

Church News

PARISH CHURCH

Someone once observed that at Christmas all roads lead to home. Christmas is a time of nostalgia, a time to meet up with family and friends, a time for joy in an otherwise dark and dismal season.

At the heart of Christmas many people like, above all else, the opportunity to come home, to be in that place where you feel loved, accepted and welcome with no strings attached. Such a place can be difficult to find in our world where we so often have to prove ourselves, earn acceptance and hold tenaciously onto love.

At the Parish Church in Bridge of Allan we hope that everyone knows that they can feel at home there. Already it has been a great joy to welcome so many different people into our midst through the Chalmers Suite which is being used by congregation and community groups. Much as this is a beautiful building which blends in so well with the existing Church and Honeyman Hall, the Church is still about people, not bricks and mortar.

Over the coming weeks and months we hope that you will join us at the Parish Church as we celebrate Christmas, but please be assured that throughout the year a warm welcome awaits everyone.

The Church is often referred to as 'the house of God'. It is indeed a home and our hope and prayer is that here many feel they do not need to prove themselves, feel loved, accepted and welcomed but with no strings attached.

Gillian Weighton

DIARY

Saturday 6th December - a Christmas party in the afternoon for all people over 65.

Sunday 7th December - Gift Service. Children and adults are asked to bring toys (unwrapped) that will be given to Women's Aid and the Salvation Army.

Sunday 14th December - Communion with two services - 11am and 6pm to which all are welcome.

Sunday 21st December - Nativity Sunday when the children of the Sunday School present their Nativity Play. In the evening sing carols will be sung around homes in Bridge of Allan and Cornton.

Christmas Eve - 7pm early evening service for families. Then at 11.30pm there will be a Watchnight Service with carols being sung from 11pm onwards. After this service there will be mulled wine served in the Chalmers Hall.

Christmas morning - a short service at 10am.

Everyone is, as always, welcome at any or all of the services.

All offerings at the Christmas services will go to the Children's Hospice Association Scotland.

There will also be an opportunity to give toiletries to both Women's Aid and Cornton Vale.

ST SAVIOUR'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SERVICES

Sunday

Eucharist 08.00

Sung Eucharist 10.00

Wednesday

Eucharist 11.00

There is a crèche and young church during the 10 o'clock service.

All are welcome.

Buddhism

Dom Ind and Sister Isabel have been holding a series of meetings on the subject of Buddhism. The penultimate meeting was a film about a Christian priest and abbess's encounter with Buddhism. The last meeting was a trip to the Buddhist monastery of Samye Ling.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Sat 29 Nov Advent Quiet Morning

10.00 Meditation in St Saviour's Church

11.00 Meditation in St Saviour's Church

12.00 Meditation in St Saviour's Church

Sun 30 Nov 10.00 Advent Sunday

Sun 14 Dec

12.00 - 16.00 Church open for children

18.00 Candlelit Nine Lessons And Carols followed by mince pies and mulled wine in church hall

Sun 21 Dec

10.00 All Age Sung Eucharist with Nativity Play

Mon 24 Dec

23.30 Midnight Mass (candlelit)

Tue 25 Dec

10.00 Christmas Day Family Eucharist

Sun 4 Jan

10.00 Epiphany of the Lord

Sun 11 Jan

10.00 Baptism of the Lord

St Saviour's AGM will be in the hall following the Sung Eucharist

Sun 18 Jan

10.00 Christian Unity Sunday. Preacher

Revd. Gillian Weighton (Minister of Bridge of Allan Parish Church)

Sun 25 Jan

10.00 Conversion of St Paul. Preacher Mrs Sue White (Lay Reader at St Saviour's)



The ecumenical visit to Samye Ling Buddhist monastery in Eskdalemuir. Sister Isabel (a Roman Catholic nun) and Ani Lomo a Buddhist nun who showed the group round