

Columba News

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Time to remember



A peaceful setting in the countryside of northern France. See page 4 for Remembrance Service details

Waiting to welcome you

Sundays	Team	Leader
October 31	Team 8	Mrs L Sharp
November 7	Team 9	Mr D. Campbell
November 14	Team 10	Mr I. Campbell
November 21	Team 11	Mrs A. Cuthbert
November 28	Team 12	Ms K. Lee
December 5	Team 1	Dr. H. Hunter
December 12	Team 2	Mr J. McConnachie
December 19	Team 3	Mrs M. Howie



From the manse *October 2021*

Dear Friends,

Over the past few weeks, we have celebrated Harvest and held services of Holy Communion. Albeit with the individual pre-packed (COVID-safe) bread and wine, it was truly meaningful to share the sacramental meal together.

On Harvest Sunday at the 10.00am, we had good fun with the children thinking about the food we eat – and importantly – the many people involved in producing and delivering food to our table: in the making of bread from wheat and water to the baker, lorry driver and supermarket staff.

On Harvest Sunday, it is good to think about the cost of human activity and how we care for the earth. As the climate change conference approaches, let's hope that world leaders at COP26 succeed in making a positive difference that will be felt for generations to come.

As an invited guest, I have now spoken at the Guild and Men's Association: it was a pleasure for me to accept these invitations and get to know more of our membership in an informal setting. Alongside me, our Probationer Minister, Gilleen, was also invited to speak: it was good for us to hear something of her story.

Living in south Ayrshire and being Minister at St Columba, I very much enjoy the warmth and humour of our congregation. If you are unable to attend public worship, I hope that you can access our online services. Each week the audio visual team gather on Thursday mornings to record the service for Sunday: we are very much indebted to them!

We have a special day at the end of October!

To celebrate the birth of St Columba, our name's sake, we are privileged to welcome as our guest preacher, the Very Revd Professor Ian Bradley, Emeritus Professor of Cultural and Spiritual History at the University of St Andrews and former Principal of St Mary's College.

Ian has written extensively on Columba and the Celtic tradition of Chris-



tianity. It'll be good to mark the anniversary of one of Scotland's most influential saints. So, a date for your diary: Sunday, 31 October! Ian will be preaching at both morning services.

Blessings and peace to you.

Scott

Revd Dr Scott S McKenna

At the time of writing, government restrictions on visiting homes have been eased. If you would like a visit from me or our Associate Minister, David Ness, please don't hesitate to be in touch. We will follow guidelines and visit you when we are permitted to do so. Simply call the manse (01292 226075) or email me (scottsmckenna@aol.com). David's telephone number is 01292 471625. The purpose of the visit may be a pastoral matter or simply an opportunity for a chat.

Remembrance Services

***will be held in the church
on Sunday, November 14***

The timing of the Services will be confirmed in forthcoming weekly intimations, on the church website and in the November monthly congregational email.



Scott was guest speaker at Men's Association

At time of writing, the Men's Association is starting up for this session and about to have their first get together with our guest speaker, the Minister, Revd Dr. Scott McKenna. By the time of publishing, this will have come to pass!

The programme of fortnightly 7.30pm Monday evening meetings continues on October 18 with our speaker, Bob McMillan talking on "Ayrshire at War".

This is followed on November 1 with Doug McLean on the subject of the "Scottish Airshow".

On November 8 we are guests of the Guild with a talk on the "Sailors' Society" by Revd. Becky Haldane.

November 15 we are hearing about "Helicopter SAR" by Roger Stringer and the final November talk, on the 29th, is one of our chosen charities, "Abbas Rest" and our guest speaker is Muriel Wilson.

We will be learning about the new "Ayrshire Cycle Path" from Ron Ireland on December 13 and that is our final meeting of 2021.

What a year this has been!

As always, the Men's Association welcomes new members and extends a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to join us for any of our evening events.

John Ferguson
Secretary

Join the walkers on their latest outing

We continue to meet on the last Friday of each month, beginning at 10.30am at a point which is advertised in the intimations and on our poster on Facebook.

At the end of September we walked a loop from Barassie, along the shore, over the railway bridge, along the cycle path to Marr College and ultimately back along the shore.


This was probably the longest walk we have done to date and some of us were feeling it! We were pleased to welcome two new members that day.



Remember we are always happy to see new faces, but if you can't manage a Friday morning, we are happy to share copies of our routes for folk to follow.

Our next walk is on the October 29 at Shewalton Woods when we hope to appreciate the autumn colours. We are trying to car share to reduce the number of cars so you are invited to meet outside Helen's (15 Hannah Wynd) no later than 10am and we will proceed from there. (you can of course make your own way to the start).

Helen Greig



We were delighted to meet in person in August! We are hugely grateful to Andrew Muirhead who facilitated our Zoom meetings but oh it is nice to be face to face! On October 4 we welcomed Mary Miller to discuss her book Jane Haining, a life of love and courage. We enjoyed meeting Mary. The group meets at Morag Bryden's home every six weeks of so. We are always pleased to welcome new members.

Helen Greig

Copy deadline for the Christmas issue will be
Sunday, November 14
Copy should be emailed to editor.columbanews@gmail.com
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Get set for the Seniors' Christmas Party

SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2PM - 5PM



**AFTERNOON TEA WILL
BE SERVED, ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED
BY BILLY STRACHAN
AND OUR CUSTOMARY
CROFT ORIGINAL
FOLLOWED BY CAROL
SINGING WITH SANTA
AND HIS ELVES.**

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE
FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THE OFFICE OR
TO THE POSTING BOX AT THE CARRICK PARK
ENTRANCE BY NOVEMBER 27**

Senior Christmas Party

Please reserve..... a place at the

Seniors' Christmas Party on Saturday, December 4

*Please note: If further Covid restrictions have to make a return, the
Hospitality Committee will be required to cancel the event.*

Chat in the aisles



Wanting to lose weight well a group from Weightwatchers now meet in the Midton Road Hall on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 8.30am.

An Art club is now also meeting on the church premises so it is fast becoming a busy time for the church buildings as we ease our way out of Covid.

The church boilers have now been serviced ahead of winter, although we will still have to keep vents and windows open to help keep Covid at bay.

Additional power sockets have also been installed in the office. They are required due to more and more electronics being used to help make the church administration run smoothly.

The church office is now on a phased return and will be open on a Thursday and Friday 9am-1pm with home working remaining on a Monday and Tuesday

Notes from Session

A meeting of the Kirk Session, chaired by the Moderator, The Revd Dr Scott McKenna, was held on 8th June 2021. A summary of issues discussed at this meeting is given below:

- The Moderator warmly welcomed Mrs Gillean Richmond to her first meeting of the Kirk Session at Ayr St Columba Church. He informed Elders that Mrs Richmond would be with us on a full-time basis for 15 months. He looked forward to a fruitful time and emphasised that the main purpose of the placement was training.
- *The Moderator thanked Elders for their responses to the questionnaire on Eldership and Care. He had received over 50 responses and was in the process of analysing these. He would report back to the Eldership and Care Committee and bring a paper to the October meeting of the Kirk Session.*
- The Presbytery Elder, Mr George Park, reported on the Presbytery meetings held by zoom on 2nd March 2021 and on 4th May 2021. Presbytery



had noted the Letters of Demission from the following Ministers: Rev Dr Ian Stirling, Minister of Fisherton and Kirkoswald Parish Churches from 1 June 2021. Rev Helen Cuthbert, Minister of New Cumnock Parish Church retiring on 11 July 2021. Rev Morag Garret, Minister of Ochiltree linked with Stair Parish Churches, call to Coalburn and Lesmahagow Churches from 12 May 2021.

- *Presbytery agreed to establish a Local Church Review process fit for purpose to start immediately on the formation of the United Presbytery of Southwest Scotland, anticipated in September 2022.*
- The Clerk reported that after years of excellent service, Mr Tony Greig had stepped down from his position as Assistant Treasurer. The Clerk had written to Mr Greig on behalf of the Kirk Session to thank him for all he has done in his time as Assistant Treasurer and to wish him well in his future endeavours.
- *The Clerk was delighted to say that Mrs Pamela Naylor had agreed to take on the role of Assistant Treasurer. Mrs Naylor was well known to members of Session and she had been an active and much valued participant in a range of Church activities.*
- The Midton Road Hall had been used as a Polling Station for the Scottish Parliamentary Election on 6th May. The preparations by the Council had been meticulous and everything had gone smoothly. The areas used were thoroughly cleaned before and after the event and we were left with 'state of the art' automatic hand sanitisers and a large quantity of facemasks.
- *A Report from the Treasurer was read out in which he concluded that Ayr St Columba Church's financial position as at 31st May 2021 was a very healthy one.*
- Mr J Stewart was pleased to report that the Wednesday Team were back in action. Two members were recovering well from replacement hip operations.
- *The vents on the window ledges had been cleared to allow good ventilation in the Church.*
- The Container in the grounds at Lochside was no longer required and had been sold. The contents of the Container will be redistributed to various charities. One hundred feet of fencing, which had enclosed the Container, had been donated to a local community garden project.
- *Mrs Helen Greig reported that there had been two successful walks in good weather. The routes which had been used were available on request for anyone who might wish to do the walk in their own time.*
- Mrs Greig spoke of the dedicated congregation at Lochside and the excellent work being done by volunteers at the Food Bank and, before Covid,

in the Kids' Club and in the Breakfast and Lunch Clubs. She reminded members that a splendid new kitchen had been installed and said that it was important to continue to support the volunteers, especially as we would be handing over responsibility for Lochside to others shortly and we should leave it in a strong position.

- *An application had been made to obtain approval for Lochside to be a Food Service Provider and a rigorous hygiene programme, involving Food Hygiene certification and practices, would be put in place.*
- Mrs I Bartholomew reported that the new photocopier had been successfully installed. Its capabilities were still being explored, but it printed beautifully and, so far, all the needs had been met.
- Mr K Fullerton was pleased to report that the Sunday School had met successfully outdoors on Sunday 9th May and on Sunday 16th May. They are now meeting indoors once more and he was greatly encouraged by the number attending. Mr Fullerton thanked Stuart McKinlay and the team for all their hard work. The Moderator added his thanks to Stuart, who had put in a tremendous amount of work throughout the period of Covid restrictions.

R A Bartholomew
Session Clerk

Keep fit makes a return



The Keep Fit section has made a welcome return after the Covid shutdown and meets on a Wednesday afternoon



Delight as the Guild returns

I am writing this, only a few days after our first Guild Meeting on 27 September, and it is good to say – **we are back!**

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank everyone who came along and it was good to welcome some new members and we hope that they found friendship and fellowship with us.

We had a wonderful meeting with our guest The Revd Dr Scott McKenna, who gave a most interesting talk and Dedication of the Guild for the coming session.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming The Revd Gilleen Richmond and I hope that she too enjoyed being with us.

Thank you to Avril who stood in for Dorothy while she was away. The meeting had a lively atmosphere and there certainly was a lot of chatter!

We will always continue to welcome new members and please do come along if any of the speakers or entertainers are of interest to you - you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Some dates for your diary until December:

Monday, 25 October at 2 p.m.

**Irene Bartholomew
Believe You Can**

Monday, 8 November at 7.30 p.m.

**Revd Becky Haldane
Sailors' Society
Men's Association Visit**

Monday, 22 November at 7.30 p.m.

Social Evening

Monday, 6 December at 2 p.m.

**Christmas Tea
True Colours**

Maureen Fullerton
Secretary





SINCE the start of the year at St Columba's Kids we have continued to explore the Bible and our faith and what it means in our lives.

Following our new format, we now go into church for the first 15 or so minutes of our session before returning to the hall for worship songs, games, crafts, challenges, snack, pray together and to recap the story from the service.

This year, our Charity of the Year is South Ayrshire Foodbank. We started by bringing food to the Harvest Thanksgiving Service to add to the donation boxes. Throughout the year every month we will bring along a selection of items to add to the donations box. .

Although we weren't part of the Harvest Service, it was good to be able to join in for the small part of the service we were invited for the first time since the pandemic began. Hopefully we will be able to take part in other services in the future at our usual times in the year.

Our team have, as always, worked tirelessly to offer an enjoyable experience for all of our children, as we explore the life and teachings of Jesus, what that looks like in our lives, and why the Christian Gospel is of such life-changing importance to those that do not yet know of God's love for them. We are looking for any member willing to take over leading on a Sunday morning from the end of October, or in-



ST COLUMBA'S KIDS BACK IN FULL SWING



deed for extra members of the team to help out even once every couple of weeks. Serving in St Columba's Kids is a great way to get involved in the life of the church and so important for the Christian education of our children. If you are interested in help-

ing out, or finding out more, then please contact Irene in the Church Office.

If you have a child in your family aged 3 to primary 7, then please bring them along to try St Columba's Kids out! Each week we will meet, go in to the sanctuary, go over the story, sing songs, create crafts, play games, have snack, and pray. If you want to find out anything more about St Columba's Kids, then please drop by one Sunday morning, contact the Church Office, or send a message to the church Facebook page and we will get back to you.

God bless.

Stuart McKinlay
Sunday School Co-ordinator

Scott's sermon preached from St Mark 10:13-16 on
Sunday, October 3, 2021

George Bernard Shaw said, 'We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing'. And, related to that, one of the great physicists of all time, Albert Einstein said, 'Imagination is more important than knowledge'. Playing and imagination are vital components of what it means to be human and, surely, what it means to be a child. It is a delight to watch children at play and listen to their excitement and laughter.



Recently, in our Sunday morning worship we entered a house in the village of Capernaum with Jesus and His twelve disciples. The disciples had been arguing as to which of them was the greatest. Seated before them, Jesus embraced a child and said, 'Whoever receives a child like this in My name receives Me, and who receives Me, receives not Me but the One who sent Me'. The Franciscan, Father Richard Rohr, says that the child was a favourite visual aid of Jesus.

In the Gospel of Mark, just one chapter later, Jesus again in His teaching welcomed a child and, placing His arms around the child, said, 'Let the children come to Me and forbid them not, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these....Whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it'. Play and playfulness: do we think of our spiritual life in such terms? Do we bring the immense gift of imagination to our inner journey? In the mind's eye, let Jesus stand before us now, bring a child to His side, and with our own ears let us hear Jesus say, 'This is My teaching; this is what I mean when I speak of God'.

The fifth century theologian, Pelagius (left), said that when we look into the face of a newborn child we are looking into the face of God: 'we are looking into the face of God freshly born among us'. Pelagius was pointing to that which is deepest in every human being: sacredness dwelling within us. Over the centuries, theologians, including the reformers Luther and Calvin, saw only sinfulness. Citing Adam's eating of the fruit and banishment from the Garden of Eden, theologians have said that every child is marked by original sin: some even speak of humanity's total depravity! This 'destructive' doctrine is based on a literal interpretation of Scripture; it is psychologically damaging and, in my view, mistaken. It does not help us to think of ourselves as



miserable sinners, incapable of loving God and unable to do good. Look into the face of the child Jesus holds and, in the mind's eye, see the love in Jesus' heart.

In Judaism – the religious tradition of Jesus – we read the poetic words of the psalmist: 'For it was You who formed my inward parts; You knit me together in my mother's womb. Wonderful are Your works!' Later, in the Book of Jeremiah, we hear God say: 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.' God's love of us is total and all-embracing. On our spiritual journey, it is important to let ourselves be the child held and embraced by Jesus, and to feel intuitively and deeply the love of God within us. One of the 'demons' that many of us have to fight, sometimes even on a daily basis, is our lack of self-worth. In silent meditation, let yourself be held, upheld and cherished by Jesus, by the One who sent Him. The Gospels record the 'touch' of Jesus: it is important for us too to feel that affirming touch of reassurance and love.

In His ministry, Jesus raised three people: the *young* son of the widow of Nain; the *young* daughter of the synagogue leader, Jairus; and Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary. Lazarus is an interesting biblical character. Deeply loved by Jesus, he never speaks. He was said to live in the home of his sisters. Was he young, a child, or perhaps a young man with what we would call learning disabilities? It seems likely that all three are young. In the ministry of Jesus, the symbol of resurrection – new birth, new life – is best expressed in the life of those who are spiritually a 'child': excited about God, playful, comfortable with mystery, imaginative and trusting.



One reason that I am particularly drawn to the image of a child for our spiritual journey is the way in which children are captivated and amazed by mystery. They are drawn in and, at their best, thoroughly inquisitive. In the tradition of Jesus, children are actively encouraged to ask about their faith and explore their spiritual journey. On one occasion together with others, I attended a Shabbat meal at the home of a rabbi. With bread and wine on the table, the rabbi retold the story of the exodus, the escape of the Hebrew slaves from Egypt. The rabbi told the story of the hunger of the people in the desert and the manna from heaven. As he spoke, a young person present interrupted him to ask, 'What is manna?' The rabbi said that he did not know for certain and, mischievously, asked me what I

thought it was! Do we see the boy Jesus interrupting His rabbi to ask questions of faith? He certainly had questions for the teachers in the temple. Perhaps we too could be encouraged to question and explore our traditional stories?

When I speak to children about baptism, I encourage them to see baptism, the sprinkling of water, as a ‘kiss’ from God; an embrace by God of the baby to be baptised. Baptism is a sign of God’s unconditional love for the child and is in no way dependent on the faith of the child or his or her parents. For me, baptism is like Jesus embracing, touching and blessing a child, and the face of each child is the face of God born among us.

In his poem, *Water*, Philip Larkin, imagines water as being central to worship. From the Order of Service, we read:

*If I were called in
To construct a religion
I should make use of water.*

*Going to church
Would entail a fording
To dry, different clothes;*

*My liturgy would employ
Images of sousing,
A furious devout drench,*

*And I should raise in the east
A glass of water
Where any-angled light
Would congregate endlessly.*

Worshippers would ‘ford’ or wade towards dry and different clothes. Each week would be a dunking and the sermon, the liturgy, would be full of watery images. For Larkin, rather than being a message of moral purity, fire and brimstone, religion would be one of cleansing, healing and weekly refreshment and restoration. An Anglican by birth, rather than the Eucharist each week, he hoped for baptismal renewal. To learn afresh each week that we are loved, cherished and embraced by God is surely to our spiritual gain. If we can be children again, excited by God, dazzled by mystery and unafraid of imagination, then perhaps we have caught something of Jesus’ meaning with the child.



Energy prices are up and winter is coming

Increased energy prices are unwelcome when they come shortly before peak demand. Numerous energy companies are likely to go under this winter, depriving customers of fixed price deals they relied upon. The price of electricity is closely linked to the price of gas. In Scotland most of our electricity comes from “renewable sources” that is if you consider nuclear renewable. Electricity tariffs are inflated by the generous feed in tariffs from the past.

It is likely that most of us will look at our energy usage because of increased cost. Are there things we might do to reduce gas and electricity consumption? Ayr St Columba Church will not be immune from cost pressures. We will need to consider simple practical things we might do to contain gas usage in particular.

Not long ago, but before the latest energy price hike, I wrote to our Minister and asked if we might monitor our gas usage and then try to reduce it in order to reduce our carbon footprint. The matter was raised at the Review and Planning committee and a request was made to proceed with an energy efficiency report. A survey has been carried out by Andrew MacOwen, an expert recommended by the Church of Scotland. The report is awaited.

The Church of Scotland has twice voted to make Church property carbon neutral by 2030. This is a tall order! Most Church sanctuaries are not insulated and now we have the added problem of needing good ventilation due to Corona virus. What about our building? I have looked through energy bills and many of the readings are estimated. It is nevertheless possible to get a rough idea of Ayr St Columba's gas consumption shortly before the pandemic. It is 310,000 KWh per year. This number may mean little to you. We can add some perspective by considering the gas consumption



considered to be “medium” by a home in the UK. Medium gas usage is defined by the UK government as 12,000 to 17,000 KWh per year. Our Church building therefore uses enough gas to heat around 20 “average” UK homes and emits about 62 tonnes of CO2 per year.

The Church does not pay domestic rates for gas. Domestic gas charges include a substantial charge for the gas network. Commercial users of gas pay a flat fee for supply and a much lower rate for the gas itself. Our Church is therefore very exposed to increases in the price of gas because most of the cost is for the gas and not for the supply. Wholesale gas prices have risen four-fold in the last year.

We need to consider practical steps to reduce gas consumption for cost reasons. Perhaps we should also reduce consumption because our world cannot absorb emissions at the rate we generate them?

We have two big Clyde gas boilers in the Church basement and it is unlikely that we will replace them soon. There will be parallels in many of our homes too. So, what action should we take?

We know that in a domestic setting, reducing the room temperature by 1 degree centigrade will save 10% on gas consumption for heating (not hot water of course). We also know that setting an overambitious target usually fails and people return to their previous habits.

Improved heating controls can often achieve savings out of proportion to expense and very modest disruption. It is highly likely that we can make savings on fuel bills in the Church with modest outlay and without expecting people to be uncomfortable. I suspect that many of us can do the same at home. If we do this, we can take satisfaction in putting a brake on increasing fuel costs. In my view, we can also take satisfaction from the very slightly improved prospects for our descendants and we will honour Creation.

If we take a first step in reducing our carbon footprint, what comes next? Do we want a forum to discuss these matters outside a Session meeting? Do we have a plan for our Church and for ourselves?

Andrew Muirhead

Please contact me if you would like to promote ecological matters in Ayr St Columba. Any contribution of any type will be appreciated. It need not be a big commitment.

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Ayr Presbytery News

Note of online meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr held on September 7, 2021

Presbytery Mission Plan: Presbytery noted that the Mission Committee will present recommendations for future charges and local allocation of ministry posts at the December 2021 meeting of Presbytery based on the outcome of Area groupings/sub-grouping discussions. If groupings/sub-groupings fail to reach agreement by November 1, then Mission Committee will recommend a default plan taking into consideration the state of local discussions, the starting point being Part A. In the interests of objectivity and fairness, members of the Mission Committee will not participate in the determination of default plans for their own areas.

Presbytery approve the creation of a Committee to co-ordinate and progress the Buildings Review component of the Presbytery Mission Plan.

Discretionary Allowance Committee: The 5% Discretionary Allowance will continue in 2022 and applications should be sent to the Rev Gerald Jones, Convenor, Discretionary Allowance Committee by 31 October 2021.

George Park
Presbytery Elder

Congregation and Parish Register

August - September

DEATHS

"I am with you always to the end of the age"

Matthew 28:20

Catherine Neil	17 Hilary Crescent, Ayr
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Church Services (Midton Road):

10am - Family Service;
10am Sunday School,
11.15 - Morning Worship;
6.30pm - Evening Services
(Last Sunday of the month)

Church Services (Lochside):

10am Morning Worship

Webmaster: Iain Bartholomew,
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What's on in the halls

MONDAY

5.30pm **RAINBOW BROWNIES**

Aynsley Bell, 07914 842118

7.30pm: **THE GUILD** (fortnightly):

Mrs D. Bone, 441651

7.30pm: **MEN'S ASSOCIATION**

(fortnightly):

Mr T. R. Swinn, 441896

7.30pm: **LADIES FELLOWSHIP**

(fortnightly):

Linda Sharp, 286951

WEDNESDAY

2pm: **HOLY COMMUNION** (4th Wed):

Church Office, 269524

2pm: **FITNESS with FRIENDS:**

Mrs Margaret Doncaster, 477381

5.45pm: **9th AYR BROWNIES,**

Mrs E. MacDonald, 445529

THURSDAY

10.30am: **OASIS CAFE:** Mrs Rene Kidd

10.20am: **LADIES BADMINTON:**

Mrs Elizabeth MacDonald 445529

2pm: **MEN'S ASSOCIATION GAMES:**

Mr R. Park. 268788

6.30pm: **CUB SCOUTS:**

Mr Jereon Bolte 07511489755

7.30pm: **SENIOR CHOIR:**

Church Office 269524

FRIDAY

6pm: **BEAVER SCOUTS:**

Fiona Wilson, 290414

7.30pm: **SCOUTS:**

Jereon Bolte, 07511489755

SATURDAY

4pm: **MESSY CHURCH**

(last Saturday of the month):

Irene Bartholomew, 269524



Tuning in to our services

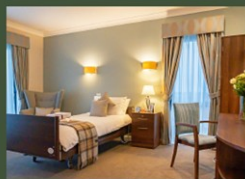
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