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TRINITY CHAT WINTER 2025



From the Interim Minister

What's happening with...?

It's a bit tricky to write something for the magazine that will come out in a few weeks, as by the time you read it some things will have already moved on.

I could write about our programme for Advent and Christmas, but by the time you get the magazine we'll already be well into Advent and had our Bereavement Service, been involved in Christmas Reflection Rooms at Knightswood Secondary School and so on. You will see from the posters and flyers that there is quite a long list of services and events planned for the month, and I hope that these will be an opportunity for celebrating in fellowship with each other and perhaps reaching out into our community. Remember we are all hosts to any visitors to our congregation, so keep an eye out for new folk and best foot forward!

In terms of the behind the scenes work, the closing date for bids for the St Margaret's building has passed and a bid has been accepted by the Session and the General Trustees. We can't say much more about this yet as the whole sale process needs to play out and this can take a few

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months, but as soon as we can share more, we will. A task group has been appointed by the kirk session to deal with the sale and in particular with the removal of any items from St Margaret's that will not be included in the sale, once that is clear from the negotiations, and taking into account the guidance we have received from General Trustees. If you have any specific requests please put these in writing to the office email (office@katchurch.org.uk) and they will be forwarded to the task group for consideration.

A Refurbishment Task Group is up and running for the Anniesland building and we presented an architect's brief to the Kirk Session based on the consultations held with congregation and other groups. With this brief approved, nine different architect firms have been approached and they have seen around the building for a first impression. They have then come back to us with fee proposals and their track records with similar projects. We will be shortlisting 2 or 3 firms to interview as a whole Task Group. Then we will hopefully be able to recommend one firm to the Kirk Session, for them to begin a feasibility study to explore the options for the refurbishment.

I have summarised the architect's brief elsewhere in the magazine, but we should all be aware that our wish list may well be longer than what we can



afford with the funds available, and choices will need to be made as to what has priority. All the same, it is exciting to begin in earnest with this much needed work. In the meantime, there is still plenty to do and develop in terms of governance and congregational life. I am excited to be holding membership classes with three young people looking to join the church formally early in the new year. It has been very encouraging to hear what it means to them to find or develop one's faith in God and to be part of a church community.

God is good, and Jesus still calling people to follow him. It's good to realise once more what the church is actually all about at its heart!

I hope that in this time of Advent we will all remember that we are not just looking back to the first arrival of Christ as a baby in Bethlehem, but we're looking forward with expectation to the coming of Christ in the present, and the return of Christ at the end of this age. There is so much broken in our lives, our churches and our world, but God still comes to save, heal and fix what is broken, until all things are made new in Him.

Wishing you a *wholesome* Christmas,

Hanneke

May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together—spirit, soul, and body—and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. The One who called you is completely dependable. If he said it, he'll do it!

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
The Message

Architect's brief summary

Project Objectives

The redevelopment should:

- Address the urgent, essential and (where applicable) desirable items raised in the building survey of March 2024.
- Improve accessibility and inclusivity for all users throughout the building.
- Make the entrances into the building (especially the halls) more welcoming and inviting for passers-by and those new to the building.
- Make the sanctuary into a multi-purpose space, whilst retaining the distinct feel of a worshipful space.
- Provide flexible meeting spaces adaptable to various types of meetings and group sizes, including other forms of worship.
- Optimise the use of internal spaces throughout the week, not only Sundays, so ensuring the building will meet the needs of the congregation into the future when longer term we may just have one set of buildings.
- Improve energy efficiency and reduce ongoing operating costs.
- Preserve and celebrate the building's spiritual and historic character.

Design & Character Guidance

- The building should feel **welcoming, warm and light**.
- The building needs to be a safe and good place to be for people of all ages and stages, backgrounds and abilities.
- The sanctuary as well as the other spaces are to be fit as meeting places with God, reflecting the love and welcome of God to all people.
- A balance is to be struck between honouring the heritage of the building, practical needs and a building fit for the 21st century.

Materials should be durable, sustainable, and low maintenance.

Hello everyone.

I hope this finds you all safe and well and that you have all managed to keep warm on these chilly days.

This morning in church we celebrated the first anniversary of KAT Church following the union of our three congregations on 21 November. It has been a quick, yet productive, year and we marked the occasion with cake and fellowship ... including a rendition of "Happy Birthday to Us" during the service.

Robert Miller (Bob) has retired from Session and is now Elder Emeritus. His years of dedicated service are deeply appreciated and we wish him a restful and fulfilling retirement.

The Session was saddened to learn of the passing of Tom Griffiths after a short illness. Tom served faithfully as an elder and as Session Clerk at Temple Anniesland Church for many years and then as an elder in KAT Church. We give thanks for his faith, wisdom and commitment and hold Claire and the family in our prayers during this difficult time.

As 2025 draws to an end, I would like to wish you all on behalf of the Kirk Session, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

With love and blessings

Gail Grieve

Joint Session Clerk



Family and Youth Worker

The last few months we have had smaller numbers at Sunday Club due to some families being away or being unwell. We have been using storytelling and short dramas to explore favourite bible characters including Joseph and Martha. Our Sunday Clubbers really enjoy doing things to share with the congregation. They were delighted to decorate the old hall for KAT church's birthday celebration as a surprise for everyone coming through for tea and coffee after the service.

We had to cancel Messy Church at the beginning of October due to the very bad storm. Our session in November was quiet perhaps due to the weather again. Those who did come along enjoyed making memory bracelets and keyrings and decorating stones. We heard the story of Joshua crossing the river Jordan, and the 12 stones that were taken from the river and placed as a reminder of God holding back the water to allow the people to cross safely. Our next Messy Church is on Friday the 19th of December and we will have a Christmas theme and some party food to share so come and join us if you can.

In December we are privileged to have the opportunity to go into Knightswood Secondary School with the Chaplaincy Team to create reflective spaces for some of the pupils. This is always a chance to build relationships, discuss ideas and listen to these young people's opinions and concerns for themselves and the world we live in.

By the time you read this our Christmas planning and preparations will be well underway.

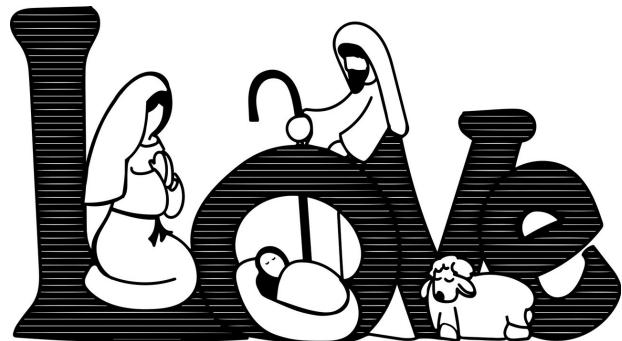
We hope you can come along to enjoy the many family friendly Christmas services and events we have in the month of December. These include Messy Church on the 19th, the Nativity service on the 21st, Christingle service on the 24th and Christmas Day service on the 25th. There is also a Christmas party in the St David's building on the 13th.

You will find details of these and all our services and events later in the magazine. You can also check out the church website or pick up a flier

from any of the church buildings for more information. Our different youth teams work hard to put together all our activities safely. There is always room if you feel you might like to help, so please speak to me if you would like to know more.

May you and your loved ones be blessed with a peaceful, Christmas season filled with love.

Louise Reid
Family and Youth Worker



Communications

The Christmas season is always a very busy time. We rely on our Communications Team to keep as many people as possible up to date with what is coming up, what is on and any changes to our programmes. The church Facebook page and website are where you will find not only what is planned but also the latest up to date information.

This is a time of year when we often welcome people who don't usually come to the church, to services like the Nativity, Christingle and Watchnight services. People come because they see the posters or check out the website or Facebook posts. However, one of our strongest most effective communication tools is chatting to friends, family and neighbours. This allows us to share our love of Jesus and invite people to come along to join in our worship and celebration and to find out more.

May this Christmas be filled with love for us all.

Louise Reid

Communication Team Convener

Congregational Register

Deaths - “blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted”

Mrs Lorna Goldie	Date unknown
Mrs Helen McLean	August 2025
Mrs Irene Arkwright	August 2025
Mrs Christine Davidson	October 2025
Mr James Pollock	October 2025
Mr Tom Griffiths	November 2025

Congregational Roll

Having settled into my role as roll keeper – settled? Who am I kidding? At least I've sorted out the postcode shuffle I mentioned in September but there remains much to be done.

Covid's effects linger on, especially when it comes to visiting members in their homes. It's a lost art for most of us and with many of our members now in care homes it has become difficult to keep track of our membership.

So stand by for a letter in the near future as we try to work out who is still around, who is still with us and where they're now staying.

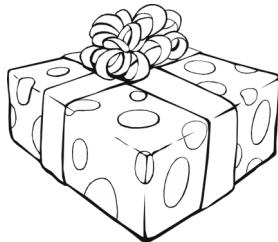
The magazine has proved a great source of information, though in some cases it has stirred recent poignant memories of a friend or relative whom you know not to be with us anymore, while we didn't, and sent out a copy of the magazine, which inadvertently has caused distress.

I recently received a text informing me of the passing of a member in a care home which we didn't know about. While this is helpful and much appreciated, it's not how it should be and hopefully we'll get the information we need to keep our roll up to date and accurate. Care homes generally are not keen on giving out such information.

Another unrecorded death was made known to me just last week by a neighbour of the member who passed away some time ago. It's not how we'd like it to be but we depend on family, Care Home staff, friends and other members to help us stay in touch.

With what we do know currently, the roll stands at 372.

**David Adams
Roll Keeper.**



Ways to give to the Church

It is coming up to Christmas-time, when we celebrate God giving us the best gift of all in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Because of that, we give gifts to each other on December 25th. Sometimes the gift is useful and thoughtful, but at other times it can be received gratefully and then never touched again.

But if you give to the church by Gift Aid then your gift has great value from the moment it arrives, as the church is able to claim 25% more than you give at no extra cost to you.

If you have not given by Gift Aid before but pay sufficient tax to cover your offerings amount, please see me and I will happily give you a form to fill in and sign. **You do not need to provide your bank account details.** All that is needed is your first name and surname, address, postcode, signature and date, and a tick in the box saying you are a UK taxpayer and understand that if the amount of Gift Aid claimed is more than you pay in tax (highly unlikely – virtually impossible!) you are responsible for paying any difference.

Paying by Standing Order is far more convenient than using envelopes, as there is no need for you to look out money each Sunday, it means the church pays less money when ordering envelopes, it saves the Count Team time in counting the money after the service and also ensures that if you are away on a Sunday for any reason the money is still paid in, either weekly or (preferably) monthly. Already more people are giving this way, and as new envelopes will soon be ordered for 2026, if you could tell Audrey Spence or me that you are changing to this method of giving it would save the church money.

If, however, your circumstances change you can cancel your Gift Aid at any

time by notifying me in writing. Please think carefully and prayerfully about this, and see me to fill in a form (or just change to giving through the bank – once it's set up you don't need to do anything else unless you wish to change the amount given).

Have a blessed Christmas as you remember the best Gift of all!

Fiona Hay [Gift Aid Convener]



Blythswood Shoeboxes

This year I filled 165 shoeboxes and 20 were filled by friends in the congregation. Total 185 boxes.

Thanks to all who filled boxes, gave me things to put in them or money to buy things to fill the boxes. Special thanks to Margaret Rattray whose knitting club, especially Irene, knitted or crochet many beautiful scarves, and her Bowling Club kindly donated £20 towards transporting the boxes to Eastern Europe and Ukraine.

The cost of transporting our boxes is £555 (£3 a box). The retiring collection in June raised £85, people gave me £362 and I put in £108 to make up the short fall.

Last year over 85,000 boxes were sent, 1/3 of them going to Ukraine. Every box is valued by those who receive them - people who have so little.

If anyone has empty shoeboxes anytime during the year, I will be delighted to receive them.

Thank You

Alison Gray



Church Choir

I want to thank Christine and the members of the choir for welcoming the singers from St David's so warmly. We've been together just over a year now, and I think we are learning to integrate well as we gladly worship our Lord through our singing. The combined choirs sing from a wide repertoire of hymns. We now have a great opportunity to widen our range from older Anthems and choruses to more modern hymns including those from the new supplement to the Church Hymnary entitled God Welcomes All.

There's no need to be able to read music if you are thinking of joining the choir. There are short optional rehearsals in St David's at 11am each Saturday where we can go over all the music for Sunday worship. The full choir meets on Thursday evenings in St Margaret's at 7pm. Please speak to Christine or me if you are interested.

Thanks David Inglis



CALLING ALL PIANISTS!

Can you play a piano? Would you be able to play for even one mid-week service on a Thursday morning between 11 a.m. and 11.30?

Our numbers on the rota are depleted because of illness, and you volunteering would make a huge difference!

Music is played for a few minutes before and after the service, and there are 2 (or 3) hymns during it, which have been sent to the pianist previously by the person leading the service.

If you feel you could help, please speak to me...

Christine Hay



Dear Church family,

I would like to thank you all for your wonderful support and prayers during the last year or so of Tom's illness. As his capabilities diminished so the kindness with which he was met increased week by week. He was always aware of your support and deeply appreciative of it, as was I.

He particularly enjoyed singing in the church choir and I'm so happy that he was able to be part of this right up until he took ill with a chest infection shortly after we moved in June.

Thank you for the kind cards and thoughtful words received on his death, which demonstrate your affection for Tom so clearly. My family and I are extremely grateful to you all.

Claire Griffiths

Annie's Place Café

At Annie's Café we have been enjoying some new additions to our regular programme. We have enjoyed a visit from Jack from SP Energy Network, who shared advice about preparing for power cuts and what help they can offer. Shonagh from Age Scotland also came along to highlight the services they offer including their helpline and multiple publications. In December we have line dancing, Christmas crafts and Christmas music from the Partick Pluckers Ukulele Group. We are currently planning our programme for next year which includes a visit in January from Mark, a local Community Police Officer.

Whether you enjoy the activities or not a warm welcome, tea, coffee, biscuits and chat are always on offer. Drop in one Friday between 1 and 3pm and see for yourself.

Louise and the Annie's Place team

"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it"

Hebrews 13:2





The Light
shines in the
dark, and the
dark has
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John 3 v 19

Friendship Café

The Friendship Café is still meeting in the St. Margaret small hall every Tuesday between 10 and 11.30am. As the future at present is uncertain, we are seeking out alternative venues. Sadly, it is not possible to move the Café to the Temple Anniesland building as it is too far for our customers to travel. We want to reassure our 'Regulars' that we shall keep going and are presently considering several options, so please do not worry about the future.

Over the past few months, we have celebrated Harvest by bringing gifts to the Café which were then taken to the foodbank. At the end of October, we had a low-key Halloween party when we dooked for apples which brought back memories of our childhoods. On 11th November we commemorated Remembrance Day, while at the end of November we shall remember St. Andrew's Day. On Tuesday 23rd December we shall enjoy our Christmas Party.

Many thanks to all who have supported us through the last turbulent period. We really appreciate your loyalty.

We want to wish all a happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous 2026.

Christine Furnish

SU Holidays 2026 – Join the adventure of a lifetime!

For more than 150 years, Scripture Union Holidays have been creating unforgettable adventures for thousands of children and young people, Primary 5 – Secondary 6.

Each holiday includes amazing activities, comfy accommodation, good food and opportunities to explore the Bible and make new friends, sometimes for life. Safety is paramount. Holidays are led by caring teams, PVG-checked volunteers, qualified instructors, and skilled caterers.

In addition to the original and much-loved style of multi-activity holidays, 2026 offers a wide range of special interest themed holidays including football, trail biking, water sports, surf, creative arts, voice (performance), centre stage (acting skills), baking, Plugged (digital camp), Nerdcom (LARPing), Primary Gaming and Magnitude Festival. Something for everyone!

Everything is included in the price and every holiday is already subsidised, but Scripture Union knows and understands that cost can be a barrier. Support is available through the Holidays Fund. For information please visit suholidays.org.uk/financial_help or call **0141 352 7620** for a friendly chat.

All the information you need about Easter and Summer holiday venues and a full list of activities offered at each location can be found at suholidays.org.uk As the publicity says – join the adventure!

Eileen Ross





A Picture To Colour

201st Glasgow Guides:

This term the Guides have been working on their "Be Well" theme. They really enjoyed a visit from the Peer Educator to learn about resilience and a parent helper ran a yoga class (although it was more giggly than relaxing!). They have completed their First Aid badge too. Last weekend we were with hundreds of other Brownies and Guides at a sleepover at Glasgow Science Centre followed by a day doing a scavenger hunt and visiting the Riverside Museum.

Kelvinside Rangers:

When we first came back to Rangers we celebrated our first birthday. Since then we have made mug cakes and a sweetie campfire. We have now succeeded in getting our level 5 in First Aid.

Written by Stella and Olivia.



207th Guides

It's that time of year again.!

The Girls are now working on their Winter badge in the seasons series! We started with table curling and the annual County Christmas Card competition, and there's lots more to come including practising Carols.

Our annual Coffee, Cake, and Carols evening is on Monday 15th December, 7- 9 in the St David's Building. Tickets are now available from Janice Landels, Helen Knox and at the door.

The Girls and their Mums are going to Mother Goose, by Hopscotch Theatre, in KCC. this year.

This is the second year that we have taken the girls there - it's such a lovely traditional pantomime, and just the right length for our girls.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Janice Landels

