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Mission Statement: King's Park Church sharing God's love by reaching out to others. "The birth of a baby is the personification of hope. It reminds of a perfect creator and sustainer of life". (See Ecc 9:4, Rom 8:24)

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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

No of Communicants on Roll = 555

THE HOLY RITE OF MATRIMONY "Whom God Hath Joined Together"

- 30 Sept Cara Gove and Grant Gillon
- 6 Oct Melissa Russell and Alasdair MacPhee

<u>AT REST</u>

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

- 6 Oct Mrs Helen Watson, Kingsbridge Drive
- 11 Oct Mr Arthur Tancock, formerly Kingscourt Avenue
- 15 Oct Mr Hugh Scott, Menock Road
- 31 Oct Mrs Anna McPherson, Gorbals
- 7 Nov Mr Jimmy Rankine, Mearnskirk Care Home
- 9 Nov Mr Iain Macdougal, Kingsacre Road

Please remember to inform the Church if you are changing your address. It's vital that our records are kept as up to date as possible. Thank you in advance.

FROM THE MANSE... Make Room!

Innkeepers get something of a bad press this time of year. After all it wasn't their fault that Caesar Augustus decided to take a census of the whole Roman world. Poor Quirinius who was the governor of Syria at the time had a job on his hands.



Everyone had to head back to their home town, a bit like what happens at Christmas now with people returning home, except everyone, all ancestors had to return to small villages that certainly couldn't occupy all those people. So Joseph, being an ancestor of King David had to return to Bethlehem the place of David's birth – hence "Once in Royal David's City!" The organised people would leave immediately and get to their ancestral town early and get the best rooms. But those heavily pregnant and possibly hoping to have their baby before leaving to make the deadline arrived very late and so there was no room in any inn.

But the Innkeeper, whoever he was took pity on Mary and Joseph and their situation and decided to **make room**, even if that meant a smelly old stable. He could have turned them away like so many others but he had compassion and took them in. He put himself and no doubt his wife and other boarders out too, but this was the right thing to do. We all lead very busy lives. We hate waiting for anything but we do need to make time; **make room** for Jesus in our lives, **every day**. Without him there would be no light in our dark winter nights. Without him we wouldn't be coming together and sharing love, time and gifts with our family and friends. Without him we wouldn't have any hope in our lives. It just took one man, an Innkeeper, to have compassion, to show care beyond his own family, reaching out to a young couple displaced through no fault of their own, making room in his life to help a stranger.

God, our Heavenly Father only wants what's best for us. He loves us so much that he sent his Son, Jesus Christ into our world to be the Light in our Darkness, to offer love, joy, peace and hope. Jesus is, **Immanuel** – God with us, every day of the year and not just Christmas. Wishing you all God's Blessings,

Editor's Extras

Once again we arrive at the time of celebration of our Lord's birth and a completely fresh year. Just as we repeat our festivities we should also consider the ongoing fragility of our Church. The General Assembly are asking us to pray for priorities and our future. A National Day of Prayer was held recently in our own houses so this could take place. A service celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation was held in St Andrews. The spirit and dedication of these reformers will be required to ensure that we do not endanger the flower of our community. Please read the Kirk Session and Congregational Report and pray that you can help. But, let us concentrate on the reason for Christmas and the source of our belief (see Places of the Bible) and let us enjoy our festive period with family and friends. In "A Christmas Carol", performed as a musical and attended by members of the congregation the message was "God Bless us Everyone". Happy Christmas and a Good New Year. Looking forward in faith. WP

Prayer Focus

Dear Lord, we are filled with great expectations as we await the anniversary of your birth. As we become caught up in the preparation, let us remember your humble beginnings. This is a time when you encourage us to be generous to many charities and we ask that our Star Appeal and our Bazaar are well supported. We pray for the families who are struggling financially, that they will not be encouraged to take on more debt. There will be happy times with families, but for those who work or are abroad be with them. To the homeless and those who live alone or are lonely, we pray that they will feel your comfort and your peace.

As we ring in the New Year, be with all our Committees as they make their plans. Thank you to them all for their generous deliberations. We pray that the future will be productive and our new ventures are well supported. We pray for the work in our schools and hope that many of the children will join our Sunday Schools. The Big Breakfast needs a new leader and staff, we pray that you Lord will call the right people with the right skills, let their hearts and minds hear you and take up this challenge. 6

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

FINANCE REPORT - 2017

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	-	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>
INCOME			
Offerings		8,243	9,138
Last Year Offerings	9,709	8	,835
Difference +/-% YTD Difference +/-%	-1,466 -15%		303 3%
	-15%	1,479	
Regular Monthly Income		1,479	1,571
Donations		-	1,540
Roof Fund - Donations & Fundraising		140	252
Hall Hire Income		210	468
Total Month's Income		10,072	12,969
		=====	=====
EXPENDITURE			
Regularly Monthly Costs		18,510	16,303
Property repairs		180	8,777
			0,111
Total Month's Costs		18,690	25,080
		=====	=====
Monthly Income vs (Costs)		-8,618	-12,111

Comments

September - Shortfall in overall income after expenses was £8,618. Of this, there was a shortfall in Unrestricted Funds of £6,055 for the month.

October - Shortfall in overall income after expenses was £12,111. Of this, there was a shortfall in Unrestricted Funds of £3,511 for the Repairs/works costs mainly relate to works to flooring, month. roofing and Church bells: £8,434.

THE GUILD

Our new session is continuing to progress well. All the events in October were enjoyed by those who came along, and we were very pleased to welcome some visitors too.

The Guild would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our Charity Night such a success, including all who came along to support us, and, of course, our faithful band of "willing helpers" who always step in to clear up afterwards. The proceeds, as always, will go towards our 2 chosen projects, which are "Caring for Mother Earth in Bolivia" and "All Friends Together."

The syllabus for December and January is as follows :-

Dec	6	2pm	Christmas Celebrations – Kevin & Jim from
			"Amurnaidh" followed by a Buffet.
Jan	10	2pm	Rev Sandra Boyd – Topic TBA
"	17	2pm	Look Good, Feel Good – Denise Winton
"	24	2pm	Mr David Atkins – Glasgow's Bridges Part II
"	31	2pm	Project – All Friends Together

As we are always happy to welcome new members, anyone wishing to come along to any of our meetings, or special events will be made most welcome.

E Gillespie, Secretary

Pondering our Mission Statement

Sharing God's Love . . .

- BB Founders Day, Genesis 37:1-10, 12-14, 18-20, Genesis 42: 5-13, Genesis 45,:1-4
- Rose Coloured Glasses, Exodus 16: 1-15
- Go Hear, 1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 11-21
- Look at the Heart, 1 Samuel 16: 1-6, 7-13
- Still Small Voice, 1 Kings 19: 1-19
- Remembrance Day, Amos 1: 1-2, 5: 14-24
- Thank You, Luke 17: 11-19

DIET AND FITNESS CLASS - (ROSEMARY SEDGWICK)

There is a diet and fitness class in the Large Hall on a Tuesday morning 10am - 11.30am - cost £5.00 per class. No strict diet, just practical nutritional advice, optional weigh-in, fun workout and lots of motivation. Come along.

KIRK SESSION REPORT

The following report covers three meetings of the Kirk Session. Apart from the routine business, including Halls Allocation, coupled with forthcoming events, and items specifically of interest to Elders, the following items were discussed:

Presbytery

- The Moderator of the General Assembly visited Presbyter last month.
- 2018 is the Year of the young Person congregations are encouraged to engage with the under 25's and link to youth development. Some young people are going to South Africa to help build a home and requests for pledges are required. A pledge has been made by King's Park and relevant paperwork awaited.
- The General Assembly have instructed Presbyteries to record the number of people undertaking safeguarding training. This is ongoing and adhered to in King's Park.
- A Training Programme created to support local Churches in the recruitment of volunteers to maintain good structures and practices. Currently no involvement by King's Park.

- Research into the presence and impact of ethnic minority churches who meet in our premises or worship within Parishes. The Session have agreed that the Church of Christ can use our halls for worship on a temporary basis - on recommendation.
- Details of ongoing work by Chaplains in schools requested and World Mission workshops to introduce new ideas and resources also discussed.

Other Session Business

- The Law on the leasing of Manses and other houses is to change. Consideration as to the impact on our property will be discussed.
- A Local Church Review has been held with Presbytery to monitor the targets set at the five yearly meetings results later.
- Due to compassionate leave Raymond and Sandra are catering for Toryglen's Pastoral needs.
- Thanks received from Presbytery for help with Inspection of Records and from Glasgow Life for the generous donation towards our Community Festival.
- After discussion, a decision to close both transepts for all services from December communion onwards was taken.

CONGREGATIONAL BOARD REPORT

- Michael Madden, our Church Officer, has tendered his resignation and volunteers are required to cover the main tasks in the short term till a revision of the position has taken place. A working group has been appointed.
- Niall Kinloch, our Treasurer, has resigned. The work will continue with the current organisation till a new Treasurer is appointed. Thanks will be conveyed to Michael and Niall for all their good work.
- The monthly Financial Report can be found elsewhere in this issue. However, the projected financial situation is giving cause for concern, particularly in relation to anticipated expenditure to the roof. Discussions are taking place with the Church of Scotland Stewardship Convenor and various options, as to funding, will be discussed.

- The ongoing refurbishment of the property, such as painting, clearing gutters, signage etc. have taken place. A boiler service and a Gas Inspection have also taken place. The vinyl flooring in the St Mungo Hall, new hall entrance and kitchen is complete. The painting of the outside railings by "yes" project workers is to be started soon. The Bell Tower work (speakers and electrics) is complete apart from some diagnostic tasks. A handbook is to be retained to provide instructions for the operation of plumbing, boiler, bell tower, alarms etc. It was put to the meeting that the provision of energy to the property was a major cost. A working group was set up to consider the principles and costs to heat our buildings.
- Thanks to our Property Convenor, Lawson Boyd, for all his work in ensuring that our buildings are secure.
- The Annual General Meeting of the Church will take place after the morning service on Sunday 18th March 2018.

WORLD MISSION

<u>Stamp Appeal</u> - At Christmas there must surely be many used stamps received. Please put these into the post box in the Church to help with good causes.

<u>Leprosy Mission</u> - If anyone is the congregation could take home a collection box for any coins etc, to help in this worthy cause please contact me.

Wilson Paterson

REMEMBRANCE DAY AND POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone for their assistance at both the Garden of Remembrance and Remembrance Day Services. Your help was very appreciated at this sad but important time of the year. Our Poppy Appeal this year raised £825.69.

Ken Blair (Poppy Appeal)

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN SONGS

I was watching Songs of Praise a few months ago. It was an episode from Wales and they were interviewing one of my favourite musicians Mike Peters from the group The Alarm who had minor hits in the 80s. Mike has suffered cancer on three separate occasions. Because of this he set up the Love Strength Hope foundation to raise funds to highlight awareness and to get people to register for bone marrow donators. I gave a swab and registered. Mike and his wife Jules work tirelessly and he walks Mount Snowdon and Ben Nevis each year with lots of friends, fans, fellow sufferers and donors. He has also walked to Mount Everest base camp and has met with US senators and congressmen as well as European politicians. The charity has helped save many lives. Recently Jules was diagnosed with breast cancer. This was all included on Songs of Praise and a BBC Wales documentary. It is very sad. However they and their two boys have remained very optimistic.

During Songs of Praise Mike sang one of his old songs called "Walk Forever by my Side" which I always thought was a love song but it is actually a love song to God. Lyrics include "for I alone can't face the future I need your strength to help me make it through. Walk forever by my side". He said he became religious while touring with the group U2 in the early 80s as Bono and his band encouraged them to pray before each concert.

This made me think about other Christian songs by relatively contemporary artists. Eric Clapton wrote a song called "Presence of the Lord" which included "everybody knows the secret, everybody knows the score. I have finally found the way to love like I never have before in the presence of the Lord".

George Harrison is well known for being religious including supporting various eastern religions and he wrote "My Sweet Lord" among other songs referencing these. But during recording of the Beatles White Album he contributed a song called "Long Long Long" where the you he referred to was God. He sang "now I am so happy I found you how I love you" Bob Dylan who received the Nobel Prize for literature last year became a born again Christian in the late seventies after changing from a Jew. He was friends with Billy Graham. Some of his religious songs are really good including Every Grain of Sand "in the fury of the moment I can see the masters hand in every leaf that trembles in every grain of sand". His song "Forever Young" was sung to pope John Paul 2nd when he visited Scotland.

The progressive rock group Barclay James Harvest sang a song called "Hymn" that summed up the Life of Jesus in a few short verses "Jesus came down from heaven to earth. The people said it was a Virgin birth. He told great stories of the lord and said he was the Saviour of us all. For this we killed and nailed him up high. He rose again as if to ask us why, then he ascended into the sky".

These are just a few songs but there are many others including songs by artists like Van Morrison and Cliff Richard.

Gary King

MEN'S BOWLING

As we are approaching our 40th year in 2018 we would like to thank all who helped to keep the balls rolling during bowls. Although we have lost some members over the years the present members are still enjoying Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1.15pm–4pm. Our present team 2017-18 has started with the usual good humour and sample scores 22-1/17-0/8-0 have still to beat last year's 28-0.

Please drop in once a week, or month. We will be pleased to make your acquaintance and listen to your views on any subject. Women's bowls take place on Thursday pm.

From all members.

COMPUTING CLASS

There may be an opportunity to restart the computing class at King's Park Church dependant on numbers and/or interest. If you are interested in attending this class please contact Wilson Paterson. Further details will appear in the intimations if this class

GOD TOCK

When Sandra invited me along to God Tock, I had my reservations. It would surely be way above my head, a bible study group? I was new to church. I arrived nervously and received a lovely hot cup of tea and cakes immediately putting me at ease. After a few introductions, Sandra announced we start the session with a Bible Quiz to get us going. Mastermind immediately sprung to mind, but it was nothing that serious and has become something I really look forward to!

The group's attendees are varied, from Church Elders to newbie's like me, and the session would start with some discussion around the bible chapter being reviewed. We then start smaller group discussions; which I have found less daunting and more meaningful as we chat about the bible topic; we also develop fellowship with likeminded people.

It's a great way to start learning more about the bible, as well as meeting new friends to share experiences with and learn from.

Julia Greer, God Tock, Monday, 7-9pm, St. Mungo Hall

BB NEWS

Both Junior and Company Sections are well into their Sessions before the Christmas/New Year break arrives. The Junior Section's Football Season has now commenced with the 118 winning their first match 4-0 over the 16 Company while the combined 229/118 side lost 2-7 to the 229 Company.

Meanwhile Company Section Boys, Iain Gibson and Matthew Hood have attended the first of the Battalion Queen's Badge courses and Jamie Bamford, Stephen McFadden and Aaron Wood have attended the first of the Battalion President's Badge Course.

As this is the final article of 2017, both Officers and Boys of both sections hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful 2018.

lan Livingstone RO

SUNDAY SCHOOL BRING AND BUY SALE

This year's sale will take place on **Sunday 4th February 2018** immediately after morning worship. All monies received will go towards helping children and young people. Donations of home baking will be gratefully received and they can be handed in to the lona Hall on the morning of the sale. We look forward once again to your support.

Lynn Adamson

YOUR CHURCH AND PARISH NEEDS YOU!

Calling all able volunteers to assist with the delivery of this year's Christmas leaflet, detailing all of our special services, to ensure that all homes and streets are covered and that our invitation to spend Christmas with us reaches around the whole Parish. Copies will be available to uplift from the vestibule for distribution from early-December. Many thanks in anticipation of your assistance in this important outreach activity.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who helped at the Christmas Bazaar. To those who helped set up and clear away tables, to stall holders, tea pourers, pancake makers and everyone in between. Thank you for donations and prizes, but most of all, thank you to everyone who came to support our Church. A final total will be given in the next issue of the magazine and in the intimations. In the meantime have a wonderful Christmas and many thanks again. *Norah and Jonathan Buchan, Bazaar Convenors*

TRANSEPTS

It was noted at the Session that the congregation were very much together in worship during the latest Communion Services and at the service on the morning of the Congregational Conference. It was felt this was in part due to everyone sitting in the "body" of the Church. After discussion there was an overwhelming vote for closing the transepts for all services from the December communion onwards. It was hoped that this would mean closer

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS. . .

THE 'KINGS PARK STAR' APPEAL

Further to the note in the intimations, the Christmas Star appeal will be launched on Sunday 3rd December and will run until the end of the morning service Sunday 17th December. You can donate to "Glasgow Association for Mental Health" at the front door of the Church after any morning service. A Christmas Card will then be distributed to everyone at the Family Service with your name on it. Thank you for your generous support for this worthy cause at this special time of year.

GIFTS FOR JESUS

Again, as per the intimations we are asking for your "Gifts for Jesus" on either 10th, 17th or 24th December to be placed under the tree in the sanctuary. Some of the gifts will be opened by those who come along to the morning Service on Christmas Day. This year the Church is looking specifically for good quality bleach, liquid hand soap, medium rubber gloves, washing up liquid, 2 ply white cloths, large mop heads, large cable ties, strong black bags, toilet rolls, AA batteries, long white envelopes and paper. As always thank you for thinking of the Church while you are out Christmas shopping, it's much appreciated and decreases the annual expense of our Church.

CHILDREN'S DVD AFTERNOON

Our annual children's DVD afternoon for all P1-P5 children takes place on Saturday 9th December from 2pm-4pm. £1 per child which will include juice and sweets. All children will be made welcome.

BURNS SUPPER

Our Burns Supper will take place on Saturday 27th January 2018, 6.30pm (haggis piped in), dinner service at 7pm. Tickets are now on sale for £10 from any member of the Social & Fundraising Committee. The price will include soup, haggis, neeps and tatties (and a vegetarian option), cranachan and tea/coffee with shortbread.. There will be the usual toasts and entertainment. We look forward to seeing you all there.

On behalf of the whole committee we wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful 2018. Many thanks for your continued

Thanks . . .

Many thanks to Sandra for her visit at home after my discharge from hospital and for the lovely flowers I received from the Church. Also to my Church Elder for phone calls and continued caring. Much appreciated. *Sadie Stevenson*

A huge thank you to everyone for the cards, flowers and kind thoughts that we received on the occasion of our diamond wedding anniversary. We have been very touched by the kindness shown to us. A particular thanks to Bob Pitman for his frequent visits and bringing us a harvest plant, they are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Eunice & Bill Coubrough

Many thanks for the lovely sprays of flowers from the Harvest Table including a spray from the Sunshine Corner. As I write, some of the flowers are still adorning my window sill. And thanks to my elder, Hilary, for delivering them when she has family commitments of her own.

Marion Reid

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all my Church friends for the beautiful cards and flowers given to Jim and I on the death of my mother. Thank you also to Sandra and Raymond for attending the Services, it meant a lot to me. Also to the Church and prayer group for their flowers and prayers. God Bless you all, *Jan McKay*

We would like to thank Rev Sandra Boyd and Raymond Jenkins for visits at home and to the hospital. Also thanks to the prayer group and to Margaret Campbell, friends and the church family, too many to mention, for all their continued gifts of flowers, cards and messages of love and support and many prayers. We as a family appreciate this very much. Margaret's operation was a success and she is continuing with her long process of treatment. We look to a positive outcome and look forward to seeing you all in person once again and hope it will be sometime soon. The Coffee Morning at the mews on Monday 9th October in aid of the Macmillan Nurses,, raised the great amount of £929.09. The total amount for this wonderful cause from January 2017, collected by Mrs Morag Murray at the Mews was £2,686.09. Thank you to all who helped achieve this fantastic amount.

Norma Cullen

Golden Jubliee Heart Failure Research Fundraiser

I would like to thank all who helped in any way towards the success of this event. Special thanks to family, friends, workmates, colleagues and simply generous people. Thank you for donations of cash, home baking and prizes for the prize draw. Thanks too to those who bought draw tickets, the people who gave their time and effort on the day and before hand. Thanks also to Millie and her helpers, to King's Park Church, and to Michael and Alan. The magnificent total which has now been presented to the Golden Jubilee Heart Failure Research team was £1,858.

Thanks again, *Heather Park*



Places of the Bible

Bethlehem - House of Bread "O Little town Of Bethlehem" Bethlehem is a city in the "Hill Country" of Judah. It was originally called Ephrath (Gen 35:16,19), birthplace of Jesus (Matt 2:1,6) or as prophesised by Micah (2,5) "of my King". Afterwards Herod saw he was mocked by the wise men and slew "all the children in Bethlehem who were 2 years and under" (Matt 2:16,18) and (Jeremiah: 31:15). It is about 5 miles South of Jerusalem, about 2550 feet above sea level and 100 feet higher than Jerusalem. There is a Church built by Constantine the Great (AD 330) called the "Church of the Nativity", over a cave called the "Holy Crypt" and said to be the stable where Jesus was born. All the facts and circumstances are against this tradition. Close to it is another grotto, where Jerome the Latin Father is said to have spent 30 years translating the Scriptures into Latin.

Nazareth - in Lebanon about 14 miles from the Sea of Galilee. The name is generally supposed to be the Greek form of Hebrew for "shoot" or "sprout". Some think it was connected with the name of the hill behind it - one of the finest prospects in Palestine. This city is not mentioned in the Old Testament. It was the home of Mary and Joseph (Luke 2:39) and here the Angel announced the Virgin Birth of the Messiah (Luke 1: 26-28). Here Jesus grew up to manhood (Luke 4:16) and here he began his public ministry in the Synagogue (Matt 13:54). The people were offended and sought to cast him down from a precipice on which their city was built (Luke 4:29). He finally retired from Nazareth where no mighty works were performed because of the people's unbelief. It is supposed from the words of Nathanael in (John 1:47) that the City of Nazareth was held in disrepute because its people were rude, uncultivated and influenced by Gentiles. There is no evidence to substantiate this. Jesus, after his "expulsion" from Nazareth moved to Capernaum (Matt 4:13-16).

The origin of our faith and the beginning of something special is shown above with the places of Jesus' birth and upbringing.

News at Ten . . .

Ten is a number that's perfect it's said Ten out of ten is a quote Sandra's been here ten years, to tend faith, tears and fears And keeping our Church 'ship' afloat

Did she think at the start of her journey As she then set her "sat nav" to fate Did she have any doubts, exits, turns, roundabouts Or the times she must recalculate?

She'd to negotiate 'bumps' on her travels Links, unions and Presbytery Plan There's been Path of Renewal. And demands can be cruel But she does what is asked, 'cos she can

No-one can doubt her commitment To the Spirit, the Father the Son And she'll lead us to Grace, care and share in this place And do this till she feels work is done

We've been to lona, had our mission renewed Local churches have now got together We've a community fete, Messy Church is now set And we've groups who enjoy a good blether

She's always there when she's needed For solace she's someone you go tae Prayers sometimes take time, spelling's less than sublime It's amazing, she takes a great photie

At the end Sandra's simply a woman Pretty, vivacious and smart But whatever she says, works at or prays It always comes straight from the heart

So, Sandra, that's your starter for ten And we've just scratched the surface, above Another ten to get through? Think what you could do Along with your people who love.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Note: There is a full itinerary of dates on the website and intimations, as this now details 2 months only the main dates of services and special events will be included here. December

December	
Sun 3	11am Morning Worship including Gift Sunday
	6.30pm Remembrance Service
Sun 10	11am Morning Worship Sacrament of Holy Communion
	6.30pm Evening Worship Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sun 17	9.45am Early Morning Worship
	11am Morning Worship
	6.30pm Local Churches Together, Big Sing at Toryglen
Mon 18	1.30pm King's Park Primary School Service
Tue 19	2pm Communion at King's Park Mews
	7.30pm KP Brass Band Carol Concert in Church
Wed 20	10.30am Bankhead Primary School Service
Thur 21	12 noon Community Christmas Lunch
Sun 24	11am Nativity Sunday
	7pm Family Service, refreshments from 6.30pm
	11.15pm Watchnight Service, refreshments from 10.45pm
Mon 25	10am Christmas Day Family Service
Sun 31	11am Morning Worship - Lessons and Carols
	7.30pm Hogmanay Service
January	
Sun 7	11am Morning Worship
Sun 14	11am Morning Worship
	6.30pm Evening Worship including Communion
Wed 17	7pm Kirk Session
	8.15pm Congregational Board Meeting
Sun 21	9.45am Early Morning Worship
	11am Morning Worship
Sat 27	6.30pm Burns Supper

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- Sun 28 9.45am Early Morning Worship

