



By the way

Christmas
2021

Christmas in Langbank Church

Usual morning worship every Sunday at 10am, followed by coffee and fellowship. All are welcome.

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| Sunday 19 th | - | Candlelight Service – 7pm |
| Friday 24 th | - | Christmas Eve service – 7pm |
| Sunday 26 th | - | Boxing Day Service – 10am |
| Sunday Jan 2 nd | - | 'Final Fling Carol Sing' – 10am |
| Sunday Jan 9 th | - | Praise led by a string quartet – 10am |



Christmas will soon be here. At the time of writing this article some of our supermarkets have been advising us all the number of sleeps to Christmas Day. Our television channels have been showing Christmas films since the end of October while Christmas cards and wrapping have been available in our shops since September. I love Christmas, but I wish there was some sort of law prohibiting advertising until at least December 1st. I wish also that more people would find the real meaning of Christmas under all the tinsel and trimmings.

Christmas preparations are in full swing all about us. Christmas lights have been switched on in many towns and cities, Santa has arrived at our shopping centres and we are bombarded with television adverts for food, drink and presents. Soon our homes will be transformed by colour, the silver and gold of tinsel, the green of the Christmas tree, the red of holly, the myriad colours of the Christmas tree lights and Christmas Cards. In fact, all the colours of the rainbow will brighten our homes competing with the dullness and dreariness of the December weather.

So what colour is Christmas? Some might say green because evergreen plants, like [Holly](#), [Ivy](#), [Mistletoe](#) have been used for thousands of years to decorate and brighten up buildings during the long dark winter. They also reminded people that spring would come and that winter wouldn't last forever! Others might associate red with Christmas, the colour of Santa's robe, yet it is also the colour of holly berries, which is said to represent the blood of Jesus when he died on the cross.

Or there is gold, the colour of the Sun and light - both very important in the dark winter. And both red and gold are the colours of fire that you need to keep you warm. Gold was also one of [the presents brought to the baby Jesus by one of the wise men](#) and traditionally it's the colour used to show the [star that the wise men followed](#).

Christmas can be every colour – the whole spectrum. But it also no colour- it is white. White light can be split into the seven rainbow colours – from brightest red to darkest purple. Jesus is that light – the white light which came into the world to overcome the world’s darkness. He is the light that still shines for you and me and everyone; for people of this country and every country, people of every age and colour and class.

So, Christmas is rainbow-coloured, as seen in the rainbow by Noah so many thousand years ago - a sign of God’s promise then and now. It is rainbow-coloured for black and white, yellow and brown, male and female, rich and poor. And it is white. Those colours merged 2000 years ago in the birth of a baby in Bethlehem, Jesus the light of the world.

May you all share in the joy, peace and love of Christmas and look forward with renewed hope for the New Year.



Eleanor (Locum)

GLASGOW CITY MISSION

Both Langbank church and the primary school have for a number of years been making regular donations, normally monthly, to the Glasgow City Mission. The mission was established in 1826 to “help the poor and needy”, but sadly, nearly 200 years later, it is still needed more than ever. The mission is a Christian charitable organisation, dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to providing practical help and support to homeless and disadvantaged people. Many thanks to everyone who has made a donation, all of which have been greatly welcomed by the Glasgow City Mission.

Under 3s

Under 3s is back up and running in the church hall every Friday from 10 – 11.30. If you have a little one under the age of 3 , please come along and join us. The cost is £2 per session (£3 if we have an activity session e.g. Bookbugs or music session), which includes tea or coffee for grown ups and a snack for the wee ones. For more details, contact Lisa on 07940313094.

SWI

The SWI restarted after a long delay, due to Covid.

We meet once a month in Langbank Village Hall, usually the third Thursday of each month from September to April.

Our first night was well attended by the members and it was lovely to hear about everyone's experience of Lockdown, both good and bad.

In November we had a Langbank speaker, Jayne Lasley, who told us all about her thriving new business Fairlie Curved, which has had a very successful year.

Jayne developed her business during lockdown, providing customers with a range of clothing and accessories to suit girls blessed with a fuller bust.

On December 9th, we will have a Christmas Party, with a light supper and a Christmas crafting experience.

Looking ahead, in January we will have a Scottish themed evening and we have interesting speakers planned for February and March.

The SWI is one of the oldest clubs in Langbank, and it's a nice way to meet your neighbours while enjoying some home baked cakes. Please come along to Langbank Village Hall and see what it's all about!



Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

We are delighted to announce that Mr and Mrs Claus and their helper elves are able to make a quick tour of Langbank on the evening of Monday 20th December.

We were disappointed not to be able to organise a tree light switch on event this year, so glad that we are able to have this opportunity to enjoy a village Christmas Celebration.

More details to follow nearer the time! They will be on the Langbank Facebook page or if you aren't on Facebook if you email info@langbank-community.com



Langbank Singers



The Langbank Singers are back practising as usual every Thursday evening.

New members are always very welcome, so come along any Thursday evening at 7.30. All you need is a love for singing.

We went carol singing at Finlaystone on Saturday, December 11, and collected for the charity 'Something for Romania'. We might have been frozen, but it was all in a good cause, and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

Playgroup

XXWE HAVE SPACES AVAILABLEXX

If you have a child aged 2.5 – 5yrs and are looking for a fun, friendly and welcoming place to go on a Friday morning, then why not come along and join us!!!!

Where: Langbank Village Hall
When: Friday mornings (term time)
Time: 9.45am – 11.45am

Everyone welcome from Langbank and surrounding areas.

Contact Caroline 07958 730504

MONDAY CIRCUITS ARE BACK

The weekly exercise classes in the village hall have now resumed.

The classes are an all over body work out utilising either your own body weight or light resistance.

The cost is £2 per session, and no tie in to buy blocks of sessions.

Come along to the village hall any Monday evening at 7.30pm.

All welcome, and suits all fitness levels.

Dru Yoga every Tuesday 7.30pm to 8.30pm in Langbank Village Hall.

Dru Yoga is a gentle flowing yoga that is suitable for all ages and abilities. Dru Yoga focuses on movement of the spine to release trapped energy. This release can help to reduce non-specific back pain, and help you to become more flexible. Dru Yoga can help to improve your mood, and overall mental wellbeing.

Class is £6. Bring a mat, blanket, cushion and drink of water.

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