



**St Leonard's in the Fields Church Services – 11 a.m. each Sunday**

**Christmas 2024**

Many of us will have joyous memories of going to see little children perform in a Nativity Play. The parts of Mary, Joseph, Angel Gabriel, and the Shepherds, the Inn Keepers, and the Kings would all be allocated, then weeks of rehearsals would follow, leading up to the actual public performances. These performances were always anxious times for the staff, worrying if the children would remember their lines ... or worse still, be struck down with colds or viruses, and understudies would need to step in at the last minute. Remarkably, the most enjoyable and most memorable Nativity Plays, were the ones when something didn't go to plan!

I remember, clearly, one such Nativity Play, when on the evening of the performance, Inn Keeper No.1 nearly sabotaged the whole story. It was clear from rehearsals that he thought he could do a better job than Inn Keeper No.3 (the one who was to offer Mary and Joseph the stable). So, when Joseph knocked at his door and asked if there was any room at his Inn, he boldly ushered them in with a sweep of his arm and a delighted, "Of course there is, come on in". Realising that this was completely off script, the very quick-thinking Mary stepped inside took a quick look around and said in a huge voice, "Have you seen the state this place is in ... there's no way I'm staying here!" The rest of the play went according to plan, but it was Innkeeper No.1 that I will always remember.

I knew him to be a sensible and kind wee boy and his message was clear and simple. He saw an opportunity to reach out and help and he did so without counting the cost. There are opportunities all around us to reach out and help those in need this Christmas, through the Food Bank, Christian Aid, or the Salvation Army, to name but a few.

Here are some thoughts for you to ponder, in the following quotations:

*"He who has not Christmas in his heart, will never find it under a tree." Roy L Smith*

*"Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most." Ruth Carter Stapleton*

May Peace be your gift this Christmas, and your blessing all through the Year.

With love to you and all those you hold dear,

*Beryl Smeaton*

**Special Appeal - A GREAT BIG THANK YOU**

The response to this year's Special Appeal has been superb. To date we have raised £11,795 in cash and pledges. To this we can add approximately £2,000 in Gift Aid.

May I on behalf of Session thank all members who have been able to contribute to this wonderful figure. Session is greatly heartened by this level of support. It gives considerable confidence going into 2025 together.

With best wishes,

*David*

David E Grant, Hon Treasurer

## Songs and Memories at St Leonard's in the Fields - Dementia Friendly Singing Group

All welcome for songs, tea, and biscuits.

### When?

3rd Monday of the month at 2pm - 4pm

### Where?

St Leonards in the Fields Hall James Street,  
Perth PH2 8AG

For more details please contact:

Beryl Smeaton – beryl.s.111@outlook.com or Mary Wright marywright27@gmail.com

## St Leonard's in the Fields

### Christmas Concert 'Yuletide Harmony'

Jambouree Choir is currently rehearsing in St. John's Episcopal Church on Thursdays for the annual Christmas concert 'Yuletide Harmony' which will be held in St. Leonard's at **3pm** on **Saturday 14th December**.

The programme will last around 75 minutes, followed by refreshments in the Hall.

Tickets are available from me on Sunday mornings, or at the door, prior to the Concert. 'Yuletide Harmony' will feature popular Christmas carols and songs, sung by our talented Junior Jambouree and Cabaret Singers.

*Edna Auld*

### Christmas Eve at St Leonard's

At 6pm in St. Leonard's in the Fields on Christmas Eve there will be a Christmas Eve concert. Baby Rowan will be there with his parents, Eleanor and Ali who will be singing with other singers from Jambouree, including Evelina who will be performing solos. Liam Bonthron is home for Christmas and has said he will be there to sing and play some entertaining piano music in the style of my predecessor, John

Scrimger. There will be Christmas readings, carols and Christmas songs for everyone to enjoy singing along. Lyrics will be provided. The Concert will be compèred by Alan Laing.

Sending everyone my very best wishes for Christmas 2024 and health and happiness for 2025.

*Edna Auld*

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

We come together monthly from all denominations, to share a time of fellowship, talents and a cuppa, of course. Small beginnings saw a project to knit squares, which resulted in four blankets being presented to four city centre churches, who were hoping to work together. Shawls continue to be our project, but local needs are also being met. We meet up in our hall the last Saturday of the month from 10am – 12pm.

You are very welcome to join us to knit or crochet, or to learn how to. Our shawls are made to help people to celebrate happy occasions or to offer comfort in sad situations.

If you know of anyone who would like a shawl, please contact Moira Laing on 01738 634588.

### Carol singing

Dobbies Garden Centre has asked us to sing Christmas carols on Saturday 14th December. Half hour sessions start at 11am to 12.30 with afternoon sessions starting at 1.30pm until 3pm.

Please come along for as long or as little as you can. Always an enjoyable event with plenty of coffee breaks. If you would rather not sing, volunteers to hold collection buckets would be much appreciated.

*Marion McMillan*

### Sunday Coffees

Ladies of the Catering Committee unfailingly serve coffee and tea after the Service on Sundays. These refreshments are enjoyed by members of the Congregation giving the opportunity to chat together.

We would like more volunteers to help on Sundays as the Team Leaders are frequently having to double up to help each other. Thank you to those loyal ladies who do help. Please add your name to the list in the kitchen if you are able to join a team on a Sunday of your choice. *Linzee Lindsay*

## **Pulpit Supply at St Leonard's in the Fields December 2024**

- 1st** David Johnston 11am (in the hall)  
**8th** Joint Service at Moncreiffe Church  
10:30am  
**15th** Rev Alasdair Graham 11am (in the hall)  
**19th** Inchview Primary, Christmas Service  
2pm (in the Sanctuary)  
**22nd** Rev Alex Stewart & Friends 11am (in the  
Sanctuary)  
**24th** Family Christmas Carol Concert 6pm (in  
the Sanctuary) retiring collection for TCCL  
**29th** Rev Philip Majcher 11am (in the hall)

## **January 2025**

- 5th** Rev Alasdair Graham 11am (in the hall)  
**12th** David Johnston for the Joint Service at  
St Leonards in the Fields 11am (in the hall)  
**19th** Rev Bob Mallinson 11am (in the hall)  
**26th** Rev Philip Majcher 11am (in the hall)

## **Hall Book Table at St Leonard's in the Fields**

This was set up in June, displaying mainly novels in very good condition. Donations were welcomed and given generously. So far, £213 has been raised for church funds. Popular, up-to-date novels will continue to be received for our table.

Thank you.

*Pat Giles*

## **St Leonard's in the Fields Walking Group**

We are now coming to the end of our 2024 session of walks with just one to go before Christmas.

### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am**

Gallows Road to the South Inch Grade A.  
Start Point: the car park at the play space on Fittis Road (NO 085 238) adjacent to Old Gallows Road (the road that leads to Noah's Ark). There is some limited parking but the easiest way to get there is by the number 7 (Park & Ride) bus.

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A ONE -WAY WALK AND  
IF YOU USE A CAR TO REACH FITTIS ROAD YOU  
WILL NEED TO RETRIEVE IT AFTERWARDS.**

The walks are well attended with an average of eight people on each one. Come along and join us. The walks take place on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday throughout the year about once every three weeks. In winter months we walk nearer Perth and go further afield as the weather improves.

The walks are graded A and B for difficulty. A Graded walks are shorter and largely on the flat but may have a few gentle climbs while B Graded walks can be a little longer and involve some parts which are uphill and may have short steep sections. They are not arduous and intended to be within the capabilities of any reasonably fit person.

The 2025 programme of walks is now out and has been sent to all current members of the walking group.

If you haven't been with us before and would like a copy, or if you know someone who might like to join us then please let me know and I will send you a copy.

Everyone is welcome. There is no need to be a member of this or any other church so if you can't come yourself then tell you friends who might be able to come about us.

### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan at 10am**

Noah's Ark. Grade A Circular. Distance: 3 miles

Start Point: Fittis Road Play Park in Perth (NO 085 238). This is the play park adjacent to Old Gallows Road  
(the road that leads to Noah's Ark).

### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan at 10am**

Quarry Mill Scone. Grade A Circular.  
Distance: 3 miles.

Start Point: Scone Old Church Car Park (NO 131 255).

For more information and a copy of our programme contact Andy Riches slioch69@aol.com or 07792-142446.

## Book Group

Our November recommended read was 'The Sky Beneath Us by Fiona Valpy'.

The general views on this story were extremely positive and most members are keen to read more of her books. She spoke at Waterstone's recently and some of the group attended the talk and again were favourably impressed.

Pat continues to raise funds for the church through the Bookstall in the hall. Many of the congregation and visitors find it a useful resource when looking for particular books. Don't hesitate to ask for a book that you would like to read or about favourite authors. Pat will give you good advice and locate it for you if she can. Our recommended reads can be found at the Bookstall too.

We are looking forward to our Christmas lunch at the Black Watch on the 17th of December when the highlight of the day is the Secret Santa gifts. This year's challenge is to find a Christmas gift under £8; quite a challenge nowadays.

Happy Christmas to all, and hopefully Santa might bring us some good books in our stocking.  
*Liz Stewart*

## CrossReach

**The Church of Scotland's Social Care Council** is accountable for the work of CrossReach. Its remit is to provide social care services and specialist resources in Christ's name to further the caring

work of the Church to people in challenging circumstances. It also helps to identify areas of need and guides the Church in new approaches to relevant problems in society as well as responding on issues arising in the Council's areas of concern.

**CrossReach News** - The latest magazine is available in the front vestibule and in the hall. Please help yourself to a copy and pass it on to someone else when you are finished with it.

**CrossReach Wall Calendars** are now available in the vestibule and in the hall following the service. The Wall Calendars feature breath-taking scenery from around Scotland. The box layout of days gives plenty of space to note appointments and the year planner gives you the whole of next year at a glance. Images by Duncan McEwan and superb value at £5.50.

If you would like me to deliver a calendar to you at home, please contact me on 07460 002206

*Mary Wright*

## Services for Bereaved – Perth North Church

On Tuesday, 3 December 2024, Perth North will be holding two reflective services in the sanctuary (the first starting at 2pm and the second starting at 7pm) to remember, and to give thanks, for a loved one who may have passed away. These services are not intended to be restricted to members of, or those connected with, Perth North, nor to those who have been bereaved only in the past year. Teas and coffees etc will

be available immediately after each service.

## Christmas Carols

Serendipity Presents "And they called His name.... Jesus"

An evening of Christmas carols and readings. Music by Michael Ellacott. On **Sunday 15th December** beginning promptly at 7pm, at Bankfoot Church Centre, Tulliebelton Road, Bankfoot, Perth. PH1 4BC and on **Monday 16th December** at Moncreiffe Parish Church, Glenbruar Crescent, Perth, PH2 0AJ Doors open at 6.30pm, performance begins at 7pm

Tickets £10 per person. Tea or Coffee or juice included.

**PACT Christmas Carol service** is **Friday 20th December** at 7pm in the Congregational Church, Kinnoull Street. This year they have been celebrating the 125th anniversary of their building at the corner of Mill Street.

The guest preacher will be Rev Dr Stephen Holmes, the recently appointed Provost at St Ninian's Cathedral.

PACT looks forward to welcoming folk from all churches or none in this annual celebration of the birth of our Saviour.

There will be a collection in aid of charities suggested by PACT members, and refreshments will be served following the service.

Further details available from the PACT website at <https://www.pact-perth.org.uk/>

## St Leonard's in the Fields Donations

### Donating online to Perth St Leonard's-in-the-Fields

A donation from you can help support the Church's work at St Leonard's in the Fields and ensure the Church is sufficiently equipped and resourced to serve the congregations and our community.

Whether you are a church member who wants to give your regular offering or a friend to the Church who is moved to contribute for the good of our community, we want to help you support the Church in whichever way you feel led.

Through the donation form (at <https://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/donate> , or by scanning the QR code) you may choose to give a one-off donation or donate every month.

You will not be personally charged extra to donate through this facility, provided your donation is made in UK pounds. PayPal does charge a processing fee on all transactions which will be deducted from your donation before it reaches your chosen recipient. The fee applied is the charity transaction rate which is currently 1.4% + 20p. For more information on fees please visit the PayPal website. Please note that you do not require a PayPal account to make a donation.



For ongoing support, consider donating via Standing Order. Standing orders are still the most convenient and cost-effective method for regular givers and supporters. A simple [standing order form](#) is available for download.

(Please note: the form can be filled out on a computer but you must download it before filling it out, otherwise you will not be able to save your changes.)

### **Concerts at St John's Kirk Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1pm Ischico Veizel (piano)**

Ischico Velzel is a young Dutch/Indian pianist that takes her audience on a journey with her fresh image on classical music. Ischico strongly connects with performing unique and adventurous piano repertoire and won the Lamond Prize. Ischico has found her distinctive voice by experimenting with the boundaries of classical music and other disciplines.

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 3pm Perthshire Brass with Scottish Police and Community Choir**

Both concerts are free.

### **Church of Scotland Stamp Appeal 2024-2025**

Firmly Planted is a community-based agroforestry initiative with the ambition of making a sustainable impact across Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

It is spearheaded by our partners in the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP), and built around the church's community structures. The initiative will resource individual groups to respond to the various challenges affecting Malawi today.

Agroforestry presents an opportunity to address challenges of food insecurity, deforestation, climate change

and youth unemployment.

Tree nurseries create employment opportunities, fruit trees improve nutrition and wider tree planting helps mitigate the impact of the climate crisis, in turn improving agricultural productivity.

This year, by donating our used stamps, stamp appeal proceeds will go towards establishing the tree nurseries. Please leave a border of ½ inch / 1.25cms around each stamp.

You can either bring your stamps to church on a Sunday, give them to your church visitor, or we can arrange to collect them from you at home.

*Mary Wright*

## **Christmas Concert at St Matthew's Church**

Sunday 8th December at 3p.m.  
The Bohemians Christmas Concert promises to be full of cheer to get everyone in the festive spirit. Tickets from St Matthew's Church or book online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/bohemians](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bohemians)

## **The Salvation Army 'Be a Star'**

### **Christmas Toy Appeal 2024**

Donations of new and unwrapped gifts can be brought to church on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. You may also take donations to Perth Salvation Army Charity Shop, 81 South Street, Monday to Saturday 10am – 3pm  
Closing date for donations is 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024

*Mary Wright*

## **General Assembly 2025**

Appeal for Volunteers to help with Stewarding at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Are you able to help with stewarding at the General Assembly? Volunteers are required for three-hour shifts on each day of the General Assembly which takes place between Saturday 17th May and Thursday 22nd May 2025? For more details, please contact the Chief Steward (Sandy Gemmill) at [assemblystewards@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:assemblystewards@churchofscotland.org.uk)

## **Shoeboxes for Ukraine**

Thank you for your generous support once again this year. Thirty-three boxes were delivered to the Baptist Church on Friday, November 1. We have received an email from

Heather in the Blythswood Team thanking us for our contribution. Over the week 5336 shoeboxes were checked - an increase of 770 from last year. Our boxes, together with boxes from Broughty Ferry and Crieff totalled 7835, up from 7200 in 2023.

The team is delighted with this great effort and really appreciates the work done by all to achieve this wonderful result.

*Pat Giles*

## **Tayside Children's Cancer and Leukaemia (TCCL)**

is a charity that supports families in Tayside and NE Fife whose child has been diagnosed with cancer or leukaemia:

*Financial support* - TCCL offers grants for travel, family life, and other needs.

*Psychosocial support* - TCCL offers support to help families deal with the emotional and practical challenges of a child's cancer diagnosis and treatment.

*Holiday support* - TCCL offers holidays at their lodge in St Andrews. The lodge has shops, cafes, restaurants, a theatre, cinema, golf courses, and botanic gardens.

*Additional care* - TCCL works with local health services to provide additional care during treatment and up to three years after treatment ends.

TCCL has been supporting families since 1994 and is based in Dundee. They support children and young people under 18 years old who live in Tayside or NE Fife.

*There will be an opportunity to give to this charity at the St Leonard's in the Fields Christmas Eve Carol Concert.*

## **Craigie/Moncreiffe Advent Window Walk**

Once again, I am taking part in the [Craigie/Moncreiffe Advent Window Walk](#). Each evening of Advent a decorated window will be revealed. To find out where the windows are you can follow on [Facebook](#) or contact me for details.

*Margaret MacArthur*

## **Church of Scotland Chalmers Lectures 2024**

*Hope in today's world*

(<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/chalmerslectures2024>)

The Chalmers Lectures series for 2024 featured six online lectures, and there are two in December. There will also be a hybrid event (online and in-person) which will be a dialogue between the two theologians with Rev Professor Alison Jack facilitating the event and hosting a Question-and-Answer session at the end of the conversation.

The overarching theme for the Chalmers Lectures cycle 2022-2026 is 'Hope in today's world'.

Dates for the lectures:

**5<sup>th</sup> December** – online (7 to 8.30 pm)

[Rev Professor John Swinton](#)

**9<sup>th</sup> December** - (7 to 8.30 pm)

– King's College Conference Centre [Hybrid event in Aberdeen](#) with Rev Professor Alison Jack facilitating a dialogue with the two lecturers plus a Question-and-Answer session.

(click on the underscored text to book your attendance at the events)

## Craigie & Moncreiffe Churches <http://www.candmchurch.org/>

There is one service a week at 10:30, alternating between Moncreiffe (Glenbruar Crescent) and Craigie (Wilson Street and Abbot Street).

On the last Sunday of the month, from September to May, Messy Church is at 10:45 in Moncreiffe.



### December

1 December	Craigie
8 December	Moncreiffe (joint service with St Leonard's)
15 December	Craigie
22 December	Craigie
24 December	Moncreiffe (carol service, starting at 6:30 p.m.)
29 December	Moncreiffe

The members of Craigie and Moncreiffe Churches extend a warm invitation to anyone from St Leonard's in the Field congregation to join them in the church activities

*Refer to the Craigie & Moncreiffe website for details of January services*

	Moncreiffe	Craigie
<b>Sunday</b>	*Messy Church – 10.45am-1pm (Last Sunday of the month)	
<b>Monday</b>	Beavers - 6.15 –7.15pm Cubs – 6.45-8pm, Scouts – 7.30-9pm	Country Dancing – 7.30–9.30pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Youth Group – 5.30–7.00pm (Primary 6&7)	Toddler & Baby Group – 9.15–11.30am The Guild* – 2.00–4.00pm (alternate weeks) Rainbows – 5.45–6.45pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Child Minding – 9.15–11.30am Bible Study – 10.00am–12.00noon	Toddler & Baby Group – 9am–12noon Brownies – 6.00–7.30pm, Guides – 7.30–9.15pm
<b>Friday</b>	Taekwondo – 5.00–8.00pm	

### St John's Kirk - Services

For anyone not able to get along to St Leonard's services on a Sunday, the 9.30am Sunday service can be followed online at <https://www.youtube.com/@stjohnskirkofperth6605/streams>

Also, St John's kirk has a short Wednesday service at 1pm. <https://www.st-johns-kirk.co.uk/>

### Christmas Services

**Monday 23rd December** - Candlelight Procession at 3.00pm

**Christmas Eve** - Watchnight Service Starts 11.00pm for Carols with input from the young "Highland Notes". Service starts 11.30pm for about 40 minutes.

**Christmas Day** - 10.30am

### Perth North Church, Mill Street

**Dementia Café** is a monthly gathering where people with dementia, their family, caregivers and friends can be together in a safe, welcoming environment, in the company of other caregivers. This is a group for people who are able to attend safely on their own, or who are accompanied by someone to support them. Volunteers and health and social care professionals are available for the purpose of emotional support, advice/guidance and opportunities for social interaction.

The Dementia Cafe is held on the first Wednesday of the month at North Church Hall, High Street, Perth between 10am-12:30pm. For more information, please phone Andy Bennett on 01738 474566 or Diane McLellan on 01738 476831.

**Starter packs** is a charity run solely by volunteers which provides packs containing basic household items such as pots, pans, crockery, cutlery, towels, toiletries, bedding etc to low income and previously homeless individuals and families who have been given a new tenancy in the Perth and Kinross area.

They also provide kettles, toasters and slow cookers when they are donated or when funding allows. Cash donations are used to supplement the packs when there is a shortfall and to pay for the running of our unit where they store the goods and make up the packs.

Starter Packs are supported by Perth Action of Churches Together and Perth Action for the Homeless. If you are looking for a volunteering opportunity, Starter Packs would be delighted to hear from you.

Contact numbers:

01738 580188 or  
07565 774619, 07761 134776,  
or 07900 394532

or e-mail

starterpacks@cath-org.co.uk

*Mary Wright*

**Perth & Kinross Foodbank** provides three days' nutritionally-balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred in crisis. Leave donations in the front vestibule of the church or locate your nearest drop-off point:

<https://perthkinross.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

The following items are needed at this time:

- Fruit Juice (long life)
- Tinned meat / fish
- Long-life UHT milk
- Potato mash
- Instant meals / snacks
- Jam
- Sweets, Crisps

If you, or someone you know, need help from the Foodbank, get in touch by contacting:

**Perth & Kinross Scottish Welfare Fund Team** on 0345 30 111 00 (Mon-Fri 9-4pm) or email [welfarefund@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:welfarefund@pkc.gov.uk) Depending on your circumstances you could be eligible for a crisis grant, otherwise you could be referred for a food parcel.

'**Get Nourished**' is a helpline that provides practical tips and advice on how to stay nourished. It is open to members of the public living in Tayside who are experiencing unintended weight loss or poor appetite, and are concerned about the impact this is having on their health and wellbeing. The helpline is also available for carers and family members who are concerned about an individual they are supporting. The advice line will provide food advice and support to help prevent signpost undernutrition and will callers to appropriate services and partners within the community. Gemma Johnsen, Health Improvement Practitioner with NHS Tayside, said, "It is important to be aware of your weight and appetite,

particularly if you are older or have a pre-existing medical condition. There are many things which can affect our nutritional wellbeing including loneliness, mental health conditions and recovery during illness."

The Get Nourished team can be contacted on 01738 450556.

### **Perth North Church, Mill Street**

Meet to pray every Sunday from 0930 to 0955 using Zoom. On the Website in 'Sunday Live' click on the link which takes you to Live Prayer Meeting and then just follow the instructions.

### **Kinnoull Church Blether Buddies**

Last Wednesday of each month in the **Kinnoull Church hall** at 2pm – 4pm. An informal meeting for men and women of all ages.

Play Dominoes or board games or bring any crafts you are interested in.

For more details contact Stella McIntosh 01738561998 or Helen Ramsay 01738560570

### **Kinnoull Church Zoom Prayer meeting** Every Wednesday at 8pm

Click on this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/Kinnoull>  
or join Zoom with Meeting ID 745 1404 3580 and Passcode OkphBE

<http://www.kinnoullparishchurch.co.uk/>



The next edition of Life and Work for December is now available.



**Christmas** - How churches in the midst of conflict or danger are marking Christmas. Lynne McNeil learns about the growth of Christingle service. Seasonal message from the Moderator

**Time to Act** - As World AIDS Day approaches, Carol Finlay highlights the need for vigilance

**Our Presbyteries** - Forth Valley and Clydesdale

**Letter from the Holy Land** - The Rev Dr Stewart Gillan emphasises the need to keep the light shining, 'piercing the darkness together'.

### A Trusted Friend

Walter Scott and Anira Phipon Lepcha reflect on the life and legacy of Walter's great, great, great aunt, Mary Scott, a missionary in the Eastern Indian Himalayas.

### Regulars

- Worship column by the Rev Roddy Hamilton
- Reflection by the Rev Dr Richard Frazer
- The Rev Ruth Kennedy on digital church
- Bible study by the Rev Richard Baxter
- My Church: Connie Anderson of Duror Church, North Argyll

## From the Archive

### Perthshire Advertiser – Wednesday 18 December 1929

#### Foreign Mission Sale

#### St Leonard's in the Field's Fine Effort

The annual sale of work, etc.. in aid of Foreign Missions. organised by the Ladies' Work Party of St. Leonard's-in-the-Fields Church, took place in the Church Hall on Saturday. and realised the satisfactory sum of £129 [2024: £6925]. The opening ceremony, performed by Mrs J. M'Glashan Scott. was largely attended. The Rev. Andrew Cumming presided, and Mrs Scott, in a happily phrased speech, said :—" It was an added pleasure to come to St. Leonard's-in-the-Fields now that the churches were one, not only in aim and spirit, but in organisation. Together they ought to tackle the great work of missions better. They were but fulfilling the command of Our Lord in furthering this work. Mrs Scott reminded the audience of the debt the Church as a whole, and Foreign Missions in particular, owed to the women. This was another opportunity they had of showing their enthusiasm." The following ladies, along with assistants, were in charge of the stalls :—Work—Mrs Crockart and Mrs Skinner; cake and candy—Mrs Robertson, Balhousie Street, and Mrs D. Stewart; teas—Mrs Ferguson; dips—Mrs Jeffray and Mrs Sinclair. Miss Ballantine was secretary. In announcing the result, Mr Cumming thanked the ladies of the Work Party for their splendid effort not only at the meetings but at their homes.

### Perthshire Advertiser – Saturday 21 December 1929

**THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.** An interesting service was held last Sunday evening in St Leonard's-in-the-Fields Church, when the children of the Sunday School, instead of receiving Christmas gifts, brought the gift of a toy or book to be given to children not so favourably circumstanced as themselves. During the service, the children filed past the front of the pulpit and handed their gifts to the minister, the Rev. Andrew Cumming, M.A., who dedicated them in prayer. Afterwards the children sang very finely by themselves hymn 657, " Away in manger, no crib for a bed." Mr Cumming subsequently addressed the children on the words, " We spend our years as a tale that is told," or, as he paraphrased it, "We spend our years as a story.'. The annual Christmas tree social of the Sunday School took place last night.

### Perthshire Advertiser – Saturday 19 January 1952

#### St Leonard's Events

Moncreiffe Woman's Guild, whose membership now tops the century mark is joining with the Woman's Guild of St Leonard's-in-the-Fields on Tuesday to hear a talk with musical illustrations by the minister of the latter church, the Rev W Neil Moir. Assisting Mr Neil Moir will be Miss Lena Robertson, Mrs Robert Robb, and Miss Catherine Cameron (accompanist). The Men's Club of St Leonard's-in-the-Fields. like that of Moncreiffe. will be holding a Burns' Night next week The president Mr A Whitehead will occupy the chair and Rev J A Macrae, Redgorton, will give talk on the poet. Mr David Nelson, the church organist, is arranging the musical programme

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