



Sunday Service at 11.00.

December

7th Rev Alasdair Graham
14th Mr David Johnston
21st Rev Eddie McKenna

Christmas Eve - Family Carol Concert with Jambouree at 18.00

Christmas Day - no service

28th Rev Eddie McKenna

January

4th Rev Alasdair Graham
11th Mr David Johnston
18th Mr Michael Archibald
25th Rev Eddie McKenna

Dear Friends,

Looking Back at 2025 and Leaning into Hope: An Advent Reflection

As we step into Advent 2025, the familiar themes of waiting, longing, and hope feel especially poignant. The Advent wreath glows again in our sanctuary, each candle a quiet declaration that even the smallest light pushes back darkness. Before we let those lights guide our December days, it's worth pausing to remember the year we've travelled through - its challenges, its graces, and the ways God has been quietly at work among us in St Leonards-in-the-Fields.

May I say a personal thank you to the office bearers for their faithfulness and for the plans that will start in December when they will be involved with our friends at Perth North Church to have discussions regarding the Presbytery Mission Plan regarding a union with Perth North Church sometime in 2026. Do continue to support them all in your prayers.

A Year of Shifting Ground

For many, 2025 was a year of change. Some of us welcomed new life; others said painful goodbyes. We navigated global uncertainties, economic pressures, and the fast pace of a world that seems to shift beneath our feet. Our church family felt this too—new ministries launched, others concluded, and still others were reshaped in unexpected ways.

And yet, woven through every transition were small signs of God's faithfulness:

The volunteers who always arrive early to make coffee and stayed late to stack chairs.

The prayer chain and pastoral support to the congregation that carried requests with tenderness and persistence.

The quiet generosity that showed up exactly when it was needed.

These moments, ordinary though they may seem, speak of a God who never stops planting seeds of renewal.

Hope Found in our Shared Life

If 2025 taught us anything, it is that hope is not something we manufacture—it is something we receive. It comes through community, through worship, through Scripture, and through experiencing God's presence in both triumph and trial.

We witnessed hope small but significant ways, in the support we extended to those facing hardship, and in the laughter that filled our halls during coffee after service and with shared meals. We saw it in answered prayers and even in unanswered ones that pushed us deeper into trust.

Advent reminds us that hope is not a vague optimism. It has a name.

Hope is Jesus - God with us, God for us, God coming to make all things new.

Waiting With Expectation

As we light the candles of Advent - Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love - we acknowledge that waiting is part of the Christian journey. But ours is not passive waiting. It is active, attentive, expectant. We wait with the assurance that the God who was faithful in 2025 will be faithful in 2026 and beyond.

So, this Advent, may we slow down long enough to notice the light.

May we reflect on where God has met us this year, and where He might be calling us next.

May we carry gratitude for the story behind us and courage for the story ahead.

A Prayer for Advent 2025

Lord Jesus, you are the Light that darkness cannot overcome. As we enter this holy season of Advent, open our eyes to the hope already rising among us. Heal what has been wounded in this past year, strengthen what has been weary, and awaken us to Your coming - both in the quiet corners of our days and in the fullness of Your glory. Teach us to wait with joy and to walk forward with faith. Amen.

May this Advent be a season of renewed hope for you and your loved ones.

God has brought us this far - and He will carry us forward.

With best wishes,

Eddie McKenna



Church Family News

It is with great sadness that we wish you all to know that we have lost a cherished member of our church family. Sadly, **Pat Giles** died on 21st November, following a battle, which was hard fought with great courage, fortitude, and tremendous spirit. Pat was well loved by all who knew her and was a real pillar of our church community. We mourn her loss and give praise to God for the many years she served Him and for enriching the lives of those of us who knew her.

Pray for her husband, Graeme, and her family and friends at this challenging time.

Beryl Smeaton

Songs and Memories - Dementia Friendly Singing Group

The group welcomes everyone and anyone who enjoys communal singing, whether they think they can sing or not!

It is a very happy event, enjoyed by visitors and volunteers alike. We meet on the third Monday each month throughout the year, from 14.00 to 16.00 and are always delighted to welcome new faces. So why not come along and see for yourself? Come on your own, or bring a friend. Our next meetings are on **Monday, 15th December and Monday 19th January**.

For more details please contact:

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

Book Group

The Book Club have been reading the first book in a trilogy by Angus MacDonald called 'Ardnish' - an engaging story set during WW1. It is the story of Donald John Gillies and his family who have their home in Ardnish. It is a tearjerking love story and a moving account of life in Highland Scotland in the early 20th century. We discussed the book at our November meeting, together with 'The Venice Project' by Philip Gwynne Jones, and I can confidently recommend both novels to newsletter readers.

The Book Group annual Christmas lunch at The Black Watch takes place on December 9th and is always a fun afternoon. Marion has a quiz ready and of course a star prize for the winner.

The party atmosphere always finishes with our secret Santa gifts.

Christmas holidays are a good time to catch up with reading books that lie in a pile on the coffee table and we look forward to hearing what members have been reading at our January meeting.

The book table in the church hall always attracts interest and we thank Pat, our leading librarian, for keeping us up to date with the latest new reads.

Happy Christmas and happy reading.

Liz

Prayer Shawl Ministry

There's no meeting in December and the next gathering is on **Saturday 31st January**, from 10.00 – 12.00, in the hall (enter from James Street). If anyone would like a shawl to give to someone who is celebrating a happy occasion or to offer comfort to someone going through sad or difficult times, please contact Mary Wright at marywright27@gmail.com or 07460 002206

Mary Wright

St Leonard's in the Fields Eco Hub

Located in the vestibule of the church are baskets for spectacles, batteries, and stamps. Contributions are always welcome and items soon mount up, and make a difference for many people. Recently, fifty pairs of glasses were taken to Specsavers where they will be recycled and re-used. The book table in the hall is often refreshed and extra books go to Oxfam. Thanks go to everyone who has contributed items to the Eco Hub, and in anticipation of more items being donated.



Social Media

Twitter aka X - St Leonard's in the Fields tweets about the church, religion, and local matters. There's usually notice of the Order of Service sent on a Friday or Saturday. If Twitter is of interest, then the kirk account is @stleonardsitf . The Twitter feed can also be viewed on the St Leonards in the Fields website.

St Leonard's in the Fields Remembrance Day Service

Rev Eddie McKenna led about forty people in the Remembrance Service on 9th November. Dotted amongst the congregation were several acrylic transparent silhouette figures representing those who fell in war. There were poppy displays on either side of the communion table, on top of which was another arrangement of poppies. Poppy red fabric cascaded from the pulpit, lectern, and the side steps. The service began with a prayer for Rev Philip Majcher, and for Linda and their family.

We sang 'For all the Saints' and 'I Vow to Thee my Country' before the Act of Remembrance. Rev McKenna walked into the body of the kirk, and read aloud the names of the people who are remembered on the kirk's two war memorials. Alex Stewart, Sandy Cameron, Beryl Smeaton - and her grandson - laid wreaths at the two war memorials by the south door. The Two Minute Silence was observed with just the clicking of heating audible as we stood to attention.

*When you go home, tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow, we gave our today.*

David Wright played the Pipers' Lament. The sound of the bagpipes faded into the distance and the congregation resumed their seats. Alasdair Graham read the lessons from Psalm 17 and 2 Thessalonians 2:13.

Rev McKenna's sermon touched on 'poppy politics' - the outcry over newsreaders wearing/not wearing poppies, the adoption of symbols of Remembrance by far-right organisations, and the usurping of the poppy for political gain. Rev McKenna reminded us of the millions of overseas nationals who fought in both wars - 20% of Battle of Britain pilots were not British. The act of Remembrance, said, Rev McKenna, is a bridge between generations. The poppy is a symbol of quiet Remembrance. After prayers, we sang 'Lord for the Years' and concluded the service with The National Anthem.

Church of Scotland Stamp Project 2025-2026

This year, by donating our used stamps, we are supporting the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza. The Hospital, in Northern Gaza, has been in operation since 1882.

The hospital is owned and run today by the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem, a partner Church of the Church of Scotland, and is the only Christian hospital in the Gaza Strip and Gaza's only cancer hospital.



It normally handles around 300 surgeries and 600 radiological and a total of 3,000 outpatient visits per month. It is supported by international charities such as Embrace the Middle East. In times of calm during the occupation of Gaza, Al Ahli Hospital runs as any normal hospital with varying departments and an Accident and Emergency dealing with the usual day to day ailments of a population.

Since the beginning of the conflict in Gaza in October 2023, the Al Ahli Anglican Hospital has conducted emergency operations 24 hours per day, operating on 30-35 people per day. For further details, please visit the Church of Scotland website at <https://shorturl.at/ISEoF>

When cutting the stamps from the envelope, please leave a border of 1/2 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*

Perth North Church Activities

Open: Monday - Thursday 10.00 -12.00, Closed Fridays

Sunday Service at 10.30.

Live stream at <https://www.youtube.com/@perthnorthchurchlive1732>



Activities at Perth North:

- Open church is held on Monday and Thursdays at 09.30
- Perth City Club meet on Mondays at 13.00
- The Badminton club meets on Tuesday mornings at 10.00 and Tuesday evening at 19.30
- The Dementia Cafe meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 09.30.
- The Guild meets on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 14.00.
- Footwise clinic is held on 1 Wednesday of the month 14.00 – 16.00.
- Bible study group is held on 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.
- Toddlers meet on Thursdays at 09.15
- Lunchtime service is held on Thursdays at 12.30, followed by a short service at 13.15
- The Walking group has planned walks to March 2026 - contact Tom Reid on 01738 636720
- Various house groups - contact the office for more info 01738 622298

<https://www.perthnorthchurch.org.uk> Email: info@perthnorthchurch.org.uk

St Matthew's Church

Sunday 7th December at 15.00. - A visit from the Bohemians for a Crimboh concert - a Christmas celebration, both sacred and secular. More details at www.wearebohemians.co.uk

Tuesday 9th at 10.30. and **Wednesday 10th December at 19.30.** Two concerts by the Rock Choir – tickets, £10, available from the church office.

Thursday, 11th December at 19.30 – Perth Amateur Operatic Society presents A Christmas Songbook. a mix of traditional carols as well as Christmas themed songs and family favourites. Tickets, £10, available from the church or Perth Box Office.

Monday, 15th to Friday, 19th December at 09.00 - Advent reflections, followed by breakfast. All welcome.

Friday 19th December at 19.00. – PACT Christmas Carol service, to which everyone is welcome

Christmas Eve at 18.30, and on Christmas Day at 10.00. - Christmas services

Salvation Army - 'Be a Star' the Salvation Army's Christmas Toy Appeal - Every year, thanks to the kindness of their supporters, over 68,000 Christmas gifts are shared by The Salvation Army across the UK and Ireland, each one a message of hope for someone experiencing hardship, homelessness or tough times. St Leonard's in the Fields congregation has donated £100 to support children and families at this special time of year. There is also the opportunity for you to donate a personal gift of new toys, which can be handed in at The Salvation Army Centre at 77 South Street or their furniture shop, 2 Glasgow Road by **Saturday 6th December**.

Salvation Army Community Carol Service on Sunday, 14th December at 14.00 – Join Provost Xander McDade at Salvation Army, South Street, Perth, in a Christmas celebration for all the family, with Forfar Brass, the Singing Angels Choir, and the Inspire Dance Troupe.

St John's Kirk Services

For anyone not able to get along to St Leonard's services on a Sunday, the 10.00. Sunday service can be followed online at <https://www.youtube.com/@stjohnskirkofperth6605streams>
Also, on Wednesdays, St John's Kirk has a 'Time for Reflection' at 12 noon, and a short service at 13.00. <https://www.st-johns-kirk.co.uk/>

Carols for Busy People – Wednesday, 17th December at 12.30.

Christmas Eve Watchnight Service at 23.30.

Christmas Day Service at 10.30.

Concerts

Saturday, 6th December at 13.00 – St John's Kirk Music presents 'Four Cellos'. A free one-hour concert; donations are welcome.

Saturday, 6th December at 19.30 - Chansons, Perth's Chamber Choir, invite you to a Christmas Concert featuring Rossini's 'La Nuit de Noël'; a musical retelling of the Christmas Story. £18

Friday, 12th December at 19.30 - Perth Chamber Music present Sam Haywood, joined by Kathleen Spencer (principal clarinet of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, City of London Sinfonia, Academy of Ancient Music) to perform clarinet works including Sonatas by Poulenc and Brahms and Schumann's Fantasy Pieces. Sam will also be playing solo piano by Chopin. £18

Sunday, 14th December at 15.00 - Perthshire Brass with Scottish Police and Community Choir. Always a very popular concert. Tickets are £10 (cash) on the door. Under 18s get in for free. Arrive early to get a good seat.

Sunday, 18th January at 15.00 – Liam Bonthrone (tenor) and Benjamin Mead (piano) perform 'A Poet's Love'. A journey through the many faces of love as told through the words of Scotland's national bard, Robert Burns, and echoed in the music of great classical composers. £18

Tickets on the door or from Perth Box Office <https://www.perthshireboxoffice.com/whats-on>

Christian Aid

Get into the spirit of Christmas by joining us at Dobbie's Garden Centre on **Saturday 13th December** from 11.00 until lunchtime to sing carols. It's always a happy event. Professional standard voices not necessary just come along and add to the volume! *Marion McMillan*

Perth & Kinross Association of Voluntary Service (PKAVS) Festive Christmas Fair

Saturday, 13th December 10.00 – 14.00 at The Walled Garden, Muirhall Road, Perth PH2 7BH

Step into a winter wonderland filled with handmade treasures, from unique Christmas ornaments to bespoke joinery items like adorable birdhouses. Smell the fresh scent of Christmas trees and wreaths from Sholach Trees, perfect for decking your halls!

Feeling crafty? Dive into a mini-Make and Mocktail session – create your own ornament while sipping on a festive drink for just £5! Test your luck with the "Guess the Snowman's Birthday" game, and don't miss an exclusive selection of handmade Christmas cards and tote bags. Plus, the cosy café will be open, serving up warm drinks to keep you jolly.

The Garden is wheelchair accessible, dogs are welcome, and both card and cash payments are accepted. Entry is free, with donations appreciated. Support local artisans, and maybe even learn a bit about what PKAVS does. This event is funded by the Perth Common Good.

Carols by Candlelight at Perth Museum - Saturday, 13th December at 19.00 - the Robin Chapel choir perform a special festive programme. The choir is an ensemble of professional singers who perform at the Chapel's service every Sunday, as well as taking part in special services and concerts across the country. Tickets, £18, from Perth Box Office.

Amnesty International Perth Group

Wednesday, 10th December - 'Take action for Human Rights' by writing a card at St John's Threshold, Princes St., Perth, PH2 8LJ between 10.00 and 12.00. All are welcome! Tea / coffee and home baking are available. It's free to take part but donations to Amnesty International are welcome.

CrossReach (The Church of Scotland Social Care Council)

CrossReach News – The autumn magazine is available from the front vestibule or in the hall following the Sunday service. The magazine is also available online at

<https://www.crossreach.org.uk/latest-magazine>

CrossReach Wall Calendars - Thank you to everyone who bought a calendar. Together with our friends at St. Matthew's Church. We were able to send £110.00. 100% of the profits CrossReach receives from this sale supports their caring work across Scotland. The calendars show scenery from around Scotland. *Mary Wright*

Perth & Kinross Foodbank

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to the Foodbank's ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious three-day supply of food.

Urgently needed items:

Coffee, UHT Milk, Long Life/Diluting Juice, Pasta, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Soup, Tinned Main Meals, Tinned Fruit, Custard or Rice Pudding, Jam

For more information about where you can leave items, and about how to get help, visit the website at <https://perthkinross.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Perth Street Pastors

Perth Street Pastors are out in the city centre of Perth most Fridays and Saturday nights from 21.00 – 01.00 to listen, care and help. You could be a Street Pastor if you're looking for an opportunity to show/share the love of Jesus in our community. Are you between 18 and 100 with a heart for people and two ears to listen?

Contact chair.perth@streetpastors.org.uk for more details, or see the website at

<https://streetpastors.org/locations/perth/>

Blythswood Appeal

Perth Blythswood team writes with, "... a massive thank you to everyone who contributed or helped in any way to make this year's shoebox appeal a great success. Over the four days of the sort our volunteers opened, checked and repacked 6830 shoeboxes which were loaded onto the lorry destined for Odessa in Ukraine on Thursday [13th November] afternoon. Our best year so far! It was a great effort and wonderful to see how everyone worked together to make this possible.

Each hat or scarf that has been knitted, each pencil, notebook, toy or bar of soap donated will be gratefully received and will bring hope and joy to many people living in difficult circumstances.

So, thank you again, we couldn't have managed all this without you."

Pat Giles writes, "how appreciative we are of those who handed in shoeboxes and gave donations ... a great result."

Craigie and Moncreiffe Advent Window Walk

A window in the Craigie and Moncreiffe area will be revealed every evening during December. The Advent Window Walk is a brilliant opportunity to explore the area. Everyone is welcome to walk on your own or with others. It's a great opportunity to discover streets you've never been down. Find hidden pockets of creativity in windows high and low which will light up your dark winter evenings. For the first of the Windows, meet at Wilson Street at 18.30 on **1st December**. Further details are available on the organisers' Facebook page, or contact Margaret MacArthur, who is taking part in the event.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/418425798815432>

Dunkeld & Birnam Santa Day



A bit further afield from Perth is festive fun at Dunkeld & Birnam's Santa Day on Saturday, 6th December.

Cairngorm Reindeer Herd will be there, sponsored by Zsolt at the Atholl Arms hotel. The reindeer will lead the sleigh parade, leaving the Birnam Hotel at 13.00, taking Santa to his grotto where they will have a well-earned rest and be settled for people to visit at The Cross until the end of the event at 16.00. There are always lots of interesting stalls as well as the many unique shops in Dunkeld.

Perthshire Society of Natural Science (PSNS)

The PSNS Nature section has a talk on **3rd December** by Andi Probert about 'Reindeer in the Cairngorms' and, on **28th January**, 'A Year on a Perthshire Estate'. There are many such talks organised by PSNS during the winter. The Curious Minds series is open to the public; the section talks are for members. However, guests who may be thinking of joining are welcomed to a talk and to meet the members. The Nature Section runs a series of talks on Wednesday evenings. The Curious Minds talks are on Friday evenings. These are normally in the Sandeman Room of the AK Bell Library in Perth and begin at 19.30. See the PSNS website for details of all the talks: <https://www.psns.org.uk/>

A Christmas Carol and Our Times

Every December, Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* returns to our screens (whether it's the film starring Alastair Sim or Kermit the Frog), a story so familiar it risks becoming mere sentiment. Yet beneath the ghostly visitations and redemptive tears lies something deeply challenging - a mirror held up not just to Scrooge's heart, but to our own.

Dickens wrote in an age of profound inequality, and Scrooge's dismissal of the poor rings disturbingly familiar in our own time. "*If they would rather die, they had better do it, and decrease the surplus population,*" he declares. We might not use such blunt language, but how often do we encounter similar sentiments wrapped in different words? In debates about homelessness, immigration, or those struggling with the cost of living, we hear echoes of Scrooge's cold certainty that poverty is simply the natural order - and not our concern.



What makes Dickens' story revolutionary, though, is that it refuses to accept this as inevitable.

When the Ghost of Christmas Present takes Scrooge to Bob Cratchit's modest home he sees their humanity. They are not statistics or problems to be solved. They are people celebrating, struggling, hoping, loving. And in that seeing, something shifts in Scrooge. He begins to understand that the poor are not separate from us; they are us, our neighbours, our responsibility.

This is the heart of what Christmas calls us to as a church community. It's not enough to feel moved by Tiny Tim's plight or to cheer Scrooge's eventual generosity. The real question is: who are we ignoring? Where in our own communities have we grown accustomed to suffering we could address? What conversations are we avoiding because they're uncomfortable?

Yet there's hope in Dickens' vision. Scrooge's transformation isn't merely emotional - it leads to action. He raises Bob Cratchit's wages. He becomes a second father to Tiny Tim. He becomes "*as good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man, as the good old city knew.*" His change of heart changes his community.

This too speaks to us. Faith without works is dead, as the Apostle James reminds us in James 2:17, and James 2:26. Our churches are filled with people of good intentions, but what matters is what we do - how we support those facing hardship, how we advocate for justice, how we ensure that the vulnerable know they are seen and valued.

As we approach Christmas, perhaps we might ask ourselves Dickens' unspoken question: Will we be like Scrooge before his visitation, or after? Will we hear the cries of need in our own town and turn away? Or will we, like the transformed Scrooge, recognise our common humanity and act?

We can hope that the spirits don't visit us on Christmas Eve, but the challenge remains. The question of how we treat the least among us is as urgent now as it was in Dickens' time—and our answer matters more than we know.

God bless us, everyone.

A Christmas Carol Word Search

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Love Came Down at Christmas

*Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love Divine,
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and Angels gave the sign.*

*Worship we the Godhead,
Love Incarnate, Love Divine,
Worship we our Jesus,
But wherewith for sacred sign?*

*Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.*

Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

The poem was first published, without a title, in *Time Flies: A Reading Diary* in 1885, the year in which the St Leonard's in the Fields congregation first worshipped in our iconic building.



Christina Rossetti

It was later included in the collection *Verses* in 1893 under the title "Christmastide".

Archive

Dundee Courier – Friday 09 December 1898

Free St Leonard's Choir.

A recital of sacred music the choir of Free St Leonard's Church was given in the hall of the church last night—Mr J. Howard Douglas conducting. The programme embraced several pieces which have become classical, like Barnby's requiem, "Sleep thy last sleep." The choir made an excellent appearance under Mr Douglas's guidance in their several efforts. The soloists were Misses Christie and M. Brand and Mr J. Thomson. Sir Robert Pullar presided, and remarks were made by Rev. Dr Bannerman.

Perthshire Advertiser – Wednesday 11 December 1935

St Leonard's in the Fields congregation held a successful sale of work in the Church Hall in aid of foreign and home missions. A sum of

nearly £119* was raised, including gift service contributions of £26 10s. The Rev. Andrew Cumming presided at the opening ceremony, which was performed by Mrs Buist, wife of the former Lord Provost of Dundee. Mrs Buist described the widespread organisation of the Church of Scotland as one of the most marvellous things to be found in any country, and declared that when the church lost her interest in foreign missions, she would lose herself. Mrs Cumming proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Buist and a similar compliment was paid to the ladies of the Work Party and other assistants on the call of Mr Charles Barclay. A feature of the decorations was the series of emblem. arranged at the various stalls, and executed by Mr John Halley. Miss Ballantine, secretary of the Ladies' Work Party, discharged the secretarial duties.

*£7387 in 2025 prices

Perthshire Advertiser - Wednesday 29 March 1939

City Church Players in Religious Drama - St Leonard's in the Fields Entertainment



evening are on a similar level to that presented last night then the Society will have done a very good job of work indeed. Messrs Robert Middlemass, Robert L. Prosser and Norval Charteris, each of whom has had experience in the ranks of amateur dramatic societies in this district, figured in the cast, of which the other members were Jessie S. Mackenzie, Joy Morrison, James Simpson, William Keith, Pat Gifford, John F. Scott, William L. Morrison, James Stocks and Agnes Keith. Direction and production were in charge of Mr Maurice Winton, while Mr William Keith, who was responsible for the construction and painting of the entire set, acted as stage manager. Costumes were the work of Mrs Brunton and Mrs Hoggan, the lighting equipment was provided by the Perthshire Repertory Players, and Messrs Paterson, Sons & Co., Ltd., attended to the musical effects.

The first of three performances of "A Man's House," a religious drama in three acts by John Drinkwater, was given last night by the Literary and Dramatic Society of Leonard's-in-the-Fields Church, Perth. The Rev. Andrew Cumming presided over a large audience in the Church Hall. Formed only a short time ago, the Society is to be congratulated on the success of its first expedition into the realms of the theatre. The members set themselves a difficult problem in their initial venture, for Drinkwater's play of Jerusalem in 30 A.D. demands vivid and dramatic representation. If the performances to-night and to-morrow

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