



# Markinch Parish Church Sunday Bulletin

*Minister: Revd Alex Forsyth TD BA MTh*

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*Our Mission*

*To Worship God, Share His love and Serve His World*

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***Grace To You And Peace***

*During the organ prelude please quietly prepare yourself for sharing in the service by offering a prayer and reading the lessons set for today.*

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**We enter to worship**

**Prelude - music for prayer and meditation**

Welcome & Intimations

**HYMN            306            O Come All Ye Faithful**

**Prayers & Lord's Prayer**

*Isaiah 9:2-7        p 693*

*Luke 2.1-20        p1027*

**HYMN            314            Child In The Manger**

Prayers for Help & Healing

**HYMN            313            See In Yonder Manger Low**

Sermon

The Offering

**HYMN            309            Still the Night**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Speeches and Presentations            Robert Balfour and John Wood*

**HYMN            301            Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

The Blessing & Choral Amen

**Postlude - music for prayer and reflection**

**We depart to serve**

*Refreshments in the church hall*

## **Retiral of Rev Alex and Jean Forsyth**

**As you are aware this is Rev Alex Forsyth's last service at Markinch Parish Church and Jean's last day as our organist. We thank Alex and Jean for their dedicated work in Markinch over the last 11 years and we wish them a long and happy retirement. They will be missed by everyone around Markinch.**

### **Markinch Parish Church 'Trees of Memories'**



Over the Christmas season, our 'Trees of Memories' in the church windows offer a way to remember loved ones who are no longer with us. Add your own inscription on the reverse of the tag before hanging it on the tree before or after the morning service.

Last year more than one hundred cards adorned the trees.

Memory cards (£1) are available from the table in the church entrance. All proceeds from the 'Trees of Memories' are going towards the provision of a stair lift at the church gates.

### **Markinch Parish Church The Glory of Christmas**

#### **Christmas Eve**

6.00 pm	Carol Service for all the family.
11.30 pm	Christmas Eve Watchnight Service

#### **Christmas Day**

10.00 am	Christmas Morning Service.
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**If you require the services of a minister please contact the Session Clerk, John Wood on 01592 750327**

**Coffee Mornings** will resume on Thursday 9th January 2014 from 10.00am to 11.30am in the church hall. Join us there for tea or coffee and a chat.

**The Flowers in Church today** are gifted by The Munro and Thomson families with fond memories of all the happy family celebrations held throughout the years in Markinch Parish Church.

**Flower Ladies** We would like to show gratitude and appreciation to the fantastic ladies on the flower committee who give their time freely to buy, decorate the church and distribute the flowers each week.

**Church Cookbook Volume 3** Although this was due to have been delivered to us last week we are sorry to say that we have received word that the printer will not be able to deliver the books until after New Year.

**The recent collection for the Philippines** totalled £347.00.

### **Christmas Greetings**

**Morven and John Duncan** would like to wish everyone in the Congregation a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

**Eunice and Susan Thomson** send their Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year to everyone.

**Teresa and Andy Henderson** would like to send their best wishes to everyone for a Happy Christmas and good health in 2014.

**Moira, Suzi, Helen and the children of the Sunday School** wish all of the congregation a Happy Christmas and New Year.

**Esma Morrison** wishes everyone a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and Good Health in 2014

**The Youth Club** would like to thank the members of Markinch Parish Church for their help and support and would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Fred Sankey** would like to send his best wishes for Christmas and New Year to all his friends at Markinch Parish Church.

**Christine Annandale** sends Christmas Greetings and best wishes for the New Year to everyone.

**Nessie Wilkie** has decided not to send cards this year but would like to wish everyone in the congregation a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Margaret Urquhart** sends love and wishes all of her Church Family Christmas Blessings and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

**Alison and Bruce Taylor** are not sending Christmas Cards again this year choosing instead to give a donation to Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland but nevertheless would want to wish our Christian family, friends and neighbours the peace and blessings of Christmas and good health and happiness in the New Year.

**Members of the Rotary Club of Glenrothes** would like to thank everyone at Markinch Parish Church for their support during the past year and wish them all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.