Church of Scotland

Glenorchy & Innishael and Strathfillan

December 2011- January 2012

Minister's Musing: Once again a year has rushed by with plenty happening both big and small. Thanks to all who have contributed in so many ways. Plenty is expected to go on in 2012 so we hope you will feel welcome to get involved. The main purpose of this issue of the newsletter is to publicise the times for Christmas services. It seems a good opportunity to also publicise some ways to help others at little or no cost to ourselves. So I hope you'll be interested in the three projects on this page. The stamp appeal runs till February when a new project will begin. I pray that you and all around you may have joy & peace at Christmas and throughout the New Year. *Liz Gibson*



Used Stamps

Located in rural Jamaica, Mount Olivet is home for around 30 boys with an average age of 12 from urban and socially deprived areas of Jamaica. Mount Olivet offers love and

support which will enable these boys to lead meaningful and productive lives. Through the Home they have access to spiritual nurture, medical care, emotional support, vocational training and recreation. The Home has a lab with 11 computers and the boys also engage in farming and livestock rearing. Mount Olivet is self-sufficient in egg and chicken meat production. Despite these achievements and local help, it has become increasingly difficult to meet not only routine costs, but to undertake developmental work.

You can help our partner church in Jamaica to keep the boys safe, become self-sufficient in agricultural and livestock production, provide them with computer and farming skills, psychological and developmental support and in repairing buildings to required health and safety standards.

Please take stamps to any of the churches or to Dalmally Surgery

New Start Oban & Start-Up Stirling







By providing some of the essential items to set up a home, these charities help individuals and families moving into a new tenancy following a period of homelessness. If you are clearing out good quality household items they would be much appreciated. Please bring to church or contact Liz Gibson to arrange collection.



Argyll Christian Aid Book Sale Thursday 17th – Saturday 19th May St. John's, George St, Oban

This will be a big book sale involving lots of congregations with books on all sorts of subjects plus music, events and speakers. We need **BOOKS!!**



We would love to have a contact person from every congregation to chase up book donations, highlight publicity and recruit helpers.

Please speak to Liz or Martyn Gibson if you have books to give or would be willing to help in any way.

Worship - All Welcome

Saturday 24 th December – Christmas Eve		
	St Conan's Kirk	6.00 pm
	Bridge of Orchy Church	11.30 pm
	Glenorchy Church	11.30 pm
	Portsonachan Village Hall	11.30 pm
Sunday 25 th December – Christmas Day		
	Glenorchy Church	10.00
	Crianlarich Church	11.30
1 st January	St Conan's Kirk	9.00
	Glenorchy Church	10.00
	Crianlarich Church	11.30
8 th January	Glenorchy Church	10.00
•	Bridge of Orchy Church	11.30
15 th January	Glenorchy Church	10.00
	Crianlarich Church	11.30
22 nd January	Glenorchy Church	10.00
	Bridge of Orchy Church	11.30
29 th January	Glenorchy Church	10.00
·	Bridge of Orchy Church	11.30
	Portsonachan Village Hall	6.00

We record Sunday morning services. If you are unable to get to church and would like a copy to listen to at home, please let us know.

Opportunities for Christmas Worship with other denominations in the area:

Roman Catholic – Visitation Church, Taynuilt - Christmas Eve 11.30pm Carols,

12.00 Midnight Mass; Christmas Morning 10.30am

Scottish Episcopal – St James' Ardbrecknish Christmas Morning 11.00am

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