

# WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

## DECEMBER

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>

Brownies \* 6.00pm - 7.30pm \* Church Hall

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Age Concern Wednesday Club \* 2.00pm \* Church Hall

Girls' Brigade \* 6.00pm - 7.15pm \* Church Hall \*

### Christmas Concert

House Group \* 7.30pm \* Macdonalds' House

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Lunch Bunch \* 11.30m - 1.30pm \* Church Hall

BB Anchor Boys \* 6.00pm - 7.00pm \* Church Hall

BB Junior Section \* 6.45pm - 8.30pm \* Church Hall

History Group \* 7.30pm \* Church \* **A Christmas**

**Carol - Recital by Rev Jerome O'Brien**

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup>

BB Company Section & Seniors\* Ten Pin Bowling \*

**Come Carolling** with Grangemouth Choral Society \*

7.30pm \* Church

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>

**VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS FAYRE** \* 11.00am - 3.00pm \* Church Halls

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> **Second Sunday in Advent**

Choir practice \* 9.30am \* Church

Prayer Meeting \* 10.30am \* Vestry

Morning Service \* 11.00am

Kidzone, Powerhouse & Inspire \* 11.00am \* Church

Crèche \* 11.00am \* Fellowship Room

ACTs \* 12noon \* Fellowship Room

Evening Service \* 7.00pm - 8.00pm \* Church Hall

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

Baby Group \* 1.30pm - 3.00pm \* Church Hall

Fellowship **Christmas Dinner** \* 7.30pm \* Park Hotel

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Choir at Falkirk Blind Club \* 1.00pm - 3.00pm \*

Westfield Stadium, Falkirk

Brownies \* 6.00pm - 7.30pm \* Church Hall

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Age Concern Wednesday Club \* 2.00pm \* Church Hall

Girls' Brigade \* 6.00pm - 7.15pm \* Church Hall

Choir practice \* 7.30pm - 9.00pm \* Church Hall

House Group \* 7.30pm \* Alexanders' House

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

Lunch Bunch \* 11.30m - 1.30pm \* Church Hall

BB Anchor Boy & Junior Section Carol Concert \*

Church Hall \* Tickets from Officers

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

BB Company Section & Seniors\* 6.45pm - 9.30pm \*

Church Hall \* Games Night

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> **Third Sunday in Advent**

Choir practice \* 9.30am \* Church

Prayer Meeting \* 10.30am \* Vestry

Morning Service \* 11.00am

Kidzone, Powerhouse & Inspire \* 11.00am \* Church

Crèche \* 11.00am \* Fellowship Room

ACTs \* 12noon \* Fellowship Room

The Grid \* 6.30pm - 9.00pm \* Church Hall

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Brownies \* 6.00pm - 7.30pm \* Church Hall

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Age Concern Wednesday Club \* 2.00pm \* Church Hall

\* **Christmas Party**

Girls' Brigade \* 6.00pm - 7.15pm \* Church Hall

House Group \* 7.30pm \* Macdonalds' House

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

NO Lunch Bunch

BB Anchor Boys \* 6.00pm - 7.00pm \* Church Hall

BB Junior Section \* 6.45pm - 8.30pm \* Church Hall

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

BB Company Section & Seniors \* 6.45pm - 9.30pm \*

Church Hall

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

Kidzone Christmas Trip

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> **Fourth Sunday in Advent**

NO Choir practice

Prayer Meeting \* 10.30am \* Vestry

Morning Service \* 11.00am \* **'The Nativity'**

NO Crèche

ACTs \* 12noon \* Fellowship Room

Remembering Service \* 3.00pm \* Church

**Christmas Carolling** \* 7.00pm \* Meet at the Hall

\*Last pick-up for BB Christmas post \*

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Eve**

Carol Singing \* 11.00pm \* Church

**Watchnight Service** \* 11.30pm \* Church

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Day**

**Christmas Day Service** \* 10.30am \* Church Hall



**DECEMBER (continued)**

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**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>**

Choir practice \* 10.00am \* Church  
Prayer Meeting \* 10.30am \* Vestry  
Morning Service \* 11.00am  
No Kidzone, Powerhouse, Inspire or Crèche  
ACTs \* 12noon \* Fellowship Room



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**JANUARY**

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**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Choir practice \* 10.00am \* Church  
Prayer Meeting \* 10.30am \* Vestry  
Morning Service \* 11.00am  
No Kidzone, Powerhouse & Inspire  
Crèche \* 11.00am \* Session House  
ACTs \* 12noon \* Fellowship Room  
Evening Service \* 7.00pm - 8.00pm \* Church Hall

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**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>**

Baby Group \* 1.30pm – 3.00pm \* Church Hall

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**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Girls' Brigade \* 6.00pm - 7.15pm \* Church Hall  
House Group \* 7.30pm \* Alexanders' House

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**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Lunch Bunch \* 11.30m - 1.30pm \* Church Hall  
BB Anchor Boys \* 6.00pm - 7.00pm \* Church Hall  
BB Junior Section \* 6.45pm - 8.30pm \* Church Hall

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**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>**

BB Company Section & Seniors \* 6.45pm - 9.30pm \* Church Hall

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**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>**

Choir practice \* 9.30am \* Church  
Prayer Meeting \* 10.30am \* Vestry  
Morning Service \* 11.00am  
Kidzone, Powerhouse & Inspire \* 11.00am \* Church  
Crèche \* 11.00am \* Fellowship Room  
ACTs \* 12noon \* Fellowship Room  
The Grid \* 6.30pm – 9.00pm \* Church Hall

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**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Baby Group \* 1.30pm – 3.00pm \* Church Hall  
The Fellowship \* 7.30pm \* Church Hall \* **Douglas Leitch and Ewen Norton on Africa, Arks and Azungus**

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**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Brownies \* 6.00pm - 7.30pm \* Church Hall

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**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

Age Concern Wednesday Club \* 2.00pm \* Church Hall  
Girls' Brigade \* 6.00pm - 7.15pm \* Church Hall  
House Group \* 7.30pm \* Macdonalds

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**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Lunch Bunch \* 11.30m - 1.30pm \* Church Hall  
BB Anchor Boys \* 6.00pm - 7.00pm \* Church Hall  
BB Junior Section \* 6.45pm - 8.30pm \* Church Hall

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**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Share-a-Craft \* 10.00am – 12noon \* Church Hall  
BB Company Section & Seniors \* 6.45pm - 9.30pm \* Church Hall

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**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Choir practice \* 9.30am \* Church  
Prayer Meeting \* 10.30am \* Vestry  
Morning Service \* 11.00am  
Kidzone, Powerhouse & Inspire \* 11.00am \* Church  
Crèche \* 11.00am \* Fellowship Room  
ACTs \* 12noon \* Fellowship Room  
Deadline for **'Twinspire'** articles

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**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Baby Group \* 1.30pm – 3.00pm \* Church Hall

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**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Brownies \* 6.00pm - 7.30pm \* Church Hall

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**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Age Concern Wednesday Club \* 2.00pm \* Church Hall  
Girls' Brigade \* 6.00pm - 7.15pm \* Church Hall  
House Group \* 7.30pm \* Alexanders' House

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**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Lunch Bunch \* 11.30m - 1.30pm \* Church Hall  
BB Anchor Boys \* 6.00pm - 7.00pm \* Church Hall  
BB Junior Section \* 6.45pm - 8.30pm \* Church Hall

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**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Share-a-Craft \* 10.00am – 12noon \* Church Hall  
BB Company Section & Seniors \* 6.45pm - 9.30pm \* Church Hall

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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Choir practice \* 9.30am \* Church  
Prayer Meeting \* 10.30am \* Vestry  
Morning Service \* 11.00am  
Kidzone, Powerhouse & Inspire \* 11.00am \* Church  
Crèche \* 11.00am \* Fellowship Room  
ACTs \* 12noon \* Fellowship Room  
The Grid \* 7.00pm – 9.30pm \* Church Hall

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**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Baby Group \* 1.30pm – 3.00pm \* Church Hall  
The Fellowship \* 7.30pm \* Church Hall

**JANUARY (continued)**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Brownies \* 6.00pm - 7.30pm \* Church Hall

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

Age Concern Wednesday Club \* 2.00pm \* Church Hall

Girls' Brigade \* 6.00pm - 7.15pm \* Church Hall

House Group \* 7.30pm \* Macdonalds' House

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Lunch Bunch \* 11.30m - 1.30pm \* Church Hall

BB Anchor Boys \* 6.00pm - 7.00pm \* Church Hall

BB Junior Section \* 6.45pm - 8.30pm \* Church Hall

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Share-a-Craft \* 10.00am – 12noon \* Church Hall

BB Company Section & Seniors \* 6.45pm - 9.30pm \* Church Hall

Church Hall

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>**

Choir practice \* 9.30am \* Church

Prayer Meeting \* 10.30am \* Vestry

Morning Service \* 11.00am

Kidzone, Powerhouse & Inspire \* 11.00am \* Church

Crèche \* 11.00am \* Fellowship Room

ACT's \* 12noon \* Fellowship Room

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**On New Year's Day  
and the whole year through,  
I hope the kindness  
you've given to others  
returns many times to you.**

**May hope, love, and warmth  
be in your heart's  
possessing,  
and may the New Year  
bring you and yours  
many blessings**

**Happy New Year!!!**



**THE MONTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

In his "My View", Bill refers to the fact that many think that Christmas should not be celebrated as a Christian festival or 'Holy Day', but merely as a 'holiday'. This poem below, based loosely on the well-known American poem, allegedly penned by Clement Moore – 'Twas the Night before Christmas when all through the house....', is obviously American in origin too, but it gets Bill's point across.

'Twas the month before Christmas  
When all through our land,  
Not a Christian was praying  
Nor taking a stand.

Why the PC Police had taken away  
the reason for Christmas – no-one could say.  
The children were told by their schools not to sing  
about Shepherds and Wise Men and Angels and things.

It might hurt people's feelings, the teachers would say  
December 25th is just a 'Holiday'.  
Yet shoppers were ready with cash, checks and credit  
Pushing folks down to the floor just to get it!

CDs from Madonna, an X BOX, an I-pod,  
Something was changing, something quite odd!  
Retailers promoted cards with cute bears  
No baby in a crib, not even reindeer.

As Targets were hanging their trees upside down  
At Lowe's the word Christmas was nowhere to be found.  
At K-Mart and Staples and Penny's and Sears  
You won't hear the word Christmas; it won't touch your ears

At the top of the Senate, there arose such a clatter  
To eliminate Jesus, in all public matter.  
And we spoke not a word, as they took away our faith  
Forbidden to speak of salvation and grace

The true Gift of Christmas was exchanged and discarded,  
The reason for the season, stopped before it started.  
So as you celebrate 'Winter Break' under your 'Dream Tree'  
Sipping your Starbucks, listen to me:  
Choose your words carefully, choose what you Say:

**Shout MERRY CHRISTMAS! not Happy Holiday.**

**Merry Christmas!**