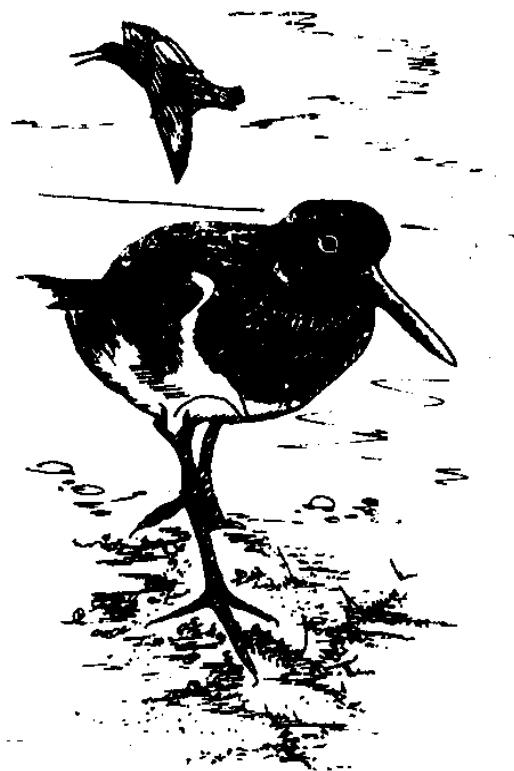


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## St Bride's Women's Group



**The Group will next meet on Tuesday 20 January, when the theme of the meeting will be *Glasgow City Mission - Celebrating 200 Years*.**

Karen from Glasgow City Mission has sent a letter thanking the knit 'n' natter for the blankets – see next page.

The Knit and Natter Group will re-start on **Thursday 8 January**.

**Sheena Connolly**



Knit and Natter Group  
St. Brides Church  
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1<sup>st</sup> December 2025

Dear Wonderful Knitters,

**Thank you to the Knit and Natter Group**

On behalf of everyone at Glasgow City Mission's Child and Family Centre in Govan and Linthouse, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you for the beautiful hand-knitted blankets you so generously gifted to our families this winter.

Your kindness and care have meant far more than warmth alone. For the families who received a blanket, each one was a tangible expression of compassion — something made with time, skill and genuine thoughtfulness. Many of the parents we support were deeply moved to know that these blankets were lovingly handmade, especially for them and their children.

At a time of year that can be particularly challenging, your generosity brought comfort, dignity and a sense of being valued. Acts like yours remind the families we support that they are not alone, and that there is a wider community who cares deeply about their wellbeing.

Please accept our sincere thanks for the time, effort and love that went into every stitch. Your support has made a real and lasting difference, and we are truly grateful to each and every member of the Knit and Natter group at St Bride's Church.

With warmest thanks and best wishes,

Yours sincerely

*Karen*

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## MUSIC IN JANUARY

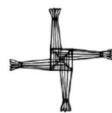
The next in our current, monthly series of Organ Recitals will take place on Sunday 4 January at 1.00 p.m., given by Eilidh Harris. Possibly the youngest Organist ever to have contributed to any of our series, Eilidh was recently Organ Scholar at St Mary's Cathedral whilst a Pupil at Douglas Academy, and is now at the Birmingham Conservatoire as a First Study Organist. Her varied programme reflecting the turn of the year will feature music by Bach, Buxtehude, Franck and Mendelssohn. Donations to our Robert Lamont Music Fund invited. All welcome.

A reminder of *Sing for Your Life!* – and your wellbeing. On Thursday, 15 January, Rebecca and Alan Tavener will lead another cheerful, relaxed get-together to enjoy the health benefits of singing, food- and drink-themed – free to all, requiring no previous experience of music or singing. A chance for you to come and channel your inner Mary Poppins, *Food, glorious Food* will include *Java Jive*, *Yes, we have no Bananas* and *A Spoonful of Sugar*, to name a few... This is a monthly event at St Bride's, collaborating with Cappella Nova Outreach – feel free to let Alan know in advance or just turn up! Refreshments will be available. Thursday 15 January, 2.00 for 2.15-3.15 p.m.

**Alan Tavener**



**St Bride's Episcopal Church  
Glasgow G12 9UX**



**Sunday 4 January 2026 at 1.00pm**

# **Organ Recital**

**Eilidh Harris (Royal Birmingham Conservatoire)**

**Free admission – donations to our Robert Lamont  
Music Fund welcome, scan here to donate**



Praeludium in C, BuxWV 137)

Das alte Jahr vergangen ist, BWV 614 & In dir ist Freude, BWV 615

Le Verbe (La Nativité du Seigneur)

Prélude, Fugue et Variation

Organ Sonata in F minor, Op 65 No 1

*Allegro – Adagio – Andante recitativo – Allegro assai vivace*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

J S Bach (1685–1750)

Olivier Messiaen (1908–92)

César Franck (1822–90)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)

Photo courtesy of Sowne of Organ



Eilidh Harris is an undergraduate organ student at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, studying under the tutelage of Daniel Moult and Nicholas Wearne. Their studies are generously supported by the RBC McDonald Foundation Scholarship and the Derby and District Organists' Association. Originally from Glasgow, Eilidh has previously held positions as the Bernard Porter Organ Scholar at St Mary's Cathedral Glasgow and Organist at All Saints Jordanhill. During that time they also studied as a pianist at the Music School of Douglas Academy. Eilidh has performed in concert with

Sowne of Organe on historical instruments across Scotland, and as an accompanist for concerts and competitions (including the Cumnock Tryst and Rotary Young Musician Finals) in Scotland and the UK.

our next Organ Recital...

**Sunday 1 March 2026 Andrew Forbes (Glasgow Cathedral)**

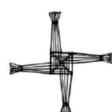
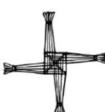
**(NB no Recital in February)**

[www.organrecitals.uk](http://www.organrecitals.uk)

**... and at 3.30pm on 18 January 2026 Choral Evensong for Epiphany**

sung by St Bride's Choir (with organist David Hamilton) – music  
by Herbert Brewer, Anton Bruckner and Herbert Howells

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**5 October 2025 Peter Wakeford (Glasgow)**

**2 November 2025 William Briant (Glasgow)**

**7 December 2025 Alan Kitchen (Wellington Church)**

**4 January 2026 Eilidh Harris (Glasgow)**

**1 March 2026 Andrew Forbes (Glasgow Cathedral)**

**3 May 2026 Students from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland**

**7 June 2026 Pavlos Trianaris  
(Letchworth Traditional Anglican Church)**

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*Cappella Nova Outreach at St Bride's*

# *Sing for Your Life!*

*Boost your health and wellbeing –  
have fun with like-minded people!*

**Thursdays, 2.00 for 2.15-3.15pm**

**2025: 9 October, 13 November, 11 December,**

**2026: 15 January, 12 February, 12 March,**

**16 April, 14 May, 11 June**

**St Bride's Church, Hyndland Road, GLASGOW G12 9UX**

*... featuring a wide range of favourite songs*



Led by Alan and Rebecca Tavener, this singing-for-fun session is FREE to all, requires no experience of music or singing, and is a cheerful, relaxed get-together to enjoy the pleasure and health benefits of singing. Refreshments will be available.

Feel free to make contact in advance, [cappella.nova@strath.ac.uk](mailto:cappella.nova@strath.ac.uk)  
*...or, just turn up!*

## READINGS FOR SERVICES IN JANUARY

<p><i>Sunday 4 January</i>  <b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b></p>	<p>Isaiah 60, v 1–6      Psalm 72, v 1–2, 7–8, 10–13      Ephesians 3, v 2–3a, 5–6      Matthew 2, v 1–12</p>	<p>Harry Dunlop      Katy Flynn</p>
<p><i>Sunday 11 January</i>  <b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>  <b>(The First Sunday after the Epiphany)</b></p>	<p>Isaiah 42, v 1–4, 6–7      Psalm 29      Acts 10, v 34–38      Matthew 3, v 13–17</p>	<p>Elizabeth Moignard      Andrew Lockyer</p>
<p><i>Sunday 18 January</i>  <b>The Second Sunday after the Epiphany</b></p>	<p>Isaiah 49, v 3, 5–6      Psalm 40, v 1, 3, 8–11      1 Corinthians 1, v 1–3      John 1, v 29–42  <i>(Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!)</i>    <i>Choral Evensong and Benediction</i>      Psalm 145      Isaiah 60, v 9–22      John 1, v 43–51</p>	<p>Talan Ferris-Morris      Ebi Japhet        Katy Flynn      Jane Ross</p>
<p><i>Sunday 25 January</i>  <b>The Third Sunday after the Epiphany</b></p>	<p>Isaiah 9, v 1–4      Psalm 27, v 1, 4–11      1 Corinthians 1, v 10–18      Matthew 4, v 12–23  <i>(Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.)</i></p>	<p>Gilly McDougall      Joe Mannion</p>

## MUSIC FOR JANUARY

Date	Readings	Setting	Motet	Psalm	Hymns	Voluntary Before	Voluntary After
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> 10.30 The Epiphany	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12	Dark Communion Service in E (Collegium Regale)	Affwoord O God, who by the leading of a Star	72:1-2, 7-8,10- 13	47,49, Kings of Orient, 52	J S Bach Das alte Jahr vengangen ist, BWV614 ("The old Year now hath passed away") & In dir ist Freude, BWV615 ("In Thee is Gladness")	Mons Leidvin Table Norsk Byrillupsmarsj (Norwegian Wedding March)
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> 10.30 Epiphany I: the Baptism of the Lord	Isaiah 42. 1-4,6-7 Acts 10,34-38 Matthew 3,13-17	Oldroyd Mass of the Quiet Hour	James MacMillan Think of how God loves you	29	56,55, 384, Lord, for the Years	J S Bach Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV684	J S Bach Alla breve in D, BWV589
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> 10.30 Epiphany II	Isaiah 49,3:5-6 1 Corinthians 1,1-3 John 1,29-42	Dark Communion Service in E	Handel Behold, the Lamb of God	40:1,3, 8-11	377, 470, 294, 466	Stanley Voluntary in E minor, Op 5 No 4	Buxtehude Prelude & Fugue in E, BuxWV141
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> 15.30 Choral Evensong for Epiphany	Isaiah 60:9-22 John 1,43-51	Brewer Evening Canticles in A	Howells Here is the little Door	145	48, 43,	J S Bach Piece d'Orgue, BWV 572	Stanford At Christmashide, David Hamilton, Organist
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> 10.30 Epiphany III	Isaiah 9:1-4 1 Corinthians 1,10-18 Matthew 4,12-23	Ireland Communion Service in C	Rebecca Groom te Velde Take up your Cross	27,1, 4-11	451, Fairest Lord Jesus, 282, 361	Mendelssohn Variations Vater unser im Himmelreich (The Lord's Prayer) (Sonata in D minor, Op 65 No 6)	Mendelssohn Fugue Vater unser im Himmelreich (Sonata in D minor, Op 65 No 6)

## KALENDAR FOR JANUARY

### January

1	Thu	<b>THE NAMING OF JESUS</b>	Families
2	Fri	<i>Seraphim of Sarov, 1833</i>	Contemplative Religious
3	Sat	<i>Feria</i>	Stateless people
4	Sun	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> (anticipated from 6 January)	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
5	Mon	<i>Feria</i>	
6	Tue	<i>Feria</i>	Israel
7	Wed	<i>Feria</i>	The Palestinian Territories
8	Thu	<i>Feria</i>	Jordan
9	Fri	<i>Feria</i>	Lebanon
10	Sat	<i>William Laud, Bishop, 1645</i>	Anglican Theologians
11	Sun	<b>THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
12	Mon	<i>Feria</i>	The Bishop
13	Tue	<b>KENTIGERN (MUNGO), BISHOP, c. 613</b>	The City of Glasgow, and the Bishop
14	Wed	<i>Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop &amp; Teacher of the Faith, c. 367</i>	The unity of the Church and those persecuted for their faith
15	Thu	<i>Feria</i>	Iran
16	Fri	<i>Feria</i>	Iraq
17	Sat	<i>Anthony of Egypt, Abbot, 356</i>	Egypt
18	Sun	<b>The Second Sunday after the Epiphany</b>	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
19	Mon	<i>Commemoration of Scottish Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Period</i>	The churches of Scotland
20	Tue	<i>Feria</i>	Bahrain and Kuwait
21	Wed	<i>Agnes, Martyr, c. 304</i>	Betrothed couples
22	Thu	<i>Feria</i>	Oman and Qatar
23	Fri	<i>Feria</i>	Saudi Arabia, UAE, Yemen
24	Sat	<i>Francis de Sales, Bishop, 1622</i>	Spiritual Directors
25	Sun	<b>The Third Sunday after the Epiphany</b>	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
26	Mon	<b>The Conversion of Paul, Apostle</b>	Christian Unity
27	Tue	<i>John Chrysostom, Bishop &amp; Teacher of the Faith, 407</i>	Preachers
28	Wed	<i>Thomas Aquinas, Teacher of the Faith, 1274</i>	The Scottish Episcopal Institute
29	Thu	<i>Feria</i>	The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople
30	Fri	<i>Charles I, King, 1649</i>	The King
31	Sat	<i>Charles Mackenzie of Central Africa, Bishop, Missionary, Martyr, 1862</i>	The Church of the Province of Central Africa