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NEWS UPDATE

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News Update @ WNC

Welcome to the Christmas 2015 edition, hope you are well and looking forward to some festive fun. Please continue to send articles that you would like to see in the newsletter, just email them to wallneuknorthchurch@gmail.com.

Bake Off Sunday

The bake off on 22nd November was very well supported. The entries were all fantastic and really gave the judges a difficult decision to make. In the end Annette Turner took the winning prize for her bake and her presentation. We then sold the baking and raised £60. So a big thanks to all who took part and supported this event.

Christmas Carols Paisley Piazza

Christmas Carol singing will take place at Piazza in Paisley Town Centre on 19th December @ 2-3pm. This event is organised by Churches 2gether. Hopefully there will be a Brass Band and all churches in Paisley are invited to come and sing along. A Christmas candy cane and a wee card will be distributed to the audience. Why not come along and join us bring your kids, grandkids, family and friends for a fun afternoon singing your favourite Christmas carols. Hope to see you there even if you don't join in the singing your support would be most welcome.

The Little Road To Bethlehem

As I walked down the road at set of sun, The lambs were coming homeward one by one. I heard a sheepbell softly calling them, Along the little road to Bethlehem

Beside an open door as I drew nigh, I heard sweet Mary sing a lullaby. She sang about the lambs at close of day, And rocked her tiny King among the hay.

Across the air the silver sheepbells rang. "The lambs are coming home," sweet Mary sang. "Your star of gold, your star of gold is shining in the sky. So sleep, my little King, go lullaby."

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By Michael Head



Book your kids party at Wallneuk North Church
Contact Derek Bisset on 07472076444

Brownies & Guides Wreath of Remembrance

The Brownies and Guides were busy making a wreath they collected empty juice bottles and cut off the bottom, which they then painted red and drew black lines to represent poppies. They then stuck them on to a circle of card and put a message in the middle. Beth and Ruby laid it at the remembrance Sunday service in the church.



Brownies & Guides Coffee Evening

The 8th Paisley Brownies and Guides are holding a Coffee Evening and sale of work on Wednesday 9th December from 7pm. The money raised will be split between the unit and the charities chosen by the girls. Entry £1.50 for tea/coffee and shortbread. Tickets available from Gillian and Lorraine Clements. Hope to see you there. Many thanks Gillian Clements.

ACE Chorus Charity Concert



This year's concert was in aid of the Royal Blind Scotland. Robert Anne Barbara Elaine and Catherine would like to say thank you to all those from Wallneuk North Church who come along every year and support this event.

The Soupmakers of the Midweek Service

Come along to our Midweek Service and enjoy good company and lunch with delicious home made soup and sandwiches. Midweek Worship every Wednesday @ 12:30pm 20 minute service followed by a £1.50 Soup & Sandwich lunch new speakers each week.



Fun & Games

A family games night will take place on Christmas eve before the midnight service. All ages are welcome. The tickets are £2 each and everybody is asked to bring a silly £1 present preferably wrapped, in case we get a visit from a busy man in a red suit. A light buffet will be provided. Tickets will be available to buy from Lorraine Clements on and from the first Sunday in December. Hope you can make it. Thanks Lorraine.

A team

On Sunday 1st. November Ronnie Pringle was presented with garden vouchers as a token of our appreciation of his long years of service to the "A Team". Peter thanked him for all his hard work keeping our gardens in great condition and also many other tasks within the building. We look forward to seeing Ronnie and Joyce at Worship on a Sunday morning.

Network Paisley

On the 1st. November we had a short meeting of the congregation about the situation within Network Paisley. The Kirk Session have agreed to enter into negotiations with regard to a possible union with St. Ninian's. It was emphasised that at this stage it is only discussions, nothing is likely to happen till January 2016 Congregation will be kept informed at every stage. Helen Stephen, Session Clerk

Interfaith Service

The Depute provost John Caldwell spoke of this time giving us an opportunity to show the people from Syria a warm welcome. During the service people from different faith took part by reading Scripture passages and offering prayers.

Our speaker to Young People was Shirley McDonald who is an Interfaith minister. Her words asked that we treat all people with love, kindness and humility. While she appreciated the diversity of faiths this idea was basic to all.

Our scripture readings were from Genesis 2: the Garden of Eden and a supporting passage from Koran supporting this.

Peter reflected on Martin Luther King's speech 'I have a dream' where he asks for all people to be treated with equality and justice. In treating people fairly, we will support the basic ideas of sharing and caring especially for the gifts of God who entrusted the care of the world and all its creatures to man to guard and care.

After the service there was a chance to chat and meet with all in attendance over some food and tea and coffee.

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Peter's Christmas Message

Dear Friends and members of Wallneuk North Church,

"When they saw the star they were overjoyed... Matthew 2:10. Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas 2015 and joy to your world throughout the coming year 2016 in advance.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were Asylum Seekers in Egypt on 1st Christmas. King Herod wanted to kill baby Jesus so they fled to Egypt, where they received asylum. There is nothing in the Gospels about the family's time in Egypt, but we can imagine what it was like when we hear about Syria's brutal civil war is pushing a new wave of migrants towards Europe and many asylum seekers in Europe have also fled the conflicts and turmoil in Afghanistan, Iraq and the Horn of Africa.

Greece and Italy are major entry points for migrants, therefore, there must be more burden-sharing in the EU, especially as they have been hit hard by the Eurozone crisis. Migrants continue to board overcrowded, in small rubber boats, risking their lives. Among industrialised countries, Germany now receives the most asylum claims. According to my information 20 families have arrived in Renfrewshire.

So let's remember all of them, all homeless, stateless and Asylum seekers as we celebrate this Christmas. Let's be generous and compassionate over this festive time and share our blessings with others. Let's recommit and rededicate our lives to our Lord Jesus Christ and bring Him to the centre of our celebrations as Christmas is the Birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you all, have a wonderful and a magical festive season in the presence of the Lord our saviour.

With lots of love and best wishes,

Peter, Saboohi, Sharoon, Shahrukh and Miriam Gill x

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We hope to see you soon.

Rev Peter Gill



Some Pictures from the Interfaith Service Sunday 22nd November 2015

Tuesday Together

Tuesday Together ladies have enjoyed their meetings in Hall 2 at 2pm. So far topics have ranged from meditation to fuchsias and teddy bears to summer 2015 (yes, we did have one!). The Harmony Duo travelled from Hamilton to sing for us, and Bill Dowson brought along his accordion. On a very wet day, eight of us enjoyed a visit to the garden centre (cream scones were popular!). Anne continued the water theme by talking to us about fountains. In December we will have a St. Andrew's Day "Do", a Christmas Crafts day and will finish on 15th December with our traditional Christmas Celebration. We are very happy to have new members. Ladies, you will be sure of a warm welcome!

Brownies and Guides

Brownies aged 7-10 years

Guides 10-14 years.

Both Wednesday 6.30 -8.00pm.

Lots of fun and games all girls welcome.



Christmas Arrangements

Christmas Eve Christmas party 7p.m.-10p.m. Tea & Coffee 10:30p.m.
Carols at 11.00p.m. service begins at 11.15p.m.

Christmas Day 11a.m. in St James' Underwood Rd.

December Worship Programme

6th Holy Communion

13th Gift Service

20th Nativity Play

27th Last Sunday of Year lead by Anne

Flowers for December

6th Margaret Cameron

13th Betty Trimble

20th Jean Smith

27th Flower Team

There are a few vacant weeks in the Flower calendar if you would like to donate flowers or share with someone else please contact Margaret Allison

Young Church

This year, the young adults - from the older group of Young Church - decided to have a Spider and Pumpkin party on the 30th October.

Fancy dress was optional but they were really pleased when so many people arrived in all sorts of costumes.

The young adults - and a couple of not so young adults - dressed up as the Village People and 'performed' their own rendition of YMCA. Young



Church were delighted that everyone who came along took part in all of the activities with such enthusiasm and we would like to take this opportunity to extend a big thank you to everyone who helped make this evening a success.

Now its time for them to start on the next big event the Nativity Play!

A Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year in 2016. Thanks again for all your contributions which make this news update possible.

George S Hamilton Editor