

Tidings



December 2017
Christmas

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Dear friends,

In Matthew 25:14-30, Jesus tells the story of the talents, and the moral of the story appears to be that we are expected to use what God has given us, our gifts, talents, and abilities, whether great or small, for the kingdom. I don't know about you, but I find it hard to blow my own trumpet. Some good old Scottish reserve can often cause me to hesitate before I offer to do something, thinking that there may be someone else better equipped. Even worse is attempting to talk about what I've done or succeeded with. Somehow, these things fade into the background of the work that has yet to be done. In part, perhaps it's also a result of the Protestant work ethic. At a recent review from Presbytery, I had to be reminded on several occasions by our Session Clerk that I was perhaps downplaying our achievements this past year. Fortunately, our Elders could recount the work completed and in progress. They were able to exercise their abilities and gifts, in this regard.

Earlier in the year I highlighted the plans of our hard-working Kirk Session, which included: the possibility of additional services of worship and opportunities for more people to express their talents; promoting youth activities and work with other churches; improving our communication including revising this magazine, the use of Social Media, and providing video recordings of the services to the housebound; and seeking to provide training to help us all share our faith to others, hopefully leading to growth in our congregation. Many of these things we have begun work on, which bears testimony to the hard work of so many people, some of whom never anticipated that they would be able to help in the areas that they now assist.



However, this isn't the sum of our efforts. What I'm working up to is that the church needs you, and I'm thinking wider than just the Old Kirk! Our king is Christ. Our country or kingdom is an heavenly one. This isn't so much that the church is pursuing its mission, as God's own mission having a church, within which we have a role. Each of us need to play our part, large or small, for the success of the kingdom. Our king expects it of us.

I hope you will join with me in exploring what that might mean for each of us, as we identify and use our gifts, talents, and abilities to the glory of God.

Your Minister and friend,

Ross

What's On

November

Sunday 26	10.45am	Sacrament of Holy Communion
	3.00pm	Woodburn Court
	6.30pm	Evening Service - Sacrament of Holy Communion



December

Sunday 03		<i>First Sunday in Advent</i>
	10.45am	Morning Worship
Friday 08	7.30pm	Carols by Candlelight (in Church - teas/coffees and goodies afterwards in the Halls)
Sunday 10		<i>Second Sunday in Advent</i>
	10.45am	Morning Worship & Christmas Lunch
Sunday 17		<i>Third Sunday in Advent</i>
	10.45am	Family Service & Christmas Pie Sunday
Sunday 24		<i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i>
	10.45am	Family Service
	3.00pm	Woodburn Court
	11.15pm	Watchnight Service
Monday 25	10.45am	Christmas Family Service
Sunday 31	10.45am	Family Service
	3.00pm	Woodburn Court



January

Sunday 07	10.45am	Morning Worship
Tuesday 09	7.30pm	Session Meeting
Sunday 14	10.45am	Morning Worship
Sunday 21	10.45am	Morning Worship
Sunday 28	10.45am	Morning Worship
	3.00pm	Woodburn Court

February

Sunday 04	10.45am	Morning Worship
Sunday 11	10.45am	Morning Worship
Sunday 18	10.45am	Morning Worship
Sunday 25	10.45am	Morning Worship
	3.00pm	Woodburn Court



Old Kirk Dancers

For 25 years now the Old Kirk Dancers have been dancing the night away and fortunately are still going from strength to strength.

As in the past a number of our class attended the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (Clydesdale Branch) weekend, held at the Athol Palace Hotel, Pitlochry. A great time was had by all, indeed 80 members from all over Scotland were present, and a very successful weekend it was.

The local group meets here in the North Hall on a Tuesday evening at 7.45pm and a warm welcome is extended to new members, WHY NOT GIVE IT A TRY!

Irene Mathieson

Guild Be Bold Be Strong Year 3 "Go In Love"



Our Minister spoke on the theme at our first meeting and left us with this thought, "How can we interest fellow members of the Church to be aware of the work of the Guild?"

The 6 projects to date have raised over half a million pounds.

Our second meeting took us "Doon the Watter" with Rev Norman McKee on his beloved Waverley.

We are having Christmas Afternoon Tea at Nellie Browns on Cadzow Street on 6 December instead of a lunch.

The Guild meet on the following dates from January to March:

January	17	Jim Hughes - Onward from Erskine Bridge
February	07	Touring Route 66 - Jim Henderson
	21	The Glasgow Tenement - Alasdair Gordon
March	07	AGM, Projects update and Drama
	21	Closing Meeting - Anderson Singers
April	04	18/19 Syllabus arrangements

Continue to go in love.

With best wishes for Christmas and 2018.

Avril Boothroyd
Coordinator



Choir

Choir resumed their mid week meetings early in September and have been working through their planner providing a programme of weekly introits and anthems taking us through into January.

Our final meeting for this session will be on Wednesday 13th December and we will restart in the New Year on Wednesday 10th January when all music should be returned up to Sunday 7th January.

Helen C Simpson
Organist

Crèche

A crèche is held in the Church Halls every Sunday from 10.30am until the end of the Church Service. If you would like to have a baby or a young child looked after during this time please come and see us in the room next to the Office.

Catherine Southgate

Fellowship Committee

Since the last issue of Tidings, we organised a trip across the Queensferry Crossing on 1 October, which, after a bit of a dodgy start and despite the rain, seemed to be enjoyed by everyone. We ended up at West Lothian Golf Club for our meal, and as usual enjoyed the food. Our thanks have to go to Matthew at the club as the chef was ill, and Matthew had to do the preparation, cooking and serving of the food, together with the clearing away of plates etc as well as looking after the bar area. He did a terrific job. Our thanks also go to Ann and Sandy Messer, who came up with the idea in the first place.

On October 8, we held the annual Charity Lunch and, despite numbers being down on previous years, we were able to give the sum of £750 to the Kilbryde Hospice. A copy of their of thanks is attached. Thanks go to those who supported the lunch by their attendance and those who gave donations and in particular but not exclusively to Tesco at Rutherglen who donated a large amount of fresh and frozen vegetables, Yorkshire puddings and after dinner (or lunch) mints.

Our annual Carols by Candlelight evening will be held on Friday 8 December and tickets for this event, used to give us an approximate number for catering purposes will be on sale at £5 soon.

The congregational Christmas lunch will be on Sunday 10 December and more information as to booking meals etc will follow.

Iain McLean
Convener

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Iain McLean
~~19/10/2017~~
~~Hamilton~~
~~McGinn~~

19/10/2017

Dear Iain

We are writing to thank you for choosing Kilbryde Hospice to benefit from your Sunday lunch event on 8th October. Your amazing donation of £750.00 will help us to deliver much needed services to the people of Lanarkshire and surrounding areas - we could not have achieved this without you. As per our conversation yesterday, I have enclosed a certificate for you to pin up on the church wall to let everyone know your lovely achievement.

The team here at Kilbryde are all working towards achieving the same goal. We aim to care for everyone who walks through the doors of this magnificent building, whether they are a patient, a family member or a friend. We do whatever we can to make their journey easier and less worrisome.

One of the most important things is spending quality time with people. At Kilbryde Hospice, because we are an independent charity, we have the time to talk to them and most importantly listen to what they have to say.

All of our services are provided free of charge. It is with the help of the local community, businesses and people such as Hamilton Old Parish Church which gives Kilbryde Hospice the heart it has to provide support and caring companionship to those on life's most difficult journey.

Thank you once again, from all of us at Kilbryde Hospice.

Best wishes,



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Boys' Brigade Company Section

We have had the usual busy start to the session. We are really pleased to welcome into the Company Section Daniel Rogers, Euan Parkes, Colin Davidson, Lewis Chisholm, Calum McKay and Cameron Baird, all of whom have already contributed greatly to the Company's activities. We look forward to having a very enjoyable session.



Battalion Cross Country

The Battalion Cross Country was held at Stonehouse on 4th October. On a cold, wet and pretty miserable morning Colin Davidson, Euan Davidson, Euan Baird and David Chisholm ran for the Company Section. They all did well, especially David who finished second in the seniors' race.



Company 10 Pin Bowling

We joined up again this year with the Junior Section, and had our 1st Hamilton World Championship Company Section 10 Pin Bowling Night at Cosmic Bowl on 11th October. After a close contest the winners were Euan Baird (senior), Euan Davidson and Cameron McIntosh (intermediate) and Euan Parkes (junior). The World Champion in the officers' competition was Gordon Scott (pictured above). It was all good practice for the Battalion 10 Pin Bowling due to be held in November – though that competition will take place without the benefit of the bumpers!



Enrolment Service

The Company's Enrolment and Dedication Service was held on 8 October. We are very grateful to our Chaplain for conducting this special Service, which had at its heart the work being done in The Boys' Brigade and Brownies within our own Church. We had proudly on display for the first time a banner made for the Company by the Banner Group. The banner is beautiful and has involved a huge amount of work especially with the intricacy of the emblem. A huge thank you to everyone in the Banner Group who worked so hard to produce a banner which will take pride of place at all of our future Company events.

World Mission

Earlier this year we launched our World Mission Appeal to raise funds to be split equally between (1) The Church of Scotland and The Boys' and Girls' Brigade World Mission project in Bangladesh and (2) Lanarkshire Cancer Care Trust.

We held a sponsored 24 hour Exercise Bike Cycle over the weekend of 17 – 18 June 2017. The aim was to cycle 700km in 24 hours – an ambitious target of just under 30 km per hour.

We started on Saturday morning at 10am with the aim of completing by Sunday morning 10am. It was a warm day and a humid night and the North Hall was sweltering.

All the boys and officers took their turn and did extremely well, but by the early hours of the morning it was clear that we were going to struggle to make the distance on one bike alone.

But we had prepared for that possibility and we brought in a second bike. Between the two bikes we rattled through the distance left and completed the full 700km with time to spare.

It was a tremendous effort to raise funds for two great causes.

Global warming and climate change in Bangladesh have had a devastating effect on coastal regions. Rising water levels have destroyed land previously used for crops and animals, displacing villagers from land they have farmed for years, and making it very difficult for them to cultivate and store their crops.

The project will help villagers with equipment to farm new areas, and the means of drying their crops so they can be stored safely for later use. It will provide people – many of whom have absolutely nothing - with hope - and a way of protecting their future.

Nearer to home Lanarkshire Cancer Care Trust is a voluntary organisation which provides support for cancer sufferers and their families, by offering patients and their carers free transport to hospitals and clinics for appointments and life-saving treatment. All of the drivers give their time voluntarily, with the charity only providing help with mileage and running costs. An average of 80 patients are transported to clinics and hospitals every day. It is a great charity with the volunteer drivers not only providing transport, but also helping to reduce the stress and anxiety facing patients by providing a reliable, friendly, confidential and supportive service.

We announced at the Enrolment Service an overall total collected of £1401 to be split equally between the charities. Since then we have received a further £140 bringing the figure to a tremendous £1541. A massive thank you to everyone who contributed and supported the fundraising. The funds will make a significant difference to the work being done by both charities.

The generosity of our congregation and the boys' families and friends, is second to none! Thank you again for all of your support and encouragement.

Alistair Buttery
Captain



Anchor Boys

The session is well under way and we regularly have 7 boys in attendance.

Stuart Davidson is in his third year and is working toward his blue badge, Gregory Blackman, Blair McIntosh, Caleb Nicol and Reece Smith are in their second year and are working toward their red badges, We are delighted to welcome Elliot Dickson and Arron Hughes who joined at the beginning of the session. Both boys are working toward their green badges.

Crafts and Christmas shoe box building have proved to be fun and at time of writing we are looking forward to the usual Hallowe'en and Christmas parties and our annual film night.

A warm welcome is extended to all boys in P1-3 to join us on Wednesdays 5.30pm to 6.30pm in the North Hall.

Nanette McLean
Leader in Charge

Monday Club

The club had its first meeting on 9th of October. Our speaker was Louis Munn, who had members totally captivated with his presentation of 30 years in the "Polis". Louis took us from several "highs" with meeting The Queen and Princess Diana, to the "lows" of Dunblane and the house explosion at Larkhall. Film clips of these incidents were also shown.

Touch of Class entertain us on 23rd October; Bill Barr on 6th November with an Afternoon of Colour and song; 27th November is our popular Christmas Lunch and our last meeting of the year is on 4th December with The Mental Health Foundation.

Our first meeting of The New Year is on 8th January with The Rev. Ross Blackman and our Financial A.G.M.

Alex Baird will do a presentation on Burns on the 22nd of January.

As this will be our final article prior to the festive season, on behalf of myself and the committee have a very Merry Christmas and a Guid New Year.

Charlie Duguid



Saffronhall Singers

After a slightly later start than usual, our Monday night rehearsals are well underway. Attendance has been good which has helped us make progress in revising our repertoire, important because we have a concert on 8th November at Overtown Church. At the same time we are starting to learn some new pieces which we hope to perform later in the session. We were delighted to welcome Helen and Stewart Troop, members of our congregation, into our midst and this takes our membership to fifty-one.

On Wednesday 6th December we are making a return visit to Rutherglen United Reform Church, this time to give a Christmas Concert, which will be a good practice for our own annual Carols by Candlelight. This event, held jointly with the Fellowship Committee, will take place on Friday 8th December, when we hope to welcome friends from within our congregation and from the wider community. As usual, the format will be a mixture of sacred and secular Christmas music, with plenty of opportunities for audience participation. There may even be a few Christmas cracker jokes!!

Our final meeting this session will be on Monday 11th December (with some Christmas goodies) and we will start back on Monday 8th January 2018.

Best wishes to all for a peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year.

Campbell Barr



Finance and Gift Aid

As we are approaching the end of another year it is great to be able to report that the Stewardship campaign a year ago has been very successful and it would seem we may have a surplus at the end of the year for the first time in a long while. At the last finance meeting our treasurer was able to report an increase in givings of around 17% for the first 6 months of the year and hopefully this trend will continue for the remainder of the year. A very big thank you to everyone for their support of the work of the Old Parish and beyond.

I will be submitting our claim for Gift Aid to HMRC at the beginning of the year, so it is important to let me know if you have moved to a new house during 2017 even if you have already notified the office. Also, if you have stopped paying tax then again, I need to know as I cannot claim tax back if you haven't paid it.

A very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to everyone.

Marilyn Henderson 01698 427892/ mjh_rtel@blueyonder.co.uk



MEIKLE FAMILY!!

October 2017
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GOD IS GOOD...!!!

Baby Helena arrived well. She was a big baby and started to lose clothes very quickly. For the first couple of months, she had some problems with reflux and was quite difficult. Although she was going through a hard time with this, she didn't lose any weight; only gain! She is now 4 months old, and is a very smiley and healthy wee girl.



With Helena's arrival at the end of May, we had to postpone our mid-year camp. Silvana has been at home with Helena, and has thoroughly enjoyed it. She enjoyed being part of the camp at the end of last month with her group of teenaged girls. We spent three days at Casa Elohim and studied the story of Elijah.

In a modern world, it is easy to drift away from the one true God, and at camp we overlooked a number of examples and explained what the world has to offer. The girls came away from camp with different eyes. Even on the way home, they pointed out a number of different things that don't please God.

We pray that He can make the true difference in their lives.

The Super Woman group was small this year, which made the Bible studies easier to Lead.



CASA SEMEAR TEAM PRAYER POINTS:

- The whole of ABBA continues to suffer financially. The monthly amount needed for Casa Semear to run is still not coming in and we really need help to keep the house open to carry on serving the children.
- We have a lot going on before the end of the year, and will need your help to get these things done!
- Dora and Jai have VERY little financial support, please pray for them both.
- Alan is now a leader at YWAM and will be leading an evangelism team in the Amazon this month. He needs to raise £450 for travel expenses and keep for his time there.

ABBA TEAM RETREAT

ABBA had its yearly retreat last month and the ABBA Family has grown! ABBA now has roughly 90 people on the team and is going strong. We, at Casa Semear are one of ABBA's ten wagons. Lots of different projects with one idea in mind - expanding His Kingdom.



Karyne is one of our young mothers. At the age of 22, she is about to have her fourth child. She has gone through a very hard time lately and needs prayer.

Meikle Family

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A Poem that some can relate to

*I remember the cheese of my childhood,
And the the bread that we cut with a knife,
When the children helped with the housework,
And the men went to work, not the wife.*

*The cheese never needed a fridge,
And the bread was so crusty and hot,
The children were seldom unhappy,
And the wife was content with her lot.*

*I remember the milk from a bottle,
With the yummy cream on the top,
Our dinner came hot from the over,
And not from the fridge in the shop.*

*The kids were more contented,
They didn't need money for kicks,
Just a game, with mates, on the road,
And sometimes the Saturday flicks.*

*I can remember the shop on the corner,
Where a pen'orth of lollies was sold,
Do you think I'm a bit nostalgic?
Or is it...I'm just getting old?*

*I remember the "loo" was the law,
And the bogeyman came in the night,
It wasn't the least bit funny,
Going "out the back" with no light.*

*The interesting items we perused,
From the newspapers cut into squares,
And hung on the peg in the loo,
It took little to keep us amused.*

*The clothes were boiled in copper,
With plenty rich foamy suds,
But the ironing seemed never ending,
As Mum pressed everyone's "duds".*

*I remember the slap on my backside,
And the taste of the soap if I swore,
Anorexia and diets weren't heard of,
As we hadn't much choice what we wore.*

*Do you think that bruised our ego?
Or, our initiative was destroyed?
We ate what was put on the table,
And, I think life was better enjoyed.*

Anon



Flower List 2017

December	03	Mrs MacLean
	10	Mrs Macintyre
	17	Mrs Wilson
	24	Mrs Kinsman
	31	Mrs Garrett
January	07	Mrs Maxwell
	14	Mrs McLuckie
	21	Mrs French
	28	Mrs Hunter
February	04	Mrs Simpson
	11	Mrs Scott
	18	Mr P Murphy
	25	Mrs Renwick
March	04	Mrs Laird
	11	Mrs Wright



Thank you to everyone who has gifted flowers over the past year.

E Gardiner

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Flower Delivery

December	03	Mrs N Barr
	10	Mrs M Henderson
	17	Mrs A Henderson
	24	no delivery required
	31	no delivery required
January	07	M Richardson
	14	A Cunningham
	21	Mrs K Shearer
	28	Mrs A Gibson
February	04	Mrs Y Paterson
	11	Mrs R Downie
	18	Mrs S Samson
	25	Mrs B Smith
March	04	Mrs H Simpson
	11	Mrs G Keir

Flowers are usually delivered after the Morning Service. If the date is unsuitable, please try to re-arrange or contact:

Kate Morrow

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Rose Bowl List 2017

December	03	F McIntosh
	10	E Reid
	31	H McGreevy
January	07	H McGreevy
	14	J Henderson
	21	F Young
February	28	L Munn
	04	A Girasoli
	11	M McCartney
March	18	J Mathie
	25	M Wilson
	11	E Reid



Elizabeth Gardiner
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Flower Circle

Harvest

Thank you very much to the very small group of ladies who helped decorate the Church for Harvest. This help was much appreciated.

Anyone who has an O'bowl holder not required please return it for re-use.

Christmas

Would members of the Flower Circle and anyone else who would like to help decorate the Church for Christmas please meet at 9.30am on Friday 2 December.

Church Flowers

There are no Sundays available at the moment for the two vases but the following dates are available for the Rose Bowl:-

2017	November 5th and 19th
	December 17th, 24th and 31st
2018	January 7th
	March 4th

Elizabeth Gardiner

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all friends at the Old for their get well messages after my recent hospital admissions, also for the beautiful church flowers given to Fiona. A special thank you to Ross for his visits and prayers. I feel fully recovered now.

David Young

A big thank you for everything that has been done in the past year for the over 80's and to everyone involved.

CMO

Searching for Jesus

Six months on from our “Walk with Christ”, do we see any lasting impact? In our own walk, do we find it easier to visualise key moments of the gospel story? Are there moments of Holy Week 2017 that have stayed with us, that now resonate more deeply, or that have greater personal significance? And what of the impact beyond our own congregation?

We know that church attendance was boosted during Holy Week and that many people came along to worship with us, some for the first time. I am delighted to say that some of these people are now regular attendees and some have taken membership in the Church of Scotland. We may never know the impact on others, perhaps a wee seed has been planted that will begin to grow at a later date.

There is a renewed sense of unity amongst the churches, evidenced by the increase in joint evening services. Other churches are very keen to work with us to develop a vision for future Holy Week celebrations, ensuring that the united approach which permeated all aspects of worship – way beyond the Passion Play itself – continues.

I see the role of the Church in the local community acknowledged from new sources and in new ways. I would highlight the interest from local media and the Business Improvement District. Have you chatted to someone in the shops about Holy Week to see what they thought? You might be surprised. I certainly was by a recent conversation with a shopkeeper who was full of praise for what the Churches had achieved by going out into the town centre....and then finished the conversation with “And I’m an atheist, by the way!”.

So, what next?

As I’ve said above, other Churches are keen to continue to work together and that certainly includes Cadzow Parish Church, who will host Holy Week services in 2018. We are currently working together to look at how we might integrate the Passion Play into worship, without recreating the same format as last year.

The last verse of Mark tells us “And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message”.

So, we need to go out! Take the whole story into the heart of the town. We plan to do this by performing a complete Passion Play in the town centre on Easter Saturday (31st March). There are many characters and scenes that we did not have opportunity to present in our serialisation. 2018 will allow us to meet Pilate (and his Missus), Nicodemus and even John the Baptist.

We plan to perform the play in various locations around the bottom cross – God and South Lanarkshire Council willing.

Our theme for 2018 is “Renewal Through Resurrection” and I will be praying for renewal of that area of town, renewal of interest in faith, renewal of Easter celebrations beyond the sacred/secular divide and renewal of the Churches commitment to evangelism.

Let’s build on the 300+ crowd who joined us for Palm Sunday and ensure that Hamilton’s Easter message for 2018 goes beyond chocolate and chicks.

As part of the early stages of planning, our search for Jesus has been successful. Seek and ye shall find.

We advertised through theatrical agents for a professional actor to work with us to portray Jesus and were delighted to have over 30 applicants. So, after sifting through lots of CVs and photos of men with beards, Mhairi, Sandra, Bill, Ross and I met with some potential candidates – and one was outstanding.

I am delighted to share with you that Nicholas Elliott will be Hamilton’s Jesus. Nicky is an extremely experienced actor, who trained at RADA (the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art) in London and has worked extensively in theatre, film and television, most recently with the National Theatre. We are extremely blessed to have him lead our cast.

Nicky (pictured) says, “I am very much looking forward to working with everyone and to getting started. I feel very proud to be cast in such a role as they are big shoes to fill. Not only in the actual role of Jesus himself but also following on from such a successful production from last March. I spend a good deal of time in Hamilton and was actually married in Chatelherault so I have had great times and great memories here in Hamilton and look forward to bringing our Passion Play to the community.”



There is no doubt this project is ambitious and will need the support of many people out front and behind the scenes to make it happen. I am pleased to once more have the backing of our Kirk Session to make this happen and also help from our Fellowship Committee, who have kindly agreed to arrange a concert to raise funds. Thank you.

No matter what your talent or gift, you can help. Please email me liz1b@ymail.com, leave a message with the office or speak to anyone who was involved last year for more details. Or feel free to pop along and join rehearsals. Our first rehearsal is Tuesday 14th November, meeting at 7.00pm in the Sanctuary of Cadzow Parish Church. It would be ideal to have as many folks as possible along that night so we can cast roles and plan a rehearsal schedule. Nobody will be needed every week. Thereafter we rehearse on Monday 20th November and Tuesday 28th.

Mark gives us a promise; that the Lord **will** work with us. So come on – join us as we go out!

Liz Blackman



The Scottish Bible Society

Since Bibleworld Mobile, the trailer classroom, was retired from active service the next step in Bibleworld ministry is - Bibleworld Books. Taking specially adapted biblical text and new artwork, SBS had produced a series of books with resources suitable for children to learn reading, writing and literacy.

Working in partnership with All Souls group of churches and local primary schools in Fife, “After School Book Clubs” were set up where trained volunteers tested the new materials. Feedback has been very encouraging and we plan to publish a full series of New Testament books in spring of 2018.

Further information and sample books are available by contacting pearl.liddle@scottishbiblesociety.org.

Please keep supporting our work as we spread God’s word at home and around the world.

Muriel Eadie



Entered into Eternal Life.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

God of grace and peace, in your Son Jesus Christ
 You have given us new birth into a living hope.
 Strengthen us now to live in the power of the resurrection
 and keep us united with our loved one
 from whom in death we are not divided;
 for You live and reign forever and ever. *Amen*

*5 August 2017
 Helen Kerr*

*10 August 2017
 Audrey Cowe*

*16 September 2017
 Daisy Parke*

*22 September 2017
 William Johnston*

*13 October 2017
 Edith Simpson*

Baptisms

*3 September 2017
 Samuel Magowan*





Heavenly Father,

Before your greatness, we are humbled.

So often we struggle to feel that we are any use.

We find it difficult to see what contribution of effort we might make to serve
your kingdom.

Open our eyes to the gifts that you have given us.

Help us to see how we might employ them in service of our king.

Give us the heart to use them; despite fear, shame, or setbacks.

100 years ago, and many times since, our country has been on the midst of war.

We have known sacrifice and we have known contributing to the common good.

There is also a spiritual warfare, that we so often neglect.

Forgive us, Lord.

We long for a time when physical war might be no more.

So, too, we look forward to the time when our personal wars might cease.

Help us to play our part and answer your call to us.

Help us to actively seek peace, in the service of our king.

Bless us, for the sake of Christ.

Amen.

