

A letter from our minister

It seems odd to be sitting down to write this Christmas letter in only the middle of November, just a day after my first Sunday with you all and less than a week since Inverallan Church was bustling for my Ordination and Induction. I don't want to think about Christmas yet!

Before I let myself look forward, first I want to look back, even just for a moment, to say another thank you to everyone who have made us so welcome over the past couple of weeks. Getting the manse ready, kind words in the street, flowers, gifts, cards, and a huge spread for the many visitors at the Ordination.....so many people who have done so much. It's humbling, and I can't say thank you enough.

Yet Christmas is fast approaching and the Christmas ads are beginning whether I like it or not. John Lewis were, I think, the first to get theirs out. If you've not seen it, Monty the penguin is pining for love. His best friend is a little boy, Sam, and they do everything together. But it seems it's not enough for Monty who sees couples on the TV and in the street and knows that he's missing out. Sam begins to notice and you start to wonder if this is going to be a sad tale of the friend jilted for the girl. But no, Sam's love is bigger than that, and his gift to Monty on Christmas Day is a lady penguin. Even if it might mean losing his friend, Sam gives him what he longs for most. It's all enough to bring a tear to a glass eye!

Sainsbury's ad, too, tugs on the heart strings. 100 years after the beginning of the Great War, the advert shows the famous Christmas Day truce that began with the singing of Still the Night on both sides of no-mans-land, and ended with a football match. At the end of the encounter between two soldiers, Jim and Otto, Jim hands Otto his trench coat and they go back to being enemies. But when Otto puts his hand in his pocket he finds Jim's precious bar of chocolate he received from his sweetheart back home. Another lovely example of sacrificial love.

Of course, both are really just trying to encourage us to shop with them, but they strike at something deeper too....a longing to be loved and the peace that comes with that. In the middle of all the shopping, and planning, and stress that Christmas can bring, I love these adverts because they remind us that there is so much more to it than all that.

Jesus was a gift like no other. A gift of love the likes of which the world had never seen, didn't expect, and didn't quite know what to do with. His love

brings a peace like no other. Into the squalor and death of the 1914 trenches, the memory of His love brought warring sides together and, for a moment, the guns fell silent. What we celebrate is a love so powerful that the world was turned upside down, and still can be. The sacrificial gift of love that brings the peace and joy that Monty the penguin was longing for.

My prayer this Christmas? That guns might fall silent once more. That longings and hurts are healed. That the love that brought a light into the first century skies above the Middle East would do so again in every corner of the world, and every heart on Christmas morning.

The ads might be a bit cheesy with ulterior motives, but they can still be enjoyed for reminding us that we all want more from life. Love and peace.

May God bring us all love and peace this Christmas time.

Gordon



Jesus said, “I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in me, even though he dies, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.” *St John 11: 25.*

We Remember Those Who Have Died:

Rita Grant – Higher Tullochgribbon – 8 August

Ross Jack – 10 Shankland Court – 17 August

Dorothy Biden – Advie Mains – 25 September

Kathleen Dungworth – Grant House – 9 October

Ethel Strain – Forres (formerly Woodside Court) – 14 October

Betty Crabb – Crieff (formerly Bydand, Dulnain Bridge) – 22 October

Frederick (Roy) Rutter – Cromdale – Thanksgiving Service – 31 October

Isabella Thomson – Dalbuie, Grant Road – 6 November

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Holy Communion – Inverallan and Dulnain Churches – **Sunday 7 December**
- Board and Session Meeting – Dulnain Church – **Monday 1 December, 7 pm**
- Board and Session Meeting – Inverallan Church – **Tuesday 2 December, 7 pm**
- Christingle Service – St Columbas Church – **11 December, 6.30 pm** – this will be the end of the Messy Sheep Trail
- Carols Round the Tree – Cromdale – **14 December, 6 pm**
- Christmas Eve Service – Cromdale Church – **24 December, 7 pm**
- Christmas Eve Service – Dulnain Church – **24 December, 7 pm**
- Watchnight Service – Inverallan Church – **24 December, 11.15 pm**
- Christmas Day Service – Inverallan Church – **25 December, 10.30 am** – this is a short joint family Service for all three Churches – bring a present to show

Messy Sheep Trail – this takes place again around Grantown – hunt the sheep!

Coffee in Inverallan Hall after each Service – Anita Brown thanks you all for your continued support – without you there would be no coffee! Pop in for a quick cup and a wee chat before you head home.

Harvest Supper - We would like to thank Bill and Morven Mitchell and Bill and Joan Steele for organising the Harvest Thanksgiving Supper. This was attended by 40 or so members who enjoyed cottage pie and home bakes. Most of us managed Morven’s quiz and Bill Mitchell, along with Leslie McCracken, led us in singing some well-known songs. A good night was had by all. As the Social Events committee have now disbanded, new ideas are invited for future events.

Life and Work – subscription for next year is £26.40 and if anyone is interested in subscribing please get in touch with Ian or Anita Brown.



A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

I hope you will forgive me for telling a wee 'fib' in the last edition of Bridges when I said we had still not found a new minister! With my involvement in the Nominating Committee I was bound to secrecy until the due process of the application proceeded. Interviewing for a new minister is not like any other job, there are many procedures to complete and while a tad convoluted it was all incredibly interesting and very exciting for the committee. We are of course delighted to welcome Gordon Strang and he is looking forward to meeting you all.

Thank you to all those who continue to knit for Africa – there have been many knitters since we started this project but I would like to mention Madge Trail from Nethybridge who hands in knitted squares 200 at a time! Also Irene Liggat and Mary Sellers who continue to knit the most adorable coloured vests and little hats. (*See back page.*)

Don't forget to keep the stamps from your Christmas cards and pop them in the box under the table in the Church vestibule.

We would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Moira McLeod

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

When Morris retired last December, I am certain most members of our congregations felt a profound sense of loss and concern for the future. It seemed likely, following the experience of many other churches, that we could be faced with months, if not years, of searching for a replacement. Bill Steele approached Jim MacEwan who kindly agreed to step in as Locum Minister and since then he has been a power of strength. Thank you Jim for accepting the task so willingly. The vacancy team, I am sure, found his support and wise guidance invaluable as they progressed through the necessary procedures involved in finding a new minister.

In his 12 months as Locum Minister, Jim has introduced to our congregations a different form of service with sermons and reflections that were both stimulating and thought provoking. Jim has successfully kept our congregations together during this vulnerable period and can take justifiable pride in handing over to Gordon Strang.

We are also grateful for the dedicated support given by Mary Duncanson and look forward to seeing them both work together.

Bruce Morgan



NEWS FROM CROMDALE AND ADVIE

We are all delighted with the appointment of Gordon Strang to the post of Minister to our three congregations and are looking forward to giving him a warm welcome to Cromdale and Advie.

Penny Gospels were distributed to the Parish along with our most recent Newsletter. Grateful thanks go once again to the willing volunteers who help with this task and without whom, keeping this important line of communication open would be impossible.

The Church sale was a resounding success raising over £800 – a wonderful total from our small community. Many thanks to everyone who contributed, helped and came along to support the event.

Lindsay Tinney has joined the Board. Welcome to the team Lindsay!

Our Harvest Service on the 19th October was followed by a Sharing Lunch and a collection for the Highland Food Bank. It was a happy and sociable occasion where we all enjoyed the contributions of lovely food. We were particularly pleased that Jim and Aileen MacEwan were able to stay for lunch.

We will shortly be saying a fond farewell once again to the Rev Jim. He came out of retirement to guide

us with his usual patience, understanding and humour throughout the past year for which we give him our sincere thanks. We wish him a well-earned rest.



Christmas is coming fast. “Carols Round the Tree” will be at 6 pm on 14 December in the square in Cromdale and our Christmas Eve Service at the usual time of 7 pm on the 24 December.

Maggie Dick

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## MANSE REFURBISHMENT

The Property Committee was tasked with preparing a schedule of essential works in the vacant Manse early in 2014.

This included replacement of ‘blown’ double glazing units, removal of the defunct shower downstairs, improving the electric fittings, general refurbishment of internal woodwork, ceiling and walls, replacing the garage door and some joinery work.

In addition, £9,000 was earmarked for nearer the time when a new Minister moved in (congregations are now responsible for white goods,

carpets, removal costs and a disturbance allowance to an incoming Minister).

We estimated a budget of £20,000 to be shared between the three congregations.



Presbytery had to inspect the vacant Manse and approve the proposed works. They insisted on having a shower downstairs, in case someone couldn't use the stairs. On the day of the Presbytery Property Committee's visit, the electrician was preparing his Manse estimate and announced that the 50 year old wiring needed to be replaced in addition to proposed works.

Estimates came in for the immediate works and totalled £19,000; this increased the total budget to £28,000.

As with all projects, extras have crept in with the final cost likely to be closer to £35,000. However all the works were essential to bring the property up to date.

The Manse refurbishment has been inspected and approved by Presbytery. Our new Minister and his family now have a lovely home to live in and work from.

*Bill Steele*

## **Sung Blessing**

### **Hymn 786**

*May the God of peace go with us,  
As we travel from this place,  
May the love of Jesus keep us,  
firm in hope and full of grace.*

I am aware that when I started using Hymn 786 instead of Hymn 238, as a sung blessing at the end of worship, it has not been met favourably by everyone. In fact, I overheard a comment, 'Who has changed the last hymn'?

There have been many changes in the style of worship over the last few months, beginning when I became part of the Ministry team 18 months ago in the new enlarged linkage and then following Morris Smith's retiral last December. Unlike the Church of England, the Church of Scotland does not have a set liturgy for morning worship but does have various options and suggestions. It is therefore up to whoever is leading worship – be it a Minister, Reader, Deacon or Worship Team – to decide which order they choose and also what hymns to choose. I try to choose hymns that fit the theme of the service. Sometimes I get it right and sometimes I don't! If it is a new hymn, I will liaise with Leslie, the organist, so that at least the choir will know it.

Since becoming a Reader and then an OLM, I have developed my own style of worship and order of service. There are times when I will do something totally different – a

spin-off from my three years of working with the Iona Community and being involved in leading worship in the Abbey Church.

Music has always been important to me in worship and when CH4 was being introduced, I attended a workshop in Perth, led by Rev Douglas Galbraith. He had been on the working party, compiling CH4. He gave us a brief history of the various Hymnaries that have been used in the Church of Scotland down through the years. He also introduced us to the wide range of hymns within CH4 – Psalms, traditional and contemporary hymns and songs from the World church. He also introduced Hymn 786 as a sung blessing – a sending out.

I find the words of this wee song very beautiful and very appropriate. As a Minister, I never know what is on people's minds when they attend worship; their joys and sorrows; their worries and anxieties; their ups and downs. So for me, I feel that this wee blessing helps to send people out in the love of Christ to face whatever is going on in their lives.

Ministers don't change things for the sake of change, but more change is around the corner when we welcome our new minister, Gordon Strang. All I would ask is that we all keep an open mind and embrace the changes.

*Mary Duncanson (Rev)*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)**

**Our Father, which are in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth,  
As it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom,  
And the power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever.  
Amen**

The Lord's Prayer was not originally in English and there are various translations of the Greek text. Even the Greek text may be a translation of what Jesus said who may have been speaking in Aramaic\*.

When translating today there are many words that have similar meaning. In 1998 it was decided to modernise some of the words used in the Lord's Prayer to make it more up to date with society today.

\*The Aramaic alphabet is historically significant since virtually all modern Middle Eastern writing systems can be traced back to it.



## MODERN VERSION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our father in heaven  
Hallowed be your name.  
Your Kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
On earth as in heaven  
Give us today our daily bread  
Forgive us our sins  
As we forgive those who sin  
against us  
Save us from the time of trial  
And deliver us from evil  
For the Kingdom,  
The power and the glory are yours  
Now and for ever  
Amen**

At a recent meeting of the Kirk Sessions it was agreed to try this modern version.

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Extract from 1st issue of Bridges December 1990

Marion Stuart wrote of her childhood memories of Sunday School in the United Free Church Grantown (after 1929, this became the South Church ~ a congregation of the Church of Scotland)

“In the Woodside Avenue Church, we attended Sunday School at 11 a.m., one hour before the Church service at 12 noon. In my day, Mr Kerr the Chemist was Superintendent and later Mr John S. Grant was in charge. Little booklets were distributed to each scholar giving the title of each week's lesson

with appropriate Bible reading; this was followed by a text which we had to learn and repeat at the end of the lesson.

There were two treats every year; the picnic in July and the Christmas party. A generous tea was provided at the Christmas party by the Guild ladies and our Sunday School teachers. There was a Christmas tree and decorations around the Hall. Every child received a present from Santa. At the top of the Christmas tree there was a fairy doll which was given to the youngest Primary School girl attending the Sunday school. Pop music and dancing were taboo (the Free Church influence). However there were games like The Grand Old Duke of York, Musical Chairs, Pass the Parcel, Looby Loo*, London Bridge, Nuts in May*, and several other old favourites. Everyone sung lustily and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Boys were wearing white shirts and girls were dressed in pretty party frocks with a coloured sash, a matching bow and their hair in ringlets.



Our parting gift was a bag of fruit and sometimes sweets.”

Contributed by Bill Steele

Marion is over 100 years old now – Ed

**Looby Loo is an action song*

**Here we go Looby Loo
Here we go Looby Light
Here we go Looby Loo
All on a Saturday night
You put your right hand in
You take your right hand out
You give your hand a shake,
shake, shake**

And turn yourself about

*It continues with the left hand, right
foot, left foot finishing with whole
self*

**Nuts in May is an old Nursery
Rhyme, this is the first verse:*

**Here we go gathering nuts in May,
Nuts in May, nuts in May,
Here we go gathering nuts in May,
On a cold and frosty morning**



*NB Interestingly there has been little
change to children's party games over the
years – Ed*

*Christmas is coming and while we are all
busy writing Christmas cards, buying
presents and rushing around as we do in
preparation for our big day, we thought a
look at what other countries do would be
of interest.*

Christmas in BETHLEHEM

The little town where Jesus is believed to have been born is the site of the Church of the Nativity, which is ablaze with flags and decorations every Christmas. On Christmas Eve natives and visitors alike crowd the church's doorways and stand on the roof to watch for the dramatic annual procession. Galloping horsemen and police mounted on Arabian horses lead the parade. They are followed by a solitary horseman carrying a cross and sitting astride a coal-black steed. Then came the churchmen and government officials. The procession solemnly enters the doors and places an ancient effigy of the Holy Child in the church. Deep winding stairs lead to a grotto where visitors find a silver star marking the site of the birth of Jesus.

Christian homes in Bethlehem are marked by a cross painted over the door and each home displays a homemade manger scene. A star is set up on a pole in the village square.



Christmas in IRAQ

On Christmas Eve, Iraqi Christian families gather together and one of the children reads about the birth of Jesus while other family members hold lighted candles. After the reading, a bonfire of thorn bushes is lit and everyone sings. If the thorns burn to ashes, good luck will be granted for the coming year. When the fire dies, each person jumps over the ashes three times and makes a wish.

On Christmas Day another bonfire is lit in the churchyard. The bishop, carrying a figure of the Baby Jesus leads the service. Afterwards he blesses one person with a touch and that person touches the person next to him or her and the touch is passed around until all present have felt the "touch of peace."



Christmas in IRAN

Iran, formerly Persia, is the land where the Three Wise men are believed to have lived when Jesus was born. Today Christians in Iran begin fasting from animal products on December 1. This is called "Little Fast." "Big Fast" occurs during Lent, the six weeks preceding Easter. After Church service on December 25 they enjoy Christmas dinner which they call "Little Feast."

A traditional dish is a chicken stew called harasa. Gifts are generally not exchanged but children get new clothes which they wear proudly on Christmas Day.



Christmas in INDIA

Christians in India decorate mango or banana trees at Christmas time. Sometimes they also decorate their houses with mango leaves. In some parts of India, small clay oil-burning lamps are used as Christmas decorations; they are placed on the edges of flat roofs and on the tops of walls. Churches are decorated with poinsettias and lit with candles for the Christmas Evening service.

Unfortunately due to recent troubled times in many of these countries, traditional Christmasses may not now be celebrated as they have been in the past. - Ed



PRAYER

¹Michel Quoist Prayer Prayer before a Five Pound Note

‘Lord see this note, it frightens me.
You know its secrets, you know its
history.
How heavy it is!
It scares me, for it cannot speak.
It will never tell all it hides in its
creases.
It will never reveal all the struggles
and efforts it represents, all the
disillusionment and slighted dignity.
It is stained with sweat and blood.
It is laden with all the weight of the
human toil which makes its worth.

It is heavy, heavy, Lord.
It fills me with awe, it frightens me.
For it has death on its conscience,
All the poor fellows who killed
themselves for it
To possess it for a few hours,
To have through it a little pleasure, a
little joy, a little life
Through many hands has it passed,
Lord?
And what has it done in the course
of its long, silent trips?

It has offered white roses to the
radiant fiancée.
It has paid for the baptismal party,
and fed the growing baby.
It has provided bread for the family
table.
Because of it there was laughter
among the young, and joy among
the adults.

It has paid for the saving visit of
doctor,
It has bought the liquor that made
the drunkard.
It has produced the film unfit for
children.
And has recorded the indecent song.
It has broken the morals of the
adolescent and made of the adult a
thief.
It has bought for a few hours the
body of a woman.
It has paid for the weapons of the
crime and for the wood of the coffin.

Of Lord, I offer you this note with
its joyous mysteries, its sorrowful
mysteries.
I thank you for all the life and joy it
has given.
I ask forgiveness for the harm it has
done.
But above all, Lord, I offer it to you
as a symbol of all the labours of
men, indestructible money, which
tomorrow will be changed into your
eternal life.

Contributed by Rev Christine Ritchie

¹ Prayers of Life, A Classic of modern religious
writing, Michel Quoist. Page 23. Published in
Ireland by Gill and Macmillan Ltd. Goldenbridge,
Dublin 8. Etc. 1963



ORDINATION AND INDUCTION

How lovely to see the church bursting at the seams! The Ordination and Induction of Gordon Strang to the charges of Cromdale and Advie linked with Dulnain Bridge linked with Inverallan was indeed a sight to behold. Over 300 people packed into Inverallan Church on Thursday 13 November to witness the service conducted by the Moderator of Presbytery Rev Mary Ellen Thomson. A special mention must also be made of the large bus load of people who travelled from Dunkeld, we were delighted to welcome them. The Community Choir were also very much appreciated.

The evening was in three parts. Following the formal ceremony, tea, sandwiches and home bakes were served – no mean feat, but Janet Flannery’s team of volunteers from the three congregations were galvanised into action and we think everyone was served okay and did not go home hungry. The final part was less formal with light hearted speeches given by John Wilson on behalf of the congregations and Ven. Richard Gillings from the Episcopal Church on behalf of the other churches to welcome Gordon to our midst, and gifts being presented to the family by Lindsay Tinney. The finale was an entertaining ‘best man’ speech by David McNeish who not only gave us good sound advice about how to handle his friend Gordon, but also put it to music! The evening was a wonderful mix of the solemn and the entertaining – well done to the organisers and to everyone who managed to come along.

The Strang Clan Song

[Advice to Gordon]

Don’t try to save the whole of Grantown
At least not in the first six weeks
Don’t change everything in the service
And say you’ve only made some little tweaks
Laugh long and hard, cry when you must

Remember you are loved and in God you trust

John 10:35 says Jesus wept. But even the Messiah felt better when he slept.

For he’s a very special man

And I hope you understand

I’m so proud that you’ve inherited the whole Strang Clan.

[Advice to the congregations]

Don’t ask Rhonda to do flowers

Don’t pat Campbell on the head

Don’t assume Morag hasn’t heard you

Don’t work Gordon til he’s dead!

Laugh long and hard, cry when you must

Remember you are loved and in God you trust

Psalm 127 says it’s the Lord whose best to build

And the position of Messiah has already been filled.

For he’s a very special man

And I hope you understand

You’re so lucky you’ve inherited the whole Strang clan.

Yes he’s a very special man and I hope you understand

You’re so very very lucky, incredibly lucky

Or if you have theological problems with the concept of being lucky, perhaps it would be better to say you’re so very very blessed

Yes you’re so blessed that you’ve inherited the whole Strang clan.



IF CLUB

Members of the IF Club had a busy Sunday morning recently when they learned about Joshua and how the Walls of Jericho fell, followed by a visit from Fire Fighter Danny Rose.

Learning about the Joshua story was part of the current IF Club theme of Super Heroes of the Bible which has also included David and his slaying of Goliath as well as Elijah who confronted the false prophets of Baal by trusting God to send down fire to burn up the sacrifice that had been soaked with water.

The IF Club members, dressed as soldiers, re-enacted the story of Joshua and his army who listened to God and marched round the walls of Jericho for six days and on the seventh day they used trumpets to bring down the walls of the city. IF Club teachers Frances and Denise were trapped inside the walls which were depicted by a huge roll of corrugated paper, which collapsed as predicted.

IF Club leader, Seonaid, supported their musical efforts on her guitar with a new version of the old chorus composed by IF Club teacher, Anne. Readers may be able to sing along with the new words if they remember the tune from their Sunday School days:-

*Joshua fought the battle of Jericho,
Jericho, Jericho*

*Joshua fought the battle of Jericho
and the walls came a-tumbling
down.*

*He was a super hero, He trusted in
the Lord*

*He fought the battle with trumpets
His men did not wear swords.*

As you can see from the photo, a great time was had by both children and teachers!



At the end of the session, the group were visited by Fire Fighter Danny who had already visited the IF Club in the Spring when he brought along a Fire Engine when the theme of the lesson had been “People who protect us”. As a thank you for his efforts, Natalie Masson presented a cheque from the IF Club towards the Fire Fighter’s Fund which supports a rest home for injured firemen and their families.

It was a day when the children learned about the Bible super heroes and also met one of their own local super heros.

Anne Noble

The new Minister

A Minister came to the parish so one of the Elders took him round to meet the parishioners. When they came to a house where an elderly man sat on a bench very drunk the Elder said “never mind him he is the same every day”. A week went by when the minister called again. As he reached the man the minister said “drunk again”? “Aye” said the man “and so am I” – so the minister just carried on doing his good deed for the day.

Marjory McQueen



Thinking of the Bard

As I went walking doon the toon I met an affie ugly loon.
He had twa huge lugs as big as neeps.
I said “ma loon, oh what a sight!”
Imagine meeting you at night.
“No less, he said the truth ye geid me quite a scare yersel. For beauties baith we are nae befitted. These words I’ll say if you’ll permit it with apologies to the famous Bard wha wrote many times on card, he would empower the gift to gie us tae see oursels as ithers see us!”

How true.

Marjory McQueen

TEN COMMAMNDMENTS OF FRIENDSHIP

1. Speak to people with a cheerful greeting
2. Smile at people
3. Call people by their name
4. Be friendly and helpful
5. Be cordial in your words and actions
6. Be genuinely interested in people
7. Be generous with your praise
8. Be considerate of the feelings of others
9. Be thoughtful of the opinions of others
10. Be alert to give service to others

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Spray a large non-stick pan with cooking spray and place over a medium heat. Add beetroot, carrots and onions and cook gently for 8 – 10 minutes or until slightly softened. Add the stock and simmer for an hour. Reserve a few beetroot cubes to garnish, blitz the rest of the soup with a blender until smooth. Ladle into bowls, add a dollop of fromage frais, a twist of black pepper and enjoy.



Wise men seeking Jesus
Travelling from afar
Guided on their journey,
By a beautiful star.
But if we desire him
He is close at hand
For our native country
Is our "Holy Land".
Prayerful souls may find him
By our quiet lakes,
Meet him on our hillsides
When the morning breaks.

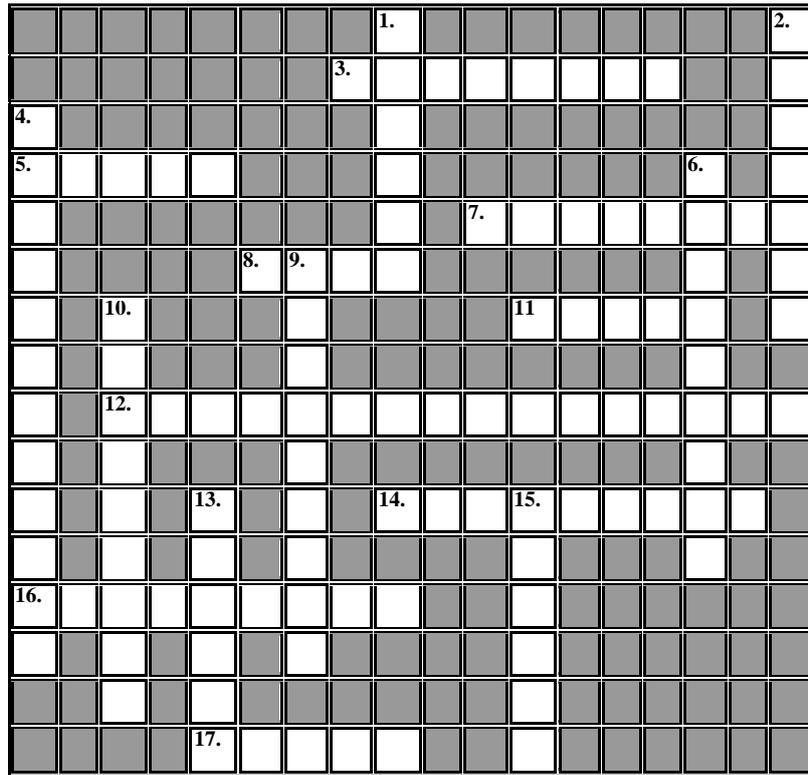
Ruby McBain



Did you know? CrossReach Quiz Answers

1. How many staff does CrossReach employ? **2000**
2. How many services does CrossReach run across Scotland? **More than 70**
3. In which year was the first CrossReach Week held? **2012**
4. In which year did CrossReach begin as the Committee on Christian Life and Work? **1869**
5. What year was the trading name CrossReach introduced? **2005**
6. How many people in Scotland work in all Social Care services? **190,000**
7. What is the annual cost of operating CrossReach? **£50 million**
8. How much does the Church give to CrossReach towards its annual budget? **£650,000**
9. How much do CrossReach's Children and Family Services need to fundraise each year? **£1.2 million**
10. How many miles did the CrossReach commonwealth baton travel across Scotland this year? **3,500 miles**

Bible Christmas Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3. Shepherds activity in the fields (8)
- 5. Joseph and Mary fled here (5)
- 7. Joseph's city (8)
- 8. Guided the three wise men to the infant Jesus? (4)
- 11. Wise Mens gift (5)
- 12. Wise men looking for this person (3,4,2,3,4)
- 14. Otherwise known as the city of David (9)
- 16. Mary wrapped the baby Jesus in these clothes (10)
- 17. Gave the shepherds good tidings of great joy (5)

DOWN

- 1. Roman Emperor who sent out a decree that all the world should be taxed? (6)
- 2. Honour (7)
- 4. Appeared to the shepherds with the angel (8,4)
- 6. Herod sent the Three Wise Men here (7)
- 9. Herod's reason for knowing when Jesus was found (2,4,3)
- 10. Place where the three wise men see the celestial body (2,3,4)
- 13. Country that Herod was the king of (6)
- 15. Where the angels went after they gave the news (6)

Sourced from the Internet

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Session Clerk Clerk to Board Roll-Keeper Property Convenor Treasurer Presbytery Elder Flower Rota Christian Aid Rep Safeguarding Coordinator	Gordon Ritchie Merle Allan Kate McGuigan Ewan Cameron Archie Ballantine Angus Fraser Chrissie Grant Archie Ballantine Rev Christine Ritchie	873419 851211 851228 851313 872070 851350 851364 872070 873419
INVERALLAN	10.30 am If Club - 10.20 am (last Sunday <i>of the month in School term time)</i>	
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