

Connected



Easter 2025

From the Editor

Welcome to this Easter edition of *Connected*, our quarterly parish magazine!

Finally, after what feels like an eternal period of wintertime, spring has sprung! The gloomy darkness is slowly but surely beginning to lift and the sun has been making an appearance at last, brightening our days and our thoughts with its radiance.

The signs of new life are all around us, lambs in the fields and displays of daffodils on the drive to church. Easter is fast approaching, a time of renewed hope and blessings.

We look forward to welcoming our new minister, Rev Alex McAspurren and his wife, Louise, to the parish. We also give grateful thanks for the years of steadfast service and dedication that we have received from our Locum, David Wilkie and wish him every blessing in the future.

***“Look forward in faith,
all time is in God's hand.
Walk humbly with him
and trust His future plan.
God has wisely led
His people by His power.
Look forward in hope,
He gives us each new hour.”***



Alison

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Message from the Session Clerk

Dear Friends,

So much has happened in the life of Bathgate Parish Church in the last few weeks.

It is so exciting that we are about to enter a new chapter with the beginning of the ministry of Rev Alex McAspurren. We pray that he will lead us forward in our ministry to the people of our parish and beyond.

We have been richly blessed in the dedication, service and hard work of our locum, David Wilkie.

I am in a position to know, more than most, how faithfully we have been served by David in the past 5 years.

He has developed a significant following online and has kept the congregation 'afloat' after such a long vacancy.

We wish him well in whatever the future holds for him.

Please support Alex in coming to his Induction on Monday the 5th May at 7pm.

Anne E Noble

Session Clerk

Locum's Easter Message

Firstly congratulations on you folks finding a new minister to lead you forward on your Christian journeys.

God is faithful and answers our prayers.

For me, I have had another run of funerals and it has been an honour to lead these services and bring comfort to the bereaved.

I know in my heart, as I conduct each and every service, because of Easter and Jesus' resurrection, death is not the end but a new beginning, a new life in the Heavenly Kingdom for those who have left this world.

It gives me great comfort knowing that it is God's will that all of His creation will find this peace through the gift of His son Jesus and Jesus' obedience to the end and His death on the cross for the sins of the world.

For you and I to be reconciled to God, our Heavenly Father, Jesus, God's own son made the supreme sacrifice of dying for all sinners, once and for all.

Through God's love we sinners received peace with Him, not through anything we did to gain it. Through God's grace we did not receive the punishment due to us for our sinful nature.

It was through His love and His promise never to leave us nor forsake us.

On Sunday past I was sharing with the youngsters and the young at heart that I had seen my first lamb for 2025 on the 2nd March in a field off Drumcross Road.

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Locum's Easter Message Continued

I also shared that there are many references in God's word contained in our bibles about lambs, sheep and shepherds.

Was it not to lowly shepherds that the angel Gabriel first announced the coming of Jesus, as a baby in Bethlehem? This baby was the Saviour of the world, the Promised Messiah.

And in John's Gospel Chapter 1 v 29 we read '***...the next day, John (the Baptist) saw Jesus coming to him, and said, 'There is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'***'

With no Easter, death would be the end, but with Easter and Jesus' resurrection, death has lost its sting, the devil is conquered and we can look forward to eternal life in the Kingdom.

Because He lives, we can face tomorrow.

Share this simple message of love, hope, joy and peace with those you love that they might come to know Jesus in their hearts and have the assurance of eternal life with Jesus.

Happy Easter

David Wilkie (Locum)



Coffee Morning Reflections

we are each other's

harvest:

we are each other's

business:

we are each other's

magnitude and bond.

from 'Paul Robeson' by Gwendolyn Brooks

In this anxious world, we have more need than ever for strong, active communities; communities which are rich in offerings of care and support for their members and sustained by shared beliefs and values. And then, I think, there is value in these communities opening their doors to others, who may be unaware of the warm welcome they will receive if they accept the invitation.

On a lovely spring Saturday, I experienced this for myself, when I dropped in to Bathgate Parish Church's coffee morning. My dear mum, Liz, who for years has been supplying the coffee morning with her fine home baking, had suggested I come by. Enticed by the promise of coffee, cake and books (three of the best things in life, in my opinion), I decided it was time to give it a try.

At 10.30, the hall was already busy with groups; families, friends and volunteers clustered around the long tables, chatting, eating and laughing. The noise was gentle but lively, the odd laugh or happy greeting rising above the hum of conversation. I sat with Mum to drink some very good coffee and eat a plate of delicious homemade treats.

As we sat chatting, politely interrupted by members of the church saying hello to us, I realised the energy in the hall was relaxed and comfortable.

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Coffee Morning Reflections Continued

Although I'm not a member of this church, I felt at ease. It got me thinking about how being in the presence of a community calls forth an echo in the bone, a very human instinct to be held within the safety of a collective. The experience of community responds to a deep need that we all have to belong, to be accepted and valued for our contributions and gifts, and to be supported along our journey through life.

Community is a different kind of family - one that extends beyond blood and is created and built by the work of its people. The kinship in that hall was almost tangible, and I was cheered by it. It was also nice to meet so many of the ladies (and gentlemen) of my mum's 'church family' (some of whom remembered me as a wee girl – I admit, they have much better memories than I do!).

I left after an hour thinking how uplifting it is to spend time in such a welcoming social environment. Coffee mornings like this one are evidence of the value that smaller communities like a parish church can offer to the larger communities that they exist within. It made me appreciate the simple power of shared food, drink and conversation to brighten the week for everyone. I also think it's commendable how much time, effort and commitment are poured into this monthly event by members of the church, all of whom I'm sure have busy lives to manage as well. Further evidence of the power of a true community to hold steady as life moves on around us all.

So yes, I enjoyed my visit - and the reflections it generated. And the coffee was truly excellent!

(Oh, and I came away with ten books from the second-hand bookstall, bought for the grand total of five pounds. A real bargain!)



Susan Orr

Locum's Farewell

Well folks, the time has come for me to move on, to what, I don't know yet, I will continue to pray for guidance.

I am sorry to be leaving you, but glad that you have your minister coming shortly and I pray for his time with you.

I came to you folks during Lockdown and I was still Locum at Breich Valley Church.

My time with you has seen its challenges with COVID, services in the church hall and frequent meetings with the deployment group leading to the union of St John's Parish Church with Bathgate High Church to create the new fellowship of Bathgate Parish Church.

I am grateful for the support I have received from the congregation, especially from Jean our Church Officer, Alison our organist, our band, the choir, readers of the scriptures and folks at the door, Sunday by Sunday, to warmly greet you on arrival. Many more folks, too many to mention, have made my stay pleasant.

It was lovely to see children in the church, Sunday by Sunday, and the Sunday School.

Conducting funerals has taken up a big part of my time but I feel strengthened and pleased that I have been with families at these difficult times to bring them comfort and hope.

Sadly, pastoral visits suffered as my time was swallowed up elsewhere, but I have enjoyed a good chat with you in your homes.

COVID and its aftermath has brought loneliness and folks are more careful of casual visitors, fearful of infection being brought into their homes. ***Continued...***

Locum's Farewell Continued

I will treasure the many, many happy memories with you and I will try to keep in touch.

I ask that you folks pray for me and my future, for what God's has planned for me.

God bless and love to you all,

David Wilkie

Locum

LOOK BACK AND
thank God
LOOK FORWARD AND
trust God

Holy Week Services

United Services will be taking place throughout Holy Week as follows:

Palm Sunday 13th April

Centrepoint Church **10:30am** in Simpson Primary School

Bathgate Parish Church **11:00am** and **6:30pm**

St Columba's **11:15am** Eucharist with reading of the Passion narrative

Tuesday 15th April

St Columba's **6:30pm** Choral evensong

Maundy Thursday 17th April

Boghall Church **7:00pm** Holy Communion led by the Rev Dawn Westwood

Good Friday 18th April

St Columba's **2:00pm** Good Friday service. Stations of the Cross.

EU/URC Church **7:00pm** led by the Rev Jan Adamson

Saturday 19th April

St Columba's **8:00pm** Easter Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter

Easter Sunday 20th April

Centrepoint Church **10:30am** in Simpson Primary School

Bathgate Parish Church **11:00am**

Boghall Church **10:30am** led by the Rev Dawn Westwood

EU/URC Church **11:00am** Celebration of Holy Communion led by the Rev Jan Adamson

St Columba's **11:15am** Sung Eucharist



Manse Update

As you will be aware, we started to work on various repairs following the property being rented out for the past 2/3 years but unfortunately, we had a burst pipe at the cold water storage tank and 60 gallons of water came down through the upstairs ceilings, over carpets and continued down through the downstairs ceilings again, covering carpets and soaking the plasterboard walls.

Unfortunately, as the house was unoccupied at that time, we were not covered by our Church of Scotland insurance policies.

We had already appointed Warrington Property Maintenance to carry out the repairs necessary after the period of rental and they very quickly took on board all the extra work following the burst water pipe, in fact they were on site the very next morning.

They stripped out all the damaged plasterboard ceilings, walls, carpets and insulation, repaired the burst water pipe and have been working non-stop since replacing all the damaged areas, including the list of original repairs.

Now we are at the stage of having the whole property repainted and new carpets will follow, all in time for our new minister and his wife to take up residence.

Obviously, this has meant a huge expense to the Church and if you are able to give a donation to the fabric fund it would be greatly appreciated.

Dave Robertson

Property Convener

Finance and Property Report

The annual report and accounts for 2024 have been approved by the independent examiner and by the Session at their meeting on 20 March 2025. They will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Stated meeting on 25 May 2025. The accounts show a year end deficit of - £38,665.

A fabric fund appeal was launched on 1 December 2024. The total sum raised so far is £7,350, including an estimate of the amount of money which will be received from HMRC in gift aid on the donations. It also includes a legacy of £2,879 from Kathleen Sutherland, a former member of St John's Church and a great supporter.

The tenant vacated the St John's manse on 12 December 2024. Rent arrears have been reduced to £1,092, after the deposit was deducted. Work has also been done to clean the manse and tidy the garden in preparation for the sale. We are seeking a contribution from the former tenant towards the cost of this work.

The St. John's church and Tryst Hall were valued on 2 October 2024 at £295,000. A home report was received for the St. John's manse on 10 March 2025. The manse has been valued at £400,000. The St John's Church and hall, and the manse and Tryst Hall, are to be advertised for sale as one or two lots. The Property Group and Session have agreed that the Tryst Hall should be offered for sale along with the manse, instead of with the church, if the property is sold in two lots.

Crawford, Ian, Jean and Dave

Finance Team and Property Convenor

Girls' Brigade Report

In January our company hosted the Junior Division event "Girls Night in with Pizza" which was a very successful evening with 70 girls attending. The girls enjoyed a range of activities including indoor archery, nail painting and biscuit decorating. A great night was had by all.

All sections have been working towards the division spiritual quiz. This year the topic is Noah. The girls have enjoyed building arks and collages have been produced by each section.

Our annual coffee morning was held on the 1st March and raised the fabulous amount of £1550 for company funds. A huge thank you to all who supported this event. This helps towards capitation fees, which amounted to over £1600 this year. We will also be able to subsidize enrolment fees next year.

Brigaders have created a "Girls Helping Girls" initiative as part of their Spiritual and Educational badge work this session. This is explained in the leaflet (**[please view on the church website: bathgateparish.com](http://bathgateparish.com)**). Any donations will be gratefully received, please pass on to Adele or Hazel.

The company awards evening will be held on the 14th May and more details will be given nearer the time.

Hazel Gallacher



Foodbank Spring 2025

March, nearly April, and Easter already! Is it time, do you think, to stop offering soup packs to our clients at the Foodbank? These packs have proven to be very popular, with a few customers trying, successfully, to make lentil soup for the first time. There is one lady who makes soup all the year round. She is not fond of vegetables and sees a bowl of soup as a way of getting her 5-a-day.

NEWS - In January the volunteer teams made the decision to give every customer a letter reminding them of the following:

- The type of behaviour we expect from them towards the volunteers and each other. This was after a couple of minor incidents before Christmas and it seems to have helped.
- The Foodbank is there to help supplement the food in their cupboard and not a weekly shop. We are also limited in choice.
- The fact that after being registered with us for 2 years they will be asked to visit the Foodbank less frequently, every fortnight at the most. We get new customers almost every week so we try to share what we have, fairly.

We continue to receive generous and regular donations of money and groceries from our own congregation. Thank you for that – we really appreciate it. St Mary’s church and the E.U. church also deliver bags of food to us regularly, which we are grateful for. We had another monetary donation from the Train Drivers’ Union recently. This allows us to top up the shelves in our store cupboard. Scotmid also continues to give us bread rolls every week – collected and bagged by Janet. All the customers like these.

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Foodbank Spring 2025 Continued

The Foodbank will be closed on Tuesday 8th April as that is Thrift Shop week and the large hall and kitchen will be used during that time. Our customers have been told of the great bargains in clothes, shoes and homeware they could get there.

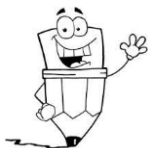
Thank you for your continuing support and prayers for the Foodbank.

Christine Robertson

Bessie's Quote

My therapist told me that the way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what I start.

So far today, I have finished a cheese pizza and two bags of crisps! I feel better already!



Thrift Shop

The Kirk Session has agreed that the Spring and Autumn Thrift Shops should continue to operate, with the next one being held in the Large Hall at the following dates and times.

OPENING TIMES:

MONDAY 7th APRIL - FRIDAY 11th APRIL 10.00 am - 3.00 pm

SATURDAY 12th APRIL 10.00 am – 12.00 Noon.

We intend to set up on SUNDAY 6th from 1.30 pm and clear up, following the close of business, on SATURDAY 11th APRIL.

We would obviously benefit from assistance in setting up and clearing up and for members to staff the shop throughout the week.

If you are available and willing to help, or require more details, please get in touch with Jean Logie.

Also if you have items you wish to donate, again please contact Jean Logie to make arrangements for these to be delivered to the church or uplifted.

Jean Logie

Tel: 077100 57034

Dancing

The country dancing has sadly dropped in numbers so I thought I would let you know that we have changed our routine as there were not enough people to do sets of dancing.

We now maybe do a country dance in the first part and one at the end, but we have put in a few well-known ceilidh dances which I am sure more people are familiar with – the St Bernard's Waltz and the Gay Gordons. But, if that does not appeal to you either, you can simply come along to enjoy the music and have a break with us for tea/coffee, biscuits and a good laugh and chat!

If you are looking for a place to meet company or just listen to the music on a Tuesday afternoon, meet us in the Lesser Hall between 1:00 and 2:30pm. You will be made most welcome.

Dancing starts back on 2nd September.

Agnes Ferris



Bathgate Churches Together

It is a while now since Christmas of 2024, but it was encouraging that in the period during Advent, and on Christmas Eve, the services held on Sunday evenings in various churches were well supported. All were welcome.

In January this year we held three services during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (thankfully the weather was not too bad). The theme this year was, "Do you believe this?" taken from the passage from John 11: 17-26 and recalling the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. Common threads throughout each service were saying together the words of the Nicene Creed and the lighting of candles. Each service was slightly different, but it was good to worship together.

On March 7th, the World Day of Prayer service was held in Bathgate Parish Church using the material prepared by the Christian women of the Cook Islands. The theme they had chosen was 'fearfully and wonderfully made,' taken from Psalm 139. There was involvement from the different churches. It would have been good to see more coming to the service, but, again, it was the worship and being together that mattered.

Now the Lenten groups are underway at St. Columba's Episcopal church and Boghall Parish Church with a good number attending both.

Our next meeting will have taken place by the time 'Connected' is compiled. We will be looking ahead to the Holy week services (details elsewhere in the magazine) and then Christian Aid Week (11-17th May) celebrating the 80th Anniversary. Details of a united CA service will be intimated in due course. There will be a BCT Coffee Morning in St Mary's RC Church on Saturday 13th September for CA. Janet Purdie has kindly agreed to raise funds for CA by taking part in the Kilt Walk in Edinburgh on Sunday 14th September.

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Bathgate Churches Together Continued

There will be an update on [a] the situation and welfare of the asylum seekers in the Cairn Hotel, [b] the maintenance of the planter in the precinct, maintained by BCT and [c] the display of Historical Bibles in the Partnership Centre.

Our spirits are uplifted by the arrival of new ministers to Boghall Church (Rev. Dawn Westwood) and BPC (Rev. Alexander McAspurren).

May the Lord (and all of us) bless and encourage them in their ministry and may we all look forward in faith, united as we pray for, help and support one another in the work of reaching out into the community and beyond.

MP 541: One shall tell another, and he shall tell his friends, husbands, wives and children shall come following on. From house to house in families shall more be gathered in, and lights will shine in every street, so warm and welcoming----. Come on in and taste the new wine, the wine of the Kingdom of God.

BCT - Bathgate Churches Together

CA - Christian Aid

BPC - Bathgate Parish Church

Liz Orr



The Flower Committee

It is scary how time flies. It seems no time since we were packing away the Christmas decorations and here we are in the period of Lent fast approaching Easter.

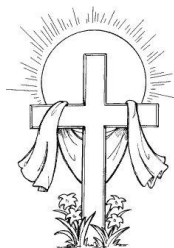
The second part of the Flower Calendar will be appearing in the vestibule shortly for those kind people who so generously continue to supply flowers for church use. Keep a sharp lookout if you have a special date in mind before it is snapped up!

The whole of January is now a distant blur when many were housebound or working from home. We even had to abandon arranging and delivering flowers a couple of times when it was deemed too dangerous to venture out in such icy conditions. Fortunately, this does not happen very often.

Never mind, Spring is on its way, as gardens burst into colour with Spring bulbs, birds sweetly singing and lambs frolicking in the fields – all signs of new life! The wonder of God’s creation is especially visible in the Springtime as we are surrounded by the beauty of nature. “The rebirth of Spring following the dark days of Winter” – is this not the message of Easter? New life in Christ, our Risen Saviour, who died for us on the cross.

Easter Blessings to one and all to share around.

Beth Anderson



The Guild

We are quite far into the last session of the Guild but still have a few speakers to hear yet.

We have enjoyed the first half and I am pleased to say that our numbers are staying up, so if you are free on Wednesday afternoons between 1:30 and 3:00pm, you will be made most welcome.

Agnes Ferris

The Friendship Book

*The year is passing quickly by,
The days all come and go,
And what the months ahead will bring,
Lord, only You can know.
We thank You for companionship,
The laughter and the joy,
The gift of knowledge and of faith
Which nothing can destroy.*

*We ask for peace across the world,
With hope to light each day,
New tolerance for all mankind,
Lord, help us find the way.
We count our blessings many times
And all Your gifts we see,
Remind us, Lord, throughout the year,
The best is yet to be.*

Iris Hesselden

Submitted by Beth Anderson

Children's Corner

Hello again to anyone who looks at these pages, essentially for the children, but there you go - we are all children after all.

I've been counting up and when you read this there will only be about 2 weeks till your Easter Holidays!



Today we are going to concentrate on **EASTER** – and no, Easter isn't all about chocolate!

Bible Verse: '*One man ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink*' (Mark 15, verse 36a)



Instead our topic for April is VINEGAR! Well what has vinegar got to do with Easter? Surely it is something we put on our chips to make them taste extra good.



BUT...

The word vinegar means sour wine and it can be produced from apples, barley, sugar, rice and of course grapes too. It is kept for some months in large storage vessels till it obtains the correct flavour. Vinegar can be used for lots of things – pickled onions and eggs, keeping fish fresh, helping to keep meat tender and of course making our fish and chips taste D-E-L-I-C-I-O-U-S! As well as these, in ancient days, a Greek called Hippocrates realised it could also be used as a medicine.



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Children's Corner Continued

I hope you've learned a bit about vinegar but so far these facts have little to do with this month's Bible verse.

When Jesus was dying on the cross, he was offered 'WINE VINEGAR'. In those days it was a normal drink and quite cheap to buy, so lots of people drank it. In fact Roman soldiers were given some as part of their daily food ration.



We read in the Bible that even when dying on the cross Jesus showed that as well as being God's son, he was also a real man.

He felt all the pain and sorrow caused by hanging on the cross with few friends nearby but he suffered all this gladly so that you and I might be saved.

I'm going to finish this part of the Easter story here, but we know that is **NOT** the end of the story!



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Children's Corner Continued

THINGS TO DO

1. Colour this picture and solve the puzzles. Bring this sheet with you on Easter Sunday for a treat! (Adults there will be an age limit on this!)



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Children's Corner Continued

THINGS TO DO

2. Can you find 4 different kinds of VINEGAR in the Supermarket?

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3. Solve the puzzle

Find a three word answer from these letters that gives us the good news of Easter

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Elan Simpson

A View from the Pew – The Wish Tree



“Even to your old age, I am He, and even to grey hairs I will carry you!

I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and I will deliver you.”

Isaiah 46:4 (NKJV)

I have the privilege of gaining a position as a wellbeing coordinator at a care home for elderly and younger people who are, in some circumstances, facing the challenges of dementia. (hence the reason of not being physically present at the church, as I may be doing activities in the care home on some Sundays, fortunately I will be able to view the Facebook recordings of church services.) And I continue to do my daily Bible reading, following the one year reading plan at the back of my Bible.

Witnessing the love, commitment and tender care shared by all staff towards residents is truly a blessing. All staff provide respect and dignity by showing to residents that we, as staff, have been given the permission to collaborate with residents in the home of their choosing.

I have learned how, no matter our age, abilities, and disabilities we can learn from our platinum life experiences.

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A View from the Pew Continued

We have football supporters, knitters and the ladies who love a perm and getting their nails done. When the nursery children visit, the residents positively glow when playing with the children.

The Care Home has provided a Wish Tree where residents can write their wish. One of the wishes is that a resident wants to visit a nice church. We contacted St Columba's Episcopal Church, Bathgate and have agreed to visit the Church regularly on Wednesdays where a said Eucharist service, with hymns, is held every Wednesday at 10:30am in the church. This is a more informal service which lasts for around 30 minutes and is also followed by coffee/tea.

We are looking to arrange weekly visits from other churches to the Home on agreed dates and times that fit around residents' needs.

This **gives opportunities to serve your community**: Service is one of the tenets of the church. We are called to be witnesses of Christ and that includes helping those around us. The church allows us to be in a community serving our community. ***"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." (1 Peter 4:10, NKJV)***

I hope to be a link with Churches such as Bathgate Parish Church and our Care Home to aid in providing spiritual wellbeing for our fantastic Home whether that be by providing a small Bible reading or a simple chat.

Did You Know

Research has shown 'attending church is the key to good mental health' stated LSE epidemiologist Dr Mauricio Avendano who said that the only activity associated with sustained happiness was attending a church, synagogue or mosque. ***Continued...***

A View from the Pew Continued

“The church plays an important social role in keeping depression at bay and also as a coping mechanism during periods of illness in later life. It is not clear to us how much this is about religion per se, or whether it may be about the sense of belonging and not being socially isolated,” he said.

I would suggest the answer may be Jesus and the teachings of the Holy Trinity.

I look forward to the privilege of being part of a team that can create links between churches and residents.

Proverbs 16:31 – “The silver-haired is a crown of glory, if it is found in the way of righteousness” (NKJV)

Isabel Hutton

A stylized graphic with the text "GOD + is LOVE". The words "GOD" and "LOVE" are in large, bold, white, block letters with black outlines. A large white cross with a black outline is positioned to the right of "GOD" and above "LOVE". The word "is" is in a smaller, white, lowercase font with a black outline, positioned between "GOD" and "LOVE".

River Kids – Thanks

Grateful thanks for all the gifts that were given by Bathgate Parish Church for our Christmas appeal.

River Kids work throughout the year providing clothing, furniture and household items to the most disadvantaged children in West Lothian. Many of these families are victims of domestic and sexual abuse, homelessness and neglect. We also provide funding to the most disadvantaged schools to allow them to fund school trips, sensory rooms, snack clubs and outdoor education sessions. It is great that you have recognised the importance of our Christmas campaign and I would appreciate if you could share this message to all who have done so much to help.

(Thank you to Shona for the photo).



Netta Armstrong

Note of Thanks

Many thanks to the Flower Committee for the lovely arrangement we received on the occasion of our Golden Wedding. Thanks also to Janet who delivered the arrangement and had a chat with us. This was really appreciated. Thanks again.

Kind Regards

Alison & Ian Kerr



I must say a very huge and belated thank you to everyone for cards, prayers, flowers and good wishes when I came home from hospital. It was really appreciated and made me realise how much I missed everyone. I am getting back to nearly 'normal' now but am so much slower at moving.

Once again, thank you all so very much.

Agnes Ferris



