

Newsletter

Crown Church, Inverness

December 2018/ January 2019: No. 745

Interim Moderator: Rev Duncan MacPherson



WORSHIP SERVICES

"O come let us adore him - Christ the Lord!"

- Sunday 9th December 9.30 am The first service: with Rev Morven Archer
11 am The second service: with Rev Doug McRoberts
- Sunday 16th December 9.30 am The first service: with Rev Morven Archer
11 am The second service: with Stewart Robertson
- Sunday 23rd December 9.30 am The first service: with Rev Morven Archer
11 am The second service: with Rev Doug McRoberts
- Christmas Eve 6.30 pm All-age carols and candles Christingle service: with Rev Doug McRoberts and Struan McRoberts
11.15 pm The Watchnight Service: with Rev Doug McRoberts
- Christmas Day 10.30 am The celebration of Christmas: with Rev Doug McRoberts
- Sunday 30th December 9.30 am The first service: with Rev Morven Archer
11 am The second service: with Rev Doug McRoberts
- 2019**
- Sunday 6th January Breakfast at Epiphany!
9.30 am The first service: with Rev Morven Archer
11 am The second service with Rev Doug McRoberts
- Sunday 13th January 9.30 am The first service with Rev Morven Archer
11 am The second service with Rev Morven Archer
- Sunday 20th January 9.30 am The first service with Rev Morven Archer
11 am The second service with Rev Doug McRoberts
- Sunday 27th January 9.30 am The first service with Rev Morven Archer
11 am The second service with Rev Doug McRoberts
- Sunday 3rd February 9.30 am The first service with Rev Morven Archer
11 am The second service with Rev Doug McRoberts

**PRAYERS every Friday at 12 noon, remembering people by name
please always make your requests known!**

**Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me
will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be
thirsty."**

John 6: verse 35

The Guild

November has been quite a busy month for the Guild. At our guest night, which was well attended by visiting Guilds, we welcomed as our speaker, Douglas Willis, an elder of the Church of Scotland in Fortrose, who gave us a most interesting talk about his time in Nepal to follow up on the project 'Let us Build a House'. His photographs showed the amazing scenery of the area (especially the sheer mountain sides where the villages seem to cling on), the colourful clothes of the people who live there and the schools which have been built so far. A really interesting evening.



The same week on the Friday we treated the Crown Church Junior and Company sections of the Boys Brigade to a meal of burgers, beans and chips, followed by ice cream and jelly. A very healthy meal! but thoroughly enjoyed by the boys. We did this to celebrate Guild Week and also because the Boys Brigade is one of our national projects this year.

Once again our Guild took part in the quiz when eight teams from the Presbytery took part. A team from our Guild won, yet again, with second place being taken by our other team. The winning team were Ruby Coe, Heather Ross-Macdonald, Marion Barbour and Dorothy Mein. The second team were Heather Beck, Linda Moncur, Adrienne Adie and Elspeth Gibson.

We look forward to our 90th anniversary lunch on the 27th November in the Craigmonie Hotel and on the 11th December to our high tea in the Waterside Hotel.

Our first meeting of 2019, on the 8th January will be back in our hall when we will hear what Anne Muirden has to tell us about Leprosy Mission. Then on the 22nd Jimmy Gray, a member of our congregation, will recount his time as provost of Inverness.

Dorothy Mein
Guild Correspondent

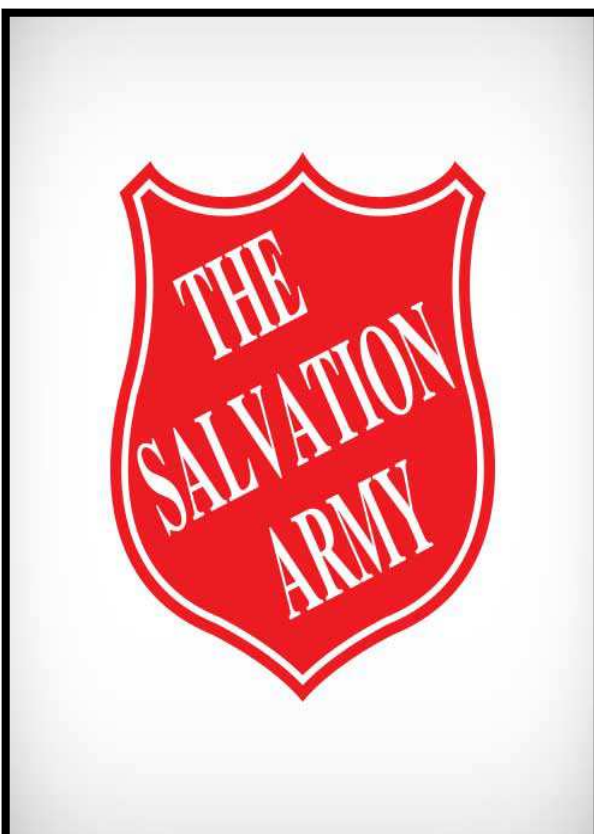
Your Privacy - Information we hold about you

We have in our records names and contact details of our members and adherents. We hold this information only in connection with Church activities. This year the law about data protection has been changed and gives individuals more rights and protections with regard to how their information is used by organisations.

Congregations must comply with this new law. So, our Elders' Council has agreed the wording of a new Privacy Notice, a Data Protection Policy and a Data Retention Policy, all of which are in accordance with the recommendations of the Church of Scotland Law Department. You can see these in the Privacy www+Policy section of our church website <https://www.crown-church.co.uk/> or at the Church Office.

Bruce Merchant
Convener
Communications Team

Thank you to everyone who contributed a shoe box or donation to Blythswood this year. We handed over 73 filled boxes plus over £250 in cash donations from the church. Thank you!



The Salvation Army are asking for warm clothing in decent condition for all ages for those less fortunate than ourselves. If you have any surplus to requirements, please drop it off at the collection point in Nationwide Building Society, Eastgate,

Church of Scotland World Mission Stamp Appeal Used Stamps



With your used stamps £1,162 has been raised up to the end of November which this year will go to the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia (Ukraine). The Church runs a number of day centres for the educational, emotional and physical support of children and young people with disabilities. The WMC Stamp Appeal will support the young people to live life in all its fullness and to enjoy opportunities to participate in society and family life. Please take your used stamps along to the red boxes at the front doors of the church.

Heather Grant

Street Pastors

Five new Street Pastors and one new Prayer Pastor were commissioned at The Junction Church this month. There are now 35 Street Pastors from local churches involved in this ecumenical organisation. Crown Church is represented by Lesley McRoberts.

The new Street Pastors have been in training since September and are ready to join established teams on patrol in Inverness city centre during the Christmas season. Street Pastors have been caring for people in Inverness since 2007. Their mission is simply to listen, care and help.

Lesley said "*We are all people who care about our community and who want to show God's love and compassion in practical ways.*"

The Christmas collections in the church are to be donated to the Inverness Street Pastors.

Appeal for Funds

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the appeal for funds for the conservation of the MacGilp Window. The fund has now reached £27,000. Since it is proving difficult to obtain grants at present, please continue to contribute and consider what fundraising activity you might start.

Bill Mein



FLOWERS IN CHURCH

A big 'thank you' to all those who have contributed to the flowers in our Church throughout the last year - those who have given the money so that the flowers may be purchased, and those who have given of their time in arranging them.

During December a new Flower Chart will be put up in the corridor behind the Church. If you wish to donate money for flowers on a special day in 2019, please insert your name on this Chart. Also, if there is anyone who would like to learn how to arrange the flowers in Church - male or female, please contact Ruby on 222467.

Our thanks to Donald Matheson for the photograph below of the standard bearers at the Remembrance Service on 11 November.

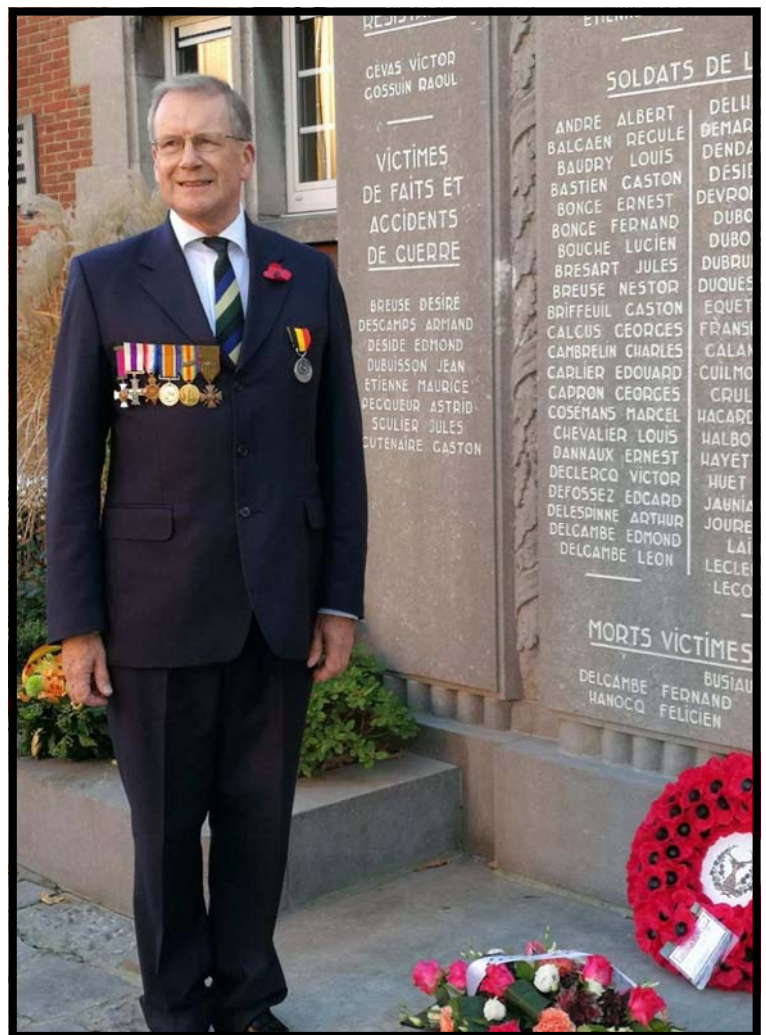


The Gordon Highlanders Return to Chièvres A Personal Pilgrimage by David Crippen

Chièvres: a French-speaking [Walloon municipality](#) located in the [Belgian](#) province of [Hainaut](#). You have probably never heard of it. It is a typical small Franco/Belgian town but has a very large market square called appropriately enough the Grande Place. It was into this square that the 5th Battalion Gordon Highlanders marched on the morning of 11th November 1918, Armistice Day. At their head was Major John B. Wood, D.S.O., M.C., Croix de Guerre, my maternal grandfather. He was acting commander because the commanding officer, Lord Dudley Gordon (later 3rd Marquess of Aberdeen and Temair), was on leave. The battalion was an amalgamation of three battalions which had fought throughout the war at Loos, the Somme, Arras, Ypres and Buzancy, often returning to old ground before the final advance through northern France and southern Belgium and the liberation of Chièvres on the 11th.

In a letter home, my grandfather reported that, "Our entry into Chièvres was like a triumphal procession. It possesses a town band. The instruments had been buried all these years and had been dug out all ready for us. Cornets played "God Save the King" and other national anthems; everybody rushed out to shake my hands and give me drinks. In a few minutes I was laden with bouquets. Fortunately I was on horseback so I escaped the kissing, except for children who were hoisted up for the purpose!"

One hundred years on, the events of 1918 are evidently still very important to the people of Chièvres.



Pat and I had joined a group of some 50 members of the Gordon Highlanders Regimental Association, many elderly, who had travelled from the north-east by coach and ferry to Belgium. We stayed in Ypres and attended the very moving ceremony which is held at the Menin Gate 365 days a year. Our group laid two wreaths. We were accompanied by the Aberdeen University OTC pipe band who had the honour of playing at the ceremony. We visited several sites of battle and tried to appreciate what conditions had been like. **(Continued on next page)**

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The dense fog on the first day contributed to the atmosphere, mirroring as it did the frequent fogs and rains of a hundred years ago, but the fog also meant that it was hard to appreciate the strategic importance of the various ridges when we could see nothing of the lie of the land. We experienced the vastness of the Tyne Cot cemetery, which contains the graves of 12,000 soldiers and the names of 35,000 with no known grave, the tiny Irish House cemetery containing only 77 graves situated near the field where the Christmas truce of 1914 started, and the unusual and beautiful Saint-Symphorien cemetery.



The focal point of the trip was the visit to Chièvres on the weekend of 17th/18th November, culminating in the presentation of the regimental flag to the current burgomaster in an echo of a ceremony there on 17th November 1918. I was given the privilege of presenting the flag in honour of my grandfather although I am glad to say the crowds present were spared the sight of me marching with the Association members. The ceremony and accompanying wreath laying at the town's war memorial were clearly of huge significance to the townspeople, to the Gordons for whom the liberation of Chièvres encapsulates a proud record of

action in the Great War, and to me. It was a proud moment in a very happy day, made almost overwhelmingly poignant however by the death just two days earlier of my aunt, Jean, my grandfather's eldest daughter, aged 98. My mother is now our only link to those times.

Writing of the ceremony in 1918, my grandfather reported, "We have a regimental flag here, which we decided to present to the town. That we did today with a little bit of ceremony. The towns people are highly delighted with it, and so they might be for it cost the officers £20 last year. **(Continued on next page)**



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The Battalion marched to the Grande Place with the colours in centre and formed up in close column. The Padre blessed the flag, the Battalion saluted it, and after the Burgomaster replied, we gave three cheers for Belgium, and the Battalion marched past, again saluting the flag. It was a very fine show and I only wish we could have had a photo of it."



In the midst of celebration of

liberation however we could not forget the terrible suffering of the townspeople during four years of occupation.

The excellent museum in nearby Mons brings this starkly to life. The final words should be left to my grandfather:

"Every day crowds of refugees pass through.

We feed many of them, and sometimes help them on the road with carts. It is most pathetic to see some of them, but they are all overjoyed at their deliverance. Every horse has been taken away. Here there are some cows and poultry, but for 30 miles behind this there wasn't a thing left."

David Crippin
24th November 2018



News from the Outreach Team

Our latest newsletter from David & Mary Sinclair, in Prague, reminds us that, prior to British celebrations of the Armistice centenary, Czech citizens were celebrating the 100th anniversary of the formation of Czechoslovakia on 28th October 1918 as the Austro-Hungarian Empire collapsed at the end of WW 1. In a very interesting piece, the Sinclairs remind us that the country was until then ruled from Vienna, many of the population spoke German and Czech was considered a language of the past.

The country's troubled 100 year history includes the virtual disappearance of the once vibrant Jewish community, the Nazi occupation, which resulted in both resistance and atrocities, the expulsion of 3 million German speaking citizens in 1945, in which further thousands died, the Communist take over, including show trials and further martyrs, the short lived Prague Spring, and the eventual collapse of Communism.

As the Sinclairs point out, the Czech nation - Slovakia now being a separate state - still struggles with identity both electorally - those in the countryside v the 'international



elite' in Prague - and internationally in relation to the EU and, despite being 'the most secular country in the world', nominally 'Christian' as opposed to those of other faiths who might seek refuge in the Czech Republic.

The Sinclairs have certainly found a great deal to ponder as they listened to Smetana's 'Concert for the Republic' in Prague's Smetana Hall on 28th October.

We hope to have this and other letters from the Sinclairs added to Crown church web site so everyone interested can read these in full. Outreach Team

Mairi Main



Breakfast
at ~~Tiffany's~~
Epiphany

10 am Sunday 6th of January 2019

In the lower hall.

**Join us for bacon rolls, butteries and other
breakfast goodies.**

Acclaim at Christmas



for to
us a child
is born, to us a
son is given, and the
government will be on his
shoulders. And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah

9:6

Saturday 15th December 2018 at 7:30pm
Free North Church, Bank Street, Inverness

ACCLAIM 
in whole-hearted worship

Free admission with an opportunity to give to
Out of the Box (Scotland) Ltd during the course of
the evening. Tickets available from CLC Bookshop and
Choir Members or email acclaimchoir@yahoo.com



3rd Inverness Boys' Brigade National Competitions

The boys are through to the 2nd round of the Masterteam quiz competition, having won their heat in Perth. Next up is a trip to Edinburgh on the 8th December... We're also through to the 2nd round of the badminton thanks to a 1st round bye; we're on our travels for round 2 with a trip to Skene, Aberdeenshire on the 9th October.



The boys won their first round table tennis match against the 12th Inverness; next up is another home match against the 1st Grangemouth on the 2nd December.

We also entered a team in the National 5-a-side football competition; after a few close matches the boys went into their last game knowing a win might see them qualifying for the next round. Unfortunately things didn't quite go to plan and they lost their last match 1-0 to just miss out.

Battalion Competitions

The Battalion 5-a-sides took place at Culloden Academy; the Junior Section team finished in 3rd place and the Company Section were runners-up.

The Battalion 10-pin bowling competition took place on Sunday 25th November at Roller Bowl and it was great to see 46 boys from across the area take part. We had 15 boys from the 3rd there on the night. A couple of the Boys picked up prizes: Douglas Smith, Runner-up in the U-13 competition and Louis Jones, Runner-up in the U-19's.



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Church Services

The Company held its Annual Enrolment service on Sunday 4th November and we had a good turnout from all sections.

It was also a great honour to have our Colours represented at the Church's Remembrance Service; there was another good representation of boys.

We also had Officers and Boys representing the Battalion at the Inverness Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial at Cavell Gardens.



Gary McAra



FAMILY PARTY INVITATION!

Saturday 15th of December 4 - 6.30pm.



We will need a response from those intending to go to this by Saturday 8th of December to allow us to plan for food and also to let Santa know which children are coming to the party. If they can call Judith MacLeod or Pat Crippin please.

Highland Malawi Trust

The Highland Malawi Trust would like to thank all those who attended or donated to The Trust's Coffee Morning on 17th November.

The total raised was £1,044.63 .

Thank you once again for your generosity and unfailing support .



RSVP!

Please Respond – Socks Vests Pants! Could you buy some underwear for children in Bethlehem?

Earlier this year, some of us from Crown Church were privileged to visit Al Shurooq School for Blind Children in Bethlehem. We met many inspiring children who are thriving in the care of a dedicated team of teachers and carers.

The school is the only one of its type in Palestine and is supported by McCabe Educational Trust UK. Until only a couple of years ago, founder Helen Shehadeh was head teacher. Helen is an elder in St Andrew's Church in Jerusalem and is herself blind. The school is continuing to flourish with more contemporary teaching methods and an increased devotion to family involvement for the children who are resident in the school.



When we asked what we could do to be of practical help, one of the things suggested was a supply of underwear for the children. We would like to send off a parcel on Monday 17th December. If you would like to contribute, please bring packs of new socks, vests and pants and perhaps pyjamas. We need to have them by Sunday December 16th. The age range is 4 - 11 years. Please do not be tempted to donate toys, pens etc as the children have very specific needs.

Thank you for helping. The weather begins to turn cold in Bethlehem at this time of year...

Lesley and Doug McRoberts

Taoist Tai Chi classes in the Lower Hall at Crown Church

Our form of Tai Chi is designed specifically to be accessible and beneficial to everyone, regardless of their physical condition and their age.

On a physical level the movements exercise the whole body physiology, by stretching and continuous turning of the waist and spine. It also exercises the tendons, joints, connective tissue and internal organs helping balance and flexibility. When practiced regularly this can benefit us in our daily lives and improvement in balance helps to prevent falls as we grow older.

At the mental and spiritual level they are a method of developing an attitude of calm, compassion and reduced self-centredness both during practice and daily life.

We offer a four month beginner course to start with, after which many members continue their practice by attending other event to further develop their practice.

The current beginner class which started in November is going well and we have a good group of people from the retirement home across the road in Oakland Court attending in addition to other new members.

We are steadily progressing through the course and are now closed to new starters, but we will be completing it at the end of February. We expect to run a new course at the beginning of spring, in around March, and will advertise it again locally closer to the time.

If you are interested in finding our more please go to our website at www.taoist.org

Or contact us via email at [highlands@taoist .org](mailto:highlands@taoist.org)

**Annie Woolston
Instructor, High-
lands & Islands
branch Taoist Tai
Chi Society of Great
Britain**





LIFE AND WORK DECEMBER 2018

Christmas 2018

- The Christians who will be working on Christmas Day
- Chris Wigglesworth reflects on a personal journey to Bethlehem
- The Moderator urges us to celebrate Christmas by reaching out to others
- The Very Rev Dr John Chalmers urges us to focus on the core message of the Christmas story
- The Rev Dr Margaret Forrester considers Christmas from the perspective of the innkeeper's wife
- Ron Ferguson argues the best Christmas gift would be justice for all

Shocking Knox

The two women at the helm of New College, Edinburgh

'The Love of God Transcends Everything'

David McKee looks back on a study visit to the Holy Land

Czech Connections

An opportunity for Church of Scotland congregations to host ministers from abroad

The Very Rev Albert Bogle

The Sanctuary First minister reflects on leadership and nurture

John Hume

The history of Rutherglen and its churches

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Prayer Diary

December 2018 – January 2019

This prayer diary has been prepared by the Discipleship Team. We hope that you will find it useful. You may like to detach it from the newsletter and use it to pray for our church and Community



If you have particular prayer requests for the next two months (February – March 2019) please do send them to the **church secretary** who will pass them on, or e-mail Jude Madeleine; judedmond@yahoo.co.uk

December 2 – 8

Pray for the ongoing work of the Nominating Committee, that God will continue to lead, guide and direct in all they are doing in seeking to do the work in Christ's name. Pray also for the minister who may be considering a move to Crown Church.

Pray for our Church Secretary Gloria, for blessings and strengths in all the administrative work she does that are required for keeping the church and congregation informed of all functions and activities involving the church.

Pray for Foodbank, for all those who contribute generously with kind donation of food; for continuing support, and for all those who benefit from the donations of food.

December 9 – 15

Pray for those who live alone and are lonely. Pray also for people affected by mental illness, ask that God will grant them strength and hope for the future.

Pray for the homeless and those cut off from their families, in particular during the cold winter months, that practical help be made available to meet both their physical and spiritual needs.

Give thanks for the donations being made for the MacGilp Window Appeal, and pray for on-going support and other grant applications that will help meet the cost of restoration of the windows.

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December 16 – 22

Give thanks for the Street Pastors and pray for spiritual guidance and strength for the work they do in helping and supporting vulnerable people in our town late in the nights.

Almighty God, we bring before you the elected representatives of the UK Assemblies and parliaments, and members of the House of Lords. Please enable them to work together honourably for the highest interests of each of our nations and be guided by the truth of Your Word.

Pray for those who will find the coming festive season difficult; those who have lost loved ones recently and are facing the first Christmas without them or those who spend the festive period alone. Pray that God will be with them all.

December 23-29

We rejoice at the Christmas story and give thanks for the birth of Jesus, and knowing that He died to save us. Pray that the real meaning of Christmas is not missed, and that the precious truth remains a reality in the hearts and lives of everyone.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus with family and friends as joyous occasion please remember those who find the time of year filled with sadness and even despair because of their personal circumstances.

Pray for the new residents of the McCarthy and Stone apartments. Pray that they feel safe and at peace in their new accommodation and homes; that they feel very much a part of the local communities and also made to feel welcome within Crown Church family.

December 30 – January 5

Give thanks to God for the New Year ahead and hope and pray that each day of the coming year be filled with joy, peace and love.

Give thanks for the opportunities that God has provided for Crown Church to be involved in some of our local schools. Give thanks for the involvement of Youth for Christ in the local schools. Pray that this side of our work continues to flourish and grow, and touch young lives, providing healing and restoration so that they can enjoy their childhood, adolescence and harness hope for their future.

January 6 – 12

Give thanks to God for all the skills, experience and talents among the congregation that continuously keep the church vibrant and support the church to develop and grow. Pray that more people will come forward to offer their skills and talent to

to support the church community that will further your Kingdom.

Pray that just as God loves and cares for us, we would also similarly love and care for others. Help us to be loyal to those who need us.

Give thanks for this new day; pray that God will help us to use it wisely and as well as we can.

January 13 – 19

Pray for practical and political help for all suffering from fuel poverty and for those most at risk in the cold. Ask God to open our eyes to neighbours or other people in our community who are perhaps struggling to heat their homes, and whether there's anything we can do to help.

Pray for wisdom and compassion for the Government and other organisations such as Age UK in making reform to the care systems and meet the needs of our elderly population.

Pray for God's light and love to shine into the minds of all who are depressed, anxious or suffering from dementia.

January 20 – 26

Pray for God's blessing's on the Pastoral Care Team and its Convenor; Pray that God will guide and lead them in their work of supporting others.

Pray and give thanks for all those who help with organising and serving at the monthly breakfast service; Pray for all who come along and rejoice in sharing food and fellowship.

The Discipleship Team together with the congregations request ongoing prayer for:

- **The vacancy – that God is preparing the calling of someone to come to Crown Church.**
- **The Nominating Committee and their responsibilities.**
- **The teams ensuring that during the vacancy period, the work of the Church continues and moves forward.**

Daily Bible readings for December and January

December 2, 2018 Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 3:[3b-6], 17-19

Monday, Habakkuk 1:5-11, *The Prophet's Complaint*

Tuesday, Habakkuk 1:12—2:1, *The Prophet's Complaint*

Wednesday, Habakkuk 2:5-14, *The Woes of the Wicked*

Thursday, Habakkuk 2:15-20, *The Woes of the Wicked*

Friday, Habakkuk 3:1-7, *The Woes of the Wicked*

Saturday, Habakkuk 3:8-16, *The Woes of the Wicked*

December 9, 2018 Esther 4:1-17

Monday, Esther 1:1-22, *King Ahasuerus Deposes Queen Vashti*

Tuesday, Esther 2:1-23, *Esther Becomes Queen*

Wednesday, Esther 3:1-15, *Haman Undertakes to Destroy the Jews*

Thursday, Esther 5:1-14, *Esther's Banquet, Haman's Plans*

Friday, Esther 6:1-14, *The King Honors Mordecai*

Saturday, Esther 7:1—8:17, *Esther Saves the Jews*

December 16, 2018 Isaiah 42:1-9

Monday, Isaiah 42:10-20, *A Hymn of Praise*

Tuesday, Isaiah 42:21-25, *Israel's Disobedience*

Wednesday, Isaiah 43:1-7, *Restoration and Protection Promised*

Thursday, Isaiah 43:8-21, *Restoration and Protection Promised*

Friday, Isaiah 43:22-28, *Restoration and Protection Promised*

Saturday, Isaiah 44:1-8, *God's Blessing on Israel*

December 23, 2018 Matthew 1:18-25

Monday, Luke 2:1-14, [15-20], *Birth of Jesus*

Tuesday, Luke 2:8-20, *Shepherds Visit*

Wednesday, Genesis 15:1-21, *God's Covenant with Abram*

Thursday, Isaiah 7:10-17, *A Sign of Immanuel*

Friday, Isaiah 7:18-25, *A Sign of Immanuel*

Saturday, Acts 13:38-39, *Jesus Frees*

December 30, 2018 Matthew 1:1-17

Monday, Genesis 25:1-34, *Abraham's Descendants*

Tuesday, Psalm 132:1-18, *David's Heir*

Wednesday, Isaiah 11:1-9, *The Branch from Jesse*

Thursday, Ruth 4:13-22, *Ruth Enters the Davidic Line*

Friday, Genesis 21:1-7, *Birth of Isaac*

Saturday, Genesis 38:24-30, *Tamar Births Perez and Zerah*

January 6, 2019 Matthew 2:1-23

Monday, Psalm 96:10-13, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Psalm 11:1-3, *Psalm*

Wednesday, Exodus 1:8-22, *Israelites are Oppressed*

Thursday, Exodus 2:1-11, *Birth of Moses*

Friday, Exodus 12:29-32, *Death of the Firstborn*

Saturday, Hosea 11:1-12, *A Promise Out of Egypt*

Daily Bible Readings continued

January 13, 2019 Matthew 3:1-17

Monday, Psalm 2:7-8, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Judges 13:1-7, *The Birth of Samson*

Wednesday, Isaiah 11:1-9, *God's Peaceful Kingdom*

Thursday, Zechariah 3:1-10, *Joshua and Satan*

Friday, Numbers 31:21-24, *Cleansing by Fire*

Saturday, Isaiah 40:1-11, *A Voice in the Wilderness*

January 20, 2019 Matthew 4:1-17

Monday, Psalm 91:9-12, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Genesis 1:26-27, *Creation of Humanity*

Wednesday, Genesis 3:1-7, *Temptation in the Garden of Eden*

Thursday, Deuteronomy 8:1-10, *A Warning from God*

Friday, Matthew 4:18-22, *Jesus Calls the First Disciples*

Saturday, Matthew 4:23-25, *Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People*

January 27, 2019 Matthew 5:1-20

Monday, Psalm 1:1-3, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Matthew 5:21-26, *Concerning Anger*

Wednesday, Matthew 5:27-32, *Concerning Adultery and Divorce*

Thursday, Matthew 5:33-42, *Concerning Oaths and Retaliation*

Friday, Matthew 5:43-48, *Love for Enemies*

Saturday, Matthew 6:1-6, *Concerning Almsgiving*

February 3, 2019 Matthew 6:7-21

Monday, Psalm 20:7, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Matthew 6:22-24, *Teachings of Jesus*

Wednesday, Matthew 6:25-34, *Teachings of Jesus*

Thursday, Matthew 7:15-20, *Teachings of Jesus*

Friday, Matthew 7:21-23, *Teachings of Jesus*

Saturday, Matthew 8:1-17, *Healings of Jesus*

Thanks

On behalf of myself and my sisters, I wish to thank all those who so kindly sent flowers, cards and expressions of sympathy following the death of our mother, who died very peacefully on the 12th of November aged 101.

We also wish to thank those who attended her funeral. **Morven**

<p style="text-align: center;">December Count Teams</p> <p>2nd & 9th Liz Forbes: John & Marion Barbour, Mairi Main & Kay MacDonald</p> <p>16th Alastair MacPherson: Richard Ardern & Robert Shanks</p> <p>23rd Sheena Ferguson: Heather Beck, Robert & Aileen Laing & Helen Boynton</p> <p>30th Liz Gray: Bruce Merchant, Douglas Taylor, Margot Tuley</p> <p style="text-align: center;">January Count Team</p> <p>Liz Forbes John & Marion Barbour, Mairi Main, Kay MacDonald</p> <p style="text-align: center;">February Count Team</p> <p>Alastair MacPherson Richard Ardern, Robert Shanks, Alan Nelson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December Welcome Team</p> <p><i>North Door</i> Sheena Ferguson & Douglas Taylor <i>South Door</i> Jane Smith & Fiona Carter <i>Midmills North</i> Alison Donald & Jude Madeleine on 2 & 9 December <i>Midmills South</i> Liz Forbes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">January Welcome Team</p> <p><i>North Door</i> Linda & Charles Moncur <i>South Door</i> Bruce Merchant & Helen Boynton <i>Midmills North</i> Sanders Campbell <i>Midmills South</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">February Welcome Team</p> <p><i>North Door</i> Jean & Una Hamilton <i>South Door</i> Janet Fraser <i>Midmills North</i> Jane Wilson <i>Midmills South</i> Heather Beck</p>
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The deadline for the February newsletter will be Sunday 27th January

Contributions should be sent to the Forrests at:
marionandbobnewsletter@gmail.com or left in the 'F' pigeonhole.
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