

# December 2025

St Andrew's Scottish Episcopal Church,  
Milngavie, G62 6PJ

**Regular [& Christmas] services**  
*to which all are welcome*

10am Sundays                      Sung Eucharist  
[Carol Service at 10am on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>]

10am Tuesdays                  Prayer meeting  
Not meeting on Tuesdays 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>

10am Thursdays                Said Eucharist  
[10am Sung Eucharist on Christmas Day]  
[No service on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January]

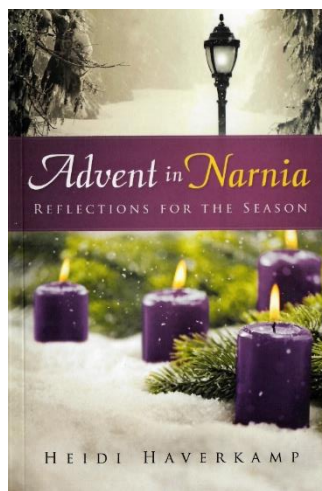


## Poem

### New Beginning.

We are waiting for your coming,  
but you are already here,  
to share each joyful moment,  
to wipe away each tear.  
But we shall still celebrate,  
your arrival here on earth,  
the moment that the Father chose,  
for you to have your birth.  
We shall shout the joyous news,  
with our very loudest voice,  
so that everyone may know,  
of the reason to rejoice.  
And we shall tell them of  
your arrival in that stable bare,  
of the beginning of a new age  
that all on earth may share.  
*Sue Brough.*

## Advent Study Group



All Saints' Bearsden has invited us to join a group which will be following the book "Advent in Narnia".

Meetings will take place at 2pm on Tuesdays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December in All Saints' Hall in Drymen Road Bearsden. All are very welcome.

Andrea has some copies of the book and more can be ordered.

## Ecumenical Advent Service— a Simulcast between Glasgow and Bethlehem

This year will see the fourth such service, a Zoom-like link joining simultaneous services in Glasgow and Bethlehem, organised by Friends of the Holy Land.



It will take place on Saturday 6th December, in Glasgow at 2pm in St Andrew's West Parish Church (formerly known as Renfield St Stephen's Church), 260 Bath Street, Glasgow. The choir of St Aloysius College, Glasgow, will be taking part.

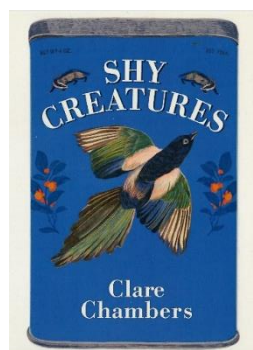
In Bethlehem the service will come from The Lady of the Shepherds' Church in Beit Sahour, traditionally the site of the shepherds' field, about 2km east of the centre of Bethlehem.

After the service refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Lord Provost of Glasgow's Office, marking the twinning link. All are welcome to attend. Registration is not essential but it would help with planning for catering. This can be done via the following website which also gives details of the service.

[www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/Event/glasgow-service2025](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/Event/glasgow-service2025)

*Deirdre Holding*

## Book group



A great attendance at the November meeting discussed Helen's choice of book 'Shy Creatures' by Clare Chambers. We look forward to our next meeting in January. Caroline's choice of book & date will be published in the January Newsletter.

## Dorcas Group Update



At meetings in early and late November beautiful paper flowers were made, and more knitted squares added to make into a blanket. A donation was made to the Disasters Emergency Committee for its work in the Middle East, and to Unicef for its work in Sudan. All are welcome to join the group, even for one session. The next session is on Monday 26th January, as usual at 11.15am in St Andrew's Hall when we will be completing our blanket, and making plans for interesting activities in the New Year.



## Building Repairs

The regulation Fire Alarm System in all St Andrew's linked properties has now been commissioned and upgrading the Emergency Lights has recently started. The newly installed fire door in Friendship House has brought more welcoming natural light into the entrance way.

**Take a look and have a coffee/tea!**

The brick repairs to many of the low boundary walls will now take place early in the New Year when frost is less likely.

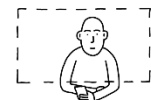
A full electrical test of all hard wiring will be done over the Winter. Next jobs will include guttering. Advice from the General Synod's Net Zero Team will be progressed in the New Year when the various works required by the five-yearly review are completed. One idea is to replace the high level hall heaters with Infra-red devices which have been found to be very effective and economical by other churches such as St Augustine's Dumbarton.

## THE ONLINE MEETING

APPEARANCE



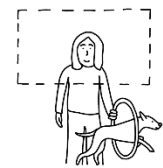
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