



Balshagray Victoria Park  
Church of Scotland

# The Herald

November 2019

## From our Interim Moderator, Jonathan Keefe

Dear friends

What can the membership of BVP be doing during this time of vacancy for the church? There are several options that come immediately to my mind:

*Worry about the future.* This is an obvious one (after all the future is unknown) but it not a logical one. When we worry about the future of BVP it implies several things about God that simply aren't true – (a) That he doesn't know about our current situation. (b) That he doesn't know about our future. (c) That he isn't in control of our future. (d) That if he is in control he doesn't care about our future. (e) That he doesn't love us enough to want the best for us. (f) That he maybe wants the best for us but for whatever reason can't bring it about. All of these are untrue. God knows, cares, loves, and both the future and our best interests are very much in his hands alone.

*Talk to others about the future.* This is a natural option in our circumstances, and there are good and bad aspects of it. When we speak about the vacancy and the future of BVP together we can build one another up and encourage one another, or we can hold each other back and discourage. As a general rule, I would encourage you to not talk to others about BVP if your conversation assumes any one of (a) – (f) above is true. If your conversation – whatever aspect of BVP it is about – assumes that God knows, cares, loves, and both the future and our best interests are very much in his hands alone, then it will likely be good talk about the future.

*Pray about the future.* This one is really, really obvious and yet often missed out. In the household of God (in which all believers in the church live) prayer is the first response, yet it is often more of an afterthought in churches in vacancy.

In his first letter to Timothy Paul writes, '*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made...*'. Why does he say, 'first of all'? Because it's the most important thing God's people can be doing. Why does he use 4 different words to say largely the same thing? Calvin reckoned it was to rouse them to do it!

Whatever the reason let me urge you to pray during this time. Pray for:

- Those leading the service in the coming weeks, that God would use them to bless the church through his word.
- The Kirk Session (and Interim Moderator!) as they meet and lead and pastor and serve and seek God's plan for BVP in the days ahead.
- Stuart as he seeks to serve the church and visit parishioners – that nothing hinders him in this work and he knows wisdom as he goes about it.
- For the presbytery and specifically the strategic planning committee. Especially as they prepare to meet with the KS at the end of this month and discuss a way forward.

Yours prayerfully

Jonathan

## Special Meeting

The Strategic Planning Committee of Presbytery will meet with the Kirk Session in the church on Tuesday 29th October at 7.30pm.

## A Message from our locum, Stuart Bruce

Dear Friends

The first time I was in Balshagray Victoria Park Church was to conduct the service on Sunday 3rd March this year. More recently I had the great privilege of sharing further with you in worship. Each time I entered the church I have been so impressed with the friendliness, fellowship and great faith of all the members. You have been so welcoming to both Ann and I while also demonstrating a quiet, confident assurance that 'what you hope for is going to happen'. I believe my task during the vacancy is to encourage you all to continue with that same commitment for in so doing 'all things are possible' with our risen Saviour committed to you.

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### *'Lest We Forget'*

Although in some ways 1918 may seem a long way off, we can remember last year and the many events to commemorate the centenary of the ending of the Great War, "the war to end all wars". But the intention of these commemoration events was not to glorify war, instead, whilst recognising genuine heroism, it was to draw attention to the causes and grim realities of war, and to help current generations learn the lessons of the past.

Of course this is what we seek to do in our worship every Remembrance Sunday. In that service we give thanks for those who have in the past laid down their lives for others in the cause of justice and freedom and peace. We also recognise that within our human nature there is much that is good, for example that same desire for justice and freedom and peace for all people. But we also remember that within our human nature there are the flaws that lead to evil, cruelty, waste and want, as well as the hunger for power that leads us into wars.

One of the cruellest features of war is that it tends to be the weakest and most vulnerable members of society who suffer the most. Worship on Remembrance Sunday gives us an opportunity to come together for a time of silence as a community before God, the Giver of Life, who offers forgiveness and healing and hope. In observing the silence we pay tribute to those who have given their lives for others and we stand

in solidarity with all who today still suffer the pain of war, as well as with all who work to see justice prevail and to bring peace in places of conflict and strife.

Recently I read about a man who spent 5 years of WWII as a pilot in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Despite the gruelling flying schedule, the risks and the heavy losses suffered, this man said that he counted himself as fortunate, because he knew that when he returned from an operation there would always be food and shelter. Most of his school friends had joined the army and had had to endure terrible conditions. 75% of them never returned but were buried where they fell in France. This man is now totally opposed to war. He describes it as a waste of money, a waste of resource, and most importantly a waste of life. And he wishes that others could see that too.

On Remembrance Sunday we think about conflict. We remember those who died for their cause. Their cause was our future. Why do we make the special effort on this day to remember them? We do so to honour those who gave their lives for us, but have we learnt anything from all the terrible things that have gone on over the last 101 years? Yes and no - there are some things that every generation has to learn for itself. We must learn to achieve a balance between the two sides of our nature, our uniqueness as individuals, our beliefs, religious and personal, and our membership of society, community and nation, between our believing and our belonging.

You will all be welcome at our Remembrance Service on Sunday, 10th November 2019.

Love & Blessings to you all.

*Stuart*

## Church Roll

### *Deaths*

Mrs Christine Clarke (District 10)  
Mr Archie Gosland (District 14)

### *Change of Address*

Mrs Gloria Acheampong (District 10)

*Andy Coghill  
Rollkeeper*

## The Persecuted Church

Despite all the suffering that has been inflicted on the people of Syria, including those of Kurdish descent who have Syrian nationality, Turkey now has joined the list of aggressors by shelling and bombing in an indiscriminate manner towns and villages in the north-eastern region of Syria. This northern region has a substantial Christian population and several deaths have been reported and many Christians including young children have sustained severe injuries. Turkey has agreed to a temporary halt to its incursion into Syrian territory, but the lives of many thousands of people have been destroyed, as they flee the violence. Pray for peace to last.

**Burkina Faso** – despite not being included in the top 50 countries where Christians are most at risk, this West African country has seen a significant escalation of violent attacks by Islamist extremists against Christians living in various towns and villages located in the northern part of this country. The attacks started in April when gunmen rounded up a pastor, his son and four of his congregation and demanded they deny their Christian faith and convert to Islam. Each of them refused and they were shot one-by-one. It is estimated that around 150 Christians have been murdered by the Islamist extremists so far this year and the violence has caused c.20,000 to flee to some of the bigger cities for safety.

**Democratic Republic of Congo** – in August more than 200 people including women and children were abducted at a church mission hospital in the town of Boga and shops were looted by the Islamist extremist group called '*The Allied Democratic Forces (ADF)*'. This central African country has a majority-Christian population and they have suffered from repeated attacks for more than two decades, leaving people traumatised and grieving for those killed or abducted.

**Eritrea** – despite signs of change, Eritrea's authoritarian regime continues to persecute and detain Christians at will. It was hoped that this would change when Eritrea signed a peace agreement with neighbouring Ethiopia, allowing imprisoned church leaders to be given their freedom; but that optimism did not last long. Sadly the number of Christians incarcerated in prison has increased and is estimated at c.400, with as many as 1000 being detained in military camps.

**Nigeria** – in April 2014 the Islamist extremist group Boko Haram abducted 276 schoolgirls who were mainly Christian in the town of Chibok. Despite increased security measures there has been numerous incidents of a similar nature during the past 5 years. On 3 October armed gunmen entered a Christian boarding school located in Kaduna State and abducted six students and two female staff. Young girls are usually made to convert to Islam and are then forced to marry their captors. Adults are normally held for ransom and the fees can be high.

**Algeria** – the government of this north African country are persisting in their campaign to close Christian churches, and in September closed a church in the town of Ighzer Amokrane. In late 2017, officials began making regular visits to churches on the pretext of carrying out safety checks, then asked church leaders to produce permits allowing them to operate as a church. However, it has been reported that the 'National Commission for Non-Muslim Worship', despite receiving numerous requests for permits, has never issued any. Many more Christian churches are under threat of closure.

**Iran** – in recent years there has been a well organised crackdown by the Iranian authorities to try and suppress the growth of house churches in Iran. It is a fact that those who were converts from Islam have been specifically targeted. Many Christian believers are languishing in prison, having been convicted of such charges as '*illegal gathering*', '*collusion and evangelism*', '*having contact with anti-Islamic agents abroad*' and '*founding a Christian website*'. Many Christians are held in solitary confinement to stop them from sharing the gospel.

### UPDATE – Asia Bibi

It has been reported that the Pakistani Christian woman Asia Bibi who was acquitted last October of the charge of '*blasphemy*' is expected to move soon from Canada to an undisclosed country in Europe.

***"The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous". Proverbs 15 v 29 (NIV)***

**'CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SUFFERING CHURCH'**

Robert Belmore

## Remembrance Sunday

As 2019 marks the eightieth anniversary of the beginning of the Second World War perhaps members of the congregation would like to share any family memories they may have or have been told regarding the events of 1939. It is hoped to have a small display in the Centenary Chapel and this could include any interesting information received from church members.

Please send any items to [cdjoss2@gmail.com](mailto:cdjoss2@gmail.com) or speak to me in the church.

*Pamela Joss*

## Offerings for period to 4th August

	2019	2018	
Open Plate	3673	4007	-334
FWO	<u>13579</u>	<u>15883</u>	- 2304
	17252	19890	- 2638
Gift Aid direct to bank	<u>23340</u>	<u>24465</u>	- 1125
Total	40592	44355	- 3763
Average per week (40 weeks)	1015	1109	- 94

*Campbell Joss, Treasurer*

## The Guild

In November we have 2 Guild meetings; the first on is on the 13th when we will be reflecting on the second year of the Guild Theme and Topic strategy "One journey, many roads", and looking at "Companions on the road".

The second is on the 27th when a speaker will talk about "Classrooms for Malawi".

Both meetings are in the small hall and start at 2 p.m.

Anyone is welcome to come!

*Christine Hay, Guild Secretary*

## Christmas Fayre

**Saturday, 23rd November 2019**

As you are probably aware this year's Christmas Fayre is being held in the Church Hall on Saturday, 23rd November 2019 from 10am until 1pm. The cost of a ticket is £2.00 for adults and children 12 and over. Children under 12 are free. Included in the ticket is a visit to the Tea Room for a welcome cuppa and of course some delicious home baking. Tickets will be available in the next week or two. We hope you will help the success of this event by buying a ticket and of course coming along on the 23rd to support this important fund raiser.

There are other ways your help is needed too: by donating to the various stalls listed below or by giving up an hour or two of your time to help on the day.

### Items Required:

*Cake and Candy:* Please speak to Anne Richardson if you would like to donate any items of baking or tablet etc.

*Bric-a-Brac:* Please label any bags/boxes with "Bric-a-Brac" and bring along to the church.

*Gift Stall:* All items e.g. unwanted gifts, items brought back from holiday, should be passed to Fiona/Christine Hay.

*Media Stall:* Books, Music, DVDs should be passed to Randal McTaggart or Robert Belmore.

*Craft Stall:* Any knitted, sewn or other craft or soft goods should be passed to Christine Hill

*HELP:* Please see Shirley Robertson regarding helping on the day - even an hour makes all the difference.

*Posters:* There will be posters available to advertise the Fayre. You will find them at the kitchen hatch in the large hall. These can be displayed in shops, libraries, doctor surgeries etc etc. Thank you if you are able to help with this.

The Organising Committee would like to thank everyone who has already donated either goods or their time and they look forward to seeing you all on the 23rd for another successful **BVP Christmas Fayre.**

## Rota for Readings and Prayers

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

Date	Name	Prayer / Reading
3rd November	Marion Francis	Prayer of Adoration & Confession
10th November	Campbell Joss	Reading
17th November	Veronica Goddard	Prayer of Intercession
24th November	Ken McCalden	Reading

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.

The new rota for January to March 2020 will be published in the December / January issue of "The Herald".

*Fiona Hay*

## Archie Gosland

*A Archie Gosland, a much loved and faithful member of BVP, died on 7th October. Derek Robertson our Session Clerk spoke about Archie at his funeral on Wednesday 16th October*

Archie was born on the 2nd November 1936, the youngest of 5 children to May and Willie Gosland. The family resided at 236 Castle Street, Townhead. Archie had a tough start to life, two of his siblings died, one aged two and the other aged 17. At the age of 5 he was admitted to Ruchill Hospital with diphtheria. Archie attended St Rollox Primary School and stayed here until the age of 11. At that time, Townhead had issues with gangs and Archie's mum and dad did not want him to get caught up in that culture. And so the family moved to Baldric Road in Knightswood, the removal taking place on the back of a coal lorry!

Archie attended Victoria Drive Secondary School and did well there. On leaving, Archie got a job as an apprentice engineer with Barclay Curle in Whiteinch. It was while here that he undertook further training to be an engineering draftsman. Archie missed out on National Service due to a perforated eardrum, this despite the fact that he approached the merchant navy to make sure that this was true. Barclay Curle closed, but Archie was told to report to Yarrow's the following Monday and it was in here that he spent the rest of his working life.

Archie was a keen footballer in his youth playing for Drumchapel Amateurs, Glentyan (with whom he won the Earl Haig Trophy) and Clydebank as an amateur. After football he took up golf and he was a keen cyclist. One day he was heading down Crow Road in Lennoxton and was using the brakes so hard that he actually burst a tyre.

When he was 17, Archie attended St David's Knightswood Youth Fellowship, and it was here that he met Betty. They went out together for 6 years and got married in 1959. They then moved into their first house in Whiteinch. In 1963, their first child Lynne was born, followed by Anne in 1965 and Andrew in 1966. When Betty had reached the end of her tether with Anne not sleeping one night, Archie offered to give Anne her bedtime bottle. The next day when Archie came home from work Betty said that she was really worried about Anne because she had slept through the night for the first time ever. However, all

became clear when Archie said that he had put a drop of whisky in her bottle. Betty's reply is not recorded.

At this time, Betty and Archie started to attend Victoria Park Church. Archie was a much valued member of the congregational board and he also joined the choir. Archie also tended the grounds of Victoria Park Church and did a huge amount of work, much of which no one knew anything about. In 1967 the family had to move to Broomhill Drive due the construction of the approach road to the Clyde Tunnel.

Archie was an amazing father, and I'm going to tell you a story that Lynne will get me for later, but I think it sums up his pride in his children. I think it's fair to say that Lynne did well at school and so one day she brought her report card home showing that she achieved 99% for her arithmetic. Lynne showed this to Archie who looked at it and said 'What happened to the other 1%' What she didn't know was that when she left the room, Archie said to Betty imagine Lynne getting 99% isn't that amazing?' However, Lynne thought she had let her dad down and so strived to do better. In her Highers, things did not go well on the day and when the results came in she was dreading showing Archie the results. When he came in from work Lynne handed him the envelope, he quietly lifted the results sheet out, cast an eye over it and then slid it back into the envelope. He said to Lynne, 'I'm only going to say one thing, did you try your best?' When Lynne said that she did, he said, that's fine, you can only do your best on the day. You can always re-sit them' That's what everyone wants to hear from their father when things seem to be going so wrong. He was so proud of all his children and you could actually see his excitement grow as he spoke about them, especially when Andrew would come home from the Isle of Man.

Lynne and Charles got married and thereafter Betty and Archie became grandparents to - Mark, Stephen and Anna. After Anne and David got married more grandchildren came along, Calum and Scott. If Archie loved being a father, he adored being a grandfather and he was always on hand to provide support and advice. Archie never knew his own grandparents and so delighted in the opportunity to be a big part in his own grandchildren's lives. More recently, his first great grandchild Noah, came along and he was so thrilled about this.

Archie really enjoyed DIY and he could be found constructing all kinds of wardrobes etc around the house. When Lynne and Charles moved into the manse in Hawick, Archie would cast his eye over it and inform them what needed done. He then set about building beds for the

children, storage areas and the like, but when Archie said to Charles 'We need to re-arrange your study' Charles had to put his foot down.

Archie very much enjoyed being a member of the freemasons, and such was their regard for him, that he became master. Archie and Betty enjoyed getting dressed up and going out on the occasional night out, but by far they just enjoyed being in each other's company. They enjoyed going round to friends' houses and sharing time with them. Betty and Archie also enjoyed bowling and they were members of Yarrow's Bowling Club.

Archie was not someone who rushed into things. He would carefully consider a situation and then give you his opinion. Sometimes you might not like what you heard, but he always gave an honest opinion.

Archie and Betty were inseparable, but, sadly, in March 2015 Betty died. Archie was really inconsolable and he found it a real struggle coping with the loss of Betty. However, he was coming to terms with this, when in 2017, he was diagnosed with bowel cancer. Archie coped so well with all of the treatment that he received for this, and the operation and treatment were a complete success. Then in April of this year Archie suffered a stroke which left him debilitated, but even through this, he showed amazing fortitude and strength of character. A few weeks ago Archie wanted to come back to this church for one last time. All of the congregation were delighted to see him and there was such an outpouring of love, that there was scarcely a dry eye in here.

Over the last few weeks, Archie grew weaker and he eventually passed away just last week. He will be sorely missed by his family, friends and those of us in BVP who had the privilege of knowing him.

## Dining with Friends

This month's *Dining with Friends* is on **Thursday 28th November** at **7.30pm** at **Celinos, Partick**

Please sign up for the next *Dining with Friends* on the notice in the Small Hall

*Sarah Hay*

## Compassion

Thank you very much to everyone for supporting the Harvest Lunch so generously and raising the wonderful total of £210. This, along with the funds raised through our Coins for Compassion charity bucket, will be used to support Dinar, Jose and Martha throughout the year ahead. Thank you also to everyone who provided the delicious food and helped out on the day.

Once again I would like to express my gratitude for your faithful support of the children and their families. This really does make an enormous difference to their lives.

*Joan Canavan*

## Path of Renewal

This article is intended as a summary of our present position in the Path of Renewal initiative. BVP signed up for this programme in early 2018 with the approval of the Kirk Session and therefore we are now nearing the end of the second year of the 3 year programme. There is a small group involved in progressing this which had been led by Campbell MacKinnon until his recent retiral. The Path of Renewal was set up by the Church of Scotland to reflect on the big picture and explore new approaches to church life. It is quoted as saying that one purpose is to identify the path that God lays before us and taking the first steps towards changing the culture of the church. As an example this could offer an opportunity for our congregation to embrace some changes in the way we worship and perhaps to be engaged more with the community. Many ministers have expressed the view that having been involved in this movement their mindset has changed and they are thinking more about the mission of God.

Everyone is aware of the decline in church numbers and our own church is suffering in this respect. There have been many statements made and opinions issued that the church in general cannot stand back and expect people to come in the door. Our own group is working to convey the concept of Path of Renewal as we see it as a possible way of revival. However we recognise that our challenge is now even greater with BVP facing a period of vacancy and uncertainty about our own future.

*Campbell Joss*

## The Christmas Fayre Tearoom



### Needs You!

A wee plea for helpers - if you can spare an hour or so to help in the tearoom or in the kitchen between 10am and 1pm on Saturday 23rd November, I would be very grateful if you could let me know. Once I have a note of the times that suit people best I will draw up a rota. Thank you very much.

*Joan Canavan*

## RSNO Coffee Morning

Dear All,

The RSNO is going to host another Coffee Morning cum Craft Fayre, on November 7th, from 10am to 1pm in the Green Room of the rehearsal centre, entrance 19 Killermont Street. Once more, it will be partly in aid of Bach Hospital, the other half of the donations will go to Alzheimer Scotland. It would be lovely to see you there!

Kind regards,

*Ursula Heidecker Allen*

## Christian Aid Western District

Angus Murchison has retired from his position as representing BVP and acting as Treasurer. He served on the committee for 15 years and he is due a huge amount of thanks for all his work during that time. Unfortunately he is finding it increasingly difficult to attend church for health reasons. I have taken over from Angus and have listed two items in the calendar of events taking place before the end of the year. Your support at either of these events would be welcome.

*Campbell Joss*

## Prayer Points

### Move while the door is open

*'But they all alike began to make excuses.'*

*Luke 14:18 NIV*

Jesus told the story of a man who planned a banquet and invited several guests. Listen to some of their excuses for not attending. 'I've purchased a field.' 'I've bought some oxen.' 'I just got married.' So the host said, 'Not one of those...who were invited will get a taste of my banquet' (v. 24 NIV 1984 Edition). Maybe you think you're different, that you have a good reason for saying no to God. But is it worth missing your destiny for? When God speaks to you, that's the moment of truth! At that point you either make a commitment or make an excuse. There and then you're deciding your destiny! What is God asking you to do? What's making you hesitate? Fear of failure? Fear of being criticised? Fear usually comes dressed up as an excuse. And every time you waver or pull back, you lay another brick in the wall that will ultimately keep you from reaching your God-ordained destiny. Author John Mason says, 'Opportunity is often lost in deliberation.' So if God's telling you to do something, take His hand and move forward in faith. You can't control the direction of the wind, but by God's grace you can adjust your sails to take you where you need to go. The great educator and scientist George Washington Carver said, 'Ninety-nine per cent of failures come from people who have a habit of making excuses.' Remember, opportunity is a visitor: don't assume it will be back tomorrow. Now is the time – move while the door is open!

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*Christine Hay  
Prayer Secretary*

## Church Flowers Rota

The Flower Rota for November/December is

4th November	Sarah Hay	2nd December	Hazel McCalen
11th November		9th December	
18th November.	Susan Gibson	16th December	Sharon Fergus
25th November.	<b>The Guild</b>	23rd December	
		130th December	

## Church Flowers Rota 2020

A draft of the Church Flowers Rota 2020 which I plan use for month by month insertions in the Herald is posted in the small hall. Those in brackets will be removed. Please add your name to a vacant date if you wish to provide flowers and also check and correct any mistakes by November 17th. Many thanks. *Ed*

## Calendar of Events

2nd Nov. Christian Aid Christmas Fayre. 10.00am Broomhill Church  
13th Nov. Guild Theme and Topic  
22nd Nov. Christmas Fayre set up  
23rd Nov. Christmas Fayre. 10.00am to 1.00pm  
27th Nov. Guild. Classrooms for Malawi  
28th Nov. Dining with Friends 7.30pm Celinos, Partick  
21st. Dec. Christian Aid Carol Service . All Saints Church



## 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

[bvpsafeguarding@gmail.com](mailto:bvpsafeguarding@gmail.com)

### Volunteer training 2019 / 20 (All at 7.00-9.30 pm)

Mon 18 Nov St Paul's, 30 Langdale Street, G33 1DR  
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., Lennoxton, G66 7DA  
Mon 8 Jun Mearns Kirk Church Halls, 404 Mearns Rd., Newton Mearns, G77 58U

### Kirk Session training 2019 / 20 (All at 7.00-9.30 pm)

Mon 2 Dec Baillieston St Andrew's, 2 Bredisholm Rd., Baillieston, G69 7HL  
Thurs 23 Jan Williamwood, 4 Vardar Ave., Clarkston G76 7QP  
Wed 11 Mar Easterhouse, 30 Boyndie St., Easterhouse, G34 9JE

## Service Duty Rota

### Nov – Dec 2019

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 amend on noticeboard in Church vestibule.**

N.B. Changes may be made to these arrangements – please see noticeboard for current details.

3 <sup>rd</sup> November 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Mrs J. Sinclair* J. Massey	Mrs C. McGowan Miss L. Fergus
17 <sup>th</sup> November 24 <sup>th</sup> November	A. Thorburn* W. Methven	Miss A. Richardson Miss C. Kilgour
1 <sup>st</sup> December 8 <sup>th</sup> December Com	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

Standby List: D. Robertson

## Giving Day

This year we will have our Giving Day on **Sunday, 1st December**. Elders will be distributing envelopes in November. The congregation have supported this most generously in years past and the Board thank you in anticipation of your continuing support and kindness.

## Tea Rota

Date		
Nov 3	John Glass	Ken McCalden
10	Jane Belmore	Veronica Goddard
17	Sharon Fergus	Susan Gibson
24	Margaret Paisley	Andy Paisley
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

Thanks to all who provided material for this November issue.

Please send items for the December/January issue by

**Sunday 24th November**

to

[edbvpherald@gmail.com](mailto:edbvpherald@gmail.com)

## Worship Services at BVP - November

*Sunday 3rd November*

11.00 am Morning Service  
Preacher Mr John Campbell

6.30 pm Evening Service  
Preacher Mr Stuart Bruce

*Sunday 10th November*

**Please note earlier start time**

**10.45 am Service of Remembrance**

Preacher Mr John Campbell

(There is no evening service)

*Sunday 17th November*

11.00 am Morning Service  
Preacher Mr John Campbell

6.30 pm Evening Service  
Led by the Kirk Session

*Sunday 24th November*

11.00 am Morning Service  
Preacher Rev Ian Reid

(There is no evening service)

The J team and Bible Class join in the morning worship before they leave for their own classes.