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*Polmont
Old Parish Church*



Wishing you a wonderful Christmas
and a very Happy New Year

Christmas Services at Polmont Old

ALL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH



Sunday 1st December * 1st Sunday in Advent
Morning Service at 11.00am

Join Us at
Advent Worship



Sunday 8th December * 2nd Sunday in Advent
Morning Service at 11.00am
Remembering Service at 3.00pm



Sunday 15th December * 3rd Sunday in Advent
Morning Service at 11.00am



Sunday 22nd December * 4th Sunday in Advent
Morning Service at 11.00am



Tuesday 24th December * Christmas Eve
Watchnight Service
11.00pm for carol singing
11.30pm for worship

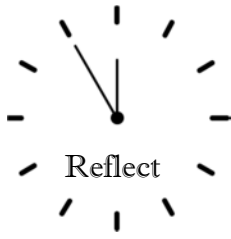


Wednesday 25th December * Christmas Day
Family Service at 10.30am



Sunday 29th December
Lower Braes Joint Morning Service at 11.00am in Polmont Old

Please come and join us
We would love to see you



A time to reflect....

Here's hoping.... People, believers and unbelievers say it. When it is said, it usually refers to something specific that we would like to happen or would not like to happen. 'Here's hoping' implies uncertainty; not knowing. It implies that whatever it is we are hoping for is out of our hands. That may be considered as negative, as it leaves room for fear of the possibility that the opposite of what is hoped for, will happen.

However, if you believe in the creative power of God, then you know that so much more is possible than the limited possibilities we have in mind. When we say with David:

*Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you." (Psalm 16:1)*

there is more possible than what we can think of.

As the students of this Rabbi learn:

The Rabbi asks his pupils: *'How can we identify the moment of dawn; the moment when the night ends and the day begins...?'*

One of the students answers: *'When we, from a distance, can distinguish between a sheep and a dog'.*
The Rabbi says, *'No.'*

*'When we can distinguish between a fig tree and a vine'...*another student says
'No', the Rabbi says.

'Please tell us the answer', the students say.

The Rabbi says: *'Dawn has arrived when there is sufficient light to look people in the eye and to recognise them as brothers and sisters. Until then, darkness is still with us.'*¹

What this wise teacher has in mind goes above and beyond the thoughts of his students.

What he teaches his students is said in Proverbs,

The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life. (13:14)

while in Psalm 16, David praises the Holy One, for making known to him the path of life,

You make known to me the path of life (Psalm 16:11)

If God is for us what He was for David, then we let God take us beyond our thinking, into the Hope He has given us, which is the opposite of false hope. The Hope God has given us lies solidly in His Son, whom He let go from the light in His heavenly home into His dark world.

It is this breathtaking initiative of God that we reflect on at this time of Advent while moving towards Christmas.

For so many, this time is a painful time, when loss, loneliness, grief is felt more intensely than ever. May God, in His own mysterious ways, make His presence known to them and so give them comfort. May His light shine through us so that we, by reflecting His light, may be channels of His Peace on the path of our lives: the path which He has made known to us through Christ, so that we may recognise each other as children of the One Father.

*Christmas blessings
Rev Debbie van Welie*

¹ Kort & Krachtig, *J. John & Mark Stibbe*



The Church of Scotland

MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SJP/CAM

13 November 2024

Dear Friends,

The Moderator's Challenge – Let Your Little Light Shine

Please find below a link to a resource which has been developed following my visit to Malawi in August this year:

https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/128215/FAPLT-Let-Your-Little-Light-Shine-RESOURCE-V10.pdf

On that visit I was able to see so much of the wonderful work carried out by our partners, the Church of Central Africa (CCAP), throughout the country. One thing which stood out for me was the hunger for education at all levels. The Church has a range of educational institutions and are providing such valuable learning for their students. This has made me keen to support one small part of this ambition to help build the people of God in Malawi.

I am commending to you the resource above, which you can find out more about on the Church of Scotland website: <https://churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/articles/moderators-challenge-to-light-up-learning-in-malawi> - it gives you the opportunity to join me in supporting the provision of solar power, through light libraries in CCAP Primary Schools and solar panels for the new PhD centre at Zomba Theological University.

My challenge to you is to help me to provide that much needed light to allow study in the hours of darkness in Malawi. I wonder how many light libraries we can achieve? A solar light costs just £10.

As well as direct transfer and cheques for any donations we have a donate button on the webpage: <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/connect/moderators-challenge> and also a QR code on the resource. This has all gone live today, and will continue accepting donations until the beginning of May 2025. So although this might fit well during Advent, there will still be an opportunity for you to participate throughout the first part of 2025. The Church of Scotland website will also have a downloadable PowerPoint presentation, poster and some art work within the next week.

With many thanks and every blessing,

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FINANCE UPDATE
November 2024

This note covers September and October 2024.

As usual, donations from members and friends of the church, along with Gift Aid on these offerings, made up the single most significant portion of the congregation's income. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

We received donations from the Snowdrop Café and ACTs (After Church Coffees and Teas) as well as hall let payments from other groups which use the church hall. Sales of Sandra's jam also contributed to our income.

You may be aware that the Kirk Session arranged for high-level cleaning to take place in the main church hall. The cost of this exercise will be met from our "Restricted Fabric Fund".

The annual "MacMillan coffee morning" took place in September and raised a total of £1,241.60. This has been passed on to MacMillan Cancer Support, who aim to help people with cancer live life as fully as they can, by providing physical, financial and emotional support.

The congregation also supported St. Margaret's House in Polmont again, by donating the retiring offering from our October communion service. This raised a total of £196.39 which has been sent to CrossReach for allocation to St. Margaret's House.

Finally, the Kirk Session received a request for financial help from St. Margaret's Primary School. The school is aiming to take classes to a pantomime this year, and they were hoping we could help them include children from families who may not be able to meet the full cost of the outing. The Kirk Session agreed to support this, in the hope that letting these children take part in the trip along with their classmates will help them not to feel "left out". £300 from church funds was given to the school to help with this.

We hope you all have a joyful and peaceful Christmas season and wish you a happy and healthy New Year!

With gratitude for all your support,
The Stewardship and Finance team (*Lorna, Nancy and Jacq*)



POLMONT-BRIGHTONS INVITATION GOLF OUTING

This event was held once again at Gogarburn Golf Club on Friday 20th September 2024.

18 players took part, taking the opportunity to renew golfing experiences with others over the many years. The event was blessed with calm weather which helped the scores to be appreciated of the skills on display. A soup and sandwich buffet was provided by the Catering staff at Gogarburn which helped to make the event a most enjoyable occasion.

Prizes were presented as follows:

Nearest the Hole No.8	Alan Harris
Longest Drive (Ladies) No. 12	Hilda Martin
Longest Drive (Gents) No. 12	Brian Garioch
Individual Lowest Net Score (Ladies)	Alison Dickson
Individual Lowest Net Score (Gents)	David Paterson
Team (Highest Stableford Points)	Alison Dickson Andrew Fernie Brian Garioch



David Syson

POLMONT
SNOWDROP
COMMUNITY CAFÉ



Firstly a Very Merry Christmas and a huge thank you to everyone that supports the Snowdrop Café!

I am very pleased to update our donations to date:

Cars4U	£400.00
Enable Falkirk	£1,600.00
Falkirk Young Carers	£2,600.00
Freedom of Mind choir	£100.00
Maggie's Centre	£950.00
Neonatal Unit FVH	£2001.50
Polmont Church	£1,750.00
Scott Martin Foundation	£550.00
Strathcarron Hospice	£2,150.00
Trussell Trust	£2,600.00
Others*	£1,640.00

TOTAL:- £16,341.50

* Others:- Children in Need, Walk Don't Run, Braes Storehouse, Order of Malta, Just a Few, Cold Cots for Babies. Total: £1640.00

On 30th November we have a trip to the Panto, *Sleeping Beauty*, at the Dobbie Hall, Larbert and a bus has been organised.

On 10th December we have a Christmas Meal at The Gallery in Stirling organised and transport has also been arranged. Unfortunately we have been curtailed to the numbers by the Gallery, so our apologies to anyone who may be disappointed.

PLEASE NOTE:- THE CAFÉ WILL BE CLOSED ON 26TH DECEMBER (BOXING DAY) AND ON THE 2ND JANUARY.

Helen Watson

On behalf of all the Volunteers at the Café



The Snowdrop symbolises new beginnings, hope, rebirth, and the capacity to triumph over challenges. As one of the first flowers to herald the arrival of spring, it's not just a sign of the changing seasons but also a beacon of positivity.

I would like to thank the members of the Congregation who sent sympathy cards, phoned, or attended the funeral of my Mum, Mrs Margaret Brymer. She passed away in Springvale Care Home, Lennoxton on 2 October just 3 months short of her 100th birthday.

She always enjoyed her visits as a member of Polmont Old, even after her move to Bishopbriggs. Always, on our way back to the car, after having enjoyed a cuppa and a chat, she would say "They're such a nice group of people and they always make you feel welcome".

Thanks also to her Elders over the years who kept in touch with us, and last but not least, to Rev Van Welie for her support during this difficult time and the lovely, meaningful service she carried out at the Crematorium. Everyone's support has been gratefully received by my son and myself.

God bless.

Margery and Stuart Gough





2nd POLMONT BOYS' BRIGADE

50th Anniversary of BB Summer Camp to Denmark

Brian Crawford organised a reunion lunch held on 14th September at the Leapark Hotel, themed around the 50th anniversary (give or take 3 months) of the BB summer camp in Denmark in 1974.

Display boards, which he had kept in his attic since the 20th anniversary celebration, were used to decorate the room and a video of film/footage/photos taken at the time played in the background. There were eleven people present, eight former 'boys' and three former officers. Plus Margaret Hunter joined us via ipad on Zoom from Melbourne, Australia.



Back Row (L. to R.): The 'Boys' - Gordon Scott, George Hunter, Laurence Crawford, Mungo Gillespie, Graham Smith, Graham Stalker, Brian Crawford, Richard Scott.
Front Row: The 'Officers' - Jessie Mailer, Colin Mailer, Ann Japp.

Contributed by Graham Stalker

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### JUNIOR SECTION

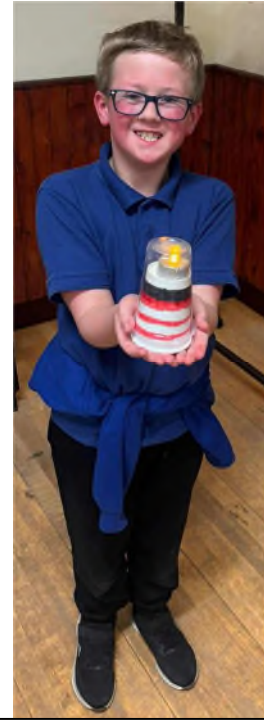
November already!! In October we had an evening learning all about healthy hearts and even made healthy fruit kebabs. We had a night all about light when we played games in the dark, including glow in the dark noughts and crosses and finding answers to a quiz with a torch, then we made lighthouse night lights. Our Halloween Party was great fun as usual with boys dressed up, we looked for apples, wrapped up boys as mummies, played games and made chocolate mud and worm treats!! For Remembrance we learnt all about evacuees and thought about what we would pack if we had to leave home for a while. (Did you know evacuees were only told to take 2 pairs of pants!!)



Yummy Fruit Kebabs

We have started to get into the Christmas mood and have designed Christmas jumpers for a Mid-Scottish competition and we made edible Christmas jumpers for gingerbread men!





Lighthouse night light

### **COMPANY SECTION**

Well done to Alfie, Moray and Jack who were our Colour Party, and Blair who laid the wreath at the Remembrance Day service. It was great to have such a good attendance from boys in both the Company and Junior Section.



### **COMPETITION UPDATE**

Chess – we have progressed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round after 2 convincing wins.

Table Tennis – knocked out in the first round

FIFA – progressed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, but we have unfortunately had to withdraw due to availability of boys.

National 5-a-sides – Junior boys played in the first round at Dundee but were knocked out, but performed really well. Senior team are off to Motherwell next week for their match and hopefully will perform well after finishing as runners up in the Battalion competition in September.

Masterteam – we entered 2 teams and one of them has progressed to round 2 which we are hosting in the church hall on 7<sup>th</sup> December.

*Helen Ward*



### THE BUGGY WALK

We walked past the fantastic Polmont Hallowe'en display with our Buggy walk Mums & Dad.



Our thanks to the ladies in the church who make us so welcome every week.

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BABY-GROUP

We continue to meet in the Church Hall every Monday from 12noon until 2pm and link with the buggy walk.

We welcome all parents and babies and offer a warm safe place to meet for snacks and chats. We will be having our Christmas party on Monday 16th December when we expect a visit from a certain very busy gentleman – or maybe his wife!



There will be a short break over Christmas and we start back on the 6th January 2025. Thanks to Ian for setting up the hall for us each week.

Happy Christmas to all.
Myra, Karen, Senga and Jean. (the Grannies)



WEDNESDAY CLUB

We have had a varied programme this session including singers, a choir, a bingo afternoon and a beetle drive. We thanked Morag Robertson for her many visits to Age Concern playing her accordion, as she has now retired. We now look forward to Christmas and wish members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Janice Morrison
Secretary



What did the sheep say to the shepherd?
Seasons Bleetings!

CHRISTMAS ARTICLES FROM EARLY ISSUES OF TWINSPIRE

Many people have said how much they enjoyed the articles in the last issue, which I had found in some of the first issues of our magazine. Following on from that, I have looked at some of the early Advent issues and found the following Christmas related articles. (with the exception of the Foodbank certificate on the 3rd page!). There were so many more I could have chosen. I was particularly looking for this poem, which I know I had used more than once.

MANY ROADS WE TRAVEL

Somehow we have missed our way, but Christmas points us back
To where we lost our first bright vision on life's winding track;
And so our steps we must retrace, until we see once more
The moving star that comes to rest above a stable door.

Many roads we travel, many wandering stars we see
But nothing satisfies the heart that seeks reality
Until it looks to Bethlehem, a blessing to receive
With the shepherds and the angels saying – 'I believe'.

Back to childhood we must go, our starting point to find
Recapturing the innocence and purity of mind
With which a child unquestioning kneels down on Christmas Day
To hail the infant Christ who was the Life, the Truth, the Way.

(From Nov 2006)



In November 2008, we had asked some members of the congregation about what Christmas meant to them. And I found that I had written this!!!



I have always looked forward to the Watchnight Carol Services, regardless of where I have been worshipping - they always seem to hold that special air of magic and expectation.

And here in Polmont Old, when I look out from my position at the organ and see the church full of people holding their flickering candles at midnight, it is such a beautiful sight and I sense a feeling of community joy and happiness.

As a child in the early 50s, possibly just after the end of rationing, I recall the excitement of going to the local railway station in Dumfries to collect the Christmas box from my grandparents' farm in the north.



We normally only collected a small box of a dozen eggs on a regular basis, but at Christmas time this box was much bigger and contained the Christmas dinner in it too - the hen, which my grandmother had killed and plucked from

among her flock of many hundreds. This was in the days when chicken was a treat for special occasions, and not as commonplace as it is today!

Sandra Reid

From November 2009 there was this article:



MARTIN LUTHER AND THE CHRISTMAS TREE CANDLES

Of the many Christmas tree stories and legends, a very special from Germany tells about Martin Luther, the great leader of the Reformation movement in the church about 500 years ago.

One December night, Martin Luther was on his way home through the woods. The night was especially bright and clear and thousands of stars twinkled and shimmered in the sky, like windows through which the light of heaven steamed down upon the earth. With joy, Martin Luther beheld how the starlight touched the snow-laden boughs of the forest fir trees, making their ice crystals glisten like diamonds.

Deeply moved, he decided to share his glimpse of this meeting of heaven and earth! He selected a small, fragrant fir tree and hurried home to his wife and children. There he tied little white candles to the tree's branches. When they were lit, he spoke to his children about the beauty of the stars shining upon the earth and of the Glory of our Heavenly Father who gave Jesus Christ to us to be the Light of the World.

From November 2010:

Long, Long Ago

(Author Unknown)

Winds thro' the olive trees
softly did blow,
Round little Bethlehem
Long, long ago.



Sheep on the hillside lay
whiter than snow;
Shepherds were watching them,
Long, long ago.

Then from the happy sky,
Angels bent low,
Singing their songs of joy,
Long, long ago.

For in a manger bed,
cradled we know,
Christ came to Bethlehem,
Long, long ago.



TOAST TO BRING IN THE NEW YEAR

May your home never be too small
To hold all of your friends.

May you live as long as you want
And never want as long as you live.

May the good Lord take a liking to you,
But not too soon.

May you have warm words on a cold evening,
A full moon on a dark night,
And the road downhill all the way to your door.

May your neighbours respect you,
Trouble neglect you,
The angels protect you, and heaven accept you.

From November 2011:



IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE!

Where did the year go?
Suddenly it is December again -
and we realise that with giant
strides we started in January
and within a blink of an eye,

2011 is on its back!

A big "Thank You" to each and every one of you for the huge impact you had on my life this year. Especially for all the support and e-mails I received. - without you, I'm sure that 2011 would have been extremely boring.

From my side I wish you all a very happy Christmas season filled with loving wishes and beautiful thoughts.

May 2012 mark the beginning of a tidal wave of love, happiness and bright futures.

- ♥ And to those who need someone special, may you find that true love.
- ♥ To those who need money, may your finances overflow
- ♥ To those who need caring, may you find a good heart
- ♥ To those who need friends, I am still here for you
- ♥ To those who need life, may you find GOD.

Thanks for being my friend!!

Merry
Christmas
&
Happy
New Year!

Received by email

I only know the names
of two angels.
Hark and Harold.
Gregory, aged 5

Again from November 2011, not Christmas related, but I really enjoyed reading this again:

A SMILE

Smiling is infectious,
You catch it like the 'flu,
When someone smiled
at me today,
I started smiling too.



I passed around the corner
and someone saw my grin,
When he smiled I realised
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile,
then realised its worth,
A single smile, just like mine,
could travel round the earth.

So if you feel a smile begin,
don't leave it undetected,
Let's start an epidemic quick,
and get the world infected!

Keep the smile going
Everyone needs a smile.

Author unknown

From November 2012:

Christmas Bells

~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow ~



I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play
And mild and sweet the words repeat,
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had roll'd along th' unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bow'd my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."

'Til ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

This certificate below from the Falkirk Foodbank was received following our donations of food and cash received at our Harvest Service in October 2024.

Lorna, Treasurer



Polmont Parish Church!

**Thank you for your donation of 80.25KGs and
£120!**

Your generous donations will make a real difference to the
those in food poverty.
As individuals, we can do wonders. Together, we can achieve
the impossible.



Wanting to hear God
Offering gifts to Him
Reading His Word
Singing to Him
Hearing His Word
Inviting Him to be with you
Praising God



CHURCH ROTAS



	Welcome Teams 	Flower Donors 	Flower Distributors 	After Church Teas ACTs
DECEMBER				
1st	E	Vena Learmonth	Team E	Janet Mason Janice Morrison
8th	E	Charlotte Bayne	Team E	Agnes Creech Liz Erskine
15th	E	Age Concern	Team E	Maureen & Sheena Chisholm
22nd	E	Ellen Wilson	Team E	Margaret Day Val Hawkins
29th	E	Janet Anderson	Team E	Agnes Creech Liz Erskine
JANUARY				
5th	A	Jean Glen	Team A	Bob & Marjorie Gregory
12th	A	Eileen Brown	Team A	Help required
19th	A	Anne Fernie	Team A	Margaret Day Val Hawkins
26th	NO	SERVICE	IN	POLMONT
CONTACT		Nancy Rule	Nancy Rule	Margaret Connor



FLOWER BASKETS

Does anyone have any spare baskets which I can use for flower arrangements, as I am slowly running out of them? Thanks.
Also many thanks for all your good wishes and love following my broken leg.
Nancy xx



A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped serve the soup and teas/coffees following the Armistice Services. Also many thanks to the bakers who provided the fruit loaves and gingerbread. Margaret C. xx



BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL 2024



A big thankyou to everyone who supported the Blythswood Shoebox appeal this year. 32 filled boxes and a total of £305 in monetary donations of cash and cheques were received. Gift Aid will be claimed on the cash, adding about another £50 to the total.

Thanks must also be given to Norman Black who uplifted the boxes from the Church and delivered them to the collection point in Grangemouth, This was much appreciated.

Many thanks again , Betty Glen, Co-ordinator





KIRK DIARY FOR DEC. & JAN.

DECEMBER

Sunday 1st 1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Morning Service * 11.00am * Church
Kidzone * 11.00am * Church
ACTs * 12 noon * Fellowship Room

Monday 2nd

Baby Group * 12.00pm – 2.00pm * Church Hall

Wednesday 4th

Age Concern Wednesday Club * 2.00pm * Church Hall

Thursday 5th

Adventures in Prayer * 12.15pm * Small Church Hall
Snowdrop Café * 1.00pm – 3.00pm * Church Hall
BB Anchor Boys * 6.00pm – 7.00pm * Church Hall

Friday 6th

Share-a-Craft * 10.00am – 12noon * Small Church Hall
BB Junior Section * 6.15pm - 7.30pm * Church Hall
BB Company Section * 7.10pm – 9.30pm * Church Hall

Sunday 8th 2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Morning Service * 11.00am * Church
Kidzone * 11.00am * Church
ACTs * 12 noon * Fellowship Room
Remembering Service * 3.00pm * Church

Monday 9th

Baby Group * 12.00pm – 2.00pm * Church Hall

Wednesday 11th

Age Concern Wednesday Club * 2.00pm * Church Hall

Thursday 12th

Adventures in Prayer * 12.15pm * Small Church Hall
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Friday 13th

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BB Company Section * 7.10pm – 9.30pm * Church Hall

Sunday 15th 3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Morning Service * 11.00am * Church
Kidzone * 11.00am * Church
ACTs * 12 noon * Fellowship Room

Monday 16th

Baby Group * 12.00pm – 2.00pm * Church Hall *
Christmas Party & Visit from Santa

Thursday 19th

Adventures in Prayer * 12.15pm * Small Church Hall
Snowdrop Café * 1.00pm – 3.00pm * Church Hall
BB Anchor Boys * 6.00pm – 7.00pm * Church Hall *
Christmas Party

Friday 20th

BB Junior Section * 6.15pm - 7.30pm * Church Hall
BB Company Section * 7.10pm – 9.30pm * Church Hall

Sunday 22nd 4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Morning Service * 11.00am * Church
Kidzone * 11.00am * Church
ACTs * 12 noon * Fellowship Room

Tuesday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

Watchnight Service * 11.00pm * Church *
Carol singing from 11.00pm
Service at 11.30pm



Wednesday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Day Family Service * 10.30am * Church

Sunday 29th

Lower Braes Joint Morning Service * 11.00am *
POLMONT OLD

JANUARY

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Thursday 9th

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Friday 10th

Share-a-Craft * 10.00am – 12noon * Small Church Hall
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Monday 13th

Baby Group * 12.00pm – 2.00pm * Church Hall



JANUARY (contd.)

Wednesday 15th

Age Concern Wednesday Club * 2.00pm * Church Hall

Thursday 16th

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Friday 17th

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Monday 20th

Baby Group * 12.00pm – 2.00pm * Church Hall

Wednesday 22nd

Age Concern Wednesday Club * 2.00pm * Church Hall

Thursday 23rd

Adventures in Prayer * 12.15pm * Small Church Hall
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Friday 24th

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Sunday 26th BRAES CHURCHES ANNUAL PULPIT EXCHANGE

Lower Braes Joint Morning Service * 11.00am * [REDDING/WESTQUARTER CHURCH](#)

Monday 27th

Baby Group * 12.00pm – 2.00pm * Church Hall

Wednesday 29th

Age Concern Wednesday Club * 2.00pm * Church Hall

Thursday 30th

Adventures in Prayer * 12.15pm * Small Church Hall
 Snowdrop Café * 1.00pm – 3.00pm * Church Hall
 BB Anchor Boys * 6.00pm - 7.00pm * Church Hall

Friday 31st

Share-a-Craft * 10.00am – 12noon * Small Church Hall
 BB Junior Section * 6.15pm - 7.30pm * Church Hall
 BB Company Section * 7.10pm – 9.30pm * Church Hall



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DECEMBER
 29th Polmont 11.00am




JANUARY
 26th Redding/Westquarter 11.00am

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DEATHS
21st September 2024
 Fiona GUTHRIE (widow of former elder and BB Captain, George Guthrie)

2nd October 2024
 Margaret BRYMER (Age 99)



21st October 2024
 Helen SIMPSON (former Girls' Brigade Captain)

