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Rev Iain MacLeod - Who Am I?

I was ordained as an Ordained Local Minister (OLM) in 2012 to a post at Renfield St. Stephens, after having done a twelve month probationary placement there, and I remained there for five years.

Since then I have been in two locum placements, at Clincarthill Parish Church over at Hampden, and at Baillieston St. Andrews in the East End of Glasgow. It was my involvement as a locum however that influenced my decision to move from OLM to full time ministry, so for the last fifteen months I have been completing a probationary placement at Cadder Church in Bishopbriggs, and I am currently exploring a couple of opportunities up North as I seek to determine God's will for my future ministry.

My background is in financial services and for a time I ran my own sales and marketing consultancy. Up until the end of July 2018 I was a Director of Human Resources at The Faith Mission, a Christian missionary organisation working in the rural areas of Great Britain and Ireland. It may be better known to you for its chain of twenty bookshops in Scotland and Northern Ireland, as the one in Bothwell Street in Glasgow, was formally a Wesley Owen bookshop. It has a Bible College which trains students for evangelistic ministry and employs over one hundred and twenty staff and around seventy rural evangelists. I am married to Mary, who incidentally is the manager of the FM Bookshop on Bothwell Street, and we live just up the road from the church in Jordanhill. We have no children, but we have a cat that adopted us as a stray a number of years ago and he continues to eat us out of house and home!

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I was brought up in Clydebank, my father worked in Singers, the sewing machine manufacturer. He and my mother both came from the Village of Ness on the Isle of Lewis, in the Outer Hebrides. A few years ago we refurbished the old family home in Ness and we spend most of our holidays there.

Over the next few months I will be working with you as your Interim Moderator and Locum and I look forward to getting to know you all. I am not so good with names so I may need to keep asking for yours until I get more familiar with everyone.

I look forward to journeying with you over the next few months and I pray for God's richest blessing on you all.

Iain.

Dates For Your Diary



Knightswood Fellowship of Churches

Joint Sunday Evening Services 2019/20.
All services at 6:30pm - All invited!

2019

December 1st at St Margaret's.

2020

January 19th	Knightswood Baptist
March 1st	Corpus Christi
April 5th	Temple Anniesland
May 31st	St David's Knightswood

A Prayer for Christmas

We live in a world of darkness and often despair. Our hope is renewed when we begin our journey towards that lowly stable...Heavenly Father we glimpse your Son, the Holy Child, lying in the manger being cared for by his mother Mary, and Joseph. We thank you for sending your Son into this world, experiencing all the things we do. This baby grew to become a young man who knew the love and joy of a family and the sorrow of losing a friend.

Lord God as we turn our minds towards Christmas, let us put you at the centre of our celebrations. Remind us of the real reason why we celebrate. During His life, Jesus would heal many people and would teach so many valuable lessons to the people. His greatest gift to us all was the sacrifice of His life. He died so that our sins could be washed away and rose again giving us the promise of life eternal.

As we enjoy the excitement of Christmas, Lord God remind us that it is only because of your Son's birth, life, death and resurrection that we have cause to rejoice.

During the Advent season let us go out as joyful examples and share your amazing news with all of your people, so that they might come to know you better and love you more.

Amen



Ways & Means

On behalf of myself and the Committee, I would like to thank everyone for their support over the last year.

During the summer we decided to change the Wednesday afternoons by supporting some charities:

July: Afternoon tea - Heart Foundation.

August: Afternoon tea - CrossReach (a part of The Church of Scotland charity).

Sept: Afternoon tea - Macmillan Cancer.

They were all very well supported.

Our next event is "***The Christmas Market***", which will take place on:

Saturday 23rd November, 10am - 12 noon.

More information is detailed in the magazine.

*As this is our main **Fund Raiser**, please come along and support and enjoy the friendship over a cup of tea / coffee and cakes.*



Janet Hall

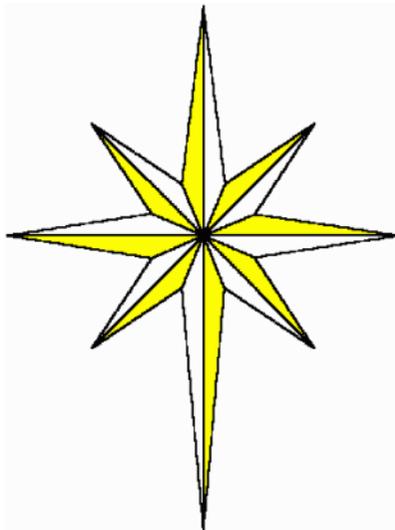
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Christmas Services

Sunday December 15th at 6:30pm in St Margaret's - (joint) Carol Service with our friends from St Ninian's.

Sunday December 22nd at 11am - Family Service

Tuesday December 24th at 11:30pm - Watchnight Service.



Choir Practice

Choir practices have now resumed after the summer break and anyone interested in contributing to the music in Church will be made most welcome on a Thursday evening at 7:15pm in the Choir Room. Please do come along as it is not all hard work and we laugh a lot and do much socialising! You do not need to read music as you will learn from those around you. Also, it has been proved that singing is very good for your health, both mental and physical!

Christine Furnish



Choir Coffee Morning

This year the Choir Christmas Coffee Morning takes place on Saturday 14th December, 10:00am to 12:00 noon. As in previous years there will be hot mince pies and ginger wine (non-alcoholic), cakes, tea and coffee. There will also be a Christmas present stall, a home baking stall and of course carol singing for all to enjoy. Tickets will be on sale nearer the date and we do hope you will come and join us at this Christmas occasion.

Christine Furnish



Sunday School

September saw us welcome our young people back to the Sunday School. As you know, Fay retired, and although we miss her lots, we wish her well.

Our session is now well underway.

We gave thanks for God's goodness at Harvest-time and in the changing seasons. We are learning of His love through bible stories, activities, prayers and songs.

We are so grateful to all who supported our Coffee Morning and hope all who were able to come along had a good time.

Christmas is approaching and we will soon be looking forward to celebrating the wonder of the birth of Jesus.

As a treat, the children are attending a local pantomime - oh yes we are!

[Christine Keith](#)



Friendship Café

The Friendship Café takes place every Tuesday, 10:00am to 11:30am, when around thirty to forty people pop in for tea, coffee, toast and a chat. We have special events such as Harvest Tuesday when we contribute to the Blawarthill Food Bank, and in the future we are planning a Hallowe'en party on Tuesday 29th October, a celebration of St. Andrew's Day on 26th November, and Christmas celebrations on 24th December.

To counteract all our eating, armchair aerobic sessions are led by Wilma Macaulay on the first Tuesday of every month. Do come along for a chat and to meet up with friends.

All Welcome!



Flowers:

I would like to thank all those who kindly donate flowers or give generously through the flower fund, and the ladies who see to the delivery of flowers to the sick and bereaved after the Church Service

Aileen Campbell



Glasgow Doors Open Day
16th and 17th Sept 2019

It is always a privilege to be chosen for the Glasgow Doors Open Day event and so many thanks to all who attended or helped in any way. Around forty people visited our Church and their comments were all very complimentary.

Christine Furnish



CHRISTMAS MARKET

ST. MARGARET'S PARISH CHURCH

SATURDAY

23 NOVEMBER 2019

10AM -12NOON



STALLS



Home baking, Christmas Gifts, Jewellery, Preserves, Toys, Candles

Crafts, Books, Pancakes.....And much more!



SANTA



A visit and gift from Santa for the kids.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Tea, Coffee and Cake for everyone

Entry

£3:00 per adult (Incl. Tearoom)

£2:00 per child (Incl. Santa)

Organ Voluntaries for November and December 2019

- November 10th: Nimrod – Elgar
(Remembrance) 'Jupiter' (The Planets) – Holst arr. Oxley
Solemn Melody – Walford Davies arr. West
- November 17th: Autumn 3 - Vivaldi
Air - Mozart
Tuba Tune in D major – CS Lang
- November 24th: Largo – Festing
Traditional Scottish Songs
Flute Tune Hine
- December 1st: Pie Jesu – Faure
(Communion) Es ist ein Ros – Brahms
Chorale Prelude on 'Wachet auf' – Walther
- December 8th: Ave Maria – Gounod
Noel en Duo – Charpentier
Noel with Variations – Balbastre
- December 15th: Carols for quiet stops – Anon.
Prelude on 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' – Phillips
In Dulci Jubilo – arr. Pearsall
- December 22nd: O Holy Night – Adam
O Little One Sweet – harmonised by JS Bach
Christmas Favourites – Anon
- December 29th: Prelude on 'Quem Pastores' – Walcha
'The Shepherds' Farewell' – Berlioz
Postlude on 'Love came down at
Christmas' – Stanford



News From The Homes

Weekly services are still being held at Oakbridge and fortnightly ones at Dundas Court. The numbers attending at both places have grown over the last year. We had a very busy summer fete at Oakbridge and are now looking forward to the Christmas Fayre. A poster will be displayed on the church noticeboard nearer the time. The residents in both places will enjoy some pre-Christmas entertainment and will have parties just before Christmas.

I once more look forward to conducting a joint Christmas service at Oakridge with Father Balmer. If you wish to attend this evening service you will be made most welcome (date tbc).

Our singing has improved greatly since Aileen Campbell joined us as our pianist. She keeps us in tune and has indeed taught us many new tunes.

Residents from Oakbridge regularly attend the Friendship Café on Tuesday mornings and they enjoy the toast and tea, not to mention all the chatter with the folks present.

Please remember the residents and staff of Oakbridge and Dundas Court in your prayers.

Catherine Morrison
Chaplain
Oakbridge Care Home



What's on at St. Margaret's:

Sunday:	11:00am 11:00am	Morning Worship Sunday School
Monday:	6:15pm	Tai Chi
Tuesday:	10:00am 6:30pm 7:30pm	Friendship Café Brownies Jive Dancing Class
Wednesday:	7:00pm 7:00pm	Puppy Training Guides
Thursday:	10am & 6pm 6:30pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Weight Watchers Rainbows Church Choir Rock Choir

We welcome you to join us
for worship
each Sunday at 11:00am

