



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

My dear friends,

By the time you read this we will be in the depths of winter with its long dark nights. It is Advent, the time when we remember the birth of Jesus and look forward to His coming again. It is a time when sooner or later most of us will put up the tree and decorate the house. Most families have 'their' way of doing this. Some trees will be tastefully decorated in a single colour, others will have an eclectic mix of baubles collected over the years. One thing that most trees will have is at least one set of lights. It is the lights that make the tree sparkle in the window or in the corner of the room.

When Jesus came into the world He came as light for the world, the light that the darkness cannot extinguish. A star rested over his birthplace, a star led people to find him. The angels lit up the night sky as they heralded His birth.

The world can seem so dark when we think of wars and terrorism, famine and flood, illness and poverty. This was the world Jesus was born into, this is the world we live in today. As Christians we are filled with the love and light of Jesus and surely we should be doing our best to shine his light into the world. So as we approach Christmas and once again celebrate His birth let us do our best to remind others just what this time is all about.

May we all know the light of our Saviour Jesus Christ shining within us and may it shine on the world in which we live.

With best wishes to you all,
Mhairi

Friendly Hour

The Friendly Hour has started and meets in the Causeyside building every Tuesday at 2pm. Due to Covid restrictions we would ask that face coverings are worn at all times except when having your tea. We would also ask you to bring your own cup (we will supply the tea or coffee).

We look forward to seeing all old and new members on Tuesdays.

Myra Bell

The Men's Breakfast

The Men's breakfast has now started back and will take place on Saturday 4th December and Saturday 8th January

Please come along at 09:30 and join us in the Causeyside building.

Also, good news for the ladies, the men's breakfast will be holding a ladies only breakfast early next year



The Lighthouse Club

The Lighthouse Club runs every Thursday between 4pm and 5.15pm at Paisley St Georges Outreach Centre. The club is aimed at children

between Primary 2 and Primary 6. We play a variety of games and make a wide variety of crafts that the children enjoy making and playing. A few examples of our crafts have been model lighthouses, fish plates and it is amazing what you can make with a toilet roll when you put your mind to it. The children enjoyed a not so spooky Halloween party based on books from Scripture Union about a pumpkin called Patch. We are currently looking forward to the Christmas season as the leaders have got a wide range of crafts and events for the children to take part in.



GREEN FINGERS AND WOODEN SPOONS



The Green Fingers and Wooden Spoon committee would like to thank everyone who submitted a photo of their home-baking, flowers, fruit, veg and crafts. There are a lot of very talented people at Paisley St George's. The photos were shown on the church Facebook page.



TEN LITTLE CHURCHMEN

Ten little churchmen went to church when fine,
But it started raining and then there were nine.
Nine little churchmen stayed up very late,
One overslept himself and then there were eight.
Eight little churchmen on the road to heaven,
One joined a rambling club and then there were seven.
Seven little churchmen heard of Sunday "flicks",
One thought he would like to go and then there were six.
Six little churchmen kept the place alive,
One bought a television and then there were five.
Five little churchmen loyal to the core,
The minister upset one and then there were four.
Four little churchmen argued heatedly,
Over all the changes and then there were three.
Three little churchmen sang the service through,
Got a hymn they didn't know, then there were two.
Two little churchmen disputed who should run,
The next social evening and then there was one.
One faithful churchman, knowing what to do,
Got a friend to come to church, and then there were two.
Two little churchmen each brought in one more,
So their number doubled, and then there were four.
Four little churchmen simply couldn't wait,
Till they found four others, and then there were eight.
Eight eager churchmen at service every week,
Soon encouraged others, troubled souls to seek,
All seats in church are filled – not an empty pew now,
O God supply this grace and zeal in our parish now.

Congratulations to Esther Crockett from 5th Paisley Girls Brigade.

Esther was commissioned as a Girls Brigade Officer on 22nd August 2021.

Thank you

Linda Niven would like to thank all her friends in the congregation who offered their support and well wishes following the death of her Dad.

UPCOMING EVENTS: DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 1st December - Bubble-gum and Fluff

2 hour programme for P6 pupils from Langcraigs Primary.

Sunday 28th November 3 pm - Blue Christmas Service

This is a quiet service for all who find this time of year difficult.

Sunday 12th December 11am - Gift Service

Members are invited to bring gifts for children, toiletries for the homebound or cash donations

Sunday 12th December 7pm - Carols by Candlelight Service

Sunday 19th December 11am - Nativity Service

Tuesday 21st December 1.30 - 3pm- Carol and Readings Service

Followed by fun and fellowship at Connect Hub

Friday 24th December 11.30pm - Watchnight Service

Coffee and Mince Pies will be available from 10:45pm – Collection for ROAR

Connect Hub @ St. George's Outreach Centre

Our Connect Hub has now been running since the end of August. We are on every second Tuesday from 1.30 to 3pm. We start with a half hour informal Cafe style Service, with a few hymns Bible readings and a short talk etc, at the same time enjoying our tea, coffee and biscuits. Then time to catch up with friends either in the comfy area or challenging others to various board games. Some weeks we have a special event. We've had a fellowship lunch, a Remembrance Service and of course we are looking forward to a special Hub at Christmas time.

Why don't you come along and give it a try? We would love to see you.

For more information contact Muriel at: deputysc.ms@paisleystgeorges.org.uk

BUBBLEGUM AND FLUFF

At the Outreach Centre we are really excited to be able to start our chaplaincy work again with our local Primary schools. On Wednesday the 1st of December we will be running the two hour programme "Bubblegum and Fluff".

The children come to the Outreach Centre where they are able to participate in this fun filled Bible programme, of games, stories, puppets, singing and crafts, aimed at P6s.

Everything in the programme focuses around the real meaning of Christmas instead of the Fluff which sadly a lot of children today think Christmas is about.

FLOWER COMMITTEE

We reach out to our members by sending approximately 3 bunches of flowers every week. To do this we rely on members keeping us informed when someone is unwell, in hospital, lonely, having a difficult time or have lost a loved one. Or it could be a celebration like a special birthday or anniversary.

We are very grateful to those members who give donations for the flowers each week.

Thank you to everyone who donates the flowers for making the sanctuary of the church so beautiful. If you wish to donate on a certain date please let us know as we will soon be putting together the donation list for 2022.



The Guild

After a year and a half due to Lockdown, the Guild started again in October. It was a cautious first night as we were uncertain as to how many of our previous members and how many new members would arrive. We also had to adapt to new rules because of Covid. Now after our fourth week back we seem to be accepting the changes in our routine and our members have done really well to go along with the restrictions. We also feel confident enough now to invite more people to join us, so do come along on Monday evenings (7.30) in the large hall. You will be made very welcome!

Mhairi (our Interim Moderator) attended on our first night back and, as always, it was good to see her. We had to have our much delayed AGM on our second night and that concluded our Stow Brae business. That let us feel that we could get on with St. George's Guild and long may it continue. Third and fourth nights we had exercising our bodies with Keep-fit and our brains with a quiz respectively. Both nights were good fun.

For the future none of us knows how Covid and the winter weather will affect us but we will keep going with God's blessing. There are many who would prefer the Guild to meet afternoons but when we asked for "a show of hands" to perhaps change from evenings, the majority preferred to remain meeting at night. It will continue so meantime.

"Whose we are and whom we serve"

Pat (Convener)





Boy's Brigade Update

As I write this we've just shared in worship with you and we know, from your feedback, you enjoyed hearing the messages we brought to you. Wasn't it great too to be able at last to award

Presidents badges to Craig Glassford, Fraser Kydd and Makenzie McNally.? It was a shame that Calum Hunter wasn't able to be with us to receive his too. Robbie Kettles was presented with his Queens badge and also a new BB shirt and tie to mark his progression into leadership and Matthew McDonald with the new Battalion trophy which I told you about last time.

Three lovely new trophies were dedicated in memory of Hugh Young who, as you know, was such a huge part of the life of our Company and Battalion and we know the boys who receive them at our next Display will treasure the award.

You saw for yourselves how much our young folks enjoy playing their part in church life both earlier today and also at Harvest. We're planning for the older boys to be out next week for Remembrance Sunday too.



Life in BB is largely back to normal with just a few covid adjustments. Our Anchors have grown in number replacing those who've moved up to Juniors and if you come down any Tuesday you'll hear just how much fun they have as they complete their work towards badges or simply play the games they love.

Juniors too are working for badges and starting to participate in Battalion events. They entered the Potted sports competition at Renfrew North and we were all delighted when our teams came first and second. 10 Pin Bowling is next so hopefully they'll have great fun at that.



Company life has changed with a new structure dividing boys in the older age group into Company for boys in P7 to S2 and Seniors from S3 upwards. Boys here are working towards badges and have already started on First Aid amongst other things. We've lost one of our tutors with Graeme's move to the Borders but Charlotte is still coming along to lend her skills in teaching. The new programme material has brought some new ideas and great fun was had one evening when we followed instructions to build catapults.

As you've heard through the intimations we're again trying to bring some Christmas cheer to folks in the West of Scotland less fortunate than ourselves through NB4CC. If you're able to help through donating a gift bag or items to include in them or need some more information please just ask any of the BB staff.

We're also taking part again in the Jingle Bell run which is being held on Sunday 5 December at Barshaw Park. Boys are running either 1 or 3 kilometres depending on their age and hopefully being sponsored for BB funds.

If you'd like to find out about more of our activities please visit our Facebook page – 15th Paisley Boys' Brigade.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support which really is very much appreciated.

Jan Phillips, Captain

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