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Parish Church
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December

2017

Dear Friends

How time flies!

Summer has given way to the fall of autumn leaves, and the first of the frosty mornings accompanies the singing of Christmas carols and hymns. In the midst of change, we find that life continues with its patterns and routines.

While I have only been with you for a short period, one of the patterns for the life of Govan and Linthouse Parish Church I have got to know, is the “good news, bad news” routine that accompanies our building project at Govan Cross.

We now have some good news, and we are working hard to pull together the final elements of the funding package that will allow us to proceed with the works needed within both the sanctuary and ancillary buildings (halls and rooms). We are pleased to say that our national funders continue to support us, including the Heritage Lottery Fund, Heritage Environment Scotland and the Town Heritage Initiative. The General Trustees of the Church of Scotland having in April withdrawn support, have now reconsidered, and we are in the final stages of negotiation with them and expect to get assistance from them.

The biggest boost though came from you as a congregation. The recent Gift Day raised (including Gift Aid) a sum of around £20,000. What a magnificent effort, and I can’t thank you enough for your generosity. Not only is this a significant sum of money to donate, but it has served as a signal to our external funders of the commitment of the congregation. Without this, we would have struggled to gain some of the larger sums that we needed. So well done, and thank you.

Speaking of good news, on a very practical level we are pleased to welcome Jamie Goodwin as our new Research and Development Facilitator, who will be with us for the next nine months. Jamie was brought up in Govan, and has an education background with close connections to the Church of Nazarene. He comes to us with a strong skill base that will help us develop our vision for our church, particularly as we prepare to return to Govan Cross. Jamie will help us work more closely with the community at large, and identify both our needs and the relevant resources that will help our witness and mission in the future. His work will help us look forward and enable us to become the church that God is seeking us to be..... Good News indeed!

The season of Christmas brings its own good news. The baby born in Bethlehem brings hope, joy and peace. That is why we celebrate Christmas. Do enjoy the trimmings..... the family time, the turkey and the tinsel, but search for the deeper meaning, so no matter where you are, or how you celebrate, you find the tingle of God’s love within you. Please, take my Christmas wishes for both yourself and those whom you love.

With every blessing *Eleanor McMahon*

Hi Folks,

After long consideration and reflection I have decided to tender my resignation of my chaplaincy in St Enochs. Quite simply you cannot be in two places at the one time and the chaplaincy, in terms of my time has become unsustainable. My priority has always been Govan and Linthouse and I reaffirm the privilege that is mine to serve you here as your Pastoral Assistant.

With that being said we are looking forward to the New Year and looking to start up some type of meeting place using the newly refurbished Session House/ Vestry area, which has been transformed into a fabulous space. We are in the talking stages now but thinking about a safe place where we can share fellowship and the hand of friendship with others over a tea or coffee. More details of this will follow in the near future so keep your eyes on the monthly newsletters for updates.

One of the practical lessons of chaplaincy is the interactions with people who are from different faiths or more than likely from no faith at all. Don't we all have to deal with this? Sometimes it's not those 'out there' but can be members of our own family and friends, those near and dear. In the Christmas story the first visitors were shepherds – people of no faith? – you bet! If you were born a shepherd you were a sinner always and we could say the same of the strangers from the East...people of no faith? But transformed by their visit – the shepherds glorifying and praising God for all had seen the Wisemen protecting the Christ child by not going back to Herod. May that transformation be yours and mine this Christmas and as we visit the manger may we find something very special that is a blessing for not only Christmas but for every day of our lives and when it comes may you and yours have a very blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Andrew

Gillian asked me to write an introduction for you all so here goes:

My name is Jamie Goodwin and I am delighted to be chosen for the role of Research and Development Facilitator and am looking forward to meeting all who are involved within Govan and Linthouse Parish Church. I feel this an exciting time for the Church that is full of potential and opportunity. It will be my role to explore this potential within both the Church and the local community. I would love to hear from as many people as possible during my time here, so please feel free to chat with me during the day-to-day programmes and activities of the Church.

I am also keen to photograph the life of Govan and Linthouse Parish, so please do not be alarmed if you see a camera in my hands. The photographs will purely be used for the Church's website, social media and information for potential funders. If you have any concerns or would prefer not to be photographed let me know at the time.

I am thankful for the opportunity to work with the team at Govan and Linthouse and am excited to share what I learn during my time here.

Here is a bit more about me...

Background | Experience:

- Experienced project manager who has engaged over five thousand children and young people with Science and the Arts over the past two years.
- Creator and co-ordinator of 'St Matthew's Presents' a new Church-based Arts project; part of the Scottish Mental Health Arts Festival 2017, which featured film, visual arts and musical theatre.
- Board member to Create Paisley, a local youth charity with eight years' experience of delivering high quality Arts programmes at grass roots level.

Family Life | Growing Up:

- Eldest of three, my Father is a Naval Chaplain for the Church of the Nazarene, and previously served in Govan Church of the Nazarene, whilst my Mother was a nurse at the former Southern General. Both are now serving Ministers in Paisley.
- Spent my formative years in Govan living on Langlands Road, and attending both Drumoyne Primary and Govan High.
- My Grandparents lived and worked in Govan all their lives, and I now live in their former flat on Burndyke Court

Hobbies | Interests

- I enjoy visiting museums, galleries and places of interest including the outdoors. Recently, I climbed Ben Arthur, a hill with a height of over 2,500 feet, I also visited Govan Old, and the Govan Stones, for the first time this Summer.
- I regularly attend local arts and food festivals including the newly formed Big Feed based in Govan; I feel it is important to support community initiatives that encourage creativity and neighbourhood regeneration.
- I am a keen up-cycler and have undertaken numerous projects to restore and recycle unwanted household items. I am currently rejuvenating a nest of tables to be featured in a local charity shop's display window.

Many thanks
Jamie Goodwin



The Guild

We have as usual to be reminded that it is time to look towards December and Christmas, this is a frightening thought as it means time is moving much too fast. As I write this I am sitting thinking about the Guild and what we have done so far... we started back on the 9th October and our opening night was spent examining our syllabus and enjoying a couple of plays based on our theme of Love. It has never been known for me to laugh much but taking part in one of the plays reduced me to uncontrollable laughter which was a real shock to all present but for some reason I could not control myself and spent a lot of time with the giggles. Our second meeting was our Bring and Buy sale, where we raised about £200 we then finished the night with a quiz. Our third night was supposed to be a talk from Aquila Singh, who spent some time with us as a student a few years back, unfortunately she couldn't manage and thankfully Eleanor stepped in to help us out. This was wonderful as we learned more about her journey in life.

Our Halloween party produced more participants than usual and most joined in with dooking for apples, games and just a fun night of enjoyment. Our following night, which was last night to me as I write this, was a visit from a representative from a small charity involved with so many in the Holy Land, the slides they showed us, especially for those of us who have spent time there, noticed huge changes. The Olive Tree had a large number of goods for sale and it was a very memorable evening. There are many more evenings to look forward to before we enjoy our Christmas dinner on the 4th December and mince pies on the 11th.

During this year we have been supporting the Projects and have, as a Guild, raised over the years an amazing amount of money for which I am very thankful for.

At the beginning of September four of us attended the Annual Gathering of the Guild in Dundee and had a wonderful day.

The Guild will be conducting the service on Sunday 19th November and I do hope you will share this day with us.

Again thank you all for your support and I must thank my great team! Everyone helps to keep the Guild running as it should and I also would like to thank the congregation for your support.

Please visit us any time

With love and prayers

Elsbeth

Communion Services

Govan Old Monthly Communion Service will take place on Sunday 26th November at 9.45 and the next Communion Service in Linthouse will be on Sunday 3rd December at 11am. Our second collection will be for Water Aid. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

I recently attended a training course run by Priority areas. The course was for 3 days over a 3 month period and was entitled ABCD which stands for Asset Based Community Development which got my attention as soon as it was advertised. I have been involved in the development group for Govan Cross and appreciate that once Govan Cross is back up and running we need to ensure that it is being used to its full potential and for that to happen we need to be working with community groups. The training days were a breath of fresh air and were run by a lady called Helen Pope who lives in North Motherwell and had been using ABCD without really being aware of what it was for years. She started reading more and learning more about it and is now sharing her knowledge and stories with others.

The basics are as follows:

We all require and seek human flourishing – this is detailed in a book called the Isaiah Vision and explains that, fundamentally, we all want to feel love, have security, be understood, have opportunities, feel self worth and so on.

There are 3 core beliefs to ABCD which are:

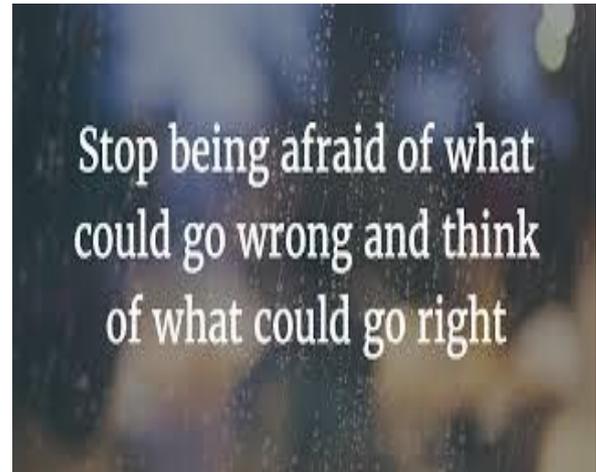
1. Our communities are places of ABUNDANCE. (We need to open our eyes and see what we all ready have)
2. It is better to work WITH local people than to do for. (This is the only way to ensure sustainability, churches have been running clubs and groups for years but the community need to take ownership and feel part of it or it won't last)
3. God is already present in our community! (We need to stop thinking that we are taking 'church' out to the people, 'church' is happening all around us on a daily basis, just not in the manner we are used to! this does not make it wrong.)

Community mapping is also a big part of ABCD we were shown and talked about different kinds of community mapping...you have to know what is already happening before you can look to offer something else. I have started one which I hope will grow and I will be encouraging as many as I can to help with this process...we all see things differently! I started ours by printing off our parish from googlemaps and have started to add things on it that I am aware off but there are many many more things to be added. Our trainer Helen had a fabulous one that a budding artist had helped to design and most of the community groups they worked with took part in the painting of it, you'll see a picture of it on the next page. Someone from another parish had a similar idea of using googlemaps but had taken it one stage further and had got a printing company to enlarge it onto a massive banner which they can use in a variety of ways from just displaying on a wall for all to see or laying it on the floor where you can physically walk up your street!

Our communities are a treasure chest of wonders we just need to find the key to open it and the only way to find the key is to ask questions and talk to people in our community.

We have some very exciting times ahead of us and I for one feel blessed to be a part of it.

Gillian



GOD'S GANG

Since the last magazine we have been learning about Jonah, Zacchaeus and God's promises.

We looked at peacock feathers, shells, leaves and stones from the beach. All of these things change through time, but God, and his love for us, never changes.

Some of the crafts the children made were whale balloons with Jonah inside and edible sycamore trees with, a jelly baby, Zacchaeus. We also did leaf rubbings and made firework cakes and biscuits.

Over the next few weeks we will be thinking about the Nativity service on Sunday 17th December. We do hope that you enjoy the service.

We wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful 2018.
Karen Stevely



34th Glasgow Girls' Brigade

We have had a busy start to the session. Girls' Brigade National's theme this year is Bees and we have enjoyed making some bee related crafts and learning about bees and their environment.

On Wednesday 18th October we had a movie night in the church hall which was enjoyed by all the girls.

To mark Halloween, we held our annual Fancy Dress Party on Wednesday 25th October. The girls played games, doked for apples and ate plenty of party food. The costumes were great and everyone had lots of fun.

This session, we have had a number of visitors to our company to share information about various charities. This began with a visit from Margaret Tooth from Blythwood Care. She told us all about the charity and where our donations go. Thank you to everyone who helps with the Shoebox Appeal for Blythwood Care and for Karen for coordinating our donations. A total of 203 boxes were filled this year.

More recently, we had a visit from The Coming Home Centre in Govan. They told us about the great work they do with veterans which was very relevant in the week leading up to Remembrance day.

We are also looking forward to a visit from the Bible Society who have asked to present each girl with a Gideons bible.

By the time you read this magazine we will have had a stall at the Glasgow Voluntary Charity Christmas Fayre, on Tuesday 14th November, at the City Chambers. We hope this will have been a very successful fundraising event.

Our own Annual Christmas Fayre, Tearoom and Santa's Grotto is on Saturday 2nd December from 11am until 3pm in the Govan Cross halls. We hope that you will support this event. If you have any unwanted items/gifts that we can sell, please bring them along any Sunday.

The Brigaders and leaders have been busy making First Footing Gifts which contain a can of Irn Bru, shortbread, tablet, an Auld Lang Syne poem and a lump of coal tied in a tartan bow. These are designed to bring food, warmth and good cheer for 2018. We are selling these gifts for £4 each for company and church funds.

Our session will end on Wednesday 13th December with a Christmas dinner at Harvester, Hillington for all the children and leaders. We are looking forward to seeing Santa at this event!

If you know any school age girls who would like to join us, please send them along any Wednesday at 6.30pm. Our new session will begin on Wednesday 10th January 2018.

We would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Sandra MacDonald

Christmas Draw

This year we are selling tickets for a Christmas Draw. All money raised will go to the Renovation Fund. This year there will be numerous prizes including a Christmas Hamper; Christmas Cake and vouchers.

If you are able to sell tickets to friends and family please see Sandra MacDonald.

Tickets will be £1 each and will be available from mid November.

A humongous Thank You to everyone who took part in our Gift Day in September!

The funds received are now just over £15,000 with Gift Aid to be claimed we should be sitting just under £20,000!!

We couldn't have raised this amount without your generosity and we are extremely grateful!

Thank You



SHOEBOX APPEAL

I am delighted to tell you that we delivered 203 shoe boxes to Blythswood Care. This is only possible with your help. We would like to thank everyone who donated to this appeal. The shoe box wrappers, the knitters, the bargain hunters and those who donated money allowing us to buy items for the boxes. We even handed in extra items to help fill other boxes.

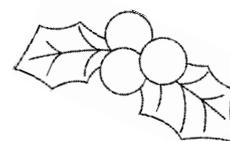
203 extra smiles this Christmas.

Thank you from everyone at 34th Glasgow Girls' Brigade x

Karen Stevely



Happy Christmas



We would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful 2018

love Karen and Billy Stevely & Skye xx 

(donation made to refurbishment fund)

Flute Phonics Concert

Flute Phonics will be playing for us on Sunday 3rd December in Linthouse at 7.30pm. Tickets are available at a cost of £5 which includes entry to the concert and tea and coffee with some fantastic home baking. The monies raised will be split between the Flute Phonics and the church funds. These shows have always been great in the past and I'm sure you are looking forward to this one. (Any donations for the home baking will be greatly appreciated. See Jean MacFarlane.)

World Aids Day

World AIDS day is on 1st December. If you still have your red ribbon from Souper Sunday service it would be very much appreciated if you could wear it that day.

Hogmanay Ceilidh

The Hogmanay Ceilidh tickets will be on sale in December from Sandra MacDonald and Karen Stevely. This will be an evening of dancing, singing, quizzes, food and friendship.

Numbers are limited so please get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

The event starts from 7.30pm in the church hall at Govan Cross.

Sunday Canteen

Many thanks to all the people who help to serve the tea and coffee each week after our services. Also thank you to all those who step in to cover when required. If you are interested in helping out then please get in touch. Thank you

Flower Calendar

My sincere thanks to all who contribute to our Church flower fund, your support is very much appreciated. The diary for 2018 will be available at the beginning of December and once again a huge thank you for your generosity and support. The more weeks we can fill in the diary to mark special birthdays etc the less we have to use of church funds. Thanks again, Jean

Thank You's

A huge thank you to all who help with the everyday running of our church buildings! We all know our church would be nothing without the tiresome, sometimes unappreciated work that happens 'behind the scenes' so to speak. From sorting flowers, to setting up teas, to washing dish towels, to serving tea, to cleaning up, to collecting and dropping off not only people but tables, chairs, cakes etc, to all the small and large jobs that take place to everyone who does these jobs...Thank You! It is appreciated and our church buildings wouldn't be the same without all these helpers.

Ongoing fund raising for Govan Cross Building - Please visit

www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/govan-lighthouseparishchurch/govancross and share with your friends and family.

Saturday Tearoom

Just wanted to say thank you to all who donate to the Saturday tearoom, your donations of eggs, flour, sugar, tea etc all help to increase the profits made during the hours opened and all helps with the church funds. Also a massive thank you to all who help out and volunteer on the day and to all the customers who faithfully attend we couldn't do it without you all. Our last tearoom before the Christmas break will be Saturday the 9th December.

On behalf of the tearoom ladies and gents we wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Get Well Soon

A wee note to all our church family who are feeling under the weather and haven't been able to make church. We are thinking of you and you are in our prayers.

If you know if someone is unwell and in need of a visit then please let us know.

Members Deaths

Arthur Tamplin – September – Member

Eleanor MacDonald – November – Elder

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the family and friends of those we have lost.



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Mary's Meals

a simple solution to world hunger



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Dawit, 15



Dear Friends,

Recently – among the hills in the highlands of Tigray, northern Ethiopia – I had a conversation I won't forget.

"I don't want to live in this poverty forever. I want to escape it," the young boy before me says with some emotion. He sounds a little puzzled at my question.

"I want to be able to help other people – maybe I can even become a doctor one day," he adds more quietly, looking at the floor. These are the reasons Dawit, 15, gives me for him leaving home at 5am, and walking three hours to reach school.

He has eaten a small breakfast before heading out along the dark, stony path – but since then, he has consumed nothing and won't eat again until he arrives home at 7pm. Fourteen hours without food, six of them walking; this is what Dawit does every school day so that he might learn.

Despite his age, Dawit is still in grade eight. Like many children here, his education has been disrupted by poverty and hunger, and it's taken him longer than it should have to complete primary school. But Dawit will not give up.

He tells me all this without a word of complaint. He looks bemused when Sister Medhin, who is translating our conversation, begins to cry.

We finish talking to him and his head teacher – from whom we learn that every child in this school goes without food all day long – and step out into the bright, warm playground.

It's 12:30pm and the sun sits high in the sky. The children have left their classes for what I was about to call 'a lunch break'. A group of them sit silently in the shade of a wall, smiling shyly at us.

When I look around, I see a playground in which no-one plays, during a lunch break in which no-one eats. This is a school waiting for Mary's Meals.

It sits in the heart of the area that suffered the infamous and devastating famine of the 1980s – the one prompting the Live Aid concerts. Today, the people here suffer the effects of this latest drought without global attention.

The children at this school will soon be the first in Ethiopia to receive Mary's Meals. The local community is ready and eager to volunteer – to build a kitchen, and to cook and serve the food – as soon as we tell them we can begin.

With your incredible support, we hope to raise the funds to start in the next few months. Please God, on a future visit this playground will look and sound the way a playground should. On behalf of the 1,230,171 children already receiving Mary's Meals, and those who will soon be joining them, thank you for sharing our belief that every child should have enough to eat and an education.

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow
Founder and Chief Executive

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR YOUR LOYAL SUPPORT – THIS LETTER SAYS MORE THAN I EVER COULD. :o) ROSE x

P.S. ALL DONATIONS IN NOV/DEC WILL BE DOUBLED PLEASE BRING IN YOUR BOXES THANKS

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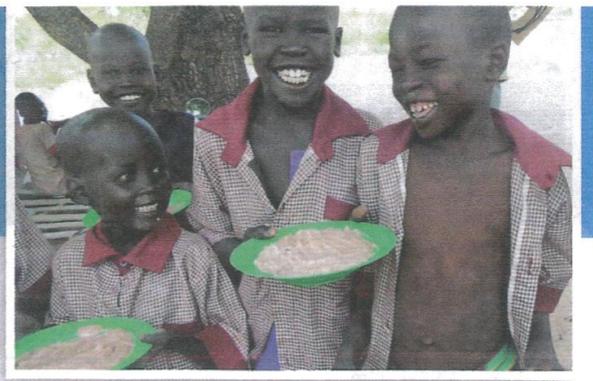
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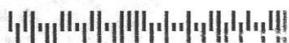
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Dear Friends,

When I hear the latest words from our friends in South Sudan, I feel as if two huge forces – hope and despair – are battling together in the heart of this appalling humanitarian catastrophe. And, because of your kindness, hope is winning.

Your incredible response to our East Africa Emergency Appeal is not only ensuring we can keep our promise to the 46,000 children already enrolled in our programme across South Sudan and Kenya – it has allowed us to take the important decision to expand to seven new schools in South Sudan's Lakes state.

Thanks to your continuing love and generosity, more children in desperate need will have the certainty of a nutritious daily meal in school. The temptation to despair, though, is very real. There are parts of conflict-ravaged South Sudan where one in three children is now acutely malnourished. Every day, exhausted mothers arrive at schools where Mary's Meals are being served, carrying their vulnerable children and asking us to feed them.

Moses Kopurot Kenyi, who co-ordinates the work of Mary's Meals in South Sudan, tells us: "Many are coming to our schools looking so sickly and weak, and a number of children are dying every week while their parents are out searching for food. But I can proudly describe our schools and the Mary's Meals feeding programme as providing hope for survival."

Hope is something Moses' colleague, Sister Esther, also wants to talk about. She says: "The school gives hope to the children and the teachers, knowing that someone somewhere cares for their lives and progress in education, amid the current dire crisis and starvation in South Sudan. It is very difficult to hide the joy in the faces of these children, especially when they walk into the school kitchen – probably the only place where the hope of getting food exists."

Moses, Sister Esther and all who work for these children are people of hope. They would have long given up if they weren't. But without the precious gift of Mary's Meals, I'm not sure how it would be possible to keep that hope alive.

"What would I do without the school feeding programme?" asks Rose, a local volunteer cook. "I have four children of my own attending the school and receiving the meals. I want to dedicate my life to seeing that every child can get the food, because I know they will not get anything at home."

"The situation is bad and many children appear malnourished and weak, but Mary's Meals gives me hope to educate and feed my children through this turmoil."

Please, please don't ever underestimate the enormous impact of each of your gifts. Today, 1.230.171 children around the world will eat one of our meals. Each one a result of your kindness. Each one sustaining life, hope and joy

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow
 Founder and Chief Executive

ACTION AID

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT OF THIS GREAT CHARITY - SEE THE LETTER BELOW I RECEIVED RECENTLY - I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW LONG WE HAVE SUPPORTED THIS. BUT THE WONDERFUL STORIES WE HEAR ABOUT MAKES IT ALL WORTHWHILE. = A NEW YEAR STARTING OUT IN JANUARY. - IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US PLEASE

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a better place**

Dear Mrs McLoughlin,

Thank you so much for your loyal support. Since you decided to give a regular gift to ActionAid 31 years ago you've been making a real and lasting difference to the lives of the people you care about. And as a Next Step supporter, your help is reaching even further.

In 1985, I started working to tackle poverty as a program manager in rural India. I was appalled to see the terrible circumstances people were living in. It made me absolutely determined to spend my life working to eradicate the suffering that people endure. Today, when I see for myself the difference ActionAid is making around the world, it convinces me just how important our efforts have been.

As another year begins, I wanted to share some of those inspiring stories with you - because, without you, the wonderful ways in which their lives have altered simply wouldn't have been possible.

See the real-life impact of your support

The postcards I've enclosed give you a glimpse into the ways we've put your gifts to work. From the mother who no longer has to walk miles to fetch her children a drink of water, to the little girl who got the urgent medical care she needed - you can see for yourself the powerful impact your support is having.

That impact is mirrored right around the world. I'm proud and delighted to report that in just one year we made sure nearly three-quarters of a million people were given vital help to recover after a disaster. You can read about the impact that aid had on a little girl called Krishna on one of the postcards with this letter.

We rely on you to be there in the future

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BUT A BIG THANKS FOR OUR SUCCESS IN 2017

- ROSE.
M'LOUGHLIN

DOOR DUTY TEAMS

Every morning when you enter the church you are greeted with a friendly smile and a cheery “good morning “before you are given your order of serviceLater when you go home or go in to enjoy a nice cup of tea, wee cake and a nice catch up with friends, the same people who welcomed you in the morning are now working away in another room, counting and marking up your collections...alongside our dedicated finance team who work away there every week and never look for any thanks, but who come to our aid many a time so a big thanks to them too. Our door teams are brilliant and they chop and change to help each other out when holiday dates clash with their duty’s we owe them a huge vote of thanks..Not forgetting our two younger members of our team...Gemma and Kyle who never let us down ...a wee mention as well to Jean Templeton, Alex mills and Cathie Macleod who collect for us on communion days...mostly the running of our church goes so smoothly we barely notice it..May and Marion set up the tea tables, the order of service are delivered down, Catherine is ready on the organ, Carol is buzzing about with water and a hundred other things, door duty and tea duty, lifts in cars to the church, God’s Gang being set up, the flowers given out by the two Jeans, Alistair with the bible and our great team of Ministers and not forgetting Gillian’s dedicated work, our session clerk Elspeth and all the wee committees and organizations going on in the background ,elders visits, ect...All in all I think we are very lucky to be a member of Govan and Linthouse Parish Church and look forward to many more happy years together...and yes I will hopefully be skipping about with my Mary’s meals boxes and collecting Action Aid money in..and I know you would not have it any other way.

Thanks everyone and hope you all enjoy a lovely Christmas and all the best in 2018. Rose.

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24th October 2017

Open All Hours

The Lodging House Mission will again be the host site for the Glasgow Winter Night Shelter, an initiative to give overnight accommodation and many other services to Glasgow's street sleepers.

The project runs from 1st December 2017 till 31st March 2018.

We are pleased to announce that for the period of the Shelter, we shall be opening our doors every Sunday (8am till 3pm).

With the help of church volunteers, we have been providing a normal service on Saturday for about a year. The success and popularity of this initiative has been the catalyst in turning our thoughts to Sunday opening, albeit for a limited period. This will ensure that our Service Users are not obliged to go on the streets at 8am in winter weather and that food, warmth and other facilities are available.

We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the large body of individuals and charitable trusts for their ongoing support. We are very conscious that these facilities can only be made available through the generous monetary and other gifts from our donors.

Thank you from everyone at Lodging House Mission, but especially from our Service Users.

Gus Smeaton

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If you need to talk, we have the time to listen

Join us for a brew and a blether at your local library,
every Friday between 10am - 2pm.

We're here to support anyone affected by cancer including the individual with the diagnosis and their families, friends and carers.

If you need to find out what's available to you in your area

Our volunteers are fully trained and will help you find all the right services in your local area. These include access to free massage, counselling (provided by Cancer Support Scotland), benefits advice and physical activity classes. There is no need to make an appointment, just drop in.

For more information please call us on 0141 287 2865 or
email macmillan@glasgowlife.org.uk
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Christmas Services

Sunday 24th December

Christingle Service – 11am at Linthouse
(if you are able, please bring your own orange)

Watchnight – 11.15pm at Linthouse

Sunday 25th December

Communion Service – 9.45am at Govan Old

Christmas Service – 11am at Linthouse

Merry Christmas

The ministry team would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year and we thank you for all your support throughout the year.

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