

Link Magazine

Winter 2016

St Ninian's Stonehouse (LEP)



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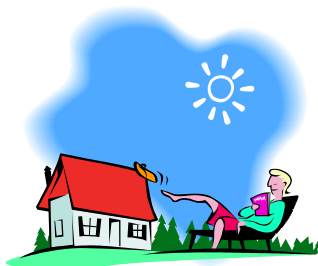


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Just to say... In the autumn of 2017, the Link magazine will have been in publication for thirty five years. So I have been searching through old copies and reading articles from very early issues and have noticed names of folks who are still contributing to the magazine to this day; Margaret McGregor, Peggy Anderson, Anne Law, and Ann Anderson. Well done ladies. You all deserve a medal!

So have things changed? Yes; Margaret used to write for the Young Woman's Group, Peggy wrote reports on what the Sunday school were doing; Anne Law encouraged new members to join the Badminton group. However, Ann Anderson with Margaret Hannay was joint convener of the Flower committee and Ann still submits the flower list and words of thanks and encouragement for each magazine to date.

So on behalf of the Link committee, I would like to thank everyone who provides material for the church magazine, both new and regular writers who help to keep everyone informed of what's going on at church but most especially to Ann Anderson who faithfully and lovingly ministers through the gift of flower arranging. A special hug for Ann, as she once again, (that's nearly thirty five years), provides the information on the flower list and decoration of the church for Christmas in the Link magazine. May God bless you Ann.

Another item I noted from a back issue was of a black and white illustration of the church with 'peace to all' above it so I adapted it and used the idea for this issue's front cover. As I am recycling old material so to speak I found 'Thoughts for 1983', also fit perfectly for 2017, as we experience uncertainty in global economy that may affect us all.

Margaret McM

Thoughts for 2017

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

'Give me light that I may tread safely into the unknown'.

And he replied:

'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way'.

So I went forth and finding the hand of God trod safely into the night.

(M Louise Haskins)

Date	Event (Please note this is only a selection of events happening. Please check the Hamilton Advertiser for updates or visit www.keepitstonehouse.co.uk/events.html for further community events)
Sunday December'16	2017 Flower List available in the vestibule Christmas carols in the Community Garden at 5pm
Monday December'16	St Ninian's Guild Christmas dinner 7pm -9.15pm
Wednesday December'16	Decorating the church for Christmas 1pm- 4pm Or later at 7pm to complete.
Thursday December'16	Hope Cafe 10 am -2pm
Sunday December'16	Sunday School Nativity Service 11.00am Christian Aid Christmas Sing a Long 6.30pm
Saturday December'16	Family Church Service in St Ninian's church with special guests including the Coalburn band and Santa. 7pm WATCHNIGHT SERVICE AT 11.15pm
Sunday December'16	Family Christmas day service at 10.00am. This service will be a shorter service than normal.
Monday January'17	The Guild Guest speaker Helen Moir
Thursday January'17	Hope Cafe 10 am -2pm
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Tuesday February'17	Coffee Morning commences 10am-11.30am
Thursday February'17	Hope Cafe 10 am -2pm
Monday February'17	The Guild A visit from the Street Pastor
Thursday February'17	Hope Cafe 10 am -2pm

Eric's message

Happy New Year!

By the time you read this we will have started a new year in the Christian calendar which began on the 1st Sunday in Advent which was the 27th of November, how time flies! It only seems like it was a few weeks ago that we were getting over last Christmas and here we are again with Christmas almost upon us! It also doesn't seem like just over a year that Paul moved on to the next phase of his ministry and we were all left with the mixed emotions of wishing him well and perhaps worrying about what the future holds for the congregation here at St Ninian's.



I suppose that if we were doing the looking back bit, over the last year there have been ups and downs for each of us personally, as well as ups and down for us as a congregation. In times like this it is easy to focus on the difficult times, but I think that it's fair to say despite all the challenges that we have had to face over the past year, we have lots to be thankful for and lots to celebrate as we consider all of our achievements.

In my travels as a Reader round other Churches, a time of vacancy can be a difficult time in the life of a congregation, where it's so easy for attendances to fall away, often never to be replaced; folks lose interest in the activities of the Church; and slowly but surely things fall by the wayside. None of these problems have occurred at St Ninian's and this is to the credit of everyone in the congregation from those who play their part by coming along on a Sunday morning, those helping out with the myriad of Church activities and those who quietly work behind the scenes doing so much of the work of the Church that we never see. We all play our part in ensuring that the Church plays a meaningful part in our community and we each help spread the gospel here in our community.

As we move towards Christmas a busy time for all of us, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone at St Ninian's all the blessings that come to us

as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour and blessing for a prosperous New Year.

But let's not forget that if we continue the hard work, 2017 can be a great year for our congregation as we hopefully open a new chapter in the life of the Church here in Stonehouse. Whilst a new Minister will help in how that chapter is written, the reality is that the life blood of this Church sits in the pews week by week and it is up to each of us to play our part in how that new chapter is written.

May God bless you – Eric Hislop

We would like to thank everyone for all of the lovely flowers, for your very kind thoughts and for all of the cards we received after the death of my Dad.

They are all very much appreciated.

Agnes and Claire



Guy and Catherine McPherson would like to thank family, the surrounding community and Guy's vintage friends for their love and support following Guy's accident.

From Margaret Macgregor

Hi Folks,

Well it's nearly Christmas and I hope we are all going to try and keep "Christ" in Christmas it's so easy to forget the true meaning of the celebration with all the hype and advertising that goes on.

I gave you an update last time on the heating in the church, at the moment we are heating the building with electric blow heaters but if we have a really cold snap we can move to the hall. Obviously this means a lot of work and it also disrupts the Sunday school and crèche hence the reason we have held back.

We are doing all we can to source some grants and I hope by the time this magazine goes to print we will have received word about a substantial grant that will allow us to start work on the heating early new year.

We also need to raise funds ourselves and I'm sorry if some folks feel we have the begging bowl out but needs must. These fundraising events not only raise money but allow us all a chance for a chat and fellowship with members and folks in the community.

You should all have received a newsletter through your door, this was a decision we took to enable us to appeal to the community, our church is used in many ways to benefit the folks in the village as well as our own members and we hoped the letter would bring them up to date with our present situation. It has been very well received and our thanks to John Young for putting it together.

Our Sunday services are still being led by Eric Hislop who is with us most Sundays other dates are covered by Rev Jan Adamson, Rev Mitchell Bunting and our Interim Moderator Rev Alan Paterson, our thanks to them all for their caring and calming ways. It makes my life so much easier when I know each Sunday is covered.

Our Congregational register has changed slightly, Mr and Mrs Bill Sandilands have transferred their lines as they have moved from the village to Auchlauchin, Bill has been an elder at St Ninian's for over 50 years and will be missed.

Mr Tom Allan passed away and our sympathies are extended to all the family.

We had a lovely service on Sunday 6th November, not only was communion served but we had a presentation for Alex Logan who has retired as our Church Officer. Alex has been Church Officer at St Ninian's since 1998 and will be sorely missed, I did tell the congregation that morning that it had taken three men to fill his shoes; he has spoiled us so much.

Alex received a framed certificate of thanks and a cheque for money collected from the congregation and Agnes was presented with an arrangement of flowers. We will never be able to pay them for the work and time they have given us over the years.

Alec Pate and George Mathieson have agreed to cover Alex Church Officer duties in the meantime and with the help of Bob Millar keep our church and halls ticking over. On that subject can I ask the folks using the halls to clear up when they are finished, if possible put tables and chairs back where they should be, making sure they are clean and ready to be used by the next group. Every little helps and eases the burden on the few.

If you know of anyone willing to take on the job (more a vocation) of Church Officer please speak to me or any of the office bearers.

Our search for a new minister continues and I hope in the new year we will have some news, it's a difficult task and once again can I ask you to keep the Nomination committee in your prayers. I am sure there is someone out there who is the right person for St Ninian's. God has a plan.

That's over a year now since Paul left, it hasn't been an easy time and sometimes you might think nothing is happening but we are working hard in the background and your support has been very much appreciated, we are trying our best and please hold us in your prayers.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2017

May God bless you and your loved ones

Margaret x Session Clerk.

Editor's note:

Margaret has submitted the following poem taken from 'Whispers of Love' by Pat Marsh'; I would encourage you to take time and ponder on the words as a prayer, to still yourself and allow the peace of Christ to enter your heart. This is a glorious poem to awaken us to every day moments, so that we can experience His spirit around us during the festivities.



Nativity Child, awaken anew the child in me.

By the light of the star which heralded your birth,

Light up my life with joy.

Give me the capacity to see as a little child sees;

The ability to see the precious jewels hidden in the everyday moment.

Help me to see with eyes that look upon the world In simple wide-eyed wonder.

As a young child offers its hand into the warmth and reassurance of its father's

Help me to trust in you.

Like a peaceful child, tenderly cuddled on its father's lap

Help me to nestle snugly into the warm embrace of your loving arms.

Help me to celebrate the name of the Nativity Child

With all the boisterous exuberance of a toddler

Help me to dance, to sing, to skip, to simply splash around in the delight of your
love

As I stride out, wander off like a little child, help me to know your eyes are
ever on me,

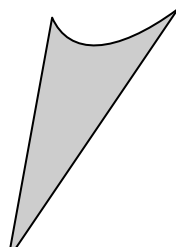
lovingly, tenderly watching me, protecting me from harm.

And should I fall Lord, gently pick me up.

Nativity Child, awaken anew the child in me

That in simple trust and wide-eyed wonder

I may let you lead me into being that which I was born to be.

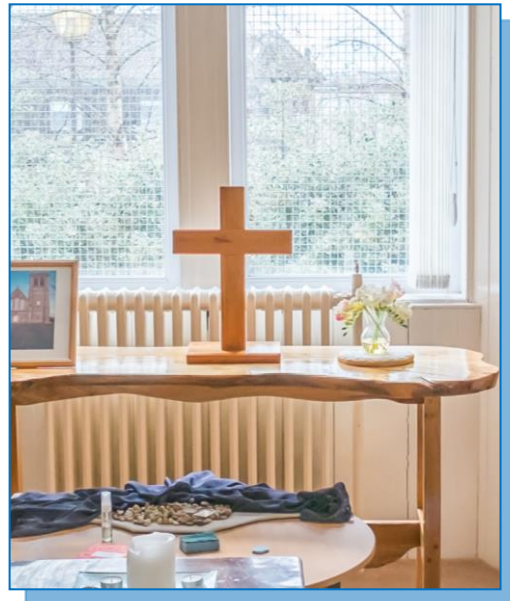


Prayer and Reflection Group

The Prayer and Reflection group are still meeting in the Prayer Room Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9.15am please come and join us, you don't need to attend every morning just pop in when you can. As you know we pray for a street in the village each week as well as praying for those in need and I will list below the dates so that if you are unable to attend the Prayer meeting you can still join in our prayers

Monday – Friday at 9.15am in the Prayer room.

04/12/16	Rodger Court
11/12/16	Dick Court
18/12/16	Croft Hill court
25/12/16	Gemmil Way
04/12/16	Rodger Court
11/12/16	Dick Court
18/12/16	Croft Hill court
25/12/16	Gemmil Way
01/01/17	Hamilton Way
08/01/17	Ash Lane
15/01/17	Pebble drive
22/01/17	Toftcombs Ave
29/01/17	Toftcombs Cres
05/02/17	Sandyvale
12/02/17	Rock Gardens
19/02/17	Cots Castle View
26/02/17	Cots Castle View East
05/03/17	Cots Castle Grove
12/03/17	Members in Larkhall
19/03/17	Members in Strathaven
26/03/17	Members in Sandford
02/04/17	Members in Glassford



09/04/17 All the Farms

Alex and Agnes Retire



Every day is a thanks giving!

Let us come before the presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! – Psalm 95:2

A special message from Alex and Agnes to everyone in the church and community of Stonehouse

Alex and Agnes are just so grateful for all God has done in their lives. They wish to pass on their sincere best wishes and gratitude to everyone in the congregation and the village community for making their lives in Stonehouse so enjoyable.



Agnes recalls viewing their new house in Townhead St and seeing for the first time the view from their bedroom window of the church steeple. Alex at that time was a wee bit reluctant to leave his friends in Holytown where he had been an elder for thirty years; but they

just knew in their hearts when they saw the church that this was the place God wished them to be.

Not long after they were settled in, Rev Tom Nelson came and asked Alex as a favour to consider becoming church officer and handed him over this massive bunch of keys! Agnes thought he would never know what they were all for!



But Alex was delighted to accept God's calling. He was warmly nurtured in the stillness and peace of the sanctuary when he was alone with God, opening up the church in the early hours of the new day.

The daily challenge of overseeing the smooth running of the church from early morning to late at night, seven days a week, for almost twenty years, has made Alex a bit of a local celebrity. His gift of welcoming visitors, workmen, funeral directors and other members of the church and community with cups of tea was acknowledged in the retirement speeches. To Alex it was the fellowship that he shared with others everyday that was a blessing; he felt so blessed as he cared for God's flock at St Ninian's.

Alex and Agnes are steadfast in thanking God every day. To all their friends and family a special thank you for everything they have done for them not just at this time as Alex retires but over all the years. Stonehouse is their home! As they reflect, Agnes is aware for the first time in all their days at church they will be able to sit together on the pews during worship...

That is indeed a new Song of Praise!



From Gavin

Dear Friends of St Ninians, My main message at this time is one of sincere thanks to all of you who have supported our appeals for donations towards the Church Heating Fund. Whether you have supported us by coming to our fund raising events, sponsoring the Walkers for Heat, the Half Marathon Runners or making donations, I am very grateful to you all for your generous support.

As I write this today (06/11/2016) we have raised £ 12146.28 towards the Church Heating Fund.

So far, out of the money raised we have spent £7342.01 on surveyors and architects fees which leaves us with £ 4804.27. A number of Grant applications have been submitted and some have responded favourably, but to date no money has been received. However we are awaiting details of awards from others.

The outcome of the Grant Applications will determine the balance required to cover the cost of the new heating system and allow an application to be submitted to the Church of Scotland for that amount.

In addition we are bringing the manse up to a habitable condition for a new minister. So far money has been spent on a new heating system, a repair to the alarm, painting and deposits for the new bathrooms and kitchen. The Church of Scotland has agreed a grant for manse work of £10000. The balance will hopefully be covered by a loan of £20000. The repayment of the loan will begin in 2017, the cost of which will have to be covered from our General account.

It has been a very difficult and challenging financial year and we have to look to the future when we will hopefully have a new minister guiding us in worship and in greater comfort.

I hope you will have a Happy Christmas and a safe and peaceful New Year.

Gavin Ferguson, Treasurer.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT GIFT AID

In order to support the application for grants for the new heating system in the church we need to be seen to be promoting Gift Aid. (We can claim back 25% tax in every £1 gifted therefore making the donation £1.25. This really mounts up if everyone who pays tax ticks their donation for Gift Aid)

This process of increasing revenue has been highlighted to the congregation for many years however it is now extremely important that we all utilise this system as we give donations for the cause. If you are donating any monies please use the new Gift Aid envelopes which will be placed at the end of the church pews or if you are at home contact Jillian Storrie 01698 791 414 for support.



Dear friends,

The current Board of Trustees with The Hope Café Lanarkshire have made the decision to dissolve the charity at the end of this current financial year, ending the project in April 2017.

The Board of Trustees have presented the Hope Café volunteers with the suggestion that they identify and establish a new board of trustees; re-brand and re-name The Hope Café Lanarkshire and continue with a mental health themed community café project.

The volunteers have agreed to these suggestions and wish to begin the process by making an immediate appeal to anyone who may be interested in becoming a voluntary board member.

We write to you, the community of St Ninian's, requesting your continued support towards the work of the project and hope you shall support the volunteers in this time of change.

If you are interested in becoming a board member or have any questions regarding this announcement, then please contact Lisa Cameron in the first instance.

Lisa Cameron and the Board of Trustees wish to convey their deepest gratitude to the community of St Ninian's for the support they have shown the charity over the past 3 years and wish the volunteers every success in this new and exciting venture and shall provide any requested assistance in this period of transition.

Regards

On behalf of The Hope Cafe Board of Trustees

Lisa Cameron

Project Co-ordinator

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Café Dates Jan – March 2017

Jan 12th & 26th

Feb 9th & 23rd

March 9th & 23rd

10am – 2pm



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Recycling boxes and envelopes are also available within the church.

Cameron Weir

P.S. the church is still looking for a 19" Flat screen monitor. If you have one you could donate to the church; please contact Brian Tel: 01698 791 006

WEBB IVORY

The Christmas catalogue is still currently doing the rounds but most of orders have been done. As usual the response has been good and I sincerely thank everyone who has taken the time to order, or given me a donation. I trust everyone is happy with their purchases and I will update you in next issue of Link how much the heating fund has benefited from your generosity.

Anne Law

CHURCH DIARIES

Our small compact church diaries are still on sale at the very reasonable price of £1.50, all of which goes to the church funds. The diary fits neatly into your pocket or handbag, and contains names, addresses and telephone numbers of all church office bearers. So think about adding at least one to your Christmas shopping list. Thank You

Anne Law

Thank you to everyone who faithfully places their little bags of used stamps into the box on a regular basis. This is a good time of year for new donors to begin this eco-friendly habit; so why not begin this Christmas and save stamps from your Christmas post both at home and in your workplace and pop them in the box in the vestibule.



Coffee Morning

Our last coffee morning for the year, is on Tuesday 29th November 2016. This is always a happy day, as it is our 'Free Day' which is our way of saying thank you for coming week by week.

This year we have been able to pay £9,193 to help with the upkeep of the manse. We hope to be able to give at least £3,000 at the end of the year, to help with the church heating.

We look forward to catching up with everyone again on Tuesday 7th February 2017 between 10-11.30am.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a very peaceful new year to come.

Peggy Anderson

Thoughts on Prayer

We are now into the Season of Advent

– the four weeks before Christmas. This is a time for looking forward and waiting expectantly.

As we think about Advent I imagine everyone will have their own many different thoughts about Christmas.

The children will be getting more excited as each day passes – marking the days off on their Advent calendars ...and eating the chocolates. They know how many 'sleeps' until Santa arrives with the presents.

As you go into shops and garden centres, Christmas songs and carols are playing and the tills are ringing out with the mad frenzy of spending.

Not everyone will be looking forward with excitement at this time of year. Many parents dread the big spending spree they feel they must go on so that the children have a 'good Christmas'. They know it takes time to recover from that.

Some people feel that Christmas is a lonely time. For some it will be the first Christmas without a loved one – an empty space at the table.

For Mary, this was a time of looking forward to the birth of her first born baby. She must have been really excited but at the same time she must have felt a great responsibility at the task ahead of her – being the mother of God's son.

Whatever your thoughts are on this special time of year, I hope for you it will be a Blessed and Peaceful time.

Ann Woods.

Sunday School

We continue to use the Spill the Beanz, Church

of Scotland material. Since we started back in August, we have had a busy session which included the Sunday school leading the Sunday morning service, serving lunch, a visit from the Puppet group, a visit from the Lego group and a visit to Canderavon House. The children were involved in all of these ventures and have enjoyed the experience of learning Bible stories in a different way.

We have had a fund raising collection of clothes etc and have realised the sum of £256. We would like to thank all who contributed bags and all who helped load the bags on to the van. Your help was very much appreciated.

Our next venture is the annual outing to the Pantomime in East Kilbride. This year's production is Pinocchio and everyone is looking forward to that.

The Christmas Nativity service will be on 18th December, the Children's service on Christmas Eve at 7pm and a Family service on Christmas Day at 10am. Further announcement will be made in Church.

The team would like to thank everyone for the support we get throughout the year and to wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful Christmas.

The Sunday School Team.

The Guild **BE BOLD BE STRONG.**

We had a good start to our new session with our Fashion Show. This event is always busy and full of fun as we are kept entertained by the salesman and his banter. Unfortunately at the last minute, one of our guest speakers couldn't come, she was very regretful and she has promised to come back another time. However, we had a very well attended night when Irene Dick broadcaster and writer came along to our Guest night. We really enjoy the company of the ladies from the other churches when they come along to support our guest speaker evenings. Thank you all for your support it is very much appreciated and enjoyed.

Our annual Christmas dinner is on Monday 12th December'16. If you wish to attend please put your name on the list or let one of the Guild members know.

Dates for the New Year 2017:

- **Monday 9th January:** Helen Moir Guest speaker retelling tales of the Black Lady (Larkhall)
- **Monday 13th February:** Guest Speaker The Street Pastor
- **Monday 13th March:** It's our AGM including a speaker from Maggies.
- **Monday 24th March:** Salvation Army Spring Concert.

Please remember you do not need to be a member of the Guild to attend any of our evenings. You will be made most welcome at any of our nights so please come along to any of the above events and enjoy a night out with like-minded folks. We are a happy friendly crowd at the Guild!



An update from Kitega

As a rare twist of events, the children hosted their parents to a fulfilled Parent's Day at the centre. The parents brought with them food, drinks and fun for their children. They shared with the staff their children's progress as noted in the long holidays. The staff at the centre also reminded the parents of their God given Responsibility to take good care of their and their responsibility to provide a good home and inclusive community for such



children. It was, by far, a very successful event and it is being mooted to make it part of the special events of the Kitega Calendar year. Much as the task of convincing these parents that these students are a special gift from the Lord still looms large ahead of us, we are thankful that each passing day we note that the members of the community and some guardians appreciate and respect these

children for who they are. We remain hopeful that one day such discrimination of these special children shall become a thing of the past. The struggle continues

Sign language classes for the deaf children;

The Centre has will soon acquire the services of a skilled sign language teacher. This will help a lot in helping the children communicate better and obtain valuable skills for their future life. We are thankful for the resources that are going to make this possible for the next two years.

Please speak to Pete or Sarah Jane if you wish to learn more about how you can help with this project either through visiting, sharing resources or skills or donating. (Extract from <http://kitegacc.org/?p=1116>)

Link Committee

Reading back over the early issues of Link, I noticed that people were all very keen to hand over a donation for their Link magazine. This continues to this day and we are very grateful to all who contribute. Your donations for Link enabled us to provide Gavin with a cheque for £4,818.18 for the vital electrical repair bill in the church. So thank you to everyone for playing their part in creating revenue to be used for church running costs.

We are sorry to lose one of our dedicated distributors Jean Grant. Jean has been delivering her magazines for over twenty years. She feels it's time to give someone else a chance and that person is going to be Liz Roy. Liz was delighted to be asked to become a Link distributor.

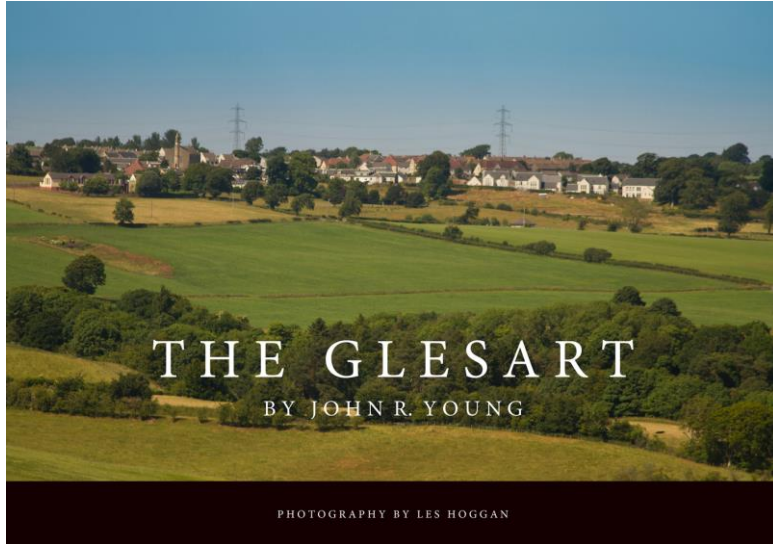
Liz is hoping to go round with Jean to deliver this winter issue of Link and to meet her new friends. We wish both ladies all our best in their new positions. One in retirement and one in new post! To Jean, thank you for all your support it has truly been appreciated.

Distributors with donations for this issue of Link will find Margaret Murray in the vestibule on Sunday 18th December'16. Please remember to write your name and amount enclosed on the envelope. It all helps make administration easier.

The Link Committee wish you all a happy family Christmas and peaceful new year.

Margaret McMeekin, Margaret Murray, Anne Frew and Caroline MacInally

New Publication Celebrating....'The Glesart'



Aloft the Avon river rests the sleepy hamlet of 'the Glesart', but travelling along the A71 to Strathaven how many venture over the Glesart brig to explore the environment and historical sites that lie in abundance within this former barony and parish? Glassford, to give it its Sunday name, is full of surprises and it was whilst uncovering its story I felt compelled to recognise the villages past by writing a new publication of those who

have contributed to its development over the years and the historical events which have shaped the village.

The village of Glassford was formerly known as 'West Quarter', with further villages of 'Heads' and 'Chapelton' forming the old 'Parish of Glassford'. However for the purposes of this account the publication focuses on the village we now know simply as 'The Glesart'.

Some may know of the pre-historic standing stones that overlook the Avon waters but how many have taken the time to see them for themselves in understanding why our ancestors chose to settle in such places or appreciate the peoples beliefs and skills that encouraged them to settle in the beautiful surroundings of the Avon Valley? A parish rich in history, Glassford was where the Quakers first established themselves in Scotland in 1653, holding to their faith under persecution of other faiths, as the covenanters themselves experienced soon after. How many know that Glassford was also the site of a Napoleonic prison at Glassford castle at the beginning of the 19th century? Few I expect, but these events have shaped a community over hundreds of years in a story that deserves to be told.

From statistical accounts, national archives, local documents and personal research I have sought to recall Glassford's story in providing residents and readers with a reference and greater understanding of the area and the characters who have played their part in the villages history.

The 80 page limited edition publication will be priced £10.00 and available locally for purchase or contacting myself.

John Young

Church Register

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace.**

Tom Allan



Church Flowers



December 4th	Helen Spence, Mary McKay, Elaine Kennedy	All In Memoriam
11th	Rosemary Middleton, Kate Stewart	In Memoriam
18th		
25th	Myra Pate	In Memoriam

Flower Arrangers and Distributors

December Ann Anderson 792124 Margaret Hannay 791163

From the Flower Committee

Dates for your diary:

- The Flower List will go out Sunday 4th December'16 for 2017.
- Decorating the church for Christmas Wednesday 14th December (1pm -4pm) then 7pm ... All help will be appreciated. Ladies and men - you don't have to be able to do flowers, just come along and enjoy the company and of course the mince pies and shortbread. Any greenery will be welcome.

