

# The Church of Scotland



## Rutherglen Old Parish



## Church Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

I can hardly believe that we are now into February. Where has the time gone? Last time I wrote to you we were preparing for Christmas and the birth of the Christ child. In no time at all so many things have changed.....from Christmas decorations and carol singing to welcoming in the New Year.....and from what seemed a bright, cheerful time to dull, miserable January.

We experience these changes each year, from December full of expectation into January which seems very flat after all the excitement and each year we cope by reminding ourselves that spring is just around the corner....days are getting longer.....and so we carry ourselves through the not so bright days.

Some changes are not quite so easily dealt with. When you have changes outwith your experience then you have no past knowledge to draw on. This can leave us feeling out of our depth and rather than try to think about what the changes may mean for us we give up in despair. [and that's before any changes have taken place] Changes are going to take place in Rutherglen Old and while we don't know what they will be like exactly, we do know that they will happen. It is important that you support and encourage each other, remembering you are not coping with change alone. We are all going to deal with things that may be new to us. Most people don't like change and prefer things 'the way they have always been'. Sadly, that is not always possible but if we embrace change then often, we are surprised by the way it improves the situation for everyone.

We are working towards a union with West & Wardlawhill Church. At the moment we are at the planning stage. Things never move quickly and that is good because when we rush, we make mistakes or overlook some important detail. So, what can we do? PRAY! We may feel that we don't know what to do or where we are going. The good news is that God knows what to do and knows exactly where He wants to lead us. This calls for a great deal of trust and even more patience. If you need a bit of inspiration, think of Abraham being sent into a strange land. That journey needed courage but also faith. Abraham trusted God and carried on safe in the knowledge God would travel with him and would guide him. It wasn't an easy journey but Abraham got there in the end.

Let us follow Abraham's example and set out on this journey with all our questions, doubts and fears but at the same time feeling confident that God will journey with us, that He will suffer our anxieties and disappointments with us and finally by His grace bring us to a place where we can grow and serve Him becoming the self- sacrificing servants He has called us to be.

A journey into unknown territory can be frightening but if we travel with an open mind we can discover many new places and ideas, new ways of doing things and make new friends along the way. TRUST God and He will prepare for all of your journeys. During this difficult and rather unsettling time may we all know God's richest.

Blessings,  
Katie

## Congregational Roll

### New Members:

Name	Address	District Elder
Juliet Shantharaju,	231D Cambuslang Road, Cambuslang, G72 7PW	7 H Millar
Liz Hepburn	115 Carrick Road, Rutherglen, G73 4TN	15 H Millar

We welcome Juliet and Liz (who has transferred from Croftfoot Parish Church) to Rutherglen Old and are glad to see them join in the life and work of our congregation.

Member who has transferred to the United Reformed Church:

Name	Address	District Elder
Christine Muirhead	41 Melrose Court, Rutherglen, G73 3DB	5 M Clark

## FORTHCOMING COMMUNION SERVICES



The main quarterly celebration of the sacrament of communion will take place during our service on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> March (TBC).

While all are welcome to attend any of our services, a special invitation is extended to anyone wishing to attend our communion services.

## November Newsletters Answers

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John 6:35

## Woman's Guild

A Happy New Year to all from the woman's guild. We are pleased to be back in each others company and our opening meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January was shared with our locum Katie for an enjoyable talk. We have a ver varied and interesting syllabus thanks to Marjory. We would welcome ladies of the congregation to join us every second Thursday 2:30 pm – 4pm.  
Take care everyone

Myra McNair  
President

## SCOTTISH BIBLE SOCIETY



SBS continues to work in Scotland to develop projects, products and events to raise the profile of the Bible. The members partner with Global Bible Societies so that all people can have the Bible in a language they understand, a form they can access, and at an affordable price, to aid genuine encounters with God.  
SBS Contact

*Marjory Greig*

## WORLD MISSION NEWS



Muriel Pearson, our partner in Jerusalem, returned Christmas Greetings and Blessings. Hopefully, if the present conditions continue, she will be able to leave her hotel accommodation and return to a more normal life as Associate Minister in St Andrew's Jerusalem and Tiberias.

Anne Davidson, in Zambia, has also replied to our Christmas Greetings, thanking us for our continued prayers for her work with the street boys. A very uncertain and dangerous undertaking, as a teacher was stabbed by a boy because he had no money to give him. The boys can only get money by begging so please add them, and Anne to your prayers, that conditions improve for them all.

Both of those ladies are serving our Lord in difficult circumstances and we are grateful for their diligence.

**Marjory Greig**

## Thursdav Cafe

The Church is open to the public from noon till 2pm each Thursday come along and join us for a coffee, all welcome! Tea, coffee and biscuits are available for a small donation. Feel free to bring your own packed lunch.

The church will also be open at this time for a quiet visit or meditation.

We are operating a rota of volunteers, looking ahead we need a few more volunteers to join the rota. This is a very simply duty of making tea coffee and washing up afterwards. (No qualifications required !!) Generally, no more than once per month depending on the number of volunteers.

If you are able to help, please contact Alison Bennet 647 4415.

## SCRABBLE



We continue to meet on Wednesdays in the Session House at 2pm till 4pm, and are delighted to welcome a new player into our group. If YOU would care to join us you will be made most welcome.

The Scrabblers

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## Coffee Morning

Delighted to report that our numbers are growing, and we have been welcoming lots of visitors. Our December Coffee Morning proceeds went to Rutherglen and Cambuslang Foodbank, and we were happy to be able to pass on a cheque for £250 which was gratefully received.

Without our customers, we would have to eat the cakes ourselves, so please join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 10am till Noon. Good food and company assured.

THE COFFEE CREW  
ALISON, CAROLINE, MARJORY &  
SANDRA

## Christian Aid



Our October Coffee Morning was held in our Greenhill Hall and was a huge success, raising £1,220 for our charity. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped, and also all who came on the day and enjoyed coffee and cakes.

Our next fundraiser is on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March.....a Quiz to be held in United Reformed Church at 7pm, at a cost of £5, which includes tea and cakes. Tickets will soon be available.

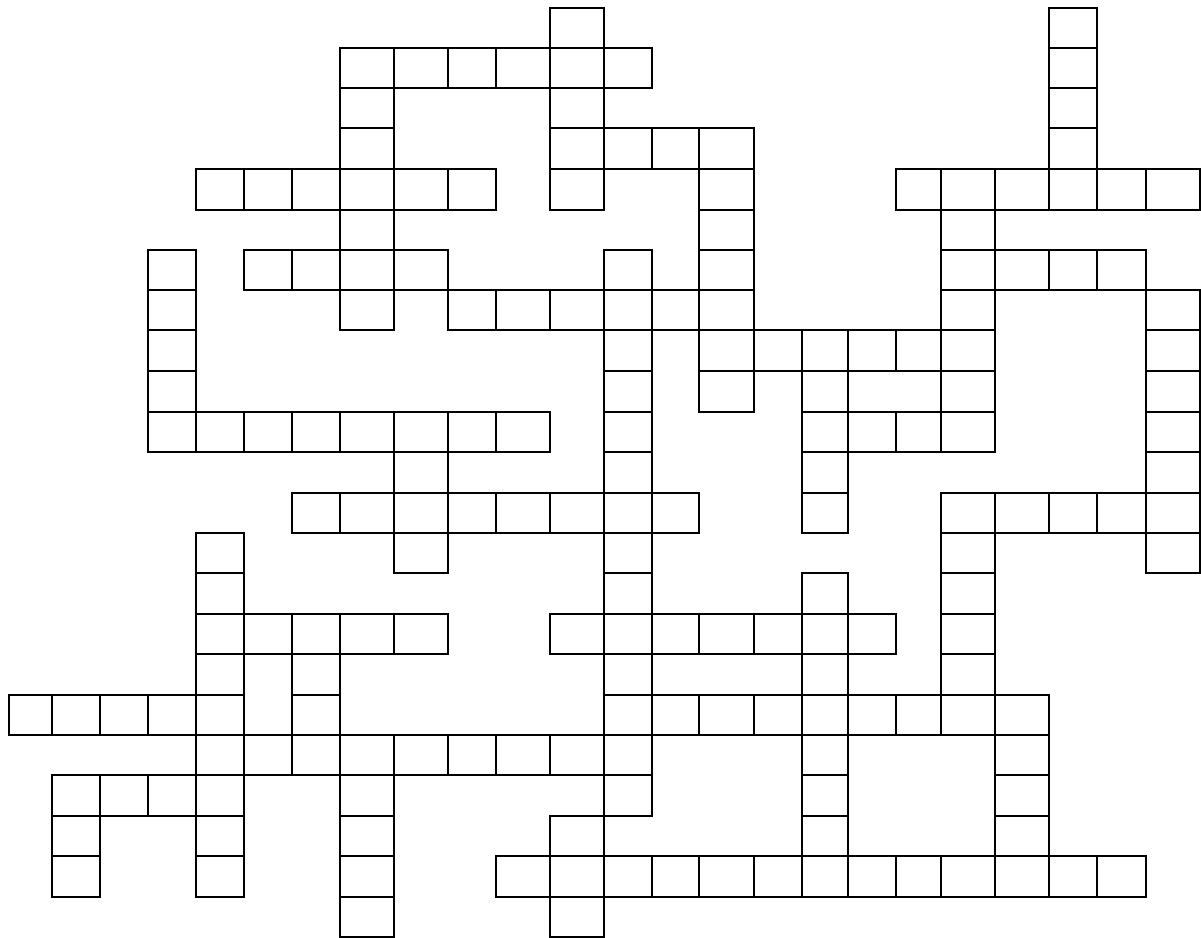
All the money which we, as a committee, raise goes directly to Christian Aid to help others in the Lord's name. Farmers are helped with crops and ladies are helped with dressmaking skills. The ultimate goal is to make them self sufficient, and able to support themselves and their families. World disasters are also attended by CA and help and supplies given where required.

All the above is possible because of YOUR generosity, so THANK YOU.

CA Committee  
Jean & Marjory

## Criss Cross

Fit these characters of the bible into the grid.



3 LETTERS

JOB  
LOT

4 LETTERS

ADAM  
ELAM  
JOHN  
LEVI  
LUKE  
MARK  
RUTH

5 LETTERS

CALEB  
HOSEA  
ISAAC  
JACOB  
JAMES  
JESUS  
JONAH  
MOSES

6 LETTERS

DANIEL  
ELIJAH  
JOSEPH  
JOSHUA  
SAMSON  
THOMAS

7 LETTERS

ABRAHAM  
DELILAH  
MATTHEW  
TABITHA  
TIMOTHY

8 LETTERS

BARABBAS  
BENJAMIN  
JEREMIAH

9 LETTERS

ARIMATHEA  
ZACCHAEUS  
ZECHARIAH

13 LETTERS

PONTIUS PILATE

14 LETTERS

NEBUCHADNEZZAR

**Good Luck, Gordon Spence**



## FLOWER FUND

### Donations and Deliveries

Thanks to the small team of ladies who take time to arrange the flowers each week. We would benefit from a few extra pairs of hands. It is not difficult, I am sure there are many of you who arrange your vases of flowers at home. If you can help please speak to any of the ladies Margaret Alexander, Marjory Greig or Jan Keenan.

We are grateful to Jean Caldwell who arranges the distribution of the flowers which have been displayed in the Sanctuary. Thanks also to those who will deliver the flowers.

If you know of anyone who would benefit receiving the church flowers then please speak with Jean.

If you wish to make a donation to the Flower Fund this can be placed in the "Flower Boxes" located at the entrance to the church on a Sunday.

There a number of people who contribute to the fund to commemorate a special date.

If you require further information please contact Alison Bennet 647-4415

### November 2024 – February 2025 Flower Donor & Delivery List

		Donor	Deliverer/Driver
February	<b>02/02/25</b>		Mrs M Robinson & Miss A Bennet
	<b>09/02/25</b>	Ms E Cunningham	Mrs A Brown
	<b>16/02/25</b>		Mrs J Keenan
	<b>23/02/25</b>	Mrs M Alexander	Mrs I Campbell & Mrs P Cumming
March	02/03/25	Mrs M Robinson	Miss I Kay
	09/03/25		Mrs J Caldwell
	16/03/25	Miss I Kay	Miss M Dobbin
	23/03/25	Mrs A Louden	Mrs M Robinson & Miss A Bennet
	30/03/25	Mr I Lindsay	Mrs A Brown
April	<b>06/04/25</b>	Ms E Cunningham	Mrs J Keenan
	<b>13/04/25</b>		Mrs I Campbell & Mrs P Cumming
	<b>20/04/25</b>		Miss I Kay
	<b>27/04/25</b>		Mrs J Caldwell
May	04/05/25	Mrs A Louden	Miss M Dobbin
	11/05/25	Mrs S Stevens	Mrs M Robinson & Miss A Bennet
	18/05/25		Mrs A Brown
	25/05/25		Mrs J Keenan



We were pleased to be joined by our guests “Gathered Voices” who contributed to Lessons and Carols service followed by our Christmas Lunch.





We also took the opportunity at our Christmas lunch to thank our Locum Katie Morrison for her support throughout 2024



We would like to wish a very happy birthday to two special ladies in the congregation, Marjory Greig and Helen Colins, who celebrated their big day recently. We hope you enjoyed the celebrations best wishes from all at Rutherglen Old

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### Do you shop online?

Did you know by registering with [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) you could help raise funds for Rutherglen Old!

It's easy to register will cost you nothing and you can help raise funds when you shop at more than 3,300 retailers by just going through the [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) website.

Pick up a leaflet in church or ask Irene Kay for more details.

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## CONGREGATIONAL GIVING

		W F O	Open Plate	Other Income	Fabric	Total
B/f		£29,971.80	£1,132.35	£19,871.97	£1,250.00	£52,226.12
May	26				£150.00	£150.00
Oct	6	£216.00	£26.00			£242.00
	13	£104.00	£11.00	£225.00		£340.00
*	20					£0.00
	27	£2,858.00	£11.00	£5,272.36		£8,141.36
Nov	3	£394.00	£86.50	£2,000.00		£2,480.50
	10	£290.00	£208.22			£498.22
	17	£193.00	£16.00	£1,306.62		£1,515.62
	24	£2,508.00	£45.00	£486.38		£3,039.38
Dec	1	£330.00	£177.55			£507.55
	8	£169.00	£26.70			£195.70
	15	£422.00	£31.00			£453.00
	22	£247.00	£217.30	£80.00		£544.30
	29	£2,622.00	£71.01	£372.79	£400.00	£3,465.80
**	31			<b>-£7,000.00</b>	£7,000.00	£0.00
		<b>£40,324.80</b>	<b>£2,059.63</b>	<b>£22,615.12</b>	<b>£8,800.00</b>	<b>£70,333.75</b>

Income for period ending 31/12/24 (excluding Fabric)

= £64,999.55

Budgetted income requirement per week = £1,257.12

Budgetted income requirement to 31/12/24 = £65,370.24

\* Service at Rutherglen West & Wardlawhill

\*\* Transfer Legacies to Fabric Fund

### GIFT AID

**Are you a Taxpayer?**

**If so your offerings and any other donations you make to the Old Parish  
could  
have 25p per pound added to them.**

**For further information please contact. Irene Kay**



Our services are streamed live every week. Follow the link on our website [www.rutherglenoldparishchurch.org](http://www.rutherglenoldparishchurch.org) or subscribe to our YouTube channel search Rutherglen Old Parish and subscribe.



Follow us on Facebook, search 'Rutherglen Old Parish Church' to make sure you don't miss out on events taking place including our monthly coffee mornings.



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**PLEASE NOTE:** Anyone wishing to consult the Minister may do so after the Morning Service any Sunday.

Intimation of change of address should be given to the Roll Keeper as soon as possible.

Website: <https://rutherglenoldparish.org/>

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

To enable the Congregational Roll to be kept up to date would members who have recently, or are about to change their address please either email the roll keeper (hughmillar49@googlemail.com) or complete the form below and forward it to Hugh Millar.

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### **RUTHERGLEN OLD PARISH CHURCH**

Name ..... Date .....

is moving from      Address .....

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Postcode .....

Tel. No. ....

to      Address .....

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Postcode .....

Tel. No. ....

**Please forward the completed form to**

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