

Intimations:

The minister may be contacted on 0131 334 1324.

The Care Van Team is going out this evening. Please remember them in your prayers.

The Guild is taking a break but we shall look forward to meeting again on Tuesday 9th January 2024. Many thanks to everyone who has given support in a variety of ways and situations. Enjoy a peaceful and happy Christmas.

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who took the trouble to deliver the Congregational Christmas cards to the homes within the Parish. Over 2000 cards have been delivered.

The Mission Committee wish to express their thanks for the goods donated to Fresh Start, these goods have been delivered to Ferry Road Drive. Fresh Start pass on their sincere thanks for our continuing support.

Bags of Hope, to go to those members who can no longer get to Church, are available in the Crush Hall after this morning's service.

The annual Congregational Lunch will be held on 14 January 2024 after morning worship. Please note the date in your diary. Tickets will be available from members of the Mission Committee after this morning's service, please only take a ticket if you are joining us for the lunch. This will help us to ascertain numbers, thank you. As usual we will collect donations on the day and any funds raised will go to Crossreach.

The congregation will learn with sadness of the death of Mrs Marion Haswell, Struan Lodge and lately Orchardfield Avenue. Her funeral takes place at 1.30pm on Friday 22nd December at Warriston Crematorium. We remember Marion's family and friends in our prayers.

'Friendly Corner' will run two days a week in the Beith Hall. Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 11am to 1pm. It offers a space for company, chat, coffee, tea etc. If you would like to help and volunteer to staff Friendly Corner, contact the minister james.aitken2@btinternet.com or 0131 334 1324.

Charity Christmas Card Shop in St John's Church, Princes Street Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm.

Mary's Meals: From now until 22nd January 2024, donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1 million. It costs just **£19.15 to feed a child with Mary's Meals** every day at school for a whole year. And this winter, a donation of £19.15 will feed two children.

Advent Study @ St Anne's 2023

This year we shall be meeting on Wednesday mornings, 10.30-12.00, using the material in 'Journeying Through Advent'. At the darkest time of our year, as the world around seems to be growing ever more chaotic, this is an opportunity to slow down and reflect upon what Advent is really about – a time of preparation for the coming of light and hope.

Meetings will be on 29th November, and 6th, 13th and 20th December, in the Robertson Room. The book is available from Eden publishers, for £2.99. Cornerstone Bookshop can order it, but it will take about 2 weeks to arrive. We can order copies for those who would like to attend – or who would like to follow the book themselves.

Christmas at St Ninian's

Sunday 10 th December 10.30am	Gift Service
Sunday 17 th December 10.30am	Family Nativity Service
Sunday 17 th December 6.30pm	Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
Friday 22 nd December 6.30pm	Christingle Service
Sunday 24 th December 10.30am	Morning Worship
Sunday 24 th December 8.00pm	Worship for Christmas Night
Monday 25 th December 10.30am	Family Worship for Christmas Day

ADVENT STUDY SERIES

God, Jesus, Worship, and the Christian Life

Monday 27th November, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Who is the God of the Christians?

(an introduction to books & films about Christianity, & a discussion about God)

Monday 4th December, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Jesus Christ and the Church

(a theological tour of the church sanctuary)

Monday 11th December, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

How do we worship?

(a close look at Sunday morning worship)

Monday 18th December, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

How should we live?

(a discussion about living life as a Christian)

**ALL
WELCOME**

This study series is particularly suitable for anyone wishing to join the church or anyone who would like a refresher course on the Christian faith.

If you would like to come along to this group, let the minister, Rev. James Aitken, know on:

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