



Balshagray Victoria Park  
Church of Scotland

# The Herald

**Christmas 2019**

Dear Friends

For some time I have felt uneasy about Advent and Christmas. It should be a time of preparation and celebration, but instead, people are more stressed and busier than ever. 'Are you ready for Christmas?' is a common greeting at this time of year. The usual frustrated answer is 'presents have still to be purchased, food needs to be bought, parties organised'.

It is right that Christmas should be a great celebration, but the real question is, what are we celebrating and how can we best do this? Are we ready to take on board the real truths that evoke that question – are we ready for Christmas?

The season of Advent is an opportunity to prepare ourselves for this festival; perhaps to give more time to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas. Advent means a coming; like a dawn heralds a new day. As we prepare for this new day we can reflect on the truth that Christ himself is the true meaning of Christmas. He is the incarnate Son of God. He is Christmas.

All these years ago only a handful of people made ready for the day that Christ was born. There were others who were invited to celebrate his birth such as the shepherds who responded to a vision of angels announcing the birth of a saviour, and who hurried to the stable where the baby Jesus was lying in a manger - a trough from which the cattle would normally feed. It was a sordid place beautified only by the presence of the Christ child which is depicted on Christmas cards.

One of the most important truths of Christmas for us to think about is that God had prepared for the birth of his son but he chose for him to share the poverty and squalor, which is often the plight of refugees and other outcasts of this world who are denied the material comforts for which we crave. Surely the true joy of Christmas is when we realise that God made himself known in his son, sharing the poverty of a world that was not prepared for his coming.

A Christmas Prayer

Dear Lord, what's it really all about, this "season of celebration"? People rushing everywhere, overspending, double-booking diaries in frantic attempts to meet the demands of a twenty-first century Christmas. And what about those who find Christmas anything but joyful – those who have lost loved ones, those who are old and alone and tired and longing for it all to be over? What's it really all about? Lord, in the middle of the busyness and bustle, help us to remember that this is nothing new. Jesus came into a world of rush and frenzied activity. He came to a town so busy that there was no room for his family. And help us to remember that you know what it's like to have a loved one – your dear Son - away from home at Christmas. Lord, still our hearts, and open them to recognise and receive your great gift to us. May we make room for Jesus and know the peace and security of his presence this Christmas. Help us to know that this is what it's really all about. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Ann and I wish you a peaceful and happy Advent and Christmas.

Love & Blessings to you all.

Stuart

## **Giving Day**

Just to reassure you that even if Sunday, 1st December is past you are not too late to respond to our Giving Day.

## Church Roll

There were no changes in the church roll last month

Attestation of the Church Roll will be at the first Kirk Session of 2020.

May you all have a great Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

*Andy Coghill  
Rollkeeper*

## Church Flowers

The Flower Rota for December/January is

1st December	
8th December	Hazel McCalden
15th December	Sharon Fergus
22nd December	
29th December	

5th January	
12th January	The Session
19th January	Roz Wallace
26th January	Rita McKendry

## Calendar of Events

December 4th Guild. Christmas theme, Business Meeting & Bring and Buy

December 21st 10.00AM Brunch & Carol Singing at Norby Road

December 21st Christian Aid Carol Service . All Saints Church, Woodend Drive at 6.30PM

(No Guild meetings in January)

*Campbell Joss*

## Path of Renewal December 2019

Many of you will be aware that the Church of Scotland has announced major plans to reform the structure of their administration at the top level and also at Presbyteries. Eventually the opportunity to change the ways the Board and Session operate will come round. There is a general feeling that unless there is a change in the outlook of the church and the way we relate to our communities it may struggle to survive. The Path of Renewal group has been looking at various ideas to introduce initiatives and consider where we can engage more with the community. Some of these relate to whether slightly different forms of worship can be tried out such as services in the hall, outdoor Easter service and services with a particular theme. It is recognised that some people are resistant to change and this is understandable where the same style of worship has been followed for a long time. The messages received from other ministers involved in path of renewal is that we need to engage with those who are unhappy, that standing still in the old ways may not be the best way forward and to suggest that they could open their hearts to something new.

Another important aspect of this theme is that we are now in vacancy and any prospective new minister will be looking to a church showing a faith in God, but also willing to embrace change, to be a church which welcomes young and old and is moving forward during the vacancy period.

I have been to another church recently which has also just gone into vacancy. The message in their magazine could be one for us to follow. It states " It may be some time yet before we hear from Presbytery what the future holds..... It is so important that the spiritual and social life of the church continues to be active in a vacancy. The support of every member of the congregation is vital to keep the momentum alive during the vacancy."

*Campbell Joss*



## Safeguarding

It has now been intimated that all those who have PVG clearance for a regulated post must attend a refresher course every three years. Consequently, most people in BVP now require to attend a refresher course. Please see the list of dates below and let me know which one you would like to attend. Please contact me and I will book you onto the course.

If you have retired from a registered post or no longer wish to be a disclosed person, then please contact me so that I can have your name removed from the register.

As ever, if anyone is considering volunteering for a regulated position, then please seek PVG clearance at your earliest opportunity. Attendance at a training course is compulsory.

Thank you,



Colin Murray, Safeguarding Co-ordinator

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### Volunteer training 2020 (All at 7.00-9.30 pm)

Wed 22 Jan Rutherglen URC, 69 Johnstone Dr., Rutherglen G73 2QA  
Thurs 20 Feb Queen's Park Govanhill, 170 Queen's Dr., G42 8QZ  
Thurs 26 Mar Kelvinbridge, 62 Belmont St., G20 6JR  
Tues 21 April Campsie, 130 Main St., Lennoxtown, G66 7DA  
Mon 8 Jun Mearns Kirk Church Halls, 404 Mearns Rd., Newton Mearns, G77 58U

### Kirk Session training 2020 (All at 7.00-9.30 pm)

Thurs 23 Jan Williamwood, 4 Vardar Ave., Clarkston G76 7QP  
Wed 11 Mar Easterhouse, 30 Boyndie St., Easterhouse, G34 9JE

## Christian Aid at Christmas

BVP is part of a group of 5 churches in the Western District group. The other participating churches are Broomhill/Hyndland, Jordanhill, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and All Saints Episcopal. Scotstoun were also involved previously but have dropped out. During Christian Aid week in May a total of £3274 was raised between the 5 churches. Recently the sum of £956 was raised at the Christmas Fayre held in Broomhill Church. The next event is the annual **Carol Service** which takes place on **Saturday 21st December at All Saints Church, Woodend Drive Jordanhill at 6.30pm**. If you are free then please come along and support this. There will be a collection for Christian Aid. Supporting Christian Aid has the benefit of not only helping a worthy cause but also an ecumenical one of meeting people from other churches.

The theme for the Christmas Appeal 2019 is to give more mothers a chance to use their God-given gifts. At Christmas we remember the powerful story of Mary's journey to Bethlehem to give birth to Jesus. Her bravery and devotion brought her family out of danger and enabled God's peace hope and love to enter the world. Today many brave mothers are fighting the odds to bring their children into the world in places such as Afghanistan and India. More information on this topic is available at [caid.org.uk/Christmas](http://caid.org.uk/Christmas).

For many years members of our congregation have supported Christian Aid by donating items such as ink cartridges, spectacles and used stamps. This is not presently in operation but the Church of Scotland has a similar scheme for stamps and you can still deposit these in the box provided in the vestibule. This collection will help the Chigodi Women Centre in Blantyre, Malawi which aims to improve the socio-economic status and employment chances of the women.

*Campbell Joss*

## Prayer Points

### How to get back up

*'Though I have fallen, I will rise.'*

*Micah 7:8 NIV*

We all get despondent from time to time. It can happen on the heels of a great success or victory. Counsellors say that for every high there is a corresponding low. Or it can be caused by disappointment in people; someone we trusted lets us down and we experience anger and resentment. When we lose a job, we don't just lose our financial security; sometimes we lose our identity and sense of worth as a person. The cause of our despondency is often physical. When we don't get enough rest, proper food, and exercise, we get run down. Sometimes the cause is chemical. When the brain's chemical messengers that are called neurotransmitters are healthy, we are too. But when some of those transmitters, such as serotonin and dopamine, are absent, low, or imbalanced, we struggle and feel depleted. In this case medication may be needed to correct the chemical imbalance. And the cause can also be spiritual. Jesus said that Satan comes to 'steal, kill, and destroy' (John 10:10 GNT). That's why the Bible says, 'Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against...spiritual forces of evil' (Ephesians 6:10-12 NIVUK). Often spiritual warfare is either at the root of our problems or is exacerbating them. So each morning when you get dressed, be sure to put on your spiritual armour and draw on 'His mighty power' throughout the day. When you're down, that's how you get back up.

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*Christine Hay  
Prayer Secretary*

## Weekly Offering Envelopes for 2020

If you HAD envelopes during 2019 then ...

- your elder should provide you with a set of 2019 envelopes (unless I have been notified that you no longer need them)
- if by the end of December you have not been given envelopes which you expect to receive then please contact either your elder or myself.

If you did NOT have envelopes during 2019 but would like to have them in 2020 then ...

- please speak to me and I shall be happy to provide them for you
- there is no obligation to give a promised amount, or to give every week

The envelopes make it easier to keep track of weekly offerings and also provide privacy when putting money into the offering plate. There is no need to write the amount on the outside of the envelope.

**Finally please note:** Some of you will have a new envelope number in 2020!

*Roberta Yule, FWO Convenor*

## Thank You

I and all the family of Christine Clark wish to thank all who sent cards and messages of sympathy and those who attended Mum's funeral service. It meant a great deal to us all.

Thanks also to those who visited Mum and to the Guild who sent regular cards and gifts. She greatly appreciated still feeling part of the BVP family.

*Sheena Gray (née Clark)*

## BGEA Gospel Outreach – 30th May 2020

The late Billy Graham, who died in February 2018 aged 99, is acknowledged throughout the world as one of the most inspirational preachers of the gospel in our time.

His first 'crusade' was in 1947 and his last in 2005. In total he preached in 417 venues in 185 countries, including the former USSR, India, China and as far away as New Zealand. His first visit to the UK was to London in 1954. He came to Glasgow (Kelvin Hall) in 1955 and thousands of people heard the gospel message for the very first time.

In June 1991 he returned to Glasgow (Celtic Park) as part of the '**Mission Scotland Campaign**' and once again his powerful gospel message resulted in many, many hundreds of people accepting Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. I know for a fact, that there are several members of BVP whose lives were changed through Billy Graham's preaching.

The work which Billy Graham started more than 70 years ago continues through the '**Billy Graham Evangelistic Association**' – (**BGEA**) and a UK Tour will take place in 2020. It will visit 8 different locations starting in Glasgow on 30th May (the only Scottish venue) and end in London on 4th October.

The venue in Glasgow will be the **SSE Hydro** and there will be no charge for entrance because all costs are being met by the BGEA. This gospel outreach service will be led by the evangelist **Franklin Graham**, who is the eldest son of the late Billy Graham. Music for the event will be provided by '*Michael W Smith & Planetshakers*' who are a dynamic praise band.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for church members to be part of this unique outreach event and it will also provide each one of us with an opportunity to invite family members, friends and neighbours to come and hear a 'message of real hope'.

I will provide further information about this event early in the New Year, but in the meantime, please put 30th May 2020 in your diary – please keep that evening free !!!

*Robert Belmore*

## Why not join the Gift Aid scheme?

If you pay income tax but don't already belong to the Gift Aid Scheme within Balshagray Victoria Park, then why not join in 2020?

BVP would then be able to claim back the amount of tax corresponding to your offerings.

- ❖ You don't commit to donate a specific amount - the Church just reclaims tax on the offerings you have made.
- ❖ 25p is reclaimed for every pound donated (since for every £1 donated an amount of £1.25 had to be earned, corresponding to 25p of basic rate tax at 20%). Here are some examples:

<u>Offerings made</u>	<u>Tax reclaimed</u>
£100	£25
£500	£125
£1,000	£250

- ❖ In 2018 BVP received over £15,000 in reclaimed tax as a result of Gift Aid offerings.
- ❖ You may donate through Free Will Offering (FWO) envelopes, by standing order, or by occasional cheques.
- ❖ Gift Aid details are strictly confidential, accessible only by the Gift Aid Convenor, and possibly by the Treasurer and HMRC auditors.

If you might be interested then please ask me for an information pack, with no obligation!

Roberta Yule  
Gift Aid Convenor

**Rev Andrew Watt**  
**First Minister of Balshagray Parish Church**

There is a plaque in the Centenary Chapel in memory of the Rev Andrew Watt the first minister of Balshagray Parish Church who died within a few months of his appointment. Jane Belmore recently asked me what I knew about him. As the answer was "very little" I decided to do some research.

Andrew Watt was born on the 16th April 1869 in West Mauchan, Larkhall, the youngest of five sons born to William and Helen Watt who were married in East Kilbride in 1856. His father was a farmer and in the 1881 Census it is noted they are living on a 50 acre arable farm. By 1891 Andrew, now 21, is one of five boarders living at 7 Rupert Street in Glasgow in a boarding house owned by a Christina Kydd. He is listed as a Classical Master. By 1901 he is a boarder living in Kilmarnock and is assistant minister at Riccarton Parish Church. He marries Mary Burns a 31 year old teacher in Glasgow on the 17th July 1902, by which time he is the Minister at Ceres Parish Church in Fife. Their only child William Montgomery Watt was born on the 14th March 1909. On the 3rd October 1909 he was preached in to Balshagray Parish Church as its first Minister, a position he held until his untimely death at the age of 41 on the 12th May 1910.

His widow Mary died on the 3rd March 1937 in Edinburgh where she had lived with their son. She was 66.

Their son was Professor William Montgomery Watt, Professor of Arabic and Islamic studies at the University of Edinburgh. He dedicated his life to the promotion of dialogue between Christians and Muslims. He was the author of over thirty books many on Islam and the last being "A Christian Faith for Today" published in 2002 when he was 93. Educated at George Watson's in Edinburgh, he went on to take three degrees in six years first at Edinburgh University and then at Baliol College, Oxford. He was ordained in the Scottish Episcopal Church in 1940 where he served in a curacy in London. From 1943 to 1946 he served as an Arabic specialist to the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem. He returned to Edinburgh University in 1946 where he remained until his retiral in 1979. He died aged 97 on the 24th October 2006 and was survived by his wife Jean, four daughters and a son. (This brief history this could be an article in itself.)

At the time of Andrew Watt's death his brother Allan lived in Newlands in Glasgow. Three of his four brothers were drapers. In 1910 Allan Watt was selling ribbons and lace from a shop in Elmbank Street before opening his shop Watt Brothers in 1915 in Sauchiehall Street which has now just gone into administration.

*Pamela Joss*

**The Guild**

Our only December meeting is on Wednesday 4th when we have our Christmas Theme, Business Meeting and Bring and Buy sale at 2 p.m. Then we take a break during January and re-start on the 12th February.

Warm greetings to you all for a peaceful Christmas season!

*Christine Hay*  
*Guild Secretary*

**Offerings for period to 24th November 2019**

	2019	2018	
Open Plate	4191	4458	-267
FWO	<u>15289</u>	<u>18170</u>	- 2881
	19480	22628	- 3148
Payments direct to bank	<u>29355</u>	<u>29705</u>	- 350
Total	48835	52333	- 3498
Average per week (47 weeks)	1039	1113	- 74

*Campbell Joss, Treasurer*

## Tea Rota

Date		
Dec 1	Christine McTaggart	Anne Marie Masson
8	Neil Francis	Marion Francis
15	Janice Glass	Hazel McCalden
22	Carol May	Lindsay Fergus
29	John Glass	Ken McCalden
January 5	Jane Belmore	Veronica Goddard
12	Sharon Fergus	Susan Gibson
19	Margaret Paisley	Andy Paisley
26	Christine McTaggart	Anne Marie Masson
February 2	Neil Francis	Marion Francis
9	Janice Glass	Hazel McCalden
16	Carol May	Lindsay Fergus
23	John Glass	Ken McCalden

Many thanks to everyone on the Tea Rota and for recent donations.

*Mary Ross*

## Rota for Readings and Prayers

The rota is suspended during December, as there are so many special services, but readers will be taking part in the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on 15th December. These will be Sharon Fergus, David Hay, Hazel McCalden, Chris McGowan, Christine Hay, Jane Belmore, John Goddard, George Ross and Robert Wallace.

Here is the rota of people doing a reading or prayer from January and February 2020. Thanks very much to those who have volunteered! As always, the rota may be subject to change.

Date	Name	Prayer / Reading
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Ann - Marie Masson	Reading
12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Andrew Watkins	Prayer of Adoration & Confession
19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Susan Gibson	Reading
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Neil Francis	Prayer of Intercession
2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Janice Glass	Reading
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Angus Thorburn	Prayer of Adoration & Confession
16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Maggie Paisley	Reading
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Iain Fergus	Prayer of Intercession

*Fiona Hay*

## **BVP Xmas Fayre Auction**

A big thank you to the local businesses in our parish who supported the Xmas Fayre auction through the donation of generous gifts.

The Square, Bar & Restaurant at Norby Road Shopping Centre gave a voucher for 'Bubbles & Brunch' for two.

- Byers & Birrell, Hairdressers on Crow Road donated a voucher for a ladies blow dry.
- Clippers on Crow Road gave a voucher for a gents haircut.
- Petals on Crow Road donated a much admired flower arrangement in a Xmas vase.
- The Pavilion, our next door neighbour, gave a voucher for afternoon tea for two.

## **A Change in BVP Christmas Eve Services**

This year there will be no Family Service in BVP at 7.00pm on Christmas Eve. However we will have the Christmas Eve Watchnight Service as usual at 11.30 pm. This will be led by Mr Stuart Bruce.

## **Church Flowers Rota 2020**

Thanks to those who checked the draft of the Church Flowers Rota 2020 which I plan use for month by month insertions in the Herald. I will repost the revised rota in the small hall, but cannot guarantee taking note of any further changes made to it!  
*Ed*

## **The Persecuted Church at Christmas**

Christmas is a very special time for Christians throughout the world, as we unite to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. As Christmas approaches, many of us will be busy preparing to celebrate this 'festive season' by buying gifts, sending cards and looking forward to sharing time with family and friends.

For many thousands of Christians throughout the world, the special happiness which Christmas brings, will be very difficult to enjoy, because they are separated from loved ones. In Syria, for example, many hundreds of Christian women are without their husbands and their children without their fathers, either because they have been killed in the war or were abducted because they are Christians. These men are held captive in prisons, in locations which have never been disclosed and this has been the situation for the past 6 years.

Christmas is also about 'hope' and for many Christian women struggling to cope, it is their Christian faith that sustains them, particularly at this time of year. In the Middle East and in many other countries, single women living alone or with children are very vulnerable and are looked down upon and are quite often subjected to harassment and persecution, in all its various forms.

The lack of tolerance towards the '*Christian Church*' is more prevalent in those countries which are Islamic, such as Saudi Arabia. However, this problem is also extremely serious in India and in many African countries, where extremists are trying to take control, sweeping aside the civil rights of Christians. Unfortunately, Christmas will be very difficult for those Christians who are living under such oppressive conditions.

May I encourage you this Christmas to reflect on the '*Suffering Church*' and to continue to pray not just for those who are being persecuted, but also for their perpetrators.

*Robert Belmore*



## Service Duty Rota Dec 2019 – Feb 2020

Please report for duties in the church vestibule by 10.30 a.m. If you cannot manage a duty it is your responsibility to ensure that a substitute is found. Please advise your Team Leader (\*) of any such arrangement and note on noticeboard in Church vestibule.

*Com* after the date indicates a Communion Service. *N.B: Communion service dates may have to be changed depending on the availability of the Interim Moderator or other minister.*

1 <sup>st</sup> December 8 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Com</i>	J. Goddard* Miss C. Hay	Miss F. Hay Mrs S. McGill
15 <sup>th</sup> December 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Miss R. Yule* C. Murray	G. Ross Mrs. M. Ross
29 <sup>th</sup> December [ 5 <sup>th</sup> January]	A. Coghill Mrs P. Joss	D. Hay Mrs M. Thomson
12 <sup>th</sup> January 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Mrs S. Gibson* I. Fergus	R. McTaggart Mrs F. Robertson
26 <sup>th</sup> January 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Miss L. Fergus * J. Massey	Mrs C. McGowan K. McCalden
9 <sup>th</sup> February 16 <sup>th</sup> February	A. Thorburn* W. Methven	Miss A. Richardson Miss C. Kilgour
23 <sup>rd</sup> February 1 <sup>st</sup> March	J. Goddard* Miss C. Hay	Miss F. Hay Mrs S. McGill

Standby List: D. Robertson

## A Christmas Bonus

No, it's not about December 12th promises but about December 25th. I find I have been given the present of a page in the Herald to fill. This allows me share a great Christmas hymn by Charles Wesley, which may be new to many readers. Happy Christmas ! *Ed.*

Glory be to God on high,  
And peace on earth descend;  
God comes down, He bows the sky,  
And shows Himself our Friend!  
God the invisible appears,  
God the Blest, the Great I AM,  
Sojourns in this vale of tears  
And Jesus is His Name.

Him the angels all adored,  
Their Maker and their King;  
Tidings of their humbled Lord  
They now to mortals bring;  
Emptied of His majesty,  
Of His dazzling glories shorn,  
Being's Source begins to be,  
And God Himself is born!

See the eternal Son of God  
A mortal Son of Man,  
Dwelling in an earthly clod  
Whom Heaven cannot contain!  
Stand amazed, ye heavens, at this!  
See the Lord of earth and skies  
Humbled to the dust He is,  
And in a manger lies!

We, the sons of men, rejoice,  
The Prince of Peace proclaim,  
With heaven's host lift up our voice,  
And shout Immanuel's Name;  
Knees and hearts to Him we bow;  
Of our flesh, and of our bone,  
Jesus is our Brother now,  
And God is all our own!

## Dining (and Carol Singing) with Friends

Our next 'Dining with Friends' is **breakfast** at **10.a.m.** on **Saturday 21st December** in **The Square**, in **Norby Shopping Centre, off Broomhill Drive**. After breakfast we hope to continue our now traditional carol singing in the centre when we also invite shoppers to our Christmas services. Please sign up on the notice in the small hall.

*Sarah Hay*

## Special Christmas Services

December is a very busy month for everyone in BVP. Please try to attend our Christmas services and, if possible, come along to the following special services.

'**Glasgow Churches Together**' in conjunction with Glasgow City Council, extend an invitation to attend the '**Blessing of the Crib**' on **Wednesday 4th December** at **6.30pm** in George Square.

On **Sunday 15th. December** at **2.30** for **3pm.**, '**Glasgow Churches Together**' invites everyone to a '**Carols for Peace**' service which will be held in the Glasgow City Chambers. This event is hosted by the Lord Provost's Office and will be followed by refreshments. Everyone will be made most welcome.

*Robert Belmore*

Thanks to all who provided material for this Christmas issue.

Please send items for the February issue by

**Sunday 19th January**

to

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## Worship Services at BVP - December

*Sunday 1st December*

Annual Giving Day

11.00 am Morning Service  
Preacher Rev Alastair McLachlan

6.30 pm Evening Service  
Preacher Mr Stuart Bruce

*Sunday 8th December*

11.00 am Service of Holy Communion  
Preacher Rev Alastair McLachlan

*Sunday 15th December*

11.00 am Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

6.30 pm Evening Service  
Preacher Mr Stuart Bruce

*Sunday 22nd December*

11.00 am Christmas Service  
Preacher Mr Philip Allan

*Tuesday 24th December*

*Note: There is no 7.00pm Family Service*

11.30 pm Christmas Eve Watchnight Service  
led by Mr Stuart Bruce

*Wednesday 25th December*

**10.00 am** Informal Christmas Day Family Service  
led by Mr Derek Robertson

*Sunday 29th December*

11.00 am Family Service  
led by Mr Philip Allan

*Morning services in January will be conducted by Mr Philip Allan*