

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH KIRKINTILLOCH ADVENT APPEAL 2019

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has never mastered it" St. John 1:5

In this Season of Advent, as our thoughts turn towards Christmas when we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, outside it seems there is much darkness in our world. But we have an Advent hope in the one who can take that darkness and transform it through the light of His presence. He is the reason for the season of our celebrations.

As a congregation we have been travelling through our vacancy with a natural sense of anxiety, as our path has seemed quite dark and unclear. However the Kirk Session has recently agreed to repay £56,500 from our reserves towards our Ministries and Mission deficit. This will leave a remaining balance of £60,000 and it is proposed that we repay this over the next 5 years. Our proposal has been agreed in principle with representatives of the Presbytery of Glasgow, and 121 George Street, Edinburgh, allowing us to have the right to call a new Minister on a reviewable basis in the New Year.

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Please GIFT AID your donation by completing the details requested below:

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This is where you come in. **Your Church needs YOU.** If every one of our 660 members were able to give £100 towards this Appeal, the outstanding debt would be repaid all the more quickly.

Now we realise that not everyone may be able to give £100 to this Appeal - but some may be able to give even more.

Whatever you give will be gratefully received and will help us to move forward on our journey!

So what can you do to help?

To contribute to the Appeal, please detach the lower part of the leaflet, follow the instructions contained in the tear off slip and return your contribution as soon as you are able. Thank you.

As we read in 2 Corinthians 9:7, "Each person should give as he has decided for himself; there should be no reluctance, no sense of compulsion; God loves a cheerful giver."



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Donations can be made either by: (tick one)

Cash *or* **Cheque** *or* **Bank Transfer**

I herewith enclose the sum of £

Please return your completed form with your donation in the ADVENT APPEAL envelope provided, by one of the following methods:

- ▲ The labelled box or tray in the Vestibule.
- ▲ In the offertory plate.
- ▲ Via your District Elder.
- ▲ By Post to the Church Treasurer.

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