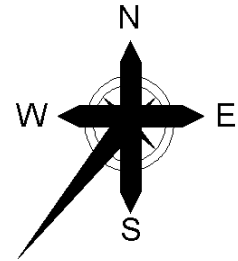


The Compass



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The Magazine of South Wishaw Parish Church of Scotland
A record of where we have been and where we are going



NEW MINISTER HITS THE GROUND RUNNING!

Our new Minister, Rev Terry Moran, has now settled into South Wishaw and has already made his presence felt. He has brought with him an energy and enthusiasm which is like a breath of fresh air.

After consultation with the Kirk Session, he has implemented some changes to our Order of Service and our Young People are now welcomed into the Service near its end rather than leaving us after a short time at the beginning. Our Worship Group now sing during the uplifting of our Offerings instead of an Introit at the start of the Service.

A personal gift has enabled us to begin with the installation of blinds in the Hall, provide a portable stage and will see a large drop down screen and projector that will enable us to show films etc. in a cinema like and comfortable environment.

His wife, Sabah has joined the Sunday Youth Groups' Teaching Team and is involved in leading a Worship experience for them prior to the start of their normal teaching time.

Discussions are at an early stage in pursuit of establishing a Youth Outreach Project to the Young People of Wishaw using the Wishaw Churches Holding Trust of which our Kirk Session are the Trustees.

I feel sure that we will be hearing more of the Minister's plans which will, with our active assistance, be instrumental in ensuring that SWPC will expand and become a vibrant focal point in the community where people will be glad to belong and, as they experience examples of real Christian Fellowship and love among us, hopefully, they may choose begin to believe

Session Clerk



The Office-Bearers of South Wishaw Parish Church wish all of our members, their families and their friends a Blessed, Peaceful and Joy filled Christmas

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN SOUTH WISHAW

Dec 19th

**Carol Service –
Come Messiah King 6pm**
(Tea, coffee, mulled wine and
Christmas pies in hall later)

Dec 20th

**Sunday Youth Groups'
Nativity 11am**

Dec 24th

**Children's Christingle
(in hall) 4pm**

Dec 24th

**Watchnight Service
11.30pm
(Carols start at 11pm)**
(Tea, coffee and Christmas pies in
hall afterwards)

Dec 25th

**Christmas Day Family
Service 11am**

Dec 27th

Family Service 11am

Church of Scotland Same Sex Relationships and the Ministry



The General Assembly's amendment to an Overture sent down under the Barrier Act for more discussion in Presbyteries This was debated and voted upon on Tuesday 3rd November.

When the vote was concluded it emerged that Hamilton Presbytery voted in favour of the amendment by **53 votes to 49**

Hamilton is, of course, only one Presbytery and, as yet, we have no idea as to how others have voted.

The matter is due to return to the 2016 General Assembly for further consideration.

IS YOUR GROUP REPORT MISSING FROM THIS COMPASS?

**We can't print what
has NOT been
submitted.**

**AT the deadline for
this Edition we had
NO REPORT from
Guide Group, Scout
Group, Sunday Youth
Groups, Social Group**

**Make sure
YOUR GROUP'S
NEWS IS
FORWARDED IN TIME
FOR NEXT EDITION**



Reflections from the Minister

November 2015

Although I am now into my third month as your minister this is really my first opportunity to thank everyone for the welcome which has been extended to me and my family since our arrival in Wishaw.

We have all settled quickly: Sabah has become involved in Sunday School, the Happy Toddlers Group, and the Parent Volunteer Group at Wishaw Academy; Noah is in Primary 2 at the Academy and has already made some new friends both there and at church; Isaac is now enrolled at Cambusnethan Nursery School in the afternoons and is very happy (and so is his mummy!); Ellie has started a new job with Sky in Uddingston and will be moving out of the manse soon to live in a flat in Hamilton, cutting down on the commute and parental house rules!

For myself, I have hopefully already given people a flavour of my ministry with the changes to the order of our services and the twin focus on the importance of preaching the Word and applying it to our everyday lives. Those who attend the Wednesday morning and Thursday evening Bible Study groups which I lead (or Bible Application groups as I prefer to call them) will be particularly aware of this.

I have also made it my business to introduce myself to the local police chief and politicians as well as seeking to build relationships with school headteachers and other church leaders in the area. I believe it is very important that the church (and I don't just mean the Minister) understands where it can offer most support to the community and to do this in a spirit of unity. There are very good things happening already in this regard in Wishaw but more can always be done.

I am very excited about the developments in the hall which will soon mean we will be able to have movie nights and cabaret-style shows in addition to our Scottish-themed nights and other social events. This gives us all an opportunity to invite friends, family and colleagues to join us while we have fun and let our hair down. Not forgetting the importance of inviting them to join us as we focus on more serious matters in our regular services. Don't be afraid to ask over and over again – remember the parable of the friend knocking on the door of a neighbour late at night to ask for bread to feed their visitors. The door was opened because of their persistent knocking. So be persistent!

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to thank John Irvine and Jean Dawson for their invaluable support in establishing and managing my work-life balance. I would also like to express my appreciation to Robert Newth and the Worship Group for their wonderful support in developing the music-worship and to Tom Dawson and his team for their efforts to ensure the premises are kept in excellent order. Finally my thanks for the support and wisdom offered to me by John McGeary and the way I have been welcomed and accepted by the members of our Kirk Session and Congregational Board. I hope you all feel as I do that we are at the start of a wonderful adventure with God.

Your brother in Christ: Terry

WORSHIP GROUP



Saturday the 19th of December is the big date for your diaries.

The worship group will be performing Christmas musical extravaganza "Come Messiah King", along with some carol singing for good measure! At the time of writing this article, we're three rehearsals in, and I am absolutely over the moon with how it sounds so far, and how much everyone seems to be enjoying working on it. The show blends readings with both original music and snippets of well-known Christmas tunes, in a way you will never have heard them before! Expect more information soon!

Of course, that's not all we've been working on. We have two other performances in December, including a return appearance at Made4U in ML2, and we are looking forward to these concerts too.

For our Sunday songs, I have again tried to pick diverse music, and I think we've achieved a good variety. It can sometimes be quite hard to find good music that fits our size of choir and the theme of service, and so at the beginning of the session, I challenged myself to write 20 worship songs, in various styles, by next summer. I am currently 6 into that total, and am enjoying the experience thus far. Writing the calypso (God thinks you're great), and the song for Remembrance Sunday (May our God hold them in peace) have both been highlights for me so far. The worship group must be thanked for giving their all when I thrust new (sometimes terrible) songs at them and I can assure them that my song-writing ability is likely to improve over time!

PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE GROUPS

By now **ALL PERSONS** who are involved with Youth Work or Vulnerable Adults in SWPC should have completed arrangements to obtain a PVG certificate. Anyone who falls into this category **MUST** complete the necessary paperwork as a matter of urgency. Failure may result in being prohibited from undertaking any such Church Work. Contact Anne Wight if any assistance is required.



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Our Annual Remembrance Service on 8th November was attended by a large and appreciative Congregation. The address was given by the Minister and the music provided by the Coalburn Silver Band. Mr Jim Alexander carried the Congregational wreath with great dignity

In the afternoon our Guides and Scout Groups had their own special Service attended by the group members, parents, friends and members of our Congregation. The two young readers Jamie Evans and Honor Chapman read beautifully and are commended.

The Colours were carried by the young people from the various sections of the Groups and received by the Minister and our Scout Group Leader

SCOTS NIGHT

In January of 2015 our Social Group organised a SCOTS NIGHT and because of the enthusiastic response and feedback they plan to hold another on Saturday January 23rd 2016.

In order to provide more room for dancing etc. it is planned to hold the event in the Sanctuary clearing the middle section and having Tables around the perimeter.



The programme will follow similar lines as last time so, if you can or could contribute, please inform any member of the Social Group.

CRAFTY LADIES AT WORK.....

Our 'crafty ladies' have been making Festive stockings for Christmas. These all contain a chocolate and a novelty. Already they have sold out but some more are in the pipeline. They are on sale from the Traidcraft Stall priced £1.50.

SHARING CIRCLE

By the time you read this a number of the members of the sharing circle will have visited the Clyde Valley, in particular Dobbie's Garden Centre and viewed the range of Christmas decorations they have on offer. We then visited the tea room where we indulged ourselves with an afternoon tea which everyone enjoyed.

Our craft section has been busy making Christmas items and goods for the Gift Service.

NEWS FROM HAMILTON PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of Hamilton has now appointed a full time Presbytery Clerk in the person of Rev A Gordon McCracken and noted the appointment of Mrs Elizabeth Cruickshank, of Hamilton Old Parish Church, as Personal Assistant to the Presbytery Clerk.

- The Presbytery at its November Meeting voted narrowly in favour of an amendment to a General Assembly Overture on Ministers and Deacons in Civil partnerships Act 2015
- South Wishaw has been commissioned to attend the General Assembly in May 2016.
- South Motherwell, Hamilton Old and Bellshill West have now all been able to secure new Ministers.
- South Wishaw's Presbytery Elder has been appointed to the Presbytery's Local Church Review/Implementation Committee.
- South Wishaw's Ministry and Mission Allocation for 2016 has been advised as being £56,301

HARVEST THANKSGIVING DONATIONS



To South Wishaw Parish Church
(via Eric & Jen) -

Please pass on our grateful thanks once again to the folk of South Wishaw Parish Church for donating their harvest gift to help us provide a nourishing, wholesome meal for the many socially excluded and homeless men and women who require the Lodging House Mission's help and support. All the Harvest gifts we receive from many churches and schools mean that we can continue to provide free and heavily subsidised meals for our service users.

As there is very little sign of the number of men and women who are homeless reducing in the near future, and with significant changes to the Benefit system, it would appear that the service of the LHM will be required for the next while. Homeless and socially excluded men and women will still need to be cared for and fed. We are only able to provide the level of support and help that we do because of your generosity and support.

Please continue to support us in whatever way you can, especially through your prayers, so that as we engage with our service users we will begin to see their lives changed for the better.

Yours sincerely, Gus McKay
Chaplain

Anything Breakable?

Theresa, living in Thurso, UK, decides to post the old family Holy Bible to her brother in Southampton. The postal worker enquires as to whether there is anything breakable in the parcel.

'Only the Ten Commandments,' Theresa replies with a smile.

CHANGES TO COMMUNION SERVICE PROCEDURES –



There have been changes approved by the Minister and Kirk Session for our Communion services which will take effect from the December Communion. The children will now be able to come and join us just before communion is dispensed. Ability to participate and procedures will be explained on the day.



SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISING COFFEE AFTERNOON FOR RVS

A very successful coffee afternoon was held recently in our halls for the local RVS services which operate from the East Kilbride Hub. The event was very well attended by RVS volunteers and our own church members. An amount in excess of £600 was raised – much to the delight of those involved.

APPRECIATIONS FROM MAXINE AND DICKSON

Following the recent Induction Service, at which our Interim Moderator Maxine and Locum Dickson were presented with substantial cheques, letters were received from each expressing their appreciation. Both - when writing - expressed how welcome and part of South Wishaw they had been made to feel and wished the congregation and new Minister well for the future. The letters were included in the weekly intimations for members to read.



HAPPY STEPS TODDLERS' GROUP

This Group is now an integrated part of South Wishaw Parish Church. The Group meets on Monday and Tuesday mornings between 10am and 12noon.

This Group is Children between birth and 5 years (accompanied by parents or guardians) There is no charge apart from 50p for available refreshments. Contact Elizabeth on 07724335927 or Isabella on 078511169

INTERIM MODERATORS

The shortage of Interim Moderators (persons who administer a Church during a vacancy) is causing our Presbytery some concern. To alleviate the situation persons are being recruited for training in fulfilling the role.

Persons who have relevant experience i.e. Session Clerks, Nominating Committee Chairpersons and Clerks etc. are invited to submit an expression of interest, initially to our own Session Clerk, for submission to the Presbytery

PROPERTY GROUP



Our Property Group under its convener, Tom Dawson, have been making their expertise show. The relaying of the slabs on the Church footpaths is now nearing completion. This back-breaking work has been undertaken by Tom Dawson, Jim Williams and Robert Frame. Our thanks is due to them and also to Gordon McLeod and John Irvine for transporting and supply of some replacement slabs.

BEDTIME STORY

Susan was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story.

From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, **'Grandpa, did God make you?'**

'Yes, darling,' he answered, **'God made me a long time ago.'**

'Oh,' Susan paused, **'Grandpa, did God make me too?'**

'Yes, indeed, poppet,' he said, **'God made you just a little while ago.'**

Feeling their respective faces again, Darlene observed, **'God's getting better at it, isn't he?'**

A Lasting Friendship



This Short Story was
written by Robert McGill

Mary pulled her cardigan a little tighter. The morning was cold, but still she was reluctant to turn on the central heating. She had looked out half an hour ago when she put on the kettle, and saw winter's first frost. She shivered a little, but consoled herself. It was still very early, and it would soon warm up. She picked up the letter she had got yesterday, and read it for the third or fourth time. She could hardly believe that after all these years, Peggy had written to her. It must be ten years at least since she had seen her, but they had always been close friends. Always caring and sharing each other's joys and sorrows, each other's fortunes or misfortunes. It had always been a lasting friendship. From that first day they had started working together. Both young women straight from high school. Theirs had been an immediate friendship. With so much in common, and both living in the same area for some years. Admittedly they had gone to different high schools. But now learned they would each catch the same bus to and from the office. So much was shared on these journeys and during their lunch break, swapping sandwiches, or one making tea for the other. Those had been good days. They also shared night school, improving their commercial skills. No such thing as friendly rivalry had intruded on their deepening friendship. They worked well together, each helping the other.

Even dance evenings became a regular feature for them. Saturday nights at the Palais were the highlight of their week. They had both met their life's partners at the Palais. Peggy had met Tom and she had met Graeme. They had attended each other's weddings. They each had two children in the next few years, all within a short time of each other. The interest in each other's babies had replaced the common ground they had at the office. They had each watched the others children growing up, sharing all the nasty little illness children get.

Mary thought over the years how the children had grown. Her own son Graeme, just like his dad, had excelled in school, and then in University. He was very successful, but Mary had ruminated about his new location. He had accepted a job in Canada, which wasn't what Mary had hoped for him. He had a three year contract there and had said he would return home at the end of the contract period. But one just never knew. Maybe he would get married out there.

She counted her blessings. Allison lived nearby, and called in every day, and phoned a couple of times a day. She was there whenever she was needed, shopping, getting a new dress, helping choose new curtains. She thought again how grateful to Allison she was, and looked forward to her coming in, in the afternoon. They would share a cup of tea, and swap out news. Allison was proving to be a font of information. Mind you she led such an active life. She was an active social worker, and led the local Girl Guides. Mary once again counted her blessings

Whipping the door open. She drank in Peggy, as she moved quickly to embrace her. She smelled just as divine as she looked. But Mary remembered how Peggy, always had taken care of herself. Almost, Mary couldn't embrace her. She had the loveliest bouquet of flowers. She quickly took the flowers and flung her arms around Peggy.

At home alone for the time. Graeme was at work. He still had a couple of years to go before retirement. Allison would come in the afternoon. Time for another cup of tea and a short letter to Young Graeme. Mary or his dad wrote every week. He said he looked forward to the letters, but maybe he was just being polite.

Peggy's letter said she was coming for a visit tomorrow. Her husband had been transferred 2 or 300 miles away, those years ago, and Peggy just didn't get home these days. Mary was looking so forward to the visit, wondering how Peggy's Children had fared. She knew Peggy's oldest child. Samantha was married. Her son Alistair was still single, so far as she knew, but no doubt she would get all the news tomorrow.

The morning was brightening, with a little warmth creeping in to the room. Mary looked around. She was proud of her home. Home was a sanctuary, built on care and love. Graeme and she had similar tastes, so that made things easier. Her paintings, and ornaments, were all very personal. Years and years of accumulating them, dusting them, admiring them, Washing her crystal, and porcelain. Handling with great care, and it showed in their condition. Her carpets and furniture all good quality, and all in lovely condition. Yes she had a home to be proud of.

A little home baking for Peggy's visit tomorrow is what is called for. She could pop to the bakers. But felt, no she would just do some home-made scones, and some cream pastries to the new recipe she had got. Everyone seemed to like them, and Mary knew they were nice and light. Graeme had given her an expert opinion last night, he was the official taster at home, sampling all that she produced in the kitchen

Her morning was wearing on and Mary knew she would have to get a move on. There was rain in the air, and she would have to go out for a few things, she did want to make Peggy's visit something special, knowing full well Peggy would do the same for her.

Finishing her preparation. It was almost time for Peggy to arrive. She felt a thrill at seeing her again. Glancing out the window, she saw a smart little car park at her front gate, and paused to look out. After a moment, she saw a lady emerging from the driver's seat, fussing, getting some things from her car. Sure enough there was Peggy, in all her beauty. Smartly dressed as ever, she admired her from afar, subconsciously dabbing her hair, and pulling her dress straight. Taking a deep breath, she hurried to the front door, just as the Westminster Bell rang.

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“Come in, come in, you darling! You look wonderful!” Immediately feeling the passing years on herself. But Peggy looked almost as she did when she was a young girl. Peggy hugged in return, saying. “Mary, you look fabulous. I can’t believe the years that have passed since we last met”! I think we should round up Tom and Graeme and head for the Palais tonight!!

Thinking over many years of married life. It seemed to Mary, she had been very fortunate. One heard stories of struggles, and differences in many marriages. But by and large. Nothing had ever happened in their marriage that couldn’t be worked out with a short discussion. Yes. There had been differences, but not many, and not serious. Yes. She had indeed been fortunate all her life.

We had barely made it into the lounge, when Allison came in, rushing forward hugging Peggy. “You look great” As we sat Allison said you ladies have so much to talk about. I am going to put on the kettle.

Peggy and I sat gushing out all our news, hardly a moment passed there was so much to say. But soon Allison was back with a trolley beautifully laid for tea, for two. “Allison, you have only laid out for two” “I know mum, But I am rushing out again, I only came by to see aunt Peggy. Anyway you two have so much to talk about; I would just get in the way. Saying so she poured the tea for us, and hugged Peggy again, “Sorry I must rush out, when I can hope to see you again” “Soon Peggy said, really quite soon” leaving it at that.

Peggy and I immediately stuck into catching up with all our respective news. She about Tom, and her children, and me about Graeme, and our children.

As we finished tea Peggy gave me some wonderful news. “Mary. Tom is retiring, and we have decided to move back here. We have always thought of this place as home, and Tom has told me to start a house search! “Do you know how many tea sessions we can have now, I exclaimed!

Our afternoon passed in a flash. I was now as excited as Peggy, at the prospect of their 'homecoming'

Peggy said “Mary I want you to look out for a house for us. Big enough that the children can visit, because they have no intention of relocating, just the occasional visit!”

Soon I was seeing Peggy out. Our afternoon had flashed past, and I was now so thrilled at my life long girlfriend, now returning to our town. Oh we would have some tea sessions!!!! And I paused to think of 'That Lasting Friendship!!!!



CHURCH FLOWERS –

A big thank you to all who have donated flowers for the Sanctuary, or have given donations to the Flower Fund over the past year. The flowers are much appreciated by those whom receive them.

The new flower calendar for next year is now available in the vestibule so feel free to add your name to it. Get in early to avoid disappointment!



The recent repairs to the slabbing on the footpaths means that ALL PARKING ON THESE IS NOW NOT ALLOWED with exceptions for disabled access ONLY

CHURCH CAR PARK

*It should also be noted that parking in the **TURNING CIRCLE** and outside the **Emergency Exit** from the **Session Room** is also not allowed.*



Our Annual Gift Service on 29th November again offers all of us an opportunity of donating a gift(s) for Women’s Aid.

Please ensure that gifts are marked as being suitable for Boy, Girl with appropriate age or female Adult.

Our Congregation’s wonderful response to this Gift Service over many years has always been of great help and comfort to the Women and Children involved.

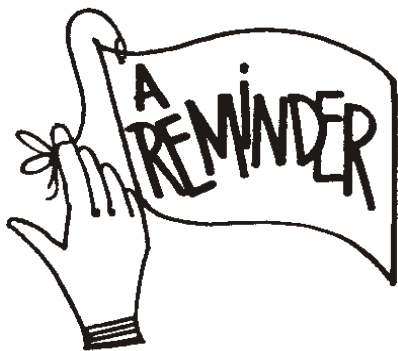


Following a recent incident in the Pather housing estate our Minister was surprised that the first he was made aware of this a number of days after the incident.

Pather is a large part of our Parish and when community incidents occur the Church, particularly OUR Church, as the Parish Church, should be seen to be showing an interest.

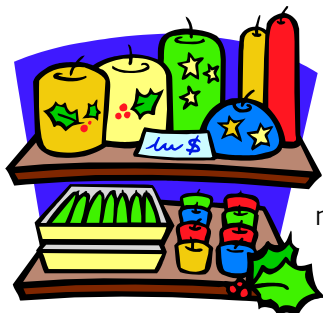
We are all asked to ensure that anything, good or bad, that we are aware of happening in our Parish is communicated to the Minister as soon as possible.

Please don’t assume that he is aware. Better to be told a number of times than not at all!



GROUP ACCOUNTS

ALL Church Groups are reminded that their account books MUST be submitted for audit by our Finance Group as soon after 31st December as possible and certainly by mid January 2016. This is vital so as to ensure that our Church Accounts can be collated in time.



Alternative Christmas Shop –

The annual Wishaw Churches Together venture was run from 9th to 14th November this year. There were a number of volunteers from the various Wishaw churches with the shop being well stocked and well supported by the public.

By the end of the week the shop had drawn in over £2,000 which will be distributed to local charities.



OUR SATURDAY CAFETERIA

WHEN DID YOU LAST ATTEND?

**Saturday Mornings
10am – 1pm**

**Tea, Coffee, Hot Snacks, Filled Rolls
(including a Salad selection)**

**HOME BAKING
(THE BEST IN WISHAW)
ALL AT REASONABLE PRICES**

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



This Session has been going well so far and we have had some excellent speakers, Graham Currie on Ancestry and Dr Roy Scott on his Antarctic journeys to name a few.

(JMCM)



Wednesday Morning Bible Study – The Wednesday Morning Bible Study continues to meet each week to look - in more depth - at passages used for the previous Sunday morning's Sermon.

We are an enthusiastic group who enjoy the fellowship as well as the blether over a cup of tea and coffee before we start. On most weeks the study is led by our Minister.

Thursday Evening Bible Study – The group was resumed recently and has been faithfully attended by between around eight people. Terry, our Minister, leads the group in a unique way with willing contributions from those who attend. The meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month in the Walter Street Manse at 8pm.



The Guild is now almost halfway through its session, which has provided us with many interesting evenings. Our theme this year is 'Go in Peace' and was ably introduced by our minister and further explained by Miss Jane McArthur. We have heard of the work of the Waterways Trust, Street Pastors and reminisced with pictures of Old Motherwell and Wishaw. There were demonstrations of Reiki and Chocolate Items. We now look forward to the second half of the session when we will hear of The Life Of A Paramedic, On An Island Croft and Growing Up In Coventry. In addition we will see Sights Of The Holy Land and of the Botanic Gardens and other Entertainment Evenings.

Why don't you come along and join our Guild on a Monday evening. We meet in the Session Room at 7.30pm. If you are attracted to even just one item please come along and join us



Macmillan Coffee Morning – 2015

The Annual Macmillan Coffee Morning – as part of Macmillan's *Biggest Coffee Morning in the World* – this year raised an amazing £1,180. The event was, as ever, very well supported by our congregation and friends. There were various stalls which added to the magnificent amount. Thank you to all who contributed in any way.

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Sharing in Prayer



Please read through this edition of the Compass and thank God for all the people involved in the many aspects of our Church life – ask God's blessing on them. Remember Terry as he continues to minister to this Church, Parish and Community – also Sabah as she continues in her support of Terry, Seek God's guidance for South Wishaw, its Kirk Session, Board, Pastoral Visitors and our congregation as we (as a church) look ahead to the Festive Season with its message of hope.

Flower Calendar 2015/16

Date	Contributor	Distributor
06/12/15	Mrs Allison Reid	M L Archibald
13/12/15	Mrs Cathie Sutherland	Morag Smellie
20/12/15	Mrs Margaret Smellie	J Easton
27/12/15	Mrs Cathie Brown	J Dawson
03/01/16		A Irvine
10/01/16		L McNeil
17/01/16	New Flower Calendar for 2016	A Matthews
24/01/16	now available at the front	M L Archibald
31/01/16	vestibule	Morag Smellie
07/02/16		J Easton
14/02/16		J Dawson
21/02/16		A Irvine
28/02/16		L Mc Neil
07/03/16		A Matthews

Contributions to the Flower Fund can be placed in the box at the front of the Church. If you would like to help to distribute flowers please let any Office-bearer know.

Church Register:

Added to Church Roll –

Name	Address	
Mrs Janette Cringles	Russell Street	Transfer Cert.
Robert Kilgour	Russell Steet	Transfer Cert.
Mrs Gillian Braithwaite	Pather Street	Prof. of Faith
Tom Dawson	Louisville Avenue	Prof. of Faith
Jodieanne Parvin	Carbarns East	Prof. of Faith

Baptisms

1/11/15	Jessica S S D Parvin	Carbarns East
1/11/15	Noah Brindley Moran	Walter Street
1/11/15	Isaac Ritter Moran	Walter Street

Funerals

22/9/15	Joan Morton	Kenilworth Avenue
29/09/15	William Baxter	Gair Crescent
20/11/15	Mrs Emma Waldie	Allanton Grove

“In my Father's House there are many mansions”

Dates for your Diary

28/11/15	Cheese & Wine & Quiz Evening
29/11/15	Gift Service (Women's Aid) – 11am
06/12/15	Communion Services 11am and 3pm
13/12/15	Young Folk's Christmas Party 12.30pm-2pm
14/12/15	Guild & Fellowship Joint Christmas Dinner
19/12/15	Worship Group Christmas Praise – 6pm
20/12/15	Children's Nativity Service – 11am
24/12/15	Watchnight Service 11.30pm (Carols from 11pm)
23/01/16	Scottish Night (More details later)
25/01/16	Guild Farmhouse Tea
15/02/16	Guild Guest Night – Our Lady's Operatic Society
06/03/15	Communion Services 11am and 3pm

Deadline for March Edition of The Compass

14th February 2016

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