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We meet in the conviction that in Jesus Christ we see the character and passion of God. We gather to learn to see the world as Jesus sees it, to begin to see the image of God in one another and in our community. Our worship is in response to the invitation of God, our mission is to reflect the generosity of God in our town, and to seek the footfalls of the Spirit of God.

(Courtesy: All Saints Church, Evesham, Worcestershire)

Regular Worship at St Peter's

Sunday's 9.15 am Sung Eucharist (SPB)

10.30 am Sung Eucharist (1982 Liturgy)

Wednesdays 10:00 am Said Eucharist (1982 Liturgy)

Christmas Services 2025

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Sunday 21st December

**Advent 4 9.15am Eucharist
10.30am Carols and Communion**

Wednesday 24th December

**Christmas Eve 10.00am NO SERVICE
11.30pm Midnight Mass**

Thursday 25th December

Christmas Day 10.00am Christmas Day Eucharist

Sunday 28th December

Christmas 1

9.15am Eucharist

10.30am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 31st December NO SERVICE

Sunday 4th January

Epiphany

9.15am Eucharist

10.30am Sung Eucharist



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From the Editor

As we come to the end of another church year, let's pause to take stock and reflect upon our Christian life both as individuals and as a caring and compassionate Church Family. It has been a year of immense turmoil in our world where, arguably, the very foundations of our society and fundamental humanity have been questioned and threatened. But, if we pause and consider for a moment, we aren't the first generation to face such threats nor will we likely be the last. What strikes me as paramount now is the need for 'Reconciliation'. I therefore commend to you the 'Coventry Litany of Reconciliation' which I have included in this edition. The original can be found in the ruins of the old Coventry Cathedral which forms an integral part of the new vibrant Cathedral. (Please consider a visit if you haven't been. I have no doubt you will find it an uplifting experience). Did you know that Coventry was one of the first cities to embark upon town-twinning and that, significantly, it chose to twin with the fire-stormed city of Dresden?

GKR

Rector's Letter

Dear Friends

Christmas, a universal celebration, brings with it the enchanting melodies of carols, the warmth of decorated trees, the exchange of gifts, and the joyous atmosphere of parties. But beyond the joyous surface lurks a deep question: What is Christmas really about, and how does it relate to what Jesus taught us?

Amidst the myriad traditions, pausing and reflecting on the timeless message embedded in the Christmas narrative becomes imperative.

Beyond the tinsel and ornaments, the heart of Christmas beats with the birth of Jesus, delivering a message of enduring love, hope, and joy. As we unravel the layers of Christmas, we embark on a journey to understand the profound impact of Jesus' teachings on the essence of this festive season. Join us in exploring the deeper meaning of Christmas and how its themes resonate with the timeless wisdom imparted by the Light of the World.

Christmas arrives each year adorned with traditions and festivities, yet its core message remains unchanging. It announces the arrival of Jesus Christ, an event that is timeless and relevant throughout history. The good news lies in the heart of the Christmas story, a proclamation of love, hope, and joy to all. Despite the ever-changing world and personal challenges, the essence of Christmas remains steadfast. It revolves around the birth of God's Son, Jesus, who came to impart enduring love and unwavering hope. The biblical narrative reveals the pivotal role of angels in delivering the good news to Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. Their celestial messages underscore the divine nature of Jesus' birth and the timeless significance of the message he brings. Amidst a world far from perfect, the message of Christmas stands as a beacon of hope.

It confirms that the arrival of Jesus is a continuous source of joy—a joy that transcends the fleeting character of the world—despite the difficulties and challenges. In times of bad news and upheaval, the message of Christmas remains a resounding declaration of good news. It is a message worth celebrating, as it renews the joy, hope, and love that God freely offers to all.

Reflecting on the teachings of Jesus during Christmas prompts a deeper understanding of love, hope, and joy. His lessons resonate with a call to embody these virtues in our lives. In essence, Christmas beckons believers to live out the teachings of Jesus, fostering a spirit of meekness, humility, and a hunger for righteousness. Jesus'

emphasis on loving enemies and blessing those who curse us challenges us to extend love beyond familiar boundaries.

As we embrace the real spirit of Christmas, we find a unique duty to testify, akin to the shepherds who shared the angelic message. It's a call to emulate the life of Jesus, celebrating His mission throughout the year, armed with the unique gift of the Holy Spirit.

The great gift that Jesus offers—the gift that is commemorated every Christmas—is best shown by the risen Christ and Mary Magdalene at the grave. In the words of Elder Neal A. Maxwell, it's a gift constituting a continuing Christmas that is never over, made possible by the infinite atonement.

Latter-day Saints, equipped with the Holy Spirit, hold a responsibility to bear witness, just as the shepherds did when they made known the saying concerning the child. The true meaning of Christmas is found in accepting Jesus as a dynamic, inspiring, and renewing presence in our lives rather than in holiday extravagance.

Jesus' teachings guide believers to a life of service, witnessing, and worship—embarking on a path of embodying the love, hope, and joy He so graciously imparts to the world. Beyond the glittering veneer of traditions lies an opportunity to grasp the profound meaning of Christmas, extending beyond mere decorations and festive rituals.

Christmas is fundamentally an opportunity to pause and show thankfulness for the love, hope, and happiness offered by the Lord—the main figure of this celebration—despite being misinterpreted as a Christian festival or a time for seasonal decorations. The true meaning of Christmas emerges as believers exchange gifts with loved ones, mirroring the remembrance of the ultimate gift—Jesus. The act of giving and receiving becomes a powerful expression of gratitude for the profound generosity symbolized by God's gift of His only child.

Following Jesus' birth, three wise men gave Him gifts as a sign of their adoration and acknowledged His reign. This act mirrored in our worship and thanks to God, becomes a poignant acknowledgment of the profound gift of hope, love, and joy that Christ offers. In unravelling the layers of Christmas, we journey through a tapestry woven with threads of love, hope, and joy—themes intricately connected to the teachings of Jesus.

It's evident that Christmas, beyond its glittering exterior, carries a profound message—a message that persists through the ages. The birth of Jesus remains a timeless source of inspiration, offering enduring love and unwavering hope in the face of life's uncertainties. Embodying the teachings of Jesus during this season and beyond becomes a transformative act—a commitment to live out meekness, humility, and a hunger for righteousness. Christmas extends an invitation to celebrate the gift of the Holy Ghost, testifying like the shepherds and embracing Jesus as a dynamic force in our lives.

The simplicity of worship and testimony is where the true essence of Christmas lies, not the opulence of the furnishings. It's a commitment to serve others and to live out the principles that Jesus, the Light of the World, gives to everyone who asks for His direction. In essence, Christmas is a celebration of a continual gift—the infinite atonement—that ensures a never-ending Christmas for those who embrace its profound meaning. As we navigate the complexities of life, let us carry the light of Jesus' teachings, illuminating our path with the love, hope, and joy that define the true essence of Christmas.

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas

Christine

St James the Least of All



Your first parish

The Rectory

St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

☐ And so, the old year draws to a close, and you are packing to move to your own first parish in January. Let me give you some final words of advice.

Curates, you will have noticed, are forgiven everything. I hope you have appreciated this period of grace, because come 1st January, all that will change. You will then become responsible for everything that goes wrong in your church. You must be able to mend leaking taps, shovel snow, arrange flowers, mow the churchyard and run jumble sales. You will be expected to know the moment someone falls ill – preferably the day before. In addition, they will expect you to preach profound sermons - in seven minutes flat, and to lead a life of prayerful solitude while

being the life and soul of the parish. From the day your predecessor left, he will have turned into a saint. *You* will be their new disappointment. Be assured that *whatever* you do, you will *always* disappoint someone.

☑ Be prepared for phone calls at 3am telling you that someone has left a light on in church, and shouldn't you go and turn it off? You will be asked about car parking arrangements for the October Harvest Service by mid-January, while hymns for the 9 Lessons and Carols will be required by early summer. I suggest you buy-in extra pullovers, overcoats and scarves for life in your vicarage. A good number of mousetraps may well come in useful too.

☑ Welcome to your new life of an incumbent.

☑ Expect that each Sunday morning, as you prepare for the service, there will be a straggling queue of people who want to tell you an astonishing variety of things: there is a large cobweb 30 feet up over the pulpit, they don't like the second hymn on the board, the flowers look rough this week, there may be a bat in the vestry, some child has left a shoe in the back porch, and the car park has broken glass in it.

You may find this a distraction as you prepare for a worship service. But remember that at least they have bothered to come to church at all. In my experience, congregations are always irritating, but at least they do take up a lot of space, and that looks good in the pews. The church would look empty without them.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

WALKING THE DOG

A WOMAN was flying from Perth to Brisbane . Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sydney along the way. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes.

Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. A man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her Guide Dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight.

He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, 'Kathy, we are in Sydney for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?' The blind lady replied, 'No thanks, but maybe Buddy would like to stretch his legs.'

Picture this:

All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Guide Dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses?

People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!

True story... Have a great day and remember...



....THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS AS THEY APPEAR.

A DAY WITHOUT LAUGHTER IS A DAY WASTED!

Take Time

Take time to THINK It is the source of power.

Take time to PLAY It is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to READ It is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time to PRAY It is the greatest power on earth.

Take time to LOVE and BE LOVED It is a GOD given privilege.

Take time to be FRIENDLY It is the road to happiness.

Take time to LAUGH It is the music of the soul.

Take time to GIVE It is too short a day to be selfish.

Take time to WORK It is the price of success.

Take time to DO CHARITY It is the key to heaven

God's Garden

THE Lord God planted a garden
In the first white days of the world
And He set there an angel warden
In a garment of light enfurled.

So near to the peace of Heaven
That the hawk might nest with the wren.
For there in the cool of the Even
God walked with the first of men.

And I dream that these garden-closes,
With their shade and their sun-flecked sod,

And their lilies and bowers of roses,
Were laid by the hand of God.

The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth,
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth.

For He broke it for us in a garden,
Under the olive-trees,
Where the angel of strength was the warden
And the soul of the world found ease.

Dorothy Frances Gurney *1858 – 1932*

*(American – wrote the hymn, “O perfect Love, all human hearts
transcending”)*

{As a keen gardener, I’ve always loved the penultimate verse, GKR}

Circle us O God

*This Celtic Prayer of Intercession is extracted from the West Fife Area
Council Service held on Sunday 7th September 2025.*

Circle us O God, encircle us as we pray for our world, our Church and
ourselves.

Keep joy within, keep bitterness out.

Keep generosity within, keep greed out.

Keep love within, keep hatred out.

Circle, O God, those who work for peace and justice in the world.

Keep wisdom in, keep folly out.

Keep strength within, keep weariness out.

Keep hope within, keep darkness out.

Circle, O God, those who are victims of violence and injustice.
Keep truth within, keep falsehood out.
Keep compassion within, keep cruelty out.
Keep love within, keep hatred out

Circle, O God, those personally known to us who are in need.
Keep wholeness in, keep sickness out.
Keep hope within, keep despair out.
Keep peace within, keep turmoil out.
Keep light within, keep darkness out.

Grant us, O Lord, an eye of vision, a sensitive mind, a gentle heart
and make us kind. Grant us, O Lord, a discerning taste, a life of love,
and awareness of you and hope from above. Amen



We've got online carol-singers again!

The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation

(based on the seven deadly sins)

All have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God

From:

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class.

Father Forgive

From:

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own.

Father Forgive

From:

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the Earth.

Father Forgive

From:

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others.

Father Forgive

From:

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee.

Father Forgive

From:

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children.

Father Forgive

From:

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God.

Father Forgive

Let us therefore be kind to one another, tender hearted, and forgiving of one another as God in Christ forgave us.

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The Nun and the £10 Note

A Nun in a Convent received a present from her parents of a ten-pound note. It was the rule of the Convent that she was not allowed to keep it. She therefore agreed with the Mother Superior that she would pray about the situation and seek to donate the money to a worthy charitable cause.

A short time later she looked out of the window of her room and spotted a homeless man sitting begging in the street below. Seeing this as the answer to her prayer, she placed the £10 Note in an envelope and wrote upon it "Don't Despair". She then dropped the envelope out of the window where it floated down to the homeless man.

Later that evening she was surprised to be summoned to the Mother Superior's Office. "Sister, please explain yourself ", said the Mother Superior pointing to the envelope which lay on top of her desk with a pile of £10 Notes beneath it. The Sister was in a state of total incomprehension until she looked more closely at the envelope.

Underneath her "Don't Despair" had been written "It came in at 10 to 1".

A Carrot, an Egg, and a Cup of Coffee.

You will never look at a cup of coffee the same way again!

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed just as soon as one problem was solved, so a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on the cooker on a high setting. Soon the pots came to the boil. In the first she placed Carrots, in the second she placed Eggs, and in the last she placed ground Coffee Beans. She let them sit and boil; without saying a word.

In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me what you see?" "Carrots, Eggs, and Coffee," she replied.

Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled, as she tasted its rich aroma. The daughter then asked, "What does it mean, Mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity: boiling water. Each reacted differently. The Carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the

boiling water, it softened and became weak. The Egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, it's inside became hardened. The ground beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the coffee water!

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a Carrot, an Egg or a Coffee Bean?"

Think of this: Which am I? Am I the Carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity, I wilt and become soft and lose my strength? Am I the Egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a break-up, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and hardened heart?

Or, am I like the Coffee Bean? The Coffee Bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavour. If you are like the Coffee Bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. When the hour is the darkest and trials are at their greatest, do you elevate yourself to another level? How do you handle adversity?

Are you a Carrot, an Egg or a Coffee Bean?

**HAYLEY MATTHEWS ART PAINTING WORKSHOPS, ST PETER'S
CHURCH HALL**



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Hayley is a local self-taught artist who discovered her talent for painting quite accidentally during the Covid lockdown in 2021. Her beauty business was closed so she began painting pebbles to ease her anxiety during lockdown. After 2 years of painting pebbles Hayley decided to seek her potential and purchased some canvases.

Hayley no longer paints pebbles but has created more than 250 paintings, many of which were commissioned pieces, and sold in 5 galleries throughout Scotland. Hayley has just completed her first solo exhibition in The Adam Smith Kirkcaldy earlier this year.

FUN ART NOT FINE ART!

Hayley now wants to share what she has learned in her new painting workshops held in St Peter's Church Hall, starting with her festive themed event on 13th December!

Hayley will guide you step by step through the process of painting your very own canvas which you will take home! All art materials and

light refreshments and are provided, you are welcome to bring your own wine!

The workshops are about creating fun art, not fine art and making connections. Come and join in the festive fun at the very first workshop!

For more information or to book call or text Hayley on 07753296572. Follow Hayley on Facebook 'Hayley Matthews Art' or you can see more of her work on hayleymatthewsart.com.



Things that are not what they seem
From 'The Wonderful World of Words'

Rice paper contains not a grain of rice

French fries originated in Belgium, not France

Great Danes come from Germany, not Denmark

Ten-gallon hats hold only about six pints of water

Koala bears aren't bears, they're marsupials

Mountain goats aren't goats, they're small antelopes

Fireflies aren't flies, they're beetles

The **funny bone** isn't a bone, it's a nerve

Jackrabbits aren't rabbits, they're hares

Shooting stars are meteors

Prairie dogs aren't dogs, they're rodents

Catgut isn't made from cats, it's made from sheep

Lead pencils contain no lead, only graphite

Horned toads aren't toads, they're lizards

Bombay duck isn't duck, it's dried fish

Turkish baths originated in Ancient Rome, not in Turkey

Silkworms aren't worms, they're caterpillars

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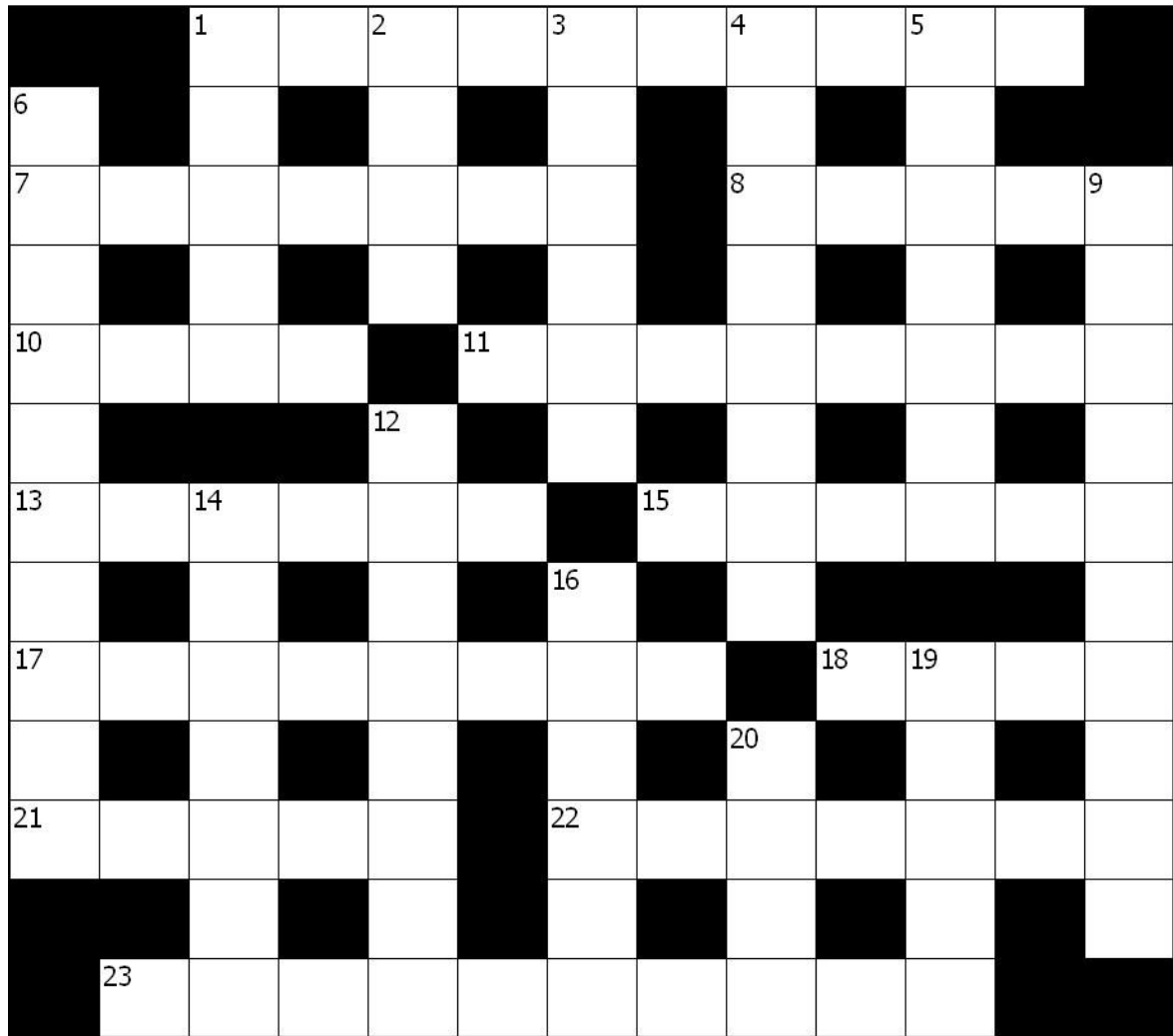
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Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)
- 7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14,15) (7)
- 8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)
- 10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)
- 11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)

- 13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)
- 15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith (6)
- 17 Stormy (8)
- 18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone unclean (Numbers 9:11) (4)
- 21 Arson (anag.) (5)
- 22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7)
- 23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

Down

- 1 and see that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8) (5)
- 2 The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as ... as a lion (Proverbs 28:1) (4)
- 3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)
- 4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19,20) (8)
- 5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)
- 6 Offer your bodies as living , holy and pleasing to God (Romans 12:1) (10)
- 9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)
- 12 One who accepts government by God (8)

14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1)
(7)

16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6)

19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5)

20 You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will ... his people
from their sins (Matthew 1:21) (4)

Answers on Page 31

A True New Year Story

Back in the 1980's & 90's, I did voluntary work for the homeless through St. Thomas' Church in Corstorphine and Edinburgh City Mission. This particular year was the first year of an inter-denominational scheme run by volunteers from Edinburgh's churches to take all the homeless off the streets over Christmas and New Year and feed them and shelter them in Church Halls and Church Crypts.

Being Scotland, you will not be surprised that the scheme was struggling to find volunteers to cover overnight on New Year's Eve. I was one of those able to do it along with one professional and, by God's good grace, two other volunteers, a lady Pediatric Doctor and a Warden from my Church who was a Detective Chief Inspector.

By 2 o'clock in the morning we had settled some 30 or so customers down for the night and were talking quietly to a couple of diehards who couldn't sleep. Meanwhile we were concerned about getting ourselves home when we were due to finish our stint at about 0830, as it was snowing heavily and there was already about six inches of

snow on the ground (the point at which Edinburgh traditionally took its Buses off the roads).

Suddenly the doorbell rang. We opened the door to find a taxi driver with a man cradled in his arms whom he had found lying in the snow and who was in a very poor way. The taxi driver knew of what we were doing and had picked him up and brought him to us as the nearest place he thought of that might be able to help him.

The Doctor immediately examined him and realised that not only was he suffering from serious hypothermia (we subsequently learnt that had he lain in the snow for another 2 hours he would almost certainly have died) but he also had serious trench foot. To me fell the task of cutting his boots off – something I will never forget!

At this juncture we had planned to arrange to have him transferred by Ambulance to A&E at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. We learned from him, however, that he was homeless and had taken himself for treatment there earlier in the day only for Security to eject him because he had been disorderly and abusive about his wait to be seen and smelt terribly, such that other patients had complained. We also then found out that conditions were stretching the Ambulance service to the limit (they reckoned on at least a 30 minute delay) and that there had been a major accident and the A&E Department was on 4 hours waiting time!

Knowing that the Western General Hospital had a 24 hour pharmacy the Doctor then phoned and discovered, miraculously, that the duty pharmacist was not only a personal friend, but in the circumstances and against the rules was also prepared to provide her with the urgently needed medicines for treatment. At this point matters took a slightly surreal turn with the DCI, a police trained driver, driving our soup run van, which had probably never been above 30mph in its life, across the city in the snow at speeds up to 55mph to collect the

medication (he later said if he had got stopped by his colleagues for speeding he would have pulled rank!)

Between us we managed to treat this man, shower and clean him, get him some sleep, change his clothes, feed him and transfer him by Ambulance to the Royal Infirmary later on New Year's Day. We also managed to secure him a place in a Church run Hostel, having discovered that he had been banned by the Salvation Army for previous violent behaviour, and arranged for him to be helped by Social Services.

And now for the climax:

When I came to leave for Home at about 10:00, I went to say goodbye. **I was on the verge of tears when this stranger took my hand and said with the utmost sincerity; "Thank You, God Bless You and may you have a Good New Year".**

Be prepared; who knows, but God might use you in this coming year to bring his Love to a total stranger.

Have a Peaceful and Joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

GKR

50th Anniversary Window

The new church building was dedicated in September 1976. To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the building, the Vestry has suggested that a stained glass window be installed in the last remaining space at the front of the church. A local company was approached to design and install the new window. The design has been approved by the Diocesan Buildings Committee and will be installed ready for our celebrations on the 5th & 6th September 2026.

It was decided that the congregation and families of past-members be approached to sponsor a pane (it was suggested £10 / pane) and all donors would be recorded for posterity together with any dedication.

Thanks to all who have already donated.

If you would like to give a donation please contact our Treasurer, Judy Webster whose contact details are in this magazine.

Norman L Ward

Crossword Solution

		T	A	B	E	R	N	A	C	L	E	
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Poppy Display

After seeing various displays , I felt St. Peter's could do something similar to honour those men and women and animals who fought in conflicts around the world. So earlier this year I requested the help of the members of the Craft Group and others in the congregation to knit or crochet poppies for our display. They certainly filled the brief as I was presented with bags upon bags of red, white, black and purple poppies. Wiring them onto the frame became a two-man job, but between us we managed to fill it up. Thank you, ladies, for your knitting and crochet talents. {not one I share)

I hope you agree that our tribute to those who gave their lives for us was a fitting one and a reminder to never forget their sacrifice for us.

JANE



Fellowship Group

At the October meeting the Group had a busy afternoon planting Spring bulbs in containers to be placed at the front of the church next year. As well as the containers, bulbs were planted around the bay window and in the Peace Garden. This was all possible thanks to who bought apples from my garden [I hope you enjoyed them] and to the generous donations received enabling us to purchase the bulbs and compost. We look forward to a colourful display.

THANK YOU! JANE

Study Group Prayer - *cf Romans 8*

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your Love,

All who are led by the Spirit are children of God and fellow heirs with Christ. Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your people.

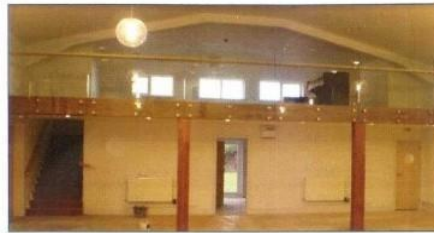
Renew the face of your creation, Lord, pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit, and kindle in us the fire of your Love.

For the creation waits with eager longing for the glorious liberty of the children of God. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your Love.

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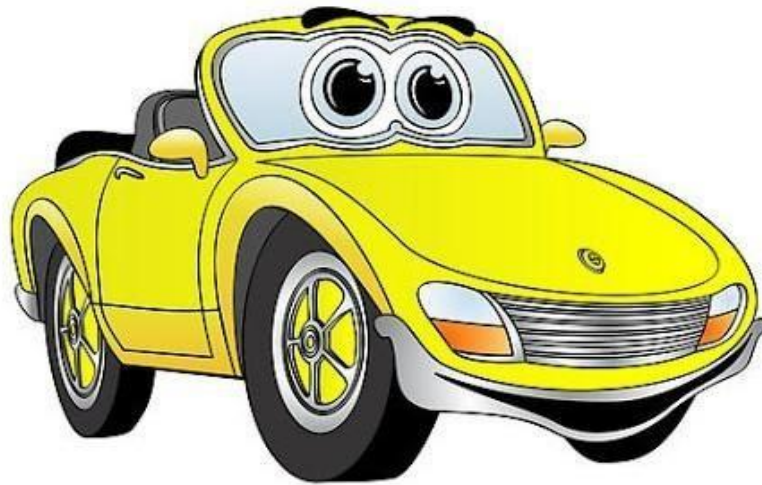
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