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**CHURCH IS NOT  
SOMETHING YOU GO TO,  
IT'S A FAMILY  
YOU BELONG TO.**

# Broxburn Baptist Church Newsletter

*- The church on your doorstep for 77 years*

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Broxburn and Uphall  
Remembrance Day Service  
Sunday 12 November 2023, 2.00pm  
Strathbrock Partnership Centre  
Parade leaves Uphall Community Centre at  
1.30pm



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*'We are ambassadors for Christ'*

Some thoughts.....

Today is the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, a day which this nation and others have set aside to remember those who gave their lives in armed conflict, serving their country. At 11.00am on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918 the Armistice to end the fighting in the First World War came into effect and every year since there has been a 2mn silence to remember.... and as Christians we share in that remembrance. We pray for things to change, that war will be no more, that suffering will be a thing of the past. But, as Christian believers, we know that things will never be different until Christ comes back. But until then we pray for peace, we work for peace, we live peace in the way we deal with each other, we put into practice the words of Jesus when he said "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. We seek to share with others what we have found to be true that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Robert  
11th November

**P – PRAISE** – thank God for his deliverance of our nation in times of war.  
**O – OFFERING** Jesus said 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.' John 15:13  
**P – PRAYER** Pray for those bereaved, for those injured and who still suffer as a result of war,

**Baptist Union of Scotland Prayer Calendar 2023**

Here are the subjects for prayer this week..

**W/c 12th November**

Shettleston Baptist Church, Glasgow  
 South Beach Baptist Church, Saltcoats  
 South Leith Baptist Church, Edinburgh  
 Southside Church, Ayr



You can sign up for prayer points via Facebook at <https://scottishbaptist.com/prayer/>

**P – PEACE** We pray for a fair and just world where peace reigns,  
**Y – YOU** Other people cannot do your remembering for you, You have to praise God, accept Christ's offering (and offer yourself in return) pray for peace in a world still being torn apart by war and violence



**1 Corinthians 11:23b-26** The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Church This Week**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

**11.00am Worship Service –Rev Andy Scarcliffe**

To join on zoom just click the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85227893884>

**5.30pm Family Fellowship**

**Thursday**

**10.30 Prayer Time – join on zoom at**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81347026860?pwd=Tk1RQm5IdDIRTk5tc0dEOUIZVEtDUT09>

**Friday**

**9.00-12.00 Lighthouse**

**Preachers**

November

12<sup>th</sup> Andy

5.30pm Family Fellowship

19th Donna

26th Donna

December

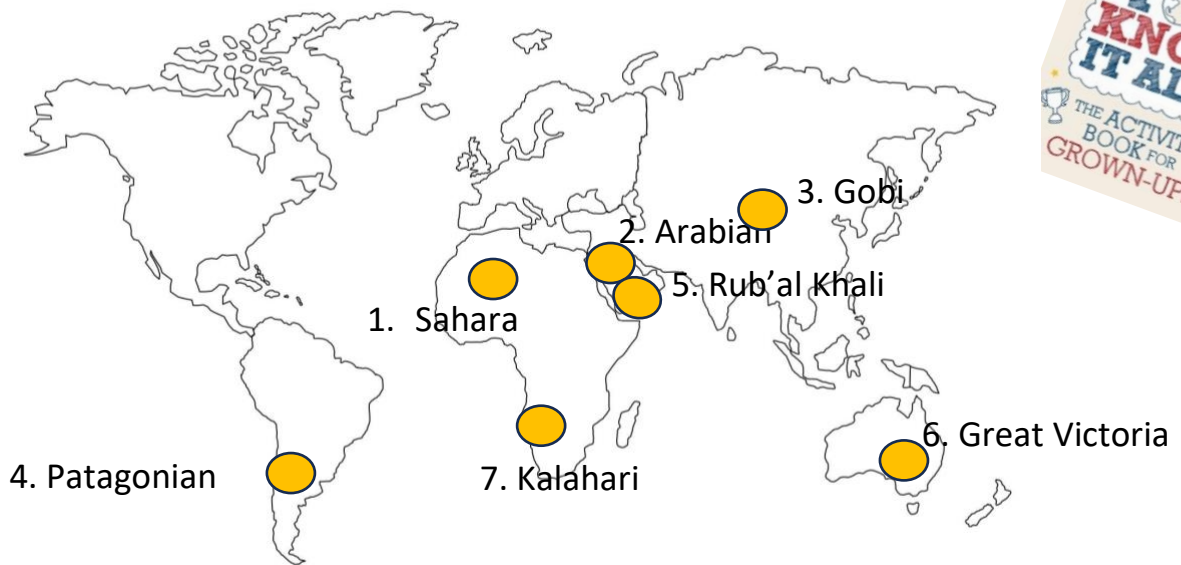
3<sup>rd</sup> Robert

6.30pm Advent Service in Strathbrock Church



**Think you know it all? 39. ANSWERS**

There are 7 world deserts (excluding the polar regions). Can you name the 7 from largest to smallest? And mark them on the map.



**Think you know it all? 40.**

The city that never sleeps - New York - is comprised of 5 distinct boroughs. Can you name the five?

**SHOEBOX APPEAL 2023**

This year Shoe Box Sunday will be on **19th November**. All donations can be given to Hester or my name Lyn

**LAST DAY NEXT SUNDAY!!**

## **BMS Prayer Guide 2023**

*The work of BMS World Mission is impossible without the support of our global family. From the smallest act of kindness to the biggest donation, every contribution from our community helps us to share the love of Jesus in some of the world's toughest places. This week, we pray for the BMS community.*



### **SUNDAY 12**

*Pray for the thousands of supporters who receive BMS' Engage magazine. May they be inspired and encouraged by the stories of God's work around the world.*

### **MONDAY 13**

*Thank God for supporters who have left gifts to BMS in their wills. Pray for good stewardship of their gifts and ask for blessings on their families.*

### **TUESDAY 14**

*Pray for mission workers who recently reached the end of their service and returned to the UK. Ask for God's guidance and direction for their next steps, and for peace and rest as they adjust to life back in the UK.*

### **WEDNESDAY 15**

*Give thanks for the Scottish Baptist churches who recently came together in their online celebration. Pray God's blessing upon them as they pursue their vision for the future.*

### **THURSDAY 16**

*Pray for the churches who recently showed the BMS harvest resource, Days of Plenty. May God bless their efforts to raise awareness and funds for this work.*

### **FRIDAY 17**

*Pray for the success of the BMS Christmas appeal. May God bless the fundraising efforts of the BMS community, and may the resources raised enable lives to be transformed.*

### **SATURDAY 18**

*Pray for churches that are currently experiencing challenges. May God provide strength, comfort and wisdom to church leaders and members, and may they continue to be faithful witnesses to God's love and grace in their communities.*

## **Bible Reading .....** *this week we continue reading the NT through in 92 days*

Day 15	12 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 8:14-34; Mark 4-5
Day 16	13 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 9-10
Day 17	14 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 14; Mark 6; Luke 9:1-17
Day 18	15 <sup>th</sup>	John 6
Day 19	16 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 15; Mark 7
Day 20	17 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 16; Mark 8; Luke 9:18-27
Day 21	18 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 17; Mark 9; Luke 9:28-62



## In church Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

At church last Sunday morning we welcomed Jill Sommerville back into membership. Charlie and Jill had previously moved from Broxburn to Ladywell BC but with changed circumstances asked to move back to this, their local church. We were delighted to welcome Jill back and we will welcome Charlie back probably on 10<sup>th</sup> December when he is not preaching elsewhere.

The kids on Sunday were thinking about the parable of the Good Samaritan and spent the time during the adult sermon writing about the parable as told or maybe as it would be told today. Here are their first, unedited drafts.

Well done Mya and Lucas!!

*The Samaritan helped the person who were enemies and he treated him like his own. He gave him band-aids food and shelter. The priest passed him and another person as well but out of all the people it was the enemy and that goes to show it doesn't matter where you come from or who you are you can always be a part of God*  
Mya Site

*There is a person who is not wealthy and going through a hard time and they ask for help but many wealthy people ignore him. People who pray every day ignore them. People who are looked up to ignore them; in fact, even some of the people they knew ignored them. But one day when he is about to get evicted from his apartment someone (random) decided to donate them money every six months. The extra money helped with shopping and hospital bills for their sickness. They did not know who was donating money since it was a go-fund-me. But that's when they started making more trustworthy friends and being grateful for what they had.*  
Lucas Site

On Sunday evening 11 of us met for session 7 of the Romans Course. The title was 'Mystery' looking at chapters 9-11 and here's a summary of what we learned,

- *Paul speaks of his passion for the Jews, but the majority rejected Jesus as the Messiah.*
- *The Jewish people have a special role in world history, but God includes the Gentiles in his redemption plan. There is mystery here that makes us wonder and worship.*
- *Backstage, God is the Director in total control. On stage, we have our part to play as we give full allegiance to Christ and share the good news with others.*

That was our last meeting until we get started again with session 8 sometime in January 2024.....CAN'T WAIT!!

**A Thought from Charlie**

*“But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, Joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”  
(Galatians 5:22-23)*

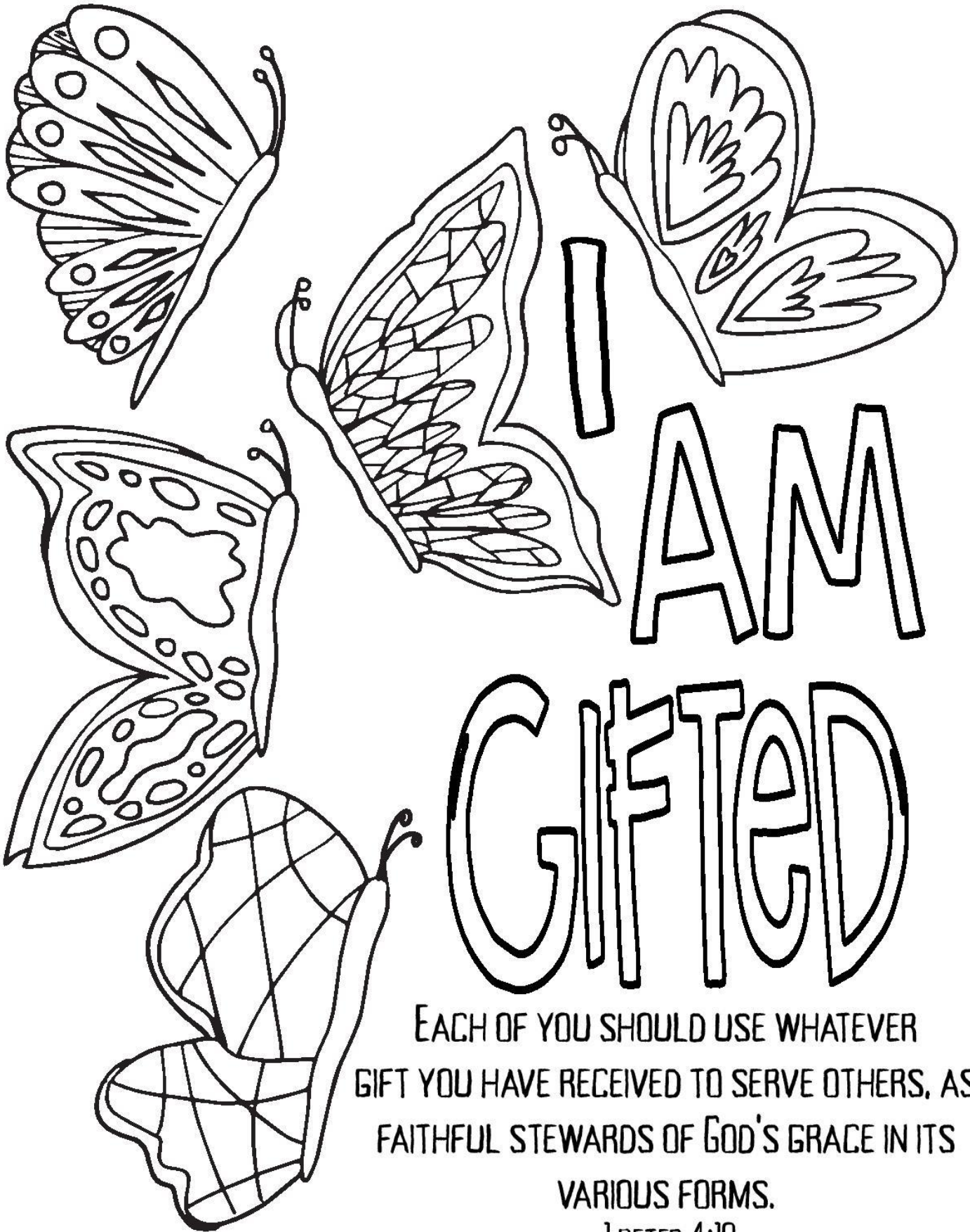
Christ can rid you of inner conflict. Man without God is always torn between two urges. His nature promotes him to do wrong, and his conscience urges him to do right. Antagonistic desires and messed up emotions keep him in a state of personal instability. Medical people have almost concluded that this conflict is the basis of much physical breakdown and nervous collapse. Many doctors now believe that among the contributing causes of the common cold are stress, tension, and inner conflict. Paul must have been in the midst of such a personal civil war when he cried “oh wretched man, than I am. Who will deliver me? From this body of death?” And then he gives the wonderful answer to his own question when he said: “ I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord!” Only the Holy Spirit can control our innermost feelings. May we allow Him to work in us each day.

Solution to last week’s crossword. How did you get on?  
Did it stretch your brain?  
Should this be a more regular part of the newsletter?

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<u>Duty Rota</u>		Preaching	Door	Vestry Prayer	Communion
November	12	Andy	Lindsay	Robert	
	19	Donna	Mark	Jim B.	
	26	Donna	Doreen	Donna	
December	3	Robert	Kevin	Mary	Eddie





EACH OF YOU SHOULD USE WHATEVER  
GIFT YOU HAVE RECEIVED TO SERVE OTHERS, AS  
FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE IN ITS  
VARIOUS FORMS.  
1 PETER 4:10

# The Prayer Wall

*Dear Lord,*

*As I look back over the past week I can see times when I have been true to what I believe and other times when I haven't been the person I should be. As I think over these times please forgive me and give me the strength not to make the same mistakes again.*

*In Jesus' name*

Father – as we remember those who died or live with the scars, physical and mental of wars in the past I bring before you now those who are suffering – physically and mentally from what is happening in Ukraine and the Middle East. I ask Lord that you step in and bring an end to this madness. Come, Lord Jesus.

Amen

Lord – I think of those I know who are dealing with health issues at this time. I pray Lord for healing for them but, if that is not in your plan, for comfort, for assurance, for a real sense of your presence in their situation.

Amen

Father, amidst all that is happening in the world I give you thanks for the good things - for the beauty of nature, the loving word spoken, the kind deed done, the meal prepared, the needed embrace, the answer to prayer. Thank you.

Amen

*May the Lord answer me when I am in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect me. May he send me help from the sanctuary and grant me support from Zion. (From Ps. 20:1-2)*

*Amen*

Lord God, as the shops bring out their Christmas displays earlier and earlier let me never lose sight of the baby in the manger and the Lord upon the cross.

Amen

*We are not made for the harbour  
We are made for the sea  
Though at times it's wild and cold and dark  
It's where we're meant to be*

Father – I pray for our NHS as we move into their busiest season. Bless those who serve, give patience to those who are served and generosity to those who allocate the funds.

Amen

*You launch us out as a Father  
Though we may be tossed about  
But your presence in the storm  
It walls us in and calls us out*

<https://www.facebook.com/LICCLtd/video>

*Father, as I look forward to another week help me to live for you, to tell those I meet about your love for them, and honour you in everything I do.*

*In Jesus' name, Amen*

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV*