



Christmas Services

Parish Church

Christmas Eve at 6pm – a service of lessons and carols

Christmas Day at 10am

SS Peter & Paul RC Church

Christmas Eve at 4.30pm

Sunday Worship

Arrochar Parish Church

Every Sunday at 10am

SS Peter & Paul RC Church

Sunday Service 11.45am. Any changes are posted on the door.

Live streaming of church services

Our services are now streamed live every Sunday at 10am, so if you can't get to church you can still share in our worship as it happens.

<https://arrocharparishchurch.org/streaming.html>

Memory Stars

Sometimes, simultaneously, several people can come up with the same concept.

Around the Millennium, Lynn Nicolson, Karen Campbell and Eileen Kay thought of a way of remembering loved ones at Christmas, a special family time.

They decided that instead of lights, gold stars, bearing the names of loved ones, should hang on the Christmas tree in Arrochar Church, and a small donation for each would provide a boost to church funds.

Many of the stars are hung on behalf of visitors to the community, for example those holidaying in hotels, and this gave rise to a Memory Stars Book.



Memory Stars continued

Often these visitors return every year, but not always at Christmas. By recording the names in a book, visitors can see that their nearest and dearest will always be remembered in our church.

The tradition continues to this day. If you would like a Memory Star on the tree in church please speak to any Elder or email

arrocharchurch@outlook.com

Do you need a lift to church?

If you would like to attend Sunday services (10am) at the Parish Church but find it difficult to get there please contact Alan on 07803 245 584 and he will try to help.

Craft and Chat Circle

We meet every Wednesday from 1pm -2.30pm in the Church Hall. The church is also open to visitors at this time.

Sunday School

Sunday School started again at the end of August, and takes place in the Church Hall during Sunday Worship.

We try to base Sunday School sessions on the Lectionary Readings and activities are varied and tailored to young people.

Here is what they have said about Sunday School:

I like hearing the stories that Jesus told

We do fun things like a blindfolded "Trust and Obey" walk.

Sometimes we make things, draw pictures or do some writing. Last week we wrote a play about Jesus and Zacchaeus.

If your children would like to join us please contact Jamie MacTavish or Rhona Dick or email arrocharchurch@outlook.com

Special services in the church

Weddings

The following weddings were celebrated in our church this Autumn.

22/9 **David Rogers & Deborah Childs**

7/10 **Murray Buchanan & Rachel Ross**

5/11 **Colin Macdonald & Nicola Reid**

Death

Janet Muir Murray

Jenny Murray, who died on 4th November aged 99, was a veteran of WWII having served with the ATS in Egypt.



Very many members of the community, including four generations of her family, came to say 'Goodbye' to Jenny at a service led by Rev. Ian Millar. Jenny lived in Tarbet for over 70 years and had been a member of the church and Guild.

Kirk Session

Dr Grace Rogerson Interim Moderator
Ms Karen Campbell Treasurer

Elders

Mr Alan Nimmo Session Clerk
Mr Jim Kelly Senior Elder
Mr Alistair Campbell
Mrs Irene Cameron
Mrs Anna Carmichael
Mrs Rhona Dick
Mr Barry Dickson
Miss Gill Dunbar
Mrs Mary Haggarty
Mrs Eileen Kay
Mrs Margaret Kelly
Mrs Lorna Nimmo
Mrs Gayle Stead-Kerr
Mr Jamie MacTavish

Thank you

We should like to say a big 'thank you' to **Gerry Facenna, Chairman of Allied Vehicles Group**, for donating our lovely Christmas Trees and lights this year.

Once again, we acknowledge the generosity of the **International Clan MacFarlane Society** for their support enabling us to live-stream our services.

Winter Fair Saturday 19th November

Thank you to everyone who supported our successful, and very enjoyable, Winter Fair this year.



The money raised helps with the cost of maintaining the church fabric.

We also took a table at the Winter Craft Fair at the 3VH.



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Blythswood Shoebox Appeal

The generosity and compassion of local people was in evidence again this year as **63 shoeboxes and bags** were collected to be distributed to people in need at home and abroad.
Thanks to everyone involved.

Three Villages Hall

Weekly

Walk in the Park
Table Tennis
Zumba
Kids' Library
Christian Fellowship
Scouts

Contact the Hall for more information

Monthly

Camera Club
Community Council
Book Club

Coffee mornings...

...will be back on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month from February.

<http://www.threevillageshall.scot/admin@threevillageshall.scot>

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