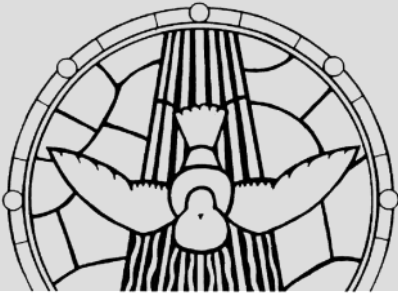


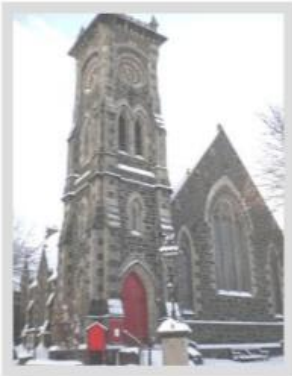
# Newport-on-Tay

## Church of Scotland Journal

Winter 2022



### MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Accept many greetings from Cameroon where I am spending time with family and friends and enjoying the sunny and warm days of my native land. The noises that fill the air with sounds and symbols of the approaching festive season remind us that another year is coming to an end and that Christmas is around the corner. Christmas is a time of expectation of a great promise to be fulfilled: in the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. And we are called to wait patiently for that promise to be fulfilled.

Talking about waiting, I think I know what that means!

Florence and I waited almost 8 months before receiving our Indefinite Leave to Remain in the United Kingdom. We have them now, and this means that we can live in the UK for as long as we wish. But this did not come easily: the cost was

too high, and the waiting was too long, and our children have not yet received theirs. There were times when we thought that the UK government was very unfair to us because they kept asking one thing after the other and would not respond promptly with a decision.

I had also wanted to travel earlier to help process documents for my mother to visit the UK. But no matter what we thought and how we felt about the delay in getting a decision from the Home Office, we needed to wait because you do not force the Home Office of the UK to make a decision and you do not force God to act when his time is not right! Thank God the wait is over and we now have things sorted for the good.

No one really wants to wait!

But we wait in traffic, in grocery shops, for those ahead of us, for the doctor, for a spouse, for a baby, and for retirement. And we must wait for the return of Jesus Christ to judge and to save us from all unrighteousness. Waiting is not only about what we do while waiting to get what we want. Waiting is the process of becoming what God wants us to be and to achieve what he has promised to do. Biblical waiting is not a passive waiting around for something to happen that will allow us to escape our troubles. It is waiting trustfully that God will do what he says he will do. What I have learned from my most recent waiting experience is that I am not in charge and that I am not God. 'I am the patient. I am in the waiting room. In the real issues of life, and in times of great expectation, I must learn to wait on God. I must trust his wisdom and his timing. And that is why I can wait with confidence because I am waiting for someone who is trustworthy.

As we look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ at Christmas and as another year comes to an end, many of us are still waiting on something to happen, or for some promise to be fulfilled in our lives or the lives of those we know and love. While we wait, let us trust that God holds all things in his hands and that he will deliver any promise that he has made to fill our greatest need. An anonymous writer puts this well, especially in the context of waiting on the promise of a Son, the Son of God at Christmas, to fill our need:

If our greatest need had been information,  
God would have sent us an educator;  
If our greatest need had been technology,  
God would have sent us a scientist;  
If our greatest need had been money,  
God would have sent us an economist;  
If our greatest need had been pleasure,  
God would have sent us an entertainer;  
But our greatest need was forgiveness,  
so God sent us a Saviour.



May God take away every form of anxiety from us and help us to wait for his promises with patience.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year when they come.

Every Blessing

*Rev Dr Amos Chewachong*

## Harvest Thanksgiving Appeal – Update

Just a few words to update you on the excellent response to our Harvest Thanksgiving Appeal this year, despite the very difficult economic difficulties facing many of us at this time.

In addition to the large amount of food which was handed over to the Tay Bridgehead Foodbank, we have received the excellent total of £1,467, which will be increased once the Gift Aid enhancement has been calculated.

The funds will be split between this year's two beneficiaries –

- ~ Rio Community Centre - to assist the support this organisation gives to our community (often through co-operation with the Tay Bridgehead Foodbank).
- ~ Newport & Zolotarevo Twinning Association – for their onward transmission to our twin town in Ukraine.

Many thanks to all who have supported this appeal.

**Philip W Owen**  
Finance Convener



## Stamp Appeal



Please save all your used stamps especially at Christmas time to support The Church of Scotland's Stamp Appeal. These should be deposited in the post box at the back of the church or hand them to me. There is a poster in the hall with an explanation of how proceeds of sale are used. Many thanks.

**Muriel McCabe**

## Church Christmas Services

This year we will be holding the following services:-

Sunday 4th December	11am Service led by Mr Alastair Stark	
Sunday 11th December	11am Service of Lessons and Carols led by Miss Claire Owen	
Sunday 18th December	11am Nativity Service in our Church led by our Young People 3pm Service in Wormit Church led by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland	
Saturday 24th December	11:30pm Watchnight Service led by our Young People	
Sunday 25th December	11am Service led by Rev Dr Amos Chewachong	
Sunday 1st January 2023	11am Reflective Service led by Mr Bill Imlay	

We hope to be able to Zoom most of these services but it might not be possible for them all depending on technical helpers availability. We will keep everyone updated through our weekly email – if you are not on our mailing list and would like to be, please drop us an email at [newportcos@btinternet.com](mailto:newportcos@btinternet.com)

Recordings of all our services are available to listen to later on our website [www.notchurch.co.uk](http://www.notchurch.co.uk)

## Remembrance 2022



Remembrance Day this year was, once again, slightly different but nonetheless poignant.

Uniformed organisations joined us for our Church Service and at the War Memorial but there was no parade this year.

The occasion was marked by many - both in church and at the Ecumenical Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

The picture shows the 3 local clergy at the War Memorial.

***At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,  
we will remember them.***



# THE BOYS' BRIGADE

> the adventure begins here



This past month has been quite mixed for us all.

Sunday 13th November saw many of us attending the Remembrance Sunday Service at our Church, followed by the short service at the local War Memorial. As it was for all of us, this year's occasion was a very significant one, since some of our boys were involved at school in making poppies for the local displays at the homes of those who failed to return from the two World Wars. We also took the opportunity to increase the awareness of our boys to its relevance by devoting some Friday time to this and learned about three BB members whose selfless courage and heroism in battle was a shining example to all.

Other Friday themes have included Hallowe'en, Guy Fawkes & The Gunpowder Plot, and the football World Cup. One of our footballing activities involved a series of penalty kick shoot-outs between each of the teams involved in Qatar – the final resulted in a win for Brazil over Serbia by 2 – 1 (time will tell how close that "prediction" is to the actual final).

We are all now looking forward with anticipation to gaining a deeper insight into Advent and the Christmas Season with a variety of activities and challenges.

We pray that you too will enjoy this special time of the year and we all wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy & prosperous New Year.

**Philip Owen**  
**Company Captain**

For more details you can contact Philip on (01382) 543034 or by emailing [philip.owen@talktalk.net](mailto:philip.owen@talktalk.net)

## mannā matters



This year seems to have gone past very quickly and so much has changed over the past few years. We are thankful and grateful for all the freedoms we are once more enjoying. The shop is busy with groups gathering with friends and family to catch up over a cup of tea and a slice of home baking. It's good to see. Our new volunteers are settling in nicely and it seems much more positive.

If you are still Christmas shopping or just want to treat yourself to something nice, we have a lovely selection of Fairtrade gifts and cards.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of manna. Bakers, volunteers, laundry helpers, soup makers, admin and committees - so much goes on behind the scenes. It's all very much appreciated.

We at manna wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Our Christmas opening hours can be found later in this Journal.

See you in the New Year 2023.

**mannā** is open Monday – Saturday 10am - 4:30pm

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## Cluster Service



There will be a service on Sunday 18th December at 3pm in Wormit Parish Church conducted by Rev Iain Greenshields (Moderator of the Church of Scotland) to which all are invited.

Our morning service that day will be the Nativity led by our young people.

## Magazine Fund Appeal

The observant among you will have noticed that there has not been an appeal this autumn for financial donations towards the costs of producing and distributing our "Journal".

With so many difficulties in and around our lives at present, together with other appeals being held and supported for local issues, it was felt that it would be prudent and sensitive to delay our small appeal until next Spring (or possibly later) and to repeat it at that time in future years. We have also supported our local businesses by allowing them a respite over the recent times and have not asked them for payment towards the adverts which appear in the magazine.

However, we have received some donations towards our costs and these are most gratefully welcomed. If you wish to contribute now, please either put an appropriately marked envelope in the Offering Plate one Sunday soon or speak to me and we can arrange something appropriate (even an electronic transfer of funds!).

**Philip W Owen**  
Finance Convener



## Outdoor Nativity

Unfortunately the outdoor nativity that was planned for Saturday 3rd December had to be cancelled. It is hoped to hold it next year.

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**mannan opening hours for  
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**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December - 10am-4.30pm**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - 10am-4.30pm**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December - 10am-4.30pm**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - 10am-4.30pm**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - 10am-4.30pm**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December - 10am - 3pm**

**back again**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 10am**

**A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
to you all**



# Sunday Club Update

## What we have been doing so far ...

In November, we continued with the theme of 'influences' and on 6th November considered the effect that advertising has on us. There was then a focus on remembrance on the 13th which was Remembrance Sunday. After that we started to look forward to Christmas.

## Looking forward to December ...

The nativity service is planned for the 18th December. We had the first rehearsal on the 27th November and will continue with rehearsals each week until then.

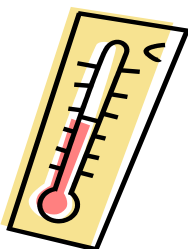
The nativity script has once again been written for us by Jane Campbell. As usual it is a look at the Christmas story from a different perspective. If you want to find out more, then do join us on 18th December either in person or on Zoom.

After the nativity service we plan to have the usual party for the children in the Sunday Club room with some games arranged by the Youth Seekers. This usually goes on for a maximum of one hour and party food will be provided. We hope that Santa might find time to look in ...



## Update on Sunday Club Sponsorship of Rimberto from Bolivia

As you will know, we have committed to sponsoring through World Vision, Rimberto, a young boy from Bolivia. The children keep up-to-date with Rimberto's progress through frequent reports received from World Vision. This allows them to better understand the lives of children growing up in very different circumstances and to pray for Rimberto and his family and community in a relevant and intercessional way.



### Fundraising

We continue to fundraise through the regular weekly offerings of the children and donations from members of the congregation and other friends.

### General Information

For further information about World Vision and its work, do have a look at their website: [www.worldvision.org.uk](http://www.worldvision.org.uk)

**Neil Merrylees**  
**Sunday Club Coordinator**

For more details on Sunday Club you can contact Neil on 07986669430.

## Christmas Gifts

We are collecting new and unopened gifts which will be gifted to children less fortunate this Christmas. They will be given to the Rio Community Centre and distributed from there. If you are able to buy an extra gift for a child/young person up to the age of 18 then these can be brought to the church unwrapped and put in one of the donation boxes at the doors. If you are unable to buy a gift but would still like to contribute then money can be given to Claire Owen or put in an envelope with Christmas Gift on the outside and placed in the offering plate. This collection will finish on Sunday 11th December.

Suggested Gift Ideas :-

0-3 YEARS - Teddies, Musical Toys, My First Toys, Rattles, Books, Play Mats

3-5 YEARS - Cars, Dolls, Jigsaws, Dress Up Items, Playdoh, Colouring Books and Pencils

5-7 YEARS - Lego, Art and Craft Sets, Skipping Ropes, Make Your Own Photo Frame, Snow Globe, Jewellery Set, Action Figures, Board Games

7-9 YEARS - Footballs, Board Games, Remote Control Toys, Stationery Sets

9-12 YEARS - Board Games, Make Up Sets, Nail Varnish

12-18 YEARS - Toiletries, Electrical items (Straighteners, Mini-speakers), Aftershave and Perfumes, Jewellery, Puzzles, Make-up, Books, Lunch Boxes, Duvet Sets

For more information please contact Claire Owen.



Remember  
Ukraine

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*Let us join together as a community to  
stand with the people of Ukraine in  
their hour of need*

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# Christmas Greetings

I would just like to wish all our Church family a very Happy Christmas from all the family. May you know the love of Christ this season.



**Diane Miller**

Hi to all my Friends and Church Family within the Church and Manna. May God Bless you all with Christmas Greetings and a lovely 2023 with Good Health for you all.

**Winnie Whyte**



Wishing you all the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of God's love this Christmas and always.

**Kirsteen, Kenny and Callum Cruickshanks**



Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. God Bless.

**Neil, Morag, Andrew, Peter and Ann Rowley**



Wishing every blessing of the season to all my fellow worshippers in the congregation, may the Christmas message of love and hope touch us all afresh this year.

**Alison Heywood**



Seasons Greetings and a peaceful New Year to everyone.

**Eleanor, Philip and Claire Owen**

Christmas Blessings of peace and joy to one and all.

**Ann Barona**



Merry Christmas to all at this time.

**Frances Durward**



## Newport Community Chest

Two large containers are situated at the back of the church to receive foodstuff, toiletries, good quality clothing (particularly warm winter attire) and any surplus sleeping bags which are no longer required. These items will be delivered regularly to the Rio Community Centre for their use and distribution.

Recommended items of foodstuff include tins of soup, beans, custard, fruit and meat. Our local Scotmid Co-operative store regularly supplies perishable items such as bread/rolls.

This Community Chest Appeal supports the Rio's foodstuff collection for inclusion in their lunch provision programme or for distribution in conjunction with the foodbank and will continue throughout the winter months.

There has been a great response to this appeal so far but as winter progresses, the need of some people may well become greater so please consider supporting this if you can. Any donations, no matter how small, are gratefully received.



## NEWPORT CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

***Our vision is to be a church which inspires people with the Good News of Jesus Christ through our enthusiasm, worship, witness, nurture and service.***



# Colouring Page



**Candy Cane**  
*Author Unknown*

Look at a candy cane, what do you see?  
Stripes that are red like the blood shed for me!  
White for my Saviour, Who's sinless and pure!  
"J" is for Jesus, My Lord that's for sure!  
Turn it around and a staff you will see,  
Jesus, my Shepherd, was born for me!



## **Christmas Giving** *By Iris W. Bray*

Christmas is for giving  
And for showing that we care,  
For honouring the Christ Child  
With the loving gifts we share

The wise men gave of riches;  
The shepherds, faith and love.  
Each gift, in its own measure,  
Was smiled on from above.

Let every gift be treasured;  
Not always size or price  
Determines the extent of love  
And willing sacrifice.

Whether it be large or small  
Each gift will share in part  
The message of true Christmas joy  
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## Youth Update

November has been a very unusual month for us as our older young people have been busy with their prelims. Please keep them in your prayers over the next couple of months. As a result, we have had a relaxing few nights where we played games, watched a film, and had a bowling trip.

On Saturday 3rd December we are heading to Perth for Magnitude Worship. This is a youth event where young people from across our area come together to worship God and have great biblical teaching.



At Youth Café on Sunday 18th December we are having our Christmas Party and a potluck meal together. We look forward to seeing our young people there and more information will follow in the coming weeks.

*I am*

At Youth Seekers we are almost finished with our I AM Series, we just have two more to go - I AM the Bread of Life and I AM the Alpha and the Omega! This has been a really great series to do, as we all have learned more about who God and Jesus are through each of the I AM sayings!

### Messy Church

On Saturday 26th November we celebrated Christmas early with our families where we decorated some Christmas cookies and Christmas decorations, made a gift of pretzels dipped in chocolate and tied them up with a ribbon, made nightlight holders, made Christmas cards, built the nativity scene out of junk and gave everyone an opportunity to spend some time relaxing while having their hand massaged.



The date for our next Messy Church is Saturday 28th January 2023 running from 10:30am – 12:30pm. All families are welcome!

I hope you all will have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Blessings  
**Chris Cameron**

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## Christian Aid Christmas Appeal

I am aware that we have all faced several years of problems and worry and that the situation seems to lurch from one crisis to the next with no apparent end in sight. Many people have contributed - and continue to contribute - to UK charities and Foodbanks to help support our fellow citizens in this difficult and depressing time.

However we are not alone in our anxieties and concerns.

East Africa is in crisis due to the climate crisis which is having a devastating effect on the whole region with its unpredictable weather patterns.

This Christmas, Christian Aid is focussing on Malawi and its desperate need for help. There, people are facing a combination of floods and droughts, so that crops either shrivel and die due to lack of water or are drowned by the extreme floods. As most families are dependent on small scale farming for a livelihood they are very vulnerable. People are struggling to obtain even their staple food of maize porridge.

Christian Aid is asking for help to train families to grow food in ways which are more resilient to the climate changes and to provide more sustainable technologies, such as solar-powered water pumps. Please would you consider giving a gift, however small, to help our distant neighbours whom we will probably never meet but whose needs are as great, if not greater, than ours?

Throughout Advent and over Christmas there will be red Christian Aid gift envelopes in the pews. These can be returned to me directly or via the offering plate. If you prefer to send a gift directly to Christian Aid then go to [www.caid.org.uk](http://www.caid.org.uk).

I have not made this appeal lightly as I am only too aware of the many calls on your personal resources but I hope you will feel able to respond in some way.

Thank you.  
**Margaret Imlay**





# The Guild Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland

## Winter Food and Fuel Crisis: Community Lunches

The first winter lunch was held on the 17th November and nine people attended. This was a very good start. Perhaps unsurprisingly the numbers were not higher as that was one of the days that we got extremely heavy rain!

The next lunch is due on Monday 5th December from 12noon. Everyone will of course be very welcome and there will be a donation plate if people want to, and are able to, contribute.

As explained previously these lunches are part of an initiative to support everyone in our local community with the pressures of rising fuel and food costs. They are an extension of lunches already held in the Rio Community Centre and Betty Martin has offered her full support and helps us plan and run them.

We are currently finalising the dates for January, February and March.

If you feel able to contribute in any way please contact either:

**Margaret Imlay** : 543446 or [margaret.imlay@btinternet.com](mailto:margaret.imlay@btinternet.com)  
**Alison Heywood**: 543369/07719367347 or [alisonbob@btinternet.com](mailto:alisonbob@btinternet.com)



## Meeting

We held a meeting hosted by the Guild on Thursday 24th November. This was an evening of conversation with Betty Martin who told us about the Rio and all the work that is done with the local community. She also told us a bit about her own work and life journey bringing her to Newport.

## Other Activities:

Our existing projects are continuing :-

### ~ Fundraising for Ukraine

Catherine Johnston has arranged a table at the Rotary Fayre on Saturday 3rd December in the Blyth Hall. There will be a silent auction for a painting that has been donated by a local artist. Cards will also be on sale. Funds will go to support our friends in Zolotarevo.

### ~ Vigil: Every Thursday evening at 7pm on the Church Green.

We plan to continue these for as long as the conflict in Ukraine continues. It is important that we bear witness to the ongoing suffering of the people of Ukraine and stand with them in their hour of need. The Vigil is one small way of doing this.

Please do join us if you are around at that time. We usually have a Bible reading, time of prayer and short reflection starting at 7pm lasting 5-10 minutes. Then everyone adds more ribbons to the ribbon flag - you may have noticed that it is filling in nicely.

## Ways to support your Guild

Please tell your friends and family about the above projects.

If you have any suggestions about other projects we can start or get involved in please do let us know.

Why not think about joining us? (Contact Catherine Merrylees or any Guild member for more information.)



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## manna—serving up soup, sandwiches and success!

*You may have seen the article in the Courier recently about manna's success. If not here is a copy of the original article. Even if you have already seen it is definitely worth another read!*

How does a small village coffee and fairtrade gift shop measure success? For many businesses it may be about the profits and the bank balance but for manna it's all about the community.

manna is one of several coffee shops in Newport-on-Tay which has survived the Covid crisis and continues to thrive serving the community by offering a place for people to come, talk, meet with friends whilst having a tea or coffee and some home-baking. It also provides a public toilet on behalf of Fife Council and is a recommended and popular refreshment stop for those walking and cycling the Fife Coastal Path. manna's ethos is to provide a place for people to meet and so retains an affordable menu making it accessible to as many as possible. This was a primary aim for the Church of Scotland in Newport, along with funding a full time Christian Youth Worker and providing an outlet for Fair Trade goods. So they took the opportunity in 2006 to refit one of the empty shops opposite and turn it into a café. The idea grew from the 'church without walls' initiative which sought to take the church out into community settings.



Today it is staffed by salaried manager Diane (pictured above) and her assistant Morag, supported by a team of volunteers, who stock the gifts, help bake, make soup, take orders, wait and wash dishes. Diane is very vocal about the wonderful volunteers who help run the coffee shop and said, 'Many of our volunteers are actually originally customers who just love coming here'. When asked, the regulars list many reasons for continually coming back: good food, to see people, the company, to avoid being home alone, so welcoming, you always get a laugh, to get local info/recommendations and we've known many of the staff for so long. manna always provides a warm welcome and a place to chat.

While success can't be measured in 'chat' it can be measured in skills and life experience. Coming out of Lockdown, manna struggled to rebuild its volunteer base, many helpers being more elderly or vulnerable. News of a scheme called NOLB (No One Left Behind) was part of the answer; a Scottish Government employment programme aimed at helping those members of society who face challenging barriers to finding and maintaining employment. The aim, to help individuals upskill and reach their potential.

manna applied for this scheme and two new recruits started last April, both in their twenties and keen to gain more work experience and life skills. They fulfilled all the requirements of the scheme, working 16-36 hours/week for a potential period of six months, working in all aspects of the business. Salaries were paid by Fife Council, the scheme being overseen by Stuart Don (Fife Job Contract Scheme).

Move on six months and the success of the scheme and manna's partnership in this has come to fruition. One recruit gained employment at the Eden coffee shop in Guardbridge and another, Murdo, has applied and been accepted for the Community Education course at the University of Dundee. When asked about his favourite aspects of the job, Murdo said: 'It's a great opportunity to meet so many different people', something he will continue to do through his Community Education degree. His greatest love is the coffee machine however, and he fully intends to practise this newly found skill to help support his studies.

So what is the measure of success at manna? Admittedly, the profits which help to pay the salary of the church Youth Worker are a bonus, but the friendly ambience, sense of spirituality and care nurtured within this special space are a key measure for the 'church without walls'. As Diane says, 'it's wonderful to see the people who work here develop and gain in confidence as part of our team'. Whether it's the successful partnership of training new recruits on the NOLB scheme, the gaining of skills and confidence for many volunteers or the well-being of the many visitors who eat, drink or enjoy sitting in the café, the feeling is that manna does indeed serve up soup, sandwiches and a big plate of success!

If you are interested in volunteering or future opportunities on the NOLB scheme (paid), please contact Diane Miller or Morag Rowley at manna, 13 Cupar Rd, Newport-on-Tay, DD6 8AF (Tel: 01382 542781).



## Parish Register

### Deaths

11th Oct Mr Joe White  
Auchterhouse Dist 30

1st Nov Mr George Miller  
Newport-on-Tay Dist 32

14th Nov Miss Claire Milne  
Newport-on-Tay Dist 34S

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4*

### Change of Address

Mr Brian McLaren

From: District 30

To : District 98

*"My people will abide in a peaceful habitation,  
in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places."  
Isaiah 32:18*

### New Members by Certificate

Mrs Elaine Thomson and Mr Craig Thomson

Newport-on-Tay Dist 2

From :- Balgay Parish Church

*"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has  
welcomed you, for the glory of God."  
Romans 15:7*

## Thank You!

Thank you to all who have gifted the church flowers, delivered them or have taken my place in my absence. My thanks especially to Eleanor Owen, Margaret Wright and Avril Waugh.

My thanks also go to Dorothy Collison for choosing appropriate biblical texts for the birthday cards sent with the flowers on those special occasions.

You have all made my job easier, the flowers make the church so beautiful & I know that the recipients much appreciate the bouquets they receive.



### Frances Durward



Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers I received from the church. It was a lovely surprise and much appreciated.

**Elaine Thomson**



Thank you all for the lovely flowers you sent to me for my birthday. Very much appreciated. God bless each one of you.

**Eddie Pong**

## Flower Appeal

We have 2 vases of flowers in the church each Sunday. Following the service they are distributed to the elderly, sick or bereaved families in our community.

Could you provide these flowers one Sunday each year? If you can help, please speak to Margaret Wright on (01382) 543007.

## Calendar of Worship

### Sunday 8th January 2023 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr Amos Chewachong

**Beadle** : N Merrylees

**Reader** : A Wilman

**Welcome** : D Miller

**Flowers** : D Collison

**Delivery** : C Barr

**Coffee** : A Gray, L Robertson, A Waugh + P Owen

**Sunday Club** : J Wylie, M MacDonald

### Sunday 15th January 2023 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr Amos Chewachong

**Beadle** : E Owen

**Reader** : L Robertson

**Welcome** : J Johnston

**Flowers** : A Griffiths

**Delivery** : F Durward

**Coffee** : F Harris, M Shiels, M Wright + C McCowan

**Sunday Club** : A Gray, S McCowan

### Sunday 22nd January 2023 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr Amos Chewachong

**Beadle** : M Shiels

**Reader** : C Wilman

**Welcome** : C Johnston

**Flowers** : A Barona

**Delivery** : A Gray

**Coffee** : M Heron, J Johnston, Y Simpson + G Johnston

**Sunday Club** : F Hutchinson, N Merrylees

### Sunday 29th January 2023 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr Amos Chewachong

**Beadle** : L Robertson

**Reader** : A Heywood

**Welcome** : M Shiels

**Flowers** : M Martin

**Delivery** : A Heywood

**Coffee** : P Broadbent, M Cuthbertson, K Farquhar + J Cuthbertson

**Sunday Club** : J Wylie, M MacDonald

### Sunday 5th February 2023 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr Amos Chewachong

**Beadle** : P Owen

**Reader** : K Campbell

**Welcome** : L Robertson

**Flowers** : N Pong

**Delivery** : M Imlay

**Coffee** : J Campbell, L Hundal, L Balfour + K Campbell

**Sunday Club** : Godly Play



## Calendar of Worship

### Sunday 4th December 2022 at 11am Second Sunday in Advent

Service led by Mr Alastair Stark

**Beadle** : D Miller                      **Reader** : S Johnston

**Welcome** : A Barona

**Flowers** : M Cuthbertson      **Delivery** : M Shiels

**Coffee** : J Campbell, L Hundal, L Balfour +  
K Campbell

**Sunday Club** : Nativity Preparation

### Sunday 11th December 2022 at 11am Third Sunday in Advent Lessons and Carols

Service led by Miss Claire Owen

**Beadle** : F Ritchie                      **Readers** : various

**Welcome** : F Robertson

**Flowers** : A Gray                      **Delivery** : E Thomson

**Coffee** : M McCabe, I Navickas, M Imlay +  
D MacLeod

**Sunday Club** : Nativity Preparation

### Sunday 18th December 2022 at 11am Fourth Sunday in Advent Nativity Service

Service led by the Young People

**Beadle** : F Robertson

**Welcome** : K Cruickshanks

**Flowers** : F Durward                      **Delivery** : A Waugh

**Coffee** : F Durward, A Heywood, M Rowley +  
F Ritchie  
A Barona, P Laurence, E Thomson + B Imlay



### Saturday 24th December 2022 at 11:30pm Watchnight Service

Service led by the Young People

### Sunday 25th December 2022 at 11am Christmas Day

Family Service led by Rev Dr Amos Chewachong

**Welcome** : A Chewachong

There will be no tea/coffee after this service



### Sunday 1st January 2023 at 11am Reflective Service

Service led by Mr Bill Imlay

**Beadle** : C Owen

**Welcome** : M Imlay

**Flowers** : M Wright                      **Delivery** : A Barona

**Coffee** : Casual Coffee

**Sunday Club** : Funday Sunday

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