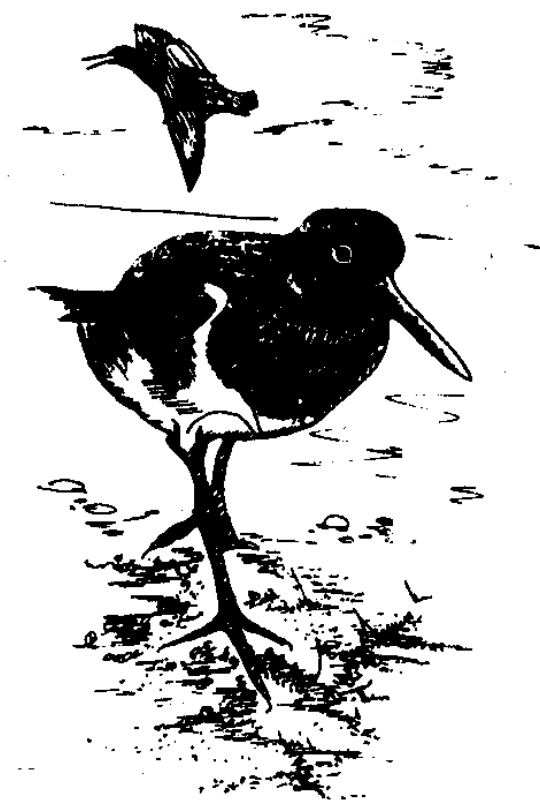


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THE RECTOR'S COLUMN

My dear friends,

In her famous carol, "*In the bleak mid-winter*", the Victorian poet Christina Rossetti reflects upon those who worshipped at the manger throne and upon the gifts they brought, pondering what gift she can bring, poor as she is?

*"If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him – give my heart."*

The message of her poem is clear – we all have something special to offer God and that gift, whatever it may be, is precious and valuable in his sight because it is a unique gift that only we can offer.

You will all, by now, have received an invitation to the Stewardship Events being held at the Rectory later this month, and some of you may be wondering whether this is yet another ruse dreamt up by the Rector to part you from your hard earned cash! Please be assured that you are not being invited to some celebrity fundraising dinner at the end of which you will be asked to take out your chequebooks and sign on the dotted line! (I found myself at such an event some years ago in my younger, poorer days and it was a very embarrassing experience indeed!). Yes, there will be a short presentation on our financial situation and yes we will make mention of ways in which we can donate to the Church, (for financial donations are one of the ways in which we can support our Church), but this is by no means the major thrust of the evening!

In addition to enjoying each other's company, these events will enable myself and the Vestry to share with you some of the wonderful things that are happening in our Church and to tell you about the many and varied tasks undertaken by our members. This we hope, might inspire some of you to volunteer for something, that perhaps you have always wanted to do but never felt able to ask, or to offer some new gift or talent to the Church.

These events are also intended to help us reflect upon what more we can offer you! Indeed, we hope that they will provide a forum through which

you can express your hopes and wishes for our Church and in particular to suggest things or activities that might enhance our common life together.

I do hope that you will be able to attend!

With love and prayers,

Fr James

THANKS

Many thanks to all who prepared the Church so beautifully for Christmas, and took part in our Christmas celebrations.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Congregational Dinner

Members of the congregation will be going out to a local restaurant for Dinner on Saturday 7 January. If you would like to join this outing please sign the list at the back of the Church. Friends and family are welcome too!

St Bride's Day

Our Patronal Festival will take place on Sunday 29 January. There will be a Festival Eucharist and Procession at 10.30 a.m. at which the preacher will be Mgr Kevin McGinnell, Chair of the Joint Liturgical Group of Great Britain. A St Bride's Day Lunch will follow. Tickets priced £17.50 will be available in Church from Sunday 1 January. Please bring your own bottle!

On this day we will be inviting members of the congregation to make a special donation to assist with the costs of major repairs to the Church roofs and stonework, planned for the Summer.

Candlemas

There will be a Sung Eucharist with blessing of candles and a procession at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 2 February to celebrate the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas).

STARTER PACKS NEWS

The year-end statistics show that in this year, 2,292 deliveries were made of furniture, food hampers, and/or starter packs. Sarah is so proud that her team, who are mostly volunteers, have managed to respond to so many requests to help newly housed people. Most deliveries are made up of goods donated by the public.

Jan and I are very grateful to St Bride's people and their friends for their gifts. Please remember Starter Packs when you no longer need household goods, furniture or clothes and contact Jan, Brian, Douglas or me.

Elizabeth Briggs

ST BRIDE'S WOMEN'S GROUP

The SBWG meetings for 2012 will resume in February. Professor Andrew Hook has kindly agreed to talk to us again about Alfred Lord Tennyson's poem "In Memoriam". The meeting will be held in the meeting room of the Crypt on Thursday 9 February from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served as usual afterwards.

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO MEETING IN JANUARY.

The Hillhead Kelvinside Church walking group's next walk, on Saturday 7 January, will be from Rosshall Park to the River White Cart. Lunch will follow at the Pines Hotel, Calderwood Country Park, East Kilbride. Details are at the back of the church, and further information is available from Sylvia Russell, phone 0141 339 0938.

SOLUTION TO DECEMBER CROSSWORD

Across 1 Christians, 6 Nebula, 7 Apple, 9 Scythe, 10 Lee, 11 Itch, 14 Copy, 15 Ice, 16 Charon, 17 Yucca, 18 Garage, 20 Especially

Down 1 Cue, 2 Raunch, 3 Sparta, 4 Images, 5 Napoleon, 6 Nativity, 8 Everyone, 9 Sciences, 12 Scrape, 13 Haggai, 14 Corral, 19 Guy

ACTIONAID NEWS

I am pleased to tell you that we raised £106.00 at the Christmas Fair. This will allow me to send a cheque towards our sponsorship of our two children in Kenya.

Thank you so much to all who bought raffle tickets and purchased goods at the stall. The prizes were won by Jan Carlisle, Kathy Thomas, Nancy Fergus and Alison Gifford.

Can I also say how pleased I am at all the small change left in the ActionAid plate? This is helping quite considerably, so please keep it going. You really have been very generous.

I sent off Christmas cards to the children a few weeks ago. They may not receive them for some time as the field workers, bringing mail etc, can only visit two or three times a year. They are so happy to receive mail: it is quite an event in their lives. Little things mean so much to them.

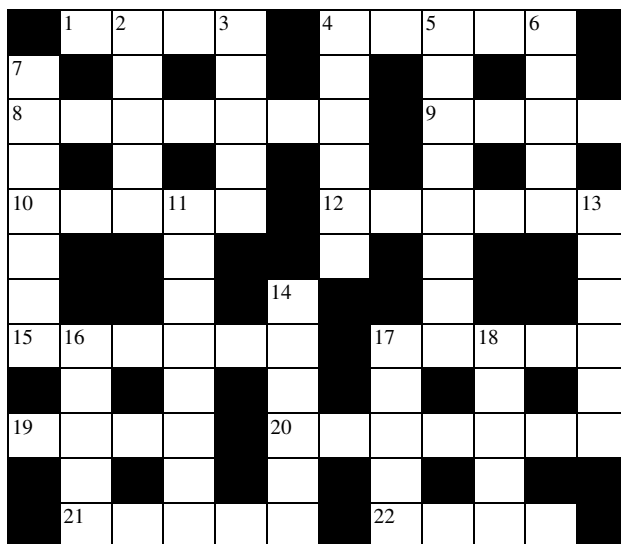
Betty Wright
ActionAid Co-ordinator

IF IT WASNAE FOR THE WEAVERS

Congratulations to Roy Parkin on his recent election as Deacon of the Govan Weavers' Society. The Society is one of Glasgow's oldest charitable organisations, having been founded in 1756 by the master weavers of the district, long before the urbanisation of the Govan area and the development of the River Clyde. Its charitable activities began long before the days of trade unions and state benefits. They continue to this day with annual gifts to its pensioners and support for local organisations such as Govan High School and the Old Govan Fair parade.

At the Annual Dinner, where Roy was in the chair, the principal speaker was The Very Revd Gregor Duncan, Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway. The Bishop gave an erudite talk on the origins of the Weavers' Society in the Scottish Enlightenment of the eighteenth century, and explained its role in the establishment of the Burgh of Govan, with loans to the Burgh for a range of activities and civic improvements. The "annexation" of the Burgh by the City of Glasgow in 1912, at which time Govan was the seventh largest town in Scotland, was a recurring theme during the other speeches.

ST BRIDE'S CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Continent (4)
 4 Second class in sale of fur (5)
 8 All ... shows ability in many aspects (7)
 9 Dash (4)
 10 Power (5)
 12 Could lead to a sort of sugar (6)
 15 Road surfacing (6)
 17 Concur silver about note (5)
 19 Soon (4)
 20 "The bridle bells rang merrily as he rode down to ..." (The Lady of Shalott, Tennyson) (7)
 21 Female name (5)
 22 D or F, perhaps (4)

Down

- 1 Wounded by nettle (5)
 3 Check accounts of laud item (5)
 4 Smart as a fir tree (6)
 5 Glibness (anagram) (8)
 6 Muse of lyric poetry (5)
 7 "Blow up the ... in the new moon" (Ps. 81, v 3) (7)
 11 Mahogany (anagram) (8)
 13 The Bruce (6)
 14 Australian tree (6)
 16 Yearly: per ... (5)
 17 Capital of Jordan (5)
 18 Make available for rent again (5)

Compiled by Lily Bland

Solution next month

Available now at the back of the Church – *The St Bride's Crosswords 1989-2011*, compiled by Lily Bland. Only £7.50! Our thanks to Helen Purchase and John Hamer for all their work in producing the book.

MUSIC FOR JANUARY						
1 Jan	Sunday Naming of Jesus	10.30	SUNG EUCCHARIST	Setting: St Anne's Mass <i>MacMillan</i> Motet: A new year carol <i>Britten</i>	Hymns: 338, 44, 258, 21, 33 Psalm: 8	
8	Sunday Baptism of the Lord	10.30	SUNG EUCCHARIST	Setting: Communion Service in F <i>Harris</i> Motet: The Infant King <i>arr. Willcocks</i>	Hymns: 55, 387, 58, 275, 317 Psalm: 29	
15	Sunday Epiphany 2	10.30	SUNG EUCCHARIST	Setting: Mass in the Dorian Mode <i>Cabena</i> Motet: Bethlehem Down <i>Warlock</i>	Hymns: 52, 51, 48, 425, 47 Psalm: 139, v 1-5, 12-18	
		15.30	CHORAL EVENSONG AND BENEDICTION	Responses: <i>Smith</i> Canticles: <i>Stanford in B flat</i> Anthem: There shall a star <i>Mendelssohn</i>	Psalms 33, 34 Hymns: 54, 49	
22	Sunday Epiphany 3	10.30	SUNG EUCCHARIST	Setting: Short Service <i>Batten</i> Motet: Ave Verum <i>Byrd</i>	Hymns: 57, 54, 56, 53, 451 Psalm: 62, v 5-12	
29	Saturday St Bride's Day	10.30	SUNG EUCCHARIST	Setting: Communion Service in E <i>Darke</i> Motet: Locus Iste <i>Bruckner</i>	Hymns: 205, 471, 478, 214, 197 Psalm: 134	

ROTAS

Date	Coffee	Counting	Sidesmen
1 January	Jan Carlisle Brian Carlisle	Jonathan Lord Alison Gifford	Jeannette Fenyő Vacant
8 January	Anne Lawrence	Jonathan Lord Andrew Lockyer	Brian Carlisle Vacant
15 January	June Roach Betty Wright	Christopher Black Elizabeth Black	Christopher Black Elizabeth Black
22 January	Veronica Matthew	Alison Gifford Mary Sillitto	Christopher Bragg Emma Bragg
29 January	St Bride's Day Lunch	Alison Gifford Michael Rae	Jeannette Fenyő Vacant
5 February	Jan Carlisle Brian Carlisle	Jonathan Lord Alison Gifford	

BONUS BALL

Date	Number	Winner	Winner's Amount
3 December	8	Jemma Rae-Thomas	£17.00
10 December	20	Andrew Hook	£16.50
17 December	12	Rollover	-
24 December	18	Mary Sillitto	£32.50

Funds raised so far for the Church are £1202.

For those of you who kindly buy a bonus ball regularly, would you consider keeping a permanent number and then paying me at regular intervals? This would help enormously. Please see Kathy Thomas.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY 2012						
Sunday 1 <i>Naming of Jesus</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	Monday 2 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Tuesday 3 08.15 Eucharist	Wednesday 4 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Thursday 5 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 6 <i>Epiphany</i> 18.00 Eucharist	Saturday 7
Sunday 8 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	Monday 9 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Tuesday 10 08.15 Eucharist	Wednesday 11 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist 19.30 Vestry	Thursday 12 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 13	Saturday 14 12.00 Rosary and Votive Mass 19.30 Concert
Sunday 15 <i>Epiphany 2</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist 12.30 Church open 15.30 E & B	Monday 16 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Tuesday 17 08.15 Eucharist	Wednesday 18 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Thursday 19 10.00 Eucharist 19.00 Stewardship event	Friday 20	Saturday 21
Sunday 22 <i>Epiphany 3</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist 12.30 Stewardship event	Monday 23 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Tuesday 24 08.15 Eucharist	Wednesday 25 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Thursday 26 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 27	Saturday 28 09.00 Church open - Decoration 12.00 Healing Eucharist 19.30 Concert
Sunday 29 <i>St Bride</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist 12.00 Lunch	Monday 30 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Tuesday 31 08.15 Eucharist	Wednesday 1 Feb 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Thursday 2 Feb 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 3 Feb	Saturday 4 Feb

SERVICES

St Bride's is a Church in the Catholic tradition. The main act of worship on Sundays is the Sung Eucharist at 10.30 a.m., which is followed by coffee and fellowship in the Crypt. On weekdays the services are as follows:

- Mon:** Evensong 5.30 p.m. The Eucharist (1970) 6.00 p.m.
Tues: The Eucharist (1982) 8.15 a.m.
Wed: Evensong 5.30 p.m. The Eucharist (1970) 6.00 p.m.
Thur: The Eucharist (1970) 10.00 a.m.
Sat: 2nd Saturday Rosary and Votive Mass of Our Lady (1982) 12.00 noon
 4th Saturday The Eucharist (1982) with prayers for healing 12.00 noon

Choral Evensong and Benediction is on the third Sunday of the month at 3.30 p.m. except July and August. The Church is open for visitors on the third Sunday of the month from 12.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. and on the fourth Saturday of the month from 9.00 a.m. to midday. We will also happily open the Church for visitors at other times on request.

READINGS AT THE SUNG EUCHARIST

1 January <i>The Naming of Jesus</i>	Numbers 6, v 22-27 Psalm 8 Galatians 4, v 4-7 Luke 2, v 15-21
8 January <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	Genesis 1, v 1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19, v 1-7 Mark 1, v 4-11
15 January <i>Second Sunday after Epiphany</i>	1 Samuel 3, v 1-10 Psalm 139, v 1-5, 12-18 1 Corinthians 6, v 12-20 John 1, v 43-51
22 January <i>Third Sunday after Epiphany</i>	Jonah 3, v 1-5, 10 Psalm 62, v 5-12 1 Corinthians 7, v 29-31 Mark 1, v 14-20
29 January <i>St Bride</i>	Hosea 6, v 1-4 Psalm 134 1 John 1, v 1-4 John 10, v 7-16
2 February <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	Malachi 3, v 1-4 Psalm 84 Hebrews 2, v 14-18 Luke 2, v 22-40
5 February <i>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</i>	Isaiah 40, v 21-31 Psalm 147, v 1-11 1 Corinthians 9, v 16-23 Mark 1, v 29-39

KALENDAR FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY

January

1	Sun	The Naming of Jesus	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
2	Mon	Seraphim of Sarov, 1833	Mystics
3	Tue	Feria	The People of Iraq
4	Wed	Feria	The People of Iran
5	Thur	Feria	Travellers
6	Fri	The Epiphany of the Lord	Astronomers
7	Sat	Feria	Refugees
8	Sun	The Baptism of the Lord	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
9	Mon	Feria	Action Aid
10	Tue	William Laud, Bishop, 1645	The Anglican Communion
11	Wed	David, King of Scots, 1153	St David's, Inverbervie
12	Thur	Feria	The Scottish Parliament
13	Fri	Kentigern, Bishop, c 603	St Kentigern's, Dennistoun
14	Sat	Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop, c 367	The People of France
15	Sun	Second Sunday after Epiphany	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
16	Mon	Feria	Starter Packs, Glasgow
17	Tue	Anthony of Egypt, Abbot, 356	Monastics
18	Wed	The Confession of Peter	Christian Unity
19	Thur	Feria	St Peter's, Partick
20	Fri	Feria	Hyndland Parish Church
21	Sat	Agnes, Martyr, c 304	Victims of rape
22	Sun	Third Sunday after Epiphany	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
23	Mon	Feria	Gardeners
24	Tue	Francis de Sales, Bishop, 1622	Spiritual Directors
25	Wed	The Conversion of Paul, Apostle	Missionaries
26	Thur	Timothy and Titus, Bishops	The Poor
27	Fri	John Chrysostom, Bishop, 407	Preachers
28	Sat	Thomas Aquinas, Teacher, 1274	Philosophers
29	Sun	Bride of Kildare, Abbess, c 525	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
30	Mon	Charles 1, King, 1649	The Royal Family
31	Tue	Charles Mackenzie, Bishop, Missionary, Martyr 1862	People of Central Africa

February

1	Wed	Feria	The People of Ireland
2	Thur	The Presentation of the Lord	The Elderly
3	Fri	Saints and Martyrs of Europe	The European Union
4	Sat	Feria	Parents