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MESSAGE AND PRAYER FROM NEIL



Dear Friends

I always used to laugh when people said that time would pass quicker the older you got. However, I must be getting older because it seems like no time at all since I was preparing myself for another run-up to Christmas. Yet by the time you are reading this, we will be very much in Advent. Advent is all about making room and getting ourselves ready to celebrate the coming of Jesus, God with us, and it is important that we prepare ourselves well. Indeed, this idea of making room for Jesus will be the theme of our Advent sermon series, and is from the well-known opening to chapter 2 of Luke's Gospel:

At that time Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire. When this first census took place, Quirinius was the governor of Syria. Everyone, then, went to register himself, each to his own hometown.

Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger—there was no room for them to stay in the inn.

Luke 2:1-7 (Good News Translation)

It seems so silly to think that we would struggle to allow room for the One who was willing to go to the Cross on our behalf, offering us this magnificent gift of eternal life, yet that is what we do! There are so many things looking to divert our attention away or take up space in our lives, that it can be difficult to ensure we have room for Jesus.

I hope you get to spend some time during Advent to reflect on this and I also hope you find yourself able to answer the question Jesus poses: "May I come into your life and stay with you always?" with a resounding "Yes" once again!

May you have a wonder-filled Christmas when it comes.

Yours in Jesus,

Neil

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NEIL'S PRAYER

This month, rather than provide my own prayer for you, I thought I would use this wonderful Advent Prayer by Henri Nouwen. He was a Dutch priest, professor, writer and theologian. His interests were rooted primarily in psychology, pastoral ministry, spirituality, social justice, and community. I was introduced to his writing during my time at New College in Edinburgh and have found his prayers very helpful in my own devotional life. I hope you are able to find the prayer below helpful as you prepare yourself during Advent

AN ADVENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

You might be new to our church family or indeed you may have been with us for a while. Whichever you are, I would like you to consider making that relationship more formal by becoming a member of our congregation. Of course, you may have already considered this in the past and come to the conclusion that you are happy with things as they are, but if you would like to discuss this further, with no obligation to follow through on becoming a member, then please get in touch with me. To give more information on Church membership and why it is something worth giving serious and prayerful consideration, I have created a paper. You can download it from our website:

www.stonelawchurch.org/church-membership or ask me for a copy.

I would like to add that everyone is welcome to be part of the Stonelaw family; choosing not to become a formal member in no way makes you a second-class citizen here. I look forward to a chat with you in the near future.

Neil

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DATES FOR OUR DIARIES

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AND AROUND STONELAW

Sunday Morning Prayer Time in the north transept of the Sanctuary at 10.15am. (See below)

Our Sunday Morning Service is at 10.30am, with a **crèche** for children under 3, **Discoverers** for pre-school and primary children, and **Connect2** for S1 up.

Our Communion Service is held on the first Sunday of the month. Please note that our communion bread is gluten free.

Mid-week 30-minute Service Wednesday 2.00-2.30pm, on the first and third Wednesday of the month. For further details, please contact Neil on **07871 615 840**.

House Groups Usually on first Thursday of the month but please note January dates*:
at 10.30 am with Jennifer Menzies. Call 07974 793 235 (*January 12th)
at 7.30 pm with Dorothy and David McTaggart. Call 07815 949 648 (*January 12th)
at 7.30 pm with Garry and Anne Ross. Call 07789 117 274. (*January 5th)

Kirk Session Meetings First Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm – not in January.
6th December, 7th February and 7th March.

Café @The Meeting Place Mondays to Saturdays 10.30am - 12.30pm

Past Times Dementia Café 2nd Wednesday of the month 2.30 - 4.00pm (See page 12)
14th December, 11th January, 8th February and 8th March

A new Drop-in Café, for Past Times regulars only, now runs on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of the month. 28th December, 25th January, 22nd February

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Young People's House Group: Every second Thursday, 6.30 - 8pm at the Manse.
For details, please contact Fiona Benson on 07980 734 182 or fiona.benson@sky.com

2nd Rutherglen Rainbows: Tuesdays 6 - 7.15pm (See page 26)

Stonelaw Toddlers: Wednesdays and Fridays 9.45 - 11.30am (See page 9)

131st Boys' Brigade: Thursdays 6.30 - 8pm (See page 24)

2nd Rutherglen Brownies: Fridays 6.15 - 7.15pm (See page 26)

2nd Rutherglen Guides: Fridays 7.45 - 9.15pm (See page 24)

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER TIME

We meet each Sunday at 10.15am to bring the congregation (online and in-person) and all those contributing to worship that day, before God. It is our hope that people will feel blessed, encouraged, and that as a congregation we would grow in a deeper awareness of our God's presence.

Please join us in the north transept (where Jacky Shepherd sits, to the left of the pulpit.)



Elizabeth Watson

CHRISTMAS 2022 EVENTS IN STONELAW

See below for details of these events:

- **Family Christmas Film Night:** Friday 9th December 7pm.
- **Christmas Cracker Party:** Saturday 10th December 2-4pm.
- **Christmas Musical Evening:** Thursday 15th December.
- **All-Age Nativity Service:** Sunday 18th December 10.30am.

See Page 7 for details of these events:

- **Blue Christmas Service:** Sunday 18th December 6.30pm.
- **Christingle Pyjama Service:** Saturday 24th December 6.30pm.
- **Watchnight Service:** Saturday 24th December 11.30pm.
- **All-Age Christmas Day Service:** Sunday 25th December 10.30am, with informal communion. This service will be on Zoom but will not be recorded for YouTube.
- **All-Age Family Quiz Night:** Thursday 29th December 6pm.

FAMILY FILM NIGHT @ THE MEETING PLACE FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER

We are having a FREE Christmas film night on Friday 9th December. Please come from 7pm onwards, for a 7.30 start. We'll have popcorn and drinks and would love you to come and get into the festive mood. The film will be for all the family so let's make a night of it!

The Stonelaw in Action team (SiA) (See page 10)

(Margaret Borland, Marlene Galt, David McTaggart, Liz Maltby, Jennifer Menzies, Jean Murray)

CHRISTMAS CRACKER CHILDREN'S PARTY SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Come and join us on Saturday 10th December 2 - 4pm to find out about Jesus' birth (the real Christmas) through fun-filled games, crafts, music and food.

For children in P1-7, but pre-schoolers are also welcome, if they bring an adult!

Sign up at: www.stonelawchurch.org/christmas-cracker-party-2022

Jennifer Menzies and Rev Neil H. Watson



CHRISTMAS MUSICAL EVENING @ THE MEETING PLACE THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Want to get away from the hustle and bustle of the season? Then why not join us on Thursday 15th December at 7.30 pm for an informal evening of Christmas music: singing Christmas songs and carols? There will be nibbles and hot drinks served in a relaxing setting. Hope to see you there.

PS Christmas jumpers are optional!

The Stonelaw in Action team (SiA) (See page 10)

ALL-AGE NATIVITY SERVICE SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER

An annual favourite which reminds us why we are celebrating this Christmas. Look out for a cast of all ages! (Normal morning service time – 10.30am)



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER

We are aware that in amongst the joy and noise of the Christmas period, it is important to allow ourselves to stop and reflect on the past year, especially thinking about those whom we may be missing.



Why not join us for this short service on the evening of Sunday 18th December at 6:30pm? There will be an opportunity to sing carols and to take time to remember the families of those who have lost loved ones.

CHRISTINGLE PYJAMA SERVICE SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER

Fun for all the family at 6.30pm as we get ready to celebrate Jesus' birth and attempt to make the biggest Christingle Stonelaw has ever seen! Oh, and the pyjamas are optional!



WATCHNIGHT SERVICE SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER

Join us for our traditional Christmas Eve service at 11.30pm as we wait to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This service will also be on Zoom and will be available on YouTube later.



FAMILY CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER

Come to our short, fun-filled Christmas morning service at 10.30am, and be sure to bring along your favourite present - this is not only for the children! We'll also have an informal communion.

ALL-AGE QUIZ NIGHT IN THE MAIN HALL THURSDAY 29TH DECEMBER

Join our fun-filled evening for all ages starting at 6pm here in Stonelaw Church Hall. Sign up as a team of 2-4 players or as an individual. If you need some team-mates we can help. Questions and challenges will put your knowledge of music, geography, films/TV, numbers, spelling, nature, food/drink and history to the test. Will you or your team beat the competition and be crowned Champions? Further information and registration details will be shared soon. In the meantime, if you have any further questions, please speak to any Stonelaw in Action member. (See page 10)

STONELAW CHURCH ON ZOOM

To log into our Zoom events, please see the Stonelaw weekly email. To sign up for this, contact info@stonelawchurch.org (See also page 26.)

Join our Church Services on Zoom Every Sunday at 10.30am. Our Communion Service is on the first Sunday of the month. You might want to have a piece of bread and wine/juice ready for when we are ready to celebrate the sacrament together after the sermon.

Join us for Prayer on Zoom Every Wednesday from 7.20pm for a 7.30pm start and we finish by 8.10pm. All are welcome and there is no obligation to pray out loud! Neil starts us off with a Bible reading, then shares a worship song before we start praying.

If you'd like to share a need for prayer, and hear about those of others, contact John Shaw on **07885 508130**. We have a WhatsApp Group and can also share prayer needs via SMS or landline. If you're asking for prayer for someone else, please ask their permission first.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND STAMPS APPEAL CHRISTMAS 2022

Many thanks to all the folks who faithfully leave their used stamps in the Meeting Place. We are approaching the time of year when most people will receive the majority of their stamps.

I would urge you to keep them for the World Mission project. Stamps can be left on the table in the Meeting Place any time and I will collect them and pass them on.

Please visit:

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/connect/campaigns/stamp-appeal> for more information about the appeal.

Many thanks,

Leslie Gibson



NEWS FROM THE MANAGERS

Church Roof

Unfortunately, during heavy rain in October, two new roof leaks appeared. Since then, the leaks appear to have stopped so it seems likely they were intermittent leaks, dependent on the intensity and direction of rain. Quotations for the repair of these leaks will be sought.

Defibrillator battery replacement

Did you hear the defibrillator beeping in early October? The battery had to be replaced. The cost, at £318, is because it needs a specialist long-life battery that is guaranteed for 4 years.

Smart Meter installation

At the end of September our main electricity meter was upgraded to a smart meter - so no more estimated bills!

Stuart Menzies, Convenor of the Managers

CAN YOU HELP?

When our church officer Jacky Sheppard is on holiday, the Managers cover her day-to-day duties. These include nightly security checks, opening and closing the church, emptying the bins and cleaning the sanctuary and Meeting Place. For various reasons there are now fewer Managers available to do this.

If you feel this is something you could help with during Jacky's holidays, please speak to one of the Managers. Your help will be very much appreciated and you will be warmly welcomed.

Lesley Nisbet

NEW DANCE CLASSES IN STONELAW - SLAY DANCE COMPANY

Since September, our hall has found a new use as a venue for dance. We are very pleased to welcome Slay Dance Company which has started letting the hall on Wednesday evenings for dance classes for children (two years and upwards) and teenagers.

Leanne Gallagher, co-founder of Slay Dance, has been running dance classes in Rutherglen for a few years but was looking for a bigger venue. Having come to visit in the early summer she was excited by the size and layout of our hall.

Leanne writes:

“Since relocating to the bigger space in a more convenient and accessible location our student numbers have grown. We have been able to safely welcome more keen children from the local community into our dance classes. We really are loving the larger space, so thank you for providing us with this opportunity. It’s so nice to see our numbers grow and children enjoying our classes with plenty of space to safely move around. Our classes offer a variety of dance styles to include hip hop, lyrical commercial and jazz as well as conditioning and technique. As much as dance can be a disciplined sport, we most importantly want the students to have fun, socialise and build confidence. This is something that we feel is achieved at Slay Dance Company according to the feedback from both the children and their parents”.

It is good to see that our hall is now used nearly every weekday evening (only Mondays are now free!).

For more information please see: <https://slay-dance-company.class4kids.co.uk>

Stuart Menzies, Convenor of the Managers

STONELAW TODDLERS

The Wednesday and Friday groups of Stonelaw Toddlers welcome parents, grandparents and children (aged three months to three years) to our church, for fun and play. And for the adults, it’s a chance to chat with others. Our Toddler groups meet in the Main Hall, from 9.45 to 11.30am during school term times.

To join the **Wednesday** group, please contact **Mary McDougall** at mcdoums@yahoo.co.uk

To join the **Friday** group, please contact **Adele Molloy** at molloyadele@gmail.com



2022 CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE REPORT

BACKGROUND

We met for our first Congregational Conference in my time here on Saturday 18th June 2022. This was an opportunity to gather over breakfast and come up with ideas on how we might best operate a ministry within our Cluster. We were aiming to find ways to cover the 5 Marks of Mission which have been adopted by the Church of Scotland.

REPORT

Conversations round the tables seemed to be flowing very well and there was a good number of responses in each of the areas of the 5 Marks of Mission. (*Ed: a summary of these will be included in the next magazine.*) The area with the most responses, however, was in the arena of loving kindness, which is a wonderful reminder that we have a congregation that wishes to reach out to people with the love of Jesus.

Like most endeavours of this nature, there were clearly overlaps in thinking. Several ideas seemed to resonate with most groups, which shows that we are being prompted in the same direction - also a good thing. One is that we need to become less minister-centric, or minister-focussed, which I am completely in favour of as I believe this will be imperative to our moving forward within a new Church of Scotland with fewer ministers. Those we have will need to be freed up to do the things they are ordained to do, no doubt taking on more Presbytery and National Church work, as we seek to equip congregations to reach out to the parishes with the Good News of Jesus.

I hope this gives you all encouragement and food for thought as we continue our journey towards having a whole-church approach to mission.

NEXT STEPS

The responses from the Conference will, in the first instance, help the Kirk Session in plotting out a missional map over the coming months and years. While some things may be quite easy to explore and implement, others might take a bit more time. I look forward to further opportunities to gather as a congregation in 2023 and will welcome further ideas.

Rev Neil H. Watson

THE BIRTH OF STONELAW IN ACTION!

Following discussion at the October Kirk Session, a new venture: **Stonelaw in Action (SiA)** was set up. Jennifer Menzies described its purpose as “...*looking at things we could be doing for our church and community over the next few months. We might try things that have been successful before, and hopefully we’ll also come up with some new ideas.*”

The Stonelaw in Action group has already planned three Christmas events for our community (*See pages 6-7*) each one is a great opportunity to invite a friend or neighbour who may not come to church normally.

Do you have an idea for Stonelaw in Action, or would you like to get involved? Please contact Jennifer Menzies at jennifermenzies70@gmail.com or on **07974 793235**.

The Stonelaw in Action team (SiA)

Margaret Borland, Marlene Galt, David McTaggart, Liz Maltby, Jennifer Menzies, Jean Murray

CLIMATE, CHURCH & CHANGE CONFERENCE IN STONELAW CHURCH

Saturday 5th November marked a year since the very soggy COP26 Mass Mobilisation March in which CoSY (Church of Scotland Youth) Glasgow members took part. One year later, we wanted to see what had been achieved by the church and to allow the voices of young people to be heard by Presbytery and by the national church on the topic of climate change. That's why we decided to host our conference.

Thanks to a lot of planning and help from many people, the conference was a great success - and much drier and warmer than the march had been! The Presbytery Moderator, Rev Hilary McDougall, led our opening worship.

Our conference focussed on how small changes can make a big difference. Clare Flenley from the Church of Scotland's Net Zero group spoke to us about changes the Church of Scotland is already making at a national level and what individual congregations around the country are doing. Rev David Coleman and Stephen Curran from Eco-congregation Scotland spoke to us about how both the Church of Scotland and the Scottish Government aim to achieve Net Zero carbon emissions; our church by 2030 and Scotland by 2045.

We discussed what steps we can take individually and as congregations to work towards this. Ross Greer, Scottish Greens MSP for West Scotland spoke to us about how we can talk to MSPs & MPs to get our voices heard in decision-making and Karen Wallace ran a workshop about making our voices heard at different levels within the church.

Our turnout, sadly, was lower than we had hoped but everyone who attended had a good time and hopefully went away inspired and motivated to make changes in their own churches. We collected notes from all attendees on how they think their voices can be heard and also what they would like to try in their own churches to reduce their carbon footprint, work towards net zero and help to protect the environment. CoSY plans to meet up again soon, to look through these and then work with those who attended to support them in making the changes they have suggested.

CoSY would like to thank Stonelaw Church for allowing us to use their space for the conference and also for the gifts of amazing home baking that helped us through the day.

WHAT IS COSY?

CoSY stands for Church of Scotland Youth. The Glasgow group is run with the support of Karen Wallace, who works for the Presbytery of Glasgow. CoSY Glasgow is open to anyone aged 18-25 and we meet about once a month in the city centre. Our activities vary. Recently we have been organising this conference, but normally we have a mixture of meeting types. Over the last year our topic has been caring for creation. We have had a variety of activities and Bible studies related to this (including the very rainy walk mentioned at the start!) We have also had social meetups over the last year, including quizzes, escape rooms – and we always have lots of sweets, food and a good chat.

If anyone would like more information on our meetings or how to get involved in CoSY, please let me know. There are also CoSY groups in several other places including Fife, and Stirling. This video from Heart & Soul 2020 explains what CoSY is and what we do: <https://youtu.be/lzjIEyZ48mU>)

Fiona Reid



September Meeting

We had an extremely happy meeting in September when we were entertained by Mair Sethi who, before retirement, was one of the Community Psychiatric Nurses across at Eastvale Resource Centre. Mair used to run weekly 'Singing for the Brain' sessions at David Walker Gardens and she was delighted to come out of retirement to play her guitar and lead us in singing many old favourites. Mair, who comes from Wales originally, also played her harp while we had our tea, coffee and cake; and what a beautiful sound it was. We were also delighted to welcome three of the nurses from the Older People's Mental Health Team at Eastvale and they were able to speak to our visitors and provide lots of useful information.

October Meeting

For the first time, we experimented with Karaoke. Without doubt, the star of the show was Dennis, who brought many to tears with a wonderful rendition of 'My Way'. Dennis has sight problems so isn't able to read the words on the screen, however, that didn't matter as he was word perfect.

We also had a first visit from the Stonelaw Pre-School Group. Two children and two of the leaders joined us for afternoon tea and then encouraged us to join them in singing (with actions!) 'Row, Row, Row the Boat'. We were also delighted to welcome again two nurses from the Older People's Mental Health Team at Eastvale.

November Meetings

It was lovely to have Margaret Borland and Dorothy McTaggart lead us again in singing many old favourites. Both ladies were brilliant, albeit they ended up a wee bit wabbit after a long rendition of 'Old MacDonald had a farm!' We were also joined by Debbie McDougall, a physio who attends Maxwell Mearns Church. Debbie took us through a series of easy but helpful chair exercises. Everyone found this surprisingly enjoyable!

Lindsay Murdoch, Alzheimer Scotland's Dementia Adviser for Scotland attends Past Times meetings to help our visitors with advice etc. Alzheimer Scotland was given funding from the Scottish Government to support carers and Lindsay was authorised to provide our carers with an 'Afternoon Tea'. This event was on Wednesday 23rd November. A local company provided the food and Past Times volunteers were on hand to serve tea etc. It was a lovely time - so good to see everyone enjoying their Afternoon Tea.

Looking Ahead

We know how much our visitors value their time with us in Past Times. However, it is only a very small respite from their normal life at home and so we are going to have one additional meeting each month; the Past Times Drop-in Café. We will open the Café @ the Meeting Place on the fourth Wednesday afternoon of the month for the sole use of Past Times visitors. We hope that they will all enjoy the opportunity to form relationships with one another in this relaxed atmosphere.

Janis Neil jneil1@virginmedia.com 0141 634 1901

NEW APRONS FOR STONELAW!

Our grateful thanks to Jean Murray, who has made a beautiful set of aprons for us to use at church events.

These are stored in the downstairs kitchen, in the lower cupboard to the right of the cooker. The aprons will enable us to follow the Church of Scotland food hygiene guidelines when serving food at coffee mornings and lunches. They are available for all to use! Please just remember to wash and return them to the cupboard after your event.



STONELAW CHURCH REGISTER

Mrs Moira Hughes died on 26th September 2022. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Mrs Margo McKechnie died on 5th October 2022. Our thoughts and prayers are with her sons and their families: Neil, Helen, Alan and Eilidh; and Grant, Christina, Jennifer and Jillian.

Mrs Eunice Baird died on 1st November 2022. Our thoughts and prayers are with her son Richard and his family.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

THANK YOU STONELAW

GRETA ATKINSON

My brother and I would like to thank you all very much for the beautiful flowers delivered to our mother (Greta Atkinson) who has just moved into Rutherglen Care Home. We appreciate this very thoughtful gift. Our mother was delighted to receive them and they played no small a part in helping her in the transition to this new phase of her life.

With my warmest THANK YOU,

Barbara Atkinson

CHRISTINA COYLE

My daughter Julia and I would like to thank all those in our Church Family for the kind wishes and gifts that were given to Julia and John Paul's daughter Christina on the occasion of her birth on 12th August...You were so kind!

Marlene Galt and Julia Coyle

MRS MARGO MCKECHNIE 1935-2022



Margo's family would like to thank everyone at Stonelaw for their cards and kind words and prayers following Margo's death in October.

Margo was an active member of Stonelaw from the time of her marriage to Peter in 1957 until a few years ago, when illness prevented her attending.

So many people remembered her for her happy smile and kindness to others.

Over the years she gave of her time and talents, particularly in the flower ministry, and at her funeral many people remembered the beautiful flower arrangements she created for Sunday worship and celebrations.

We were comforted by the expressions of love for her; thank you.

Neil, Helen, Alan & Eilidh Grant, Christina, Jennifer & Jillian

Those of us who attended the Service of Thanksgiving for Margo were delighted to hear from Neil and Grant about all the family adventures in which Margo was more than a willing participant. From climbing Munros (including Ben Lawers when Grant was only 4) to a road trip to Yugoslavia when it was still behind the Iron Curtain. The following few years saw the family embark on a series of European road trips seeing them visit more than a dozen different countries – from Norway to Italy and the South of France – all in the days long before the Spanish package holiday was even a thing.

Road trips were superseded by trips on family friend (and previous member of Stonelaw) David Jamieson's various boats. Well into their 70s, Margo and Peter were still heading off on planes, trains and automobiles for weeks at a time to join David in voyages as far flung as northern Norway, the Swedish islands and Finland. By her own admission, Margo was little versed in the technicalities of sailing or the intricacies of navigation but she employed her creative skills in producing spray hoods, cushion covers, sails and other boat-related items as required.

Margo had indeed an adventurous spirit, which belied her quietly spoken persona. An inspiration indeed!

Janis Neil

(Thanks to Neil and Grant for access to the text of Margo's eulogy.)

MRS EUNICE BAIRD 1926-2022



Eunice Baird was born on the 27th September 1926, and grew up in Broomhill, Glasgow. After sitting her Highers in March 1944, she volunteered for the Woman's Royal Naval Service (WRNS) and arrived at Bletchley Park seven days before the D Day Landings took place. Her duties included passing on messages from the beaches in Normandy, between her Section and Hut No.6. She later realised that this was the hut where the decoding of the Enigma machines was done. After the war until she was demobbed in August 1946, Eunice was mostly involved in driving vehicles such as three-ton trucks, and ferrying pilots to and from their aircraft. She was in her element, as she loved driving.

Next, Eunice attended college in Glasgow to learn shorthand and typing and she held secretarial positions in Glasgow until in 1954 she sailed to Cape Town to marry a Glaswegian banker, William Baird. Eunice then held several secretarial jobs in Salisbury, (now known as Harare) until the arrival of her son Richard in 1956. The family moved to Ndola in what is now Zambia but in 1960 returned to Glasgow. Sadly, the marriage eventually broke down and ended in divorce.

From 1964 until her retirement in 1991, Eunice worked in civilian roles within the City of Glasgow Police: in the CID Criminal Intelligence Section, running the Typing Pool and eventually, as Secretary to the Commandant of the Police Training School. She always spoke with enthusiasm about her career in the Police.

Eunice was a devoted mother and grandmother who took a great interest in the lives and careers of her Yorkshire grandchildren: Meaghan, Callum, Lauren and Euan. She enjoyed remarkably good health until falling ill in August.

Adapted with thanks, from Eunice's son Richard's funeral tribute.

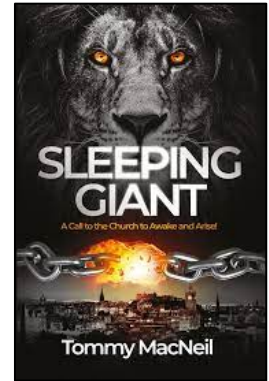
Cathie Gray has kindly added a few words about her friendship with Eunice:

I've known Eunice for 38 to 40 years, ever since I was moved to the Strathclyde Police Force Training Centre in Oxford Street, Glasgow. We soon discovered that we both lived in Rutherglen and were members of Stonelaw Church. We often discussed things that were happening in the Church and different people we knew. She was always interested in what was going on in Stonelaw. Eunice was a very private person who loved coming to Church on a Sunday morning and it was only latterly that she missed some Sundays due to the weather; she didn't attend if it was windy or raining. To my knowledge she didn't get involved in any groups but did come to some coffee mornings. She was very friendly with the late Alan Molloy and had some great discussions with him. In fact, I know Eunice used to type out Alan's sermons for him when he was leading the services in Stonelaw.

Eunice and I took turns to host afternoon coffee. She was a lovely lady and I will miss her very much.

“SLEEPING GIANT” BY REV TOMMY MCNEIL

On 7th November, a number of us were part of a packed house at St George’s Tron Church in Glasgow, to hear Rev Tommy McNeil from Martin’s Memorial Church in Stornoway speaking about his new book: “Sleeping Giant”.



This is an easy-to-read book and an encouraging look at the Church of Scotland, which he describes as a giant which has great potential and is just waiting to be re-awakened.

The introduction draws on the story of the dry bones in Ezekiel 37, to give the reader a picture of the great potential within our church. If only we would stop saying “The Church is dead” and keep trying to do things our own way. We should put our trust in God alone and seek what he would wish for us instead of following our own desires.

In the last chapter of his book, Tommy uses the story in Luke 8:40-56 of Jairus and his daughter to illustrate the kind of faith we should have to awaken our church. He highlights the great faith of Jairus (a leader in the synagogue) and the patience he was obliged to show when Jesus was:

- firstly, side-tracked into helping the woman who suffered from severe bleeding
- then by the people who laughed at Jesus when he commented that Jairus’s daughter was only sleeping
- and finally, by the people who had gathered to moan and wail - whom he removed from the house before raising her to life.

Tommy likens these distractions to those we find when we try to run our church without God.

“The Sleeping Giant” is a great read and at £9.00 is worth buying or downloading.

The House Group which meets at Jennifer Menzies’ home (on the first Thursday morning of each month at 10.30 am) has decided to cover each one of the 11 chapters as a study. Why not come along – you would be most welcome.

John Shaw

THE BIBLE COURSE IN BURNSIDE BLAIRBETH CHURCH

From the end of August, on eight Sunday evenings, around fifty people from Stonelaw and Burnside/Blairbeth churches gathered to study the Bible Society's "The Bible Course". This was written by Dr Andrew Ollerton and is laid out to help you understand the Bible for yourself as you see the big picture of the Bible storyline from Genesis to Revelation.

Along the way you pick up tools and skills to help you read it for yourself. Each session is interactive with sections of teaching, discussion time and personal reflection. Between sessions there are daily readings to prepare for the following week. By the end of the course you have confidence to pick up the Bible, read it for yourself and apply it to your life.

Everyone who attended the course found it enjoyable and informative and it is hoped that we may be able to repeat it sometime here in Stonelaw Church.

John Shaw

CHRISTMAS CHARITY APPEALS 2023

Over the next three pages you will find three Christmas appeals that we have received. Which, if any, you support is a matter of your choice and ability.

In addition, our usual Christmas retiral offering will go to support the work of Tearfund.

RUTHERGLEN AND CAMBUSLANG FOODBANK

The Foodbank has developed this Reverse Advent Calendar. You may wish to use this as a focus for your collection. Please pray for those who visit, work and volunteer at our local Foodbank.

Rutherglen & Cambuslang foodbank

Reverse ADVENT CALENDAR

Donations can be dropped off at our warehouse in the Rutherglen Exchange on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in December, 10-12 am (not 2 Dec).
Email: manager@rutherglencambuslang.foodbank.org.uk
Telephone: 07393 737030 to ask for directions

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| 1 Tinned Meat | 2 Tinned Fruit | 3 Sugar | 4 Rice | 5 UHT Milk | 6 Pasta Sauce |
| 7 Tinned Fruit | 8 Tinned Fish | 9 Sugar | 10 Jam / Marmalade | 11 Tinned Meat | 12 Tinned Pasta |
| 13 Rice | 14 Pasta Sauce | 15 UHT Milk | 16 Tinned Tomatoes | 17 Tinned Meat | 18 Tinned Fruit |
| 19 Sugar | 20 Rice | 21 UHT Milk | 22 Tinned Pasta | 23 Tinned Fruit | 24 Tinned Meat |

www.rutherglencambuslang.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in Scotland SC 051084, part of the Trussell Trust network

Donations can be handed in at the warehouse in the Rutherglen Exchange (at the back between Dickson Chemist and the children's roundabouts) on:

- Mondays between 10 am and 2.30 pm
- Thursdays between 12 noon and 2.30 pm

From 5 December until the end of the year the warehouse is also going to be open on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 am to 12 noon to receive donations.

There are permanent collection points, too:

- Morrisons in Cambuslang
- Tesco in Dalrnarnock Road (during odd months)
- Co-op in Rutherglen Main Street
- Nationwide and Laurie Ross in Rutherglen Main Street
- Boots in Rutherglen Main St (for toiletries)

THE LODGING HOUSE MISSION

Please see the LHM November Newsletter below. We would like to highlight the following:

LHM's Christmas Appeal Please donate online (<https://www.lhm-glasgow.org.uk/give/>) to support our work over Christmas: Christmas Day Lunch and gifts*; Overnight Welcome Centre Lunch bags for December, January and February.

LHM's Christmas Carols and Readings Service This takes place on Thursday 15th December at 2.30pm where moderator Rev I. Greenshiels will conduct the service. Several of the NMT are interested in going to this service. I'm happy to be a contact for anyone else wishing to attend

National Mission Team Appeal As is our custom at this time of year, we are also encouraging the congregation to donate toiletries for Christmas Day gifts. There will be a box in the meeting place from Sunday 4th - Sunday 25th of December for these items.

Dorothy McTaggart, Convenor, National Mission Team

LHM NEWSLETTER
November Issue
SCO 17283

WELCOME

November has provided a time to reflect and to remember those we have said goodbye to over this past year. Our joint annual service of Remembering on Thursday 24th November is at 10.30am. Our "space to breathe" prayer room is opening on Thursdays 10-2pm. Contact Chaplain if you can assist: cherbert@churchofscotland.org.uk

CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2022

Please support this year's appeal by donating online to support our work over Christmas - Christmas Day Lunch and Gifts; Overnight Welcome Centre; Lunch bags December January and February.

<https://www.paypal.com/GB/fundraiser/charity/3645105>
#help us help more!

DONATE

VOLUNTEERS

Our table-served meals provide a seated, dignified, and welcoming environment for café guests. This service is only possible with the help of volunteers. We need you! Can you spare one day a month or more often? Could you bring a group regularly? Contact manager: june.macleod@lhm-glasgow.org.uk

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND READINGS

Mission Voices and friends will lead us in our annual carols service. All are welcome when our Guest speaker will be Rt Rev Iain Greenshiels, Moderator General Assembly.

Thursday 15th December
2.30pm.



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14 November 2022

Dear Stonelaw Members

The Well's Christmas Appeal: 'Warm Up Christmas'

As a valued partner of Well Multi-Cultural Resource Centre (The Well), we would like to invite you to be part of our 'Warm Up Christmas' Appeal. We have all been impacted by the cost-of-living crisis, but its impact has hit disadvantaged communities hardest. The Well works with ethnic minority communities in South East Glasgow who are disadvantaged through poverty, racism, social isolation and language and cultural barriers.

We would be delighted if you would consider supporting our Appeal to help 'Warm Up Christmas' for service users this year at:

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/warmupchristmas>

Your support could help:

- A family in financial crisis to access vital sources of additional income
- A socially-isolated mum with no family in this country to make new friends and build a support network
- A refugee to improve their English language skills and integrate better into Scottish society
- A young man who has experienced racism to receive a warm welcome and much-needed kindness

Through free one-to-one Advice Consultations and a programme of activities that build skills and friendships, your support can give real hope to some of Glasgow's most disadvantaged families and individuals. Please warm up someone's Christmas today!

We will be launching a social media campaign to promote this appeal soon and would be grateful for your continued support.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

With thanks,

Sarah McPhie, Head of Partnerships and Communications

PLAYLIST CHALLENGE 7: THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC!



Music has always played a huge part in my life. From a very early age, I sang in Junior Choirs and, then went on to join other choirs in adulthood. When I was only seven years of age, I began piano lessons after listening to my aunt Marion playing the piano. (Some of you may remember her). Music has always filled our home for as long as I can remember. So, when Anne Ross asked me to compile my top ten play list, my reaction was, 'How on earth can I narrow it down to ten songs?' This was not going to be easy!

As I thought about my favourite Christian music, I realised that there was a story attached to each one – some longer than others! So, put the kettle on and get comfy!

These songs are not in order ... or are they?

1. **In Christ Alone:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RCeSOY5tisI>
What a wonderful gift Stuart Townend and Keith Getty have been given. To be able to write the words and music of one of my favourite hymns, is just an incredible God-given talent. It was an absolute thrill for me to sing with The New Scottish Choir when it was singing with Keith and Kristen Getty and Stuart Townend in Glasgow some years ago (with some other Stonelaw members, I hasten to add)
2. **King of Kings, Majesty:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5VutCGsVXE>
The words get to me every time, especially, 'In royal robes, I don't deserve'. What else is there to say?
3. **There is a Redeemer:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_YM_hYzcPo
Wonderful words and music. There is a very poignant story about the author, Keith Green, who died in a plane crash aged 28 along with his young son aged 4 and his daughter aged 2.
4. **Thine be the Glory:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbBOOmKMLmI>
Edmund Budry's words, matched with Handel's rousing music, are so faith-confirming. I love picturing the line, 'Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb'.
5. **The Cross is Still There.** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x2e2L4uAS58>
This song was written by Ian White for Mission Scotland in 1991. Mum and I were in the choir (as some of you were too) when Billy Graham came to Glasgow that year. I loved it then and love it today.
6. **Lean on the Everlasting Arms:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1pmHX5GvVI>
I first heard this song by Lou Fellingham at a concert in Clincarthill Church (pre-Covid). I have become a huge fan of hers recently. She and her husband, Nathan, have an amazing gift for song-writing.
7. **Thorns in the Straw:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bv9sJ1s8Sik>
This has to be one of the most beautiful and moving songs which Graham Kendrick has ever written. It is in his Christmas collection but could be sung at other times as it describes the life of Jesus from His birth to crucifixion.
8. **What Gift of Grace:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hwc2d1Xt8qM>
This song introduced me to the music of CityAlight, a music ministry from a church in Sydney, Australia. It was posted on our church WhatsApp during lockdown by someone in the church (she knows who she is!). Some wonderful songs have been added to my repertoire thanks to CityAlight.

9. **See, What a Morning:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xM-fpXayUg>
 Written by two of my favourite song writers : Stuart Townend and Keith Getty. A wonderful song for any time but particularly for Easter. Favourite line? You can't get better than, 'Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.'
10. **Though I feel afraid:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f32uz50sOD4>
 I have been fortunate enough to sing this song by Ian White on several occasions. I sang it at Rev Alistair Morrice's valedictory service before he went to Tajikistan. He liked it so much that he taught it to the folk in the church in Tajikistan when he went to minister there. He later asked me to sing it at his Golden Wedding Anniversary party. A very special song indeed!

I don't know about you, but I have really enjoyed my trip down memory lane. You won't be surprised to learn that there are many more songs I love but that list would fill many, many church magazines!

I challenge Keir Baird to create a top ten list of his favourite Christian songs. Don't worry Keir, I'm not expecting as much detail from you as I have written this time!

Margaret A Borland



PRAYER REQUESTS FROM CAMBUSLANG AND RUTHERGLEN REACHOUT TRUST

Stonelaw Church was the setting for the commissioning service of Andrew McAlees, the new Youth and Schools worker at the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Reachout Trust. This was an excellent evening which was very well-attended.

Please pray for Andrew and Ross as they prepare for the Christmas Unwrapped events which will be taken into schools soon. We pray that the pupils will learn more about Jesus and the real reason for the season. Let's pray also for fruitful work in our community in 2023.

Thank you all for your support of Reachout.

Greg Senior

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131ST COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE



Your Boys' Brigade 131st Company has been very busy this session. Our increased numbers have forced us to stall further recruitment until we have more leaders. When we approached Whitlawburn Community Centre, we found two young leaders and another two new helpers who are already working with us while being trained by the 131st team. Their input and enthusiasm greatly assist us.

We also hope to recruit Stonelaw High School pupils who are participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Helping a BB group can be part of their Community Service challenge. This partnership with Stonelaw High has worked well in the past, so we will endeavour to repeat this success. Once we have enough leaders in place, we can start recruiting more BB members.

Hallowe'en was a great success, with the boys determined not to miss the 131st fun. Some attended before their school event and some attended afterwards. (Our sympathy goes to the parents' taxi service). The boys all said that the BB party was more fun because the school was having a "disco!" As one wee lad said: "For Pete's sake, who wants to go to a dance with girls?!" In time he will find out the answer, but meanwhile, let kids be kids.

Recently, the 131st had a visitor from H.Q. to observe our programmes. He was surprised that our boys loved marching to the 131 "Cadence Song" at a time when Companies are stopping doing drill - but if you make it fun, boys love it.

We enjoyed rehearsing for the Remembrance Sunday Service on 13th November and are looking forward to our Panto night: "Sleeping Beauty" in the Town Hall on 15th December. This outing is always a hoot for boys and adults alike.

I'll just finish by reminding you of the BB strapline: THE ADVENTURE BEGINS HERE!

Walter Smyth, Lt. 131st Company Boys Brigade, Rutherglen.
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2ND RUTHERGLEN GUIDES

As some of you may already know, 2nd Rutherglen Guide Company celebrated our 100th Birthday this year. At the end of last session, we held a competition to design a Centenary Badge to wear on our uniforms. There were many girls who took part and it was very difficult to pick the best design but I'm sure you'll agree that the winning badge, as shown below is very special.

The Guide Unit, which is the oldest unit in Rutherglen, was registered on 22nd September 1922. During our Division's trip to Blairdrummond Safari Park, at the start of September, we decided to launch our badge. Here is a photo of the Guides at this event. Since then I have discovered that the Guide Unit's first meeting date was in fact 28th July, 1922.



We had a Centenary Party for the Guides on 30th September, at which some of the Unit's past Leaders were present. I think it was a great success as I know we all had great fun with both the Leaders and Guides taking part in some of the old games that we used to play. We had a beautiful cake which was cut by 2nd Rutherglen past Guider Elaine Ritchie and present Leaders, Jan Morgan and Sarah Wallace. Unfortunately, our other Leader, Suzanne McCallum, was ill with Covid and missed everything. We did, however, keep her a piece of cake!

Towards the end of the party, we had a surprise for Lucy Connor, the winner of the competition to design the Centenary Badge. She was presented with a frame containing her original design and the actual Badge.

By the time this is in the Church Magazine, we will have taken part in the Remembrance Service with our flags in the colour party. In addition, this year our Guides will have laid the poppy wreath on behalf of Rutherglen Division Guides at the Cenotaph.



We currently have seven girls working towards their Gold Awards so hopefully in the next magazine I will be able to announce the names of the Guides who have completed this award.

I would like to thank everyone in the Church for their continued support and also wish a very peaceful Christmas and heathy and happy New Year to you all.

Jan Morgan 2nd Rutherglen Guides Leader

2ND RUTHERGLEN BROWNIES

The Brownies have had a busy and fun-filled term. We went on a Girlguiding Division trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park along with the Rainbows and Guides, celebrated Hallowe'en with a party, and bonfire night was marked with sparklers and hot dogs. The girls have also been completing badgework towards their Painting Badge and Communicate Skills Builder.

Our waiting list continues to grow (we have places allocated to 2025) and with the other Brownie units in the area also now full, many girls will unfortunately not get a place until they are 10 and ready to join Guides. We are enormously grateful to our volunteers, including the young leaders, for their support with our busy unit.

Diane Wilson, 2nd Rutherglen Brownies Leader

2ND RUTHERGLEN RAINBOWS



In September the Rainbows went to Blair Drummond Safari Park with Brownies and Guides from our area, nearly 200 people! We took 14 Rainbows, a young leader, four Rainbow leaders and one helpful parent. When we got off the buses after the safari, we gathered together and held a minute's silence to remember Girlguiding's patron, Queen Elizabeth II, who had died a few days earlier.

Thinking that our Queen would have wanted everyone to enjoy their day out, we set off for a walk round the dinosaur enclosure where we learned facts from a few older Rainbows who were working on a 'dinosaur' topic at school. Then, via a look at the penguins, we went over to the Sealion enclosure in time for a show where we met up with the Stonelaw Brownies and Guides.

After our packed lunch we looked for tigers but they were hiding and instead visited the petting zoo. A very patient keeper answered lots and lots of questions from us about the meerkats and we watched the meerkat family playing for a while before having quite a few turns on the big slide. Finally, we went to the shops, where the girls all found something for their pocket money. As we walked back to the buses, we felt the first few drops of rain but when we arrived in Rutherglen it was torrential; we were so thankful for the weather we had!

During our meetings on Tuesday evenings the girls have worked towards their **Feel Good** and **Reflect** Skills Builder badges. By Christmas we should have finished the **Innovate** Skills Builder too. The **Reflect** badge was good for getting to know the new girls as there were lots of talking activities involving asking and answering questions. I know the girls enjoy making things too; we made puppets a few weeks ago for the Innovate badge.

Outside these programme badges, the girls have completed the **Pencil Express** challenge to earn a special badge. This involved making a picture to show what they wanted, either for themselves, for their community or for the world. Most of our girls made a picture showing what they want to do when they're older. We also had a traditional Hallowe'en party

In the next few weeks we'll tackle some Christmas crafts and maybe even have our first Christmas party in three years!

Helen Paulsen 2nd Rutherglen Rainbows Leader

Pastor Wang Yi from China has been sentenced to 9 years imprisonment since 2018.

Zafar Bhatti from Pakistan has been sentenced to an unknown amount of time since 2012

Pastor Kim Kuk-Gi from North Korea has been sentenced to life imprisonment since 2014.



Mussie Ezaz from Eritrea has been sentenced for an indefinite period since 2007.

These are real people with real stories. They are only four of our many Christian brothers and sisters who are imprisoned for their faith. You can read their profiles and those of other prisoners on Release International's website at www.releaseinternational.org/prisoners-of-faith The stories on the website are astounding – they have to be read to be believed!

On Sunday 6th November, Stonelaw Church marked the **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP)**. As a congregation, we watched a video which introduced IDOP and highlighted several countries where Christians are being imprisoned because of their faith. Our reading was from Hebrews 13:1-3 which includes the passage on which Release International bases their ministry:

Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. Hebrews 13:1-3.

Neil's sermon focused on remembering our persecuted brothers and sisters, while most of our prayer time was dedicated to praying for Christians who have been kidnapped, tortured, imprisoned or murdered for their faith. It was extremely beneficial to highlight real situations and be made aware of situations faced by persecuted families.

By the time many of you read this magazine, a coffee morning to raise funds for Release will have taken place on Saturday 3rd December. In particular, the charity would like to thank Keir Baird, who had the original idea of holding an event to raise money for Release. He was so touched by what James Fraser (Release's Scottish Lead Engagement Manager) said at our service in August, that he felt moved to do something which would involve lots of people. If you didn't manage to make the coffee morning, it is not too late to donate to Release. (<https://releaseinternational.org/give/>) Well done Keir, and a huge thank you from the many Christians who will benefit from the money raised.

Margaret A. Borland

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who bought tickets, baked, gave a donation and/or helped with running the Rutherglen Churches Coffee Morning which took place in the United Reformed Church on 22nd October. We had a great turnout and raised £1,151.74 towards the East Africa Hunger Crisis Appeal.



Some of you may have noticed that Rev Sally Foster-Fulton, head of Christian Aid Scotland, has been nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly for 2023-2024. You can read more about her appointment by visiting www.churchofscotland.org.uk following the link to News and scrolling down to 28th October.

DATES FOR YOUR 2023 DIARIES

Christian Aid Scottish Supporters Gathering: February 28th 10.00am - 12.00noon

The 2023 Gathering will be held online, to allow us to hear first-hand from Christian Aid staff about their work in Malawi. We'll also hear what supporters in Scotland have been up to, and learn more about Christian Aid's climate justice work. Bookings are open at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-gathering-2023-tickets-414729215247>

Arietta Choir Concert: Sunday 12th March 2.30pm

Our spring fundraiser will take place on the afternoon of Sunday 12th March, in the United Reformed Church in Johnstone Drive, which is fully accessible. This will be a real treat for you and your friends! If you'd like to read about the very popular Arietta Choir, you can do so at <https://ariettachoir.weebly.com/about>. After the performance we'll have afternoon tea together. Tickets cost £8.50 and will be available from January. These concerts usually sell out quickly, so if you'd like to reserve tickets sooner, please let us know.

Jean MacKenzie and Jill Rennie

INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS ISSUES OF THE MAGAZINE

GUIDANCE FOR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

A camera is in use on a Sunday morning so that our service can be recorded and displayed on our website. Please note that the chancel and the area in front of the door to the right of the chancel are in view of the camera and if you are in this area, you may be seen and recorded.

CHURCH OFFERING

The collection plate will not be passed around on a Sunday morning during the service. However, there will be a collection plate available in the Meeting Place, after the service, for anyone who wishes to give their collection in this way as we leave the building.

HAVE YOU MISSED A SUNDAY SERVICE?

You can catch up with any service, by watching the video recording on our website at www.stonelawchurch.org/service-recordings. Recordings are normally available at any time from about 2.30pm on the day of the service.

HOW TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON ZOOM

To use Zoom, you need a computer, iPad/tablet or smartphone. Download the app and choose Join Meeting. You need a specific Meeting ID and Passcode to log in to Zoom meetings. These are shared in the Saturday Congregational Email.

To sign up to these emails, please send your details to info@stonelawchurch.org

It's always easier if you try to log into Zoom about ten minutes ahead. If you have trouble accessing a Stonelaw event on Zoom, please call Janis Neil on **07808 926 067**.

EVERY SUNDAY Morning service on Zoom at 10.30am.

EVERY WEDNESDAY Prayer Meeting on Zoom at 7.30pm (See also page 6)

To join the Wednesday Prayers WhatsApp group - for prayer updates and to ask for prayer for yourself or others - please contact John Shaw on **07885 508 130**.

MAGAZINE CALENDAR 2022-2023 - AND THANKS

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| Summer 2023 | 14th May 2023 | 4th June |
| Autumn 2023 | 13th August 2023 | 3rd September |
| Winter 2023 - 2024 | 12th November 2023 | 3rd December |

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Jean MacKenzie, Margaret Borland and Verinia Gorman

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