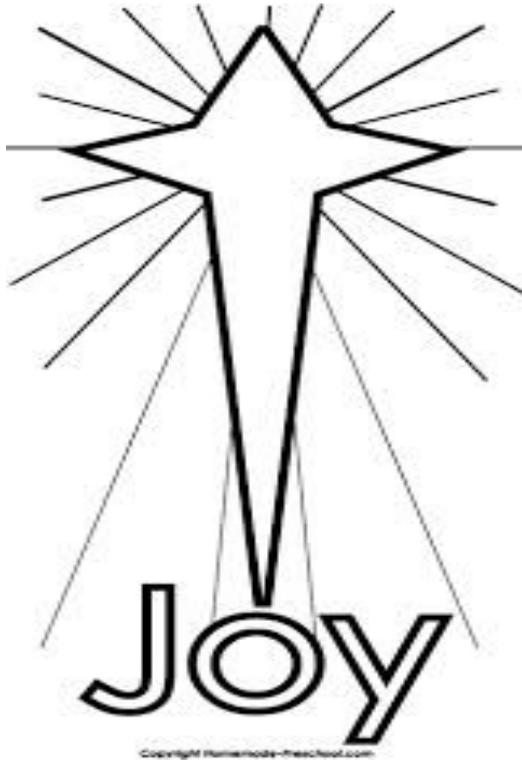


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## **From the Rector**

Yesterday two visitors came into church. They told me they were from Dunbar, where there is another church building designed by the architect who designed our present building. The Tuesday eucharist was due to start so, apart from switching on all the lights for them, I did not have time to talk to them as they toured the church. They did not join us for the eucharist, although they would hear the service in progress.

It has occurred to me, though, that, as the Visitors' Book shows (but this couple did not sign the book), there is a small but steady stream of people to come in to look at our church. Alas, the majority of these visitors experience a building empty of people and apparent life (unless someone is practising on the organ or piano or flower-arrangers are at work.) Only visitors who join us for Sunday worship experience life and activity (and, of course, the typical St. Michael's warm Sunday welcome!) Unfortunately there is much less life and activity

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than emptiness and silence to experience in our church building and halls, for our 'plant' is seriously under-used. The church building is, on average, used for no more than 8 hours/week, the halls (all told) for 14 to 16 hours/week. (NB: even one of my favourites, the Channel Tunnel, is also grossly under-used!) This should be a matter for deep concern, given the financial cost of maintaining the buildings, of providing electricity, gas, etc. and of paying for several 'employees', including, of course, a full-time priest. This state of affairs is common to the majority of dedicated church buildings; the exceptions are big establishments like cathedrals, and flexible-use multi-purpose buildings.

The problem is that lack of use by-&-large equals lack of income. In the secular world the 'Dr. Beechings' (most of you are old enough to remember him.....) would already be honing their axes to trim and rationalise. Glasgow did not need 4 main-line railway termini; it now has 2. Helensburgh originally had at least 5 kirks; it may soon be down to just one. We at St. Michael's cannot rationalise like this.

What we CAN try to do is to make more use of what we have. We are not allowed to make our church a multi-purpose building. We can try and encourage more groups/people to use our halls, and YOU can help in this by telling people that they are available and putting them in contact with Maureen Kyle.

Most importantly, we have GOT to try and encourage more people to join our church community. The Diocesan Growth Strategy is supposed to assist us in this. And this is where Christmas comes in! Christmas is a good time for YOU to be evangelists without really knowing it! Invite your family if they are visiting you to join us at Christmas (rather than you staying away from church with them.....) Invite friends/neighbours to join us at Christmas. You know that they will be given a warm welcome as they come into St. Michael's, and that if they are strangers to a formal service we shall guide them through the service and invite them to share a blessing if not Holy Communion. If we remember to pray regularly for our church then, if it is God's will, some of those who come as visitors will stay to become part of our church community. But they will only know how welcoming St. Michael's is if YOU invite them!

If our church community grows in size then we are making better use of our extensive and expensive (!) 'plant', and our income will be better, and we shall feel more hopeful about the future, and our work and witness for Jesus whose birth we remember at the end of this month.

God Bless you all.



## Vestry Report

After a prayer for spiritual guidance the previous minutes were approved.

DIOCESAN GROWTH STRATEGY. The minutes of the first Mission Action Planning meeting were discussed. The MAP committee are Kevin Boak, David Cook, Bob Floyd, Margaret Gilbert, Selina McGeoch, Fiona Ramsden and Richard Smith.

CHURCH LAPTOP AND IT POLICY. Richard presented final copies of the privacy policy statement for signature and church notice boards. The Rector signed the copies.

MEMORIAL BOOK. Richard explained that 12 pitch Times New Roman was the preferred font by a clear majority of those who gave their opinion. Linda offered to help with the typing.

APPEAL FOR AL-AHLI HOSPITAL IN GAZA: Trevor advised the Vestry that a total of £600.00 had been sent to Al-Ahli Hospital. The funds had been returned by the bank and Trevor agreed to keep trying by other means.

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT: The name of the external examiner has been changed to a current partner of the firm, Mrs Shauna Brown, although this will not affect the actual audit in any way.

MAURICE AND ROBBIE CORNISH – A letter of thanks from Maurice and Robbie for the flowers sent by the Vestry was distributed to the members of the Vestry and the message of best wishes from Maurice and Robbie to all at St. Michael's was warmly received. The Vestry wish Maurice and Robbie blessings and happiness in their new home.

SUNDAY CLUBS REPORT: Anne Cook reported that the Sunday Club continues

with a small but loyal group of children who come most Sundays. We are now experimenting with some new teaching material, called 'Go Teach'. This provides some slightly different activities from the Scripture Union material we have been using over the last ten years or so, and we will review it after a few months to see how the leaders and children find it. So far, after six weeks, the very colourful worksheets are proving popular and we have had some good discussions. As always we would like to see more children attending, and a few extra leaders to lighten the load, but we are grateful for the opportunities to share our faith with the young people God sends our way. There are few more exciting and fulfilling experiences. Thank you for your continued support.

PROPERTY REPORT: Nick reported that: He has started to hand over the Property Manager role to Derek Spall. Work on the Rectory porch is now complete. LC Roofing replaced the lead gutters and slates and Colin Spy refitted two weather boards. LC Roofing has been asked to clear church and main hall gutters and replace any loose slates this month. Advice from the original designers of the Central Heating system will be sought to determine a solution for the poor compartment ventilation flow. Fusebox are undertaking the replacement of the water heater in the toilet by the kitchen. A date for BEST Services to check the lightning conductors has not yet been fixed. The Vestry gave Nick a warm vote of thanks for his excellent work as Property Convenor over the years.

STALLED PROJECTS: The Rector reminded the Vestry of the following issues, as the Vestry year draws to a close, which seem to be stalled:

(i)Renewing/upgrading of church website – Anne Cook showed the Vestry the new website as far as developed. This met with the approval of the members. She will pass on the instruction to complete the website. (ii)Purchase and erection of a prominent notice-board in West Princes St. A product has been selected but it may be necessary to install improved copper conductors in the space at the NE corner of the church tower, for lightning protection in the ground in this location, so the notice board is delayed. (iii)Provision of better interior notice-board in SW corner of church – attempts to address the damp in this area need to be improved before a new notice board is installed. (iv)Improved drainage in passageway outside crèche room to prevent flooding. This is still to be done as it requires a new jobbing builder to replace Mr. Sanderson.

INSURANCE BROKERS: Chris Sanders reported that our insurance brokers had been taken over by the Arthur J Gallagher Group but that this should not affect our business in any way. All insurance and notices are up to date.

ENERGY MONITORING: John Sadden submitted a report on Energy Consumption

for the year. Work on boiler control has improved gas consumption but electricity remains roughly the same. More work still needs to be done to reach the next stage targets for Eco-Church Scotland. The Vestry thanked John for his very hard work in this matter

AGM AND NEW VESTRY MEMBERS: Three new Vestry members are required this year. Marjory will be standing down and one other if three new members are found. AGM to be held on Sunday 7th December 2014 after the 10:30am service in the Hall.

*Richard Smith, Secretary*



## **Notices**

### **Monthly Coffee Morning**

***Everyone is invited to the Monthly coffee mornings.***

The December Coffee Morning will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>, 10.30 am at Angela and Alastair's house – 65, Macleod Drive

**The Church's Annual General Meeting will be held after the 10.30am Eucharist on Sunday December 7th.**

### **Notices for the weekly bulletin.**

Could I respectfully remind you that notices for the Sunday bulletin must be given to Miriam or handed-in, clearly marked, at The Rectory by 5.00pm on a Thursday. If you will not be able to hand notices in actually on a Thursday, DO think on and get them in earlier. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

*Rector*

### **Decorating the Church for Christmas**

With the kind permission of the Rector:

**We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday 20th**

**December from 9.0 am.** Donations of greenery would be gratefully received.

It is hoped that the usual flower arrangers will be available on that day, and anyone else who would like to help will be welcome.

### **Thinking Ahead to Christmas**

As Selena wrote in the October issue, the choir collect for an Oxfam gift instead of exchanging Christmas cards. We would welcome anyone from the congregation to join us. Contributions can be given to Angela, or anyone else in the choir. Perhaps we could raise £100 this year which would buy 4 goats. Thank you.

*Angela Russell*

### **December Dates for Mothers' Union**

**Monday 1st December 2.00pm** Speaker Christine MacTaggart, Lomond Carers

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am.** Advent meeting – Sherry and Mince Pies

### **Not looking forward to winter blues?**

Cheer up!  
There's a  
New Year Party  
Saturday  
January 31st





## **Mothers' Union**

On Monday 3rd October the Mothers' Union were delighted to welcome Sergeant John Simpson, the wildlife crime officer from the MOD at Coulport, to speak about his work policing crime against protected species of birds and other wild animals in this area and conserving the local habitat. Sergeant Simpson delivered a fascinating talk and slideshow to a large gathering in the main Church.

Helensburgh, it seems, provides a Scotland in miniature, with its diverse habitat of hills, gardens, lochs, industrial sites - including Faslane - which is very attractive to a wide range of birds. Golden Eagles, Peregrine Falcons, Redwings, Hen Harriers, Willow Warblers and Owls can all be seen in the locality, if you know where to look! Tawny Owls and Black Grouse have been seen as close by as the reservoir at the top of Sinclair Street, while Glen Fruin is a hot spot for Barn Owls.

The Hen Harrier is one of Sergeant Simpson's particular favourites, and a priority species for the police to protect, being a bird which is among the most threatened in the UK. It has been persecuted almost to extinction in England because it is a main predator for grouse. He showed us a clip from a film that he made for the 'Spring Watch' television programme, in which the male and female Hen Harriers are shown making a 'food pass' in mid-air so that the female does not have to leave her nest unprotected for long. Sergeant Simpson explained that the police are also involved in the protection of wild flowers, bats, frogs and toads. His detailed knowledge and expertise generated great interest and he answered several questions from the audience before leaving us all with a burgeoning enthusiasm for the wildlife to be found on our own doorstep. Jenny Sclater spoke for us all when she gave the vote of thanks. *Sarah Beveridge*

# Calendar for December 2014

## **Monday 1st December**

2.00pm Mothers' Union (*see page 8*)

## **Thursday 4th December**

Monthly Coffee Morning 10.30am  
65 Macleod Drive

## **Saturday 6th December**

Rambling Club (*see page 17*)

## **Sunday 7th December 2nd in Advent** **AGM in Church hall after 10.30 am** **Eucharist**

8.00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)  
9.30-10.00am 'Open Spirit'  
contemporary worship (Crèche)  
10.30-11.30am Sunday Clubs for  
children  
10.30-11.30am Sung Eucharist  
(Crèche )  
6.30pm Prayerbook Choral Evensong

## **Tuesday 9th December**

9.15am Prayer Meeting  
10.30am Said Eucharist followed by  
refreshments.  
12 noon-12.45pm Rector available  
in the Choir Vestry

## **Wednesday 10th December**

7.30pm Said Eucharist

## **Sunday 14th December 3rd in Advent**

8.00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)  
9.30-10.00am 'Open Spirit'  
contemporary worship (Crèche)  
10.30-11.30am Sunday Clubs for  
children  
10.30-11.30am Sung Eucharist  
(Crèche)  
6.30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

## **Tuesday 16th December**

9.15am Prayer meeting  
10.30am Said Eucharist followed by  
refreshments.  
12 noon-12.45pm Rector available  
in the Choir Vestry

## **Wednesday 17th December**

7.30pm Said Eucharist

## **Thursday 18th December**

Parklands' Christmas celebration  
(all morning)  
10.30am Mothers' Union (*see page 8*)

## **Sunday 21st December 4th in Advent**

8.00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)  
9.30-10.00am 'Open Spirit'  
contemporary worship (Crèche)  
10.30-11.30am Sunday Clubs for  
children  
10.30-11.30am Sung Eucharist  
(Crèche )

**6.00pm CAROL SERVICE**

# Calendar for December 2014

## Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

9.15am Prayer meeting  
10.30am Said Eucharist followed by refreshments.  
12 noon-12.45pm Rector available in the Choir Vestry

## Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

### CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00PM

### St. Michael's Children's Big Christmas

#### Celebration

11.00PM

#### First Eucharist of Christmas

## Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December

### CHRISTMAS DAY

#### Feast day of the Nativity of our Lord

#### Jesus Christ

8.00am Said Eucharist  
10.00am Family Christmas Morning Worship ( *All monetary collections on 24th/25th will be donated to Glasgow City mission*)

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December

### First Sunday after Christmas day

8.00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)  
9.30-10.00am 'Open Spirit' contemporary worship (Crèche)  
10.30am-11.30am Sunday Clubs for children  
10.30am-11.30am Sung Eucharist (Crèche)  
6.30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

## Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December

Rambling Club (*see page 17*)  
9.15am Prayer meeting  
10.30am Said Eucharist followed by refreshments.

## Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December

7.30pm Said Eucharist  
Feast day of the naming of Jesus (anticipated)

### CHANGE to the MESSENGER

**As from January 2015 the MESSENGER will be published bi-monthly. Contributions for January/February 2015 issue should meet the copy deadline on December 14<sup>th</sup> 2014. Thank you for your cooperation.**

*Editor*



### **Fuelling Poverty**

The day of reckoning: my annual gas and electricity statements arrived in the post. Bishop's House is a 1920's Dundee property with many noble and quirky attributes of which heating efficiency is not one. Built when coal was cheap and cavity wall insulation unknown it is a challenge to keep warm.

Paying monthly I know that fuel is expensive. Despite a less cold winter than last year my bills are up by quite a percentage even though my usage is down. I suspect that this is an all too common household experience. It's a juggling act, using enough heat to keep us properly warm, while also trying to use less because the cost per unit is rising faster than our real earnings. For some the situation is irritating, others become angry or anxious, but for too many it's a matter of falling further into debt.

Fuel poverty is defined as spending 10% or more of household income on maintaining an adequate level of heating in the home. The Government's own statistics indicate that there are well over 4 million UK households in fuel poverty. Those living on the margins of low wages and reduced state benefits are particularly hard hit, as are people whose houses cannot be made any more energy efficient.

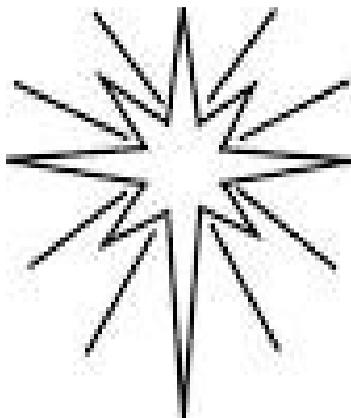
The agencies who work on the front line in local communities with access to peoples' homes, acutely appreciate the detrimental effect that a cold home has on our physical and emotional well-being. The medical and social consequences probably cost even more to address.

Rising bills widen the fuel poverty gap – so who is to blame? Utility retailers, wholesalers and global companies and their shareholders all point to each other. We understand that fuel exploration and technology does not come cheap. However, many question big company profits and bonuses for executives as excessive, putting the end customer very much in last place.

Meantime pension providers argue that company profits are what underpin pension fund performance, another troubling social horizon that keeps us awake at night. At the same time the Government levies an environmental tax on us to subsidise green energy – wind farms and the like. Nuclear power remains controversial and now ‘fracking’ appears across the UK, with its promise of cheap gas tempered by potential environmental damage. I’m glad I am not an economist because it is all very complicated.

*Rt Rev Dr Nigel Peyton – Bishop of Brechin*

***Please Note : Diocesan Newsletter and Inspires are available to read on  
The Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway Website. Editor***



### **Eco Congregation**

This afternoon, as I set off for the arranged outing to Townhead Farm, I donned my wellies with a heavy heart. It was pouring with rain and the wind was blowing the Clyde into large white horses. The sky was deep dark grey. I offered up what is technically called an arrow prayer, for fine weather, and such is my lack of faith that I fully expected a thoroughly wet afternoon.



It was soon after the first half dozen of us had arrived at the farm and were about to set out on our guided tour, that the rain stopped, the clouds blew over and bright sunshine stayed with us for the duration of our walk. We were introduced to a the old sow and her piglets, much to the delight of the children. We had met the old cat in the barn which Debbie had rescued from a rough street in Glasgow where it had been used as a football when still a kitten. It

greeted us with purrfect friendliness and no hint of its fearful beginnings. Debbie pointed out the fields which they owned and some which they had bought to prevent the encroachment of inappropriate building. Others were at present rented and would soon be used for the enlarged flock of hens which was The eggs produced by Debbie and John's flock of free range, and very happy looking, hens is the mainstay of their livelihood. They now grade, pack and sell 300 dozen eggs every week, which is an amazing amount, and yet is only a small part of their week's work. We walked on in the sunshine and met the turkeys who live in a beautiful glade of oak trees near a stream. They were all friendly and came up to greet us at the fence. We heard of the difficulties faced when learning how to keep, kill and pluck turkeys for the Christmas market. (They are available to buy fresh at Christmas time.)



On the other side of the field lay a flock of sheep. Debbie has no sheep dog but that did not matter since, at the sound of her voice and the call of "Come on girls" they all trotted over to greet us. With them came Andy, a somewhat handicapped and slightly crippled ram. He had been placed with the ewes to put a spring in their step in preparation for serious breeding later on. Andy, however, was not to be deprived of his fun and had proved a worthy suitor in spite of his poor appearance, which was a surprise to all. He was as friendly as a pet dog, and I shall not quickly forget him.

. We then crested the hill and came to the Tamworth pigs in their large, if very

muddy enclosure. Once more they all hurried to the fence and were happy to be petted, showing no fear, but only a rooting in the mud for pig-nuts. Over the burn stood Cuthbert, the enormous boar, who was taking a fatherly interest in a few of his progeny which shared his enclosure. Our group had grown to twenty, or so, by the time we were back at the big barn.



To our surprise and delight tea, coffee and freshly baked scones appeared! John and Debbie had been very informative, but had made light of the self-sacrificial life they led and the extreme hardships endured for the sake of the farm and its animal residents. Sadly, governments make no contribution whatever to a way of life which is so productive, fruitful and good for the country side. Even fifty years ago the

government paid for good drainage to be put in and maintained. There were woodmen who knew how to coppice a wood and keep the trees healthy and productive. Now these do not exist, and the scenery suffers along with the wild life. Without the enormous hard work of Debbie and John, the hills around Townhead would be back to a boggy scrub-land with weeds and old fencing left to rot and cause injury. Very many animals would have missed out on a happy and healthy life, living as their instincts led them to, and by chance giving us wholesome food with lots of flavour. It was a truly inspiring visit and one we all enjoyed.

*Selina McGeoch*

### **Prisoners' Week**

Posted on November 18, 2014 by David Chillingworth,  
Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church

This is Prisoners Week – and I attended the National Launch Service last night in Dunblane Cathedral. I listened to the list of Scottish Prisons being read out and wondered how this society could possibly need so many. Former Inspector of Prisons, Andrew McLellan commented that 27000 children in Scotland have a parent in prison. It's an extraordinary statistic.

I'll visit Perth Prison this week. In case you haven't seen it, it is a huge building. Last time I was there, there were over 700 prisoners. I go because I think it

should be a pastoral priority and because I want to support the Chaplains. My involvement with Prisons goes back a while. In the mid '80's, I was a member of the Board of Visitors at Crumlin Road Prison in Belfast. At that time it was a remand prison. It was an extraordinary experience – I remember going into the Exercise Yard with other members of the Board of Visitors and simply waiting to see who would come to talk to us. That was of course wasn't quite what it sounds like – because the paramilitary prisoners had their own command structure through which they dealt with the prison authorities and with us. I also had the experience of visiting the Maze Prison – Long Kesh – shortly before the end of Internment. And I was a regular visitor there and at the neighbouring and modern Maghaberry Prison when my parishioners were 'inside' What do I remember? I remember greyness, barbed wire, interview rooms with no handle on the inside of the door through which I had just entered. I remember misery and desolation – but also optimism and hope. I remember prison staff who tried hard in near-impossible circumstances to create a humane environment and to go beyond the 'turn key' mentality. Prisoners Week is a way of reminding people about our prisons – about prisoners and their families, about prison staff and Chaplains. If you are fortunate enough not to be involved with any of that, it's too easy to forget that it is there. But in the end I wonder about it all. I know that there are obviously people from whom society needs to be protected. But our aim must surely be redemption and restoration ...

*Editor*

### **The Beacon Trust**

On Monday, 10 November 2014,

Dear Elizabeth MacKenzie,

At our AGM on 2nd November we appointed Arnold Carson as a additional Trustee.

During the year we almost doubled our turnover to £12,150, allowing us to cover the rent of the new shop and to continue to provide furniture to those in need. In the coming year we would like to extend the hours of opening with additional volunteers so that we can start to accumulate a surplus to replace our van.

We are very grateful for the support that we receive from Saint Michael's.

With kind regards

Paul Allen



# ST MICHAEL'S RAMBLING CLUB

## WALKS FOR December2014

*Walks are on Saturdays and start outside St Michael's Church at 9 am unless otherwise indicated by the leaders of the individual walks.*

Date	Grade	Description	Leader
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Easy	Pub walk: Lochan Sping & Black Bull, Gartmore	James Ashby 675541
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Walk off the Turkey	Firkin Point to Inverbeg (and Back)	Sue Hume 675 358
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Moderate/ Easy	Overtoun and Lang Craigs Rambling Club Dinner	James, Sue & Ethnee

The grade (or the walk) may change after a recce. There will normally be an easy(ish) option.

Please let us know if you have ideas for walks that you'd like to lead, or to have led on your behalf.

More information will be provided by the leaders shortly before the walk; please contact the leader if you want to know more

### The new committee is:

**Sue Hume, Ethnee Ashton, John Lewis and James Ashby. .**



## **LECTIONARY –December 2014**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 40: 1-11 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1: 1-8	Isaiah 5: 1-7 Luke 1: 1-25 Psalm 40:1-17
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 61: 1-4+8-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8+19-28	Malachi 3:1-4:4 Luke 1:57-66 Psalm 68:1-8
21 <sup>st</sup> December	2 Samuel 7:1-11+16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38	Carol Service
<b><u>Christmas Eve</u></b> <b>11pm</b>	Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-12 John 1: 1-14	
<b><u>Christmas Day</u></b> <b>8.00am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	Isaiah 9: 2-7 Titus 2: 11-14 Luke 2:1-20	
28 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:22-40	Isaiah 49:7-13 Luke 2:41-52 Psalm 105:1-9

## **READERS' LIST –December 2014**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
Dec 7th	Nigel Allan	Michael Blake	Kate Moos
Dec 14th	John MacCallum	John Hanks	John Sadden
Dec 21st	Chris Sanders	Chris Packard	Joan Sadden
Dec 28th	Katherine Black	Tom Allison	Janet Hardy

<b><u>Church Group Leaders</u></b>	<b><u>Contact People/Organisers</u></b>	
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Rector's Warden	Vacant	
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Sidespersons	Brian Kyle	672951
Bellringers	Kitty Fleming	676963
Reading (Lessons) Rota	Nigel Allan	671875
Cleaning Co-ordinator	Morag Carlaw	672090
Visiting Co-ordinator	Vacant	
Flowers	Sue Ashby	675541
Intercessions Rota, Laundry, Soft Fabrics and Chief Sacristan	Joan Sadden	672422
Sunday Coffee Rota	Margaret Horrell	676936
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Mothers' Union Branch Leader	Margaret Horrell	676936
USPG	Marion Blake	673960
Keep Fit/ Hall Convener/ Monthly Coffee Morning Rota	Maureen Kyle	672951
Eco Church	Selina McGeoch	676074
Hill walking and Rambling Club	James Ashby	675541
Badminton Club	Shaun Hoey	671718
Traidcraft	Jo Scott	01389 849145
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Ask how to join or help. Perhaps bring new ideas for new activities. You will be welcome. Please let the editor know if any changes are needed.



## Sunday Services

Eucharist.....(1970 Rite).....	8:00am
Open Spirit Contemporary Worship	9:30am
Sung Eucharist.....(1982 Rite).....	10:30am
Prayer Book Choral Evensong.....	6.30pm

## Weekdays

Eucharist Tuesday.....(1970 Rite).....	10:30am
Eucharist Wednesday.....(1982 Rite).....	7:30pm

Tuesday at 9:15am to 10:00am. Prayer Group in Choir Vestry