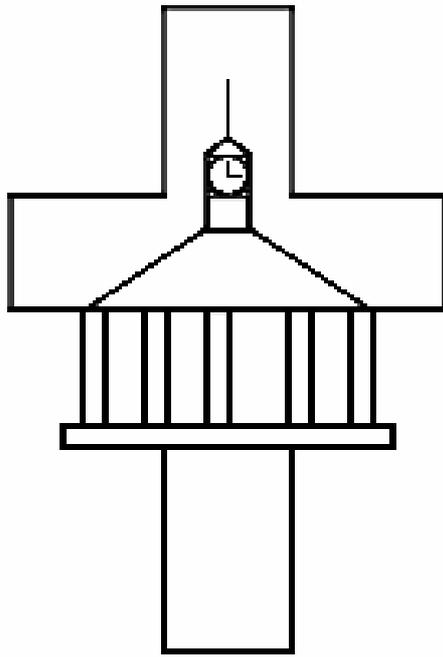


CHALLENGE

Bridgeton St Francis-in-the-East Church of Scotland Parish Magazine



Let us rise up and build

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WE HAVE A DREAM...

We have a dream of a church that is full of people of all ages including the young, from the district and beyond, enthusiastic, willing to play their part, keen to know the Lord, praising and thanking God from the very bottom of their hearts, willing to share their love, caring for others, both inside the church and outside it.

We have a dream of a church that is hungry to be led by God, to serve the Lord, study the Bible, grow in faith, communicate clearly, worship, spread the gospel in the community, pray, and live in fellowship with each other.

We have a dream of a church made up of tolerant people between whom there are no barriers of class, colour or creed, age, hatred, bitterness, jealousy, criticism, wealth or poverty, appearance, health, sex, status or position.

We have a dream of a church that is inclusive and open to everyone, no matter who they are or what they might have done, whether they are like us or not, and that is open to ways of working in the community.

We have a dream of a church that has a heart for the community, our neighbours, pleasing God, other people's needs, friendship, mission here at home and abroad, and has the courage to take the flack for being Christians.

We have a dream of a church in which God's Spirit is present, is really believed in, and is working in us to fulfil our commitment to Christ, leading us, always near, felt, transforming us more and more into the people God wants us to be.

We have a dream of a church that is excited and passionate about Jesus, the gospel, praising and worshipping God, prayer, evangelism, reading the Bible, full of hope for the present and the future.

This is our dream for Bridgeton, St. Francis-in-the-East Church. Will you share it with us? Will you help us make it a reality?

- Your Kirk Session

Message from the Manse

Dear Friends,

Life's no fair!

I am writing this not long after the tragic death of Kayden Walker who got into difficulties while river boarding with Church House and died in hospital the next day. My heart and prayers go out to Kayden's family and friends and to all who have been affected by Kayden's death. My abiding memory of Kayden is when he came to help out as a young leader for a few weeks with the Primary 1-3 group I help at on a Thursday afternoon in Church House. He was absolutely brilliant with the children and I was so impressed. He had so much potential. His death is just no fair!

But sadly, as most of us know from our own experience, life's no fair. In our fallen, sinful world things aren't always as they should be, and time and time again in our life things happen that are just no fair. And sometimes they are things that we can do nothing about and that we can't change. And it can even feel as if God's got no time for us or is just not there - until we realise that Jesus was nailed onto a cross and left there to die even though He had never done anything wrong. And that was just no fair!

And who is this Jesus? Well, what do we celebrate at Christmas? That in Jesus God became one of us so that He could be Immanuel which means God with us. And do you see what that tells us? That in Jesus God left His home in heaven to become one of us and go through all the same kind of things that we go through - and even worse - including even though He had done nothing wrong being nailed onto a cross and left there to die. So do you see what that means? God knows what it's like when life's no fair. He's been through it too. He knows. He understands.

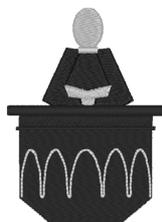
Not only that, but what do we celebrate at Easter? That Jesus didn't just die on the cross but on the third day after that rose again from the dead, never to die again. And after rising from the dead, Jesus said to those who trust and follow Him, "And be sure of this: I am with you always." And do you see what that means? That even when it feels like God's got no time for us

and is just not there, He is. For in Jesus He is with us always, every minute of the day and every second of the night, no matter what we might be going through, no matter how unfair life may be to us, no matter how it may feel or seem. And He knows. He understands. He's been there too.

And the amazing thing is that, even though we can't see Him, when we share all we're going through with Him in prayer, including all we're thinking and all we're feeling, even anger, frustration, tears, what a difference it makes. It may not change anything on the outside. Life may still be just as unfair. But He can change us inside, giving us His peace, His comfort and His help, so that despite all that life throws at us, we can keep going, knowing that we are not on our own, that Jesus is with us always, whether it feels like it or not, in all His power and in all His love, in the very love and power of God. So no matter how you're feeling, share it all with Jesus and let Him make a difference to you.

Yours in His love,
Howard.

MINISTER'S MENTIONS



- I will be on holiday from Monday 14th October till Sunday 20th October when David McAdam will be back to take our morning service. If you need the help of a minister while I am on holiday, please phone Rev. Peter Davidge on 07765 096599.
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ROLL KEEPERS REPORT

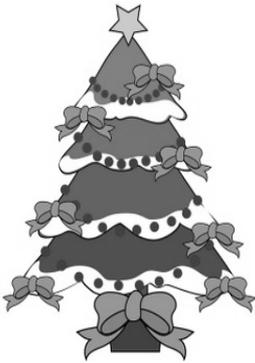
We have 74 members on the church roll. 41 members communicated at the June communion.

- Betty Glassford (Roll Keeper)

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13

CHRISTMAS FAIR

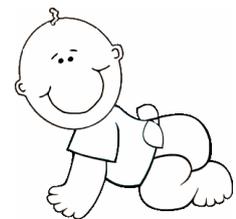


This Christmas Fair will be on **Saturday 30th November** from 11.00am till 1.00pm. Any donations will be greatly appreciated - home baking, books, CD's, DVD's, gifts, bric-a-brac, bags, jewellery, toys, christmas decorations, etc.

We are also looking for anyone who wants to help set up on Friday 29th November or would like to "man" a stall on the day. Please see Sharon Miller or Barbara Jennings for anymore information.

CRÈCHE ROTA

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| Sep 1 st | Betty Glassford | Margaret Miller |
| Sep 8 th | May Livingstone | Nancy Humphries |
| Sep 15 th | Betty Glassford | Margaret Miller |
| Sep 22 nd | May Livingstone | Nancy Humphries |
| Sep 29 th | Betty Glassford | Margaret Miller |
| Oct 6 th | May Livingstone | Nancy Humphries |
| Oct 13 th | Betty Glassford | Margaret Miller |
| Oct 20 th | May Livingstone | Nancy Humphries |
| Oct 27 th | Betty Glassford | Margaret Miller |
| Nov 3 rd | May Livingstone | Nancy Humphries |
| Nov 10 th | Betty Glassford | Margaret Miller |
| Nov 17 th | May Livingstone | Nancy Humphries |
| Nov 24 th | Betty Glassford | Margaret Miller |
| Dec 1 st | May Livingstone | Nancy Humphries |
| Dec 8 th | Betty Glassford | Margaret Miller |



More help needed for the crèche. If you can help please speak to Betty Glassford. Thank you.

RETIRING OFFERING

There will be a retiring offering after our communion services on Sunday 27th October for our Brownies. Please give generously.

QUIET TIME

In the most recent church magazine received by Betty Arbuckle as our Guild link contact between Shiskine Guild and our own, the minister, Rev. Angus Adamson writes about a chance encounter he had with a woman piping event in Ireland. Shiskine and Brodick churches have for many years held a short monthly service of health and healing. In conversation Angus mentioned these services and the lady seemed interested.

Sadly over the years numbers attending have fallen away although those in need of prayer has remained constant. Reluctantly Angus decided to end these services. Before he could do so however he received a letter of thanks from his Irish acquaintance who had from time to time sent him names to add to the prayer list. In the letter she wrote about how helpful it was for those going through difficult times, including herself, to know that there were people on Arran remembering them in prayer.

Our own prayer group meeting – Quiet Time – that takes place on the first Sunday of the month is not well attended but there are many names of people, both known to us and known only to God who are held in prayer by those who do come. If you would care to join with us or let us know names (first names will do) of those who are in need of prayer we would love to hear from you. Spending time speaking to God is never wasted time.

- Helen Knight



FUNERALS

11/06/19

Mrs Joanne Hassan



FLOWERS

Many thanks to all who have contributed in any way to the church's Flower Fund. Your donations are always appreciated. If there is anyone else who would like to put flowers in the church, perhaps in memory of someone or an anniversary, etc, please speak to either Rita McKenna or Sharon Miller. Donations are as follows:

MAY

"In Memory of Ian" from Margaret Smith & Family
"In Loving Memory of Alex" from Cathy & Family

JUNE

"In Memory of Mum & Dad" from Sandra & Willie
"In Memory of my Nephew Alex" from Margaret Elliot

JULY

"In Memory of my Husband Davie" from Betty
"In Memory of Dad" from Sandra McKenna
"In Memory of my Brother Robert" from Isabel Gemmell
"In Memory of my Dad" from Sandra Hudson

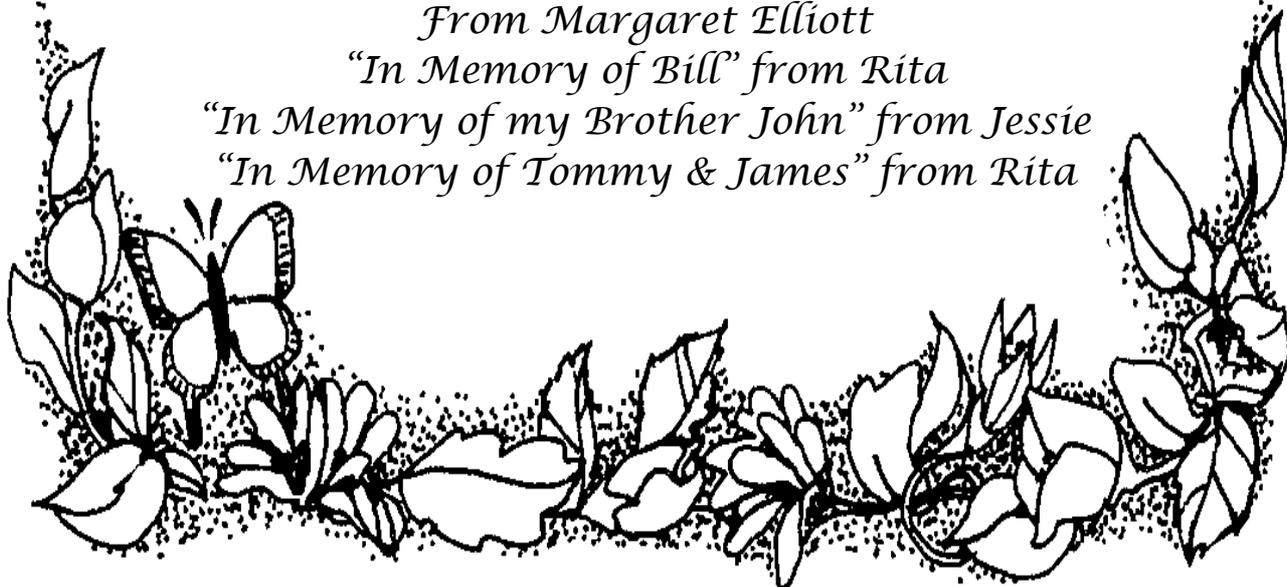
AUGUST

In Memory of my Sister-in-Law Margaret"
From Margaret Elliott

"In Memory of Bill" from Rita

"In Memory of my Brother John" from Jessie

"In Memory of Tommy & James" from Rita



LHM UPDATE

I would like to take time to introduce you to LHM new chaplain. New chaplain is Claire Herbert who commenced at LHM on 1 July 2019. Claire trained for the diaconate ministry in the Church of Scotland. Claire is a mum of four - two boys and two girls. Her husband Craig is a puppy walker with Guide Dogs, and the family live in East Kilbride. Prior to joining LHM Claire spent 15 months on placement with St. Marks church in Raploch Stirling after a study period at Glasgow University. As a deacon Claire's areas of interest include serving on the Violence Against Women Task Group (VAWTG) of the church and Society Council and the work of Priority Area Parishes supporting congregations to respond to God;s word. Along with myself we give Claire all our support and our prayers as she takes on a new challenge and opportunities as she seeks to look forward to developing and strengthening LHM;s relationship with Bridgeton St. Francis, together with all the service users. Claire invites all of us to drop into the mission and say hello and keep the work of LHM and chaplaincy in your prayers over the coming months.

LHM APPEAL

As the mission has run out of sugar they are having to buy sugar to keep up with the supply of teas and coffees which they serve all day free of charge. The mission is open 7 days a week serving breakfasts and lunches for approx. 120 service users every single day. So I thank you in advance for this special appeal.

LHM BIKE RIDE

Back in July LHM had it's yearly bike ride, although numbers were slightly down on last year bike ride was a great success. Bridgeton St Francis did not have a volunteer this year, but very hopeful for next year. Even although we did not have a volunteer I would like to thank those of you who made a donation towards the bike ride appeal. THANK YOU. As soon as I hear the final total raised I will pass the information on.

LHM HARVEST

Can hardly believe we are at this time of year again, but this is a very important time for the mission. LHM could not provide free breakfasts and lunches for the 120 service users without the churches and schools support. This harvest time stocks the

shelves with a variety of goods that enables the mission to provide free breakfasts and lunches 7 days a week all year round.

If you wish to make a donation to the Harvest Appeal, there is a list above the tea hatch, and I have been asked if you can please stick to the printed list. If you prefer to make a financial donation this will be very gratefully received as this financial donation helps the mission purchase fresh meat, fish, eggs, milk fresh veg and other fresh items that are needed throughout the year. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

I take this opportunity to THANK everyone at Bridgeton St. Francis for your continued support to LHM as they strive to feed and support the 120 service users who pass through their doors on a daily basis. We continue to keep the mission together with their new chaplain, their new manager Stephen Mitchell as well as all the service users in our daily thoughts and prayers.

- Jackie Hughes (LHM Rep)

REGNAL

Mondays at 7.30pm



The Regnal restarts after the summer break on Monday **9th September**.

We had a smashing time and lunch at on our away day to Dundee in June. The weather was not kind to us, but we made the most of it and enjoyed ourselves. We tried to go to the V&A at the Discovery Quay, but the parking was difficult and will have to wait to another time.

Unfortunately 2 of our members, Jim & John, had pretty bad illnesses, but hopefully we will see them back with us soon.

- Robert Humphries

"Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.'"

Mark 10:27



Come along to our next Messy Church in Church House on **Sunday 8th September** at 3pm when our theme will be "Creating and Caring", celebrating this wonderful world that God has given us and our need to look after it. And please put another date for Messy Church on your calendar – **Sunday 3rd November**, 3-5pm.

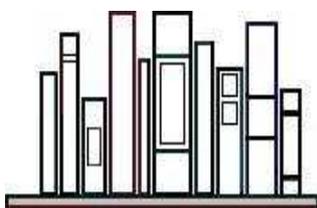
Messy Church is a different kind of church that meets at a time that suits those who normally would not be able to, or not want to, come to a regular church service. All ages are welcome (children must be accompanied by an adult) and together we enjoy crafts, fun activities, a time of celebration and a meal. It is completely free. Come exactly as you are - no cost and no expectations for who you are supposed to be.

And if you would like to help at Messy Church, whether with the food, the crafts, the games, the celebration, or just setting up or clearing the hall please have a word with Howard. And one way we can all help is by praying for God to lead, guide, bless and work through Messy Church for His glory and the good of all who come.

If you want to find out more about our Messy Church, please look at our Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/MessyChurchBSF

CHURCH LIBRARY



The Church Library is open each Sunday, just next to the piano in the main hall, for everyone to use. A wide range of Christian books are available for borrowing, including books on Christian history, biographies, practical books to help you pray, or read your Bible, as well as theology books for anyone wanting to study that bit deeper. Don't forget we also have some videos and tapes available, and that there's something there for everyone including children. Just make a note in the book of anything you take, and enjoy your book. Remember the library is there for *you*.

YOUNG FRANKIES

Last session was a steep learning curve for us as we tried out the new teaching pack bought during the summer break. By and large it went down well with the children and we found that it was easily adapted when we knew which children were with us on the day. There is still enough material that we have not used yet so it is also providing to be good value for money.

There was one large gap, which we often struggled to plug and that was providing something age appropriate for Adam and Ozi. Edith Watt and I had a discussion with the lads who both want to remain with Young Frankies for another year. We all agreed that the way forward might be to have discussion based on Bible passages or stories. Edith is willing to help out with that leaving Moira, Sandra and myself to concentrate on the others.

We hope occasionally to introduce bible stories and themes to the younger members using technology. We are all aware the young people are better versed in this than we are so we will be calling on Adam and Ozi's experience to help us out. This is still in the planning stage as we still have to get accurate costings.

Another idea put forward was that it is obvious that some of the youngsters enjoy singing. Is there anyone in the congregation who would be willing to work with Y.F. purely on the musical side? Please, if you feel that you are being called to help let one of us know. It would perhaps only be for a week or two before family services or other special services.

- Helen Knight

GUILD

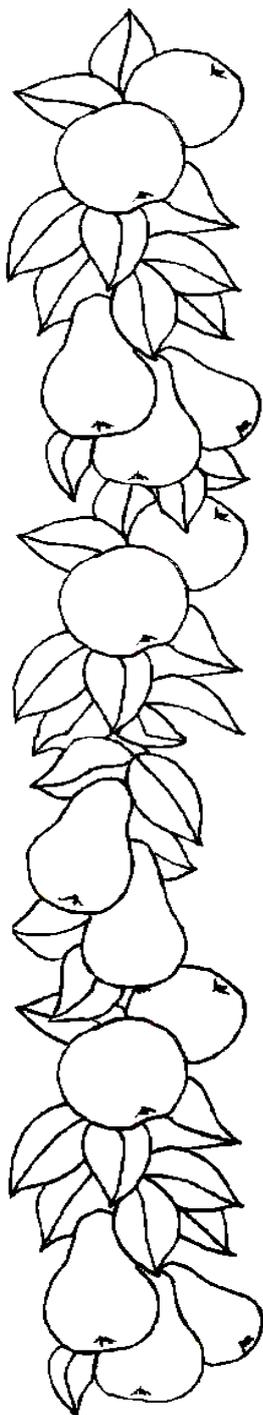


Hi all. We have probably started by now however I do hope you are all refreshed and raring to go after our break. I am looking forward, as I hope you are also, to another year of various speakers activities etc. I am also sure we will have a great year of fellowship and friendship together.

Welcome back to you all and if anyone is thinking about joining feel free to visit any week and see how it works you will be made very welcome.

- Edith Watt

HARVEST 2019



Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be on **Sunday 13th October** at 11.00am and there are two ways that you can give a harvest gift, either by putting a cash donation in a Lodging House Mission envelope which we will supply or by bringing something for the harvest display. The church will be open from 12noon till 1pm on Saturday 12th October to receive your harvest gifts and for setting up our harvest display.

After the Harvest Service we will need people to stay behind to help distribute the gifts, and it is hoped that many people, including all our members with cars, will stay behind to help. The Kirk Session has decided that the gifts will once again be distributed to those in our church who are housebound or in hospital or eventide homes and to the Lodging House Mission and our Food Bank.

As each year we receive so much for our harvest display, including more perishables than we really need, it would be very much appreciated if gifts for the harvest display were either in tins or breakfast cereal, soup, biscuits, dried fruit, rice, sugar, tea, coffee or fruit juice. That way what we don't need for those in our church who are ill, housebound, in hospital or eventide homes, can go to the Lodging House Mission and the Food Bank.

FOODBANK

Every Thursday 11.00am to 1.00pm

Thank you all for your kind donations and support which is greatly appreciated by our clients. Our numbers are slowly increasing. Thank you all.

- *Betty Arbuckle*

NOTICEBOARD

Please remember to let the minister know about any of our members who are seriously ill or in hospital. He will never know about it unless someone tells him.

Remember to keep looking at our church notice boards near the lane door, above the hall piano, and in the corridor between the kitchen and session house.

Please remember to look at our table of **FREE LITERATURE** near the front door of the church and take from it anything you want.

If you have an email address, please let Howard know at [**hhudson@churchofscotland.org.uk**](mailto:hhudson@churchofscotland.org.uk)

Please remember to **CLOSE ALL DOORS** behind you when you come into church to keep in the heat.

A very **BIG THANK YOU** to all who donate tea, coffee, etc. It is greatly appreciated.

Thinking about joining the Church? Or wanting to know more about living for Jesus? Then please see the minister as soon as possible so that he can arrange a new series of the **Enquirer's Group** at a time that suits you. The Enquirer's Group meetings are very informal and open to anyone, whether a member of the Church or not, whether wanting to join the Church or not. No pressure is put on anyone to join the Church.

If you want to see the minister on a Sunday, please see him after the service.

There is a **SUGGESTION BOX** on the table at the front door of the church. If you have any helpful suggestions to do with our church, please put them in the box. All suggestions will be carefully considered.

If you are housebound and would like to receive a tape of our Sunday service each week, please let your elder know. We can supply a tape recorder if you don't have one.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Sunday 1st September | Souper Sunday – our annual 11am service taken by our elders followed by a soup lunch to raise money for the Church of Scotland HIV/AIDS Project. |
| Tuesday 10th September | “Harmony” in concert – in our church at 7.30 pm. Tickets from members of the Guild |
| Tuesday 17th September | Parish Grouping Ceilidh – 7 for 7.30pm in Calton Parkhead Church Halls, Helenvale Street. Tickets from Betty Arbuckle |
| Sunday 6th October | Parish Grouping Harvest Service - here in our church hall at 6.30pm |
| Sunday 13th October | Our church’s Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 11am. (see ‘ Harvest 2019 ’ article for more details) |
| Tuesday 5th – Wednesday 6th November | Priority Areas Big Conversation , If you want to find out more or book a place, please see Howard. |
| Friday 9th November | Remembrance Sunday Service – here in our church at 10.50am. |
| Monday 11th November | Remembrance at the Cross – our annual Act of Remembrance from 10.40am at Bridgeton Cross. |

Have you been affected by cancer or know someone who has?

Cancer Support Scotland provide complimentary therapies and counselling services to people who have been affected by cancer, at no cost to them. Based at the Calman Centre in Gartnavel complex, we offer a warm, friendly environment where you can come for a service or just pop by for a chat with one of our volunteers. For more information get in touch with us on 0141 337 8199 or visit our website www.cancersupportscotland.org.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

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| 1 | Souper Sunday Service | 11.00am |
| 8 | Messy Church (in Church House) | 3.00pm |
| 10 | 'Harmony' in Concert | 7.30pm |
| 17 | Parish Grouping Ceildh (Calton Parkhead) | 7 for 7.30pm |
| 19 | Congregational Board | 7.00pm |

OCTOBER

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| 6 | Parish Grouping Harvest Service | 6.30pm |
| 10 | Kirk Session | 1.30pm |
| 12 | Church open to receive harvest gifts | 12noon |
| 13 | Harvest Thanksgiving Service | 11.00am |
| 27 | Communion Services | 11.00am & 6.30pm |

NOVEMBER

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| 3 | Messy Church (in Church House) | 3.00pm |
| 10 | Remembrance Sunday Service | 10.50am |
| 11 | Act of Remembrance at Bridgeton Cross | 10.40am |
| 28 | Congregational Board | 7.00pm |
| 30 | Christmas Fair | 11.00am-1.00pm |

WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY SUNDAY

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| Service | 11.00am |
| Crèche | 11.00am |
| Young Frankies (from Sep 8 th) | 11.00am |

EVERY MONDAY

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| Mens Regnal Circle (from Sep 9 th) | 7.30pm |
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EVERY TUESDAY

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| The Guild (from Sep 17 th) | 1.30pm |
| Brownies | 6.30pm |

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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| See the Minister | 1.00pm |
| Unlock the Bible | 7.30pm |

EVERY THURSDAY

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| Food Bank | 11.00am |
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Anyone wishing to submit material for the magazine should either hand it to Barbara Jennings or email to:

barbara.jennings1@ntlworld.com

The deadline for the Winter 2019 magazine will be

Sunday 10th November 2019