



# Parish News



*Dear Friends,*

There is very little to say about church life at the moment because so many organisations and activities have come to a halt during January. We did have an eventful and busy time during the latter half of December. The Outside Praise in the centre of Condorrat was a great success, although there was not much lighting and no Christmas Tree, the atmosphere was lovely, and it was great to see families and passers-by joining us. So well done, Mrs. Boland who arranged it all!

In the church we had a 'Carols by Candlelight' Service, a Midnight Watch Service, the Christmas Morning Service and Sunday Morning Worship - all most worthwhile and they still held their wonder and their Glory. It was great to be able to Worship on these occasions and to give to God the Glory for the Birth of Jesus. The numbers were nothing like those of past years but that was understandable, and I give thanks for those who attended any of these services and celebrated the true meaning of Christmas.

It may be a bit late now to wish you all a "Happy New Year", but this is the first time that I can do this. This year was particularly quiet for us here at the Manse, but we still celebrated with phone calls to family and listening to the Church Bell ringing in the New Year. I feel that many were of the same mind; a quiet start but we can look forward in Hope to changes which will bring us back to some kind of 'normality' - whatever that may be. At the Church we are keeping a cautious approach to Worship in the Sanctuary; wearing of masks; social distancing; hand gels; cleaning regimes; in fact no change just now until the numbers of Covid infections comes down markedly. As time moves on, we shall review the situation we shall let you know of any change one way or another.

On the subject of the New Year what have your Resolutions been this year? Have you thought about making any or has it all slipped past you this year, I have to admit, time seems to be moving past me and I find it difficult to find that we are near to the end of January? Time just seems to have floated past and I feel that we are living in a, "Month of Sundays" where one day is very like the next.

My resolution is to look at some way where we could all pray together in a positive way at the same time for the church. It has been nearly impossible to get everyone together to pray in a Prayer Group because of so many demands on people these days. However, I wish to revive the Wednesday Prayer Day for the Church here in Condorrat. I challenge everyone to take time out on Wednesday and pray for every aspect of the church here in Condorrat, the Presbytery and for the Church of Scotland.

If you have other concerns to bring to the Lord, then do so also in this time but please devote some of it to the Church. I have already said a lot about Faith and Hope in prayer in the 'Prayer Corner' and these are the two elements of Prayer that we cling to, "Faith" that the Lord will always listen to us and, "Hope" in that the Lord will always provide. Not always in the way we think that He should but in His own way and in His own time.

*May the Lord Bless you and Keep you ,*

*Rev. Grace Saunders*



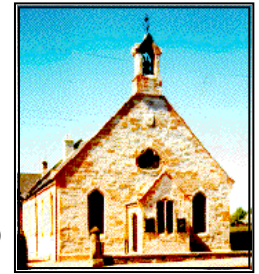
# Cumbernauld :Condorrat Parish Church



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**Rev. Grace Saunders**  
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**Session Clerk**

**Family Development Worker**  
**Mrs Susan Boland**  
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## **SUNDAY SERVICES:**



***Morning Worship in the Sanctuary at 11am.***

**Communion Services** (1st Sun. – March; June; September; December.).....**11 am**

Check the *Condorrat Parish Church* blog on our website or at [www.ccosfive.wordpress.com](http://www.ccosfive.wordpress.com)

### **Cumbernauld Churches Together**

#### **PRAYER FOR CONDORRAT**

Circle Condorrat Lord  
Keep protection near and danger far,  
Keep hope within and despair without.

Circle Condorrat Lord,  
Keep light near and darkness far,  
Keep peace within and anxiety without.

Eternal Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Shield Condorrat on every side.

Amen.

### **Sunday Welcome Teams**



#### **February 2022**

6th. — Mr. J Newlands & Team 1.  
13th. — Mrs. L McKeown & Team 2.  
20th. — Mrs. J Bolling & Team 3.  
27th. — Mr. J Moir & Team 4.

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Church open but with wearing of masks and social distancing.

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## Intimation

The position of **Session Clerk** has now been vacant for some time, yet this position is an important one in church life. It is mainly organisational and the person would need to work with a computer, be able to take minutes of the **Kirk Session** and carry out secretarial duties. The **Session Clerk** also has forms to fill in different times of the year to send to Presbytery or Church of Scotland Office. He or she would also set out and organise Communion.

The **Session Clerk** does *not* have to be a member of the **Kirk Session**; I am again therefore, appealing to anyone who has organising skills to get in touch with me or a member of the Kirk Session. It would also be great if **two** people could come forward to share this role and so support each other.

I pray that someone soon will be moved to help the church in this way.

*Rev. Grace Saunders*

*Hello Everyone,*

Jan/Feb 2022

Is it too late to wish everyone a 'Happy New Year?' Christmas and 1<sup>st</sup> of January seem so long ago, but the wishes for a Healthy and Peaceful year ahead are no less sincere.

We went ahead with all our usual Christmas Services, although many churches decided to curtail some of them. The minister wanted people to know that we were open to celebrate the Birth of Jesus, and the Congregation did that at each of the Services! The sanctuary looked very festive with the Christmas Tree, decorated by Mr and Mrs Newlands, and the displays on the window sills, arranged by Mr and Mrs Eadie. Unfortunately the Baptism scheduled for Boxing Day had to be cancelled as the baby's daddy tested positive for Covid, so family members had to isolate. A sign of the times!! However all is well and the Christening will take place at a later date.

A new venture last year was to hold a Carol Service outside the library for all to join in. We were delighted to see families with young children come to join us, but the local council hadn't installed the Christmas Tree with lights as they normally do, nor were the usual Christmas Lights on the village lamp-posts, so phone torches and lanterns had to be used. Hopefully we brightened up the gloomy corner with our singing! We look forward to further praise services throughout the year.

We were sad to receive a letter of resignation from our Sunday School leader, Mrs. Freeland. She

has been guiding our young people in the church as teacher then leader for about 30 years. We are sorry that Mrs. McPhail no longer feels able to carry on as teacher in the Sunday School either. She has been part of this group since she was a member herself. We wish them both well in the days ahead and thank them for the sterling work they have done.

Our new digital equipment is now being trialled by our "techy" team. The camera allows us to see the whole sanctuary and the sound quality has improved, but is still a 'work in progress' at the moment. This should make a tremendous difference to our 'Online Services'.

As I write this we are still observing some restrictions following Church of Scotland guidelines. After-church teas and coffees have been suspended meantime and distancing in the Sanctuary is still in place. This may have changed by the time you read this, but we are anticipating having to wear masks for some time yet. It is a positive step forward that our choir are able to enhance our worship again with an Introit and an Anthem. The congregation's opportunity to sing without a mask will come eventually!

As the days visibly lengthen, we look forward to a brighter and more positive year for our congregation, and for our community.

*Please remember our Church and*

*Congregation in your prayers.*

*Christine MacPhail*  
*(Clerk to the Board)*

### **Coronavirus in Scotland**

- \* Stay at home as much as possible
- \* Keep away from crowds of other people
- \* Wash your hands often and always as soon as you return home

### **Stay safe, Protect others, Save lives.**

- \* *Always wear a face covering on public transport, shops and enclosed public spaces*
- \* **Self-isolate if you have any symptoms and book a test**

## The Treasurer

Jan/Feb. 2022

Dear Everyone,

Here we are at the beginning of another new year when we are still living under some restrictions. Who would have believed, at this time last year, that that would still be the case? Let us all hope and pray that 2022 will be better and see us being able to go out and about as we please.

My report this month is mainly an update on various items which have been dealt with in recent weeks. Some items are ongoing, but there is one very serious and worrying one which you should be aware of. There was an email to Congregational Treasurers from the Deputy Treasurer at the Church of Scotland headed "Fraud Awareness – Urgent" in which she states that a number of congregations have been targeted by fraudsters. Various pieces of advice are given to minimise the chances of any possible scamming. Our Church accounts are not administered via the internet and cheques etc. require two signatures. Although this email applies to Church Accounts, we all need to be aware of, and alert to, possible fraud in our personal accounts. I therefore urge you to be vigilant and careful.

The music licence charge is *still* being pursued. PPLPRS are asking us to pay for a music licence (royalties) for the halls when they were closed and, obviously, no music was being played in them. No response has been received to the emails they were sent and the commitment given in a telephone call has not been honoured. Over Christmas/New Year four invoices were received from them. None addressed the issue so all were returned with notes asking for explanations of amounts stated and answers to questions which have been asked on numerous occasions.

The Stewardship and Finance department at the Church of Scotland sent out their usual mailing at the end of the year. It contains forms which have to be completed and returned. The one for the bank has been completed and handed in and a confirmation note re-

ceived. It is the banker's order for our Ministries and Mission contribution which has reduced slightly this year from £42,754 in 2021 to £42,238 in 2022. The way in which Ministries and Mission contributions are calculated is changing from 2023 so it is to be hoped that our contribution will be reduced significantly. The forms which have to be returned to the Church of Scotland will be completed and sent when the bank statement is received and the relevant items totalled.

Preparations for the Annual Accounts has begun. The timeline from the Church of Scotland is the same as in previous years but, this year, there is an additional note that deadlines may change depending on what can be done safely if restrictions tighten. Also, the Accounts can be sent electronically. This year, our Accounts will be attested by Glasgow Presbytery.

An invoice was received from Initial, the company who service our hygiene bins. As we had a credit note which would cover it, they were asked to take payment from it. This they did.

Our Presbytery Dues (July 2021 to December 2021) for Glasgow Presbytery were paid (£989). They are significantly more than the amount we paid (£710 for the whole of the previous year) when we were in Falkirk Presbytery.

You will see from above that 2021 was another challenging year for our Church, financially. I thank sincerely all those of you who have contributed financially to our Church throughout the year and, in so doing, have helped it to survive.

*It may seem a little late as you will not be reading this until the start of February, but I wish each and every one of you a Happy and Healthy 2022. Let us give thanks to God that we were able to worship in the Sanctuary for most of 2021 and pray that we will be able to continue to do so.*

Keep well, remain positive.....and

*May God bless you,*

**Ann Kenny**

## *Today's impossibilities are tomorrow's miracles!*

### The Guild

Jan/Feb. 2022

Hi Everyone,

The Guild Ladies had fun making a selection of 'Christmas Crafts' in December. We made table decorations, cards and painted clay candle holders. Some ladies were dubious about their skills with a glue gun and paintbrush but everyone managed a high standard and gained new skills. The committee told the story of the Nativity with the use of a pop up story book, this caused much hilarity as the book was passed round and the correct page opened and

shown to our "audience". After tea and chocolates we took our crafts home. Our much looked forward to Pudding Party has been rescheduled for February. Our next meeting is on 26th January when welcome Susan Boland who will be taking us on her Faith Journey. We look forward to hearing her story.

**Lesley Freeland**

**Tel: 01236 734930.**

**Mob: 0775771190**

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We would like to thank  
the Church for the lovely flowers  
we received during our Covid  
isolation periods.

Lorraine & Alistair Robertson.

### Worry?

Why worry, worry, worry night and day -  
when all you have to do...is kneel and pray?  
Why worry when the power is yours -  
to move mountains and open doors.  
'Knock', said the Master. 'Ask and you'll receive'. His  
words are clear and plain, but very few believe.

The Faith is lacking and we're afraid,  
of trying out the promises He made.  
We strain and struggle, growing tired and old...  
and the hand that's offered, we refuse to hold.  
We just go on, worrying...worrying our lives away;  
Instead of simply learning.....

*how to trust and pray.*

In a depressed moment one man was heard to say,  
'Age improves wine, whiskey, compound interest and  
nothing else.'

While another said,  
'I don't feel eighty. ....  
In fact I don't feel anything until about noon.....  
and then it's time for my nap.'

### White Donation Boxes

Many thanks to all who continue to give a  
little extra through the white boxes this is very  
much appreciated.

Please remember to put your name on  
the label on the box.

Thank you,  
Mrs Doreen Ross

New twist on Lot's tale:

A father was reading Bible stories to his young  
son. He read, 'The man named Lot was warned to  
take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked  
back and was turned to salt'

His son asked, 'What happened to the flea?'

(PARISH NEWS)

1<sup>st</sup> Condorrat Company  
The Boys' Brigade

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The Girls' Brigade

We give 'Thanks' to EVERYONE for your continued  
support and hope you are keeping safe  
at this difficult and trying time.

Check us out on 'facebook' !

Andrew Eadie  
(Company Captain)  
Tel: 07748 537621

Nicola Gilmore  
(Captain)  
Tel: 07557470195

### Sunday Morning Tea/Coffee Teams



### February 2022

- 6th. Mrs. N. Hynd + 2.  
13th. Mrs. A. Cummings, Mrs. D. Hughes  
& Mrs. M. Eadie.  
20th. Mrs. M. McKinnon, Mrs. B. Watt  
& Mrs. Betty Watt.  
27th. Mrs. M. Innes, Mrs. A. McLellan  
& Mrs, M, Proctor  
Mary Innes

### The Sunday School

As most people will know Pamela and I have  
resigned as there are no children attending now.

We have both enjoyed many years with the Sun-  
day School (over 30) and are very sad that it has come  
to an end. But life and the church changes, and we are  
now looking forward to new challenges and activities.

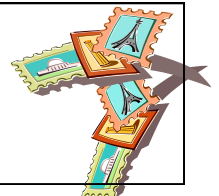
We ended with three *fabulous* Girls who were an  
inspiration to us; rarely missing a week and always  
being interested in our chosen themes. We wish them  
great happiness and success in the future. We also  
thank everyone who supported us over our many years  
of leading the Sunday School.

We haven't left the Church,  
just moved to a different seat.

Lesley Freeland

Sometimes when elderly folk dress in unconventional  
ways, not concerned about their appearance, they are  
diagnosed by 'amateur psychiatrists' as being *senile*.  
But if this is a criterion for senility, surely many young  
folk today would be 'certified' for their '*distressed cloth-*  
*ing*' fit only for scarecrows!

Remember to **SAVE**  
your 'used' Postage Stamps  
and bring them to Church  
at the first opportunity.



You are God's project ....and God never fails!

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**Funerals:** "Blessed are they who die in the Lord." (\*member)

December

15th. - George Brackenridge of Lincoln.

January

13th - Myra Trivett of Condorrat

As the present conditions have prevented Funerals to be conducted with those who would have attended to pay their respects. There will be **Memorial Services in the Sanctuary** once we are fully allowed to come together again.

Wedding:

January 2022

22nd - **Scott Doran and Samantha Service**



Visitations: Due to the present crisis there will be no visits in person by the Minister.

The Prayer Corner

Jan/Feb 2022

PSALM 25 : v 15

*I look to the Lord for help at all times, and he rescues me from danger.*

*<sup>16</sup> Turn to me, Lord, and be merciful to me, because I am lonely and weak.*

*<sup>17</sup> Relieve me of my worries, and save me from all my troubles.*

*<sup>18</sup> Consider my distress and suffering and forgive all my sins.*



This plea from David to God was one of trust and hope, at a time when David was on the run from the King and was often in fear of being captured and killed. Yet he placed his whole trust in God and always looked to Him for help and guidance. Even when everything looked at its darkest, David believed and found it to be true that God would always help him and bring him through.

That he placed his entire trust in God is remarkable and shows his true faith and his true relationship with God. After all, David could have looked to his own resources to get him through, he had soldiers who had followed him through all the dangers so far. He had weapons, supplies, his own wit and leadership ability, all of which he could have relied on, but David looked always to and relied upon God first and foremost.

He knew that no matter how much we think we have, we need God in the final analysis and that all the other materials or people that he could have relied on were transitory, things of this earth. Whereas God is Spirit and eternal, the very Rock on which he placed his faith. So for us, when we have great difficulties, instead of rushing around

and getting into a state, stop and speak to God, open your heart in earnest prayer and let Him know what the problem is. Take time to simply be and give to God the Glory for what He will do for you. *AMEN*

**Let us Pray...**

**LOVING LORD,**

*Thank You for this day, another day in our lives,  
Thank You for all the Blessings You have given me  
Thank You for the times You have helped, and we  
have not noticed*

*Thank You for the times You have Blessed, and we  
have taken for granted*

*We look to You always, our Guide, our Protector, our  
Saviour*

*May we always turn to You when in need and not be  
tempted to rely*

*On the power or distraction of others, or of the  
world.*

*For you always have our best in Your Heart  
And we give thanks for this and for all that You are.*

*We ask in Jesus name.*

**AMEN**



*All scripture is inspired by **God**, and is useful for teaching the truth;  
rebuking error; faults; and for giving instruction for right living.*

*2 Tim. 3:16,17.*





**1st Condorrat Company**  
**The Boys' Brigade**

*Jan/Feb. 2022*

Hi Everyone!

We start the year with some good news. All Boys received a Christmas Gift from Santa. Strathkelvin Battalion held a Christmas Colour Picture Competition and Charlie Fraser was the winner for our company. *'Well Done Charlie!'*

With a bit of luck we will be starting the Session 2022 on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January. All necessary safety precautions will be in place to ensure the boys and staffs have a safe environment to undertake Boys Brigade activities.

Taking into account all the advice that's been available, it looks like this "infection" will be with us for some time; therefore alterations to our normal program may be altered to suit.

A 'Text' will always be our way of informing the parents of any changes so it is important that we have the correct telephone numbers recorded in case of emergencies.

Two of our Senior Boys have now completed their Queens Award - Harry Coggins and Jamie Morson. 'Congratulations' to both of you. For obvious reasons the usual 'Presentation Ceremony' was not an avenue open to us, but the Awards were delivered to them personally.

For further information regarding BB activities, uniforms or an update on what's happening please contact any of the Staff or myself.....

Anchor Boys: Kris Tomas- 07554018417.  
Junior Section: Derek Russell- 07845768966.  
Company Section: Jamie Porritt,- 07860742720.



*Take care Everyone..... and Stay Safe,*

*Andrew Eadie*  
*(Company Captain)*

*Tel: 611 317 or 07748 537621*  
*e-mail: weeandy222@gmail.com*

**The Girls' Brigade**

*Jan/Feb. 2022*

Hi Folks

Due to the Covid restrictions we have been unable to meet up on a Tuesday evening. However we shall start again on 25th January.

We are currently organising our camp to Lockerbie Manor which all the girls attending are extremely excited about.

We would like to say BIG '*Congratulations*' to newly married Samantha and Scott Doran. In true Girls' Brigade fashion, the Girls turned out with a Guard of Honour and witnessed Samantha finally saying "*I do*", as due to the restrictions they were unable to get married on their original date.

Hope to share more goings-on with the Girls in the coming months

We still have spaces for any Young Ladies age between Primary 1 to Year 6 in Secondary School who would like to come and join us.

Just email : [first.condorrat.gb@hotmail.com](mailto:first.condorrat.gb@hotmail.com).

**Explorers:** P1-3 - 6.15pm till 7.15.

**Juniors:** P4-7 - 7.30pm till 9.00.

**Brigaders:** S1-6 - 7.30pm till 9.00.

All the Covid restrictions still apply as explained to both the parents and Girls.

*Thank you for your continuing support,*

*Nicola Gilmore*  
*(Captain)*

**The Surprise.**

When I see snowdrops,  
I just have to stop and gaze;  
This miracle that happens  
in the worst of winter days,  
Always takes my breath away.  
I can't believe it's true;  
They look so frail and beautiful,  
So fresh and white and new.

They steal into the world  
before you realise they're there;  
When the skies are bleak and bitter  
and the trees are.. oh so bare.  
Secretly they seem  
to ring their fairy bell,  
Like a shy soft-footed stranger  
with nature's good news to tell.

*P.S.*

**giftaid it**

**Who can give through Gift Aid ?**

Anyone who pays Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax, which is annually at least equal to the Tax which the Congregation, and other Charities to which you make Gift Aid Donations, will reclaim on the financial value of your '*gifts*' for that year.

**Gift Aid Declaration Forms** or further information is available from our **Gift Aid Con- vener:....**

*Mrs Doreen Ross*  
*Mob. No. 07769203648*

**When you fail to plan....**

**.....you plan to fail**

HEAVENS INSPIRATIONS

Scars for Life

Some years ago on a hot summer day in south Florida, a little boy decided to go for a swim in the old swimming hole behind his house. In a hurry to dive into the cool water, he ran out the back door, leaving behind shoes, socks, and shirt as he went. He flew into the water, not realising that as he swam toward the middle of the lake, an alligator was swimming toward the shore.

His mother in the house was looking out the window saw the two as they got closer together. In utter fear, she ran toward the water, yelling to her son as loudly as she could. Hearing her voice, the little boy became alarmed and made a U-turn to swim to his mother. It was too late. Just as he reached her, the alligator reached him.

From the dock, the mother grabbed her little boy by the arms just as the alligator snatched his legs. That began an incredible tug-of-war between the two. The alligator was much stronger than the mother, but he mother was much too passionate to let go.

A farmer happened to drive by, and hearing her screams, raced from his truck, took aim and shot the alligator. Remarkably, after weeks and weeks in hospital, the little boy survived. His legs were extremely scarred by the vicious attack of the

animal.....and, on his arms deep scratches where his mother's fingernails dug into his flesh in her effort to hang on to the son she loved.

The newspaper who interviewed the boy after the trauma, asked if he would show him his scars. The boy lifted his trouser legs. And then, with obvious pride, he said to the reporter, "But look at my arms. I have great scars on my arms, too. I have them because my Mom wouldn't let go."

You and I can identify with that little boy. We have scars, too. No, not from an alligator, or anything quite so dramatic. But the scars of a painful past. Some of those scars are unsightly and have caused us deep regret. But, some wounds, my friend, are because God has refused to let go.

In the midst of your struggle, He's been there holding on to you. The Scripture teaches that God loves you. You are a child of God. He wants to protect you and provide for you in every way.

But sometimes we foolishly wade into dangerous situations. The swimming hole of life is filled with peril - and we forget that the enemy is waiting to attack.

That's when the tug-of-war begins - and if you have the scars of His love on your arms be very, very grateful. He did not and will not - let you go.

ANON.

(from Gordon Ross)

**The Social Committee**

Jan/Feb. 2022

Unfortunately all our Fundraising events are still unable to go ahead but we did manage to have the 'Jim Barclay' Christmas Card Post Box . Thank You to everyone who sent cards to the Congregation and a special Thanks to Mrs Ross who dealt with the opening of them all and handling the Gift Aid donation. It is so important if you are a taxpayer to enrol in this scheme (it's really very, very simple) and it does make an incredible difference to all donations. Our total for the Post Box for 2021 was £900 (thanks to Gift Aid).

Sadly, no other Fund-raising Events can be organised until we know when it is considered safe to gather..... but watch this space.

**Margaret McCallum**

(Social Convener) (07799 281876)

Failing memory is a common characteristic of the elderly.

An aging minister, concerned about his ability to remember names and appointments bought a book entitled 'How to Improve Your Memory.'

At home he went to put it in his bookcase when he noticed a book he had purchased previously. The title?

'How to Improve Your Memory.'

**FABRIC DONATION ENVELOPES**

On the Communion months the *Fabric Envelopes* will be delivered to every member of the congregation along with the 'Parish News'.

Please take time and prayerfully consider donating money to the church in this way.

*Envelopes* can also be collected at the church on Sundays by those members who get Parish News 'on-line'.

As you can imagine the running costs of the Church and Halls are expensive and we need your support.

If you *do* fill in an envelope they can be returned at any time, not just on the following Sunday.

Please consider *Gift Aiding* your donation by filling in the information on the envelope as this gives us another 25% of your donation and costs you nothing.

With many thanks,

**Grace Saunders**

(Minister)

Every end.... is a new beginning.

(PARISH NEWS)



### Coming out of Lockdown.

Recently I watched a television programme about the hibernation of bears. Apparently during the winter months they do not actually go into a deep sleep as I had believed, but are awake in a reduced metabolic state, and often move around their dens during this time, although they rarely leave. Prior to this the bears are in a period of hyperphagia, resting 22 or more hours a day. *(That reminds me of my lockdown!)*

As they slowly awaken in the warmer months, bears will emerge from their caves, but it takes a little time for them to readjust to the world again. However..... according to scientists, they appreciate the world all the more.....and like bears, so do we.

**John Denney.**  
*your Presbytery Elder*

**(hyperphagia - long-term compulsive overeating)**

### Just a wee thought....

In the children’s address, the minister said, *‘I want you to imagine that you have to leave home suddenly and set out on a dangerous journey. What would you take with you?’*

An older child suggested a Bible while others said *‘a change of clothes’; ‘a raincoat’; ‘a big stick’.*

But it was young Jimmy who shamed them all.

*‘I know.....I know’* he shouted.

*‘I wouldn’t need to take anything. I’d just ask God to come with me !’*

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### From a Church Announcement on Baptisms:

From now on, the North and South ends of the church will be utilised, and children will be baptised at both ends.

### FAMILY DEVELOPMENT WORK/ OUTREACH

Jan/Feb 2022

Hi Folks,

Work has been ongoing to fulfil our vision of installing digital equipment bringing Condorrat Parish Church to the wider community. This will enable us to have an improved livestream from a better angle and will take in the full chancel area but can also zoom in to the leader of worship be it our minister, myself, or others. It will continue to allow folks who are unable to attend life events to feel part of the ceremony. There are, at the moment, five people in a “user group” who have been given training to use the equipment with them being on a rota so not one person has full responsibility every week. This “user group” is open to all who wish to be part of it. If you know of anyone or perhaps would like to be part of the group yourself, to take our church forward in this new and exciting phase, please let me know with full training being given. My ‘phone number is 07858652352.

Our “Carols for All” held outside at the library on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December, was a great success – even although we sang round a *non-existent Christmas Tree!* – with several young families joining the group during the half hour we were there. It was cold but dry and the moon put in an appearance too!

There were around 30 people in the group participating in singing familiar, well-known carols, listening to God’s Word, and reflecting on the Nativity story. The New Horizons group hope that this will become a new tradition for Condorrat Parish Church with more outdoor services being considered throughout the year.

We ‘Thank’ the congregation for delivering our Christmas Cards which were well received; although next year we shall include the Worship Services information as a separate sheet within the card since we realised afterwards that people don’t normally look at the back of a card. We learn from our mistakes!

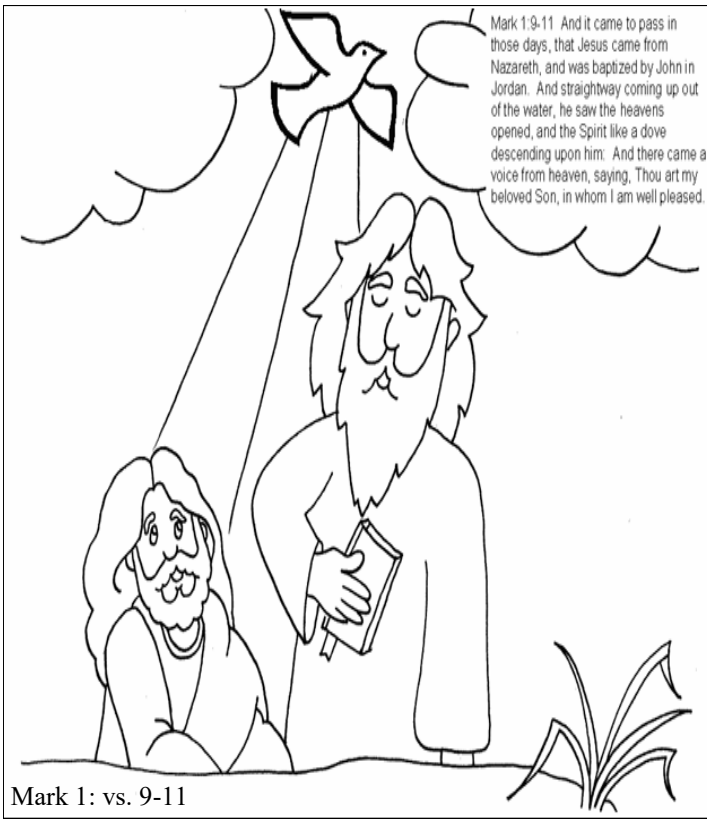
As things begin to open up again and life returns to ‘post-pandemic normality’, we should be aware of ourselves and others remaining anxious and returning to a world we aren’t used to. I can only speak for myself but I remain cautious returning to pastoral duties having an elderly parent and parents-in-law and also being aware that those I’m visiting may also be cautious about people being in their home. All I can say is be kind, be aware and be thoughtful.

*Please continue to pray  
for the Outreach to our Parish,*

**Susan Boland**

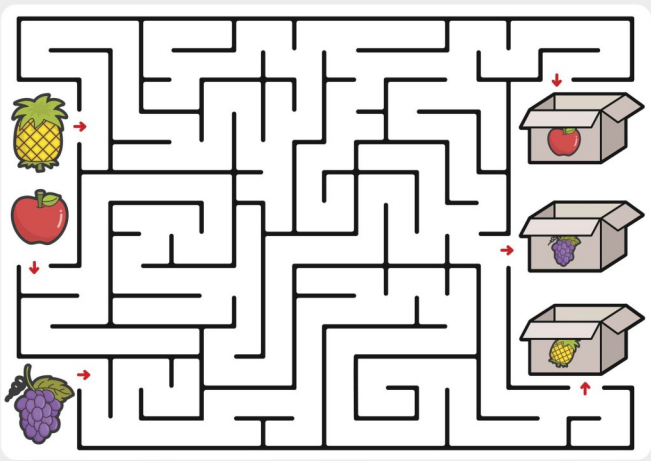


*Three high-ranking visitors from Babylonia have slipped out of the country without saying ‘Goodbye’ to King Herod. Herod was not amused. The visitors reportedly had travelled to find the newly-born ‘King of the Jews’ who they claimed was announced ‘in the stars.’ - but this horoscope sounded more like a horror story to Herod. The visitors are believed to have ended up paying homage (giving gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh – gifts associated with the birth of royalty) to a baby boy belonging to a refugee family from Galilee staying in Bethlehem, a village just outside the city.*




Mark 1:9-11 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth, and was baptized by John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Mark 1: vs. 9-11



Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

## Jesus is Baptized Anagram



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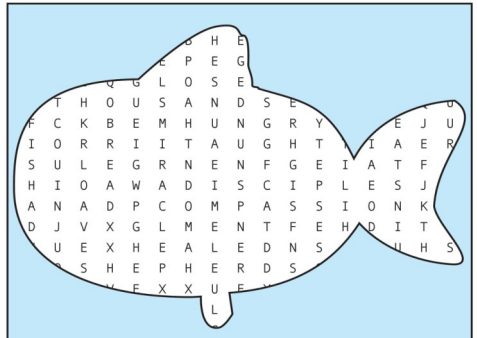
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### Jesus Fed the People Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be right to left, up and down, or diagonally.



BREAD	FISH	MIRACLE
COMPASSION	HEALED	SHEPHERD
DISCIPLES	HUNGRY	TAUGHT
EAT	LOAVES	THOUSANDS

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BASIC WORDS OF THE BIBLE

G	E	N	T	I	L	E	B	I	B	L	E	D
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R	W	E	C	L	F	A	I	T	H	M	L	I
B	S	J	E	S	U	S	C	H	R	I	S	T

JESUS CHRIST	PRAY	MIRACLE
SALVATION	TITHE	NAZARETH
JEW	MINISTRY	BETHELEM
GENTILE	BIBLE	JERUSALEM
HOLY SPIRIT	HOLY	BAPTIZE
GOD THE FATHER	SACRIFICE	TEMPTATION
PERSECUTE	FAITH	SIN

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### The Book of Genesis Chapters 3 and 4

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<b>Down</b>	<b>Across</b>
(2) Adam's second son	(1) Cain's occupation (Gen.4:2)
(3) Cain's first son (Gen.4:17)	(5) The _____ of Eden
(4) Adam's first son	(6) Adam and Eve's first clothes(Gen.3:21)
(6) Adam's third son	(9) Because of sin the ground was _____ (Gen.3:17)
(7) What creature tempted Eve	(11) Abel's occupation (Gen.4:2)
(8) Cain lived in this land	(13) Cain became a _____ and a vagabond (Gen.4:12)
(10) First man	
(12) First woman	