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NEWS UPDATE

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News Update @ WNC

Welcome readers to the February edition. Thanks again for your contributions to this edition of the News Update. Your input is so important so please continue to send me articles that you would like to see in the newsletter, just email them to wallneuknorth-church@gmail.com.

Sunday Weekly Weigh-in

A big well done to everybody who participated in the latest weigh-in. We achieved a wonderful total of £160 towards the pew cushions funds. Although the total weight loss was not high, everyone who took part enjoyed the participation. The Sunday Weekly Weigh-in has restarted but it is not too late to join in. So don't be shy anyone can get weighed, it only takes a minute and all funds raised will go to a church project. Thanks for your support, looking forward to seeing you on the scales!!

Anne Wilson

Loretto Housing

Once again due to the generosity of the congregation and others out with the congregation we were able to give an extra food bag to our neighbours in Loretto housing on Christmas eve along with a card and some gifts we received a nice letter and card thanking us for our kindness from one of the residents.

“And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed..“

Luke 2:34-35

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



Families enjoying a cuppa after the Thursday Evening Service

Thursday Evening Family Services

On Thursday 11th Dec'14 there was a short service aimed mainly at our young members. We are thinking of making these a regular event as everyone enjoyed the Christmas one so much. If interest continues they will be held at least once a month on a Thursday evening. All families will be welcome at this short interactive service lasting approx. 30 minutes, followed by tea/coffee or juice. We hope you will consider coming along to join us. Further information will be available soon advising dates and times of future services.

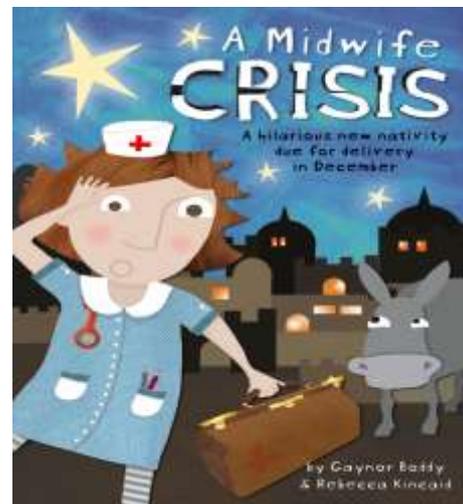
Special Offering

The generous amount of £432 was collected in December at the communion service and the Christmas eve service, the following charities received a cheque for £144 each: Accord Hospice, Alzheimer's Scotland and Ebola via British red cross.

Christmas 2014 Nativity Play



The Three Wise Men checking their map for directions



A busy midwife who never misses an important birth is extremely excited when she hears that a king is about to be born in Bethlehem. She rushes out into the night in search of a shiny golden palace fit for a king. Her donkey Steve doesn't think he's ever heard of Bethlehem Palace, but the midwife is in no mood to listen.



Donkey Steve & The Midwife

On reaching Bethlehem, the townspeople, shepherds and kings that they come across haven't heard of Bethlehem Palace either and the midwife starts to panic. However, with the help of some gospel-singing angels and a very bright star, the midwife is led to a humble stable to find the very special baby already waiting for her. This was a great performance by everyone that took part so well done the young church and their helpers.

Peter's Page

I wish you a very Happy and blessed 2015. Thank you for taking the time to read our News Update, I hope you enjoy the articles within it. If you have any comments please contact us, see details below.

We are a welcoming church of Scotland which meets in Paisley, made up of people from all walks of life and from different backgrounds and cultures. We enjoy being a diverse community all sharing in a common goal of knowing Jesus Christ and making him known in our community and beyond.

Please do come and join us at one of our services or just come for a wee blather, you will be made very welcome. You can find more details about these services on our website www.wallneuknorthchurch.org.uk/

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We hope to see you soon.

Rev Peter Gill

Peter's February Message

Dear Members and Friends of Wallneuk North Church,

On behalf of my family I would like to wish you all a very happy, prosperous and blessed 2015. Now Christmas is over and we forget what happened to baby Jesus after the Epiphany Sunday. As clear as it may seem, sometimes we also forget that Jesus was born into a very Jewish family which kept all the Jewish laws blamelessly. In our attempt to universalize Jesus, we must not make the mistake of isolating Him from his cultural context. In the Gospel of St Luke chapter 2 we get a glimpse of three very important Jewish ceremonies:

Circumcision and Naming (2:21):- Firstly, every Jewish baby had to be circumcised. It is as important as baptism for a Christian family. "On the 8th day, when it was time to circumcise Him, he was named Jesus."

Purification:- Secondly, Mary's Purification after Childbirth was another Jewish tradition and an important ritual according to the Law of Moses, she had to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: 'a pair of doves or two young pigeons were brought.' (2:22, 24) "A woman gives birth to a son will be unclean for seven days, just as she is unclean during her monthly period. When the days of her purification for are over, she is to bring to the priest at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. A year-old lamb was brought for a burnt offering and a young pigeon or a dove for a sin offering if she cannot afford a lamb.

Presentation of the Firstborn (2:22-23):- The 3rd ceremony mentioned in this passage is the redemption of the firstborn. "When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took Him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord')..." (2:22-23)

The early Hebrews believed that the firstborn male belonged to God (Exodus 13:1). In the Exodus, the firstborn sons of Egypt are killed due to Pharaoh's stubborn refusal to let the Israelites go, but the firstborn of the people of Israel are "passed over" because of the Passover sacrifice made by each family.

Jesus was presented in the Temple for God's service "So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord" (1 Samuel 1:28, cf. 1:22).

Let's take this challenge and rededicate our lives to the Lord for year 2015 and beyond. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Take care, Your Minister,

Peter

Sunday afternoons at Wallneuk North

In 2015 we are going to host a chamber music recital series on the third Sunday of every month at 2pm. The concerts are classical recitals of approximately an hour, which will be preceded by a soup lunch in the Church Halls and refreshments will be served afterwards.

These concerts showcase emerging artists and some more established artists. The profits from the concert will contribute to a new digital piano and restoration of the organ. Tickets are £8 full, £6 concessions with family discounts and this is payable on the door.

February's performance: 15th February Alexa Beattie, viola & Feargus Hetherington, violin. Feargus studied at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. Alexa, studied at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London.

Tuesday Together

The ladies of the group are looking forward to some interesting meetings. On a musical theme we have already had George Hamilton giving us an insight into The Rise of the Crooners and Carolyn and Margaret have delighted us with some music for Burns' Day. We are very much looking forward to having our organist Jemma and her friend Maryam entertaining us on 10th February and Bill Dowson has given us the intriguing title "You can play too!" for his visit on 24th February. For full details please see the posters and the intimations. There is still room for a few more. What about it ladies? Hall 2, 2pm every Tuesday.

February Worship Programme

1st	Morning Worship
8th	Morning Worship
15th	Morning Worship
22nd	Morning Worship - Pulpit Swap with St James's

Flowers for February

1st	Laraine Rinn
8th	Joyce P & Margaret C
15th	Elizabeth Wilson
22nd	Joyce P & Margaret C

Breaking News

Chamber Music Recital

On Sunday the 18th of January there was a performance as part of the "Sunday Afternoons at Wallneuk North" by Steven McIntyre on the Organ. This was an amazing performance enjoyed by all who attended.

Mossvale Appeal

Mossvale Parent council would like to thank the congregation of Wallneuk North Church for their generosity in donating over £200 towards the appeal, with a collection after the service on 21st Dec 2014.

Christianity Explored

We are hoping to offer another series of Christianity Explored this year. They will begin on Wed. 11th Feb at 7p.m. Most sessions will last 2 hours. This group is open to new Christians, those thinking about becoming a Christians or anyone who want to explore their faith.

Property

Work has now commenced on the refurbishment of the Crèche.