

BRIDGE MAGAZINE

DECEMBER – JANUARY 2020

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER 2019

1 st December	10am	First Sunday of Advent Service.
	3pm	Bereavement Service.
	5pm	Christmas Tree Lighting Service.
2 nd December	2pm	Monday Club in St Joseph's
4 th December	7.30pm	The Guild in the Ogston Hall
8 th December	10am	Gift Service
9 th December,	6.30pm	51st Balerno Scout Group Service
10 th December	12noon	Midweek Communion Service
11 th December	6.30pm	Mill Volunteers Christmas Party
12 th December	11.30am	Buggies and Bairns Service
12 th December	General Election voting in the Church	
14/15 th December	Christmas Tree Festival in St Joseph's and the Scout Hall	
14 th December	10.am	Farmers' Market Coffee Morning in St Joseph's
	7.30pm	Brass Band Concert in the Church
15 th December	10am	'Sing a Song of Christmas' service
16 th December	2.00pm	Monday Club in St Joseph's Centre
17 th December	2.30pm	PALM Café in St Joseph's Centre
18 th December	7.30pm	The Guild in the Ogston Hall
21 st December	Balerno Village Screen in the Ogston Hall and St Joseph's	
22 nd December	10am	Lessons and Carols Service
24 th December	6.00pm	Family Service.
	11.30pm	Watchnight Service.
25 th December	10am	Christmas Day Service.
29 th December	10am	Sunday Worship with Sunday Club for pre-school & school age children
	7-9pm	The Balerno Labyrinth
30 th December	2-4pm and 7-9pm The Balerno Labyrinth	

LETTER FROM THE MANSE

Dear Friends,

Christmas is approaching rapidly – too rapidly for many of us as we scurry around to get everything done. Children especially, tend to look forward to Christmas, they have great expectations – not just material expectations of presents, they also have great expectations that Christmas will be exciting and good fun. As adults our expectations are much more mixed. Christmas and New Year are often a poignant reminder of what we have lost and of people who are no longer with us. Christmas and New Year are times when we think about the successes and the failures of our lives. Yet with Christmas comes the reminder that God loves us enough to enter this human life of ours, that God loves us enough to share in our experiences.

Much though I love the Bible passages from Matthew and Luke, I am always drawn at this time to reflect on John 1; 1 – 16. It is, for me, one of the most moving and most powerful passages in the whole Bible because here, devoid of detail about shepherds and angels, wise men and stars is the stark truth of the Incarnation. Here we have laid out for us the ultimate self- giving of God. Here, God promises us that God's light in Jesus shines in the darkness and that the darkness has never overcome it. This is a passage to live with day by day, a passage which encourages us to look beyond the Bethlehem baby and to have hope in the dark places of life.

At Christmas we are struck again by the wonder of the Incarnation and the knowledge that no matter our hopes and expectations, no matter our failures, losses or despair, God's love surrounds us, God's love is always there.

As we enter the Advent and Christmas season, we continue to hold Andre, Nanda and the boys in our prayers.

Wishing you all a peaceful and hope-filled Christmas and New Year,

Anne

EDITORIAL:

Lots to read in The Bridge this time, we cover Advent, Christmas and into the New Year with some interesting articles, including a moving piece on the power of prayer ... please keep

the contributions coming! And if you would like to join our small editorial team, please get in touch, we would love to hear from you. With all best wishes from the team,

Lesley

The Glorious Twelfth



The 2019 Balerno Music Festival was the twelfth festival and what a glorious twelfth it was. The first event *'The Power of Music - Singing and Dementia'* with Diana Kerr was inspiring, entertaining and informative; the Mackenzies meal was good too. This year the Richard Dennis concert featured Les Trois Blondes a fascinating trio, a drummer and two accordionists, who played French Bal Musette music outstandingly well; none of them are blonde but they do like a glass of lager which is apparently what you get if you ask for a blonde in a Paris bar.

On Sunday 29th we had two wonderful Japanese workshops; twelve large Taiko drums and an expert instructor. The workshop started with a warmup which made you feel you were about to perform some Japanese Martial Art and very early in the workshop you realised why. Taiko drumming is loud (very loud) and physical. By the end of the workshop not only had everyone had a good workout they had learnt and performed a rhythmic and controlled drumming routine that required skill and coordination. A highly enjoyable first for the music festival and one enjoyed by all ages from preschool kids to Jean Barton at nearly 90.



A major part of the festival is the involvement of local talent. *The Young Musicians Concert* on Saturday 5th provides a show case for beginners as well as a demonstration of how far application can take you, the Balerno schools entertain at lunchtimes in the Mill and on successive Fridays we

had *A little Jazz and Lunchtime* and *Dekoy @ The Mill*. We also had reels and strathspeys a plenty from the *Edinburgh Highland Reel and Strathspey Society*.

The final weekend included:-

- the Gala Concert in the church on Saturday 12th with the wonderfully talented *Emperyan Ensemble* of Jessica Leary (Soprano), Jean Johnson (Clarinet) and Ailsa Aikenhead (Piano) providing a varied and highly entertaining programme; my favourite was the Chopin Nocturne which Ailsa played so beautifully on our 'new' piano.
- Festival Praise on Sunday morning included items by the church choir, Morag Dunbar and Charlie Husband from the Folk Club and One Bar Rest.
- Roger Cull, at his twelfth jazz party, this time with Stirling Crisis, rounded off the whole festival off excellently.

While Balerno Parish Church plays a major part in the festival, the above events were all organised by the congregation, this is very much a community festival. The festival programme also included Cabaret at the Bowling Club, a Folk Concert, children's entertainment with Arte's Tartan Tales, Soft Shoe Skiffle, blues and rock music from Parental Duty, Gershwin's Jazz at Juniper Green Parish Church and come and sing events by the Pentland Singers. Wonderful talent and a wide variety of events right here on our doorstep.

On behalf of the congregation's committee I'd like to thank all, and there are many, who made things happen. Staging these events involves planning and coordination and above all teamwork; willing help from many quarters is what makes it possible. However a special thank you to The Guild who baked and turned out in force to run the Festival Café on the middle Saturday of the festival, we hope you'll do it again.

An essential ingredient in any concert are people, Musicians without an audience does not a concert make. We are fortunate to be well supported by the congregation as well as many in the community. There is however usually room for more so if you enjoyed events this year please tell your friends, look out for next year's programme which will be published in May 2020 at the Balerno Children's Gala and mark the three weekends from 26th September to 11th October 2020 in your diary so that you don't miss out next year. *Martin Petty*

FRESH START NEWSLETTER and ANNUAL REVIEW

Quote: "At Fresh Start we think about recycling a lot. That is why we have printed fewer of our Newsletters"

As a result of this you may not receive a personal copy of the newsletter but, you will find one on Mission and Outreach's notice board in the Ogston Hall. There will also be a copy of 2019's Annual Review displayed.

On the front page of the newsletter you can read about the Cookers For Christmas appeal. If you need further information about this appeal please contact me on: 449- 6343 or maureenwoodburn@aol.com.



FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH: An end of year Thank-You to all those involved with the flowers in the church.

This year nearly 250 gifts have been sent out to parishioners who are unwell, housebound or in many cases have something to celebrate.

All year round there are people who donate money for the flowers, those who arrange them, those who co-ordinate the bouquets to be distributed and those who deliver them. (Not forgetting of course the men from the choir who collect heavy vases and put up the table!)

All together a total of over 70 people, but if you wish to add your name to the list please speak to Wendy Williams or any of the Flower Ladies

Thank You All and we hope to continue to keep the place looking beautiful in 2020
Wendy Williams

KEEP SCOTLAND BEAUTIFUL: recognition for gardening volunteers at Balerno Parish Church.

The team of gardening volunteers in Balerno have been assessed as **OUTSTANDING** in the work they have done in 2019 in Main Street (Friends of Main Street), Malleny Garden, and around Balerno Parish Church by "Keep Scotland Beautiful" - an annual award scheme for community gardening groups throughout Scotland. They will receive their award certificate at a seminar in Stirling at the end of October.

What the gardening volunteers do for the village encourages the whole community. So Congratulations to them all for their hard work and dedication and thank you all very much indeed!

FRESH START:

£1581.....this is the fantastic sum raised for the sponsored walk for Fresh Start. Thanks to all who joined in, David who did the Mighty Stride (approx 26mls) , Gavin who did The Big Stroll (approx 13mls) and the rest of us, Joyce, Bill, Brian Allan and myself who did the Wee Wander (approx 6mls) and a huge thanks to all of you who gave so generously. **THANK YOU ALL.**

More thanks needed for all the good quality donations of household goods for the Fresh Start Collection which took place on 4th- 6th October with van loading on Tuesday 8th. Yet again the van was full! Thanks to the great team of helpers (you know who you are) who advertised, sorted, packed and loaded the van. It wouldn't happen without your help. Both sponsor money and household goods are greatly appreciated at Fresh Start. *Maureen Woodburn*

BALERNO PARISH CELEBRATES COMMITMENT TO REAL LIVING WAGE



Balerno Parish Church has been accredited as a Living Wage Employer. Our Living Wage commitment sees everyone working at the church receive a current minimum hourly wage of £9, the previous real Living Wage rate. This rate is calculated annually by the Resolution Foundation and overseen by the *Living Wage Commission*, based on the best available evidence on living standards in the UK. It increased to £9.30 on 11th

November 2019 and we are committed to increasing the rate of pay for all our employees to at least this level when our wage rates are reviewed in early 2020. The real Living Wage is the only rate calculated according to the cost of living. It provides a voluntary benchmark for employers that wish to ensure their staff earn a wage they can live on, not just the government minimum. Since 2011 the Living Wage movement has delivered a pay rise to over 200,000 people and put over £1Billion extra into the pockets of low paid workers.

Katherine Chapman, Director, Living Wage Foundation said: “We’re delighted that Balerno Parish Church has joined the movement of nearly 6,000 responsible employers across the UK who voluntarily commit to go further than the government minimum to make sure all their staff earn enough to live on”. The Living Wage Foundation is the organisation at the heart of the movement of businesses, organisations and individuals who campaign for the simple idea that a hard day’s work deserves a fair day’s pay and it receives guidance and advice from the Living Wage Advisory Council.

What about the Government’s national living wage? In July 2015 the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced that the UK Government would introduce a compulsory ‘national living wage’. This government rate is a minimum wage rate for staff over 25 years old. It was introduced in April 2016 and the rate is £8.21 per hour as of April 2019. The rate is **different** to the real Living Wage rate calculated by the Living Wage Foundation. The government rate is based on median earnings while the Living Wage Foundation rate is calculated according to the cost of living in the UK.

Jim Todd

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION –

Bill and Margaret Black are delighted to let you know that just over £5,500 has been raised at their annual Christmas sale which happened on 12th November. We are truly thankful for all who supported and donated before, during and after the sale, with special thanks to all the helpers involved... and of course for everyone who came along on the day! Elizabeth McIvor gave ‘readings’ from the pre-school reading books she has written and kindly donated to the British Heart Foundation (there’s a few left!) and with sincere thanks to Scott Irvine and June Lumsden too.

We praise the Lord for the love and joy engendered on the day... our thanks to everyone!

Thursday 5th December	<i>Switch On of Balerno ChristmasTree lights in Balerno Main Street.</i> <i>Organised by Balerno Community Council</i>	6.30pm for 6.45pm
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The 10th Concert for Christmas:



You really don't want to miss the **Broxburn and Livingston Band's Concert for Christmas** on Saturday 14th December! In the Church at 7.30pm - Tickets are available from the Parish Church Office!

This year's Concert will be the 10th such concert given by the Broxburn and Livingston Brass Band at Balerno Parish Church.

The Band's first visit was part of the first Balerno Christmas Tree Festival in 2010, when, truth to tell, no-one really knew what a Christmas Tree Festival was. And by no-one I mean no-one. The answer, offered by the organiser I'm afraid was, quite simply, 'it's what you want it to be.' Over the years however the Brass Band Concert became the integral part that it is now in Balerno Christmas, the combination of the Balerno Christmas Tree Festival, the Brass Band Concert and the Christmas Farmers Market.

The Broxburn and Livingston Brass band was formed in October 2004 from the amalgamation of two West Lothian bands; the Broxburn Public and the Livingston Brass Bands. The Broxburn Public Band was one of Scotland's oldest bands and were present at the first Scottish Championship contest in 1895 while

Livingston Brass were formed in 1976 and competed at their first Scottish Championship in 1979.

Post 2004 the new Band has played in competitions across the country and at concerts across Scotland, and they enjoy coming to Balerno for what is now a regular fixture on their programme. You can see easily why the Concert for Christmas is such a tremendous occasion. Coming as it does right in the middle of the Balerno Christmas weekend, with the Christmas Tree Festival - organised again this year by Harmeny School - providing a colourful backdrop for the evening, and following on the carol singing and magical atmosphere of the Christmas Market, the Concert is an event which oozes atmosphere and the anticipation of Christmas itself.

See you there!

BLYTHSWOOD CARE SHOEBOX APPEAL 2019 –

Thank you so very much to everyone who filled shoeboxes, donated goods, gave money and were supportive for this appeal. It was great to receive shoeboxes from neighbours – church – Harmeny School – Scouts – and friends ... and a joy on 28th October to hand over 200 boxes to Chris and Peter from St Michael's Church in Linlithgow who collected them all.

Blythswood Care have given over 2 million shoeboxes since 1993 to some of the poorest and neediest adults and children in Eastern Europe and Pakistan for Christmas. Having toothpaste and a toothbrush or a warm hat and scarf and gloves as some of the necessary things to be included causes us to think of our plenty when others have so little. Know these shoeboxes make a huge difference – thank you!

Bill and Margaret Black (449-6707)

BALERNO CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

The annual Christmas Tree Festival will take place over the weekend of 14th & 15th of December in The Scout Hall and The Ogston Hall. There are over 30 groups submitting trees this year. After having jointly organised it with the church last year, Harmeny School are flying solo this year. Next year they will be looking for a partner group to help organise it, (& splitting the proceeds!).

The halls will be open from 10 - 4 both days with an evening viewing of the Ogston Hall before and after the Brass Band Concert in the Church on Saturday 14th. *Malcolm Ogilvie*

SANDRA EASTON

I wonder how many churches have a 'Naughty Corner'? Well, we have one in Balerno Parish Church! The back row on the memorial side acquired the name when Sandra Easton came back to the church some years ago ... she named it the Naughty Corner and it stuck... At first sitting unobtrusively at the back of the church, she quickly found kindred spirits among the back row 'regulars' who found joy and encouragement in their shared faith—and everyone sitting there is, and was, proud to be part of it. Sadly Sandra died in September, leaving a huge gap in our lives – we desperately miss her warm friendliness, her lovely smile which lit up a room, her care for everyone, her generosity, her sense of humour, her mischievous personality. She was a 'people person', honest and forthright, always there for others. 'A team player' is how one friend remembers her, serving the church as an Elder, working on Mission and Outreach organising Fresh Start collections; serving meals at Study Groups, tea and coffee after morning service, bacon rolls at Family Communion, distributing flowers. Her family meant everything to her, especially after losing her beloved Alastair only a few years ago, and our hearts go out to her sons Mike and Mark, their wives and their young families.

When illness struck, Sandra approached it in her usual forthright manner and inner strength, remaining incredibly brave and facing her treatment with tremendous dignity, resilience and a clear and shining faith. A bright light in our lives, now gone ahead of us, of that she was very certain.

Sandra with part of a Fresh Start collection

Contributed, with many thanks to the occupants of The Naughty Corner ... you know who you are ...



THE GUILD

The 2019-2020 Session has started well with many new members. In addition to our evening meetings we have been busy, having participated in a Guild Week Church Service and catering for the Children's Concert during the Music Festival. At the beginning of December we are providing refreshments after the Bereavement Service.

Before the Christmas break we are having two daytime meetings. At the beginning of December, in the afternoon, we are going to Craigmiller Parish Church for a Guilds Together meeting. Lifts will be arranged for those not driving. On December 18th we are having Christmas lunch in The Grey Horse, Balerno. The Guild is decorating a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival.

After Christmas we continue our evening meetings with a lot of local interest. Lawrence Mitchell will be talking about leading walks with the Holiday Fellowship. Speakers are coming from Harmeny School and Redhall Garden. Guild meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Ogston Hall. A detailed list of meetings can be found on Church notice boards, and members are always pleased to give you a copy of the syllabus. Everyone is very welcome. *Morag Lyall*



One Bar Rest, Balerno's *a cappella* male voice group. Fresh from their success in Currie with their re-run of *The Trenches Not Forgotten*, they will be appearing at various functions over the Christmas period, including The Mill's Christmas party. *Back Row: David, Douglas, George, Ronnie, John, Martin, Nico. Front Row, Richard, Allan, Iain. Missing: Ken, Paul, Ian.*

A PLACE FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FESTIVE SEASON

For the past 10 years, Balerno Parish Church has transformed its sanctuary in advent to lay out a labyrinth path. Warm, jingle free and bathed in candlelight, it's a beautiful place for people of all ages and stages who seek a space for peace, contemplation and reflection during the busy season. However, each year, folk tell us that they would love to go but the week before Christmas is just too busy. Recognise that feeling? So this year, we are opening the Labyrinth in the week between Christmas and New Year – when things are maybe just a little calmer. The Labyrinth looks like a maze but is really a clever and ancient path for people to follow to help them reflect on all that this time of year brings. There are stops along the way where people can choose to pause and focus on an aspect of the season. Everyone, of every age, is welcome – we offer a guide to the labyrinth that is suitable even for the youngest of children. Last year our youngest visitor was 18 months and our oldest 99! So if you are looking for a place of peace or even a place to visit when you need to escape the house, we look forward to welcoming you. *Open Sunday 29 December 7-9; Monday 30th December 2-4 and 7-9; Tuesday 31st December 2-4; Thursday 2nd January 2-4 and 7-9; Friday 3rd January 2-4 and 7-9 and Saturday 4 January 10-12.*



A MESSAGE FROM KIRSTY

24th October 2019

Kirsty Williams is the latest recipient of a Louise Duncan Bursary and is working in Ghana. This is her first letter since arriving and starting work, and we look forward to hearing more from her over the next few months.



I have been at my project in Ghana over a month now. After a rocky start I am feeling more settled. When we first arrived no one was expecting us and the accommodation was empty. It did not even have lightbulbs. The first night was scary. However over the next couple of days we met the Headmaster, the Chief, and other locals who showed us the ropes. Tyrone (one of the teachers) found us a cook who cooked for us for the first three weeks. He also took us to a market to buy furniture, supplies and cooking equipment. Now that we have renovated our house it feels much more of a home.

We began teaching on week two of having arrived at our project, I am teaching Junior High School 1, Maths and Science. I have a class of 29 11-16 – year olds

whose first language is Ewe (the language of the Volta region) and have limited English. I really enjoy teaching. I already feel very attached to my pupils. All of them come from poverty and half of them have malaria, but they always arrive in my class well dressed and with a smile on their face. They all address me as Madame Williams and they never let me carry my own books. Many of the children cannot afford to eat or drink at school. They spend their summers collecting and selling sand so they can buy their school books.

There are amazing parts to the Ghanaian culture. They are very big on family and you are constantly being referred to as 'sister' or 'cousin'. They also have a lot of big celebrations in Ghana – funerals are 3 day parties!

Our village is called Nolopi /Aborlove, there are two names as there are two villages combined. We are situated on a lagoon. We have been to three very different church services in our village. Christianity is very important to the village – there is a small handful of villagers who are not Christians, they are traditionalists, however they still believe in God. Most services are in Ewe. Church is very lively, and there is lots of singing, dancing and drumming. Everyone goes to Church on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, it is beautiful how much they value religion. *Kirsty Williams*

This is Ronnie's moving testimony of the power of prayer ... 'THANKS'...

About a year has passed since I was diagnosed with a form of blood cancer and during that time I've had many occasions to consider my faith and whether I'm really living with and through it.

The first change for me was that I decided to practice one of the Church mottos a bit more than I was...'Try Praying'.

You will have seen it on church notice boards, in magazines or leaflets and heard sermons on it, but perhaps we only listen along and join in briefly on a Sunday or throw a quick 'Please God...' away last thing before bedtime if we feel the need.

About the Autumn of 2013, my father fell ill with a stroke, heart and lung problems. The family, friends and I prayed for his recovery as it seemed he would not survive. It may have been his own strength and will, the expert medical attention, our prayers, or all of these, but he did rally and enjoyed

another two years of comfortable health – enough to see his grandchildren from Australia among other happy events.

I found it hard to pray for myself last year – you usually do so for other less fortunate people – but with such uncertainty ahead, I persevered and hoped at first that it wasn't cancer. Then, when diagnosed, I asked that the treatment would be effective and that God would look out for my family and friends too. Many of them told me that they were praying for me too which was very humbling. Again it could have been a combination of factors, (including keeping up the singing with my colleagues in various choirs!) but having had the good news in the summer, that I am in remission, I am surer now that prayer has worked for me. God may not answer prayers in the way we expect or would wish, but he often has a knack for throwing some unexpected alternative our way.

Another thought which has affected me was the comparison and difference between faith and hope, which Ishbel mentioned recently in a sermon. I needed plenty of both over the past year, but the analogy that came to me was that of a climber about to rope up and ascend a difficult cliff or rocky crag. They don't 'hope' that their equipment works, otherwise they would be constantly worried that it might fail at some crucial or stressful point. They have researched it beforehand and tried it out and tested it and they have faith - they know - it will work in all the conditions they will meet. What they hope for is perhaps something like a break in bad weather; or after a particularly hard section, that round the next corner there is an easier section of climbing – more like an anticipation of something better just ahead. In these times of so much gloomy news, problems and division locally and nationally, natural and man-made destruction, not to mention the 'B*****' political scene (I can't even mention the B-word!) we must hold tight while the boat rocks and hope for calmer waters soon, while we should continue to work hard together to solve these many and difficult problem.

To all of you who have wished me and the family well; all colleagues in One Bar Rest, Pentland Singers and Balerno Church choirs; the local friends and acquaintances, and also to anyone feeling the stress and worry of life or health – like a climber, keep your faith strong, keep your hopes up and try praying.

Thank you all and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.*Ronnie Turnbull*

A Letter from Jean Barton: *Jean recently moved from Balerno to Alloa to be near her daughter...* Dear friends, I would like to thank you for all your kindness and help. It has been a big decision to leave Balerno after 58 years - it has been my home and my life for so long, and has given me and my family so much. The hills were always my sanctuary and Ladycroft garden my great joy, and you people my help along the road. Thank you! But life goes on and it is time to move on. I will enjoy my new home near Jess, and anyone who wants to visit me at 12a Glebe terrace Alloa would be most welcome - Sally has my phone number!- and I have a new kettle ready to boil. All best wishes, Jean Barton



'Hello ' from 'The Mill Cafe'.

The café and volunteers are all doing brilliantly although the cold weather threatens to freeze us all. We are happy to let you know the café is now able to process card payments. This is proving very popular due to the lack of banking facilities. Our volunteers have embraced this new learning opportunity and thankfully have not all run away! PHEW!

It is that time in The Bridge news to discuss Christmas. The café will close end of day on Friday 20th and will reopen January Tuesday 7th.

The Mill staff and volunteers would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

We thought you might like to spend some time baking with your loved ones and would like to share our Gingerbread Cake recipe with you.... Remember to put your aprons and Christmas hat on!

'The Mill' Gingerbread Cake....

225g (8oz) softened butter
175g (6oz) light muscovado sugar
200g (7oz) black treacle
300g (11oz) self-raising flour
2 level teaspoons baking powder

1 level teaspoon ground mixed spice
1 level teaspoon ground allspice
4 large eggs
4 tablespoons milk
3 finely chopped bulbs of stem

Pre-heat the oven to 180C/Fan 160C/Gas 4. Grease a 30x23 cm (12x9in) traybake or roasting tin, then line the base with baking parchment. Mix all the ingredients together and cook for 30-40 mins. Top with lots of gooey white icing with sprinkles of ginger.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with love, forgiveness, kindness and good health.

With love from, Lynsey x



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2019				
Dec 1 st	Ian Gidney	6919	Anne Johnston	2930
Dec 8 th	Alison Petty	4175	Richard Henderson	4484
Dec 15 th	Judy Savage	5016	Susan McDonald	5756
Dec 22 nd	Hector MacDonald	07419 784262	Bill Black	6707
Dec 25 th	Sally Lindsay	4987	Emma Crichton	5230
Dec 29 th	Elaine McCullough	5876	Sandra Lyall	4375

2020				
Jan 5 th	Kay Latimer	6186	Richard Henderson	4484
Jan 12 th	Ian Alexander	6739	Anne Shaw	3874
Jan 19 th	Christina Graham	4181	Brian Buchanan	5378
Jan 26 th	Jim Goodbrand	4517	Elaine McCullough	5876
Feb 2 nd	Ian Gidney	6919	Anne Johnstone	2930
Feb 2 nd pm	Hector MacDonald	07419 784262	Susan McDonald	5756

WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY 2020

2nd January 2-4pm and 7-9pm The Balerno Labyrinth

3rd January 2-4pm and 7-9pm The Balerno Labyrinth

4th January 10-12pm The Balerno Labyrinth

5th January 10.00am Sunday Worship with Sunday Club for pre-school
& school age children

6th January 2.00pm Monday Club in St Joseph's

7th January Mill Café re-opens

11th January Kirk Session Retreat in St Joseph's

12th January 10.00am Sunday Worship with Sunday Club for pre-school &
school age children

Do, please, think about going to the monthly **Midweek Communion Service!** A short, informal, friendly service offering Communion and the opportunity for prayer and reflection. What about going for coffee in the Mill first, or go for lunch afterwards?



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