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## DEON'S LETTER

Dear all,

As we journey together toward the season of Christmas, we are reminded of the profound change that the birth of Jesus brought into the life of creation and humanity. In John's Gospel, we read:

**"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God ...**

**In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind." (John 1:1–4)**

These words echo the transformative power of Christ's coming—light breaking into darkness, hope into despair, and love into a weary world.

We live in a time marked by change. In our communities and across our country, we have witnessed shifts in how we speak of one another, often with rhetoric that divides rather than unites. Many are burdened by fear—fear of the future, fear of the unknown, fear of change itself. These are not easy days.

Yet, change is not new to the people of God. Mary, a young woman from Nazareth, experienced a life-altering moment when the angel Gabriel appeared to her. Her relationship with Joseph changed, her body changed, and her future was forever altered. And yet, she responded with faith, becoming the vessel through which God entered our world. Through her "yes," everything changed.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus - the Light of the World - we are invited to reflect on the changes in our own lives. What might God be asking of us in this season? How might we, like Mary, become vessels of God's love, compassion, and hope?

Let us embrace the spirit of Christmas not only as a celebration, but as a call to transformation. May we open our hearts and minds to be changed by Christ, and in doing so, become agents of change in our communities - bringing light where there is darkness, peace where there is conflict, and love where there is fear.

With every blessing to you all as we celebrate the birth of Christ again this year and may we, when it comes, have a blessed, fulfilled and prosperous 2026!

**With love and hope from everyone at the Manse!**

**Deon, Marése, Fransjohan and Elodie**

## A NOTE FROM JEAN

As this is the first edition of the magazine that I've had the privilege of helping to produce,

**I thought it was only right to introduce myself.**

When Sonia asked me a few weeks ago if I would take on this role, my first reaction was a definite "no"! But, knowing how precious volunteers are within church life, I soon changed my mind.

And I should mention - there was no arm-twisting from Sonia at all!

Now here we are. As you know, the magazine's success is not down to one person - it belongs to all of us as a congregation. Please don't ever think that what you have to share isn't worthy.

**Every contribution matters.**

My thanks go to the magazine team who continue to support this work, just as they did for Sonia. Their help is invaluable.

Looking ahead, if you have something that interests you and might encourage or inform others, please do get in touch - either with me or through the church office.

**Your voice is welcome here.**

Blessings, **Jean**



## Pause (PAWS) with Paula

2025 A Year of Firsts and All Things New



**“...Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’  
This is the first and greatest commandment.**

**A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ Matthew 22:37-39 NLT**

What happened in this past year that was new or a first?

17-year-old darts prodigy Luke Littler became the youngest-ever World Darts Champion. London-born Carlo Acutis is canonised by Pope Leo XIV as the first millennial saint, he died aged 15 in 2006. King Charles III publicly prays with Pope Leo XIV, in Vatican City, a first since 1534. The biggest dinosaur fossil trackway ever found in the UK is at a quarry in Oxfordshire, consisting of 200 huge footprints.



Some of these things you may have been aware of, and some not. We tend to think that nothing new happens under the sun, but there were things that occurred that had never transpired before.

**The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease.**

**Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. Lamentations 3:22-23**

For myself, amongst firsts, was a retreat in June which had been in the back of my mind for several years. 2025 was finally it. Unusually, I did not read all the information before impulsively booking it, after which I found out it was a 4-day silent retreat! God has a wonderful sense of humour, and I survived. ☺

Among the new for this year, were the additions to Curious Christians and our traversing up the mountain of Romans and down the other side without the sore feet. (see write up and photo) Some things did not change, such as daily tragedies, corruptions and the constant bad news. However, amongst it all, away from the glorified headlines, were those highlights of good news and reminders of the kindness, compassion and generosity of ordinary people. We just needed to look harder for those people and actions that showed God’s love working in and through people.

**We love each other because he loved us first.”1 John 4:20 NLT**

**2026 - What will it hold?**

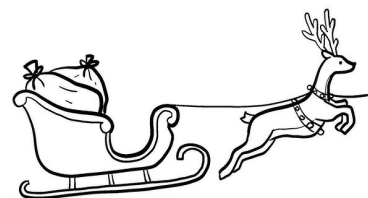
Whatever this coming year holds, some things never change. God’s love and faithfulness never ends and every morning we receive new mercies. If we are unsure about 2026, we would not go far wrong from adhering to something old as Jesus said, Love God and Love Others. Not a bad way to go forward.



**Love and Prayers Paula**

### KNOW WHAT?

As we were putting out biscuits for Santa one Christmas Eve, I accidentally dropped one. I picked it up and placed it back on the plate. **“You can’t do that,”** argued my four-year-old. But I assured him that santa would never know. He shot me a dubious look. “So, he knows if I’ve been bad or good all year, but he doesn’t know if you dropped his biscuit on the floor?”



### SANTA’S SLEIGH

Santa nervously went for his sleigh-driving test. He came rushing back in a thunder of reindeer and pulled up in front of the toy factory. **“At last!” he shouted, “No-el plates!”**



## NICK'S LETTER

I'll come clean, I'm a bit of a logophile. In other words, I'm a lover of words! Maybe you are too?



I particularly like underused or unusual words. Words like huckle and durkle. They're actually hyphenated, so maybe that's one word after all?

Either way, in our household, we're most likely to huckle-durkle on a Saturday morning. If you don't know, it's a 200-year-old Scottish term meaning 'to lounge in bed long after it's time to get up'.

Another similarly pleasing and pleasurable word is 'coorie'. It's also an old Scot's word meaning to 'nestle or to snuggle'. However, to coorie means much more than this today. It encourages us to appreciate the simple pleasures in life, embracing the great outdoors, no matter what the weather, and enjoying the cosy feeling of coming back to home comforts afterwards. It's about being kind to yourself, connecting with nature and others, and enjoying those things that exude comfort and warmth!

There are some great words in the Bible too. Words like 'ruach', 'shekinah', and 'koinonia'. Meaningful, significant, and exciting words, as long as you have a Hebrew dictionary! But one of my favourite words in the Bible is 'Immanuel', which means 'God with us', and it's one of the central messages of the Christmas story. That God came to Earth, born in a stable, to be with us. God is with us and on our side! The 'Immanuel' in the Bible is about connecting with the Divine and experiencing a truth that exudes comfort and joy!

Anyway, whether you are a logophile or not, I hope that this Christmas we might all encounter meaning, with or without words. Whether you enjoy a huckle-durkle from time to time or you're quite keen to coorie, I pray that we might think about the 'Immanuel' and consider what it looks like and means, if God really is with us.

**Major Nick Hanover**

The Salvation Army in Elgin

## CHRISTMAS BREAK

Finish and Re-start Dates for 2025/26

### HIGH JINKS

Group finishes 15 December 2025 - Resumes on 5 January 2026

### ACORN

Group finishes 15 December 2025 - Resumes on 12 January 2026

### MONDAY GUILD

Group finishes 12 December 2025 - Resumes on 5 January 2026

### LUNCH CLUB

Club finishes 2 December 2025 Resumes on the 6 January 2026

### MENS ASSOCIATION

Group finishes 10 December 2025 Resumes on 7 January 2026 at the sports centre

### WEDNESDAY GUILD

Group finishes 3 December 2025 Resumes on the 7 January 2026

### CURIOUS CHRISTIANS

Group finishes 26 November 2025 (Scribbles) Resumes 28 January 2026

### WOMEN'S GROUP

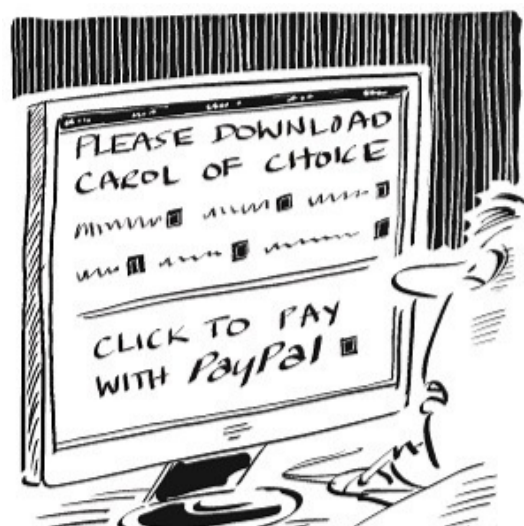
Group finishes 3 December 2025 Resumes on the 4 February 2026

### KICKS

Group finishes with Christmas Party on the 12 December 2025 Resumes 16 January 2026

### CAFÉ CHURCH

Church finishes 7 December 2025 Resumes on the 4 January 2026





## LUNCH CLUB and WEEKLY SERVICE TEAS

### A Message of Thanks

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed so generously to the Lunch Club and the Weekly Service Teas.

Through your kindness and support, we have been able to donate:

- **£1,500** to *Elgin Parish Church (EPC)*
- **£1,500** to the *Laich O' Moray Trust*, supporting the use of the bus every Tuesday for Lunch Club and on the first Sunday of each month
- **£500** towards the installation of the **Defibrillator**, now positioned just outside the Hall.

These gifts would not have been possible without your continued generosity. Your contributions have made a real and lasting difference to our church and the wider community.

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

*2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)*

Thanks for helping us care, connect, and serve.

**Your kindness truly reflects God's love in action.**



## SANTA

What do you call that cheerful old man in the red robe and floppy hat who appears everywhere at Christmas?

Some say Santa. In parts of Europe, he's proudly known as Saint Nicholas - his proper name, which over the years has been shortened, softened, and wrapped in enough tinsel to make him look like he's just escaped from the Christmas display at Decora.

We may enjoy the newer, jollier Santa - with his flying reindeer and questionable diet of milk and mince pies - but the heart of Saint Nicholas hasn't changed: quiet generosity, given with joy.

**"God loves a cheerful giver."**



## MEN'S ASSOCIATION

**Our 2025 - 2026 session has begun in fine style.**

We opened with a friendly get-together at the **Moray Sports Centre**, followed by an engaging evening with Alistair Farquhar, who shared stories from his years with Moray Council - plenty of laughs and memories there.

More recently, nineteen members enjoyed a very pleasant visit to Brodie Castle, complete with a guided tour and a light lunch in good company.

We usually meet on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays** of each month in the **Williamson Hall**. The programme ahead promises a great mix of speakers and outings - something for everyone.

If you'd like to join us, we'd be delighted to see some new faces. For more information, please contact **Cecil Taylor** on **07910 439989**.

### KEY POINTS



**Recent Activities:** The group started the 2025-2026 session with a social gathering at Moray Sports Centre and a talk by Alistair Farquhar.

**Recent Outing:** Nineteen members visited Brodie Castle for a guided tour and lunch.

**Meeting Information:** Meetings are held on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays** of each month at **Williamson Hall**, with a diverse programme planned.

## CURIOUS CHRISTIANS

The **Curious Christians** have been diving into the book of Romans with Dr. Andrew Ollerton and The Bible Society this past year. We've been on a walking adventure, armed with Romans, a notebook, and a good sense of humour, tackling the learning and challenges together. We had a blast, debated, learned from each other, and this is just the tip of the iceberg for our journey!



Next up, we're exploring "**The Greatest Story Ever Told**" by **Bear Grylls**. We're embarking on a thrilling adventure through the eyes of five people

who knew Jesus best. Their firsthand encounters bring the story to life with such intensity, warmth, and deep reverence. And guess what? At the heart of it all are Jesus' own words, straight from the Bible, letting the greatest story ever told speak for itself.

If you're interested in joining us for this five-week course, it kicks off on 28 January 2026. Please let me know by **21 December 2025**, so I can snag the accompanying book for a group discount.

### IN THE PIC

**Back Row:** Sue, June, Irene, Elizabeth, Hazel, Danielle and Ian.

**Front Row:** Jean, Denise and Rita.

**Missing from pic:** Sheila, Shona and Paula.

**PAULA** [pbaker@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:pbaker@churchofscotland.org.uk)

## ELGIN PARISH GUILDS

**The Elgin Parish Church Guilds, both Monday evening and Wednesday afternoon, are well into the autumn session.**

On **Monday**, 3rd November at 19:00 the speaker was Alistair Farquhar, talking about the immense changes in education.

Angus Lawson and friends join us on the 1st December, with wonderful music.

The Christmas lunch will be at the Laichmoray Hotel on the 12th December.

On 5th November at 14.15 the **Wednesday Guild** have Tracey Gourlay, Tesco's community champion, as their speaker.

They are having our Christmas Party on the 3rd December.

Although we enjoy fun and friendship at our meetings, there is a serious part as well.

This year, through our Guild strategy, "Living Stones," we aim to give sizeable sums of money to two charities.

The first is **PLAYFUL BEGINNINGS**, a Crossreach charity which supports families through Sunflower Garden in Edinburgh and Daisy Chain in Glasgow.

The second charity is **OPERATION HOPE**, a charity aiding persecuted Christians in the Middle East.

**Please join us and the other Guilds in Moray when we meet in Elgin Parish Church on the 4th December at 2pm for "THE BIG SING". All are welcome.**



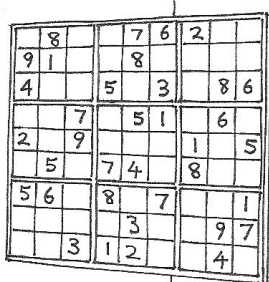
## OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

<b>7th December</b>	Second Sunday of Advent and Nativity Play at EPC
<b>7th December</b>	Café church in Williamson Hall at 16:00
<b>12th December</b>	Sing Moray Christmas Carol Concert in St Giles at 19:00
<b>12th December</b>	Christmas Quiz for the benefit of the Salvation Army Christmas appeal in the Williamson Hall at 19:00
<b>13th December</b>	Nativity book hand out at St Giles 11:00
<b>14th December</b>	Second Sunday of Advent and Communion at EPC
<b>15th December</b>	Community Christmas Carols in St Giles at 18:00
<b>17th December</b>	Bereavement Service in EPC at 19:00
<b>18th December</b>	Communion at St Giles, 13:00
<b>22nd December</b>	RotaAct Christmas Carols in EPC at 19:00
<b>24th December</b>	Christingle 18:00 and Watch night 23:30 at EPC
<b>25th December</b>	Christmas service 10:00 at EPC
<b>28th December</b>	Sunday worship – Lessons and Carols



## THAT WELL KNOWN PILOT

**At Sunday school**, the younger children were drawing pictures to illustrate a biblical story. The teacher was startled to see one little boy was drawing an airplane. "This is the Flight into Egypt," the little boy explained. "See, here is Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. This," he said, pointing to the figure in the front of the plane, "is Pontius. He's the Pilot."



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*Sara preferred to let people work out the hymns for themselves*



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*...if you have been affected by any of the issues raised in this sermon...*



## THE MORAY MOANER

### BAH HUMBUG! A Thought for Christmas

I'll be honest - I struggle with Christmas.

by *The Moray Moaner*

For many, it's the jolliest time of the year. The lights go up (sometimes as early as September!), carols start in the shops, and everyone seems to be smiling.

Yet behind those twinkling lights and cheerful adverts, there's often something else - stress, worry, and a quiet longing for it all to be over.

Every year I try to join in, to smile and nod at mince pie parties and pretend I'm feeling festive. But flashing lights and inflatable reindeer don't fill me with joy. Instead, they bring back memories - some happy, some painful - and I find myself feeling out of step with the world.

Gardens and houses start to look like B&Q's display aisles, and the adverts shout that it's "the most wonderful time of the year" while many people struggle with debt, loneliness, or grief.

What troubles me most is how easily we forget what this season is truly about. Amid the hustle and plastic tinsel, the name of Jesus is often left out altogether. Yet He is the heart of Christmas - not the gift wrap, not the blinking lights, not the shopping lists.

Just Jesus - born in a manger, bringing light into a weary world.

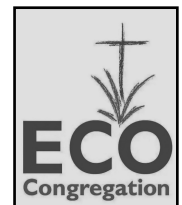
So yes, I might mutter "bah humbug" now and then. I might hide from the tinsel and wait for January. But maybe, even for people like me, there's a quieter Christmas to be found - not in the noise, but in the stillness. In a candle's glow. In a carol sung softly. In the simple truth that God came close.

When the trees are dragged to the kerb in their bagged grief, Christmas will be "over" for another year. **But Christ - the reason for it all - remains.**



### ECO-CONGREGATION REFLECTIONS

The 30th UN climate conference, held in Belém, Brazil in November, will bring together world leaders, scientists, NGOs, and civil society to discuss urgent actions to tackle climate change. The summit aims for progress towards real action and funding to address the climate emergency.



Extreme weather impacts those least responsible for carbon dioxide emissions'

A rapid transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy is needed, ensuring a 'just transition' that doesn't unfairly affect workers in those sectors. Finance is also crucial to help those most affected deal with loss and damage and adapt to the changing world.

We can encourage our political leaders to make the necessary changes, as Christian Aid, Eco-Congregation Scotland, and others offer campaigns to join.

We can pray for wisdom, hope, and support for those affected. As individuals, congregations, and communities, we can choose fairer and more environmentally conscious ways to live, travel, and spend our money. What can you do today to act for climate justice? What can we do together? - get in touch if you have any ideas.

**Jenny Adams**, Eco-Congregation representative. [jennyadamsbd@gmail.com](mailto:jennyadamsbd@gmail.com)

### KEY POINTS



**UN Climate Conference Goal:** To discuss urgent actions to tackle climate change, aiming for progress towards action and funding to address the climate emergency.

**Climate Change Impact:** Extreme weather disproportionately affects those least responsible for carbon emissions, causing droughts, floods, and disasters.

**Call to Action:** Transition to renewable energy, support a just transition for workers, and advocate for climate justice through individual actions and collective efforts.

## THANKS TO OUR COFFEE AND TEA SERVERS

After the service on a Sunday, if you're able, many of us enjoy a good cup of tea or coffee, a biscuit, a buttery, a sausage roll and a blether.



**But all of this doesn't just happen by itself.**

Behind the scenes there are faithful folk who give up their time each week to make sure everything is ready for us. They organise the cups, pour the tea, wash the dishes, clear away the crumbs, and quietly put everything back in order.

We are truly grateful for all you do. Your service is a ministry of welcome and fellowship - and it helps the rest of us to keep the conversations (and sometimes the blethering!) going.

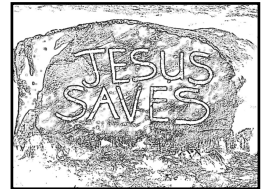
Thank you for making our Sundays in Elgin Parish Church, not just a time of worship, but also a time of warmth and community.

## THE 'JESUS SAVES' STONE

### The Mystery of the "Jesus Saves" Stone

If you've ever travelled the lonely road over the Dava Moor you'll have seen it: a big white boulder by the roadside with two words splashed in red paint - **"JESUS SAVES."**

It has been there for decades, long enough to become part of the landscape. Some say it was first painted by a missionary who had come home from Africa. Others tell the tale of a travelling salesman who got stuck in a snowdrift, prayed for help, and was rescued by a local farmer. In gratitude, he left his mark on the stone.



Whatever the truth, the message has survived. From time to time folk change it, or the paint fades, but before long someone quietly restores the words. No one ever seems to admit to doing it, but there is clearly a "guardian of the stone."

For cyclists, walkers, and motorists alike, the Jesus Saves Stone has become a kind of landmark - a sign that you're crossing the high moor, with the purple heather stretching away to the hills. It's simple, it's bold, and it's part of the story of the Dava.

**Like it or loathe it, you can't really miss it.**

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## A MOMENT TO REMEMBER



I would like to share a few reflections prompted by the picture that appeared on the cover of the September issue of *EPIC* magazine. It stirred up a memory that has stayed close to me for many years.

When the former Elgin High Church had a walking group, one of our most memorable outings was to the Isle of Rum. We spent a wonderful day climbing the chain of hills known as the Rum Cuillins. By late afternoon, we were contentedly sitting in the heather with a cup of coffee, looking down towards our accommodation at Kinloch

Castle and thinking of an easy stroll back.

Yet one last hill stood a little apart to the north, and among our number was a particularly competitive fellow, Mr Fred Chapman. With a grin and a challenge, he decided we must race to the top - and so off we went. Halfway up we paused for breath. Fred sat with the hillside rising behind him, while I faced into the slope, changing the film in my camera.

Suddenly he shouted, "Look! Behind you!" I turned, and there, only a short distance away, a magnificent golden eagle rose from the heather, its great wings unfolding into the sky. By the time my hands stopped fumbling with the camera, it was already soaring high above us.

The etching in *EPIC* was exactly what we saw that day. I have recalled that moment many times over in the years since - a brief encounter that sits among the very finest of all the sights I have been blessed to witness in more than seventy years roaming the Scottish hills: mountain, bird, and wild freedom together.

I truly believe that such moments of wonder draw us nearer to our Creator, and to the beautiful world He has placed in our care.

Thank you.

**Donald Urquhart.**

## KEY POINTS



**Memorable Encounter:** A golden eagle sighting on the Isle of Rum during a walking group outing.

**Significance of the Moment:** A profound and memorable encounter with nature, representing the beauty and wonder of the Scottish hills.

**Connection to the Divine:** Donald believes such moments bring people closer to God and the natural world.

### ABOUT THE HYMN

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### ON EAGLE'S WINGS

The hymn **On Eagle's Wings** was written in 1979 by Father Michael Joncas, a Catholic priest and composer from Minnesota. He wrote it after the sudden death of a friend's father, intending it as a song of comfort and reassurance.

Its words draw from Scripture - especially Psalm 91, Exodus 19, and Isaiah 40 - and speak of God's care and protection: lifting us up, guarding, and carrying us as an eagle carries its young.

- **Psalm 91** ("You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord ...")
- **Exodus 19:4** ("I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself")
- **Isaiah 40:31** ("They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings ...")

Since then, **On Eagle's Wings** has become one of the most loved modern hymns, sung in many different churches and often chosen for funerals and services of remembrance.

Its message is simple yet powerful. **Even in times of sorrow, we are safe in God's hands.**



## ABOUT THE SONG

### My Sweet Lord – George Harrison

#### ABOUT THE SONG

George Harrison's song "My Sweet Lord" (1970) became one of the best-loved pieces of popular music to speak openly about Faith. Written after the break-up of The Beatles, the song is a heartfelt prayer - not to fame or success, but to God.

The repeated phrase "**My Sweet Lord**" is striking in its simplicity. Harrison longed not just to know about God but to experience His presence personally. The words "hallelujah" run through the song, and towards the end he weaves in the Hindu chant "Hare Krishna," reflecting his interest in Indian spirituality. Harrison explained that he wanted people to feel that praising God, whether in Christian or Eastern language, was pointing to the same reality.

For Christians, the song reminds us of Psalm 34:8: "**Taste and see that the Lord is good.**"

Faith is not only ideas and doctrines but a relationship with the living God. The yearning in Harrison's music captures something we all recognise - the desire to draw near to the One who made us and loves us.

Perhaps that is why "My Sweet Lord" continues to touch people. Beneath the different words and styles of worship lies the same deep cry: "**Come close, Lord - I want to see You.**"

## ACORN

### Then Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear and eyes to see" - Mark 4:9

People saw Jesus' miracles and heard His teachings, but many didn't understand or accept them. Their hearts were closed off, even though the truth was right in front of them.

#### In that context:

"Eyes to see" = the ability to recognise spiritual truth.

"Ears to hear" = the willingness to truly listen and respond to God's message.

In Acorn, we practice noticing .... in other words seeing what God is doing in the person and through the person.

Jesus was challenging people to wake up spiritually – to really see and hear in a way that leads to change, faith and understanding.

**Jesus still challenges us today to really see and hear through our Acorn experiences.**

#### BOOK REVIEW

### Are you ready for Christmas?

By Roger Carswell, 10Publishing, £3.99

**Christmas is a hectic time of year:** cooking big meals, buying and wrapping the presents, sending the cards, and wondering if we've forgotten something.

All these preparations help to make Christmas such a special time of year, but before the very first Christmas it was God who was getting the world ready to meet His Son.

This book tells the story of **God's Christmas plan**, and explains how He can help us to be ready for Him today.

You'll discover how the baby whom God sent that first Christmas is still His message of hope, joy, and peace to us today.





## ELGIN PARISH CHURCH DIARY

WHAT'S ON WHEN AND WHERE

### MONDAY

**High Jinks** in the St Giles' Building. A space for toddlers to play and engage with other children and an opportunity for parents and carers to mix. 10.00 - 11.30.

**ACORN** meets fortnightly in Williamson Hall West Room 13.30 - 15.15. Join with fellow Christians recognising God working within you and through you. Or is it just coincidence? Come along for a cuppa and a chat. For further information contact Paula.

**MONDAY GUILD** meets on the first Monday of the month, Williamson Hall 19.00.

### TUESDAY

**LUNCH CLUB** meets every Tuesday in Williamson Hall from 11.30am. Enjoy a bowl of homemade soup and a delicious sweet in good company.

### WEDNESDAY

**WEDNESDAY GUILD** meets on the first Wednesday of the month, Williamson Hall 14.00

**DROP IN TEAS** held in St Giles Building 10.00 - 11.30 on Wednesdays. Drop in Teas and Coffees. All welcome to enjoy a wee cup and fellowship.

**MEN'S ASSOCIATION** meet on first and third Wednesday of the month, Williamson Hall 10.00 - 11.30.

**BIRNIE KIRK** Ecumenical service every Wednesday at 19.00. A service of prayer and Psalms with friendship over cake after the service.

**CURIOUS CHRISTIANS** meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday to look at the Bible in a different way. Williamson Hall West Room 19.00.

**WOMAN'S GROUP** meets on first Wednesday of every month, Williamson Hall 19.30

### THURSDAY

**MID WEEK SERVICE** every Thursday in St Giles 13.00. Join us in your lunch break for a half hour service. Come along at 12.30 and join in fellowship over a cup of tea.

### FRIDAY

**KICKS** meet every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) in Williamson Hall 10.00 - 11.30. For toddlers, parents/carers with a Bible message and play. Contact [stgileskicks@gmail.com](mailto:stgileskicks@gmail.com)

### SUNDAY

**OUR SERVICE** is at 10.30 followed by tea/coffee etc in the Williamson Hall (Prayer Corner at front of church following service on Nov 23, Dec 21 and Jan 18 for short time of prayer)

**CAFÉ CHURCH** is on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month in Williamson Hall at 16.00. An all-age more relaxed form of worship