

A field of Poppies

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# Sunday Services Morning Worship at 11am

(Services will be reduced and limited in numbers until further notice)

Scotland moved beyond Level 0 on the 9th of August 2021. The legal limits on capacity within churches has been removed. As our services have got busier we have decided to remove the 1 metre physical distancing from the 25th of October and can now accommodate between 100-120 people within the sanctuary. It is still a legal requirement that people wear a face covering when attending a church for worship. Unless you are medically exempt or under the age of 12, everyone needs to wear a face covering when entering and leaving our church, when you are seated in our pews and when you stand to sing. The regulation to keep a register of those attending worship has also been removed by the Government, however it is recommended that congregations continue to ask people to check-in to a church building. There is the opportunity to visit the Sanctuary each Thursday from 10.00 am- 12.00 noon.

You can now check into our buildings using the Test & Protect Check In Scotland App using your smartphone (see page 12 for details)

Please continue to follow the website for information about our Services. We look forward to welcoming you all back with us again. For those who are unable to return with us at this time we will continue to stream our weekly Sunday services on our Stepps Parish Church YouTube channel

https://www.youtube.com/cha nnel/UCI7mTSz5OIvW\_qMKKjcXAw



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# Pastoral Letter Rev. Gordon MacRae Juliet:

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose By any other name would smell as sweet."

What's in a name? Juliet is asking if one's name matters. She

wonders if the fact that she is a Capulet and Romeo a Montague, the name of her family rivals, can spoil the love that these two stars crossed lovers have for one another. For Romeo the name 'Juliet' was like the most beautiful melody. In *West Side Story*, the 60's musical adaption, Tony sings.

"Maria, the sweetest sound I'll ever hear"

What's in a name? We tend to see our own names as precious. They were given to us by our parents. They talked and talked about what name they would give their child. Would it be a favourite family name, named after a beloved gran or grandad? Would it be the choice because it's 'always been my favourite'? You might guess why I was given the name Gordon.

The film musical *Oklahoma* was released in 1955, *Carousel* in 1956. I was born in 1956 and I think my mum had a crush on *that* Gordon Macrae!

Why were you given your name, is there a story? We treasure our own name and those of our loved ones.

#### "See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands"

(Isaiah 49:16)

Did you ever write a loved one's name on your hand? Maybe you pencilled it all over your school jotter?

I have always loved that image of my **God** writing MY NAME on God's hand.

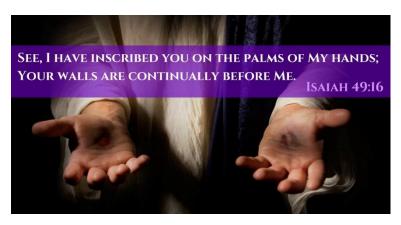


Image courtesy of Daily Bible Verse

Why? Because God treasures my name. To God my name is like the most beautiful melody. That is how much God loves me: God calls me by Name, and I am his" God has watched over me from the moment I gasped my first breath. He smiled on me as the minister baptised me in God's Name and said my name. I know God will smile upon me all the days of my life and he will watch as I struggle for my last breath. Then God will call me by my own name.



Chungkai war cemetery, where thousands of Allied POWs who died on the notorious Thailand to Burma death railway during World War 2 are buried.

On November the 14th, just after the silence at 11:00 am, Father Kenneth and I will call out some names. We will call the names of those of Stepps' Community who died in the conflicts of the 20th century.

For me, this is one of the highest privileges I experience as your Parish Minister. I cherish those names. Each name is precious to their family. We, as a community cherish each name that is etched into the granite of the memorial and their sacrifices are etched on our hearts. Their names are etched on the hand of God.

God was there, watching each as they took their pain filled last gasp of life And, because Jesus, name above all names, died and rose again for them and for each of us.

Their Names will Live for Evermore

## Session Clerk Letter

ear Friends,

The days and nights are turning colder and many of us cherish the comfort of our warm cosy homes as we brace ourselves for the different elements that the winter might have in store for us. We enter a busy time over the



coming weeks as we approach Remebrance Sunday and soon turn our thoughts to the season of Advent.

We have of course also been thinking very much of those less fortunate than ourselves these past few weeks as we considered *Poverty week* and collected for the October LHM appeal. We've also be listening to the voices of our Global sisters and brothers as we prepare for the city to host one of the biggest summits of its time to discuss and take action on the climate emergency. One of the biggest threats to our planet and our very existence.

Decisions that are taken during the summit will ultimately affect generations to come and there is a free special supplement included in this months edition of Prospect from the Church of Scotlands magazine *Life And Work* with information on events and worship opportunities for you to get involved with, if you are brave enough to venture into the city with all the travel and security restrictions in place. Some of the events can be accessed via zoom or will be livestreamed meaning you don't need to leave the comfort of your home so if you feel passionately about Climate Change this could be your opportunity to have your say.

If you are able there is also an opportunity to come together with others from across the Presbytery in an act of witness on the streets of Glasgow to take part in a People's March in a global day of action and mass mobilisation which will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> November in Glasgow and around the world. If you are able, come to Glasgow for a rally which will gather in Kelvingrove Park from 11.30 am and will parade through the city streets, arriving in Glasgow Green at 3pm. Details of the rally and how to sign up to be there are available on the Church of Scotland Website.

Whether you can voice your beliefs with your feet or your hearts and minds let's hope that those tasked with making decisions relating to God's wonderful Creation are made wisely and fairly for all our sakes.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son; that whosoever believeth in him, may not perish, but may have life everlasting"

John 3:16



# **Company Section News**

We concluded last session with a 'livestream' parents' night, this left the staff feeling immensely positive going into the break. It seemed to have been a long time since we had been able to meet in a traditional sense, but we were hopeful the new session would at least look more normal.

It was therefore very pleasing on the first night of the session to see ALL the Boys from the previous two sessions as well as ALL the Boys promoted from Juniors in attendance. We have since added two new company section recruits. The uniforms did provide a laugh! How many Boys have not outgrown most clothes inside two years but on our first night back ALL Boys had managed to get into some uniform!

We had at our Parents Night presented BB At Home and Go Outdoors awards for the work done by Boys during the lockdown periods some higher awards were also presented we were at that point unable to present Queens Badges to Ross and Benjamin, but we did publicly confirm achievement of the Badges subsequently presented by Sir Kenneth Calman at a church parade on 17/10. To have achieved these awards took much out of the box thinking but it was ultimately very worthwhile. James was presented with his Presidents Badge and has been registered on the Queens Badge programme.



The Queen's Badge- The highest award to be gained in the BB



Sir Kenneth Calman with Benjamin Griffiths and Ross McLaughlin

The start of our new session has proved to be as exciting as we had anticipated. Building on much of the work done last year. Uniforms have proven difficult to come by as supply difficulties have meant we are slow converting Juniors into Company Uniform however watch this space and photographs will appear eventually of what promises to be a smartly turned-out group of Boys.

We have so far this year learned about another new badge structure, started badge work, Target Boys have completed work for the New 'Membership Badge' the rest of the section have spent some time discussing the meaning and relevance of the BB object in todays world, and learning the words may have seemed difficult but the meaning is as relevant today as it was in 1883.

Drill, especially Mr Goodall's' Bronze Age drill session to explain the origins of drill to the Boys, has proved to be popular as has the innovation of outdoor supper after dismiss where we can all chat outside without masks. This is a good opportunity for parents, staff and Boys to get to know each other better after so long of not actually socialising in person.

A very 'Cool' visit from what was one of the highlights of our Zoom sessions 'Cool Creatures.' This was popular letting us see in real life the animals we had seen online previously.



Some Cute Possums



Fancy a game of Snakes and Ladders

Squad competition has now commenced and rivalry is already leading to a slightly more thoughtful behaviour, sometimes! Badge work covering Map history and reading have been completed and learning about badges old and new have been looked at. Benjamin's Quiz has proven to be a popular addition to the programme short but the reward for correct answers is sweet.

This set us up for the next block of classes which we are keeping under wraps currently as they have not yet been revealed to the Boys.

#### Future events planned for the session include

James Bond Themed Halloween Party

Attendance at two Autumn International Rugby Matches

Remembrance Day Parade

Night-time Hike

Christmas Spectacular.

Please visit the Company Facebook page where you can see loads of photographs and information about all our activities.

#### **Christine Copeland**

Lieutenant (Officer-in-Charge)

#### ANCHOR BOYS AND JUNIOR SECTION

We are currently running these two Sections together, due to time and space limitations, but it's been working well and having more Boys together means we can play a wider range of games.

Much of the programme so far has been based on the 'Get Creative' award, with Boys enjoying various arts and crafts activities. They've also learned about prayer and about national flags.

We also enjoyed a visit from 'Cool Creatures' and the Boys were pleasantly surprised by how

friendly some of the animals turned out to be (especially the skunk).

Our Halloween party is coming up, and we will be planning some additional activities now that things are starting to open up again.

Like the Company Section, supply of uniforms has taken a little time, but we will have everybody fully kitted out in the next week or so. The Boys look very smart.

All three Sections are always open to new recruits. Anchor Boys are for P1-P3, Junior Section for P4-P6, and

Company Section for P7 and above. If you know anyone who might be interested, please spread the word. We can be contacted via Facebook or using my details below.



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# **Commissioning Service**

e were delighted to host the Commissioning service to appoint Rev Muriel Pearson as Associate Minister to the Church of Scotland congregation in Jerusalem and Tiberias on *Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021* 7pm in Stepps Parish Church. The Officiating Clergy included the Very Rev Dr Susan Brown, Rev H Martin Johnstone, Rev Dr. John McCulloch and our very own Rev Gordon MacRae. The service was attended by many of Muriel's friends from Cranhill Parish Church and she was presented with two Bibles from Elaine Duncan of the



Scottish Bible Society one in English and one in Arabic. We wish Muriel every blessing in her new role where she will work closely with the minister of St Andrew's Scots Memorial Church, Jerusalem, to ensure unity of work and vision within the united charge. Lead worship and offer the sacraments in the Reformed tradition at St Andrew's Church, Tiberias and, when required, at St Andrew's Scots Memorial Church, Jerusalem. Take primary responsibility for the life, work, and witness of St Andrew's, Tiberias and provide pastoral support for the congregation and visitors to both the Church and the Scots Hotel, Tiberias whilst serving as one of the chaplains to Tabeetha School (pupils and staff).

# "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" Philipians 4:13



St. Andrews Church of Scotland in Tiberius

# Friendship Club Programme for November / December



**Nov 1**<sup>st</sup> Melanie Menzies from NLC. returns to show us some exercises

15<sup>th</sup> Cara McGurn from AGE Scotland with Body Boosting Bingo (more exercises)

**22**<sup>nd</sup> Bus outing and lunch (home by 4.00p.m.)

**29**<sup>th</sup> Christine Reid pays a welcome visit

**Dec 13**<sup>th</sup> Carols by Candlelight with Alastair Sim

**20**<sup>th</sup> Festive Lunch at the Garfield

All welcome between 1.30- 3.30 pm

#### **NEXT MEETING 10TH JANUARY, 2022**

## Kate Houston

# **November Door Welcome Duty**



	Welcome at Door	Track & Trace	Beadle
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Al. Macdonald	H. Baker	S. Baker
	Ailsa Macdonald		
14 <sup>th</sup>	J. Burns. M. Crawford	R. McGovern	J. Hope
21 <sup>st</sup>	F. McGovern.	E. Watson	H. Baker
	S. MacLean.		
28 <sup>th</sup>	P. Watson.	C. Skinner	J. Burns
	F. Shields.		
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Al. McDonald.	H. Baker	S. Baker
	Ailsa. McDonald.		

If you are unable to do your weekly rota. Please ensure you arrange someone to cover.

June Thomson

#### THE PASSING OF A TRUE CHRISTIAN



A sad footnote to the tragic death of the MP Sir David Amess, who was murdered by a suspected terrorist, was that as he lay dying a Roman Catholic priest arrived to give him the Last Rites but a police officer refused him access as it was a scene of crime. Clearly he failed to recognise the significance of the Sacrament to a devout man like Sir David – and his family - or he would have sought permission to issue the priest with SOC clothing and allow him access. If ever there was a devout and peace-loving servant of God and the people who deserved to have this religious rite of his religion it was Sir David Amess

#### **Her Majesty The Queen**

The Queen is a servant of the people who is also a deeply religious and devout servant of God. She is deeply committed to her Christian beliefs and the solemn promise she made to serve her country no matter how short or how long her life. At the age of 95 she still turns up with hat, handbag and smile to meet strangers and add a sought-after endorsement of the work and achievements of the people of this country. The news this week that she may be ill is of deep concern to those who admire and appreciate her, but she carries on, no doubt supported by her lifelong faith and belief in God. We should all pray for her.

#### COP<sub>26</sub>



The Cop 26 conference this week is primarily about stopping global warming and the effect it will have on our lives - melting icecaps, drought, wildfires - and how we can get the power to heat our homes, run industries and fuel our cars.

God's wonderful Earth works well when left to its own resources. The seasons go round, the insects pollinate the plants,

the food chains of prey and predator on land and in the seas roll on through the millennia. They don't need us, but we need them. We are wrecking the planet for God's creatures too – without which there would be no harvests of any kind - and that is perhaps the best reason for changing our ways and saving the good Planet Earth.

#### **Contributor Anon**

## **COP26 Supplement**

COP is a globally momentous event, on our doorstep. And a prime subject for prayer. Scotland has the privilege of welcome for an unprecedented number and diversity of visitors to what will certainly be a less than perfect gathering, out of balance between the rich and the poor, though with the dawning realisation that ambition, cooperation and sacrificial generosity on the part of those with power and wealth, is in their own urgent interest too. It is better that it does takes place than not. When disciplined and cautious cohorts of scientists express themselves with the unanimity and urgency we are now seeing about the harm humanity has done to the planet and the fellow creatures on whom we so completely depend, no Christian should do other than sit up and take notice, determined to pray and act differently in every aspect of our own lives. Covid has taught us we can do so. There are many events, services and actions planned, where churches can play a prominent and encouraging role. We will not, by small actions, 'fix' the world. Climate crisis is not one of those short-term issues, but the context in which we now live. And yet prayer itself is a transformative small action, placed in God's hands alongside our efforts to approach net zero, and model a better, more caring way of life. We look to our faith as a resource for the resilience we will need for the years ahead. In our responses, visible to the communities in which we live and work, churches can come into their own as beacons of hope, joy, forgiveness, and Good News to every creature (Mark



environmental chaplain, Eco-Congregation Scotland

# COP26 SUPPLEMENT 2 WHAT IS COP26?

COP26 is the 26th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the decisionmaking body of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. COP has met annually since 1995 (except 2020, when it was postponed due to Covid-19), and brings together representatives of the 197 countries that have ratified the Convention, to review progress so far and agree measures to be taken to prevent damaging man-made climate change. COP26 will take place at Glasgow SECC from October 31- November 12. It will be the biggest international summit the UK has ever hosted, with over 30,000 delegates including heads of state, diplomats, climate experts and campaigners.

#### WHAT HAPPENS AT A COP?

Activity takes place in two zones: the Blue Zone, which is accessible only by government ministers, officials and accredited individuals and organisations; and the Green Zone, which is open to the public. The Blue Zone is where the formal negotiations take place, along with a programme of official fringe events. Each country taking part will have its own

pavilion with exhibitions and speakers. In the Green Zone relevant organisations including youth groups, civil society and academic bodies, artists and businesses will be hosting events, exhibitions, cultural performances, workshops and talks. There are more than 200 events scheduled for the Green Zone at COP26, which will be at the Glasgow Science Centre. Beyond that, there are a host of unofficial events throughout Glasgow, and tens or hundreds of thousands of protesters and campaigners are expected to descend on the city.

#### WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED?

The aim of the conference is to finalise the Paris 'rule book', setting out how the targets agreed in Paris in 2015 will be achieved. Countries are being asked to come forward with ambitious targets, backed up by firm plans for achieving carbon neutrality (no more carbon dioxide being added to the atmosphere than is being removed, also known as net zero) by the middle of the century, which is considered necessary in order to keep global heating below 1.5°C compared to pre-industrial levels. Leaders of the world's richer countries are also being asked to work together to help the countries already most affected by climate change, often poorer countries in the global south, to mitigate the effects. To realise those ambitions, developed countries are called on to deliver on their Paris promise to raise at least \$100bn in climate finance every year, as well as working with international finance institutions and private and public sector organisations, to finance the switch to a global net zero economy.

#### WHAT IS AT STAKE?

COP26 has been described as 'humanity's last best chance' to take meaningful action to prevent catastrophic climate change. The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)'s latest report, published in August, found that climate change is 'widespread, rapid and intensifying', with changes observed 'in every region and across the whole climate system'. It warned that 'unless there are immediate, rapid and large-scale reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, limiting warming to close to 1.5°C or even 2°C will be beyond reach', and that 'at 2°C of global warming, heat extremes would more often reach critical tolerance thresholds for agriculture and health'. However, the report added that while many of the changes set in motion are irreversible over 'centuries to millennia', the effects of climate change can still be limited with 'strong and sustained reductions in emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases'.

#### WHAT ARE THE CONCERNS?

Discussion in advance of the conference has focused on whether richer countries will commit to the \$100bn climate finance target (recent analysis shows that current commitments fall short); and whether the world's biggest carbon emitters, particularly China, can be persuaded to strengthen their climate targets. Other than that, a key concern for campaigners in recent months has been that, with many people from poorer countries not yet vaccinated against Covid-19 and unable to afford the quarantine fees, delegates from those countries will not be able to attend. Others have warned that there is a shortage of affordable hotel rooms and other accommodation, which

will price out official delegates from poorer countries, as well as campaigners and groups such as indigenous peoples.

# COP26: AN INTRODUCTION COP26 SUPPLEMENT

There have also been complaints that the cost of hosting a pavilion is much higher than at previous COPs, again pricing out the poorer countries. The Climate Action Network (CAN), a global alliance of more than 1500 organisations, warned in September that COP26 could become a 'rich nations stitch-up'. A CAN spokesperson said that non-governmental organisations (NGOs) were at particular risk of not being able to take part, and without them there could be 'less pressure on polluters to act, less scrutiny on the outcomes, and potentially watered-down climate action, leading to more suffering for people around the world'.



#### WHAT CAN I DO?

For Christians who want to engage with COP26, the Church of Scotland and many partner organisations have produced resources and/or will be holding events during the conference. Christian Aid is urging its supporters to watch the documentary 'Thank You for the Rain',

about the struggles of a Kenyan farmer, and to make a paper prayer boat to display in their windows or at church.

The Joint Public Issues Team – bringing together three English churches with the Church of Scotland as an associate partner – suggests you send the boat to your MP, calling on the UK Government to end subsidies for fossil fuels.

Eco-Congregation Scotland is urging church leaders and members to sign the Scottish Churches COP26 Pledge, which commits churches to divesting from fossil fuels, and individuals to holding ethical investments.

Among those holding worship events during the conference will be the Iona Community (who are holding a big sing outside the Scottish Parliament) and two brothers from the Taize Community who will be in Glasgow. There will be a prayer and meeting space at St George's Tron Church throughout the COP.

If you wish to protest, the largest event will be a mass mobilisation planned in the city on Saturday November 6, when organisers hope to have between fifty and a hundred thousand people in the city. The march will leave from Kelvingrove Park and arrive in Glasgow Green for a rally at 3pm.

If you live in Glasgow or surrounding areas, it's also not too late to offer to host a delegate to COP26 through the Homestay network.

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#### **COP26 SUPPLEMENT**

#### **EVENTS AND WORSHIP**

## Pilgrims' March into Glasgow

#### **Saturday October 30**

The YCCN climate relay and other climate pilgrimages will come together at 2pm at McLennan Arch, Glasgow Green, for prayers and reflection before completing the pilgrimage. Closing service at St George's Tron Church, 6pm.

There will also be a livestreamed event sharing stories of the pilgrimages in Strathclyde Student Union at 4.30pm on November 3. www.yccn.uk/glasgow

#### COP26 Vigil / Launch of Scottish Interfaith Week Sunday October 31, 2-3pm

Senior religious leaders will read the 'Glasgow Multi-Faith Declaration for COP26', setting out the shared climate commitments of religious leaders across the UK, and lead prayers from a great diversity of religious traditions. <u>interfaithscotland.org</u>

#### **EcoHighland 2021**

#### October 31-November 12

Opening worship at Hilton Church, Inverness on October 31, followed by Zoom prayer gatherings daily throughout COP. <a href="www.ecocongregationscotland.org/upcomingevents">www.ecocongregationscotland.org/upcomingevents</a>

#### Cùra - Guardian. An event to mark the start of COP26.

**November 1, 1pm - 3pm, Inverness Cathedral** Inverness Cathedral and Heartstone have joined forces for this event which will be involving children from across the city, EcoCongregation, the Inverness Interfaith Group and NatureScot. www.ecocongregationscotland.org/upcomingevents

#### **Praying for COP26 and Beyond**

#### Friday November 4, 4pm

Zoom conference hosted by Eco-Congregation Glasgow

www.ecocongregationscotland.org/upcomingevents

#### **Global Day of Action for Climate Justice**

#### Saturday November 6

Kelvingrove Park from 11.30am, marching to Glasgow <u>Green</u> for a rally at 3pm. cop26coalition.org

#### **Iona Community Big Sing**

Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh Saturday November 6, 2pm <u>iona.org.uk/2021/08/26/bigsing-for-cop26-saturday-6th-nov2021-2-00pm-scottish-parliament-2-2/</u>

#### **Tearfund COP26 service**

#### **Sunday November 7**

With Pete Greig, Carol Ng'ang'a, and Celtic Worship. Your church can get involved by sharing pre-recorded videos, or by joining the livestream. <a href="www.tearfund.org/campaigns/cop26-church-service">www.tearfund.org/campaigns/cop26-church-service</a>

#### Prayers with the Taizé Community

Various venues, November 8-12, 12 noon and 7pm Taizé has been invited by Glasgow Churches COP26 Coordinating Committee to prepare and lead prayers and a vigil for students and young people in Glasgow during COP26. <a href="www.taize.fr/en\_article32460.html">www.taize.fr/en\_article32460.html</a>

#### The Time is Now

#### Glasgow Cathedral and online Monday 8 November 7pm

Join Christian Aid, Dr Rowan Williams, the Kingdom Choir and the Young Christian Climate Network for a night of music, prayer and inspiration at Glasgow Cathedral. <a href="https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved-locally/scotland/cop26">www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved-locally/scotland/cop26</a>

#### An Ecumenical Service of Solidarity for Climate Justice

#### Tuesday 9 November 6pm, Sandyford Henderson Memorial Church and online

This event will hear from inspirational people in the Brazilian Amazon rainforest who tackle climate change by working as shields against deforestation and devastation. <a href="https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved-locally/scotland/cop26">www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved-locally/scotland/cop26</a>

#### Doxecology

#### Thursday November 11, St George's Tron Church

A night of worship and prayer with Resound Worship on the final night of their Doxecology tour, in partnership with Tearfund, A Rocha UK and the Church of Scotland. www.resoundworship.org/events/doxecology-concert-glasgow

#### **RESOURCES AND LINKS**

Official COP26 site: <a href="https://www.ukcop26.org">ukcop26.org</a>
\*All events subject to change



#### HARVEST THANKS FROM LHM CHAPLAIN

Dear Friends,

I am writing to acknowledge and thank your congregation for your generous harvest donations as well as your thoughtful donations of winter weather hats, scarves and gloves and financial givings. These will assist us greatly in our work with people experiencing homelessness, vulnerability and social exclusion at the Lodging House Mission. Be assured that your donations will help us to support those we work with.

Although much of our work has had to be adapted since the pandemic, our committed staff team have now been able to return to front line work enabling our Day Centre to re-open. We are currently providing table-service breakfasts and lunches on weekdays. At LHM we seek to make a positive difference to the lives of those we support. The provision of vital sustenance, by way of healthy and nutritious meals, is often the gateway to supporting individuals in other ways too as they navigate the multiple complex needs they face. Our Day Centre offers shelter where individuals know they can receive a warm welcome, just as they are, and can always find companionship for the journey.

We know our work would not be possible if it were not for the support and prayers of kind folk like yourselves, so please accept our heartfelt thanks.

We look forward, trusting in God, to brighter months ahead. May God bless you as you have blessed the least of these brothers and sisters of Christ. (Matthew 25:40)

Yours sincerely,

Deacon Claire Herbert

Chaplain LHM



#### **LHM Christmas Cards**

Brochures illustrating this year's LHM Christmas Cards can be found on the rear table in the church. As usual, postage can be saved by giving your order to Liz Ashmole (with exact money please) who will uplift and deliver back. This is a win/win way in which to support the work of LHM.



### **Congregational News Baptism**



We look forward to welcoming the family and friends of Emma and Mariusz Korus as they allow us to share in the joy of baby Jozef David's Baptism on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of November at 11.00 am.

Jesus said "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children"

Matthew 19:14

# Remembrance Sunday 14th November

This year we look forward to returning to the War Memorial in Stepps Park for a short act of Remembrance with our friends from St. Joseph's RC Church. We will gather at 10.55 am to mark the eleventh hour and have our wreath laying ceremony before returning to the church at 11.15 am for morning worship. We will be joined by our youth organisations and members of the community as well as our invited dignitaries.



War Memorial Stepps