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SERVICES DECEMBER 2026 to APRIL 2027

DATE	LASSWADE & ROSEWELL (10.00 am)	COCKPEN & CARRINGTON (11.30 am)
6 December **Second in Advent**	Worship Team - Rosewell Toy Gift Service	Worship Team Toy Gift Service
13 December **Third in Advent**	The Minister - Rosewell	The Minister *and* **Service of Remembering 3pm**
20 December **Fourth in Advent**	The Minister - Rosewell All Age Service	The Minister – All Age Service **Nine Lessons & Carols 7pm**
27 December **First after Christmas**	The Minister - Rosewell	The Minister
3 January **Second after Christmas**	The Minister - Rosewell	The Minister
10 January **Epiphany 1**	The Minister - Rosewell	The Minister
17 January **Epiphany 2**	The Minister - Rosewell All-age Service	The Minister – All Age Service
24 January **Epiphany 3**	The Minister - Rosewell **Communion Service**	Worship Team
31 January **Epiphany 4**	**Three Churches Joint Service 11.00 am at Rosewell Church**	
7 February **Last after Epiphany**	Worship Team – Rosewell	The Minister **Communion Service**
14 February **First in Lent**	The Minister – Rosewell	The Minister
21 February **Second in Lent**	The Minister – Rosewell All-age Service	The Minister – All-age Service
28 February **Third in Lent**	The Minister – Rosewell	The Minister
5 March **World Day of Prayer**	**World Day of Prayer Service at 7.00pm at Cockpen & Carrington Church**	
7 March **Fourth in Lent**	The Minister – Rosewell	The Minister
14 March **Fifth in Lent**	Worship Team	Worship Team
21 March **Palm Sunday**	The Minister – Rosewell All-age Service	The Minister – All-age Service
28 March **EASTER DAY**	The Minister – Rosewell	The Minister
4 April **Easter 2**	The Minister – Rosewell **Communion Service**	Worship Team
11 April **Easter 3**	The Minister – Rosewell	The Minister
18 April **Easter 4**	The Minister – Rosewell All-age Service	The Minister – All-age Service
25 April **Easter 5**	The Minister – Rosewell	The Minister

Additional Christmas Services

Thursday 24 December **Christmas Eve**	**Christingle Service** **Rosewell - 6:00 pm**	**Watchnight Service** **Cockpen - 11:20 pm**

Holy Week Services 22 March to Friday 26 March 2027 – tbc

DAY	CHURCH	TIME
Monday	Our Lady of Consolation RC Church	7 pm
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	St Leonard Scottish Episcopal Church	7 pm
Friday		

The Wrought Iron Arch



The wrought iron arch will be available in church to place your Christmas cards for your church family as of Sunday 29th November. Please feel free to add your cards.

Service of Remembering
Sunday 13th December at 3.00 pm
Cockpen & Carrington Church



Many have experienced bereavement through this year or continue to miss loved ones no longer with us.

This service will offer space amidst the Christmas rush and bustle for remembering and giving thanks for those we have lost, with stillness and music and reflective words.

All who would find this service helpful are most welcome.

Lorna, the minister

Lasswade & Rosewell Church
New Pastoral Care Team



Do you enjoy visiting others and offering practical support at times of need? The Kirk Session at Lasswade & Rosewell Church would like to gather together a Pastoral Care team made up of those who see their gift being care and support and who will be able to share in responding in a timely way when the team becomes aware of members of the church family being in a particular time of need. That might be someone needing additional support, for example, after a fall; during a time of ill health; recovery after treatment or during a time of bereavement. If you are someone who loves to come alongside others to offer company, a listening ear, a meal of homemade soup or a taste of home baking, please do get in touch. To express interest or receive further information, contact me on 07889 566418.

Lorna, the minister

From the Minister …

This year as we prepare for the Christmas Assemblies at the High School, the chaplaincy team are using the theme of 'Rescue'. It's a theme that comes up in quite a number of popular TV programmes such as 'Garden Rescue', 'DIY SOS', 'The Repair Shop' and 'Saving Lives at Sea'. Whether it's a garden, a home, or any assortment of possessions large and small needing to be transformed, or a person's life needing to be saved at sea, with each programme there is a wonderful team of experts and willing volunteers ready to come to the rescue and offer uplifting and heart-warming outcomes.

At church, too, as we've pursued looking at the One Big Story of the Bible in the second half of the year, there's the recurring theme of God's unfolding rescue plan weaving its way through the pages of the story. In the very beginning, God had made everything and it was all beautiful, but human beings, Adam and Eve, had disobeyed God. Their close relationship with God was broken and the harmony of creation was ended.

What was God to do – to abandon all that he had made or to seek to put things right? The ongoing story of the Bible is all about how God launched a long-term rescue plan to restore his relationship with humanity. And that centred upon sending his own beloved Son, Jesus, to be the one to take away the sins of the world and so mend humanity's broken relationship with God.

That's why Christmas is such a precious time of year as we celebrate Jesus's birth. It marks the climax of God's rescue plan moving towards being fulfilled. Jesus came to show us God's love and to turn people back to God through his teaching and healing while he was here. And then, in the greatest expression of God's love for us, Jesus lovingly laid down his life on the cross, being the only One good enough to pay the price for the sin of the world, and as he died he took away all that had separated us from God.

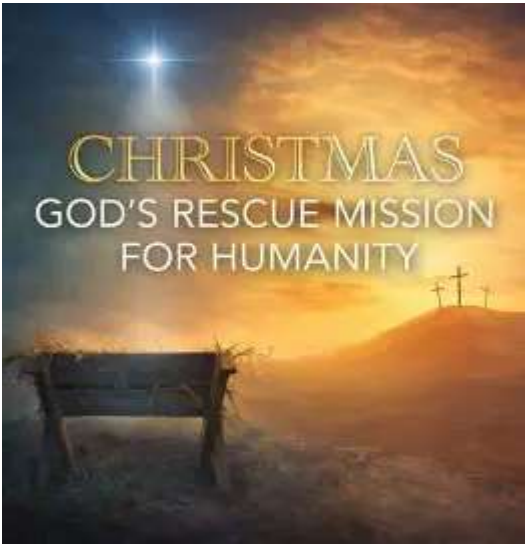
And the story of God's rescue plan doesn't end there. The Easter story tells of how Jesus was raised back to life and so as we place our faith and trust in him, we are both forgiven, restored in a loving relationship with God and given the promise of new and lasting life. What an amazing rescue plan completed!

One of my favourite carols is Charles Wesley's, 'Hark! the herald angels sing' because it so beautifully sings out the story of God's rescue plan for us. As the first verse says:

Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!'
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies,
with the angelic hosts proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King!'.

With every blessing for a peace-filled Christmas
and a hope-filled journey into 2027 when it comes,

Your minister, Lorna



Cockpen and Carrington Parish Church
From the Church Registers

Baptisms

If you wish to discuss the sacrament of Baptism, please contact the Minister.

Blessings

If you wish to discuss a Blessing, please contact the Minister.

11 October 2026 Finlay Angus James **GILZEAN**
Infant son of Iain and Grace.
Blessed by the Minister

Weddings

See Church website at **www.church.cockpen.co.uk** for information and advice on weddings.

Deaths

We continue to pray for those in our Congregations (and outwith) who grieve at this time of loss. As a Church, we are here for any who feel that we can help in any way.

Jesus said, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'



Sunday Tea Rota

Cockpen & Carrington

10th January	Helen and Wilma
14th February	Andrew and Vi
14th March	Liz Mac and John
11th April	Moira and Dot



If you would be willing to join the tea rota, please speak to Liz Mills.

There's always room for more helpers.

Blythswood Care Shoeboxes

A huge thank you to everyone from Cockpen & Carrington Church who took the time to fill a shoebox or donate cash to this great cause, which we have been supporting for many years. We were able to donate 35 boxes this year.



World Day of Prayer

Cockpen and Carrington Church will host the World Day of Prayer in church on 5th March 2027, at 7pm.

This will be the Centennial World Day of Prayer, and the service has been prepared by the International Committee on the theme of "United in Prayer for Justice and Peace"

Everyone is warmly welcome to the service which will be followed by refreshments.

Bibles for Bairns



From 2024-2027, the work, worship, and focus of the Church of Scotland Guild falls under the strategy: *Let us build a house*.

One of the projects supported by Guild members from 2025-2027 relate to the theme of the three-year strategy. One of the new project partners from January will be:
Scottish Bible Society: Bibles for Bairns, supporting every new child born in Scotland whose parents want it, to receive a bible and other reading resources over the first five years of their life.

Fundraising Impact: Between January 2025 and July 2026, the Bibles for Bairns project raised £70,822.44 through Guild and partner support.

Remembrance Crosses

Once again this year the 3rd Bonnyrigg Brownies who meet in our church hall have made small crosses which will be laid at all the war graves in Cockpen cemetery. It is wonderful to see the Brownies taking part in this act of remembrance. Well done girls, and thank you.







Remembrance at Cockpen and Carrington

Once again, in aid of Poppy Scotland, we floodlit the church in red on the 8th and 11th November. We are very proud of our 206-year-old church building and take part in this event every year. Unlike a lot of churches, we can't simply flick a switch and the lights come on. In past years we hauled out numerous halogen lights and mounted them on poles. We now have LED lights. We have two – yes two, LED lights which light up the whole building which can be seen from far afield. It is a much-photographed building. Thanks to the team who help each year – you know who you are!





Remembrance Wall Hanging



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From the Flower Convenor

Here we are again. Almost Christmas once more which is a very important time of the year as we celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus.

As your flower convenor, I would like to thank everyone who donates to the flower fund for your generosity in supporting this part of the work of the church, as so many people get a lot of pleasure from receiving the flowers. We give them out to various people within the church community; those who have suffered bereavement, those who are ill or those who need to know that they are being thought about in the prayers of the congregation. If you know of someone who fits any of these categories, please do not to hesitate to let me know and we shall try and fulfil these requests.

I am planning to hold a 'Flower Festival' in the church in the spring of 2027 and between now and then I shall be raising funds to go towards the cost of running this event. Your support before and at the time will be gratefully received. Further details of the event will be available in the Link Magazine early in 2027.

The Flower Rota is in this magazine. If you find your date in the rota is unsuitable please get in touch to discuss an alternative. Anyone new who would like to contribute to the flower rota please get in touch with me as soon as possible, and I'll be delighted to accept your contribution – large or small. Always appreciated.



I am very humbled to be involved in this part of the congregation and get so much pleasure doing the arrangements each week, as well as special occasions throughout the church calendar. Please don't hesitate to contact me about anything to do with the church flowers.

May you all have a very peaceful and enjoyable time over the festive season with family and friends.

My love to all of you, and God bless.

Anne Clark
07929 446662

Flower Convenor
Cockpen and Carrington Church

Cockpen & Carrington Flower Rota Dec 26 - March 27

January 27		**March**	
3	Christmas Flowers	7	John Adamson
10	Christmas Flowers	14	Jack Peat (Helen Renton)
17	Ian Flowler	21	Sandra Crawford
24	John Adamson	28	Liz Mills
31	(Joint Service Rosewell) Lynn Hanson		
February		**April**	
7	Mary Logan	4	
14	Joyce Black	11	
21	Helen & Catherine	18	
28	Marjorie Greig	25	

Invitation

The **Sacrament** of **Holy Communion**
will be celebrated
in **Cockpen and Carrington Church**
on **Sunday 7th February 2027**
at **11.30 am**.

All are invited to share in this celebration.



Thanks & Recognition Evening

Looking back at the Girlguiding Midlothian Thanks and Recognition Evening held at the historic Rosslyn Chapel three years ago, it was wonderful to be here again to celebrate the continued presence of Girlguiding in the county.

Led by our dedicated County President and Vice President (Kate Devlin and Jan Thomson) the evening was a heartfelt celebration of the hard work, selflessness, and unwavering dedication of every single volunteer in the county who were represented by each Division — reassuring everyone that their hours of service never go unnoticed.

Speaking to the assembled leaders and other guests of the county, the Lord-Lieutenant (Sarah Barron) expressed her gratitude, inspiring the leaders to continue creating unforgettable memories for our girls and empowering them to lead confident lives. Both Provost Debbie McCall and our County Commissioner (Jane Haley) gave a special mention to the inspiring growth in Roslin, where brand-new Rainbow and Brownie units have been put in place because of the need in the community, perfectly embodying the proactivity of Girlguiding. The evening also paused to warmly thank those stepping away from their roles to move on to pastures new, honouring the legacy they leave behind. Finally, the memorable night closed in perfect harmony with a breathtaking performance by a talented student, Melina Kantarzty, who hopes to go on to study at the Conservatoire, leaving everyone uplifted, celebrated, and deeply connected.



SOUL FOOD

(anonymous)

I love the taste of T-bone steak,
delicious every bite,
but there's nothing like the Word of God,
for my spiritual appetite.

The Word of God has milk and meat,
and even ice cream and cake,
take a slice of the bread of life,
and coffee to keep us awake.

Open your Bible and turn to Psalms,
for David's famous buffet,
can drink all the wine of the word you want,
and still feel fine next day.

There's enough of the Word for everyone,
and no one has to cheat,
the word of God is a smorgasbord,
so take all you are able to eat.

Let's have a little longsuffering,
Job gives us the recipe,
patience is the main ingredient,
self-denial is the fee.

Wrap that up in temperance,
it may not make much sense,
cover that with contentment,
then add some joy for strength.

Let's have love for dessert,
Jesus made this dish,
cream of joy and peace together,
sift out all selfishness.

Add some deeds of righteousness,
enough to make it sweet.
Humility is the frosting,
that makes the dish complete.

Or are you on a diet,
'cause the race seems hard to run.
For a weight losing menu,
try Hebrews 12 and one.

Are you suffering from malnutrition,
and don't know what to do?
Your spiritual growth seems hindered,
try Peter 1 and 2.

If when every time you battle,
the enemy always wins,
try some Holy Ghost Protein,
and spiritual vitamins.

God's Word can feed millions,
and still have plenty left,
because the Word of God is Soul Food,
sent from the World's Greatest CHEF.

Cockpen & Carrington Harvest Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed so generously at our Harvest Thanksgiving service on Sunday 20th September. The many donations were delivered to the Midlothian Food Bank and the Mosque Food Bank in Midlothian.

Both food banks were extremely grateful for all the food donations.

Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal

On Sunday 5th December we will again support the Salvation Army Toy Appeal when children's toys, games, books and sweets are collected from our church family. Also required are toiletries or gifts suitable for teenagers.

The gifts should be brought along unwrapped and will be delivered to the Salvation Army in Edinburgh.



Answers to quiz on back page.

1. 8	6. A
2. A	7. B
3. B	8. C
4. C	9. A
5. D	10. D

Flowers in our midst

Here are some more flowers to enjoy from a very fruitful summer. Apologies for those whose flowers didn't make it into the Harvest edition of the magazine.



COCKPEN & CARRINGTON CHURCH – CHRISTMAS MUSIC 2026

I am writing this just as the clocks have changed and the dark nights are upon us once again. I'm always aware that once we have crossed that line the remaining weeks of the year speed by very quickly, so there's no time to be lost in preparing for our busiest season. Rehearsals are already under way therefore and we look forward to welcoming you once again to our Christmas programme.
Here are this year's dates for your diary:

Monday 14 December

As so often, the opening event of our season will be the always popular **Guild Carol Party** which will, in time honoured fashion, be held at **7.30 pm** in the church hall. More than anything else, the evening is a chance for everyone to remind themselves of many favourite Christmas hymns and carols, but it is also the choir's opportunity to let you hear their own repertoire for this year. It is of course also the case that the refreshments on offer will not be the least of the attractions of the evening! The event is open to everyone whether Guild members or not and all will be made very welcome.

Sunday 20 December

At the centre of our seasonal celebrations will be our annual candle-lit **Service of Nine Lessons and Carols,** starting in the church at **7 pm**. In a slight break from tradition the items the choir will be contributing this year are all ones we have sung at some point in the past, though as the last time we performed some of them dates back as far as 2004 they will probably be new to many! The origins of the four carols in question – Sicilian, Czech, French and British - will give us something of a musical tour of Europe. I will be concluding the service with one of the most famous pieces in the organ repertoire, the Toccata from Widor's Organ Symphony no 5. Although composed back in 1879, when Widor was the organist at St Sulpice in Paris (which at that time had the largest organ in the

world), it really only became well known in this country after Princess Margaret chose it as her wedding march in 1960.

From the comments I receive it is clear that this service holds a special place in many people's celebration of Christmas and we hope as many as possible will come to join in the singing and the fellowship.

Thursday 24 December

The preparations for Christmas will reach their climax in our traditional **Watchnight Service** which will, as always, take place in the church at **11.20 pm**. As often in the past, the choir will be singing carols beforehand at Dalhousie Castle - it seems we were such a hit with their guests last year that they contacted me back in July to make sure we would be available again! At the service we will be singing *The Maori Carol* from New Zealand, which has proved popular in the past, but again it's a while since we last performed it so we hope you will enjoy hearing it once more.



Whatever the weather may throw at us, all will be most welcome at this most festive occasion, leading us up to the ringing of the church bell and the coming of Christmas Day.

GMB

GUILD NEWS



Our group are all happy to be back attending the meetings and are thrilled to welcome some new members.

Our Carol Party this year is on December 14th at 7.30 pm with Graham Burnside and the choir leading the singing and the usual delicious mincemeat pies, shortbread and cake served with tea/coffee half way through. Please feel free to join us for what is always a lovely lead up to Christmas.

As it's not long since our last edition of the magazine and the Guild have only had 3 meetings this session I was stumped for anything fresh to say, but on receiving the "Guild News" this morning and reading the opening letter from our National Vice Convener I felt it worthy of sharing.

Helen Renton

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BE THE SALT AND THE LIGHT!

Sometimes a particular part of a sermon remains with you long afterwards, and that's exactly what happened to me recently when I heard for the first time the Message version of Matthew 5:13: "You're here to be salt-flavouring that brings out the God-flavours of this earth".

Curiosity led me to explore this version further and I found that the words of Matthew 5:14 are equally intriguing: “You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world.”

These verses were not unknown to me, but this particular biblical translation was. The metaphors appealed to me.
The imagery of these verses is both compelling and straightforward – the challenge isn’t understanding but knowing how to translate the words into actions. To be spiritual salt we must stand up for truth and justice in the world. We must be kind, enhancing the lives of others by offering encouragement, hope and joy.

To be spiritual light we mustn’t hide our faith but must be visible and active. We have to look past the comforts of our own homes and have the courage, reflecting this year’s Guild theme, to move beyond the familiar walls of our daily lives, and do all we can to help those in need.

And isn’t that exactly what the Guild has actively been doing over its almost 140 years existence? Through its lifetime service to Christ (as evidenced by now having raised over £8,000,000 for a huge variety of projects spanning the world), the Guild has undeniably been, and continues to be, both salt and light here in Scotland and abroad.

Helen MacKenzie
Guild National Vice Convener



KNIT AND NATTER

The number of ladies coming along to the Knit and Natter group continues to increase and it is wonderful to have so many talented people in the room at the same time.

The ladies have been knitting quite a variety of items recently from baby hats and cardigans for various charities, to Twiddle Mats for the elderly residents with dementia at the local nursing homes, and hats for the homeless.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the ladies who are not connected with our church but come along every Thursday to our meetings and contribute so generously to all our church fund raising events.

If you feel that you would like to come along and join us on a Thursday, then you would be made most welcome. You don't have to be able to knit, you can come along and join in the fellowship that is shared every week.



Thank you letters

We have received a thank you letter from the **Neonatal Unit at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh** expressing gratitude for the donation of baby knitwear. They say "*the parents and staff always comment on the lovely things they receive and is very much appreciated*".

We have another letter from the **Bonnyrigg Community Childcare Partnership** expressing sincere thanks for the very generous donation of knitted cardigans.

> *The kindness has made a real difference to a number of families we support, including some of the most vulnerable families across Midlothian. The beautiful cardigans have been warmly received and have provided both practical support and a lovely personal touch for families who are going through challenging circumstances. Your contribution has helped us support families when they need it most.*

Once again, thank you for your kindness and continued support.

TEA AND TOAST MORNING

A ***Tea and Toast Morning*** was held in the hall on Saturday 14th November at 10am when there was a Tombola, Raffles, Baking stall and Christmas goods.

As expected, it was a very successful and enjoyable morning where fellowship was enjoyed by people from the community.

A big thank you to all who made this a success.



The Christmas Story: The Birth of Jesus and its Meaning for Us in 2026

The Christmas story is the account of God fulfilling his promises to send a Saviour into a world lost in sin. As recorded in Matthew and Luke's Gospels, the story begins with God's initiative. The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary in Nazareth, telling her that she would conceive by the Holy Spirit and give birth to a son, Jesus, who would be called the Son of the Most High. His name means that he would save his people from their sins.

Joseph, initially troubled by Mary's pregnancy, was reassured in a dream by an angel that the child was conceived by the Holy Spirit. He was to name him Jesus, for he would save his people from their sins. In obedience, Joseph took Mary as his wife.

A decree from Caesar Augustus required people to register, and Joseph travelled with Mary from Nazareth to Bethlehem, the city of David. There, Mary gave birth to Jesus, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the lodging place. The eternal Son of God entered the world in humility.

That night, an angel appeared to shepherds in the fields, announcing good news of great joy: a Saviour, Christ the Lord, had been born. A multitude of angels praised God, declaring glory to God in the highest and peace on earth. The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem, found the Child, and returned glorifying and praising God. Matthew also records the visit of the wise men from the East, who followed a star, worshipped Jesus, and presented gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Their visit revealed that Christ's kingship reaches beyond Israel to the nations.

From a Reformed perspective, these events reveal God's sovereign grace, and the fulfilment of his covenant promises. Jesus came to redeem sinners through his perfect life, atoning death and victorious resurrection. Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

In 2026, despite technological progress and changing societies, humanity will still need forgiveness, reconciliation and hope. Christ's birth reminds us that God has not abandoned his creation. His coming calls us to love our neighbours, care for the vulnerable and live under his lordship. We look forward to his return, when he will make all things new.

The Child of Bethlehem is our Saviour and King, the sure foundation of our hope today and for generations to come.

LASSWADE AND ROSEWELL PARISH CHURCH NEWS ....

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Vision Statement: 'All journeying together in faith and trust to share God's love'

Waiting is hard, but Christmas is worth waiting for – it's a special time and at its heart is a gift of love from God to the World.



Sacrament of Holy Communion



The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

will be celebrated at

Rosewell Church

on Sunday 24th January 2027 at 10:00 a.m.

You are warmly invited to share in this

important part of the life of the Church.

The Church Family

The Sacrament of Baptism

Angus Patrick Young, son of Gary and Pamela at Rosewell Church on Sunday 4th October 2026

Bereavements

We would ask that you remember and pray for the families and friends of:

9th August 2026	Mr Roy Pinkerton
1st October 2026	Mr Ian Murdoch

Jesus said, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'

Harvest Donations:



Very grateful thanks to all who contributed so generously to making Harvest donations of food items, toiletries and cleaning materials which were handed into the Midlothian Food Bank, and your generosity was much appreciated by the Manager and the Team. The Food Bank provides three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them at a time of crisis.

Coffee Mornings:



On the second Saturday of each month a Coffee Morning is held in Rosewell Church Hall from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Everyone is most welcome for a chance to meet new people, catch up with friends and enjoy some delicious home baking. Please note that there is not a Coffee Morning in January but will start again in February.

BLYTHSWOOD CARE SHOEBOX APPEAL 2026

A big thank you to everyone who donated to this year's appeal. We sent off 46 filled and decorated shoe boxes.



Despite the difficulties that they face every day through poverty, illness, disability or other disadvantages, receiving a shoebox brings such joy to children and adults in Eastern Europe that their faces light up with huge smiles.

Messy Church, held in Rosewell Church Hall, begins with a warm welcome so if you have not been to Messy Church for a while, or never been before – please check us out. Mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends, carers accompanied by babies, toddlers, and primary school children – you are all most welcome.
Children are NOT dropped off – come and join the fun with them. Messy Church creatively explores Christian and moral themes through getting messy; with crafts, games, a story, prayer and songs and then it finishes with a special Messy meal together without you having to cook or clear up!

Please do consider joining us on Saturday **5th December, 6th February and 6th March,** from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Wild/Muddy Church on Saturday **2nd May and 6th June** from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. It is very informal, full of fun and very friendly. You can find us on Facebook at **'Rosewell Messy Church'.**

Christingle Service at Rosewell Parish Church



On Christmas Eve at 6.00 p.m.

A Christmas Service for all the Family



Everyone Welcome

There will be a Retiring Offering in aid of Bright Sparks (Bonnyrigg) which is a charity for children aged from birth to 18 years with significant complex disabilities and their families.

May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace
The gladness of Christmas give you Hope
AND
The warmth of Christmas grant u love
Happy Christmas

Lasswade & Rosewell Parish Church

Christmas Coffee Morning

In: ROSEWELL PARISH CHURCH HALL

On: Saturday 12th December

From 10:00am to 12 noon

Home Baking, Tombola, Raffle, 'Guess the Weight of the Cake', Gifts and Plants. Tea/Coffee served with Bacon Rolls

In aid of Church Funds

Everyone Welcome



Savoury Vegetable Muffins

Ingredients
1 medium courgette about 210g (grated)
1 medium carrot about 110g (grated)
30g sundried tomatoes chopped finely
125g Cheddar Cheese (grated)
125 ml Whole Milk
60g Plain Greek Yoghurt
60ml Light Olive Oil
2 Eggs Beaten
2 tbsp Lemon Juice or Cider Vinegar
½ tsp Garlic Powder
½ tsp Onion Powder
1 tsp Oregano
1 tbsp Chopped Parsley
½ tsp Salt
½ tsp Ground Pepper
250g Plain Flour
2 tsp Baking Powder
½ tsp Baking Soda



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 180 C/160 C (Fan).
2. Place courgette & carrot in a bowl add 1 tsp of salt and set aside for 15 minutes.
3. Squeeze out all the juice from the courgette & carrot and place in a large mixing bowl.
4. Add the ingredients up to the Ground Pepper into the bowl and stir to combine.
5. Mix the Flour, Baking Powder & Baking Soda together, slowly add to the wet ingredients FOLD in gently don't over stir, the mixture should be lumpy it should take no more than 10 strokes with a wooden spoon.
6. Line a 12hole muffin tray with paper cases and spoon the mixture equally between the cases.
7. Bake for 20/25 minutes until a skewer comes out clean and allow to cool in the tray.

Please note if making for babies or toddlers miss out the salt

Rosewell Church Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday was commemorated at Rosewell Church. The photos show the Church decorations.





THE HOLY HIKERS

"I know of no thought so burdensome that one cannot walk away from it." Søren Kierkegaard



Unfortunately our September walk had to be cancelled due to bad weather but in October Hilary and Glen led eight of us on a walk around the grounds of Prestonhall House near Pathhead. It was quite a cool day, but we all enjoyed being outdoors and catching up with one another's news. Some convenient fallen trees provided a place for us to have our packed lunch and some of us were lucky enough to spot deer.

For the next 3 months we will be meeting up in Broomieknowe Golf Club at 10.30 am for coffee and a blether. If anyone is interested in joining the group, please come along - you'll be made most welcome.

The next dates are

12th December
9th January.

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Quiz

1. How many reindeer pull Santa's sleigh if you include Rudolph leading the way?
2, 4, 6, 8.

2. What sweet snack do children traditionally leave out for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve?
A. Cookies and milk B. Pizza and soda
C. Apples and cheese D. Pancakes and syrup

3. What makes Rudolph so special and helps him guide Santa's sleigh through the foggy night?
A. He is blue B. He has a glowing red nose
C. He can fly backwards D. He has big floppy ears

4. In the classic movie *Home Alone*, where is Kevin's family flying to for Christmas when they accidentally leave him behind?
A. Hawaii B. Tokyo C. Paris D. London

5. In the movie *Elf*, what are the four main food groups that Buddy the Elf says elves stick to?
A. Broccoli, carrots, peas, and potatoes B. Pizza, burgers, fries, and shakes
C. Apples, bananas, grapes, and oranges
D. Candy, candy canes, candy corns, and syrup

6. Where do children traditionally hang their Christmas stockings on Christmas Eve so Santa can fill them with small gifts?
A. By the fireplace or mantel B. On the refrigerator
C. On the rooftop D. Under the kitchen table

7. What helpful little creatures work hard all year long at the North Pole to build toys for Santa?
A. Penguins B. Elves C. Goblins D. Fairies

8. What sweet treats are traditionally used to decorate a gingerbread house?
A. Sand and rocks B. Leaves and twigs C. Candy and icing D. Mud and grass

9. According to the famous song, which reindeer is known for "going down in history"?
A. Rudolph B. Blitzen C. Comet D. Cupid

10. What is traditionally placed right at the very top of a Christmas tree?
A. A basketball B. A rubber duck C. A winter boot D. A star or an angel

Answers on page 18

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