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SERVICES AND EVENTS







Services for November and December 2021 will be conducted by Rev Alex McAspurren unless otherwise intimated

7th November 11:15am MORNING WORSHIP

14th November 11:15am **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**There will be a retiring collection for Erskine House

21st November 11:15am **MORNING WORSHIP**Christmas Gifts may be brought to church for the children of Castleview School over the next 3 weeks

28th November 11:15am **MORNING WORSHIP** WITH BAPTISM First Sunday in Advent

5th December SACRAMENT OF **HOLY COMMUNION**Venue, and time to be confirmed. Second Sunday in Advent.
Last day to donate gifts for the children of Castleview School

12th December 11:15am THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

19th December 11:15am **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**Coffee and mince pies will be served after worship

Friday 24th December 4:00pm **AFTERNOON SERVICE**at Reid Memorial Church

11:00pm WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

Venue to be confirmed

Saturday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Venue and time to be confirmed

The **Christmas Tree** above the West Door is considered to be a landmark and brings many positive comments from the surrounding residents and those passing in cars. This year we are planning a Christmas Tree lighting event. A short service of Christmas Carols will be followed by the switching on of the tree lights and then refreshments in the large hall. More details will be communicated as they become available.

The **retiring collection** over the Christmas Services will be split between Mary's Meals and Fresh Start Cookers for Christmas Appeal.



Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (Philippians 4:6 - NRSVA)

We live in a land of confusion. Mixed messages from our leaders in both politics and church leave us bewildered as to the direction we are meant to be taking. This, with the constancy of ongoing change in the world coupled to the continuing pandemic restrictions, make many people anxious. As a congregation awaiting the publication of the Draft Plan for Presbytery, are we anxious or do we worry?

For those in ministry it is a no less worrying time. Most of us do not know what will be happening to the posts we fill, or when any changes will take place. There is always the temptation to go for the first vacant charge that comes calling. The key word there is 'temptation' because that is what it may be, rather than a response to the clear calling of God. For a few years I have followed a path of spirituality that may be described as Benedictine. One of the emphases of this tradition is on remaining where you are until experiencing the clear call of God to do otherwise. I mention this as I want to reassure you that I have no plans or sense of call to jump ship to a more secure post. I believe that my call is to remain with you and journey together through these troublesome times.

Remaining has also enabled me to take on the role of supervisor to a minister who is transferring from South Africa to Scotland. From late January Dean will be joining us for around twelve months in the >

> role of Assistant Minister. As well as familiarising himself with both Scottish and Kirk culture and practice, he will be bringing his wide experience to help us develop our outreach. We'll hear from Dean in *ReidOn...* once he is in post.

The song says, "There may be trouble ahead", but rather than "face the music and dance" let us take our lead from our quote from St. Paul to the Philippians. Instead of worrying, let us journey together bringing everything to God in prayer.

YOURS IN CHRIST, ALEX

NEWINGTON CHURCHES TOGETHER (NCT)

At a recent meeting of the NCT the following Christmas events were discussed and arranged:

CAROL SINGING AT CAMERON TOLL

(under the front canopy) on Sunday 5 December from 1.30

- 2.30pm. The Salvation Army (also an NCT member) will be bringing some of their Army band to accompany us.
 So, why not come along and join in!
- ANGEL TRAIL there is to be an angel trail this year more details to follow however knitted angels will be required. If you are a knitter and would like to help, please see the pattern in the magazine. There is also a pattern for sheep, which you might like to do as well.

ALISON MACLEOD

[Editor's note: The knitting patterns were in a format that couldn't be included in the magazine. If you would like a copy of either the angel or the sheep, please let me know and I'll print or email it for you. Linda]

The cover of ReidOn..., November 2017





100 YEARS OF RED POPPIES

Amid the mud, blood, and carnage of trench warfare in World War I, tens of thousands of bright red poppies grew, marking the graves of the fallen. This led John McCrae, a Canadian army physician who had lost a colleague, to write "In Flanders Fields,"

In Flanders fields, the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row That mark our place, and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly.



> This image inspired the adoption of a red poppy as the symbol of all soldiers who had died in conflict. Exactly 100 years ago, on the 11th Nov 1921, poppies of remembrance were sold for the first time in British and Commonwealth countries. Hostilities had actually ceased three years earlier at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

This year, on the 14th November, which is the nearest Sunday, a two-minutes silence will be kept at war memorials throughout the country, and at the national ceremony at the Cenotaph in London's Whitehall. The Queen will pay tribute alongside Members of the Cabinet, Opposition Party leaders, former Prime Ministers, the Mayor of London, and many others. Representatives of the Armed Forces, Fishing Fleets and Merchant Air and Navy will be there, as well as High Commissioners of Commonwealth countries. All will wear a red poppy.

Around 30 million poppies are sold each year in the UK by the Royal British Legion. All the proceeds are used to provide serving and ex-service personnel with financial support, advice, employment, mobility, housing, and mental health facilities.

Today we are more aware than ever that battles are fought mainly by young people, and many of those who survive bear scars for life. The act of 'remembering' will not only look back to mark their sacrifice, but also yearn to learn lessons for the future.

PRESBYTERY REPORT

FROM 2nd NOVEMBER 2021

OVERTURES

Church Courts Act: Reduce the number of commissioners and ministerial places at General Assembly from 1:3 to 1:4. >

> Solemnisation of same sex marriage. Legislation enabling those Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Deacons who wish to do so to be nominated to solemnise same sex marriage ceremonies. (69% in favour).

PRESBYTERY PLANNING STRATEGY REPORT

You may remember that a few months ago, we were required to submit a lengthy document about our church called the Land and Buildings Toolkit. This has proved to be very subjective as it was written by members of each congregation about their own buildings. Further documentation, resulting in a possible delays of the new Presbytery Plan, is required by the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland.

This will take the form of an independent audit, Asset Management Building Audit (AMBA). A standard format will be used, probably in the form of a spreadsheet, by trained auditors. This should result in the collection of standard and factual information about every church and each Presbytery.

A two-stage release of the Presbytery Plan is expected in time for the Presbytery meeting on 7th December. A special meeting of Presbytery has been scheduled for Saturday 15th January 2022 for discussion of the plan. Slippage of these dates is a real possibility.

The Cluster Groups will be reconfigured into larger groups to encourage better communication, more integration, and the development of missional ideas between churches.

Frustrations and anxieties of everyone involved was acknowledged. We are urged not read more into what is being said and that this is definitely not a fait accompli. Changing goal posts are difficult for the Planning Group to read so please be patient.

LINDA FARRER PRESBYTERY ELDER







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DEAR REID MEMORIAL CONGREGATION,

Firstly, please can I thank you for your generosity for our children and families last Christmas. We were able to target presents and food parcels to the families who needed them the most. It goes without saying that they were very grateful and touched.

I am glad to say that despite all the challenges we have had a great 2021 at Castleview. During the lockdown in January/February team Castleview went above and beyond. Castleview staff provided in school teaching and learning for keyworker (including care home, education, and hospital staff) and vulnerable children. This was on top of twice daily online engagement for home school learning. Staff and families developed their digital skills. We visited homes to drop off digital devices and Wi-Fi units. Education was able to continue. This tremendous effort was recognised and commended by the council. I could not have been prouder of our learning community. >





> Our wellbeing team were busy too keeping in touch with families ensuring they had access to food and were simply okay. It was so important for us that although we were physically separated, we needed to keep connected as the Castleview family. In the everchanging Covid picture our mantras remained the stayed the same - 'no child left behind!' and 'if not you, who?' We were pleasantly surprised at how well our children returned. What a resilient bunch they are!

After the Summer break we returned to school August 2021 keen to get the new school session started. Our Covid mitigations were kept in place but as a team we creatively continue to work with these to make sure we are getting it right for everyone. We welcomed in three new Primary One classes meaning we are now three stream from P1-P3. Our P4-P7 classes are also very full. Larger classes brings its own challenges however we love our diverse community and now have over one third of our families with English as Additional language. What better way is there to learn about the wider world and other cultures than living and working together?

With COP26 approaching this has been a focus for us this school session. We have long been an 'ECO school' and learning for sustainability has been built into our curriculum however COP26 has given our children a real confidence and drive to learn more >



> and campaign on environmental issues. Our Primary Six pupils recently spoke maturely and eloquently about protecting their world, the environment, and their future on the BBC news. Another proud moment.

As we move through the school session, I do have concerns for our families. In the last two weeks four of our families have found themselves homeless, living in temporary accommodation. Can you imagine living in one room with a seven-year-old and one year old and no cooking facilities? This has been the reality for one of our families. We have acted quickly with a growing crisis. One of our Pupil Support Officer has taken a lead on homelessness. She has linked in with charities who support homelessness and has made a connection with the local housing officers to better support our families. She has been able to source bus passes to enable children to continue to come to school when they have been placed in temporary accommodation a distance from the school. She has been able to kit families out with clothing and household items when they have had none.

Perhaps though this sessions biggest act of kindness came when two members of staff helped a single mum to do a house clear. She was completely overwhelmed by the task she had to do partly as > > it involved choosing which of her belongings she could no longer keep. She needed encouragement and guidance not because she was lazy but because it was hard, and she was facing it alone. You may wonder why the school would use two teachers for such a job? The reality was nobody else was going to help and the longer it went on the child was not in education. At Castleview we support 'the whole child.' That whole includes their family. If child's carer or living situation is not okay, then the child themselves will not be okay.

We now run a weekly food and second-hand clothing bank. This is well attended and ran over the Summer holidays too. We have built up relationships with partners to provide stock. Now up and running we are focusing on providing fresh food. We believe those who are disadvantaged should get the quality food despite it costing more. We have been able to provide fresh ingredients with recipe cards which were very well received.

I look to the future, and I cannot lie I am concerned. How many more families will find themselves in crisis. We just do not know but what I do know is that team Castleview will be there in whatever way is needed. I cannot express how much I appreciate my team and the generosity of people like yourselves. People who do not judge and recognise that there are those who are less fortunate than themselves and more importantly that this is through no fault of their own.

I am wish you a healthy and happy Christmas.

Warm wishes, **CLARE**

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CASTLEVIEW PRIMARY 2021

Hello, I have been in touch again with Clare Langley, the headteacher at Castleview Primary School in Craigmillar.

She was pleased to hear from me and sends you all her best >

> wishes. She has sent a very interesting report on how school life has been during this last year. See above.

Excitement will be mounting for Christmas, as usual. The school can accept our gifts again this year to give to the children at the end of term.

We plan to do things as we did last year and put the toys in "quarantine" for a few days before we hand them over to the school.

The congregation can donate gifts as usual and put them in a bag with some wrapping paper and can be dropped off in the church from Sunday 21st November until 5th December.

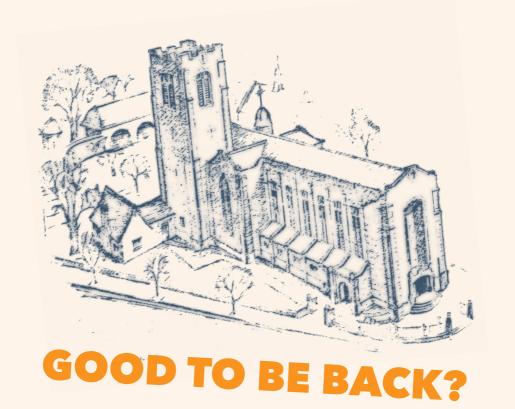
I will sit in my car at the church gate on the afternoons of Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th November from 2pm until 3pm and you can drive by and drop off gifts.

If you are unable to get to the shops for a gift this year and would prefer to make a monetary donation, I am willing to go and buy gifts. You can either put cash or a cheque in an envelope, marked "TOYS" and handing that into church or give it to me in the car on the days above. Please write the cheque to Reid Memorial Church. Money can be paid into the Church Bank account using reference "TOYS". (RBS 83-18-43 Acc. 00245095).

Judith will organise to give the donations to me by the end of November. I will have an exciting trip to a toy shop to spend your money! I may spend some on food to go into the special food parcels they make up for some of the families, as you will read in the letter.

If there are any questions, please phone me, Tel. 667 0910 It's going to be another difficult Christmas for all of us, but let's try to make it a little better for the children at Castleview, as we have in past years.

Thank you in anticipation. BEST WISHES SUSAN MACKAY



[Editor: I asked the groups who use our building what it meant to them to get back to their activities in person. Below are some of the responses.]

BADMINTON GROUP

I just wanted to let you know the absolute delight with which the return of badminton was met by the different members of the club. We had obviously not met in person altogether for over 18 months and there was a feeling of coming out of a dark tunnel, being able to catch up again, socially distanced of course and then battle it out on the court. Our games are competitive but never a grudge style match more a means to an end to improve as an individual or team player. Being able to do this again after such a trying time was joyous. >

> Not all of the club have managed to return yet due to injury or for other reasons, but they will be back soon, and they sound very excited about the prospect. Obviously as many activities were closed off for months on end, only some of us managed to play at all and as the club is a sports/social club there is more to just playing. We were possibly a bit rusty and the aches and pains which come with charging round a badminton court may take a bit longer to get over than previously but that is nothing compared to the return to civilization that being back playing again offers us.

Hope you are keeping safe and staying strong. Please do add me to the Reid on list, I have perused it myself in the past through the church website but would be keen to read the news regularly.

BEAVERS

After a very challenging 18 months without a home base, Beaver Scouts were so happy to be back in the church hall again.

Our Beavers colony has 18 children aged 6-8 years old. They are currently all boys (girls are also welcome.) We are a team of 2 Leaders and 2 teenage Young Leaders (both our Young Leaders started here at Beavers and have risen through the scout movement.) We also ask assistance from parents. The children enjoy a structured programme of games and simple crafts, which they do in small lodges. The hall is big enough for the boys to run around, which is really important for them:)

Alison Wallace, Leader 85th Braid Beavers

MONDAY EVENING YOGA

I resumed in-person teaching of my Monday evening yoga class in the Reid Memorial Church small hall room in early September, after 18 months of teaching the Monday evening yoga class via Zoom. Both class formats are popular for different reasons varying from person to person. >

> Returning to in-person classes after such a long time brought excitement as well as a little hesitation for everyone. However, with careful forward planning and clear instructions on new COVID secure guidelines and procedures explained to all, the first few weekly yoga classes have gone smoothly and been much welcomed.

Students who regularly attend the Monday evening yoga class, since I first started teaching it five years ago, are pleased with the new flooring put in the small hall earlier this year. It makes the room look and feel much brighter, cleaner, and more spacious.

Special thanks also to Joyce Rosie (halls convenor) and Linda Farrer (health & safety representative) for their assistance over the summer and for inviting classes back to the Reid Halls as soon as it was possible to do so.

HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY

Our drama group is absolutely delighted to be back using the space at the Reid Memorial, the main hall is large, bright, warm, and clean and ideal for our classes, the fact it has a stage is an added bonus. We are also very lucky to be able to use the beautiful grounds when it is dry. The Reid Memorial is a fantastic space as it is so versatile. Please can you add us to your mailing list.

Best wishes, Claire Keppie

IN THE RUN-UP TO COP26...

6th SEPTEMBER

Forty Christian denominations from across the UK came together for a special service marking Climate Sunday at Glasgow Cathedral, close to where the COP26 climate summit will take place in two months' time.

Lord Wallace, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, said: "As we look to the COP26 taking place later this year, it has been an honour to join with ecumenical friends from England, Wales, and Ireland, as well as here in Scotland, to mark Climate Sunday at Glasgow Cathedral. Over the past year, the Climate Sunday initiative has been asking churches to act, pray and speak up on climate change. As well as signing the declaration, Christians were invited to take part by holding their own Climate Sunday services. They were encouraged to get involved with a church 'greening scheme', Eco Congregation in Scotland and Ireland.

20th SEPTEMBER

The Moderator of the General Assembly has joined faith leaders from across Scotland and the UK in urging governments to take transformational action on climate change at the COP26 in November.

Lord Wallace joined more than 50 religious figures who have signed the Glasgow Multi-Faith Declaration. Lord Wallace said: >

> "Our faith communities are united in caring for human life and the natural world. We share a belief in a hopeful future, as well as an obligation to be responsible in caring for our common home, the Earth. We recognise the opportunities that COP26 brings in addressing the urgent need for action in limiting the effects of climate change and the critical importance of decisions made in this conference to take forward the agreement made in Paris in 2015."

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People have exploited the planet, causing climate change. We recognise that the burden of loss and damage falls most heavily on people living in poverty, especially women and children.

We acknowledge the commitments made through the Lambeth Declaration in 2015. Now, because of the gravity of our situation, the impact of climate change around the world, and the inequality of its effects we seek to strengthen those commitments.

We commit to respond to this challenge by:

- Reflecting deeply in prayer, meditation and worship to discern how to care for the earth and each other, and to encourage our respective communities to do the same.
- Making transformational change in our own lives and in the lives of our communities through individual and collective action. >

> • Being advocates for justice by calling on governments, businesses and others who exercise power and influence to put into effect the Paris agreement; to make the transition to a just and green economy a priority; and to commit to science-based targets that are aligned with a healthy, resilient, zero-emissions future.

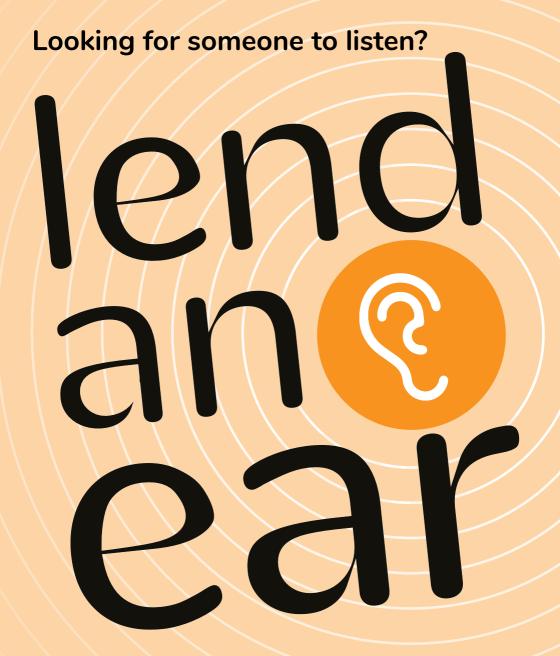
We remind governments of their commitments made in Paris in 2015 to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees, and of Article 17 of the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights to protect the environment, the biosphere and biodiversity. We call upon them to take the urgent action needed to avert the loss, damage, and forced migration threatened by climate change.

We look to governments to work together and with others to create a positive vision for 2050 where addressing climate change is not just an opportunity to stop burning fossil fuels, but also: to achieve cleaner air and water; to reduce food wastage; to ensure a just and equitable sharing of the earth's resources; and to protect the habitats we share with all other life on whose health we also depend.

Across our doctrinal and political differences, we know that we must change our ways to ensure a quality of life which all can share, and we need to provide hope for people of all ages, everywhere, including future generations. To offer hope in the world we need to have confidence that those in power understand the vital role they have to play at the Glasgow COP26.

Our collective energy and prayers will be with those working for a successful outcome'.

GLASGOW MULTI-FAITH DECLARATION FOR COP26,
SEPTEMBER 2021



The telephone listening service provided by trained volunteers from Craigmillar Park, Priestfield and Reid Memorial churches. Safe, confidential, non-judgmental.

07789 024 011 Thursdays 10am to 6pm

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR HOME BAKERS

Restrictions are easing, so much so that the fundraising group were able to hold a coffee morning and craft sale. Events such as these fall under the heading of hospitality within the Scottish Government and Church of Scotland regulations.

- A suitable risk assessment is undertaken specific to home baking and suitable control measures are identified and implemented. This risk assessment should be shared with everyone who bakes at home.
- Everyone who bakes at home on behalf of their congregation must be provided with suitable training in food safety and hygiene.
- The General Trustees are offering free access to the REHIS Introduction to Food Hygiene course by e-learning and congregations are encouraged to enrol home bakers on this course. Further information can be obtained by emailing the General Trustees.
- All home bakers should be regularly reminded of the importance of good hygiene practices, personal hygiene and cleaning and disinfection

Home bakers or anyone living with them who have tested positive for COVID-19 or are showing symptoms of COVID-19 must not provide home baked products to the church until their isolation period has ended or a negative PCR test is received, respectively.

GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

The Scottish Government has published new legislation relating to food allergens and the labelling of prepacked foods. > This legislation came into effect on 1st October 2021.

The majority of Church of Scotland congregations are unlikely to be affected by this change in legislation. If you are displaying or offering cakes and biscuits for sale at a coffee morning and the consumer picks their own products and asks the server to place them in packaging, then the new legislation would not apply.

It is important to note that all food offered by a congregation, whether for consumption within the church building or for taking away, must comply fully with the standard regulations on allergens within foodstuffs. It is good practice that information relating to food allergens will be displayed, and if someone asks for additional information then this should be readily available.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We need a willing volunteer to ensure that we comply with both of the above. They would be required to familiarize themself with the legislation, keep a register of everyone certified to provide home baking and ensure that any donated items have the relevant list of ingredients.

FINAL NOTE

Home baking at our coffee mornings has always been sought after and provides a good source of income for our fundraising. We shouldn't view these rules as negative or difficult to comply with, it's another step in keeping safe. The online food hygiene training takes about 2 hours and is logical to anyone who prepares food and does home baking.

LINDA FARRER



ALL IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

IT WAS 150 YEARS AGO, on 10th Nov 1871 that Welsh journalist and explorer Henry Morton Stanley located the missing missionary and explorer Dr David Livingstone near Lake Tanganyika in present-day Tanzania. He might or might not have greeted him with the words: "Doctor Livingstone, I presume?"

100 YEARS AGO, on 11th Nov 1921 that Remembrance poppies were sold for the first time in British and Commonwealth countries to commemorate military personnel who died in war. In the UK they are sold by the Royal British Legion to raise funds for current and former members of the British Armed Forces. Around 30 million poppies are sold each year.

80 YEARS AGO, on 13th Nov 1941 that the British aircraft carrier HMS Ark Royal was torpedoed by a German submarine in the Mediterranean Sea near Gibraltar. It sank the following day.

65 YEARS AGO, on 5th Nov 1956 that Premium Bonds went on sale in the UK. They were designed to encourage people to save, and they offered cash prizes instead of interest.

40 YEARS AGO, on 12th Nov 1981 that the US Space Shuttle Columbia was launched on its second flight into space, becoming the world's first reusable manned spacecraft.

30 YEARS AGO, on 5th Nov 1991 that Robert Maxwell, Czech-born British newspaper publisher, media proprietor and politician, was found dead at sea off Tenerife. Following his death, he was found to have fraudulently misappropriated the Mirror Group's pension fund. >

> **ALSO 30 YEARS AGO** on 18th Nov 1991 that the Church of England envoy Terry Waite and American educator Thomas Sutherland were released by Islamic Jihad in Lebanon after being held hostage since January 1987 and June 1985 respectively.

25 YEARS AGO, on 30th Nov 1996 that England officially returned the Stone of Scone to Scotland after 700 years. It was the coronation stone of the Scotlish and (later) English and British monarchs. Scotland agreed to loan the Stone to Westminster Abbey for future coronations.

20 YEARS AGO, from 12th to 13th Nov 2001 that the Afghanistan's ruling Taliban abandoned the capital without a fight, as a coalition of US/NATO and Northern Alliance forces entered the city.

ALSO 20 YEARS AGO, on 29th Nov 2001 that George Harrison, British rock guitarist, singer and songwriter with the Beatles, died.

PRAYERS FOR NOVEMBER

WEEK BEGINNING 7th NOV

We pray for the Church, for ministers, leaders, and laity, for those who serve in whatever capacity, and for those in unseen and untold ways, contribute to the life and health of our church. We thank you, Lord, for all their devoted service to your kingdom and glory,

AMEN

> WEEK BEGINNING 14th NOV

Father,

In these short, dark days of November, with all the uncertainties and complications in our new Covid 19 landscape, help us to feel the reassurance of Your presence in the gift of each new day.

Help us to be guided through the darkness by Your light - by Jesus, who will never leave us or forsake us In His name - the name above pandemics, shortages and rising bills and all anxieties - we pray.

AMEN

By Daphne Kitching

WEEK BEGINNING 21st NOV

Lord our God,
We turn to You as the maker of heaven and earth,
and as the One who sustains all human life.
Hear us as we seek to love You
With heart and soul and strength.
Hear us and our prayer for all Creation.
Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

AMEN

WEEK BEGINNING 28th NOV

Lord of all grace, you know the needs of all of us before we think or ask. Help us to know ourselves and to distinguish between need and desire. Grant our congregation, friends, and neighbours strength, comfort, and joy.

AMEN

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

COFFEE MORNING / CRAFT SALE

On Saturday October 23rd we held our first coffee morning and craft sale for over two years.

We were very apprehensive about how this would go due to the COVID restrictions, but we are glad to say that the support from the congregation and community was tremendous. There was quite a lot of new faces from the community, and it was great to talk to and welcome them to the Reid.

Donations amounted to £726, a fantastic amount and a big thank you to all those who helped us achieve this. We had the scouts come along to help in directing people to the craft stalls and coffee. They did a fantastic job, and our thanks go to them. We hope to involve the scouts in events in the future. Photograph by kind permission of Natalie, Scout Leader, 85th Braid Scouts. >



> CRAFTERS FAIR

We are planning a Crafters Fair on 4th December. This will be held in the Main Sanctuary, as it is a bigger event with more stalls, and we have promised the scouts that they can have a stall at this event. Coffee will also be served at this event in the large hall, and all are welcome. Please note: There is disabled access into church and large hall.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

We have extended the closing date until 11th November to give everyone time to get their entries in.

Our October fundraiser is a photographic one. The theme is "Nature in Autumn". Your photographs, landscape, or portrait can be of Nature e.g., flowers, trees, plants, birds, animals.

Send your entry either by

- email to musicsheena@hotmail.com
- post to Fundraising Committee, Reid Memorial Church, West Savile Terrace, Edinburgh, EH93HY
- put through the Church letterbox

Please attach your name and contact details with your entry.

The winning photograph, with your permission, will be published in the Reid Newsletter. The winner will receive a small prize.

Entry cost is a donation which can be by:

- Cheque to Reid Memorial Church -Photo competition,
- Posted through the Reid postbox or
- Bank transfer to Reid Memorial 831842 account 00245095 photos and your surname.

Good luck. We look forward to receiving your entries.

Thank you all for your continued support

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE





Start collecting stamps now to support The Women's Development Centre (WDC) in Kandy, Sri Lanka.



Your used stamps can help the WDC support women and girls who have survived rape, sexual violence and family rejection, returning them to education or learning skills that will allow them to make a living.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE:

Post your stamps to Stamp Appeal 2021, PO Box 9191, Wishaw, Lanarkshire, ML2 0YB For other options and more information visit: www.churchofscotland.org.uk/stamps

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CROSSREACH CARDS AND CALENDARS

I have received a few leaflets about CrossReach's cards and Calendars. In past years many of you have supported the work of CrossReach by buying cards and calendars.

I will bring some catalogues to Church and if you would like to order anything then please tell me, I usually do a collective order and then get the goods to you as soon as

I receive them and receive payment then.

The calendar has been popular for sending to friends abroad!

My contact information: phone **0131 447 4149**, email **anneblack2@btinternet.com**

THANK YOU ANNE BLACK

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