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Notes for your diary: (Week beginning 1st December 2025)

(All activities in THE CORNERSTONE unless stated otherwise)

Monday 1st December

3.45pm - Junior Singers

Tuesday 2nd December

10.00am - Coffee Stop

Thursday 4th December

1:00pm - Chit Chat

6.00pm - Girls' Brigade

7.30pm - Senior Choir Practice

Sunday 7th December

11.00am – Family Service **in the Church** (Second Sunday in Advent)

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Funeral intimations

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who are mourning at this time.

Sunday Kidz

Children are encouraged to be part of the Morning Worship from 11am in the Church, and they may leave after the second hymn to take part in a creche which will be available for all children in the Extension Hall.

Boys' Brigade

The Boys' Brigade meets on Mondays at 6.30pm.

Open to primary school boys.

Girls' Brigade

The Girls' Brigade meets on Thursdays

P1 – 3	6.30pm
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P4 – 7	7.00pm
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For more information - Email: bishoptongb@gmail.com

Playtime at The Cornerstone

Meets on Mondays from 1.30 until 2.45pm.

Parents/guardians who bring their child /children, will be responsible for the overall care and overseeing their children at play.

Junior Singers

The Junior Singers meets on Mondays in The Cornerstone from 3.45 - 4.45pm. We will be singing Scottish songs, songs from shows, Disney tunes and some choruses and hymns.

The group is open to children of Primary School age and meets during school term time.

New members will be made very welcome.

Walk and Talk Group

The Walk and Talk Group meets in The Cornerstone carpark on Tuesdays at 9.30am.

Coffee Stop

The Coffee Stop meets on Tuesdays, between 10 and 11.30am.

Drop in for tea/coffee and biscuits. Come and go as you please and catch up with friends.

Thursday Chit Chat Group

Meets every Thursday at 1.00pm. December programme

4th – Christmas Crafts

11th – Christmas Worship

18th – Christmas Party

25th – No meeting

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Christmas Lights

It's that time of year again! The switch on of the Christmas lights on the tree outside Bishopton Community Centre will be on Sunday 30 November.

Doors open at 6.15pm for carol singing led by Singing for Wellbeing, hot drinks and mince pies and the lights will be switched on by Bishopton Week's good citizens at 7pm.

Free entry with donations welcome for Erskine Veterans Charity.

Bishopton Christian Aid Group – Christmas Card Delivery

The post boxes for the Christmas card collection will be in situ from Monday, 1st December until Sunday 14th December at 12 noon. The stamped cards will be out for delivery from week beginning 15th December.

Post boxes will be located at:

The Church, The Cornerstone, Our Lady of Lourdes, and

The Co-op Greenock Road, Sainsbury's Dargavel, Woody's Station Road, and

Angie Campbell's Hair and Beauty Greenock Road.

We ask for a minimum donation of 40p per card, the donation placed in an envelope wrapped with the bundle of cards before placing in the post box.

If anyone would like to help with sorting or delivering cards, please contact me on 07971537348.

Thank you. Carolyn Macdonald

Gift Aid

Thank you to all who have returned their Gift Aid declarations. At the time of writing this we have a return rate of around 74%. We are aware that there have been some significant delays with the postal service so if you have still not received a letter from us, or you have just mislaid it, please let me know urgently at alex.mcdonald@bishoptonkirk.org.uk or at 0141 588 2185 and I will supply a new form. Our aim was to have received all the returns by Wednesday 19th November for submission to HMRC by that date. However, we have managed to negotiate a short extension with the Revenue, so please return your form as soon as possible to The Cornerstone, or to the Church on Sunday.

If you no longer are able to, or wish to, contribute through Gift Aid, for whatever reason, will you please let me know as that will allow us to remove your name from our Register. Returning the form with your name and address and having circled the first or third bullet point on the top right hand side is a good way to do this. Gift Aid on offerings makes a significant contribution to the Church finances and being fully aware of the position as we prepare our budgets for 2026 is important to us. Thank you for your support and assistance.

Please note that there is a letter box in the “middle door” (at the Greenock Road side, about two thirds of the way towards the west end emergency exit doors).

Alex Macdonald

Finance Convener

GLASGOW CITY MISSION

Today we launch our Advent appeal in support of Glasgow City Mission. It is a Christian based support organization for homeless, isolated, discarded and addicted people who have nowhere to go and no care or support in their lives.

They provide day support, a comfortable warm environment for individuals and families, feeding 160 people twice a day and giving shelter, warmth and dignity to those in our city who have been thrown down by living rough, thrown out by a non caring society and abandoned by those who should love them. We are suspending our appeal for Chisangano over the winter as we feel this cause (GCM) is one that needs our help now. We therefore would ask for donations over Advent to help those who cannot help themselves in our own society. Thank you.

One World Committee

Renfrewshire Foodbank

As the demand for the Foodbank in Renfrewshire continues to remain high, our Church is pleased to offer support by welcoming donations at The Cornerstone or at the Church service on Sundays.

There is always a need for tinned foods, meat, fish, soup, vegetables, pasta sauce, as well as cereals, biscuits, long life milk, diluting juice. Donations of toiletries, particularly shampoo, shower and shaving items, pet food and chocolate/sweets/crisps are also very much appreciated.

As usual donations can be dropped off at the Church on Sunday or at The Cornerstone when it is open for Chit Chat, Coffee Stop or Services.

YOUNG LIVES vs CANCER - CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The bus to the Concert Hall on Friday 5th December will leave The Cornerstone at 6.00pm PROMPT and the bus stop at the Chemist shortly afterwards.

PLEASE BE THERE ON TIME AS THE BUS WILL NOT WAIT FOR ANYONE

Langbank Parish Church

The Renfrew Burgh Band present a concert of festive favourites at 2.30pm on Sunday, 30th November. Tickets are £5 available at the door.