



# By the way...

Christmas  
2018

## Your Donations Make a Difference

All of the harvest produce donated by both the primary school and the church was given to Glasgow City Mission.



Glasgow was the world's first City to provide help and support for vulnerable adults and children, by fighting against poverty and disadvantage since 1826.

The Mission works with adults and children who are often leading chaotic or difficult lives, helping them break free from their oppressive situations, which may involve homelessness, addiction, poverty, family breakdown, prostitution or emotional issues.

They have a Winter Night Shelter which meets homeless people's immediate need for a warm, safe place to sleep,

and trained staff then try to tackle the root causes, helping people find suitable temporary accommodation as an alternative to rough sleeping.

The mission also has a Child and Family Centre located in Govan, which provides a Pre-School Nursery for an average of 40 children, Parent and Toddler Groups, playgroups, family support classes and advice for parents, plus afterschool clubs and holiday clubs.

Thanks to everyone who has supported this very worthwhile cause.

## Christmas in Langbank



**2 Dec (11.15 am)** - Langbank Service will be in St Andrew's Church, Port Glasgow.

This will be an Ecumenical, All Age Celebration of Advent involving many local churches. (Coffee and Tea available from 10.30 am)

Everyone welcome

**8 Dec (12.00 – 1pm)** - Langbank Singers carol singing at Finlaystone

**9 Dec (10 am)** - Morning Worship

**16 Dec (10 am)** - Morning Worship

**16 Dec (7 pm)** - 'Carols by Candlelight'

**23 Dec (10 am)** - All Age Service of Lessons & Carols

**24 Dec (6.30)** - Langbank Singers carol singing at Gleddoch House

**24 Dec (11.30 pm)** - Christmas Eve Watch Night Service

**31 Dec (10 am)** - End of the year Morning Worship

*Langbank Christmas Tree Light Switch On*

***Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December***

*Village Christmas sing-along at 6:45pm  
inside the church.*

*Then there will be the opportunity to  
purchase some festive refreshments before  
the*

*Christmas countdown and big switch on at  
7:30pm.*

***Even if it's cold outside there will be a warm  
village welcome for all!***

**Potential Santa's Sleigh** – Sunday 16 December at 4pm. T B C (Bow Festival Committee)

## Langbank SWI

The SWI season started with a Scottish Quiz Night, then a Cookery Demonstration by Alexander Butchers from Port Glasgow.

Thursday, 13th December will be our Christmas Party, with a lovely festive meal. Everyone should bring a £1 Secret Santa wrapped gift.

In 2019, we are hosting a Burns' Supper in January, a Fiddlers' Rally in February and a RSPB evening in March.

We meet monthly at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, and new members will be very welcome. All information and contact details can be seen on the village notice boards.

# Church News

## Dear Friends

November is a remembering month. This year, of course, we commemorate the centenary of the armistice marking the end of hostilities of World War I.

And at St Andrew's we'll also have this year 'A Space to Remember' – an afternoon service to remember those who will not be physically here this Christmas but will be very much with us in spirit. One of the nice things about having been at Langbank for over a year is that I can already anticipate the happiness of your Christmas celebrations, as memories of last year still linger.

Remembering together is a special way to share, and there is no time in the year so given to nostalgia as Christmas. It's all around us in our decorations, our songs, our Christmas Dinner our Parties and Nights Out. At Christmas, we know the script. Whether it's a family custom, or the road to Bethlehem – we've been here before, bought the sweater, know the hymns....

.....and that's why we love it, why we nestle into it, knowing exactly where we are, for we've been here all our lives.... maybe all our Christmases are simply one memory of the eternal .... for at the Manger, we meet God again and again, when heaven comes to earth in Jesus.

May you be much blessed this Christmas?

With love,  
Liz



## Hello and Goodbye

The church is delighted to welcome Elspeth Munro as the permanent church organist, following the retiral of Joan Hallworth after many years of faithful service. Elspeth, an accomplished cellist, has been part of a rota since August, but has agreed to play full time, starting in mid November. Our thanks are due to Robert Lawrie, David Addison and Margaret White, who all helped fill the gap after Joan's departure.

Sadly we have to say goodbye to Catriona Ewing, who was instrumental in starting our monthly Soup and Sandwich Lunch. Catriona is moving to Largs, and we wish her well in her new home. Thank you, Catriona, for all your hard work.

## Celebrate St Valentine's Day

Come along to our **Family Bingo Night** on Friday, February 15 at 7.30 in the Village Hall. We can't promise any hearts or flowers, but there will be plenty of fun and laughter, as well as a nice supper. Tickets will be available in the new year.

## Quiz Night

Our annual **Quiz Night** will take place in March. These have always been well attended, enjoyable evenings, so watch out for further information. You don't need to be the Brain of Britain in order to come along and become part of a team.

## Money for old Newspapers

At present White House Products is experiencing a shortage of packaging for their products, and is asking for the villagers' help, by collecting old newspapers, which can be shredded and used to package goods. They are happy to donate money to the church for every kilo collected. Newspapers can be put in a bin inside the church hall door on a Sunday morning or a Monday afternoon, but when the new green bins arrive, papers will be able to be dropped in the bin outside the church anytime.

By helping this local business, we are also helping our local church.

## ***International Volunteers' Day – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December***

*All of the village organisations/groups rely on volunteers – Playgroup, Under 3's, Langbank Parent Partnership, SWI, Tennis Club, Church, Drop-in-Cafe, Soup and Sandwich Lunch, Community Council. We may not all use these but the people who do value them and rely on them and they would not exist without the volunteers.*

*As well as village groups there are villagers who volunteer for local and national charities or groups giving freely of their time and expertise. These people are helping make life so much better for so many people. Modern day life is so busy with everyone rushing around, especially at this time of year. Therefore let us take this chance to say a huge THANK YOU to each and every person who has made time in their life to volunteer.*

*Maybe volunteering could be one of our New Year's resolutions!*

# Village News

## Drop-in-Café

Come along to the Church Hall every Monday 2pm – 4pm and enjoy a chat, tea/coffee and delicious home baking.

Our last Drop-in for this year is on December 3rd, where there will be a large selection of Christmas goodies. The Café recommences on Monday 7 January 2019.

## Soup and Sandwich Lunch

Christmas is just around the corner and we look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday 5 December. We offer a choice of soup, rolls with various fillings, coffee/tea and on this occasion a Christmas pie. Adults £4, children £2. We recommence on Wednesday January 9.

## Playgroup & Under 3's

Playgroup is held on Friday morning (term time) in Langbank Village Hall from 9.45am – 11.45am. Open to all pre-school children from 2.5 years from Langbank or the surrounding area. Under 3's is an informal drop in group which runs every Friday (term time) in the Church Hall from 10am – 11.45am. This session for both groups will end on 21 December, when they will be combining for a visit from Artie's Tartan Tales. Both groups resume in 2019 on Friday 11 January. For information please contact, Jen Burrows, 07947983025.

## Langbank Mini Voices

This fantastic group runs on Thursdays from 6pm -7pm in the Village Hall and is for children age 4 upwards. This term they have been rehearsing their play Cinderella Rockerfella and will perform to friends and family on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. For more information see the Langbank. Community FB page or contact Anne on 07505640904.

## Keep Fit

Come along and join in with Alyssa's keep fit classes in the Village Hall. These classes are suitable for all abilities and a bargain at only £2. Metafit, Sunday 5pm. Circuits, Thursday 7.30pm. No class on Thursday 6 December.

Times may vary over the festive season, please check the Langbank.Community FB page or phone Alyssa – 07714143545

## Yoga

There are places available, why not give it a try. You will be made welcome and no previous experience required. We meet on Tuesdays, 7.30pm to 9pm in Langbank Village Hall. The last class for this year is on Tuesday 11 December, recommencing on 08 January. If you require further information please contact Sara 07962347950.

## Langbank Tennis Club

The season has closed for another year. Thanks to everyone who supported us in 2018, and to the families who enjoyed the tennis sessions with Rachel from Strathgryffe Tennis Club.

We wish you all the best for the New Year.

## Christmas Postal Service

*The Playgroup is once again offering a Christmas Postal Service, for the village, the children playing 'Postie'. There is a suggested donation of 30p per card. During the month of December boxes will be placed at the front door and Hall of Langbank Parish Church and at the Village Hall during Playgroup time on Fridays.*



Three-course festive dining  
1<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> December | from £16.95 per person  
The perfect opportunity to get-together with friends, family or parties.

Winter Wonderland Christmas party nights  
7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> December | from £36.95 per person  
Be welcomed with a cocktail, followed by a three-course festive dinner. After, dance the night away to the sounds of the decades.

Sunday with Santa  
16<sup>th</sup> December | £10.00 per adult, £19.50 for under 12's & £9.50 for under 3's  
A magical afternoon which will include a gift from Santa, bouncy castle, face painter, sweet table and buffet.

New Year's Bottomless Brunch  
1<sup>st</sup> January | £60.00 per adult, £25 for under 12's & £12.50 for under 3's  
Indulge in our Chandon sparkling wine, Bloody Mary station, unlimited starters & desserts and choice of two Sunday roasts.

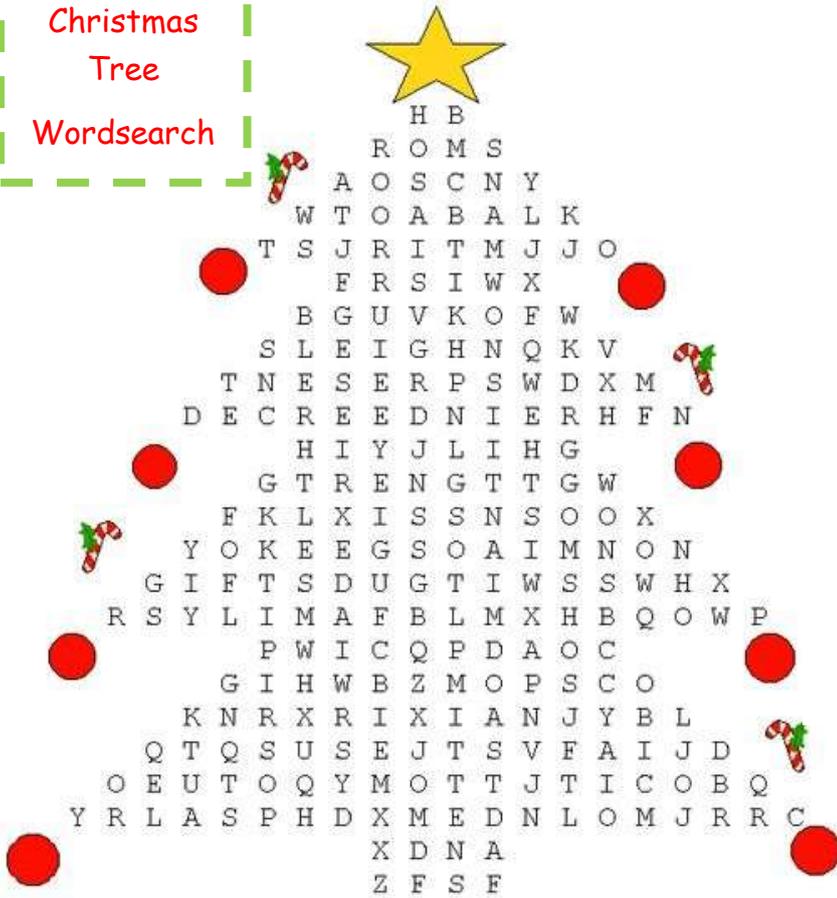
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Langbank Residents' Loyalty Card holders will receive 10% discount.

If you would like more details on becoming on a free member which will entitle you to special discounts and offers, please email [laura@gleddoch.com](mailto:laura@gleddoch.com).



Hello, boys and girls. Here are some Christmas activities for you to enjoy. We hope you and your family all have a wonderful Christmas and wish you all a Happy 2019.

Christmas  
Tree  
Wordsearch



Colour in Frosty the snowman above and then decorate your own bauble picture below. Maybe you could use some glitter!

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| BOOTS     | GIFTS   | REINDEER | SLEIGH  |
| CHRISTMAS | JESUS   | SANTA    | SNOW    |
| COLD      | MITTENS | SCARF    | SNOWMAN |
| FAMILY    | PRESENT | SING     | WINTER  |

