

Intimations:

St. Ninian's Friendly Corner is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:00am – 1:00pm in the Beith Hall (access from St. John's Road and through the church). There is tea and coffee, biscuits, friendship, and a warm welcome for everyone. Drop in anytime. **The church is also open on Tuesdays** 11:00am – 1:00pm for quiet reflection.

The Congregation will be saddened to learn of the recent passing of one of our members, **Thomas Gray**, previously of Claycotts. Please remember Thomas' family and friends in your prayers at this sad time.

Ruth Jackson and family would like to express thanks to all those who have expressed sympathy and given support following Charlie's death.

Tickets are now available, from members of the Mission Committee, for the **Congregational Lunch on Sunday 19th January** after morning worship. As usual please only take a ticket if you are attending, as this helps us with catering. All proceeds raised on the day will go to the **Maggie Centre**.

Update to the congregation on Edinburgh and West Lothian Presbytery Mission Plan - Following the citation regarding the potential amendment to the Edinburgh and West Lothian Presbytery Mission Plan which was read out over the last 2 weeks, the Edinburgh and West Lothian voted against the amendment.

Therefore the Mission plan remains as it was, and, for the moment, all churches in Corstorphine (Craigsbank/ East Craigs, Old Parish, St Andrews, St Anne, and St Ninians) will remain as a category B. Thus some of the buildings may not be kept after December 2025.

We await an update from the Deployment group in January 2025, regarding the 3 way union with St Anne's and St Andrews, and possible disposal of any of the church buildings in Corstorphine. We are happy to answer questions after the service - Session Clerk Team

The **Mission Committee** would like to **thank everyone who helped deliver the refugee hampers**, however, there are two left to be delivered so if you feel you could help please collect these from the East door. We would request that delivery is made by a gentleman and a lady to go together. A note of guidance will be available after the service from Margaret Hunter.

We have been opening the **Sanctuary at St Ninians** on **Tuesdays 11am - 1pm** over the summer. If you would like to help **keep the church 'OPEN'** we are looking for **volunteers** to sit in the Sanctuary for an hour either 11-12 or 12-1, on a Tuesday. If you are interested in helping out please speak with Moira Mather or James Aitken.



CHRISTMAS EVE APPEAL TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER 2024

As usual, we are having a retiral collection for **Christian Aid** at the **Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday 24 December 2024**.

BUCKETS will be at each of the Church Doors to receive donations of cash or cheques (made payable to *St Ninian's Church*).

If you wish to add Gift Aid, then put your donation into one of the Christian Aid envelopes (available at the Church doors), completing the tear off slip for Gift Aid before placing it in the **BUCKET**.

If you cannot attend the Christmas Eve Service, you can send a cheque to the St Ninian's Office, 144 St John's Road EH12 8AY.

Any difficulties, please contact me.

Alec Millar, Christian Aid Co-ordinator - 0773 800 7302

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Could you help to help bring some holiday cheer to those staying **at Bethany's Rapid Re-accommodation Welcome Centre this Christmas?** We're reaching out to churches across the EH area because our team is in urgent need of volunteers to prepare and cook Christmas dinner for 65+ guests on **Christmas Day (Wednesday 25th December) as well as Christmas Eve (24th) and Boxing Day (26th)**.

Who We Need: A team of 3-6 people to help with food prep.

Where: The food prep will take place at Gorgie Parish Church (in Gorgie Road along from Tynecastle Stadium) and then delivered to the Welcome Centre at the Haymarket Hub Hotel.

When: Volunteers should meet at **5pm** to prepare and cook the meal (all ingredients are provided on 25th as donated by Social Bite).

Volunteers would leave Gorgie at **8pm** to deliver the food to the Welcome Centre by **8.30pm**. There is a serving team on the 25th so volunteers could leave straight after the delivery, however can stay and help if they'd prefer.

If you're able to assist or know someone who might be, please let us know – get in touch with Eleanor and the Welcome Centre Team by emailing:

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eleanormclachlan@bethanychristiantrust.com