

Link Magazine

Christmas 2017



st ninian's stonehouse

christmas at st ninian's

3rd December - 1st Sunday in Advent

11:00am **Worship**

4:30pm **Carols & Candles** @ the community garden

7:30pm **Night Church**

10th December - 2nd Sunday in Advent

11:00am **Worship**

3:00pm **Light in the Darkness**

(A Service of Remembering)

15th December 6:00-7:30pm **Santa's Bedtime Story**

16th December 10:00am-2:00pm **Santa's Grotto**

17th December - 3rd Sunday in Advent

11:00am **Worship**

6:30pm **Christian Aid Concert**

24th December - Christmas Eve

11:00am **Nativity Service**

7:30pm **Family Christmas Eve Service**

11:15pm **Watchnight Service**

St Ninian's Church 10 Vicars Road, Stonehouse

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What do you wish for this Christmas?

At our recent series of Bible Studies, 'Everything You Know is Wrong, Probably', we discovered some things we didn't know about Christmas, and some things we thought we knew that were either wrong or just don't exist! Mary's 'little donkey' doesn't appear anywhere and the shepherds and the wise men (there were 3 gifts, we have no idea how many people) visited Jesus as much as a couple of years apart. The angels were not all tinsel and glitter but a terrifying army who surprise everyone by proclaiming 'Peace on Earth and goodwill to all people!'"

Isn't it amazing how much we don't really know about a story we have heard again and again?

I wonder why that is?

Perhaps the words of popular Christmas songs and carols confuse us? Maybe we see children's nativity plays where we mash Luke and Matthew's Christmas stories together into one? It could be that we just forget to even read the stories for ourselves.

Whatever the reason, I think it is important that each year we stop and reconsider just what the Christmas story is and what it might mean for us, because that meaning might change for each of us over time as our lives change.

I wonder what the arrival of the Christ Child will mean for us this Christmas? John's Gospel talks of God slipping into skin and moving into the neighbourhood. What a wonderful image of a God who wants to be close to us, who wants to share in every aspect of our lives, who loves us so much He sent His only Son, Jesus, to be with us. To be loved, completely, is the perfect gift. It's a gift that each one of us receives, no matter what. It is that gift of love that Christmas brings to all.

I wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a hopeful New Year!

Stewart

Hi Folks!

Well things are sure getting busy on the lead up to Christmas and the church is right in the midst of all the celebrations, lots happening in the church and the Community.

A leaflet will be delivered to each house in the village letting everyone know about our services and events and I hope you will feel able to join us and support Stewart our minister in some of the new ventures.

Our Craft Fayre raised £1,200 for church funds so a big thank you to all who attended, donated and helped, it was a lovely day of fellowship and friendship.

We still have a lot of work to do within the church so please keep us in your prayers.

We have much to be grateful for when many are sleeping rough and wondering how they will be able to survive each day.

We had a lovely day on Sunday 5th November when Jimmy Anderson was presented with his British Empire Medal. Jimmy didn't feel up to attending the Garden Party and asked if it could be done in the church, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant came along and was delighted to present it in front of the congregation. Jimmy is our second senior elder to receive this award as George Gray was presented with his earlier in the year. Congratulations to them both.

On that day Jim McQuade and David Kirkwood were presented with certificates for 40 year service and Alex Logan for 50 years service as elders. A big thank you to all for their dedication and service to the church and Christ.

We have had to say goodbye to some of our faithful members Jeanette Brownlie, May Black and Mason Stewart and our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with the families of Tom Moffat, John Nelson, Alexander Gray, Anne Hamilton, Nancy Paterson, Agnes Reid, Nancy Sloan and May Boyd.

Stewart has carried out two baptisms since the last magazine was published and it is our pleasure to welcome the families into the church at sad and happy occasions.

At this time of year it's appropriate to say a big thank you to all who go the extra mile, George Mathieson, Alex Pate, who share the church officers tasks and attend each funeral service in the church helping to organize and welcome folks. Bob Millar our property Convener and his team for all their hard work and Danny Baxter who comes along to help when we have a large funeral. Jillian our Clerk to the Board who spends hours filling in forms for grants to allow us to carry out more repairs etc. Our flower conveners Ann Anderson and Margaret Hanney and their team of ladies and gents who arrange and deliver flowers over the year. This is a special ministry and is much appreciated by all who receive flowers.

I can't possibly name everyone who gives of their time and talent to keep our church ticking over but you all know who you are, keep up the good work it is appreciated more than you know.

I wish you all a happy peaceful Christmas, and may God bless you all in 2018.

Margaret
Session clerk



On my first Sunday at church as the actual 'minister's wife' (my actual name is Avril) I found myself sitting having tea with three lovely, friendly, chatty ladies. I didn't realise at the time that one was the editor of the magazine, Margaret, and had been so on a 'temporary' basis for the last thirteen years. Having been around church for a long time I know what temporary means. It's usually not very short-term! Now, there may be an argument for suggesting that we are always in the right place at the right time. It may be that we are where God wants us to be but when I heard that editing the magazine "always used to be the minister's wife's job" I knew something was afoot. The words hung in the air as we all took a deep breath and I laughed nervously that way we all do when we're uncertain of ourselves. But, actually, I was delighted to be presented with this invitation and with little persuasion from your wonderful, now retired, editor, Margaret, here I am; the brand new editor of the Link Magazine.

As well as being the minister's wife which is obviously a very demanding task (you've met him!) I am a mental health nurse working for a mental health charity in Lanarkshire as the Development Officer for Lanarkshire Recovery Network. Part of my role is to co-ordinate the Stigma Free Lanarkshire Programme which works to end the stigma surrounding mental ill-health. I recently graduated as Master of Research looking at Christians' Experiences of Faith and Mental Wellbeing which both inspired and challenged me. I'm hoping to share some of the stories and findings from this research over the coming issues of Link.

If the magazine is considered to be the window of the church and beyond then previous editors have done an amazing job in delivering news from the church and wider community. I hope we can keep this great work going and add some new things as we go along. If you have any ideas about what you'd like to see in the magazine or would like to write an article, please email me at:

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Christmas ought to be a joyful time of year. We recognise it as a time of celebration; an opportunity for people to come together, share gifts and laughter, and reminisce with family and friends.

As we anticipate the birth of Jesus with excitement and wonder it is almost impossible to get through Christmas and New Year without experiencing some level of stress: endless lists, food, presents, cleaning, card writing, impact of financial pressures and health concerns, loneliness, special memories of people no longer with us, and the inevitable 'perfect' family gatherings.

God's present to us is presence. Christmas is about the realisation that Jesus is present with us so perhaps rather than worrying about the perfect Christmas we should remember that Jesus' birth in a dirty stable was far from perfect.

Take some time to say hello to your neighbours, go for a walk, relax, sleep, spend time with your friends and relatives, and realise God's presence.

Wishing you Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Avril

family service

carols with coalburn silver band
and a visit from santa!

christmas eve
7:30pm
st ninian's



Everyone is so supportive of the Link magazine, for that we are truly grateful. When we make mistakes people are quick to encourage us and ignore any failings that have occurred. So we continue enthusiastically to bring you news from St Ninian's, in hope that you too will be lifted in spirits by something you read within the pages of Link.

We are sorry to announce that Lesley Barrie has had to give up as a Link Distributor due to family and work commitments. Lesley and I went to Malawi together and anyone else who knows Lesley personally will know how diligently committed she is to everything she does and will understand her reasons for giving this duty up. We hope one day you will return Lesley!

If anyone is keen to join the team of deliverers of the Link magazine in 2018, please speak to Anne Frew, as we like to have a reserve list in case any vacancies occur. At the moment we are not sure who will take over Lesley's district but we will make sure the magazines get delivered.

Margaret Murray will be in the vestibule on Sunday 17th December to collect any donations. However if you cannot make it on this date, just pass your collections to myself whenever you can.

May you be blessed with peace of Christ this Christmas.

Margaret
Link Magazine Committee

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a
Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Andy and Sadie Hamilton & Family

From Bill ... Wishing Everyone Compliments of the Season!!!

Would you believe it, that time of year already and it seems like only yesterday that I agreed to take over as Treasurer. Now I have the end of year accounts to look forward too!

Firstly, can I do a bit of re-emphasis. There is a lot happening within the finances of St Ninians and, based on our "Project To Do List", this is not going to change anytime soon. Can I urge everyone to take the time and trouble to look at the list which we recently produced. This highlights our goals moving forward and the potential timescales involved, all of which are necessary to keep progressing St Ninians as both a place of worship and to provide a community based environment for our organisations to prosper, along with other initiatives that we may wish to promote. The key word here is **COMMUNITY**, as one of my personal objectives is to ensure that our finances allow us the ability to give back within the local area.

We already have lots to be grateful for in terms of fundraising. Just last week we witnessed the success of our Craft Fayre, ability of the Link Magazine committee to raise additional funds and, last but by no means least, the Coffee Morning Ladies who week after week offer their services to raise additional funds for our benefit. As treasurer I would like to say a huge thank you to all who give up their time in helping us collectively achieve our various objectives.

I have also drawn up a recent year to date income and expense analysis, which again I would encourage people to look at. This provides an indication of our "running costs" and excludes all the other expenses that will impact as we address the "To Do List".

So, we have a long road to travel but I am sure. given our past efforts and the positive responses from both individuals and the various bodies we have approached for funding. we can reach our goals. As a congregation we can be proud of our achievements to date. We now look forward to the next phase as our plans progress and we put green ticks against our wish list.

God Bless and all the best for 2018

Bill Storrie, Treasurer

the great



singalong

Sunday 17th December

6:30pm

St Ninian's Church



help decorate the Church for Christmas

Wednesday 13th December
1pm to 4pm & from 7pm

Ladies and gentlemen, you don't need to be able to do flowers just come along to enjoy the company and, of course, the mince pies and shortbread! Any greenery will be welcome.

Thank you ~ Anne Anderson

St Ninian's Youth Group



P7 to S6 welcome
on 10th December
7pm to 9pm

St Ninian's Youth Group

The new youth group started at the end of October and has been going really well! We have enjoyed a get to know each other night, a board games night, and we'll be having a ...

Christmas movie and popcorn night on 10th December

ALL young people, P7 to S6, are welcome. Soft drinks, hot chocolate, crisps and sweets are available at no charge. Please pass on this information to anyone who you feel might be interested. It would be great to see as many young people as possible.

Please keep this new group in your prayers as we reach out to the young people in our community. If you need further information don't hesitate to contact me.

Jillian



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Jimmy Anderson BEM

Jimmy Anderson, 88, was awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours List earlier this year. Honours are normally presented at ceremonies in London or Edinburgh, but Jimmy asked if he could be presented with his by Vice Lord Lieutenant of Lanarkshire, John Brown, during the Sunday morning service at St Ninian's Church, Stonehouse.

The award was made to Mr Anderson, a long-time elder in the Church, in recognition of a lifetime of service to the Boys' Brigade and the local community.

Jimmy moved to Stonehouse in 1954 having been brought up in the east of Glasgow. He married a local girl, May Thomson and joined St Ninian's Church. He was ordained an Elder while still in his early twenties, something unusual for the time.

Jimmy became an officer in the newly formed 1st Stonehouse Boys' Brigade Company and soon became Company Captain, a position he was to hold for over 60 years. His long service was recognised when he was made an Honorary Vice President of the Hamilton Battalion of the Boys' Brigade.

In his later years, he became involved in the Stonehouse Senior Citizens Group and was soon elected Chairperson. He held that position - being repeatedly voted on unanimously - for over 20 years and it was only recently that he retired from the role. The respect and admiration in which he is held, and in recognition of what he had achieved, led to him being elected Honorary President of the group and he continues to chair meetings when required.

Jimmy took up running in his 50s and in the 25 years that followed he raised funds for local and national charities including National Guide Dogs for the Blind, Stonehouse Hospital and Cancer Research. Vice Lord Lieutenant John Brown said, "This is the first time that I have had the privilege of making a presentation in front of a church congregation. It is a very special venue and most apt considering Jimmy's long and outstanding contribution to the life of the Church."



Night Church

St Ninian's Stonehouse

3rd December

7:30 - 9:00pm



ST NINIAN'S STONEHOUSE

coffee mornings

Tuesday mornings : 10am to 11.30am

Coffee mornings will not be running during
December but will restart
on Tuesday 6th February 2018.
Thank you all for your support in 2017.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas
and a very Happy New Year





Well another year is nearly at an end and as you will know we have had quite a few changes happen at the Hope Café. Lisa has left us for pastures new in which we wish her every success and thank her from the bottom of our hearts for all the work she and Donna put into the Café.

Our Board is changing and our new Board will be appointed mid December. We are all so looking forward to the new year which will bring new challenges, new therapists, and much more so watch this space!!

Always remember there are ears to listen, shoulders to cry on, and above all else, hope to move on. Anyone experiencing any mental health issues please come and see us for coffee and cake and let us help you with your journey.

We would like to thank everyone for their custom and support this year it means so much and we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

On behalf of everyone at the Hope Cafe.

Sandra Lindsay
Secretary

Praying for Others

Each week we respond to the call to remember others in our prayers. Over the last few years, here at St Ninian's, we pray for a street in the village each week. For those of you who would like to support us in doing this, here is the list. Thank you.

03/12/17	Candermill Road
10/12/17	Watson Avenue
17/12/17	Cander Avenue
24/12/17	Lockhart Street
31/12/17	Lockhart Place



“Comfort, comfort my people”, says God.

There are many moments in all our lives when we need comfort. Light in the Darkness is a service of for people who might find Christmas difficult or lonely because of loss or bereavement. In this short service there will be a chance to remember and to give thanks for those we have loved and to find some comfort in prayer and music.



This term at Sunday School saw some changes, with the children being split into two groups. This enabled the older children to progress in their biblical studies and to maintain a learning environment suited to their age group. The younger children are benefiting from a more age appropriate structure, incorporating more active learning in their session.

The older group have named themselves, "God's Guardians". This name was thought up by Cameron and agreed on by the other children. They have been very busy painting a mural for the community boards. You will hopefully see this in the village soon. See if you can guess the theme!

We also hosted lunch recently. The older children prepared afternoon tea while the younger children decorated the tables. The children then used the decorations as gifts for the residents of Canderavon when they visited the following week.

Preparation is now underway for the many Christmas events that we will be involved with in the coming weeks, where we hope to entertain you with our singing!

St Ninian's Sunday School



Church Flowers

December

3rd	Helen Spence	In Memoriam
	Kate Stewart	In Memoriam
	Elaine Kennedy	In Memoriam
10th	May Boslem	Lucy's birthday
	Mary Mackay	
17th	Dave & Rosemary Middleton	In Memoriam
	Margo Macgregor	In Memoriam
24th	Myra Pate	In Memoriam

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Flower lists

Please note that flower lists for 2018 will be out on 3rd December 2017.

Ann Anderson

Words of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for all the get well wishes during, and since, Allan's operation at Hairmyres Hospital. He had a double knee replacement on 11th October and is recovering well. Allan has been a very good patient and is still doing all the exercises necessary to recover his full mobility so, hopefully, by the Spring he will be able to get back to playing golf. At the moment he is very much an armchair sportsman (thank goodness for Sky Sports channel on TV!).

Can we take this opportunity to wish all our many family and friends, far and near, a very merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous, and healthy New Year.

God Bless

Anne and Allan Law

I would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, flowers, phone calls, and an ear to hear when I needed to talk following mum's recent fall. It has been much appreciated and a great help.

*If God answers your prayers he is increasing your faith
If he delays he is increasing your patience
If he doesn't answer—he has something better for you*

Margaret Patrick and Family

Dear Friend

I would like to thank everyone for their kindness, flowers and cards I received when I lost my husband. Also the home baking and Stewart for his help at this very sad time.

God bless you all,

Jean Stewart

Auld Stonehouse



The Barony of Stonehouse, written by John Young

Travelling up to Lanark on a regular basis you may have noticed the welcome sign as you climb the brae. This reads '*Royal Burgh of Lanark 1140*', created only four years before the building of Lesmahagow Priory in 1144. This historical fact got me thinking as to when Stonehouse was created a barony and could we not as a village promote likewise our historical antiquity.

Prior to any detailed research my understanding was that the barony of Stonehouse dated around 1667 when the right of patronage of the Church of Stonehouse was vested in Lockhart of Lee, and thence to Lockhart of Castlehill. The barony and patronage is from this point well documented but for the purpose of this chapter I have concentrated my research on the early references to the Barony of Stonehouse.

The title 'Baron' is historically confusing in origin and status since its introduction to Britain in the eleventh century. The feudal system of this time incorporated the ownership of land, hereditary rights and service to the Crown. The status of Baron in the Scottish feudal system was complex in determining the rights of those Barons titled by the Crown over those recognised by tenure (ownership of land). The title of Baron in feudal times gave by power of a grant, the power to hang men and drown women found guilty of capital offences by a baronial court.

A Scottish Baron is a holder of an estate of land created by a direct grant from the Crown. In medieval times this could be granted by Bishops. In 2001, the Abolition of Tenure (Scotland) Act abolished the feudal system in Scotland. However 'Baronies' are still recognised in Scotland but principally in title only. Today a barony is a 'title of nobility' which can only be passed on through heritable property. In the context of Stonehouse the barony would have related to an area of land rather than specifically to the village. The Baron would have been responsible for law and order and it is likely that the village of Stonehouse developed within what was baronial land. The village as such would not have had any particular status or privileges. These belonged to the Baron as an individual.

In trying to establish when Stonehouse was first recognised as a barony I first contacted the Lord Lyon, King of Arms in Edinburgh. In replying to my request he researched the Indices to the Great Seal Register and the Privy Seal Register. In doing so the earliest reference he found as to the Barony of Stonehouse dates to a Charter of 1363, further intimating that the Barony must have existed prior to this date. With this information I sought to investigate public records and documents to establish whether or not earlier references existed.

During the 11th-13th centuries 'the Flemings' settled in Scotland from Flanders (Belgium). The Flemings were said to have been brought to Scotland by King David I as a means of feudalisation of Celtic Scotland. In return for their knightly services to the King they were given lordships, or baronies. Among those to settle in this area was 'Baldwin' a distinguished Flemish leader who settled with his followers at Biggar under a grant from David I. Baldwin was sheriff of Lanark under Malcolm IV and William I. In 1150 he was witness to a charter received from Arnald, Abbot of Kelso, land in Douglas Water and Douglas to 'Theobald Flamaticus (Fleming)' of Douglasdale. Theobald's son 'William de Fleming' was styled of 'Stanhus'. Whether or not this refers to the Barony of Stonehouse we cannot be certain. Born around 1160, William married the sister of Freskin of Kerdal, Moray and is said to have died in 1214. This is the earliest proprietor associated with Stonehouse. Between 1214-1249, Sir William the Fleming (de Douglas) of Stanhus (possibly the son of aforementioned William) appears as witness to a charter by William Purveys of Mospennoc, with Sir Archibald Douglas. The early proprietors of 'Stanhus' titled themselves 'de Douglas' in connection with this prominent family of the period.

The earliest documented evidence of the name Stonehouse dates to the Bishopric of Glasgow which was founded in 1116, to which Stonehouse is said to have continued under the diocese of Glasgow. The earliest reference I have found specifically mentioning the Barony of Stonehouse is recorded an Act of Parliament, when in 1259 an inquest was held in Dumbarton in a dispute regarding a ploughgate in the lands of Polnegulan in the Barony of Lesmahagow. Among the baronies represented was 'Stanus'. Although the owner was not mentioned the probability was that the 'Baron' was of the Douglas family.

During the reign of James II his policy of destroying the power of the Douglasses and turning to the Hamiltons is borne out in Stonehouse parish. The Douglasses forfeited the barony and its church passed under the power of the Hamiltons.

An account of Stonehouse in 1904 records the forbearers of the Lockharts settling in Lanarkshire about the 12th century. The author suggests that Simon Lockard and Stephen Lockard were the first of the family to have any connection with this parish. At the least, they were ancestors of the 'Lockards, proprietors of Castlehill, which formed part of the barony of Stonehouse.

In 1362 David II granted, by charter, the lands of Kittymuir to Alexander Elphystone. Alexander Elphystone thence had a charter, confirmed by David II, to Alexander, son of Sir Adam More of the whole lands of Kythumbre (Kittymuir) in exchange for land in Erthbeg. David II also granted to William, son of Maurice Murray, the forfeiture of Godfrey de Ross within the barony of Stonehouse. Chalmers' 'Caledonia' states the patronage of the parish of Stonehouse belonged to the proprietor of the barony of Stonehouse until the reign of Robert III (1390), when the church with its lands and 'tithes' (one tenth of one's income or produce paid to the church as a tax) were annexed to the collegiate Church of Bothwell by the founder Archibald 'the Grim' Douglas, Lord of Bothwell and Galloway and the Earl of Douglas, who was the then patron of the Church of Stonehouse.

In 1887 documents were located in the Hamilton Chamberlain's office which recorded the following extract, stating the significance of Cat (Cot) castle to the Hamilton family. The document reads; In a charter granted by himself "Alexander Hamilton of Cat castell passed to the one-mark land of Woodland and the half-merk land of Brownland, lying in the barony of Stanehouse and sheriffdom of Lanark and there gave sasine of these lands with his own hands to James Wynzet, his heirs and assignees in usual form 29th January, 1511-12".

Chalmers states that the old Parish Church formerly situated in New Street (demolished in 2006) was built in 1772 and stands in the town of Stonehouse, which was created a burgh of barony. This provided the right to hold a weekly market on a Wednesday and hold three annual fairs by the charter to Sir James Lockhart of Lee in 1667, which was ratified by Parliament in 1669.

The last mention I have found relating to the Barony of Stonehouse is recorded in Robert Naismith's book of 1885 dedicated to "Major-General Graeme Alexander Lockhart C.B. of Castlehill and Cambusnethan, Lord of the Barony of Stonehouse and Depute Lieutenant of the County of Lanark".

We may never know the date on which Stonehouse was recognised as a barony. Alas records have been lost or destroyed through the passing of time. What we can assert is that Stonehouse is among the oldest parishes in Scotland of which the title 'Barony' predates 1259 possibly as old as 1160.

In establishing these facts we can assert our antiquity whilst seizing the opportunity to promote our historical past both to residents and visitors. In doing so we can instill a sense of pride in our village while encouraging greater awareness and understanding of our own ancestry.

John Young





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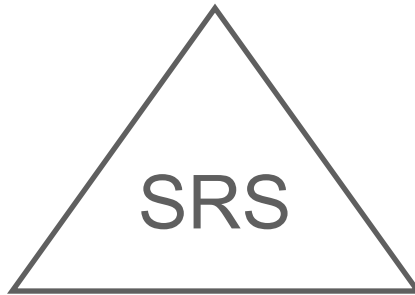
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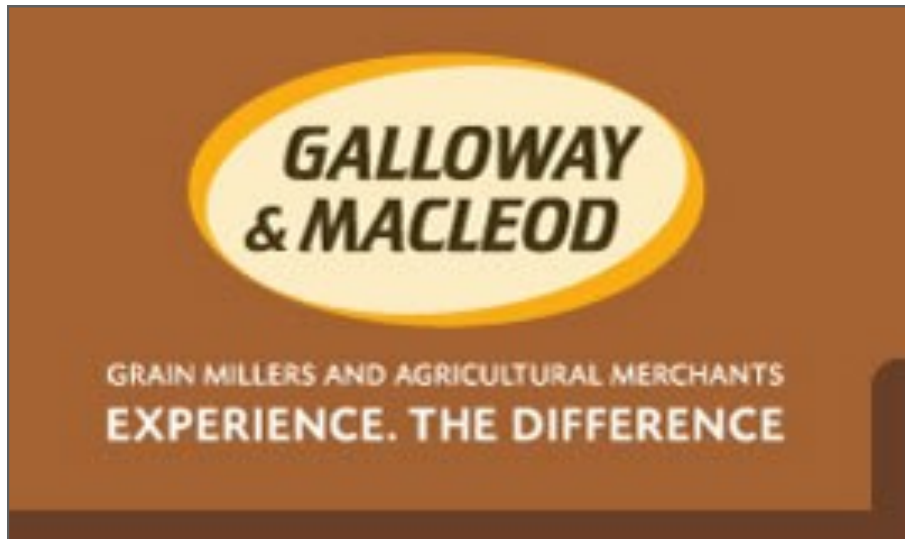
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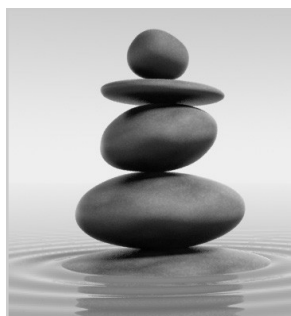
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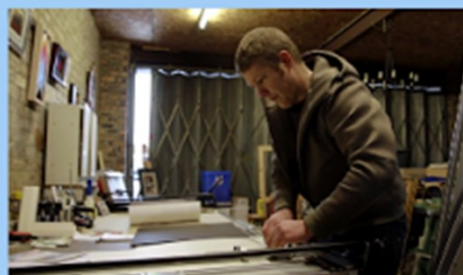
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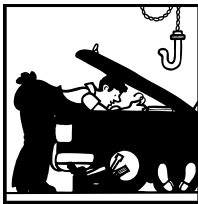
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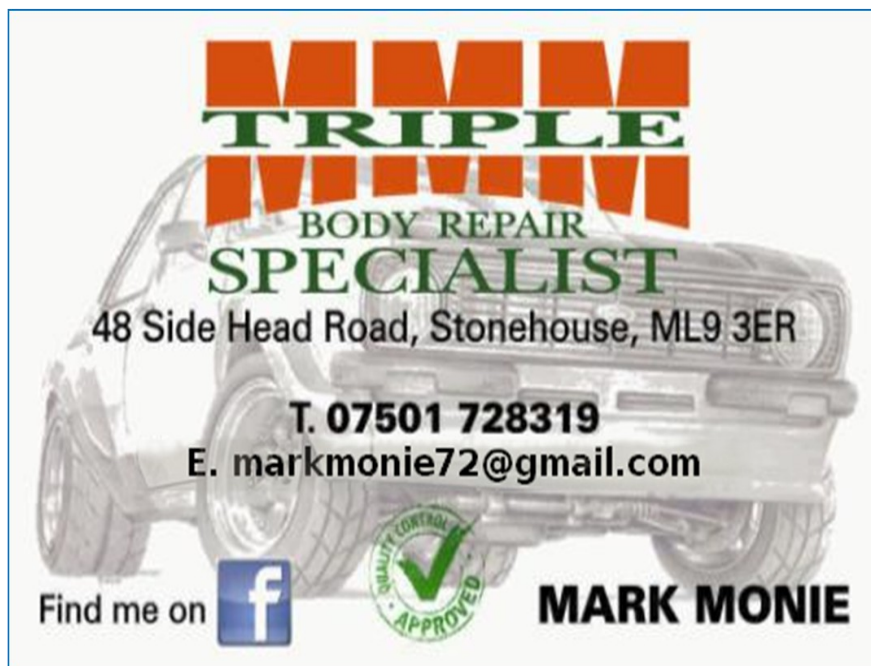
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What we're up to until Easter!

As we go into the Winter session of The Guild, we are all looking forward to our Christmas Dinner on .

We start our first meeting of the New Year is on 8th January when the speaker will be Andy McArthur.

On the 12th of February we welcome Caroline Curran, a Forensic Scientist who will tell us all about DNA.

The 12th of March is our AGM and our minister, Stewart Cutler, will join us to talk about his first year in ministry.

On the 23rd of April we will hold our fundraising evening and we hope to welcome the Coalburn Silver Band.

On the 4th Monday of every month we hold a craft night.

You don't need to be a member of the church to join The Guild and men as well as women are welcome to join and attend. If you would like to attend you will be made very welcome. I am sure there will be someone you already know.

All of our meetings start at 7.30pm. If you need a lift, we can arrange for someone to collect you and take you home again.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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