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From the Study

Dear Friends

I don't know about you but I just can't believe that it is around the corner, it seems like no time since last Christmas, am I just getting old? - don't answer that one! But life is busy with lots of activities to keep us going. It is strange to think that a hundred years ago the villagers of Corstorphine would have viewed a trip into Edinburgh as a big adventure. Now we jump on a bus and arrive in Princes Street a few minutes later, and a trip to Livingston or Glasgow is taken in our stride, never mind flying off to Australia or New Zealand or Turkey for a holiday or to visit family. Journeys which would have seemed impossible for our forbearers are just part of our lives.

The story of a small child being born to live a life that would change the course of humanity and the way which few could have imagined then or now, is perhaps difficult to grasp. More difficult in fact than it would have been in a simpler time of years gone by, or is it? No matter how life changes there is the same truth to be grasped, love came at Christmas, a transforming love which can change the lives of all. That love is shown by God's church and what people see is up to each one of us who profess to belong, who profess faith.

So as we enter into the Advent and Christmas season enjoy it, celebrate and ponder again how you can show the incarnational love of God to those whose lives touches yours.

May God Bless you and yours,

fiona

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The Newsletter of Carrick Knowe Parish Church



The Carrick Knowe Christmas Card

Are you looking for that special card for friends and family?

Look no more!

A professionally printed Christmas card featuring a view of the Sanctuary of our church at Christmas is now available from the Cloisters or Church Office.

Packs of 10 for only £3.00.

95th Guides

Fiona Buchanan

The guides have enjoyed a busy start to the session, and with a variety of activities taking place, have only managed one normal evening so far! After our Sausage Sizzle and Fireworks Party however, we will continue with our normal patrol activities in the lead up to Christmas.

We are off to the Gang Show later on this month where we will cheer on some of our Guides who are participating this year.

Congratulations

Before Christmas, Joanne Whyman and Erin Feeney will be presented with their Baden Powell Awards. Well done!



19th - 23rd November
King's Theatre
Tickets from £9 - £16.50

The Guild

Celia Spence

By the time you read this we will be well into this year's syllabus. Fiona Punton, Associate Secretary of The Guild came along to open our session on 1st October and provided us with an insight to many of our Guild Members work throughout Scotland.

On 29th October, Carol Finlay - one of our own members - came along and talked about her visit to The Gaza Strip - a fantastic talk which opened our eyes to what we only see on the TV. Our first coffee morning was held on 2nd November and although it was a cold day the warmth in the hall from the chatter and of course the coffee made a good start to the day and we raised the sum of £330. Thanks once again to everyone who came along to support us.

We are now planning our Christmas Party and hoping that we have all been good enough so that Santa might surprise us with a visit.

Our meetings go on until the end of March and if you haven't joined and would like to try us out please come along - we meet on a Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m. in the church hall and we would certainly be glad to see you there.



An update from Syria

Carol Finlay

*To all the people of Carrick Knowe who generously supported 'A Place at the Table',
a thank you from the NESSL.*

"On behalf of the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL), its Churches and beneficiaries, we would like to thank all our partners and donors for being faithful in their support of the NESSL Relief Project, operation and activities which is helping NESSL to provide impartially the assistance needed by the displaced and affected families inside Syria."

The NESSL reaches agreements with local shops, issues vouchers to displaced families who then use the vouchers to purchase food and other necessary items. Below are a couple of factual stories from refugees.

Refugee Stories

An elderly, sick man and his daughter were displaced from Wadi Al Sayeh in Holms city and is now located in Fairouzeh. He is paying house rent and needs medication to treat his heart condition. He is very thankful for what the NESSL 'Protestant Church' is doing for the displaced families.

A displaced farmer receives food assistance through NESSL vouchers. He and his family are originally from the Christian village of Jdaideh in Edleb suburb. He says "The 400 village inhabitants were displaced 10 months ago. The opposition fighters entered the village in December last year and told the inhabitants that they were coming to 'liberate' the village from the ruling regime. Inhabitants stayed for a month in their village until one of the Islamic Radical Armed Groups came and started persecuting people in different ways. They arrested many innocent villagers accusing them of being regime allies. So many inhabitants were terrified and tortured by that group that the whole village had to flee with only what they were wearing, leaving behind them everything that they owned, land, property, houses, furniture in order to save their lives by going to safer areas inside Syria."

"Your generous support is making a real difference in alleviating the hardship of the lives of many Syrians."

***The Church sanctuary will be open on Thursday 28th November from 10.00 - 12.00
for visitors and for a time of quiet contemplation.***

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Church of Scotland Youth Assembly

Katrina Whyman and Charlotte Clarkson



On Friday 16th August, we left Edinburgh and headed to Dundee feeling slightly apprehensive about the weekend ahead. Over one hundred young people aged between 17 and 25 gathered in Dundee's West Park Conference Centre for the Church of Scotland's National Youth Assembly 2013. NYA first took place in 1994 and its main aim is to attract people from a variety of different backgrounds all over Scotland to come together to

worship, discuss a range of topics and to have fun. The event gives the youth of the Church of Scotland the opportunity to be involved in decisions made by the Kirk and to discuss various issues. This year was themed "Identity- who do you say I am?" We considered this topic in three stages: "What is it to be a part of the Church of Scotland?"; "What is it to be Scottish?" and "What is it to be me?"

We had no idea what to expect but were soon feeling at home. We were separated into small groups of about 8 people, each with a group leader. The groups were organised by age to allow people to spark deeper conversations with others who are more likely to have similar experiences. The small and informal groups, made it easier to share and discuss our thoughts, especially since we were not comfortable with standing up in front of such a huge number of unknown faces!

The Friday evening was a time to get to know our small groups. We took part in some icebreaking games and after dinner we took part in a Murder Mystery. It gave us the opportunity to get to know the pastoral team as well as having a laugh with our small groups. On Saturday we looked at what it means to be a part of the Church of Scotland. In the morning we had a visit from Paul Cathcart, a deacon of the Church of Scotland, who spoke about his role within the Church. It was interesting to learn about the often forgotten, yet important role Deacons play, especially as we were unaware that the Church even had deacons!

The Assembly looked closely at ecumenism on the Saturday afternoon and invited representatives from independent Churches, different denominations and religious organisations to be involved in our Ecumenical Human Library. This gave us a chance to learn about other denominations within the Christian Church by rotating around the different stations each group had set up and asking questions. Within a matter of an hour we had learnt about how different churches operate and what makes them different to the Church of Scotland.

Every afternoon, there was a number of workshops that delegates could attend including "Young People and Decision Making", one looking at international volunteering trips and an opportunity to do some community art. A praise band led a formal worship service each morning and we took part in a more informal and reflective worship in the evenings. We enjoyed the evening worships as it gave us a chance to think about the discussions we had during the day and the peaceful atmosphere gave us a chance to relax after a busy day! On the last day, the Rt Rev Lorna Hood, Moderator of the General Assembly led us in communion. Although the program ended around midnight each day, there were some late night sessions we could attend. We especially enjoyed a hot chocolate complete with cream and marshmallows in the COSY café!

On Sunday evening we all attended the fundraising dinner. We raised a grand total of £2,470.67 for the six Guild projects and the NYA also became the first ever honorary Guild group. A rather energetic ceilidh left us exhausted as we prepared to say goodbye to the great friendships we formed over the weekend.

We really appreciated the opportunity to attend NYA. It was a great experience and gave us the opportunity to meet and mix with other young Christians.



Congregational News

George Goodall

It is with regret that we intimate the following death:



Mrs Curren (aged 99) October 2013 Formerly Broombank Terrace

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:



Welcome!

Mrs Olwyn Martin District 29 November 2013 From Stenhouse St. Aiden's

Mr Mark Martin District 29 November 2013 From Stenhouse St. Aiden's

Kirk Session

Finlay Buchanan

At our meeting in October the Kirk Session congratulated five elders who had completed significant anniversaries in 2013:

30 years' service: John Dea and Ian Fraser (ordained on 23 October 1983)

40 years' service: Arthur Manchester and David Hall (ordained on May 6 1973)

50 years' service: Eddie McFadden (ordained on June 2 1963)

We are currently advertising for a Children and Families Worker, hoping that the successful candidate will start early in 2014.

We agreed that we'd like to retire the line-drawing that we've used as our logo for many years, and change to a more modern one - look out for it in 2014!

Finally, we were delighted to support the fundraising by Keira Mather in the 'Race for Life' in memory of her grandmother, Glenda Tait, who served as an elder for a number of years.

Shoebox Appeal

Elsie Laird

SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX APPEAL

A big thanks to all who participated in the Shoebox Appeal and for the promptness in handing the completed boxes in.

We also act as a Drop Off Point for other Churches, Offices and Organisations in the area so it is important that we have them all collected by the time the Vans

come to take them to their Warehouse in Tranent.

June Vasey, one of the main promoters, will be giving a presentation at the

Guild on the 4th December demonstrating both the work of the Samaritan's Purse and the big part she herself takes in it. Why not come along and hear her.



**1953 – 2013***Rev. George McCaskill*

We are happy that George has produced this extract of his address to the church on Sunday 6th October. So many people asked for it, we hope you enjoy.

60 years since ordination; how do you sum that up in a few minutes? So many changes! In 1953 there were 2,300 charges (mainly with one church/congregation) with 2,200 ministers. There were no pensions and no retiring age. In 2012 there were only 1,100 charges (some with several churches/ congregations) held by 1,100 ministers - including women. There are now pensions and a fixed retiring age. There is therefore now a large number of retired ministers.

My first charge Spynie, near Elgin, later was added to Duffus, then to Hopeman, and even for a short time to Burghhead. The eastern end of the parish with a quarter of Elgin's population was transferred to Elgin churches.

My second charge, St Margaret's Tollcross Glasgow, had the one congregation but is today united with the Park Church; and of the neighbouring Tollcross Central - once the strongest in Tollcross - there is not one stone left standing. Sociologists describe the 1950s as having the largest church attendances of all time. That rapidly changed in Glasgow Tollcross as the council moved the young families to new housing estates and to Cumbernauld New Town. The council even took our manse by compulsory purchase in order to widen the main London Road.

My 3rd charge was Bridgend and Wilson churches - a linked charge but separated by the river Tay. It could not have been anything but a temporary arrangement. Perth had 11 Church of Scotland Churches within one square mile - and 3 others on the outskirts. The possibility arose of uniting my 2 churches with 2 others which were vacant. I resigned to allow this. I trained and obtained a post in James Gillespie's High School as a Teacher of Religious Education.

Mary and I became active in the local Grange Parish Church. Our children were now in their teens and Mary felt free enough to fulfil a long felt ambition. At the age of forty she went back to school and college to train as an infant teacher. She is a natural with children and soon found a post in Craiglockhart Primary school.

There was always a yearning to go back into the parish. In 1973 I received a call to Monimail and Springfield linked charge. Mary had no difficulty in getting appointed to Pitlessie Primary School and, after a reshuffle there, moved to Springfield Primary in our own parish - where Mary also led the Sunday School - and the Woman's Guild. I of course was school chaplain. Monopoly? Monimail had 2 church buildings - one outside the village of Letham and the other at Bow of Fife on the main Cupar Road. The latter was a large expensive stone building, not very well attended, and eventually it was closed and sold. Springfield was a village of low incomes. Like my other charges, this one was aid receiving - not self supporting. The financial outlook was not very promising. When I left, Monimail was linked to Creich, Flisk and Kilmany; Springfield was linked to the more prosperous village of Ceres.

I have tried to show how my charges illustrate the national trends of readjustment to cope with recession - especially financial. However, we found congregations of kind, friendly people loyally trying to maintain their churches. One individual, who was very supportive of us, could yet be a stern critic if the service went on too long. When I was guilty, she would shake hands at the door, lean forward to say quietly, 'The Sunday lunch roast in the oven will be burning!'

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At the risk of someone here saying that to me today, may I mention a few general changes since 1953: No space travel. TV was in its infancy. No fridge. No shower. No central heating (coal fires and buckets of ash). There were no transistor radios. Digital referred to finger activity. No Beatles, no home computers, no laptops, iPods, iPads, smart phones - or indeed mobile phones - no Kindles, no Tesco Hudls. Princes Street had large stores; Binns doorways were favourite for meeting girl-friends. No Supermarkets. I could safely cycle along Princes with my 2 year old daughter on the seat behind me. Parking would have been easy - if I had had a car. In the churches there were no women elders or ministers. Ministers took the whole service. Doing pulpit supply in the 1980s, I asked the organist if e.g. elders ever read the lessons. 'No! that is your job!' was the reply. Welcome participation in the service is happily much more common today. Since 1953 there have been 2 new editions of the hymnbook. One of my favourite hymns is still there but the old tune, 'Day of Rest', is not. We shall sing it later. The hymn is 'O Jesus I have promised'. Away back in 1945, just before VE day, in common with others I made a promise. This hymn helps me to keep it

Ministers are given many different jobs. In my various places as well as having 8 Sunday Schools, I was honorary Chaplain to 7 Primary Schools and 1 Secondary School, to Army cadets, to McFarlane Lang's Biscuit factory in Glasgow, and to Puller's of Perth Cleaning and Dyeing Works. In Spynie I was chaplain to a small T.B. hospital, to an even smaller Maternity Hospital, and to an old folks home (the former Poor House). Never a dull moment - but wonderful experiences.

Of course, there were very few loud speaker systems in 1953. Ministers had to project their voice to resound along the high ceilings. It was hard on the vocal chords and hard on those slightly deaf people who just love the back seats!

After Monimail, I had a second teaching spell - at Queensferry High School. Education authorities were trying to promote a more objective style of R E and were appointing several specialist teachers.

To finish, I return to Mary. I have already said she is a natural teacher and communicator with children. It is however difficult to juggle the demands of home, church and school - but she has done it brilliantly, with great determination and sense of purpose. The family too will readily agree that she is a wonderful mother, grandmother, great grandmother and - of course - wife. We have always been a team; our married life of 65 years has been inseparable from our church life. We have been 23 years with Carrick Knowe Church - longer than with any other congregation. We have appreciated the many friendships in this the friendliest of congregations. My 5 years here as assistant was a wonderful way to begin my retirement. We have moved around in our 65 years - but we definitely do not wish to move any more.

May God bless you and yours - and our ministerial team Fiona and Angus.

Church & Society

Finlay Buchanan

On Wednesday November 20 we're hosting an 'Imagining Scotland's Future' event on behalf of the Church & Society Council. This is one of a series of over 30 events being held across Scotland to give ordinary voters the chance to share their values and aspirations for the future of Scotland, regardless of the outcome of next year's Referendum. The results from these events will be compiled into a report which will be launched at the Scottish Parliament by the Moderator, Lorna Hood in February. We encourage you to attend - previous events have been lively and stimulating!



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CK Singers

Fiona Buchanan

Do you enjoy singing and meeting new people? CK Singers is an informal group of singers who contribute to worship at Carrick Knowe, and is open to anyone - even you have never taken part in a service before, come along and find out a bit more about what we do. We meet every Sunday at 10.30am (10am in July and August) or at 10.15am if we are taking part in a special service. There is no pressure to make a commitment, and you don't need to be able to read music - all are welcome to join us.

Over Christmas we will be taking part in the following services:

Date	Service - meet at 10.15am/10.45pm for Watchnight
15 December	<i>Lessons and Carols</i>
22 December	<i>Nativity</i>
24 December	<i>Watchnight</i>



In addition to these services, we will also have the following rehearsal to allow us to prepare extra music, from 7.45 - 9pm on Wednesday 11th December, followed by festive refreshments !

We hope you will be able to join us for the rehearsal and services - but would also like to stress that this is an informal group, and please feel free to take part in services as and when you wish.

If you would like any further information or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We now have our own page on the Carrick Knowe Church website - visit <http://www.ckchurch.org.uk/our-organisations/ck-singers> for more information, including our up-to-date rehearsal schedule.

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95/95A Rainbows

Aileen Buchanan

Last week we did not recognise many of our Rainbows as they came into the hall, dressed in their Hallowe'en costumes! The Rainbows enjoyed dooking, sticky doughnut catching and finding out the ingredients in the witch's cauldron! We were entertained with jokes and songs the girls had practised for going out guising the following evening.



In the next few weeks, we are looking forward to a Big Cats evening, a Scottish night and our new promise will be made for the first time when our new Rainbows are given their Rainbow badges.

First Thursday

Aileen Buchanan

The group had an excellent turnout for their first meeting when Colin Frost came along to entertain in his own unique style. The musicians from Edinburgh College are firm favourites too and it was great they were able to return so early in the term.

Our next meeting on the 5th December is our Christmas Afternoon Tea - a good start to the festive season. We look forward to seeing everyone there!





The Cloisters

Rodger Thom

The Cloisters opened on Sunday 2 October 1988. This note gives some background to how this came to happen. It all started in October 1984 when the Kirk Session decided to set up a committee to come up with ways in which Carrick Knowe Church could celebrate its Golden Jubilee in 1987. The committee was to be made up of 7 elders and 3 Board members with the Minister, Bill Clinkenbeard a member *ex officio*. In the end, there were a total of 12 including the minister. The committee members elected were

Nan Cochrane (Treasurer)	Betty Ramsay (Elder)
Nancy Ramsay (Board)	Ian Cochrane (Organist)
Bill Morrison (Senior Elder)	Rodger Thom (Session Clerk)
Anne Barry (Deputy Session Clerk)	John Light (Elder)
David Henderson (Property Convenor)	Isobel McClung (Board and Guild)
Bill Clinkenbeard (Minister)	Jim Duncan (past Session Clerk).

The convenor of this committee was Rodger Thom

The committee set out to look at how we might celebrate the Jubilee in November 1987. After much debate it was agreed that the committee would recommend that we build an extension into the Courtyard. The person who put this forward was our Minister. This was taken to all the office bearers for a decision. To say that this was unanimously agreed would be incorrect. Some members were rather sceptical!

Tenders were sought and obtained and planning permission was given. The nominated builder was Charlie Simpson's son in law at a cost of £30,000. This was in fact the final price, the project being on budget and almost on time!

We also managed to get the floodlighting in place by March 1987 courtesy of John Light.

By August 1987, we had reached £20,000 towards our target.

Our fundraising activities were many and varied. They included a big Band Night, the Kevock Choir, dances, strawberry fair, sale of work and organisations concert and a flower show and exhibition of the first 50 years. Our organist, Ian Cochrane also wrote the music for the Golden Jubilee hymn to words by Bill Clinkenbeard.

Much was also raised through the efforts of Betty Ramsay with her chocolate, dusters, hankies etc. She kept many of these under her bed! Not to be forgotten is the tons of waste paper collected and bundled onto a lorry many a Monday morning by a team of men. Many will also remember Bill Laing's tablet which was eagerly sought after!

Finally, most of the money came from members filling Smartie tubes with 20p pieces. One such tube would hold about £12. One could say the Cloisters is built on Smarties!

The opening on 2 October was part of a special service culminating with our then Senior Elder cutting a ribbon and the congregation going through the door linking the Church to the Cloisters for a celebration meal.

Please note that this door was called "The wholly glass door" by David Henderson as we had to put a cross on it to make sure people knew it was there.

A lot of hard work, much fun and all done by a team of volunteers, many of whom worked full time and without mobile phones or emails!

Changes to Gift Aid

Mary Kerr

I now have new gift aid forms to complete for HMRC which require details of Donor's address (house number and postcode) as well as name.

Recently, I sent out new gift aid forms to those of you who have a different address from the original form completed. I asked that you complete the new form and return it to me. Until I receive it back I cannot claim gift aid on any donations you make to our church. Please return the form I sent as soon as you can either to me c/o the church or to my home address which is in the year book.

Also, to anyone who no longer pays income tax or does not pay as much as I can claim which is a quarter of your donation, I need a letter to rescind the gift aid form.

You can see the importance of advising me of any changes including a change of surname. I don't know if HMRC will check their records to confirm that those of you who give using gift aid pay income tax, but I would not like to claim and they come back to me saying our church is not entitled to gift aid on your donation. It would be a bit embarrassing.

The amount which Carrick Knowe Church received in gift aid last year was £8000 and our church cannot afford to miss out on any money which it can get without cost to us.

Thank you for continuing to give using gift aid and if there are any others who pay income tax and would like Carrick Knowe Church to receive extra via gift aid, please get in touch.



Christmas Services



Sunday 1st December	11.00am	Gift Service
Sunday 8th December	11.00am	Worship
Sunday 15th December	11.00am	Lessons & Carols
Thursday 19th December		Carrick Knowe Primary School Christmas Service
Sunday 22nd December	11.00am	Nativity
Tuesday 24th December	6.30pm	Christingle
	11.15pm	Carol singing
	11.30pm	Watchnight Service
Sunday 29th December	11.00am	Worship
Sunday 5th January	11.00am	Worship in Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend



Advent Appeal



*Our Guild had a very moving talk from the Teenage Cancer Trust, so much so that an impromptu collection for the charity was held on the night.
We are pleased to announce that the beneficiary of our Advent Appeal this year is the Teenage Cancer Trust. We hope you will give generously.*

Over 21 years Teenage Cancer Trust has learnt a lot about what it's like to be a young person with cancer - their unique emotional, physical and practical needs. Because Teenage Cancer Trust understands, they can provide better care, better services and hopefully a more positive outcome for young people.

There's never a good time to get cancer, but for a teenager the timing seems particularly cruel. Young people can get some of the most rare and aggressive forms of cancer. Their rapidly changing bodies can work against them, enabling the cancer to grow faster. The emotional upheaval of adolescence can make a cancer diagnosis even harder to cope with.

Without the work of Teenage Cancer Trust, young people with cancer would be treated alongside children or elderly patients at the end of their lives. Being away from your normal life, friends and environment at such a vulnerable time is the last thing they need.

Teenage Cancer Trust is the only UK charity dedicated to improving the quality of life and chances of survival for the six young people aged between 13 and 24 diagnosed with cancer every day. We know that what they do need is to be treated together, by teenage cancer experts, in an environment tailored for them.

So we develop specialist units within NHS hospitals that do just this. We want every young person with cancer to have access to this specialist support, no matter where they live.

We're dedicated to making it happen, but we need your support to do it.

Thank you so very much.

Angus and I would like to thank all who made the celebration of our silver anniversaries and George (and Mary's) Diamond Anniversary such a lovely occasion. It was very special to have Stewart Smith with us that day, he has been such a big part of my life and that of my family. His presence was a link with Mum and Dad and my roots and Angus' roots in Kilsyth (where Stewart's Father was a minister) and the Iona Community. Being good Scots we know we should never forget where we have come from!

The music, cards, presents but most importantly love and good wishes meant so much to us both. Soon we will have lived in the Manse for longer than any other house in either of our lives. We both feel that it really is our home, one which we enjoy welcoming the Carrick Knowe family into, and this also gives me a chance to say thank you to the congregation for all the renovations which have been undertaken over the past twelve years to make it so.

To our Session Clerks, Anne Yorkston, Aileen Buchanan and the hospitality team, Fiona Buchanan, Shona Lorimer and the Choir for the music and for all involved, thank you so much, we are blessed to be in such a loving community and we look forward to serving you for many years to come.

Fiona and Angus Mathieson



75 Years of Guiding

Aileen Buchanan

Celebrating 75 Years of Guiding at Carrick Knowe



The celebrations are now over, but many of us have been left with some wonderful memories. Our final event was a fundraiser with girls from all present units and their families invited along for a fun evening in the hall - a wonderful atmosphere! It was great to see the girls who won the 'Design a Cake' competition being there to cut the cake which was beautifully decorated by Graeme Allan. At the end of the evening, £400 was raised - A terrific effort!

The week before, one hundred ladies gathered in the hall - present leaders and leaders from the past - as far back as the late 50s. Some had come from England and other parts of Scotland. Many had not seen each other for many years. Margaret Dickson and Mary Patterson were a great help to us in tracking people down.

After the customary photograph, Fiona Buchanan had organised the entertainment. She provided some background music with her friends and had invited some ladies from the Trefoil Guild to do some Traditions of Guiding activities with the Guides who had come along to sing. Mary Patterson then had everyone in stitches as she recalled how different guiding was when she was at Carrick Knowe, including reminiscing on the time as a leader when they had visited Paris only to find out they were staying in a hostel in the red light district! Margaret Winter then spoke of what the future holds for Guiding in Scotland. A celebration cake was cut by four former Guiders - Doris Fraser, Connie Alexander, Rhena Davis and her sister Winnie Brazier.



As you can imagine, once the Afternoon Tea began, there was constant chattering in the hall as everyone caught up with fond memories. All too soon it was time to go. Photographs of the event can be found on the Church Website.

To all the present guiders and friends who have been involved in all the events over the last few months a very big Thank You and Well Done.

Advent Study Group

Fiona Mathieson

This year the Advent Study Group will be meeting on Wednesdays 27th November and the 4th, 11th, 18th December at 7.00pm in the St Anne's, Kaimes Road Halls. We will be discussing "The Advent of Peace: A Gospel Journey to Christmas", by Mary C Grey.

If you are interested in joining in, please sign the list on the Cloisters notice board so that we can order the books in good time. You can also email your interest to the Minister - fiona.mathieson@ukgateway.net.

The cost of the book is in the region of £9 but a discount will be given for a bulk order. If you would like to know more, please contact the Minister.