

**Church of Scotland
Scone & St Martins Parish**



Church News

December 2024/January 2025

Dear Friends

As I write you, Advent is just around the Corner, a time to make preparation, indeed, not just the baking of Christmas Pies and Plum Pudding but spiritual preparation for Christmas. Advent is a special season, a time of preparation and anticipation. There are four Sundays in Advent before Christmas Day. In Church we have our Advent Ring and the candles on the Ring symbolize hope, peace, joy and love. And, are these not gifts we all need, as does our world. These are God's offering to us, if we are open to receiving them. Why not come along at 9.30am to St Martins or 10.45am at Scone. This year the Advent Services and Christmas Services are in Scone New, Balformo Road, apart from the Children's Service on Christmas Eve which is in the Halls at Burnside. New Year and Epiphany Services are in Scone Old, Burnside. They are all listed at the end of this letter. These Seasons can be so healing, tranquil, blessed and loving, if you allow them. And, I do believe that you miss out on a lot, if you don't allow yourself time to get off the treadmill to appreciate some sacred space.

Now, I wonder what your picture is of Christmas. Perhaps it is of children's voices excitedly preparing for the arrival of Santa Claus or maybe you're dreaming of a white Christmas, just like the ones you used to know. Or maybe yours is a Christmas card celebration - perhaps in your mind's eye, you see Mary in her blue robe gazing lovingly at her little new born and Joseph attentive to both of their needs, shepherds gazing on in wonder, their charges like puffy white balls of cotton wool in the background, and then there are these rays of angels' glory streaming in through the windows of the well-swept stable to the strains of "Joy to the World".

I wonder if coming to Church on Christmas Eve completes the beauty of the season. Candles burn, the light is quiet, there is a beauty to the poetry and music of the night. At a late hour it is time to relax, and enjoy the tranquil glow around you. Perhaps you simply need a moment to be - and to feel or imagine you're being at one with the being of God. On this holy night, take a moment then to enter into the joy and peace of the night. Take a moment, in this sacred space, simply to be

Let me recall with you, a Christmas Eve in my first parish. As a number of you know, it was in a new town. The average age of the town was my age at that time, i.e. 25 years. Christmas Eve was fun. Santa had contacted me to ask if I would be part of his grotto for the Session Clerk's children who lived an avenue away. He would call, he assured me, on Christmas Eve before we all went Carol Singing prior to the Midnight Service, and he was as good as his word.

It was a snowy Christmas. Two excited little girls had been in the Church Office with me, one coming up for three and the other getting ready for school in the coming year. We looked out the window and heard a noise. Sssh, I said, we must keep very quiet, as neither Santa nor Rudolph would wish us to see them but I think they might have landed on the roof for a wee breather before taking off again across the night sky. We were quiet, very quiet, but we saw imprints on the roof. Could this be a big bird or was it Rudolph's hooves? Ah, when we thought Santa had left, we all set off home, they to snuggle down in bed and fall fast asleep. And, Santa was as good as his word; he called in to collect the gifts before calling at the Session Clerk's home where by this time two little girls no doubt were dreaming of Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus.

Well, the Midnight Service followed the Carol Singing. It was very busy. Lots of young people from the Elvis Presley Fan Club and from the Punk Rockers attended and many other adults too. Midnight Mass followed the service. It was Midnight Communion in the style of coming forward to receive the bread and wine. At one point, the Session Clerk whispered, this one coming has been up before. It was a helpful whisper. Most of that busy congregation left after 1pm and made their way home. But there was one old man who looked lonely and sad. He had a long shabby coat and looked distressed. We did our best to make Christmas good for him. That night, a story I had read in a book called *Love's Endeavour, Love's Expense*, became very real. It was written by a vicar serving in a New Town Parish which felt in some ways similar to my own. His name was W H Vanstone. This is the story:

"On a certain night shortly before Christmas, I stood in the beautiful church - it was ready for Christmas and the quiet light of candles enhanced its tranquility and beauty. It was very late but the beauty of Christmas and its symbols seemed peculiarly intense that night and I was glad to receive it while I might. I was disturbed by a noise behind me – a dull thud. Against the glass door which led into the Church, and no more than a couple of feet from the bottom, a face pressed, and was grotesquely distorted by the pressure. A man was half slumped, half kneeling against the door. He was drunk and when we talked and he gradually sobered up a little, it was clear he was an alcoholic. Sadly, his particular experience of life was nothing but squalor and conflict and at Christmas he expected nothing better.

When at last I retired to sleep my mind must have been on the tragic and distorted face which had, so to speak, invaded the beauty of Christmas. For I dreamed, and in my dream a rubbish collector came to me and told me that he had been clearing up after a riot, and I myself saw the huge pile of stones and cans and waste paper which he'd collected. Then the man touched my arm and said: But what am I to do? For deep within the pile, buried at the

bottom of it, I have seen a living face. Though my own eyes did not see the face, I knew in my dream that it must be the face of God. My dream seemed to suggest a different way in which the truth of Christmas might be disclosed - a harrowing and appalling way. It made one newly sensitive to the gracious way in which the truth of Christmas is in fact disclosed to us. But in substance it was the same truth. It was the Truth of a God Who in love, is totally expended for the being of his creation, in its waste and rubbish". (You'll recall it was at the place of the skull they crucified the man who'd grown from the babe of Bethlehem)

Ponder the nativity story again. I like how Luke in his Gospel centres the main action in a little backwater town called Bethlehem, where a scared young girl and her equally scared husband can't find any decent place in which to birth their first child and so are forced to take refuge with animals, with only dirty shepherds and their even dirtier sheep to notice.

God comes not at the centre of the world to straighten things out a bit, but on the fringes to call the orders and structures of the day into question and herald a new beginning altogether. Ultimately, Luke's story witnesses to the simple yet scary fact that God didn't come in Jesus to make things a little better, a little more bearable. God came to turn over the tables, to create a whole new system, to resurrect and redeem us.

You know, there is a lot we sometimes crave in this life. Some of these may be good but don't satisfy us for long. Do you want a sense of meaning and purpose to life, to believe that there is more to this life than meets the eye? Then, hold on to the hope that despite all appearances we are worthy of love.

God comes at the edges of the story and our lives to speak quietly but firmly through the blood, sweat, and tears of the labour pains of a young mother and the cry of her infant that God is irreconcilably for us, joined to our ups and down, our hopes and fears, and committed to giving us not just more of the same, but something more. Christ comes, not just to give us more of the life we know, but new and abundant life altogether. For in Christ, we have the promise that God will not stop until each and all of us have been embraced and caught up in God's tremendous love and have heard the good news that "unto you this day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord." So, Joy to you this Christmas and to All:

And that being so, let us sing, "Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing. And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing!

God's blessing be known to you, and throughout the coming year, Maudeen

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, AND EPIPHANY WORSHIP

1st December is Advent Sunday. That day you are invited to bring your gifts for distribution by the Salvation Army at 10.45 am in Scone New, Balformo Road. This is Altogether Sunday. It is also the date when we remember loved ones who have passed on and invite all who have lost loved ones to join us. We light candles of remembrance.

8th December is Christmas Pie Sunday on the second Sunday of Advent. 9.30 am St Martins and 10.45 am Scone New.

15th December is the Nativity Play.

22nd December is our Advent/Christmas Communion Service.

9.30 am St Martins and 10.45 am Scone New.

24th December is our Children's Christmas Eve in the Burnside Halls.

The Christmas Midnight in the New Kirk, Balformo Road, when we look forward to a fine attendance of families and friends.

29th is a Service of Carols in Scone New.

In January the Services are in the Old Kirk, Burnside.

5th January is the New Year and the Eve of Epiphany.

12th January is the First Sunday in the Season of Epiphany.

19th January is the Second Sunday in Epiphany.

26th January is A Scottish themed service. It is the day after The Conversion of St Paul and the day after the Bard's Birthday. And, it is only one month to go until Spring.

Lent will commence as we make our way to Easter. So, despite the dark nights, keep upbeat, and eat the apples to keep the doctor away and enjoy foods rich in vitamins.

With every blessing, Maudeen





Good Wishes and Blessings to The Bride and Groom.

Saturday 7th December at 12.30pm is the Marriage of Louise Emma Hendry and Gordon Andrew McLay. I am sure we all wish Louise and Gordon a happy day and a long and good life together.

Maudeen

Session Clerk's Report

The Kirk Session recently met with Rev Allan Wilson and Rev K Fenwick to look at the Presbytery Plan for the future arrangements within the Presbytery as they would affect Scone and St Martins. We did not really find out much more than we already knew, in that Collace Church is to close and parish is to be united with ourselves. Burrelton and Cargill is to become a mission church, with Scone and St Martins as the supervising body but no final decision has been made by the new Presbytery of Perth. I have been informed by Presbytery that there will be a meeting of the Presbytery in mid-January to which we have been, as a congregation, cited to attend, at which the Presbytery Mission Plan will be discussed. It is hoped to have a prior look at the plans from Mid-December onwards. I will keep you informed of any decisions that are made which will affect Scone and St Martins.

You will note that there is a Christmas Appeal for a contribution to church funds and we are really asking those who may not give on a regular basis, if they would consider making a donation to our finances. As Property Convener, there are always the unexpected bills which arrive out of the blue – examples of which are lighting in the car park (£500); drainage bill at Balformo Road (£250); repair of alarm system at Balformo halls (£155). Never easy to budget for the unexpected!! Any contribution would be grateful received.

Some of you may recall that some time ago, we had missionary partners, Jane and Roy Dodman, who worked at the Mel Nathan Institute in Kingston, Jamaica. It is with sadness, that there was a notice in the December issue of Life and Work, recording the death of Roy Dodman on 15 September, 2024.

Mike Moir, Session Clerk

There was a big disappointment when we had to cancel the annual bonfire night. We had not been advised that the BB insurers had cancelled public liability for such events and only found out at the very last minute when advised by a colleague from elsewhere. We asked the insurers for a quote for a stand-alone insurance and were quoted nearly £350. When taken into account with the cost of the fireworks it would have meant after allowing for the amount collected on the night a loss of around £250 to the company funds. This is the first time in over 30 years that the bonfire has not gone ahead other than due to weather. Hopefully we will get the show on the road next year. We will start early and hopefully get some sponsorship.

In the Battalion events one of our teams won back the dodge ball trophy and the other came 3rd in the competition held in Kinnoull Church Hall. In the badminton Matthew won the senior championship but we had no entries for the Juniors. Only two of our lads made it to the activity day at Fordell Firs. The third one slept in and missed out. It was a great day in which those attending took part in 3g Swing; crate building; working together tasks; and wall climbing. Fordell Firs is a Scout Centre near Dunfermline and the events were run by Scout leaders. The day out to Seaton Sands was fantastic (boys from the Company Section and 8 from the Junior Section went along with about 40 from 3rd Company and Kinross Company. The lads enjoyed swimming; wall climbing; archery and nerf (it would take up too much room to explain that last one). Lunch was provided and thanks to Haven Holidays with the Battalion paying for transport there was no charge for the day. Unfortunately we struggled to get a team together to take part in the National Master Team competition. Only two boys were available but they decided they wanted to give it a go. They were playing against teams of 4 and their score of 62 points out of 100 was not enough to get them into the next round. We were due to play the first round in the National Chess on 24/11/24 but the opposition pulled out at the last moment and the lads will now meet "old foes" 6/8 Dundee in the next round. The boys have high hopes of retaining the National Trophy as two of last year's winning team are in the team this session. If the lads make it to the final then it would probably mean that they will be at least Scottish champions for the 4th time in a row.

We are having our usual Xmas card delivery service for Scone this year and stamps are now available. Priced at £1.50 for a strip of 5 stamps. Collection boxes will be in the Spar and the Sweetie Shop as well in the church halls. Last day for posting is 14 December and cards will be delivered in the following week.

The Battalion has been invited to come along to the community service at Strathallan School on 8th December at 7 pm and there is an open invitation to all to attend. Like last year our Christmas event is a trip to the pantomime.



SCONE BOYS BRIGADE

**COFFEE MORNING
AT BURNSIDE HALL**

**SATURDAY
7 DECEMBER 2024
10.00 AM – 12 NOON**

**COST:
ADULT £4/CHILD £1**

ALL WELCOME

Iain Lamond



The Hub Community Café

Christmas at the Hub on 18 December, where the Belle Plates will play some festive tunes. Wishing all customers and volunteers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are back after the festivities on 8 January 2025 at 10 till 12.

Ann Gellatly, 01738 552370

Pastoral Care

This is the last diary entry for 2024 and takes us into the New Year of 2025 – maybe it's having a bi-monthly magazine that skips us through the year so quickly. For this copy I have had to research into February 2025 dates – roll on Easter!

A big thank you to all who donated so generously to the Foodbank at the Harvest Service. A large amount of grocery/household items plus £200 cash donations were greatly appreciated by the Foodbank.

Fellowship Lunch on Thursday 5 December celebrates with a special meal enjoyed with crackers, decorations, carols and all the trimmings. Numbers have been up and down these last few months but all in the community are welcome to this time of fellowship around the table on the first Thursday of each month at 12.30 pm – except that January lunch will be on 9 January. We regret the cost will rise by 50p to £5 from January.



On the afternoon of 15 December a visit to the residential homes in the village is planned to share Christmas cheer in songs and readings. This will start at Robert Douglas Home, Abbey Road at 2.00 pm. If you would like to join in please get in touch – Santa hats welcome too.

A Christingle Christmas celebration with the story and activity for all ages will be at Burnside Hall on Christmas Eve at 6.30 pm. Mince pies and shortbread to follow.



Later the Watchnight service at Scone New church takes us into Christmas starting with carols at 11.30 pm.



Oliver was enjoyed at the last movie of the year and for 2025 we begin with a lunch and High Society on 23 January. Suggestions please for an accompaniment for lunch on 20 February. The light lunch is served at 12 noon and cost £4.50. Please book by phoning 551560, 552370 or through Church Facebook Messenger.

May we know the peace and joy, love and kinship that Jesus promises as we journey through this season into the unknown year.

All Christmas Wishes from the Pastoral Committee

Margaret McMillan, 551560/07393851332

Social and Fund Raising

Another BIG THANK YOU must go to all who came along and supported us on 19 October at our Coffee Morning in Burnside Halls. Again we were blessed with good weather and we raised the grand amount of £1,137 which was superb. There was a lovely buzz in the hall, which showed everyone was enjoying themselves and having a grand natter! This is what the Social side is all about in our Village.

On 16 November we held a Scottish Country Dance which was very well supported by Dancers from Scone, Perth, Coupar Angus and Newburgh. It's great to see all these people coming together and thoroughly enjoying themselves. A lively programme was prepared by Margaret Breckenridge and at the interval goodies were supplied by the committee and also a few of the congregation. We were very fortunate once again to acquire the services of our own local musician, Jim Lindsay, whose playing is superb and this encourages everyone to get up on the floor. A great afternoon which raised the sum of £293. Wonderful!

FUND RAISING EVENTS FOR 2025

1 March	Scottish Country Dance, Balformo Road Halls, 2 to 4 pm
15 March	Coffee Morning, Burnside Halls, 10 am to 12 noon
18 April	Bingo Tea, Burnside Halls, 7.30 pm
23 August	Annual Church Fair, Burnside Halls & grounds 2 to 4 pm
18 October	Coffee Morning, Burnside Halls 10 am to 12 noon
15 November	Scottish Country Dance Balformo Road Halls 2 to 4 pm

Anne Lamond, Social & Fund Raising Convener, Tel 07711394452

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal 2024



A huge thank you to everyone who supported this year's appeal. Your generosity towards this appeal continues each year. We took 29 shoe boxes and £350 to Perth Baptist Church ready for the checking to be done before the boxes are sent to their recipients.

This year the boxes are going to Ukraine. We are sure the boxes will be well received. Thank you for your continuing support.

Marian Forgan and Moira Daly



Knit and Chat

We next meet on 4 December at 10.30 at Balforno Hall. Our thanks to Irene Duncan who held a crochet class at our November meeting.

Wishing all of the group a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. All welcome on 8 January and 5 February 2025.

Ann Gellatly, 01738 552730

Sunday Teas



Thank you to everyone who helps each Sunday to make sure we have a cup of tea or coffee and a chance to catch up after morning worship in Scone. As we go into December the teas have already raised £1256.44 this year. This money goes to the Treasurer to help with the ongoing work of the Church and its upkeep.

By the time you read this we will have had our St Andrew's Day cloutie dumpling and we are getting ready for 22 December when we will have some Christmas chocolates.

Thank you for your continued support.

Marian Forgan and Moira Daly

Senior Member

David Deuchar, better known as Davie, celebrated his "95th" birthday on 23rd October. A card, along with the church flowers, were sent to him. Also on the eve of his birthday, a card and cake were delivered on behalf of Guildtown Friendship Club plus cards from individual friends. Rev. Maureen McDougall also made a visit to see him.

Davie was a regular church and Friendship Club attender until he had a few falls, which led the family in deciding to get him into a safe environment. He is now in a Balhousie Care Home, has settled in well and enjoys the company.

We wish him well and hope he has a good few years ahead of him.

Ellen Simpson

Sunday Club



There has been excellent attendance by Lucy, Amy and Jessica. We have enjoyed good conversations and the girls brought goods for Harvest Sunday. We look forward to producing a simple nativity play on 15 December We are working hard as the girls have some of the lines to remember. It certainly won't take long to arrive!!!

Helen Moir, 551549

Kind Thoughts and Prayers

Kind thoughts and prayers are sent all who know health challenges this Christmas. Do not be alone, we are here for you. My sister, Lorna, will be with me as she recuperates after an op in early December, and Brandy the cocker spaniel, will be in residence. He is very friendly and loving, loves Classic FM, and if it's not too chilly to open the car windows, you will hear him sing to the Christmas Carols. He will be giving three cheers for Christmas and three at New Year, and at this he excels! Thank you to all who have encouraged me to get my mobility fully restored. Your encouragement and prayers have helped so much, I am so thankful to report. I continue to pray for all still up against such challenge. Some recommended Gareth Magee, Osteopath, and Lisa Watkins, FMK Physiotherapy. I can't recommend them highly enough. Please do not hesitate to make contact if I can be of help and encouragement to you.

I recommend too our Telephone Prayer Chain. The contacts given respect confidentiality and discretion and will not quiz you for every detail. If you have a prayer request, remember that a Telephone Prayer Chain is available to support in prayer any person/s in the church or community, or their family or friends whether living here or elsewhere, particularly if urgent prayer is required for matters such as illness, operations or other problems. Phone requests to Lilian at 01738 553651 or, if she is unavailable, to Helen at 01821640560 or Frances at 01738 552681. Or, instead of phoning, you can write your request on a prayer request slip, sign it or leave it unsigned as you wish, and place it in the Church Prayer box on a Sunday morning.

Maudeen

Please save your stamps from Christmas mail for the Scottish Bible Society and leave in church for Frances Moir.



Alan Carlisle was our speaker on 8 October and he gave a most interesting talk on “Care Sounds Radio”. It began as Hospital Radio in February 1989, broadcasting at Perth Royal Infirmary and Murray Royal Hospital. It brought benefits to children and those with dementia as well as those in adult wards at PRI. The music requests were often repetitive and included “The Bluebell Polka” and “The White Cliffs of Dover” as well as Frank Sinatra hits. There were also outside broadcasts eg St Johnstone football commentaries and Christmas services. Then there were major changes to the Health Service and because of advances in medical practice and the link to Murray Royal was lost, Hospital Radio changed its focus and now incorporates care homes. It was rebranded in August 2023. Alan’s talk concluded with a demonstration of how it was possible to play out in community settings by playing Irene Duncan’s request for “Highland Cathedral” (Irene was a volunteer for Hospital Radio).

Our own Ereti Mitchell was at Burnside on 22 October and gave an excellent and informative talk on her early life in New Zealand. The Māori people have a deep connection to the land and the past. English was taught at school and it was only in 1973 that the māori language was introduced. Ereti’s tribe was from the east coast of the North Island. The importance of genealogy was stressed. People would gather and food was cooked outdoors in a pit. The meat, vegetables and steam pudding were covered in leaves and left for three to four hours. We were shown a māori skirt, made of flax and Ereti’s cloak which she wore at a reception at Buckingham Palace where she met the late Queen. Her talk concluded with māori action songs and a lovely rendition of “Pokarekare Ana”.

Thea Samuel represented the charity Vision PK on 12 November. It succeeds the Blind Society and now incorporates hearing as well as sight loss. Advice and supply of equipment are available at the premises in George Street. Equipment includes aids to prevent spillage of liquids, walking canes, TV glasses, binoculars for buses and electronic magnifiers.

Advance Notice - Our quiz Night is on 25 February at 7.30 pm in Burnside. £5 per head, teams of 4. Please keep this date free! There will be refreshments and a prize draw.

Dates for your diary:

10 December	12.30 pm for 1.00 pm	Christmas Lunch Brown and Black's
14 January	2.30 pm at Balforno Road	Rev Margaret Steele
28 January	7.30 pm at Burnside	Rhona Gethins Clinical Hypnotherapist Bring and Buy Sale
11 February	2.30 pm at Balforno Road	Scams Tayside Police

May I wish everyone a very happy Christmas and every blessing in 2025.

Margaret Buchan (Guild Secretary), tel 01738 621814



**CHRISTIAN AID WISHES YOU A VERY HAPPY
CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL 2025**

NO ROOM FOR COMFORT AND JOY

When you've left everything behind to survive.

'I did not come with anything. No table, no teapot, no chair, no bed.' Conflict drove Shede and her family to a refugee settlement in South Sudan. Now it's a daily challenge to provide meals for her children. This Christmas, will you support someone like Shede to buy food and supplies that will protect their family from hunger and malnutrition?

Ways you can help:

Come to the hall after church on 8 December and enjoy a mince pie and shortbread giving a donation for this to Christian Aid. If you are unable to stay, a bucket for donations will be available at that church gate.

Join the Christian Aid representatives at Dobbies, Crieff Rd., on Saturday 14 December to join in with carol singing. Open to all who love to sing carols and a great way to get into the Christmas Spirit. We sing from 11am to 11 30am, 12noon to 12.30pm then from 1.30pm to 2pm and 2.30 to 3pm. Come for as long or as short a time as you would like. Bucket holders also welcome. Carol sheets are provide ,but, for those who like to harmonise CH4 would have most carols we sing.

Scan the QR code on the poster displayed at the entrance to the church.

Peggy Lamond (01738 553582), Christian Aid Representative

Children's Story – The Christmas Tree Cross

There is a Church in seaside Torquay, in the South of England. People go there for holidays and it's a good place to go. I do not know much about it, but I do know something very unusual and rather wonderful. Christmas is a special time in Church. We remember then how God sent Jesus into our world as a baby, born in Bethlehem of Mother Mary. In this Torquay Church they have a Christmas tree. They decorate it with colourful bits and pieces. It gives a happy joyful look to their Church. When Christmas is over they just don't throw out their tree, Oh No!, this is the wonderful thing I promised to tell you. They strip the branches from the tree, then they put the long, bare tree trunk carefully in store. Good Friday is a special time in Church. We remember then how Jesus died on the Cross of Calvary. Remember that Christmas tree the Torquay people put away so carefully? Well, they take it out again. They make it into a Cross by cutting off a short length and fixing it across the main trunk. The Christmas Tree Cross then stands in the Church. On the Sundays before Christmas, they tie on objects from the Gospel story - a towel, a plate and cup from the Last Supper, a whip, a crown of thorns, a bag of thirty pieces of silver, purple robe. On the Friday before Easter, (Good Friday), they lay the Christmas Tree Cross on the floor and hammer in big nails. Easter is a special time in Church. We remember then how Father God raised Jesus from the dead to live for ever. The Torquay Church people take the Christmas Tree Cross and all the nasty things are removed. They then take lots and lots of beautiful flowers and fix them all over the Christmas Tree Cross. This makes the sad Cross a happy Cross. It turns their thoughts from the cruel death of Jesus to the glorious and wonderful Resurrection.

You see, Jesus who was born in Bethlehem is the same Jesus who died on the Cross and rose again to live forever. It's all one story about one and the same person - Jesus our wonderful Saviour and Lord. The Bethlehem Stable, the Calvary Cross and the Empty Tomb are joined together. In each and all, Father God is loving us and Jesus is at the centre of it all!



Children's Prayer

Thank you, dear God, for the passing year. We look forward to 2025. As we grow older we learn more about our own world and the other worlds in Your universe. Thank you Father for Christmas, we spend lots of weeks getting ready for this festival of giving and remember the special gift You gave us of Jesus.

Anne Lamond

PARISH DIARY

Dec 4	10 am - 12 noon	Hub Community Café	Balformo Hall
	10.30 am	Knit n Chat	Balformo Hall
5	12.30 pm	Christmas Fellowship Lunch	Burnside Hall
7	10 am - 12 noon	Boys Brigade Coffee Morning	Burnside Hall
	12.30 pm	Wedding	Scone Old
8	9.30 am	Morning Worship	St Martins
	10.45 am	Morning Worship - Mince Pies	Scone New
10	12.30 pm	The Guild Christmas Lunch	Brown & Blacks
11	10 am - 12 noon	Hub Community Café	Balformo Hall
15	9.30 am	Morning Worship	St Martins
	10.45 am	Morning Worship - Nativity Play	Scone New
18	10 am - 12 noon	Hub Community Café	Balformo Hall
22	09.30 am	Morning Worship - Communion	St Martins
	10.45 am	Morning Worship - Communion	Scone New
24	6.30 pm	Children's Christmas Eve Service	Burnside Hall
	11.30 pm	Christmas Midnight Service	Scone New
29	10.45 am	All Parish Worship	Scone New
Jan 5	10.45 am	All Parish Worship	Scone Old
8	10 am - 12 noon	Hub Community Café	Balformo Hall
	10.30 am	Knit n Chat	Balformo Hall
9	12.30 pm	Fellowship Lunch	Burnside Hall
12	9.30 am	Morning Worship	St Martins
	10.45 am	Morning Worship	Scone Old
14	2.30 pm	The Guild	Balformo Hall
15	10 am - 12 noon	Hub Community Café	Balformo Hall
19	9.30 am	Morning Worship	St Martins
	10.45 am	Morning Worship	Scone Old
22	10 am - 12 noon	Hub Community Café	Balformo Hall
23	12 noon	Film Lunch	Burnside Hall
26	09.30 am	Morning Worship	St Martins
	10.45 am	Morning Worship	Scone Old
28	7.30 pm	The Guild	Burnside Hall
29	10 am - 12 noon	Hub Community Café	Balformo Hall
Feb 2	10.45 am	All Parish Worship	Scone New
5	10 am - 12 noon	Hub Community Café	Balformo Hall
	10.30 am	Knit n Chat	Balformo Hall
6	12.30 pm	Fellowship Lunch	Burnside Hall



Scone & St Martins Parish Church Finances
Receipts and Payments for 10 months ending 31 October 2024
(excluding Guild and Clubs)

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	2024	2023
RECEIPTS	£	£
Offerings	49,626	49,255
Appeals	600	1,500
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	11,151	11,359
Legacy	5,000	0
Donations	3,869	4,449
Weddings and funerals	1,460	3,825
Contributions from congregational organisations	1,595	1,260
Hall Lets	15,917	12,917
Fundraising events (net income)	8,069	7,142
Withdrawal from Consolidated Fabric Fund	2,900	0
Other income	<u>2,278</u>	<u>1,656</u>
Total Receipts	<u>102,465</u>	<u>93,363</u>

Notes:

- Offerings are slightly up on last year, for the first 10 months.
- The Christmas Appeal, made in December 2023, has raised £600 in the new year.
- The tax recoveries are for quarters up to end of June, plus the small donations scheme.
- The legacy of £5,000 has been received from the estate of the late Bob Wallace.
- The contributions from congregational organisations are from the Guild (£600), the Badminton Club (£380), the Country Dancers (£500) and Knit & Chat (£115).
- Hall lets are a big contributor, reflecting continued high usage at both Scone Old and New halls.
- Fundraising includes 2 coffee mornings (£2,057), Bingo Tea (£1,201), Country Dance (£274), Hot Dog Movies (£427) and Quiz (£250). The summer fair in August added £3,860.
- Other income is a grant from Perth and Kinross Council (£250) plus half yearly interest and dividends (£2028).
- We have incurred a deficit of £6,280 for the first 10 months, due to significant increases in some costs, particularly our Giving to Grow contributions to the Church of Scotland and Heating and Lighting costs.
- We shall be making another Appeal this year.

Robin Walker, Treasurer

Scone Rotas

	Welcoming Party	Reader	Beadle
8 Dec	Anne Lamond, Peggy Lamond Ian MacKinnon	Anne Lamond	Ross Merson
15	Ricky Martin, Linda Massie Margaret McMillan	Margaret McMillan	Gordon Pirie
22	Mike Moir, Christine Munro Dorothy Morrison	Mike Moir	Robin Walker
29	Robin Walker, Linda Thomson Margaret Watson	Robin Walker	Ian Baillie
Jan 5	Hamish & Margaret Breckenridge Ian Baillie	Hamish Breckenridge	Mike Moir
12	Kate Carswell, Moira Daly Marian Forgan	Marian Forgan	Bob Murray
19	Anne Lamond, Peggy Lamond Ricky Martin	Peggy Lamond	Paul Stewart
26	Linda Massie, Margaret McMillan Ross Merson	Ross Merson	Hamish Breckenridge
Feb 2	Frances Moir, Mike Moir Dorothy Morrison	Frances Moir	Ross Merson

Teas

	Tea Duty	Milk and Money
8 Dec	Cona Beatson, Vic Croall, Marion Dallas	Cona Beatson
15	Daphne Forbes, Val Grossart, Susan Kean	Daphne Forbes
22	Christine Townend, Peggy Lamond Margaret McLean	Christine Townend
29	Linda Massie, Margaret & Hamish Breckenridge	Linda Massie
Jan 5	Kate Carswell, Moira Daly, Marian Forgan	Kate Carswell
12	Rae Farrow, Joan Gilchrist, Aileen Hamilton	Rae Farrow
19	Dorothy Morrison, Christine Munro, Linda Massie	Dorothy Morrison
26	Anne Lamond, Peggy Lamond, Linda Thomson	Anne Lamond
Feb 2	Cona Beatson, Viv Croall, Marion Dallas	Cona Beatson

Flowers

	Donating	Delivering
8 Dec	Caroline Haddow	Kate Carswell
15	Audrey Cooper	Val Grossart
22	Vacant	Margaret Breckenridge
29	Vacant	Helen Lowe
Jan 5	Marlene Myles	Kate Carswell
12	Kate Carswell	Norma Walker
19	Freda Scott	Peggy Lamond
26	Mhairi Kemp	Caroline Haddow
Feb 2	Merson/Short Family	Ray Kuhn

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