

CHURCH OF THE HOLY RUDE

STIRLING

(Church of Scotland)



NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2016/17



**A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
TO
ALL MEMBERS AND VISITORS**

FROM THE MANSE

Dear Friends

As I write it is just past the two-minute silence on the 11th November – Armistice Day – and today as on Remembrance Sunday we remember those who have given their lives in time of war for our freedom, and for the hope and promise of peace.

Although a tradition that was begun in the aftermath of the First World War as a response to that war's devastation and huge loss of life, we remember all those of every nation who have fallen in other wars since, and those who, whether soldier or civilian, suffer the consequences of armed conflict at this present time.

Our prayers at this time are particularly for the peoples of Syria and Iraq as we think of the terrible destruction visited upon Aleppo, and the fierce fighting around Mosul and Raqqa in an attempt to drive out the forces of the so-called Islamic State; battles in which the lives of many thousands: men, women and children, old and young alike, are in danger.

The images of war-torn landscapes and cities, and of the people displaced by the conflict and forced to seek refuge in other countries, desperate to find safety, remind us constantly that the world we live in seems to be in constant turmoil, and the hoped-for lasting peace among nations seems as far-off as ever.

Looking back over the past year, 2016 has seen other upheavals - the vote to leave the European Union, and now the election of Donald Trump in the USA, events that will certainly bring about great changes in all our lives, although we do not yet know whether for good or for ill.

As we look forwards, the future remains as uncertain and unpredictable as ever. We do not know what tomorrow will bring, let alone next year or the years that follow, and it would be easy to fall into despair.

What we must remember, though, is that in the midst of the world's troubles, amid all the uncertainty and faced with so many challenges, we are still called to be the people of God. A people called and sent out to bring the promise of life and of light to those who sit in darkness.

That is the message of the coming Advent season, a journey from darkness into light, towards the celebration of God's incarnation in Christ. The great festival we will celebrate is the remembrance of God's great love for the world, that leads us to the infant Jesus, the sign of hope and joy who is God with us, God made known. His is the eternal light that no darkness has ever been able to extinguish, whose power of life and love conquers all.

In this season of Remembrance, let us always have hope, that the world may yet be transformed by that same power, and that peace may reign.

With every blessing,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Allen', is positioned below the closing text.

DIARY OF SERVICES

DECEMBER

Sunday 4th 10.00 a.m. Rev. Alan F. Miller
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 11th 10.00 a.m. Rev. Alan F. Miller

Sunday 18th
Christmas Gift Service 10.00 a.m. Rev. Alan F. Miller
followed by short Service for Healing and Wholeness

Young Church Nativity 11.30 a.m.
Viewfield Erskine Church

Choir of the Holy Rude Nine Lessons and Carols
by Candlelight 6.30 p.m.

Saturday 24th
Christmas Eve

Christingle Service 6.30 p.m. Rev. Alan F. Miller
in Viewfield Erskine Church
(Christingles will be made in the Church Hall from 5.30 p.m.)

Community Carol Singing 11.00 p.m.

Watchnight Service 11.30 p.m. Rev. Alan F. Miller

Sunday 25th 11.00 a.m. Rev. Alan F. Miller
Christmas Day Joint Communion Service

JANUARY

Please note change of Service times
from Sunday 8th January until Sunday 2nd July

Sunday 1st January 11.00 a.m. Rev. Alan F. Miller
Joint Communion Service in Viewfield Erskine Church

Sunday 8th 11.30 a.m. Rev. Alan F. Miller

Sunday 15th 11.30 a.m. Rev. Alan F. Miller
followed by short Service for Healing and Wholeness

Sunday 22nd 11.30 a.m. Rev. Alan F. Miller

Sunday 29th 11.30 a.m. Rev. Alan F. Miller

FEBRUARY

Sunday 5th 11.30 a.m. Rev. Alan F. Miller
Short Communion Service

Sunday 12th 11.30 am. Rev. Alan F. Miller

Sunday 19th 11.30 a.m. Rev. Alan F. Miller
followed by short Service for Healing and Wholeness

Sunday 28th 11.30 a.m. Rev. Alan F. Miller



From the Director of Music

The last couple of months have been hard for the choir in the Holy Rude. As I wrote in the last newsletter, due to people re-locating, we have lost two members of the Alto section. Both Lorna and Tricia have said how very much they are going to miss the music at the Holy Rude. They will also miss the fellowship and strong friendships that they have built up over many years. The choir were so saddened by the death of one of their number. Iain White not only threw himself into the role of Session Clerk of the Holy Rude, but also had been a very loyal member of the choir since he had returned to Stirling. He also did so many other things for the church that it will be hard not seeing him at any events and concerts or Ministry of Welcome events in the future.

On a more cheery note, the choir has welcomed a new member to the Alto section, with Marjory Lumsden joining their ranks. We hope Marjory will enjoy singing in the Holy Rude.

The choir is now busy preparing for Christmas with all the extra services that that involves. The Service of Nine Lessons & Carols will be held on Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm. This traditional service is becoming more and more popular with many new faces in the congregation that are not regular worshipers. There is always a wonderful atmosphere at this service with all the candlelight and the decorations up. Please put it in your diary and come along and also enjoy the seasonal refreshments afterwards. Another date for your diary is Friday 30th December when Frances McCafferty will be returning to the Holy Rude and presenting "The Road to Bethlehem" – a Christmas journey in poetry and song. The time for this will be 4.00pm. This will be in aid of the organ restoration fund and follows on from her successful recital in the summer.

As always the church will be the venue for some concerts over the festive period with both the Stirling City Choir and the Stirling University Choir presenting their Christmas concerts in the church. Please look out for any events in the church and help us advertise them to as many people as possible.

We are always looking for new members for the choir, please contact me, or any member of the choir for information.

Ian Boulter

REPORTS

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Report of Presbytery Meeting

8th September 2016

Venue: Kincardine in Menteith Church.

The first meeting of the new session was held on 8th September, starting at 6.30pm, earlier than usual with the new Moderator taking a communion service for those who attended. The Presbytery meeting started thereafter with the clerk/business convenor/depute clerk and moderator at top table. The meeting was swift, below an hour, and this being the first of the new session, churches are only just starting to convene meetings again. The Church in Community committee advised that they would be reviewing 11 charges over the next year including Viewfield and the Church of the Holy Rude, but would advise in plenty of time before they visited. The Strategy committee asked the presbytery to extend Balquidder l/w Killin & Ardeonaig and also Callander 6 extra months extension to give them more time to call a minister. The Strategy committee also advised that there would be a vote at both Bannockburn Allan & Cowie & Plean for a basis of linkage, this vote would be held on September 18th. Stirling North Church is glad to report that they have accepted Mr Scott McInnes as their new minister, the induction service is on Thursday 20th October

John Millar
Presbytery Elder
Viewfield Erskine Parish Church

Report of Presbytery Meeting

13th October 2016

Venue: Bridge of Allan Parish Church

The second meeting of the session was held on Thursday past. Bannockburn, Fallin l/w Cowie & Plean representatives were cited to attend as the linkage of Bannockburn l/w Cowie & Plean has now been passed and Fallin has been granted to look for their own minister per the Presbytery plan. The Strategy committee also advised the Presbytery that Stirling North Church has been granted a new minister, Rev Scott McInnes, whose induction is on Thursday 20th October at 7pm. Killin l/w Ardeonaig have also been granted a new minister, Rev Dr Russel Moffat, the induction still to be confirmed as Dr Moffat is still to be released from Edinburgh presbytery. The Church & Community committee did advise us of the Local Church Reviews taking place during 2016/17 of which Viewfield & The Church of the Holy Rude are two of 7 churches. I would think that this would take place in early New Year but still to be confirmed. All congregations to be reviewed are advised that there is a training & information session on Wednesday 19th October at St Columba's Church Hall from 7.30 – 9pm. Any further information contact Rev Andy Campbell (ACampbell@churchofscotland.org.uk) or phone no. 01786 860678.

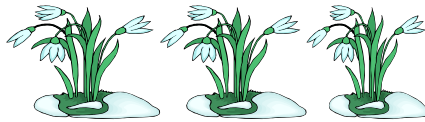
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FLOWER ROTA

DECEMBER



Sunday 4th	Christmas Flowers
Sunday 11th	Christmas Flowers
Sunday 18th	Christmas Flowers
Sunday 25th	Christmas Flowers



JANUARY

Sunday 1st	Christmas Flowers
Sunday 8th	Kirk Session
Sunday 15th	Robert and Elma Wyllie
Sunday 22nd	Wedding
Sunday 29th	Jeanette McEwan



FEBRUARY

Sunday 5th	Janette Crawford
Sunday 12th	Senga Morrison
Sunday 19th	Elma Wyllie
Sunday 26th	Janette Lindsay

It is the time of year when I like to thank everybody who has helped in any way with the flowers in the church over the last months. I will shortly be making up the Flower Book for next year, and I would be most grateful for some new contributors on the rota. Donations are most welcome; I am happy to do the rest.

Alison Dale
Flower Convener

Pastoral

Weddings



Friday 2nd September

Laura Jane Brown and Adam James Taylor Patterson

Saturday 3rd September

Debbie McGowan and Gilbert Donnachie

Admission and Ordination of New Elder

Sunday 27th November

*Ross J. McArthur
26 Citizen Jaffray Court, Cambusbarron, Stirling*

Deaths



"I am the resurrection and the life....."

Wednesday 19th November

Mr. Iain White, 1 Kirk Wynd, St. Ninians, Stirling

**God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing**

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Read more at <http://www.beliefnet.com/prayers/christian/guidance/prayer-for-gods-guidance.aspx#0iUgHFjSgk6mXsSf.99>

The Guarding of the God of Life

**The God of life with guarding hold you,
The loving Christ with guarding fold you,
The Holy Spirit, guarding, mould you,
Each night of life to aid, enfold you,
Each day and night of life uphold you.**

Ancient Celtic poem

**The WILL of God will never take you
Where the grace of God cannot keep you
Where the riches of God cannot supply your needs
Where the Spirit of God cannot work through you
Where the Love of God cannot enfold you
Where the mercies of God cannot sustain you
. Where the peace of God cannot calm your fears
Where the Word of God cannot feed you
Where the comfort of God cannot dry your tears.**

Author unknown

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DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS



2016-17

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Saturday 10th December	Stirling City Choir <i>Music for Christmas</i>	7.30.p.m.
Monday 12 th December	Stirling High School Concert	7.30 p.m.
Sunday 18th December	Choir of The Holy Rude Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight	6.30 p.m.
Friday 30 th December	"The Road to Bethlehem" A Christmas journey in poetry and song with Frances McCafferty <i>Mezzo Soprano</i> <i>In aid of the Organ Restoration Fund</i>	4.00 p.m.
Monday 30 th January	Viewfield Erskine Church Guild Scots Night <i>with Alex Christie and Friends</i> Tickets: £8	7.00 p.m.
February	Quiz Evening	7.30 p.m.

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CHRISTMAS GIFT ENVELOPES.



Dear Members and Friends of the Church of the Holy Rude,

It seems no time at all since this appeal was in the newsletter for the end of 2015 and here I am again making the Christmas appeal for 2016!

So soon after the Christmas Fair I'm sorry, but we do have expenditure which is ongoing and I can assure you that any contribution, however small, is hugely appreciated and a great help to our Church, which we have a responsibility and a desire to maintain.

On the expenditure side, we have ongoing maintenance and repair of our wonderful building.

At present we have bills for Ministries and Mission, for Presbytery, for office work, for upkeep of health and safety issues and the list goes on! We have struggled to make the payments for Ministries and Mission this year-in fact we may not manage to completely pay off the outstanding amount by the end of 2016! Unfortunately this figure rises every year and we must make every effort to pay as much as we can before 31st December.

We are ever grateful to the Friends who have paid the heating and lighting bills as well as the insurance costs, otherwise we would be really struggling to meet all these costs.

I would like to ask you to consider if you can make any contribution to boost our funds and if you can this will be very much appreciated.

You will find a special envelope enclosed with this Newsletter, and our Christmas Gift Service will be at 10am on Sunday 18th December. Envelopes may be returned at the service, given to your elder or posted to The Treasurer, Church of the Holy Rude, St John Street, Stirling FK8 1ED.

If you would like to increase your gift by the gift aid amount offered by the government the please fill in the back of the envelope before you hand it in!

Many thanks

Kate McIntosh

Treasurer.



FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY RUDE

This Society was registered as a Charity (No. SC042326) in May 2011 with the main purpose of raising funds for the care and maintenance of Holy Rude. Other principal objectives are a) the adornment and furnishing of the Church and providing facilities for the benefit of the Congregation and visitors, b) supporting the performance of music in Holy Rude, and c) the encouragement of research into the history of the Church.

Join the Friends

By being a member of the Friends you will be supporting the work of the Society in the preservation of the historic Church of the Holy Rude - one of the most outstanding medieval churches in Scotland.

Membership Fees for the year 1st. April 2016 to 31st. March 2017 are as follows:-

Annual Adult Single Membership	£12
Annual Adult Joint Membership	£24
Life Membership - Single	£120
Life Membership - Joint	£180
Concessionary (OAP, Student, Under 21)	
Annual single	£10
Annual joint	£20

Anyone wishing to join the Friends can obtain Application Forms from the Reception Desk at Holy Rude, or from the Secretary, Brian Morrison (e-mail brian.morrison4@btinternet.com)

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held this year on Sunday 11th. September (the nearest Sunday to Holy Rood Day - 14th. September), when a good attendance of members of the Friends Society received and adopted the Friends Annual Report and Accounts for the Financial Year ending 31st. March 2016.

The main projects undertaken by the Friends during the Financial Year were:-

1. The buffing and re-lacquering of the wooden floor in the Nave of the Holy Rude.
2. The purchase of 200 stackable chairs.
3. Provision of a large Umbrella Stand for the Porch, and a Display Cabinet for the List of Ministers since the Reformation.
4. Commissioning an Archaeological Survey round the perimeter of the Church, as well as a Stonemasons' Marks Survey.

Ministry of Welcome 2016 Season

The end of season meeting of the Ministry of Welcome volunteers took place on 24th. October when the results of the 23 week Visitor Opening Season from 1st. May to 30th. September 2016 were announced.

The volunteers learned that this had been the best ever season for Ministry of Welcome with nearly 57,000 visitors from 87 different countries welcomed into Holy Rude. Donations of approx. £27,000 were received, which will be used by the Friends in the maintenance and repair of the church. For the first time, a visitor was received from Equatorial Guinea and another from the Island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean.

Grateful thanks were expressed to the team of volunteers for giving their time and assistance so willingly over the season.

Old Town Cemeteries

Throughout the year, enquiries are received at the church from visitors seeking information on ancestors who are buried in the Old Town Cemeteries adjacent to Holy Rude. Records are available in the church on many of the pre-1930 burials and lairs.

An example of this was the request received for information on a Lieutenant Maurice Charles Mowbray. Research was carried out and established that he was the son of Archibald and Margaret Mowbray of Allan Park Lodge, Stirling. Between 1915 and 1917, Maurice served on the Western Front and in 1916 he was awarded the Military Cross for his actions near Arras. Sadly he was killed in action on 23rd. August 1917, aged 21, whilst serving with 89th. Field Company of the Royal Engineers near Ypres, Belgium. He was buried in The Huts Military Cemetery, Dickebusch, and his Company made an engraved wooden Celtic Cross to mark his grave.

Many years later, the cross was replaced with a Commonwealth War Graves headstone, but the wooden cross was brought back to Stirling and placed beside the Mowbray family plot, Section O, Lair 28, in the Snowdon Cemetery behind Holy Rude.

The Friends Society intends to expand on this Old Town Cemeteries Information Service during 2017.

Brian Morrison
Secretary, Friends of Holy Rude

An Important Question???

Where will you go when you die?

The Bible gives us very clear guidance on this, but are we sure we have made our decision?

When I was in Edinburgh recently I visited a lovely little bookshop on George IV Bridge and I picked up a 12 page booklet which I would like to share with you! It's called "It's your choice! and time is running out....."

Would you let me share it with you so that in the days, months and years ahead you too have the assurance of where you will go and where you will spend eternity?

You can then share it with others since we are called to "Proclaim the gospel of Christ".

Copies are available from Kate McIntosh on 01786472764.

Organ Appeal



Update - November 2016

Work continues to raise the funds needed to carry out the restoration work to the organ at the Holy Rude.

Recently the City Choir and the University Choir gave a joint concert in aid of the fund. The church was full and everyone enjoyed a wonderful concert which concluded with two joint items with the choirs joining forces to sing "The Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves" and the "Hallelujah Chorus" We are very grateful to both choirs giving of their time for this concert.

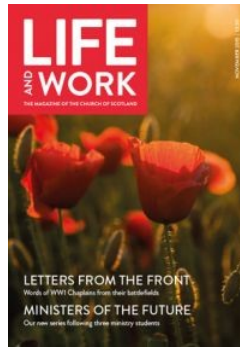
As mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter Frances McCafferty will be performing on the 30th December at 4.00pm, when she presents "The Road to Bethlehem" a Christmas journey in poetry and song. Frances has sung many times at the Holy Rude over the years, and is an old friend of many of us at the church.

We are continuing to get "sponsor a pipe" forms back, but need to keep up the momentum of fundraising over the coming months so as to keep the fund growing all the time. If you have any ideas for fundraising towards the organ fund, please let me know. I would like to say a big thank you to all the people who have donated money to the appeal so far, your generous donations will help us reach our target.

There is a display of photos and information at the back of the church, please have a look at this to see some of the "insides" of the organ.

Ian Boulter,
Director of Music.

LIFE & WORK



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S O S - Save Old Stamps for World Mission



The Church of Scotland World Mission Stamp Project for 2016 is raising money for the Church of South India's recently-opened Othara Eco-spirituality Centre where people can learn about climate change and the importance of conserving the earth God has given us. This year our stamp project is supporting some of their ecological innovations including the harvesting and re-use of rain water, the establishment of a biogas plant to power the kitchen and the development of a small dairy and chicken farm for native breeds.

Through retreats and conferences, the CSI hopes that the knowledge people gain at the Centre will inspire them to live sustainably and encourage others in their community to do the same because caring for the earth is not only a calling but a lifestyle.

So far this year from March to October the 2016 Project Appeal has raised £2194 from the sale of the used stamps. Last month I posted to the Mission another large packet of stamps received from members and friends of the Church of the Holy Rude and Viewfield Erskine Church.

What better time of year to collect your used stamps than at Christmas with all those extra cards, letters and parcels being mailed?!! Please save all your stamps and either place them in the box at the back of the church or hand them to me or to one of the welcoming elders. I look forward to posting another large package to the World Mission Stamp Appeal early in the new year.

Myra Gibson



Robert and I would like to thank the Session for the gift and flowers. It was very much appreciated and also thanks for all the help and support that we are given.

Elma and Robert



STIRLING KIRKS TOGETHER

Join us

Friendship Lunch

*Monday 13th December
Celebrating Christmas with Carols*

*and thereafter, the second Monday
of each month
from 12 noon - 1.30 p.m.*

In: St. Columba's Church Hall, Park Terrace, Stirling.

CONVERSATION, SOUP AND SANDWICH

Remember to put the date in your diary!

For further information contact: Sarah Murdoch on 01786-473087

*(Helpers are always required to provide soup and give assistance in the kitchen -
come and experience the true fellowship of this monthly lunch with friends from
other city centre churches)*

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GUILD
VIEWFIELD ERSKINE CHURCH
2016-2017



“Whose we are and whom we serve”

THEME

go in joy

Members of Holy Rude are warmly invited to join the meetings of the Guild. which are held in the Smaller Church Hall, on the dates listed below. Please come along and be assured of a warm welcome. Normally, all meetings take place on a **Monday at 7.30 p.m.** The following dates on the Calendar are highlighted below.

Monday 5 th December	Martha’s Table
Monday 19 th December	Christmas Party
Monday 9 th January	Rev. Alan Miller
Monday 16 th January	Craig Robertson - Author
Monday 30 th January	Scot’s Night – A. Christie and Friends
Monday 13 th February	Mountain Rescue
Monday 27 th February	Project Evening
Monday 13 th March	Queen Victoria School entertains
Monday 27 th March	Morag Robertson - Accordionist
Monday 17 th April	A.G.M. and Pot Luck Supper



The Maid-Servant At The Inn

"It's queer," she said; "I see the light
As plain as I beheld it then,
All silver-like and calm and bright-
We've not had stars like that again!

"And she was such a gentle thing
To birth a baby in the cold.
The barn was dark and frightening-
This new one's better than the old.

"I mind my eyes were full of tears,
For I was young, and quick distressed,
But she was less than me in years
That held a son against her breast.

"I never saw a sweeter child-
The little one, the darling one!-
I mind I told her, when he smiled
You'd know he was his mother's son.

"It's queer that I should see them so-
The time they came to Bethlehem
Was more than thirty years ago;
I've prayed that all is well with them."

Dorothy Parker



O Little Town of Bethlehem composer Phillip Brooks

Phillip Brooks (1835-1893) was well known as a preacher of excellence within the Episcopal Church, and as an American patriot. During the American Civil War he took a firm public stand against slavery. He held a Doctorate of Divinity from Oxford, and was a teacher at Yale University. Harvard University established the Phillip Brooks House, a social services establishment dedicated to "the ideal of piety, charity, and hospitality."

Phillip was a published author and was the subject of a biography published by one of his peers. The Episcopal Church held him such high esteem that a statue of him standing near a cross was erected in his honour, near his pastorate.

In 1865, Brooks travelled to the Holy Land. On December 24th he made his way on horseback from Jerusalem to Bethlehem where he attended a five-hour Christmas musical praise celebration at the Church of the Nativity -- just a short distance from the hillside where the shepherds heard the very first Christmas song.

At Christmastime three years later, recalling that magical night in Bethlehem, Phillip wrote a song for the children's choir of his church. His organist put melody to his words and on Christmas Eve, 1868, *O Little Town of Bethlehem* was sung for the very first time.

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee to-night.

O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

**SO YOU THINK THE BIBLE IS IRRELEVANT TODAY?
How many of these sayings do you recognise?**

The Blind Leading the Blind – Matthew 15:13-14.

"Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."

By the Skin of Your Teeth – Job 19:20.

The Geneva Bible translated the Hebrew literally which read, "I have escaped with the skin of my teeth."

Can a Leopard Change his spots? – Jeremiah 13:23 (KJV).

"Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil."

Cast the First Stone – John 8:7.

"And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her."

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry – Ecclesiastes 8:15.

"because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry: for that shall abide with him of his labour the days of his life, which God giveth him under the sun."

Eye for Eye, Tooth for Tooth – Matthew 5:38.

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth."

Fall From Grace – Galatians 5:4,

"Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace."

Fly in the Ointment – Ecclesiastes 10:1 (KJV)

"Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour."

For Everything there is a Season – Ecclesiastes 3.

Is also the motivation for the song "Turn! Turn! Turn!" by the Byrds.

Forbidden Fruit – Genesis 3:3.

When Adam and Eve were commanded not to eat from the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. "But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die."

Go the extra mile – Matthew 5:41.

"And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain" (KJV).

How the Mighty have Fallen – 2 Samuel 1:19.

"The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places: how are the mighty fallen!"

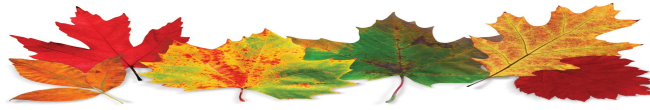
The Love of Money is the Root of All Evil – 1 Timothy 6:10.

Is actually usually misquoted. Here is the ESV translation, "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs."



God grant me
the serenity
to accept the things
I cannot change —
the courage
to change the things
I can —
And the wisdom to know
the difference —

S T O P P R E S S



AUTUMN FAYRE

*Another successful Autumn Fayre was held on Saturday 19th November and the total raised for Church funds, at time of going to print, is **£1,946**. Our thanks must be extended to our hard working Social Committee, chaired by Sara McKinlay, for the terrific organisation they put into this event each year. Thanks must also go to the stallholders and ladies dispensing tea, coffee and soup ; the many band of helpers who prepare the church for this event; and for all who willingly help to clear up afterwards and ensure the church is back to normal for Sunday service.*

A great team effort by all

MATERIAL FOR SPRING NEWSLETTER

The next Newsletter will be our Spring Newsletter covering the months of
March. April, May

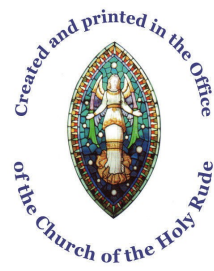
Please ensure all articles are available no later than **Sunday 5th February**.
Please let me know of forthcoming events and any additional material that may be of interest.

Special thanks, as ever, to all members who have provided articles for this edition.
Your support, as ever, is very much appreciated.

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