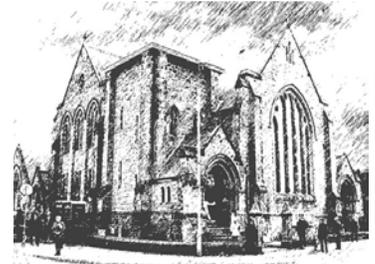


# NEWSLETTER

**CROWN CHURCH, INVERNESS**

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No. 704



**Parish Minister:** The Revd (Dr) Peter Donald  
**Pastoral Assistant:** The Revd Stewart Frizzell  
**Probationer Minister:** Mr Farquhar Forbes

## WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 14th Dec	11 am	Morning Worship: with all ages
Sunday 21st Dec	11 am	Morning Worship
Wednesday 24th Dec	6.30 pm	The first service of Christmas Eve
	11.15 pm	Watchnight Service: carols and candlelight
Thursday 25th Dec	10.30 am	The celebration of Christmas

*With a short Communion service also for those who may like to stay on*

Sunday 28th Dec	11 am	Worship for the first Sunday of Christmas
Sunday 4th Jan	11 am	Worship for the new year

PRAYERS every Friday at 12 noon (but not on 26th Dec or 3rd Jan)  
please always make your requests known!

*In conclusion, my brothers, fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely and honourable. Put into practice what you learnt and received from me, both from my words and from my actions. And the God who gives us peace will be with you.*

*(Philippians 4, verses 8 and 9)*

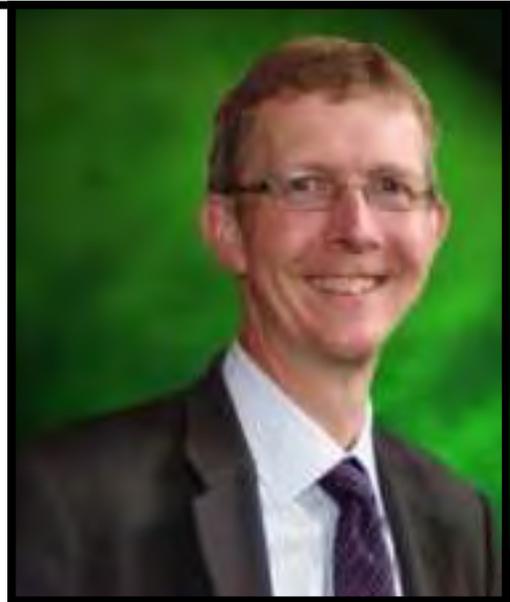
## FROM THE MINISTER

Dear friends,

Christmas no doubt is hostage to the spirits of the age. People will spend and will borrow money indeed to fund purchases. Parties give excuses for excess. Everyone is meant to be happy. And yet for all that we might frown and be legitimately troubled by such things, I find myself as ever intent not to throw the baby out with the bathwater, so to speak. We cannot say all gifts are bad when Jesus being born amongst us was utterly a gift, beyond price! We cannot be unable to celebrate, for there is great joy in faith, I mean in knowing how each and every one of us is treasured by God and it is the most wonderful thing to love one another; and, if we are able, to be extravagant in our generosity. And as we rejoice with those who rejoice, indeed we also weep with those who weep. Around Jesus' birth there was, according to the Biblical accounts, absolutely an awareness of evil and death and hurt and unkindness and effort; and yet this all said, still (and again and again) a single baby's life can affirm hope and deepen faith and teach love. Christmas deserves our attention. Through faith, let us make the most of it!

Partying started early in Crown this year, with a ceilidh to mark fifty years since the building and opening of the Upper Hall. It was very special to have a message from the widow of the Minister of the time; Mrs HESSIE SMITH, now living in Perth, recalled vividly how she and others had been involved in 1964, and others present on the night shared first-hand memories. For those of us newer to the Crown family – and how lovely it was to have so many children present – there was dance and music and wit and company, all ages together. Just what church should include. The choir and the Youth Band will be leading the next party, on the afternoon of Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, to which all are invited.

Wait in hope. We tell it to our children or grandchildren, but there is a profound dimension to such a thought. We wait on the Lord, who will not disappoint, who comes into our midst, who is our Rock and our salvation. Our hope is founded on his life and his death and his resurrection. By grace, through faith, we can be in the right place with God and at peace,



now and forever. We can love one another.

Blessings!

Peter

## **KIRKHILL AND KILTARLITY**

To my personal relief, and to the joy of both congregations, the linked charge of Kirkhill and Kiltarlity was at last able to elect a new Minister at the end of November. Dr Jonathan Humphrey will be ordained in the new year, though possibly not until the end of March, at which time I will stop being the Interim Moderator of the two Kirk Sessions. It has been quite a long vacancy and since there has been no locum in place, demanding also in pastoral terms. We add our prayers for God's continuing blessing on the people in these two villages and their parishes.

### **Readings for December**

8	Isaiah 61:1–7	28	Psalm 148
9	Isaiah 61:8–11	29	Jeremiah 31:7–14
10	Isaiah 65:17–25	30	Ephesians 1:3–14
11	John 1:6–8, 19–28	31	Revelation 21:1–6a
12	1 Thessalonians 5:16–24	Jan 1	Ecclesiastes 3:1–13
13	Luke 1:46–55	2	John 1:1–9
14	Psalm 126	3	John 1:10–18
15	2 Samuel 7:1–11	4	Psalm 147:12–20
16	2 Samuel 7:12–17	5	Isaiah 60:1–6
17	Mark 12:35–37	6	Matthew 2:1–12
18	Luke 1:26–38	7	Ephesians 3:1–12
19	Romans 16:25–27	8	Genesis 1:1–5
20	Psalm 89:1–18	9	Mark 1:4–11
21	Psalm 89:19–29	10	Acts 19:1–7
22	Isaiah 9:2–7	11	Psalm 29
23	Titus 2:11–14	12	Psalm 63:1–8
24	Galatians 4:4–7	13	Hosea 1:2; 2:7–13
25	Luke 2:1–14	14	Hosea 2:14–23
26	Luke 2:22–40	15	1 Samuel 3:1–10
27	Isaiah 61:10—62:3	16	John 1:43–51

## The Church Garden

The newsletter editors have been approached by an anonymous admirer with a request that we place a notice in the newsletter to thank those who have put in a lot of work this year and whose efforts have kept our church garden looking lovely throughout the year.

This we are delighted to do.

Special thanks to Douglas and Jane Wilson and to John Barbour who we understand deputises as grass cutter when Doug is on holiday.

Your hard work has not gone unnoticed!



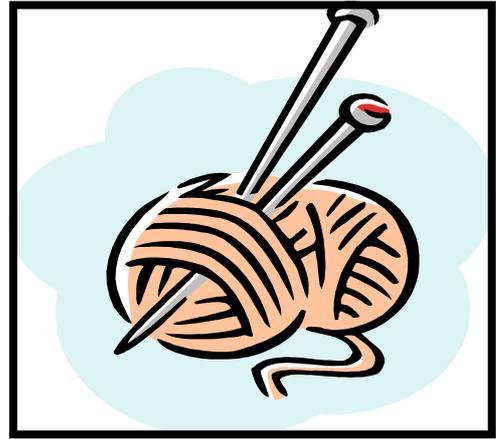
*The many great gardens of the world, of literature and poetry, of painting and music, of religion and architecture, all make the point as clear as possible: the soul cannot thrive in the absence of a garden. If you do not want paradise, you are not human; and if you are not human, you do not have a soul.*

**(Attributed to Thomas Moore)**

## Calling all knitters!

There will be no meeting of the knitting group on 22nd and 29th December 2014. We shall resume on 5th January 2015.

Lena



## Calling all walkers!

The Sunday Walkers Group will stop over the winter months due to uncertain weather and shorter daylight.

I will place a notice in the newsletter when we are to resume next year.

Lena

**Crown Church Choir and Youth Band  
Invite you to  
Afternoon Tea on  
Sunday 14th December at 2.30pm  
in the Lower Hall**

Christmas music, well-loved songs, and community carols around a delicious afternoon tea.

Tickets (£4) from the Church Office or The Olive Grove

**In aid of The Woodland Trust.**

## Inverness Foodstuff

I recently met Mrs Jill Kent who is one of the main "movers and shakers" in an exciting new project which aims to tackle food poverty and social isolation amongst the local homeless population.

Jill, a member of St Ninian's Church in Inverness, is part of a small group of local enthusiasts who have formed a Board of Trustees and who have very recently obtained a charity registration for the project.

The group plan to provide a 3 course meal to homeless people twice per week at lunchtime on Tuesdays and on Thursday evenings.

The meals will be cooked at Ness Bank Church (new kitchen) and will then be transported in special containers to be served at Manna House in Huntly Street. "Manna House" is a small, centrally situated and very pleasant café which is run by a local Christian trust which has allowed the group to use the premises for this purpose.

This ambitious project also intends to use food from local retailers which is either surplus or close to its use by date and therefore would most likely be going to waste. Local retailers have agreed to provide this food free of charge and there is still hope that one of the supermarkets will take advantage of this opportunity to reduce food waste.

Jill has been hard at work recruiting a team of volunteers who will collect the food from the retailers and deliver it to Ness Bank Church where it will then be cooked by another group of volunteers. Once prepared, the food will be transferred to the cafe where another group of volunteers will then assist in serving it and cleaning up afterwards. (continued on next page)



The photograph opposite shows Jill (seated on the right) with 2 other volunteers, Joyce Muir from Ness Bank (seated centre) and Audrey Davidson, one of the lead cooks (seated left). The picture was taken in "Manna House" in Huntly Street where it is planned to serve the meals.

Jill explained to me that part of the project is to encourage the local community to work together by using volunteers who come from all walks of life. This will include using some of the homeless people themselves as they will be encouraged to take an active part in the running of the project.

In the future, it is hoped there will be trained volunteers on hand while the meals are being served to assist and advise in relation to any problems which those benefiting from this project might be experiencing.

Jill hopes that, as the project develops, she will be able to encourage more of the participants to volunteer to assist in the project. She hopes that the project will not only help to improve health through a more nutritious diet but also improve self-esteem by working as part of a team. It is hoped that, in this way, the project will help those affected move out of the homeless rut and back into mainstream society.

The group are in the process of organising 2 practice sessions in December and then hope to launch the project in week commencing 12th January next year.

Anyone interested in finding out more about this project should contact Jill at [jillkent@me.com](mailto:jillkent@me.com).

## **Quiet Day, Saturday 20th December**

(With apologies to those with long memories who recognise this notice from last year. It's not repeated to satisfy the admirable trend for recycling but rather just that it says what I want to say this year too!)

There's going to be another Quiet Day this year, when the sanctuary is beautifully decorated with flowers, Christmas foliage and candles. Stewarding for this is one rota where I never have any difficulty finding volunteers. Why? Because the stewards appreciate their hour of deep peace, intense calm and reflective relaxation when all toil and troubles melt away. You can experience this too...and you don't even have to be a steward. Just step in from the world for a few minutes or half an hour – as long as you like. I promise you will come away feeling better...but only you can take that step.

The church will be open from noon until 4pm. Some will want to come through for soup, mince pies and hot drinks in the halls (small charge). Others will just want to experience the peace and beauty of the sanctuary. The people who make this possible do it as a labour of love for their fellow worshippers. Please make a point of returning love with love.

**David Crippin**

## The Malawi Maidens (part I)

There are not many perks involved in being an editor of the church newsletter. However, interviewing these two "Maidens" is perhaps an exception to the rule. We had a very entertaining time.

Reay Macgill explained that the project had its genesis in 2008. She was, at that time, working as a care worker in Cameron House. In that capacity she came across an Anglican monk who was also working there at that time and who is universally referred to as "*Brother Michael*".

Malawi was then and still is, one of the poorest countries in the world and Brother Michael had been working there and returned to Malawi not long after Reay's first contact with him with a view to setting up and running a hospice.

Reay decided to help Brother Michael out by doing some fundraising locally. To cut a long story short, with the assistance of her husband, Brian, and Iain MacDiarmid, St Mary's Hospice Malawi Trust was set up. Reay wanted to ensure that the fundraising was put on a proper footing right from the very start so that those donating would know exactly where the money was going. The Trust was set up in November 2008 as a registered charity and Brother Michael left for Malawi a month later.



Chrisanne Robertson became involved very early in the process and is now a trustee along with Doug Morrison who took over the IT side of things when Iain retired as a Trustee.

They very quickly hatched a plan to go and visit Malawi themselves at their own expense, which they still do. Since neither of them had undertaken anything of this nature before, they look back with (considerable) amusement at their inability to attend to such basic details as booking flights. Chrisanne's daughter apparently shoved them out of the way and did it for them. She could not stand the mess they were making!

On arrival they were broken in gently insofar as the accommodation was concerned. Brother Michael knew an American lady who was lecturing at the University and whose house they could use for their first week. It seems it was fairly palatial by Malawi standards in that it had electricity, a toilet and running water.

For the remaining 2 weeks of that first trip they stayed with Brother Michael (no electricity, no proper toilet and no running water). They learned to cook on a charcoal pot, and to wash both themselves and their clothes using a bucket. One of them made some reference to a "steep learning curve".

Despite the somewhat basic accommodation, both Maidens clearly enjoyed their first trip to Malawi immensely. Their primary objective was to use Brother Michael to get an idea of what life was really like and to see what it was that the people there really needed and therefore what the Maidens needed to do.



At that time, the main focus was the project to build a hospice in Thandazga. They were very taken aback by just how little the people had. They described to me how they were astonished to meet an old lady walking with 4 bricks on her head. Intrigued, they followed her to the village of Chamalaza. She added her 4 bricks to a big pile of bricks which were already there. The villagers were intending to build a nursery.

The Maidens explained to me that there was a whole generation missing because of AIDS. In effect, there was a generation of grannies looking after children whose parents were dead. The tradition is that if someone died then the children would be looked after by surviving family members. The bricks were to be used to build a day centre to help look after some of these children and to provide support for the families during the day.

Although the primary focus was still on building a hospice, the Maidens desperately wanted to help these children who had as close to nothing as makes very little difference.



The Maidens went on to explain to me that most of the travel during that first trip was on foot and they found themselves trotting behind Brother Michael following his flapping black robe and sandals. The people they met (not surprisingly) referred to them as "*sisters*".

When they came back from that first trip their main priority was to raise funds for the project. They approached various organisations but had very little success. It quickly became clear that, if they were going to be able to successfully raise funds in significant quantities over the longer term, they were going to have to do it themselves.

They went back to Malawi the following year (2011). They explained to me that they had a very frustrating time trying to obtain an official licence from the Malawi authorities for the proposed hospice. Neither they nor Brother Michael were successful. They recognise that this was almost certainly because they were not offering anyone in officialdom any money and nor were they prepared to do so. They were both determined that all the money they raised would go to the people in Malawi and not to officialdom.

They did not get the licence they were seeking and were therefore unable to progress further plans for the hospice.

It was shortly after this that Brother Michael, who felt his calling was towards the hospice movement, moved south to work in an established hospice and the name of the Trust was changed to Highland Malawi Trust.

However, it was not all gloom and doom. On that trip (they were there for 4 weeks) they met Mr Lupia. He was originally engaged as their taxi driver but it quickly became clear that he was an extremely resourceful and trustworthy individual. Their relationship quickly developed and he now acts as their "man on the ground" and supervises the ongoing projects. He also arranges local transport for the goods which are shipped to Malawi (about which more later) and arranges their distribution at the Malawi end.

The Maidens explained to me that he, like so many in Malawi, comes from a farming background. He had funded himself through secondary education and now has a wife and 3 children. He was for a few years bringing up his brother's orphaned children. His resourcefulness, his local contacts and knowledge have proved indispensable as far as the Maidens are concerned.

(to be continued in the January newsletter)



# *FLOWERS IN CHURCH*



*A big 'thank you' to all those who have contributed to the flowers in our Church throughout the last year - those who have given the money so that the flowers may be purchased, and those who have given of their time in arranging them.*

*A new Flower Chart for 2015 will be put up in the corridor behind the Church in time for Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> December. If you wish to donate money for flowers on a special day in 2015, please insert your name on this Chart.*

*Also, if there is anyone who would like to learn how to arrange the flowers in Church, or if you have any questions about donating the money for flowers, please contact Ruby on 419649.*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Inverness Boys' Brigade Company News

The new session is well under way and as usual it has been a busy couple of months for the boys of the Company.

About a dozen boys from Company Section helped out at the Baxter's Festival of Running in September. The boys were helping to give out goody bags and tee-shirts at the finish line.

The boys have also taken part in the Battalion 5-a-sides and 10-pin bowling competitions as well as the first rounds of the National Masterteam Quiz and 5-a-sides.



Some of the boys also took part in the 10-pin bowling evening run by Cloud 10. The boys had a great night and Matthew Black took home the winner's trophy. Thanks to Mairi Fraser and her team for the invite!



The Junior and Company Section boys also enjoyed a meal together thanks to the generosity of the Guild. It was great to see almost 50 boys and officers sitting down to eat. A huge thank you to Ruby and the ladies of the Guild for doing this for us – same again next year ladies??

**Gary**

## The Olive Grove

Once again the Olive Grove has distributed some profit to local good causes . £300 each has gone to 'Tapes for the Blind' , The Elsie Normington Foundation, Walker Park refurbishment of the children's play area, Dalneigh BBs, Crown Church forthcoming Jamaicans' visit, and Finlay Kiln for his World Challenge Fund.

Tapes for the Blind have a number of volunteers who read newspapers on to tapes each week for the blind. Jennifer Morrison, one of our volunteers in the Olive Grove, is our contact here. We had an Elsie Normington collecting bucket for a while, and decided we would top up the money which went in to that. Many of us have reason to be grateful for all the work put in by the Community Council to the children's equipment in the Walker Park, (mostly so we can take our grandchildren!). Dalneigh BBs have just started a Company Section and it is being run by Neil Morrison of our own congregation. Finlay Kiln is one of the many teenagers from Millburn who each have to raise a large sum towards their World Challenge trip to India next summer. Since last January we have been selling delicious tablet which has come from the Kiln household with great regularity, and we decided to encourage this effort with a donation.

## Volunteers Wanted

We will have spaces in some of our teams in the Olive Grove in the new year. Would you like to have a regular commitment with a friendly group of volunteers? If you have 2 hours to spare every week (though we are good at providing cover if you are away or need a week off), we would be delighted to have you join us. The spaces are currently for waiting staff, but there may be the opportunity to undertake Food Hygiene training and contribute your cooking or baking skills in the future. We are equally happy to have men or women. Please come in to see us, or contact Eileen Ardern for further information.



## Don't forget...

**Treasure Seekers Christmas Party**

**Saturday 13th December**

**3pm - 5pm**

**Parents are invited to arrive back for Santa coming at 4.30.**

**All children up to P7 welcome**

**Christmas Service**

**Sunday 14th December**

**Children are invited to come dressed as a**

**Nativity scene character (or arrive early and we'll find you a costume) Pat Crippen**

## The Guild

November has been a busy month for the Guild. On Tuesday 11th Maureen Kenyon came along and gave a most interesting talk about suffragettes and in particular how it influenced women in the north of Scotland. She had done a lot of research to find out who was involved around here and where meetings were held. It was so amazing to realise that it was not only the women in the big cities of Scotland and England that recruited women to the cause.

Guild Week began with two teams of four members from our branch taking part in the annual inter-guild quiz in Dalneigh Church. One of our teams actually won the quiz so next year we will have to host it. The members of the team were Heather Ross Macdonald, Vivienne Johnston, Heather Beck and Dorothy Mein.

On Friday 21st the Guild treated the Boys Brigade to a meal of burgers, sausages, beans and chips to thank them for all the help they have given the Guild over the years, putting out tables and chairs and generally helping out when we need some strong boys to help. We think they enjoyed themselves as did we.

One of this years projects is Mary's Meals and to tell us about this charity we welcomed Tom Chamberlain along on the 25th. A most accomplished speaker ,he told us how the charity started and the wonderful work done in mainly Liberia , a country badly affected by Ebola, where thousands of children are fed by the charity. Over other African countries thousands and thousands of children are fed and so go to school to get an education and so improve their futures. This is a charity very worthy of our support.

Our next meeting is the visit to the pantomime at Eden Court on Thursday 18th December preceded by high tea in the Palace Hotel where we meet at 4:30 pm. We wish all our members a very Happy Christmas and every blessing in 2015.

**Dorothy Mein, Guild Correspondent**



## Cloud 10

The picture opposite is from the cloud 10 bowling night in November. (Looks like they had a good night!)

A movie night in the church lounge is scheduled for 6th December.

**Mairi Fraser**

## Sierra Leone

We recently watched a harrowing Panorama Special programme on the Ebola epidemic in Sierra Leone late one evening, safely after the 9 pm “watershed” but alas safely past most people’s bedtimes too.

The human tragedies were almost unbearable to watch.

However what angers me so much about the situation is that Sierra Leone is often described in current news programmes as “one of the poorest nations in the world”, with 70% of its population living in poverty, and yet Sierra Leone is among the top ten diamond producing nations in the world and is also rich in titanium, aluminium and gold deposits. That Sierra Leone has been unable to capitalise on its natural wealth is certainly due to a number of factors including the recent civil war and corruption in government. However a recent report produced by Christian Aid and other organisations lists five measures that mining companies themselves use to reduce their tax bills in Africa, thereby denying countries the ability to provide good healthcare for their citizens:

- Forcing governments to grant tax subsidies and concessions by threatening to go elsewhere if they are not forthcoming.
- Insisting mining contracts signed with governments remain secret. Governments are themselves often keen to keep the contracts from public scrutiny, and are happy to oblige.
- Using the secrecy surrounding contracts to pursue aggressive tax avoidance strategies.
- Encouraging corrupt politicians to award illegal tax exemptions to mining companies in return for private gain.
- Using false accounting to enable companies to artificially depress profits in countries where they operate in order to evade tax.

Taking the last point, we know that major companies operating in the UK, including Amazon, eBay, Facebook, Apple and Google, use tax dodging to pay minimal amounts of tax in the UK. For us, tax dodging is an irritation. For Sierra Leone it is a matter of life and death.

Please use every opportunity to support campaigns for greater tax transparency globally.

**David Crippin**  
**Christian Aid representative, Crown Church**

Source: Christian Aid website, [www.christian-aid.org.uk](http://www.christian-aid.org.uk)



**Crown Church**

## **THE MUSICAL**

Performances on

**Friday 30th January**

**Saturday 31st January**

At 7.30pm in the Upper Hall

**Tickets will be on sale in January (£6)**

Plan to come! A feast of well-loved songs from shows such as 'Oliver', West Side Story, South Pacific and many more appear in this production, written 'in-house', and accompanied by Ross Fairfield and the Youth Band,

### **Note on Gift Aid**

This year so far we have raised the fantastic amount of £15,759 through Gift Aid on our regular offerings. This is by far the most efficient way to raise funds for the ongoing work of our Church and it is also by far the largest sum we raise over the year, apart from the offerings themselves. We would urge anyone who is a tax payer to consider signing a Gift Aid Declaration if they have not done previously. It is a simple process and we are happy to help anyone to do this.

Thank you all for your support, it really makes the Two Liz's job worthwhile.

**From the Treasurers Liz Forbes & Liz Gray**

## Church Ceilidh

The ceilidh held on Sat 29th November to commemorate the opening of the upper hall was a great success. Many thanks to the many whose hard work

contributed to that success. Thanks also to Sandy Colley for the picture opposite of the official opening of the upper hall 50 years ago. Can anyone help us by identifying any of the people in the photograph (we are too young—editors). See also the excerpt from the December 1964 issue of the Crown church newsletter on the next page.



Here are a few photographs of Saturday night.



**December 1964**

## **Opening and Dedication of Church Halls**

*Saturday 21st November 1964 will be a date remembered in the annals of the Crown Church. Not since the original halls were built, followed by the opening of the church proper in 1901, has such an ambitious project been undertaken and successfully accomplished as our 1964 Halls Extension Scheme.*

*It was fitting therefore, that the opening and dedication service should be shared by a very wide cross section of church life, ranging from the Moderator of the General Assembly to the church member and adherent. All of these were fully represented on that memorable Saturday evening.*

*The proceedings of the evening commenced with a dedication service conducted by our minister, the Rev. C.P. Smith M.A., with whom were associated the Moderator of the Inverness Presbytery, the Rev. Donald MacFarlane, M.A. and the Right Rev. Duncan Fraser D.D. Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.*

*The commemorative plaque was unveiled by Miss Melvin and the halls formally declared open by the Moderator of the General Assembly. Then followed a prayer of dedication.*

*During the ceremony all eyes were focused on the platform and furnishings, beautifully set in an aura of concealed lighting, which added such dignity to the atmosphere of our new main hall.*

## **Highland Malawi Trust**

A magnificent £871 was raised for the Highland Malawi Trust at the coffee morning held in the lower hall on Saturday 29th November.

The event was very well supported and our thanks go to the many

contributors who helped make this such a successful event (not least Reay and Chrisanne).



The first instalment of the article on this project which appears in this month's newsletter will hopefully help explain the good uses to which this money will be put.

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	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Creche</b>	<b>Coffee</b>
<b>Dec</b>			
<b>14</b>	Treasure Seekers/ Cloud 10 Service	Marjory MacKenzie, Kirsteen Morrison	Liz Forbes, Heather Grant, Renee Baillie;
<b>21</b>	Jude Madeleine	Angy MacDiarmid, Jean Munro	Lena Clarke, Isabelle Mackenzie, Joyce Collinson
<b>28</b>	Judith MacLeod	Janice Worthing, Gillian & David Thomson	
<b>Jan</b>			
<b>4</b>	Roddy Lightbody	Irene Munro, Muriel Choppy	Eileen Ardern, Kimm Currie, Vi Gollan
<b>11</b>	Chrisanne Robertson	Marjory MacKenzie, Kirsteen Morrison	Mairi Main, Eleanor Ross Janet MacPherson

<b>January Count Team</b>	<b>January Welcome Team</b>
<b>Pat Douglas</b> Heather Beck, Rita Cameron, Robert & Aileen Laing, Donald Morrison	<b>North Door</b> Jane Wilson & Helen Boynton <b>South Door</b> Bruce Merchant & Linda Moncur <b>Midmills North</b> Sanders Campbell & Charles Moncur <b>Midmills South</b> Heather Beck

## **NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

### **Deaths**

Ms Helen Fraser, Stratton Road, on 11 November

Mrs Janette Meeks, Dochfour Drive, on 27 November



### **WORLD MISSION 2014 STAMP APPEAL**

The Greek Evangelical Church has recently opened Dorcas, a brand new refuge house in Milotopas, North Greece for women who are victims of domestic violence. The house will provide a safe haven for women who have suffered domestic violence. Its first occupant, a young woman with her newborn baby will move in shortly. The women will never be asked for any rent or money as they are in financial need so the Church will cover all the running costs of

the house.

Please bring your used stamps and put them in the boxes at each church door. If British and Foreign stamps could be separated, this would be a great help. £3,178 was raised from stamps as at October 2014.

### **The January Newsletter**

The copy deadline for the December newsletter will be Wednesday 31st December. Contributions should be sent to:

Marion and Bob Forrest or left in the "F" pigeonhole. Please note that the newsletter can also be accessed via the church website where you will be able to see all the photographs in colour.

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