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TRINITY CHAT SPRING 2026



From the Interim Minister

It's hard to believe that when this newsletter comes out, I will have been your Interim Minister for a whole year. Time flies when you are having fun! I am really grateful to be with you and to have got to know many of you over the past twelve months. People seem to find it hard to believe when I say that I am really enjoying my time with you, and the challenges we are dealing with, but I honestly do. You are a great bunch of people, giving so much as it is, and with so much potential when working together.

Clearly due to the special nature of interim ministry, my work has been rather focused on addressing particular problems and moving forward with a number of objectives. These interim ministry objectives were agreed back in June last year following a congregational meeting.

In December I asked the Elders to fill in a short survey to assess the progress they believe we are making in meeting these objectives. Using a simple scoring scale, they reflected on key areas of our shared life — including governance, communication, congregational life, pastoral care, finance, and our buildings — helping us build an honest picture of where we are as a congregation.

One of the strongest themes to emerge was a deep sense of gratitude for the distance travelled together. Many Elders noted how relationships across the congregation have strengthened and how people are becoming more familiar and comfortable with Knightswood Anniesland Trinity Church. There is a growing sense of stability and structure, and the formation of teams to address key areas of church

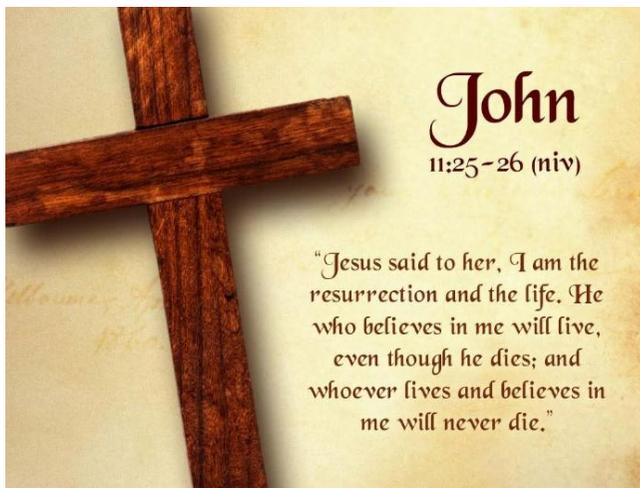
life has helped move practical matters forward with clarity and purpose.

Encouraging progress has also been recognised in tackling practical and organisational challenges, in particular relating to our buildings and how we use them. This may not be very obvious to the wider congregation, but a lot of work has been done behind the scenes in regard to hall lettings, sale of the Anniesland manse, sale of the St Margaret's building and preparing for the refurbishment of our Anniesland building.

As I write, the Sale Task Group has done a tremendous amount of work clearing out St Margaret's church and halls in preparation of the sale.

The Refurbishment Task Group will have met with our newly appointed architect to talk through the brief for the refurbishment in more detail, so he can go away and start designing plans (more on this elsewhere in the newsletter).

The Pastoral Care, Communication and Stewardship and Finance Teams have also been busy moving certain issues forward and although there is more work to be done, all these early steps are essential foundations for a sustainable and thriving congregation.



At the same time, the survey responses highlighted areas where further attention is needed. Developing a shared KAT identity remains a work in progress, as we continue to grow beyond the legacy of our previous congregations and deepen our sense of belonging together.

Alongside an understandable emphasis in the past year on many practical and governance matters, some Elders expressed a desire to ensure that our spiritual life and opportunities for worship remain at the heart of all we do. As Minister I have personally been encouraged by increasing attendance at Sunday worship over the past number of months and I would encourage you all to keep an eye out for newcomers or returners; you are all 'hosts' for one another on Sundays and at other gatherings.

Overall, the tone of the survey was hopeful and realistic. Our congregation is still on a journey and, at times, to some may feel fragile. Yet there is a clear sense that, with patience, shared commitment, and God's guidance, we are building together a shared future for our church.

Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute their time, talents, and faith to the life of KAT. And thanks to God for giving us green shoots amidst the painful pruning season that has taken place.

Jesus says: Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself, it must remain in the vine... I am the vine; you are the branches. (John 15:4, 5a)

As we are now well into the season of Lent, this is an image that we should cling to. The pruning, that needs to happen in our church life, but also in our personal life is done by a loving gardener (God the Father) who loves us and wishes to see us fruitful and alive.

May we trust Him and stay connected to the Vine (Jesus the Son) through the Spirit and bear much fruit to His glory.

Yours,
Hanneke



P.S. I know some of you are beginning to wonder how long I will be with you – interim ministry is normally between 18-24 months, so two years would be expected (March '27). The plan is to prepare you for vacancy and being allowed to call a 'normal' full time Minister of Word and Sacrament towards the end of this period. I have already flagged up to Presbytery and my line manager at 121 that I believe that it will be important to avoid a leadership vacuum if the building works were to start around the same time as my term would end. We are also hoping to advertise the full time Ministry Development Staff post soon, which would help ensure more continuity and support for the various Kirk Session teams and the congregation. So don't worry, I'm not going anywhere just yet!

Building refurbishment update

Anniesland Building Refurbishment: Where We Are Now

I shared an update with the congregation at our service of 8th of February about the progress being made toward the refurbishment of the Anniesland building. For those who weren't there, here is a short summary of what was presented.

Significant groundwork has already been completed. Consultation with both the congregation and the Kirk Session helped clarify priorities, and a Refurbishment Task Group was appointed to guide the process. An architectural brief was agreed, focusing on essential repairs, improved accessibility and circulation, more welcoming entrances, flexible meeting spaces, and a multi-purpose sanctuary. Energy efficiency and preserving the character of the building are also key aims.

Following a thorough selection process — including inviting proposals, site visits, interviews, and reference checks — the Task Group recommended, and the Kirk Session approved, the appointment of **Angus Design Associates** as our architects. The firm brings extensive experience working with Church of Scotland congregations and has a

strong understanding of how to balance today's needs with the character of historic buildings, and limited budgets for doing so.

The next stage is a **feasibility study and concept design**. This will refine the brief and develop initial plans, supported by additional surveys and input from specialist engineers. Over the next few months a cost plan will be prepared alongside the concept design, helping us understand the scope and financial implications before moving forward.

Looking further ahead, the project will require planning permission, approvals from Presbytery and the General Trustees, and the securing of funding. Then the work would be put out to tender and a builder appointed. If all proceeds smoothly, the earliest possible start for building work would be early 2027, with construction likely to take 9–12 months.

Funding will come from a combination of sources, including the sale of surplus properties, the consolidated fabric fund, and additional fundraising. We expect to have around 1.5 million pounds available. It is important to note that fabric funds are separate from our regular congregational giving, and both will need to remain healthy to support the ongoing life of the church, so please keep up your normal ways of giving for the ministry and mission of our church. If you want to make an **additional contribution towards the Refurbishment Fund, please make a reference to Refurbishment Fund on any cheques, envelopes or online transfers**. Of course, making sure your donation is **Gift Aided**, means we will have 20% more.

This refurbishment is about more than bricks and mortar. It is first and foremost about creating a space that is accessible, flexible, welcoming, and fit for the future — a building that supports worship, fellowship, and service in our community for generations to come.

Although there is still some way to go before physical works start, the Kirk Session is excited to be progressing with these plans.

Financial Overview 2025

Throughout 2025, our church finances reflected both the opportunities and the challenges arising from the union with St David's, together with the ongoing responsibility of maintaining three buildings and two manses.

Overall income increased during the year, supported by:

- Higher weekly giving
- Gift Aid income
- Hall lets
- Investment income
- Several generous donations and legacies
- Insurance settlements and refunds

We are deeply grateful for the faithful regular giving of members, special one-off gifts, fundraising efforts, and the continued support of hall users. These contributions made a significant difference during what has been a complex financial year.

Despite these encouraging income levels, expenditure rose substantially, primarily due to:

- A significant increase in our contribution to Church of Scotland Giving to Grow
- Higher Presbytery Dues
- Increased energy costs across three buildings and two manses
- Rising insurance premiums
- Essential building and manse repairs

As a result, income did not keep pace with expenditure for much of the year.

At one stage during 2025, we were facing a projected deficit of around

£50,000. However, the final position improved through:

- Careful financial monitoring
- Insurance recoveries
- Improved income in the second half of the year
- A drawdown of £18,023 from Church of Scotland funds

The final deficit for 2025 is expected to be £26,753.46 — significantly lower than originally anticipated.

Please note that this figure does not include the proceeds from the sale of the manse. These funds have been deposited into the General Congregational Purpose Deposit Fund and will strengthen our position as we move forward with the Anniesland building renovations.

Encouragingly, the final two quarters of the year recorded a surplus of income over expenditure, demonstrating that our financial position began to stabilise as the year progressed.

While we remain in deficit, there are clear signs of recovery. Continued generosity, careful stewardship, and wise planning will be vital as we navigate our way through 2026.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to:

- The count teams for their faithful service each Sunday
- Fiona for organising the Gift Aid claims and encouraging members to register
- Eileen for her invaluable administrative support

Your dedication behind the scenes is appreciated.



Stewardship and Looking Ahead

Although positive trends are emerging, we must not overlook the gap between our regular income and our day-to-day costs. Weekly giving remains the foundation of our church's financial stability.

It enables us to:

- Maintain our buildings
- Support ministry and outreach
- Contribute to the wider work of the Church
- Serve our community faithfully

As part of our ongoing stewardship, we encourage anyone who currently gives by cash or weekly envelopes to consider switching to a standing order. With the closure of our local bank branch and the introduction of charges for depositing cash, standing orders are now the most cost-effective and efficient way for the church to receive regular giving. They also greatly reduce the amount of cash that our count teams need to process each week.

I invite every member to prayerfully reflect on their giving and consider whether an adjustment might be possible. Some may feel able to increase their regular contributions; others may wish to begin giving regularly or sign up for Gift Aid if eligible. Even small increases, when shared across the congregation, can make a meaningful difference.

Faithful stewardship is not simply about balancing figures — it is about sustaining the mission and ministry of our church for the future.

Thank you to everyone who already gives generously, and to those who have recently increased their giving, signed up for Gift Aid, or moved to standing order. Your commitment is already strengthening our financial stability. Together, with careful planning and continued generosity, we can move forward with confidence in 2026.

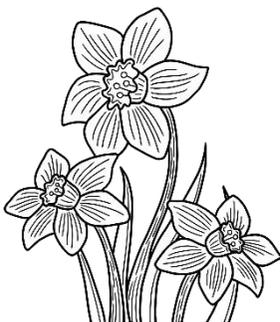
Audrey Spence Treasurer

Message from the Count Teams

If you are unable to attend on a Sunday and use giving envelopes, please place any missed weeks' offerings into one envelope for the current week. This greatly helps to speed up the counting process on Sunday mornings, and we sincerely appreciate your help.

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:16



Congregational Register

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

Mr Hugh McElroy	Pre 31 st December 2025
Mr Graham Small	December 2026
Mrs Olive Boyd	December 2026
Mrs Jane McFarlane	January 2026
Mrs Lily Ferguson	January 2026
Mr Samuel Ferguson	January 2026
Mrs Letitia Wilson	January 2026

Congregational Roll

Do you like rolls? Rolls used to be a staple breakfast diet (?) for me when I were a lad, especially when we had our annual fortnight holiday at my Granny's wee holiday flat at Tighnabruaich in the early fifties. It was my job to jump on the bike and hare it along to the village bakery for the morning rolls.

Last time I was on a bike it was the exercise bike in my bedroom for a ten-minute pedal, and I ended up in A & E with fluid on my left knee. See this getting old?

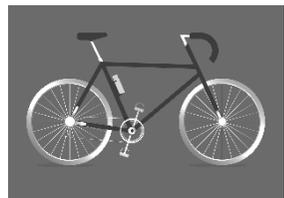
Rolls now mean Congregational Rolls, names, addresses, getting the Macs, Mcs and Ms in alphabetical order and preparing the said roll for examination by the Presbytery of Glasgow. Murder Polis!

It had an added joy last year as we finally had all three constituent congregations together, making me think it would be easy-peasy taking off from there for this year's records. Not so.

Presbytery wanted a wee bit more information. e.g. 'when did you join?' Was that when did you join Knightswood Anniesland Trinity Church or was it when you joined St David's, St Margaret's or Temple Anniesland? A phone call to the Presbytery office made it the latter option according to the Presbytery Clerk.

So, if you get a wee note from the Roll keeper asking you when you joined, be kind, he's only trying to keep the Presbytery happy. It would also be great if you gave him the answer at the church on a Sunday morning because I know some folks have drifted away, be it because of Covid, or the hassle over church buildings or just being fed up with the whole thing. We need you, not just a name or an address, we need YOU.

David Adams
Roll Keeper.



Family and Youth Worker

The Christmas Season was very busy with all the youth and family activities at the church. The Youth Development Team Christmas coffee and stalls run by our uniform groups' leaders, young people, and families went well. Everyone working together and the support of the church family meant we were able to raise £1680. Half of this went to the Youth Development Fund with the other half to the church Refurbishment Fund.

We had the privilege of spending some time as part of the Chaplaincy Team in Knightswood Secondary School. We created reflective time out spaces which shared the Christmas Story. The second years could relax, explore and share their thoughts and ideas. As always it was inspiring meeting these young people and having the opportunity to chat and listen to them in a creative space.

The all-age Christmas Party in the St David's Building was a chance for all to come together and share fun, games, dancing and food. The team there did a wonderful job of bringing it all together.

The Christmas services were well attended by families, and it was great to see so many of our young people from the uniform groups and Sunday Club taking part in the Nativity. It was a fun interactive telling of the story we are so familiar with. Thank you to everyone who helped whether up front or behind the scenes. The team effort is what made it successful and so enjoyable for everyone.

The days are starting to get a little longer there are signs of new growth as the snowdrops, crocus and daffodils start to appear. There seems to be a bit of a shift with people being out and about more.

In Sunday Club our numbers have been a bit steadier week after week. We also have a new member Joana on our leaders' team. Our young people enjoy learning and have been exploring the same stories that are shared in worship each week through crafts, games and discussion. Some stories are a little more challenging than others, but our Sunday Clubbers help each other and always have some interesting questions and ideas.

Our Messy Church team met to explore some ideas to revitalise our previously dwindling numbers. We decided to try a new day and time to see if that is more suitable for families to come along. We have two new dates planned, the first on Saturday the 14th of March from 4-6pm and then Saturday the 9th of May also from 4-6pm. All are welcome to come and join in the fun and games.

We are also planning a Play Café session during the School Easter break similar to the ones held during the summer. You will find a list of all the Easter services and activities in the pullout pages of the magazine. Hopefully you can join us. Perhaps you could invite some of your family, neighbours or friends to come along also.

Wishing you a blessed Easter

Louise Reid
Family and Youth Worker



Communications

The Communications Team have been busy recently to try to improve the information we share, particularly outside the church. You will see some new and updated banners outside the Anniesland building. The website is having a bit of an update also. This will take a little time but will ensure the information on it is up to date, and that it reflects the church and all that is going on. The website is often the first-place people encounter KAT church and what it has to offer.

We have a small team looking at a church WhatsApp community group with smaller groups within it. This is in the very early stages but watch this space for future developments.

As always, the noticeboards in the church, and the intimations on a Sunday remind us of all that is going on in our busy church life.

If anyone is interested in joining the Communications Team or perhaps you would like to add to the church magazine then please get in touch.

Louise Reid

Communications Team convener

Thy Kingdom Come 2026

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

As in previous years, Knightswood Anniesland Trinity Church will have Prayer Stations set up in the St. David's Building sanctuary, where you will be led not only to pray for people known specifically to you who still don't know Jesus, but also for people around the world who are persecuted for their belief. This is not a prayer meeting; people will not have to pray aloud. It is an opportunity for you to come quietly

before God and pray for others. Each prayer station will have space for you to sit contemplatively and pray silently.

The Prayer Stations will be open from Monday 18th – Friday 22nd May 2026, and more details regarding exact days and times will be available nearer the time. Those who have attended in previous years have found this an uplifting and enriching experience as they made their way round the sanctuary, following the instructions at each of the prayer stations. At a time when our world is in much disharmony and strife, it is more important than ever that we come together to pray that people, not just in our own neighbourhood but in our own country and around the world, come to know the saving grace of Jesus.

To ensure the successful running of this initiative, volunteers are required throughout the week. This is not an onerous task, and we will ensure that any new volunteers are paired with someone who has done this before. The main tasks involved are opening and closing the church, and just being around to make sure each station has sufficient resources. Full instructions will be available. If this is something you would like to be involved with, please contact Jan Wildy letting her know which days and times (morning, afternoon or evening) you would prefer.

In the meantime, if anyone wishes more information on what Thy Kingdom Come is about, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Jan Wildy



'The assumption of spirituality is that always God is doing something before I know it. So the task is not to get God to do something I think needs to be done, but to become aware of what God is doing so that I can respond to it and participate and take delight in it.'

Eugene Petersen (author of The Message)

You may have noticed suggested weekly Prayer Points each Sunday at worship. They appear on screen and are also available on a flier to take away. You will also find them on the church Facebook page and the church website.

Here are the ones for the next few weeks.

Prayer Points:

Week 2: 8th - 14th March

During the second week in March, we are encouraged to include in our prayers national concerns: Housing

- for suitable housing for those who need it
- for workers in the building trade
- for national governments to make wise decisions about where to allow building
- for money to be allocated fairly to provide more social housing
- for projects to help people get on the property ladder
- for those who work in council housing departments, often in very stressful situations
- for all landlords to charge fair rents, and have all necessary repairs carried out speedily and competently

Week 3: 15th - 21st March

During the third week in March, we are encouraged to include in our prayers local concerns: Essential services

- for all those who provide our essential services
- for gas engineers, sometimes on emergency calls
- for electricians, that they may make wise decisions when giving advice and carrying out their work
- for telephone engineers, especially as they prioritise vulnerable customers
- for those who repair the roads and pavements
- for Scottish Water and plumbers
- for those who provide and service alarms for homes, businesses and those at risk

The continuing Prayer Points will be available weekly at Sunday Worship, on screen and in a flier to take away.

Thank you from Erskine

Following our service on Remembrance Sunday, we sent a donation to Erskine Veterans Charity. Emma Joseph, Community Fundraiser, writes:

‘On behalf of everyone at Erskine, I would like to thank you for your generous support donating £341.11 to Erskine. You are helping us to ensure the sacrifices made by veterans are never forgotten. Erskine supports over 1,200 Veterans each year: behind each Veteran there is a story, experience and we provide care and companionship of like-minded people.

In the words of Bill: “When I came to Erskine, I felt a weight had been taken off me. Erskine has not only saved my life, it’s given me back my life.”

On behalf of the Veterans who will benefit from your kindness and generosity – thank you.’

Church Choir

Where does time go? Last Thursday the members of the Choir finally managed to enjoy their belated Christmas meal together at the 'Prancing Stag' in Jordanhill and it was worth the wait!

Most Thursday evenings, however, we are usually preparing music for the Sunday services and trying to sing introits and anthems of varying musical styles, but which are appropriate to Hanneke's sermons. hope you enjoy listening to them.

At present we are preparing music for Passiontide and Easter and have been introducing some songs from the recently published 'God Welcomes All' song book which is a Supplement to CH4.

Please let us know if you have a favourite hymn you would like to hear sung, or a piece of music you would like to hear played, and we shall try to oblige.

The Choir is still meeting on Thursday evenings between 7 and 8pm in the St. Margaret building but this will change to practising in the St. David building when St. Margaret's is sold.

David also holds a Choir Practice in St. David's Church on a Saturday morning. All are welcome to join us at either rehearsal.

Singing has many benefits for our physical, mental and emotional wellbeing so why not come along and give it a try.

As always, a very big thank you to the Choir members who attend Practices and Services regularly and lead us so musically in our praise to God.

In the meantime, keep well and look forward to the warmer sunny days which hopefully lie ahead.

David Inglis Christine Furnish



Blythwood Shoeboxes

Who do you share your shoes with? Do you wear them one day and someone else wears them the next day? Or do you take turns morning and afternoon?

Blythwood delivered boxes to one family in Kosovo and discovered the boys took turns at wearing their one pair of shoes. The one who didn't have shoes was barefoot. He was glad to find socks in his box. The toddler had nothing on from the waist down. New pants in the shoebox were put to good use very quickly.

Such is the poverty of many people in Eastern Europe.

You can imagine how absolutely delighted they are to receive a shoebox with many useful things in it.

I have got lots of bargains to fill shoeboxes, but unfortunately Blythwood can't take shoeboxes at the moment. If anyone could store a few shoeboxes for a few months, I would be very grateful. Any empty shoeboxes are also welcome.

Please see the certificate of thanks for our 185 shoeboxes we sent last year on the wall in the hall



Alison Gray

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their kindness, for the prayers, flowers and cards following the death of Graham in December.

The family were overwhelmed by the number of people who attended his funeral and thank you for your continued support at this sad time.

Jean Small

United Christian Broadcasters' publication

“Word for Today” offers daily Bible readings and reflections.

Copies are available in the KAT Church buildings.



Below is a sample of what they hold. If you are interested pick up a copy the next time you are in the church.

You are loved and highly valued by God

22 December 2025

'We are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.'

Ephesians 2:10 NLT

Psychologists say our self-worth is based upon what we believe the most important people in our lives think of us. For children, that would likely be their parents. For adults, that could be a spouse, a boss, a friend, or mentor. The problem is that people disappoint us. They can do things that bring us heartache and pain. The key to really knowing and sustaining a true sense of self-worth is to let your heavenly Father be the most important person in your life. Form your sense of value on what *He* says about you.

When you make mistakes, some people may criticise and make you feel overcome with guilt. But God says, 'I have mercy for every mistake. Get up and go again. Your future is brighter than your past' (see vv. 4-10 NLT). The Bible says that you are 'God's masterpiece'. A masterpiece is not mass-produced or created on an assembly line. It's not average. It's unique. It's original. It's custom made. It's one of a kind. That's how God sees you. And that's how He wants you to begin seeing yourself.

The psalmist put it this way: 'You saw me before I was born. Every day

of my life was recorded in Your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. How precious are Your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, You are still with me!' (Psalm 139:16-18 NLT).

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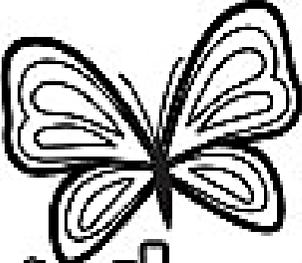
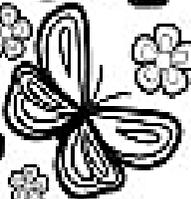
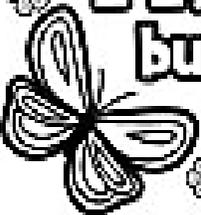


A massive thank you.

My family and I wish to warmly thank everyone who have supported us through our sad and sudden loss of Jane McFarlane. The vast number of cards and those who attended Jane's funeral was pretty much overwhelming. Thank you so much. We were worried that we had oversubscribed for what my friend called 'the purvey' at Boclair House Hotel after the funeral. Your attendance there was wonderful.

Thank you so much.

Robert McFarlane (February 2026)

 For God
so loved   
 the world that  
He gave His one
and only Son  
 that whoever  
BELIEVES
in **Him** shall not perish 
 but have **ETERNAL** 
  **LIFE.** 
John 3:16 

201st City of Glasgow Brownie unit,

The Brownies have had a busy session working on their Have Adventures theme, Activities have included pitching a tent, working out what you need to pack for a holiday, night skills to help in the dark and fire lighting. The girls also took part in the RSPB Big Bird Count and gained their Bird Watching badge by making a bird house and bird feeder.

The Brownies also attended the county Thinking Day event celebrating 100 years of Thinking Day fun and friendship. They did activities including circus skills (the girls were brilliant at these skills), they also made 2 crafts and took part in a mini-Olympics.

Lesley Murray
Tuesday Pack Brownie Leader



Kelvinside Rangers

This term the Rangers have been doing different activities to do with the Promise and working on their "Make Change" Skills Builder badge which is all about identifying issues in your local community and taking action to change things for the better. One of the Rangers was able to attend the 100th World Thinking Day service in church and do a Bible reading.

207th Guide and Ranger Unit

As usual all our girls, were very keen to be back...even texting during the Christmas Holidays!

This term we are concentrating on the Glasgow 850th Guide Challenge. The Challenge is based around the Glasgow Coat of Arms, the Tree, the Bird, the Bell, and the Fish, and divided into sections. The environment, waterways, music and creativity, our history.

A great range of themes, so plenty of scope for the girls to paint stones, plant in the gardens, make trees, and birds, and of course sing lots of Glasgow songs...and much more...watch out in June.

No matter what the girls' needs are, they can all take part, thanks to the leaders and helpers, fitting all our activities around them.

Naturally there is a Challenge Badge at the end of this, designed by the wonderful team at Glasgow County.

Thank you everyone for your continued support, encouragement and prayers.



Janice Landels

Written by Guides from 201st Guides

We played two truths and one lie to get to know our new patrols and a Guide called Sara visiting from Australia. We acted in performances in groups about different topics like deforestation. We painted a candle using wax from other candles. Scientists visited to teach us about cells, and we did activities like making cells with Play-Doh. We made or renewed our Guide Promise on the 100th World Thinking Day in church. We went into town on a Glasgow Monopoly run all by ourselves and went to Build-A-Bear to each make a bear for the 100th birthday of our Guide Unit. We have played lots of games, earned lots of badges and had a lot of fun.

