

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105



Harbour Lights

THE NEWSLETTER OF NEWHAVEN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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PRAYER FOCUS

*First of all,
pray*

Justin Welby,
Archbishop of
Canterbury

Dear Friends,

2018 seems to have come and gone in somewhat of a blur, perhaps because it's been a busy year. If one takes time to look at a list of things that happened in 2018 it's quite astonishing to think that so much can happen in our world in such a short time.

The natural world has seen its fair share of events with everything from floods in various parts of our world to devastating wildfires in other parts. The world of politics continues to evoke a sense of incredulity with all its pettiness and intrigue and often what seems like downright stupidity! Everyone seems to cringe when they hear the B word - Brexit - yet we are going to be hearing it for a very long time. There is no quick fix when it comes to untangling such a complex relationship.

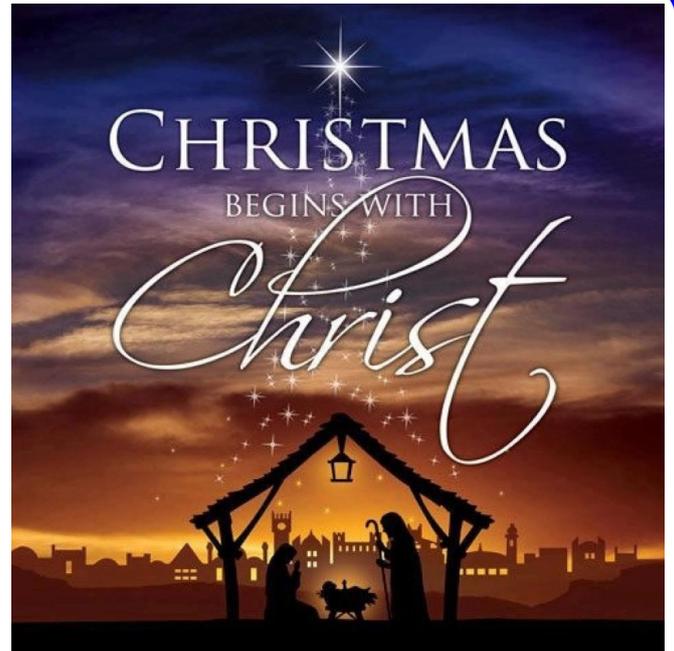
And in the life of our church? Well, life happens, life continues. Life with all its joys and sorrows. And in this the wonderful thing, for me anyway, is the fact that we can share many of the joys and also the sorrows together, that we can support one another. Just as Brexit means the unravelling of relationships, in a sense, so

life in our church is about growing good relationships, knitting people together, and the one who leads us and guides us in all of this is the one whose birth we celebrate at Christmas, Jesus. He brings light into darkness and shows us a new way, a new way so different from what is often a hostile world, and his way is the way of love.

We hope you will be touched by Christ's love this Christmas, that it will be a blessed time.

With much love,

Peter and Leandra



Christmas Services

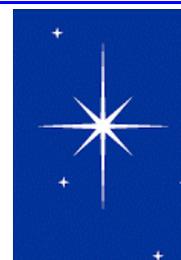
Sunday, 23 December

10.30am Morning service

Monday, 24 December

4pm All age service with coffee, tea and mince pies

11.15pm Mince pies & Watchnight Service



Christmas Day, Tuesday 25 December

10.30am Short all age service

Sunday, 30 December

10.30am Sunday worship

News from Cassie

Lord,
teach me to be
generous,
to serve you as you
deserve,
to give and not to
count the cost,
to fight and not to
heed the wounds,
to toil and not to
seek for rest,
to labour and not
to look for any
reward,
save that of
knowing that I do
your holy will.

Meditation

[attributed to
 St Ignatius of Loyola]

Lord,
help us to be
generous
with our time,
our talents,
our energy,
and our
resources.

Advent

Advent is the period of time, starting four Sundays before Christmas, where we reflect with anticipation at the coming birth of Jesus Christ. Many churches across the globe have various traditions to celebrate Advent. Here at Newhaven Church we light a candle each week in anticipation. This December we hope to have a few more activities to engage our church and wider community.

Advent-tivity - our all-age service on the 2nd December @10:30am will be transformed by drama and storytelling, and reflecting on the anticipation of the coming Messiah.

Nativity Sheep Trail - Our Nativity Sheep Trail will kick-off on 2nd December as well. Find all 12 sheep in local shops to piece together the Christmas story. Booklets can be obtained at Victoria PS, Trinity PS, and Newhaven Church Café. Show your completed book to Cassie at the Victoria Primary School Fayre (15th December) or at church by 16th December to be entered to win a prize!

We hope you will join us in the excitement of the anticipation of the birth of Jesus!

Sunday Connections

The tech savvy among you may have noticed that a new series of posts has been launched on the church website called 'Sunday Connections.' The posts have been designed as mid-week reflections and reminders of the Sunday lessons in both Lighthouse and Youth. They are a tool to help families connect with Scripture midweek. If you would like to receive notifications when these are posted, please subscribe to the church website or Facebook page.



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Extravaganza

Our annual Christmas Extravaganza will take place on **Saturday 8th December** from 10:00am-12:30pm. This year we will think about how God did something extra-ordinary from something quite ordinary. It will be a fun-filled morning discovering the Christmas story together - filled with crafts, games, singing, drama, silly challenges, and celebration for those in P1-P7.

This activity is free, but you must register. Forms will be given out at Victoria PS and available at Newhaven Church, but you can also download the form from the church website under the 'youth' tab or by emailing Cassie at Cassie.Abousamak@gmail.com

Carol Singing

It is hoped that we will be doing some community carol singing this Christmas.

Look out for intimations for the time and place. The aim is to have 30 minutes carol signing followed by mince pies at the church.



News from the Kirk Session

Daffodil Tea

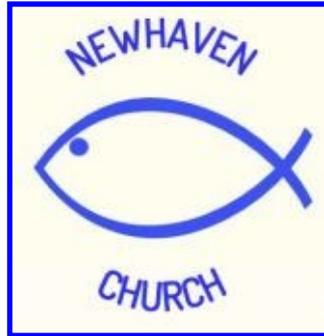
After the success of the tea last April, it was hoped to repeat it again in the autumn. Unfortunately this has not proved possible. However it is fully intended to have another daffodil tea in the spring next year.

Working groups

We have been reviewing the working groups. The present arrangement has been on the go for some time and some changes are required. In particular it is felt that there is a need for a "Get together group" to plan congregational events. These could be social occasions like the ceilidh, adult education like the Growth Groups or even the weekend away. We are particularly keen to find out if any new members have an interest in this or any of the other groups, such as Finance, Mission and Outreach, Fabric, Worship and Pastoral care. These are open to anyone.

Financial Matters

It has been decided to place some of the Church's reserves with the Church of Scotland Investors Trust. This is felt appropriate for monies which are not likely to be called upon in the short term. Deposit interest rates are so low at the moment that money kept in the Bank is effectively losing value. Shona Adam has also intimated that she intends to step down as Treasurer. While a proper tribute will be paid in the future, we all owe a great debt to Shona for all she has given to the role.



Church Secretary

We are sorry to say that Lesley-Anne Weir has had to stand down as Church Secretary on health grounds. However she is continuing to look after the website and we are most grateful for all the work that goes into it. It is an important way of showing how active the church is.

Weekend away

This is now fixed for September 27 to 29 at the Abernethy Trust centre at Ardeonaig on Loch Tay. The initial booking has been made and we anticipate over 20 people going. This number almost certainly can be increased. The adult cost for two nights board and lodging is £70. Outdoor activities will be on offer for those keen on them. A local tour is available for the less active and there are plenty of walks and a very nice hotel in the village. Further details from John Hodge.

Remembrance Sunday

Colin McNeill played his pipes at the village war memorial at 6am on 11 November exactly 100 years after the armistice was signed. Over 20 people were in attendance.

New members

Peter will be taking forward arrangements for those who would like to formally join the congregation. Look out for details.

John Hodge, Session Clerk

CAP Money

Christians Against Poverty (or CAP) is an award-winning charity which started in 1996 with one man helping people on the estates of Bradford out of debt.

It has grown to become a nationwide organisation that is tackling the main causes of UK poverty through local churches running a network of CAP projects.

One of these projects is CAP Money. So what is it?

The CAP Money Course is a free short course that makes managing your money simple. The course will teach you budgeting and planning skills and a simple, cash-based system that works. In just a few weeks, you will get to



grips with your finances so you can budget, save and prevent debt.

Whether you feel pretty organised or whether it's like a lucky dip every time you try to withdraw cash from your account, the CAP Money Course will help you take complete control of your finances.

There are many courses running throughout the country each year, and the next one in your area is taking place at **Bellevue Chapel (Rodney Street)** beginning on **23rd January 2019**. For more information or to register for the course visit www.bellevuechapel.org/cap or speak to Sandra our café manager.



Newhaven Connections Café News

After marking St Andrew's Day in style with Scottish foods and live accordion music in the Café we're all looking forward to our volunteers' Christmas outing in early December.

This year we're heading out for a Festive Afternoon Tea, and it will be lovely to have other folk serve the cakes and coffees to us for a change!

During December why not drop into the Café for some cake, comfort and joy? You'll find unique Christmas gifts in Megan MacPhie's pop-up shop on 4th December, and we'll also have wee bags of homemade sweets and treats available throughout the month – great as stocking-fillers or little hostess gifts.



But don't leave it too late...the Café will be closing at 3pm on Thursday 20th December and reopening on Tuesday 8th January when we'll be ready to welcome you in 2019.

And don't forget to look out for our seasonal special menu items in the New Year celebrating Burns' Day, Valentine's Day and more.

As always, if you've got any questions or feedback about the café, or if you're interested in joining our team of lovely volunteers, please speak to Sandra Lindsay our café manager!



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each other,
and the Community**

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Newhaven Church Roll

**Admission by Certificate of
Transference**

Graeme and Hope Taylor

The Church Roll is more than just a list of members - it is a means of identifying those who have professed their faith in Christ and who are part of his Church at Newhaven.

It is also a vital means of communication.

For this reason, it is important that the Church Roll is kept as accurate as possible.

Please notify the Roll-Keeper (Elaine Greig), or your Elder, of any changes/updates relating to yourself or other members.

History Group

Newhaven Community History Group meets in Newhaven Church Hall at 7pm on:-

Tuesday 23rd January
'Band with no Name' and Vocalist

Tuesday 19th February
*Settlements on the Forth -
Ian McDonald*



Meetings are free to members of the History group, non-members £2, followed by tea or coffee and a chance to chat.
All welcome!

Church Family News

A warm welcome to Graeme and Hope Taylor who have officially become part of the Newhaven Church family! Graeme and Hope formerly worshipped at Dean Parish Church until its closure.



Congratulations to Eleanor Wilson who celebrated her 90th birthday on 25th September, and to Jean Edward who celebrated her 90th birthday on 1st October.

Come and join us!

Every Sunday at 10.30am

(All-Age Service on the 1st Sunday of each month;

Communion on last Sunday of each month)

Copy Deadline

The next Harbour Lights will be the Spring issue, covering March, April and May - copy deadline Sunday 10th February.

Please speak to the Editor, Elaine Greig, or email her at:-

editor@n-c.org.uk

if you would like anything included in the next issue.