



## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

On November 10<sup>th</sup> we all went home inspired by Isobel Wilson on how to decorate our homes for Christmas. Isobel, assisted by Anne Fernie, did a variety of floral arrangements. Thank you for the fresh ideas, Isobel and Anne.

### **The Bohemians**

We had a happy evening listening to "The Bohemians" on November 24<sup>th</sup>. A big "thank you" to Sandra Gow for organising the evening. Thanks are also due to the committee for setting up the hall and providing the supper.

### **Guild Week**

The week of 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November was "Guild Week" and the Fellowship members were asked by our minister to organise the service in Church on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Janice Morrison, assisted by Fellowship ladies, led the service. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year the Fellowship has taken part in this special service – can we look forward to November 2009?

### **Carol Service**

Falkirk Presbyterial Council of the Church of Scotland Guild held its annual carol service in Polmont Old Parish Church on Sunday afternoon of the 30<sup>th</sup> November. The guest speaker was Rev. Dr. Graham Duncan from South Africa. Thanks to Sandra Reid for playing the organ and to Margaret Connor for organising the tea and mince pies after the service. It was a very old afternoon so we were all glad of them.

### **Christmas Dinner**

2008 ended with 50 of the Fellowship enjoying a Christmas meal together at the Cladhan Hotel. We finished off the evening singing carols organised by Sandra Reid. Thank you Sandra.

## **Dates for 2009 diary**

**February 9<sup>th</sup>** – our speaker will be telling us about the work of the Leprosy Mission.

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>** – this will be our second fundraising event of the session. "Spectrum" from St Ninian's Craigmailen Church in Linlithgow will be providing a varied programme for us. If you were present at the last evening when Spectrum entertained us, you will this is a night not to be missed!

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** – Marion Thomson will talk to us about "Fire Safety in the Home"

**March 21<sup>st</sup>** – Saturday morning "Daffodil Tea" in the Church Halls

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>** – AGM and Supper

**Everyone is welcome to join us.**

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## **A YEAR IS BORN**

We wish each other happiness as every New Year chimes

And we want it for ourselves, good days and happy times –

But do we make too much of it and is there too much stress –

Laid on the importance of this thing called happiness?

A happy and a bright New Year; the customary phrase!

Happiness is sweet ... but in these grim and troubled days –

May it be a useful year, a year of work well done;

A busy year of goals attained and moral battles won.

It's a strange and holy moment when from belfry towers

The clocks strike out the solemn message of the midnight hours.

A year is born; O pray for wisdom as it comes to birth

To do your share and build God's kingdom here upon the earth.

Anon

*Submitted by Margaret Clark*



### **Some prayers from the children of Kidzone, Powerhouse and Inspire from the Prayer tree**

Dir God

I hope I have a good time at my Grans and it is not that cold. Amen

God

I am looking forward to the Nativity

Please pray for everyone who is alone or ill this Christmas. Please pray for the developing world, for those affected by war, natural disaster and illness. Pray for Barack Obama (and a decrease in global warming).

Dear God

Thank you for making dingoes. (It's such a cool word.) And everything else.

Dear God

I love Cricket. I like rugby. Give my cricket team a hand in the under 13 Cricket cup. Amen

Thank you God for a lovely family  
– 81 friends, 1 brother and 2 sisters.