

Christmas Greetings 2025!

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“Good news of great joy for all people.” You don’t see a lot of good news in today’s media, but that was the message for the shepherds from the angel of the Lord. When the shepherds saw that it was true, “they spread the word”. (Luke 2:8-20) We hope that this Christmas you will be thrilled with the joyful news that the Saviour has been born, and be encouraged to share that news with others.



In May our family all went to Southerness and stayed in three caravans for the weekend. We had good family time together and enjoyed a visit to Mable Farm Park, and Dino Park at Hetland, as well as local walks around Southerness and Rockcliffe.

We made good use of our trailer caravan going to Rockcliffe, Dunkeld, Benderloch, and Kendal. Rockcliffe and Kendal were long weekends where Douglas was speaking at church during the weekend. Being semi-retired has some advantages! Douglas also used the caravan when doing mission work in Fort William. But the big event for us this year was celebrating our **Ruby Wedding** by taking a cruise to Norway to see the Fjords!



Douglas continues working part-time with the Open-Air Mission and has enjoyed some extra time with the grandchildren as well as the time away in the caravan. The OAM work has taken him to various places around the UK to speak in churches, conduct training seminars as well as doing street evangelism, and running Bible Exhibitions. More locally he has monthly visits to Barlinnie Bible Class, speaks about every 6 weeks at Dimity Street Church, and is still involved with Wheels in Motion where he enjoys driving the bus as well as engaging with the service users. In the garden he still cuts the grass and the hedges, and paints the fences and huts.

Marion still helps at Toddlers and Sunday School, and facilitates the Ladies Bible Study at church which she finds very encouraging. She still sits on the Children’s Panel and frequently chairs these sessions. Marion’s involvement with Glasgow Street Pastors continues in the Safe Zone and on the management team. She continues to look after the grandchildren some days as she picks them up from school. Marion has tended the garden and is very proud of the produce. This year, Douglas constructed a fruit net to protect the produce! In June she managed to stumble on a step which resulted in an avulsion fracture of her ankle. The ligament damage was extremely painful, but it didn’t stop her going on the cruise just 11 days later!



Rachel is teaching full time again. **Bobby** has wound up his Property Care business and, after completing the training, he has fulfilled a long time ambition of driving articulated lorries. Both are actively involved in Brisbane Evangelical Church, Largs. **Daniel** (11) is learning to play the chanter. He has given up proper football training although he still enjoys a kick-about with his pals. He loves cycling and usually cycles to school (when it’s daylight). **Rebecca** (9) loves drama & dancing, and is learning to play the cello and the piano. **Tyler** still enjoys life in the Navy. He’s still based in the UK which has enabled him to have driving lessons and then pass his driving test.

Andrew has changed job - again! His contract at Worship Tools couldn’t be renewed and he now works for Addepar. He works from home with occasional visits to the Edinburgh office. **Jill** started back at work this year doing admin with Crossreach but from January she will be working for S.U. in Ayrshire. Both are very active in South Glasgow Church doing music and technical things. **Samuel** (6) is in Primary 2 at school. **Jacob** (4) goes to Early Years Learning Centre and totally loves it – especially being able to take a piece of fruit when going home. Both boys enjoy playing with toys as well as watching Paw Patrol and Pokémon.



May the Lord bless you over Christmas and into the New Year of 2026!

Douglas

Marion

Pray for Douglas Young

January 2026		
7	Brisbane Ev.Ch., Largs	Report Meeting
8	Glasgow TCF, Stevenston	Open-Air Ministry
11	Lennox Ev.Ch., Dumbarton	Family Service
14	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
15	Glasgow	Open-Air
17	Edinburgh	Open-Air
18	Dimity Street Church, Johnstone	Family Service
20-22	Northampton	OAM Workers Conference
25	Strathendrick Baptist Church, Balfron	Family Service
26-28	Yarnfield, Staffordshire	F.E.W. Conference
29	Glasgow	Open-Air
30	Paisley	Open-Air

February 2026		
4-6	Somewhere Quiet	Study Leave
8	Ebenezer Hall, Burnbank	Children's Event
11	Ayr	Open-Air
12	Glasgow	Open-Air
15	Townhead Church, Newmilns	Family Service am, Bible Teaching pm
18	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
19	Greenock	Men's Fellowship
21	Edinburgh	Open-Air
22	Dimity Street Church, Johnstone	Family Service
25	Ayr	Open-Air
26	Glasgow	Open-Air
27	Paisley	Open-Air

March 2026		
3	Yoker Ev.Ch., Glasgow	Ladies Meeting
4	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
6	Carlisle	Open-Air
9-13	Bethel Ev.Ch., Ripon	Life of Jesus Workshop
15	Ebenezer Hall, Burnbank	Children's Event
18	Ayr	Open-Air
19	Glasgow TCF, Stevenston	Open-Air Report Meeting
21	Edinburgh	Open-Air
22	Dimity Street Church, Johnstone	Family Service
25	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
26	Glasgow	Open-Air
27	Falkirk	Open-Air

April 2026		
1	Ayr	Open-Air
2	Glasgow	Open-Air
18	Edinburgh	Open-Air
19	Dimity Street Church, Johnstone	Family Service
22	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
23	Glasgow	Open-Air
24	Falkirk	Open-Air
26	Kelty Ev.Ch.	Family Service
29	Ayr	Open-Air
30	Glasgow TCF, Stevenston	Open-Air Ministry

As always, these details are subject to change. You would be welcome to join me at any of the open-air but please text/WhatsApp first to check the details and any late changes to the schedule. My number is 07515 435497.