Welcome to James Gemmell

James is a trainee minister and will be with us for the next few months. Here he shares his journey to Burnside Blairbeth Church with us.

“You can take the boy out of Glasgow, but not Glasgow out of the boy!

This is a phrase that has been repeated to me over the years, as I have lived in different parts of the country - Ullapool, Aberdeen and Scone before returning home to Glasgow in 2010. I loved living in different parts of Scotland and having the benefit of experiencing both rural and urban life.

My working career started off in similar nomadic nature after graduating in 2010 - working for British Gas, Tesco Bank and then Aviva. However, I believe that all experiences have been a way of God shaping me and giving me the skills that I will use later in ministry.

The life of a student minister has been very different from my days as an 18-year-old history student in Aberdeen. I used to complain to my Dad (who is also a minister) about the amount of work I had as a history student, and he always hit back with I didn't know I was living compared to when he was training as a ministry student – he was 100% right! Being a student minister can be hard work, and learning to juggle multiple things at the same time, between university commitments and placement, can be challenging.

I am on campus, for class, every day of the week, and then will have meetings in the evening, while also reading for class, preparing essays and preparing for Sunday in some way. These experiences give student ministers a feel for what being a minister is like and how to cope with these pressures. It can be hard going, but I believe God has called me to this and I enjoy the academic work as well as placements, where I get to put the academic work into practice. I also get to share in the life of a church family, and share and live out the good news of the gospel.

On a personal note I am married to Lorna and we have a cat called Bailey. I enjoy football, music, films and walks and my favourite food is Pizza.

I am looking forward to my time at Burnside Blairbeth and learning both from William and the congregation.”

Your brother in Christ,

James

Kirk Session Update

Notes from recent Kirk Session Meetings

These notes bring together items from the last two Kirk Session meetings in August and October, focusing on the up-to-date position following the latter meeting.

As is the practice the Session reflected upon various aspects of the life of the congregation, including the **summer services**, about which there had been mixed responses, the **Church Weekend**, with Elaine Duncan, which had gone well but had not been attended by as many in the congregation as previously; **Andrew Robertson's** Commissioning Service and his departure for Bolivia (which should have happened by now); the response to the needs of **The Well** being made known – the congregation having given very generously, over £4,500; and the **Holiday Club**, which had also gone well but was attended by fewer children this year.

A proposal that a **Community Audit** be undertaken – the purpose being to enquire into the needs of our community – was brought to the Session and discussed. Rather than embarking upon a major exercise it was agreed that **Andy MacArthur**, with some assistance, would review the work we are doing in the community, how we could better serve the community and report back to the Session by June 2020. William spoke of how we should always be looking at what we do in the community and this will be considered again at a future meeting.

The position of **Pastoral Assistant** is being advertised again, the previous appointee having withdrawn. The closing date for applications is the end of November and we hope to have a successful outcome on this occasion.

Elders gave detailed thought and consideration to the programme of **Christmas services** to ensure that we didn't fall into the trap of doing everything just because it had been done before. After considerable discussion we arrived at a pattern similar to previous years but with the responsibility for the arrangements for the different services being shared out amongst the Minister and elders. The details of these appear elsewhere in Contact.

The group led by Rebecca Campbell is taking forward the focus on **prayer**. A WhatsApp group is to be formed to share prayer needs, and training is being arranged for people who wish to be involved in prayer for others after the

morning service. The group will also be thinking about alternative times to come together to pray, e.g. a prayer breakfast on a Saturday morning.

We had previously planned to finish reading through the New Testament as part of the **Community Bible Experience** this autumn but it was decided that this should be postponed until March 2020, with the normal pattern of evening services continuing through till Christmas. The **evening service** is now taking place in the Medium Hall which is a more intimate space for the numbers attending.

Sandy Mowat has retired as the Independent Examiner of our church accounts and he was thanked for all the work he had done over many years. As a result the appointment of a new independent examiner was put out to tender. The result of that process was that the Finance Committee recommended the appointment of Milne Craig, Chartered Accountants, Paisley to undertake the work and this was agreed.

In the light of the significant legacy received from the estate of the late Margaret Blake, and another gift of £14,375 (including Gift Aid recovery) towards a list of projects which had been prioritised by the **Property Team**, a revised property budget for the remainder of 2019 and also for the next two years was tabled and agreed. Chris Mackintosh will report in due course regarding the review of the **Blairbeth building** and how it might be upgraded.

With the overall attendance at the **morning service** being lower than previously, consideration is being given to how to bring the Sunday morning congregation closer together in the church. The possibility of roping off some areas is to be looked at.

The next Session meeting is on Wednesday 4 December.

Alan Thomson
Session Clerk

Finance Update

Treasurer's Report Financial Position - 10 months to 31 October 2019

Freewill Offerings

- Total freewill offerings of £220,933 for the 10 months to 31 October were £9,598 (-4.2%) lower than for the same period in 2018, and were £36,391 (-14.1%) lower than the plan for the 10 months.
 - General Fund offerings of £157,948 were £2,706 (-1.7%) lower than last year and £23,541 (-13%) below plan.
 - Local Mission Fund offerings of £41,223 were £5,730 (-12.2%) lower than last year and £10,930 (-21%) below plan.
 - Missionary Partner Fund offerings of £21,762 were £1,162 (-5.1%) lower than last year and £1,920 (-8.1%) below plan.
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Other Income, Donations & Legacies

- Earlier in the year £80,874 was received in respect of a bequest arising from the settlement of Margaret Blake's estate. The entire sum has been transferred to the Special Fabric & Communications Fund to be used for fabric purposes at the Burnside building in line with the restricted terms of the will. In addition, we have been notified of a further gift to be made in due course of £11,500 (plus gift aid of £2,875) to be allocated towards specific fabric items at the Burnside building to be agreed on by the Property and Finance committees. The Property Team has identified specific projects at the Burnside building for which the legacy and the additional gift might be used.

Offerings for Special Purposes

- The Well retiring offering at the March Communion amounted to £1,041 including gift aid. This was donated to the Well together with £1,000 from our General Fund. In addition, we received a further £3,625 during October for distribution to the Well.

- £2,450 has been donated specifically for our missionary partners, £1,312 for Satish and Bhumika Chettri, £375 for Carolyn Boyd Tomasovic and £763 for Andrew Robertson.
- £1,250 has been donated to the SU Holiday Sponsorship Fund (grants amounting to £843 have been paid out in support of young people in the area attending SU Holidays).
- Offerings for the 10 months in respect of sponsorship of children at Rhema School, Kampala, Uganda, amounted to £1,402.

Expenditure

- Congregational account expenditure for the 10 months to 31 October at £112,446 was £37,746 (-25.1%) lower than for the same period in 2018 and £25,154 (-18.3%) lower than plan.
 - General Fund expenditure was £9,360 (-13.3%) lower than last year and £15,436 (-20.2%) lower than plan.
 - Local Mission Fund expenditure was £28,433 (-35.71%) lower than last year and £9,714 (-15.9%) lower than plan. The reduction from 2018 follows the departure of Melanie as our Outreach Worker and the delay in appointing a replacement to Les Queen.
- Fabric Fund expenditure amounted to £9,031 for the 10 month period.

Allocations / Distributions

- Year to date £126,019 has been allocated in respect of our contributions to the Church of Scotland (Ministry and Mission contribution: £119,106 / Glasgow Presbytery dues: £6,913).
- Year to date Missionary Partner Fund distributions of £29,167 have been provided for, with £10,000 of this total having been distributed to Carolyn & Miro Tomasovic, £7,000 to Satish & Bhumika Chettri, £4,000 to Bernard & Alice Bakunda, £4,000 to Latin Link (£2,500 in support of Craig & Amanda Cunningham and £1,500 in support of Andrew Robertson). Further distributions from the fund will be made during the coming months.
- For the 10 months to 31 October the year to date Local Mission Fund distribution to the Reachout Trust was £8,333.

- A General Fund distribution of £1,000 was made earlier in the year to The Well with a further £4,666 donated by members during March and October.

Main Fund Balances / Shortfall

- Year to date, there was an overall shortfall in our 3 main funds of £4,524, £3,735 below plan.

Estimated Year End Main Fund Balances / Shortfall

- For the 12 months to December 2019 the overall estimated shortfall in our 3 main funds is £19,643.

Alan Robertson

Church Worker's Update

It seems hard to believe that we are now building up to our Christmas events next month. It feels like yesterday that we finished our summer Holiday Club and were building up to the start of the new term.

With all that is going on I have included a list of prayer points for the youth and children and families work.

- **School SU groups** – At Burnside Primary, Spittal Primary and Stonelaw High School the lunchtime Scripture Union groups are getting a large attendance each week. Pray for the leaders as they try to answer some of the hard questions around faith and God and that the children coming would grow in understanding of Jesus and The Bible.
- **JUMP Kids Club** – JUMP runs every week for P1 -P7, pray for the children coming along who are praising God, praying and growing in their understanding of God's word each week. Pray for the small but committed team of volunteers who are committed to the discipleship of the children.

- **Switch** – Switch runs every Sunday evening for P6- S3 at The Burnside Building. Pray for those going to the SU Lanarkshire Secondary Weekend that they would meet with God in a deep, meaningful way. Pray for the discipleship of the young people and relationships with each other.
- **Sunday Clubs and Walk This Way** – The Sunday clubs are running as well as ever with a great number of children every week learning about God and having fun doing so. However, the team is very stretched so please pray for refreshment for them and for God to bring new volunteers to the small but amazing team.
- **Walk This Way** has seen a rise in numbers over the last month, it is made up of a fantastic group of young people with great questions about life and faith.

Pray for the discipleship of all our young and for the team looking to walk alongside the young people on this journey.

Andy MacArthur

Messy Church

Have you ever thought "Why Messy Church?" Messy Church USA Team Leader Roberta Egli answered,

"In a culture that is go, go, go, separating ages to participate in athletics, school and after school activities, Messy Church provides a welcoming space for busy families of all shapes and sizes to simply hang-out together. While having fun through crafts and activities, people form relationships at tables with others both young and old as they also form a relationship with Jesus. For me, Messy Church is a taste of the beautifully diverse kingdom of God that laughs, eats, learns, creates, supports and invites others to the party. "

There are now nearly 4000 Messy Churches in over 30 countries around the world. The number of Messy Churches reflects the need for the Church to be more than just a traditional Sunday morning service which has become inaccessible for a variety of reasons for many people in our communities. Messy

Church creates a space that allows us to extend what our Church family is beyond a Sunday morning.

If you have wondered what Messy Church is all about you have perhaps thought it is not for you? If you enjoy being with people and getting to know them better it could be! We need more people to be part of Messy Church to do practical things like set up all the activities, welcome people, help people engage with the activities, set tables, and tidy up, but there is a more important reason than all these. Messy Church is a fantastic opportunity to get to know each other better, to chat together, and be a Church family as we play, create, laugh, cry and worship together whether we come to Sunday morning Church or just Messy Church (each month around half of the folk there are not part of our Sunday morning congregation).

We started with a quote from an American Messy Church leader, here are some more quotes answering the question “Why Messy Church?” from some of our own Messy Church congregation (a variety of ages, of course!)

“...because we get to spend time with friends, learn about the Bible, and make lots of really cool things!”

“...because it allows me to enjoy learning about Jesus with my children.”

“...because it is a fun place to learn and share God’s love. A great opportunity for all ages to get together and worship God. The place where the Bible becomes alive and the fun never ends. It is a monthly party at God’s house!”.

Do you want to join the party? All are welcome.

Messy Church in next few months...

Christmas Chill – Thursday 5 December at 8pm

At the Blairbeth Building.8pm. A chance for those of us who can stay up later to have a wee bit of time out from the Christmas madness! Come along and relax, try your hand at some Christmas crafts and soak up the festive atmosphere. It'd be great to see you!

Messy Carols – Saturday 14 December at 4.30pm

Everyone welcome! Children must bring an adult. Afternoon tea, with a Christingle Celebration together.

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” John 1

Next Messy Church - Saturday 1st February 2020

(Watch out for an announcement of a possible Messy gathering in January!)

Please talk to **Jen Robertson** if you would like to know more about how you could be part of Messy Church!

Jen Robertson



Chris Sampson and aspiring guitarists at Messy Church 2 November 2019

The Church Weekend Away at Home

This September Weekend our “Church Weekend Away at Home” was entirely successful and wonderfully prepared all round. The speaker, Elaine Duncan, had something to say to all age groups at each of her talks.

One of the activities was a trip “away” to Beecraigs Country Park enjoyed by many families, while a delicious and delicate afternoon tea was held at the Blairbeth Building for those who stayed.

The meals had been thoughtfully prepared for peoples choices and little extras added at the table made the meals very pleasant. Saturday’s breakfast would have done any hotel proud – with several courses and all so willingly served.

The ceilidh on Saturday night was a fun finish to the day, with Andrew Polson in compering position and Caroline Telfer directing those well known dances which finished with an Orcadian “Strip the Willow” and nobody was in a muddle.

The whole venture was worthwhile from every point of view and thanks to all concerned.

Appreciation by Anne Cowan

The Guild

Companions on the Road

Around seventy members and friends gathered on the 7th of October for the opening meeting of the session. The Patterson family entertained us with "Songs from the Musicals" and it proved to be a very happy and enjoyable evening.

Les Queen, another Burnside Blairbeth member, came along to our second meeting and led us in some thoughts on our Guild theme for this year "Companions on the Road". He spoke from personal experience of friends and those he had met along life's journey who had influenced him and led to turning points in his life. True companionship is precious and the greatest companion who will never forsake us - our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 4th of November, we were pleased to welcome as our guest speaker Laura Maciver, the BBC Scotland newsreader and presenter, ably assisted by her young daughter, Gabby. Laura gave a most interesting talk on her work as a journalist and reporter, and, using video clips, introduced us to some of her colleagues behind the scenes at BBC Scotland. She also let us into a few trade secrets!

We are looking forward to yet more interesting meetings in November and December with Fiona Joice, a young Scottish opera singer and an evening of "Praise through flowers". We have quite a varied programme!

The Christmas Fair on the 16th of November should be a happy occasion providing friendship and fellowship whilst at the same time raising funds for some deserving causes.

This session will be rounded off with a Christmas Dinner on the 16th of December at the Burnside Hotel - a time to relax and enjoy one another's company.

Looking ahead, the Guild will start again in the New Year on Monday the 6th of January and, as always, we will be happy to welcome new members, friends or visitors.

Catherine Nelson

Our Missionary Partners

Carolyn & Miro Tomasović	Croatia with Ecumenical Women's Initiative
Satish & Bhumika Chettri	India with Grace Ministries
Craig and Amanda Cunningham	Latin Link, Bolivia
Morven Collington	New Destiny, Brazil
Jerry and Stacy Kramer	Love for the Least
James Fraser	Release International
Bernard & Alice Bakunda	Kenya
Janey Beattie	Barcelona
Murray Humphries	Nairobi, Kenya
Andrew Robertson	Latin Link, Bolivia – going out in November 2019

Andrew Robertson – Plans for Bolivia

Andrew's plans to go to Bolivia have been somewhat delayed due to political unrest in the country following recent elections. However, as I write, Andrew plans to begin his journey on Saturday 23 November.

Missionary Partner Update

Building for a Hope and Brighter Future at New Destiny!

I was back at New Destiny for 3 weeks in April. Apart from us being there for Rafa (my son) & Tamara's wedding on the farm, I was also able to speak to the Transformers groups, TransforMUMs, ND church and the staff team. It was great to catch up with individual children and family members too. I hope to go back in February for CARNOVO, and definitely for 4 weeks in July 2020. The internet makes it possible for me to continue to head up the leadership team, provide support for other staff, help mentor some of our young people and mums, and of course communicate and motivate supporters here on the home front. Sometimes people ask me if I miss Brazil, after having lived out there for nearly 17 years, but in some ways, I feel like I never left!

Through our '**Transformers**' programme, we continue to work with around 90 young people a week, and we've just finished our Adventure Camp season, which runs from August to October. While their streets are rife with drug dealing and gang warfare, and in their families, these precious children are all too often neglected or abused, New Destiny farm is a place of refuge, love, hope and joy!

Last Sunday, one of the local drug commanders, Ricardo, was murdered outside Margareth's house, one of our staff team. Several of our TF children watched as he was gunned down with 17 bullets. A wave of terror passed through the community. But we have discovered that the greater the darkness, the greater the longing for light, so we pray that out of the ashes of evil and death, God will bring good and new life. Some of the older ones who had not been at kid's church for a while, turned up again on Wednesday night. They have felt the love of Christ touching them in the past and they know that His love extinguishes the fear, so they came back longing for His presence.

'TransforMUMs' is growing! When we first started this programme, many of the mums were suspicious of us, but over time the walls have come down and this

year we have had more mums coming to the monthly encounters than any other year. At their Adventure Camp in October, we had a record of 21 mums!

Last month, Barry Edmonson, who has 20 years of experience with Abernethy Trust, flew out to the farm for one week with his daughter Lucy, and they made us a new zip wire. Short-term volunteers like that help us so much!

We are in the middle of our biggest building project to date. For the last 14 years, we have used the main farmhouse, for most of our indoor activities like crafts, baking, homework, games, etc. The groups also ate, showered and slept here (during the camps). However, we have outgrown it, and the old electrics, plumbing and kitchen facilities have also become a problem. We hope to renovate it eventually and turn it into an office, another activity base and more staff accommodation. However, there is also an old run-down barn situated in the middle of the farm, and during the last 10 years, we have received a few specific donations, towards the exciting project of building a new purpose-built facility there, with separate dormitories for girls and boys, bathrooms, refectory, kitchen and an indoor hall for church services, get-togethers and games. At the end of July, we began the work of pulling down the old barn and starting to build!

We took a step of faith believing that God would bring in the final £25,000 as we moved forward. So far, another £18,000 has come in, so we only need to find £7,000 more. Please pray!

Thank you for continuing to partner me in my work for New Destiny.

'I thank my God every time I remember you' (Philippians 1:3)

Morven Collington, Brazil

The Well

The Well Multi-Cultural Resource Centre (The Well) is a charity is based in Govanhill, an area of Glasgow that contains data zones among the most deprived 5% in Scotland (SIMD, 2016). The area is also a melting pot of cultures with a recent survey discovering 52 nationalities and 32 languages within 13 tenement blocks in the area.

The Well has been working in Govanhill for 25 years primarily providing a high quality advice service to ethnic minority communities. It was established by the Church of Scotland and became an independent charity in 2011.

The Well seeks to show God's love to people from all over the world who have come to live in this community. It wants to be a place of welcome, hospitality and friendship. We offer drop-in Advice Consultations which can be about anything from understanding utility bills, to applying for Working Tax Credits or more complex immigration advice. The volunteer advice workers take time to help people, most of which have English as a second language, through each step of these processes that can be stressful and daunting.

In addition to one-to-one Advice Consultations, The Well offers a range of activities aimed at improving community integration, increasing skills and self-confidence and reducing social isolation. They offer: English classes, IT and job search classes, a mother and toddler group and a 'Chai and chat' social/craft group for women.

A key part of The Well's work is forming meaningful relationships with people and supporting them through various difficulties.

Last year, 1415 people came to The Well for help, with almost 9000 visits. There is a lot of need and we are always looking for more volunteers and financial support!

For our 25th anniversary we are asking people to consider donating £25 which can provide:

- Heating and electricity for the centre for 3 days
- IT support for the centre for 8 days
- A training session for one of our volunteers

To donate now, please visit www.thewell.org.uk

Over the course of this year, there will be several events to celebrate The Well's 25th anniversary. To find out more, visit www.thewell.org.uk or follow The Well on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram @thewellglasgow.

Thanks to Sarah McPhie at The Well for this update.

Obituaries

Bill Finlay

Bill Finlay was an only child born to William and Ina Finlay who lived in Alloa. The family moved to King's Park and after leaving school Bill went to work for a whisky company. He then did his national service in the army – he was a corporal. Most of his working life was spent as part owner of the Royal Institute of British Architects Planning services.

Bill married Irene in 1963 and they lived on Beech Avenue for nearly forty years. Bill was father to Alan and Sarah. Bill's later years were hard because of limited eyesight and Parkinson's disease. He died at home and we remember Irene, Alan and Sarah and their families.

Margaret Whitelaw

Margaret Whitelaw was born to Robert and Margaret Waddell and grew up in the Oatlands area. She had one brother – Bobby. After leaving school she trained as a secretary and worked for a legal firm and then for Land Securities.

She married Jimmy in 1957 and they had two children – Stuart and Fiona. After living in Brownside Road the family came to live in Blairbeth Road in the 1980's. Jimmy ran a shop on Rutherglen Road and when he had to sell that on a compulsory purchase-order he had a shop in Yoker – Margaret was heavily involved in both these businesses.

Margaret went back to work aged 66 at the House of Fraser and then went on to work at Debenhams. She loved this work and made lots of friends among staff and customers alike.

Margaret retired at the age of 78. It was not long after that she became seriously ill with sepsis. This left its mark on her, but Margaret maintained an active life. She was extensively involved in the life of the church in her latter years and was widely known throughout the congregation. Her death was unexpected and peaceful.

We extend our sympathy to Jimmy, Stuart and Fiona and their families including her five grandchildren in whom Margaret took immense pride.



Welcome Rota

Please find below the Welcome Rota for November – January 2020.

We would love to have additional volunteers to take part in this rota – apart from welcoming, it a great way to meet the whole congregation! Please speak to Chris Mackintosh if you feel this is something you could help with.

November 2019		Evening service
Sunday 24th	Ross Galloway, Linda Suttie, Anne Forrest, Bobby McGregor	Helen Morrison
December 2019		
Sunday 1st	Morag, McGown, Bill Maclellan, George Wynne, Una Neil	Irene Craigie
Sunday 8 th	Chris Mackintosh, Bill Maclellan, Susan Gordon, Elizabeth Cherrie	n/a
Quiet Christmas Sunday 8 th at 4pm	Irene Craigie, Lesley Mackintosh, Chris Mackintosh	n/a
Sunday 15 th	Marjorie McLennan, William Goldie, Tom Pollock, Jean Goldie	Alan Robertson
Sunday 22 nd	Ross Galloway, Linda Suttie, Susan McGregor, Bobby McGregor	n/a
Christmas Eve Tuesday 24 th 6.30pm At Burnside	Sandra Monaghan, Linda Suttie, Ross Galloway, Mairi Wilson, Carolyn Sampson	n/a
Christmas Eve Tuesday 24 th 8pm at Blairbeth	Marjorie McLennan ** 2 volunteers required **	n/a
Christmas Day Wednesday 25 th	Linda Suttie, Rebecca Campbell, John MacLean, Marjory MacLean	n/a
Sunday 29th	Marjory MacLean, Tom Pollock, Una Neil, Anne Forrest	n/a
January 2020		Evening

Sunday 5 th	Marjory Maclean, Elizabeth Cherrie, Bill MacLellan, Tom Pollock	Neil andMaira Hopper
Sunday 12 th	Marjory Maclean, Elizabeth Cherrie, Bill MacLellan, Una Neil	Alan Thomson
Sunday 19 th	Marjory Maclean, Elizabeth Cherrie, Bill MacLellan,. George Wynne	Linda Suttie
Sunday 26 th	Marjory Maclean, Elizabeth Cherrie, Bill MacLellan,, Susan Gordon	Gwen Brown

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