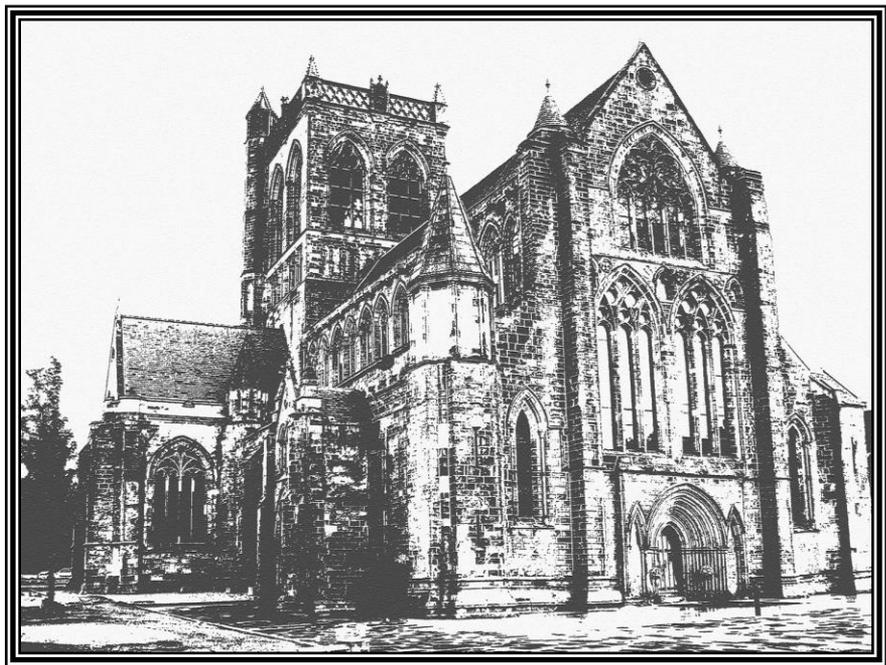


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Dear Friends,

In January every year the Church has as its liturgical guide the great message of the Epiphany that the child in the manger born of Mary was the incarnate Son of God, the manifestation of the love of God in our world and for all our world. The Christian kneeling at the crib does so alongside shepherds and visitors from a far land. Before Christ, all that divides one person from another is broken down. Race, religion, political allegiance, social status, gender, sexual orientation - none of these matter as we kneel together before the Christ child. We are all God's children and, therefore, brothers and sisters of each other. As we enter a new year, as individuals and as a church community may it be our endeavour to break down barriers and affirm the worth and dignity of all. I believe that in the Abbey we are committed to being an inclusive church welcoming and affirming of all. May being that kind of church and that kind of people be our vision and our goal throughout this year.

Among the most scandalous and saddest of divisions are the divisions in the Church: which is why the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is, I believe, so important. The week always runs for 8 days from the 18th to the 25th of January and so the Sunday within the week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year falls on 20 January. On that day Paisley Christians will come together in the Abbey at 3pm for an ecumenical service. As we pray together we shall hopefully grow closer and closer together and manifest to society at large the unity that should be the hallmark of those who acknowledge Jesus to be both the Son of Mary and the incarnate Son of God.

Alan D Birss
Minister at Paisley Abbey

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COME AND SING

**Vivaldi Gloria
and**

**Faure Requiem
with orchestra**

Sunday 27 January 2019

**Directed by
George McPhee**

Further details can be found:

On the Paisley Abbey website: www.paisleyabbey.org.uk

On the application forms on the information table in the church

Email: proutley@talktalk.net

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

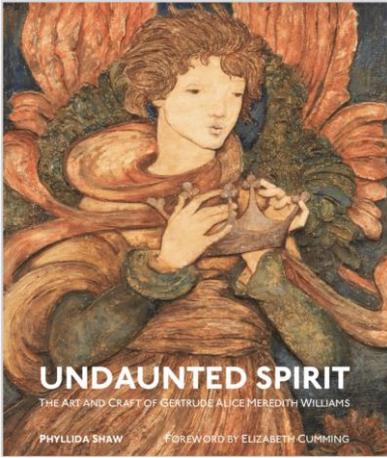
Saturday 19 January	Recital by Alastair Savage and Friends Alastair Savage & Pete Clark (Fiddles), Eddie McGuire (Flute) Ewan Robertson (Whistle), Ewan Drysdale (Guitar/Piano), Iain Crawford (Double Bass)
Sunday 27 January	Burns Lunch Come and Sing –Vivaldi Gloria and Faure Requiem
29th January - 4 February	Holocaust Exhibition in Abbey
Monday 18 February	Family Beetle Drive

PARISH REGISTER –DECEMBER 2018

BAPTISM

9 December	Mya Anne Lamb
9 December	Ayda Michelle Lamb
9 December	Sienna Elizabeth Eunice McCulloch

SHOP NEWS

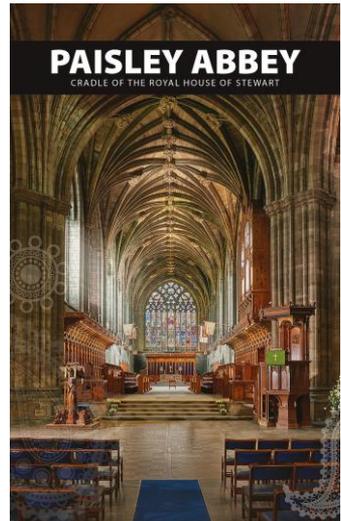


‘When the sculptor Gertrude Alice Meredith Williams died, in 1934, the Scotsman referred to her “undoubted genius”. It was no exaggeration. The humanity and technical skill that characterise her work are there for all to see in her monumental sculpture for the Paisley War Memorial and in the twelve pieces she made for the Scottish National War Memorial, prompting art historian Duncan Macmillan to describe her as the memorial’s “star sculptor” (Scotland’s Shrine, 2014)’ Phyllida Shaw.

Not only did Alice design Paisley’s War Memorial she also designed many of the Abbey’s beautiful carvings including the magnificent angel above the organ. Now Phyllida Shaw has written this fascinating book about Alice’s life. Signed copies are available in the shop at £25.

Another publication that we have for sale in the shop is our new guide book costing just £5.50 (generously sponsored by the Friends of Paisley Abbey.) It is a wonderful publication and makes both a great gift and a fitting memento of a visit to our beautiful Abbey.

Another reminder to all volunteers who have ‘borrowed’ VOLUNTEER badges and not left them in the shop to please do so as we are very short of unnamed ones! Only if you have your



own named badge should badges be removed from the Abbey. If you wish a named badge please see Carol

Thank you to all our volunteers for making 2018 another successful year in the Abbey Shop, to those who help at stalls during our large events, help at concerts held in the Abbey and to all who support us by buying from the shop!

Carol Birss

PRESBYTERY NEWS

World Mission are organising a Study Tour to Israel from 1 – 11 November 2019. The intention is to experience a more serious and engaged look at Israeli life as well as visiting the more famous places of pilgrimage. The closing date for bookings is 30 April 2019.

There will also be a Study Tour specifically for younger people from 31 May – 9 June 2019.

Stamps can be handed in to the office for World Mission to help people in Ukraine.



BURNS LUNCH

On Sunday 27 January we will be holding a Burns Lunch with some entertainment in the Place of Paisley after the morning service.

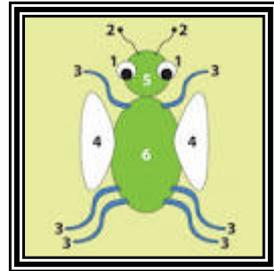
Tickets priced £8 for Adults and £4 for children are on sale in the Cloisters (after the service on Sundays) and in the Abbey Shop.

Do come along and join us

BEEBLE DRIVE

Our next fund raising event will be a family Beetle Drive on Monday 18 February.

This is always a fun evening so do come along and join us.



Tickets will be on sale in the Cloisters on a Sunday and in the Abbey shop soon.

Adults £5 Children £1

Some light refreshments included



ELDERS ON DUTY

JANUARY 2019

Jim MacGregor's Team

FEBRUARY 2019

Marjory Noble's Team

Articles for the February 2019 issue of the Abbey Herald could be emailed to cathycraig73@aol.com or handed into the office as soon as possible but no later than 12.30pm on Sunday 20 January.

FRIENDLY HOUR

The next meeting will be on Thursday 31st January at 2pm. Please come along and join us.

FOODBANK

Many thanks to those who donated Christmas treats
Any non-perishable food is welcome. Also cash donations can be given and receipts are always provided.

The next FoodBank collection will be on Sunday 27 January

CHRISTIAN AID

The total from the Christian Aid retiring collections on 2 and 9 December was £284.79.

Thank you to all who contributed.

SCOUT NOTES

2019 will see young people and leaders from Paisley & District Scouts going to the World Jamboree in North America including a scout, young leader and leader from our own Group. Canada, Mexico and the United States are co-hosting the event and in early December members of the West and South West Scotland Unit visited the Cubs and scouts and gave them a flavour of the jamboree - quite literally as there was quite a bit of cooking and food involved. Hopefully it will have inspired some of our younger members to aim to be part of the next World Jamboree which will be held in South Korea in 2023.

Christmas always sees fun events to round off the term. For the Beavers and Cubs it was a film night and for the Scouts a trip to Soar Braehead for trampolining and Lazer Quest. A great time was had by all.

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts resume for the new term on Friday 11 January 2019.

SENIOR MEMBERS OUTING TO DOBBIES

The Pastoral Committee would like to thank all the willing volunteer drivers who transported our guests to Dobbies on 4 December.

35 of us enjoyed the lavish tea – so lavish that many left with a doggy bag so that they could continue to enjoy the sandwiches and cream cakes once they got home. It was, I think a very happy afternoon and could not have happened without the help of the drivers. Particular thanks to Marion McDougall who made all the transport arrangements and whose organisation was again flawless.

From the guests and from the Pastoral Committee – thank you all.

S.G.C.

Services: 6 January to 3 February 2019

Sunday 6 January – *Epiphany*

11am Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 60. 1-6
Ephesians 3. 1-12
St. Matthew 2. 1-12

Music: St. Anne's Mass *MacMillan*
(setting for congregational singing)
The Three Kings *Cornelius*

Sunday 13 January – *Baptism of Christ*

11am Morning Service

Readings: Isaiah 43. 1-7
Acts 8. 14-17
St Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22

Music Te Deum *Stanford in Bb*
O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit *Tallis*

12.15pm Holy Communion (short service in the St. Mirin Chapel)

Sunday 20 January – *Second Sunday after the Epiphany* *Sunday within the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

11am Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 62. 1-5
St. John 2. 1-11

Music: O quam gloriosum *Vittoria*
The Lamb *Taverner*

3pm Ecumenical Service marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday 27 January – *Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

11am Epiphany Carol Service

Readings: St. Matthew 2. 1-11

The Epiphany - Godfrey Rust

Isaiah 60. 1-6

Journey of the Magi - T S Eliot

Colossians 1. 11-20

Music: Jubilate Deo *Britten in C*

Almighty God, who by the leading of a
star *Bull*

Here is the little door *Howells*

Omnes de Saba *Handl*

Benedicam Domino *Warlock*

12.15pm Holy Communion (short service in the St. Mirin
Chapel)

6.30pm ‘Come & Sing’ performance

Sunday 3 February – *Candlemas*

11am Holy Communion

Readings: Malachi 3. 1-4

St. Luke 2. 22-40

Music St. Anne’s Mass *MacMillan*

(setting for congregational singing)

Senex puerum portabat *Byrd*

Nunc Dimittis *Wood*