

*St Columba's Parish Church
Newsletter
Winter 2025*



Look at the Candy Cane
What do you see?
Stripes that are red
Like the blood shed for me

White is for my Savior
Who's sinless and pure!
"G" is for Jesus My Lord,
that's for sure!

Turn it around
And a staff you will see
Jesus is my shepherd
Was born for Me!



As the festive season is upon us, with its carols, lights, and the joyful buzz of preparation and the excitement of giving and receiving gifts. It is indeed a time of generosity, a time when our hearts seem to open a little wider, and we look to celebrate with our loved ones and our community.

Christmas is, first and foremost, a celebration of the birth of Jesus a time for giving and forgiving. The wise men gave physical gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh and the shepherds gave spiritual gifts of faith and love. Each gift as important as the other as they were given in **love, joy and hope** for **lasting peace** in the future.

In our busy lives, the gift of our time can be the most precious. Whether it's to a loved one who might be lonely, a neighbour in need of a visit or phone call to boost their spirits and listen to them. It could be joining that community environmental group, that you have kept putting it off as you are too busy. Putting others first can be the greatest gift you will ever give.

On behalf of all the Stewardship team we thank you for your support and wish you and your loved ones a blessed and peaceful Christmas, and a happy New Year.

**The Stewardship Team: Alex: Christine: Colin: Isobel:
Janice: Jimmy**



CHURCH ROLL – YEAR 2024-2025 (to date)

Before our final count in December 2024 six new members were added to the roll.

Admitted by Profession of faith:

Mrs Jane Keary Mrs Heather Lygate

Admitted by Resolution of the Kirk Session:

Mrs Moira Noble Mr Alastair Gordon

Mr Duncan McKinlay Mrs Linda McKinlay

We have during this year 2025 recorded nine deaths:

JANUARY Mrs Mary Mongomerie

FEBRUARY Mrs Catherine Rosbotham

Mrs Jean Whiteford Mrs Margaret Kidd

MAR Mrs Isobel Haswell

JUNE Mrs Marion Hope

JULY Miss Jean Walker

AUGUST Mrs Barbara Smith

OCTOBER Mrs Rosemary Hall.

Baptisms

MAY - Hamish David Robertson Millar,
son of Heather (née Hall) and Michael Millar

ST COLUMBA'S FESTIVE DIARY DATES

Saturday 6th December

Christmas Fun and Craft Day

2pm-4pm

All Welcome

Sunday 14th December

Carol Service - 11am

conducted by Rev Melanie Reed

Sunday 21st December

Nativity Service “The Three Kings” - 11am

conducted by Rev Bill Jackson

followed by mince pies in the church hall

Wednesday 24th December

All age Christmas eve Service 6.30pm

conducted by Rev Melanie Reed

Watchnight Service John Knox Church - 11.15pm

Thursday 25th December

St Columba's Christmas Day Service - 11am

conducted by Rev Gavin Niven

