Advent is a season which is lovely, yet strange, there is the thoughts of Christmas past, a time when we were young and vulnerable, what would happen 20, 30 years from now was not important, parents and relatives, adults, they worried about such things, we enjoyed what was happening today, and next week was seen as too far away.

Christmas present when we are the age group that our children look to for guidance, we have the future to plan for.

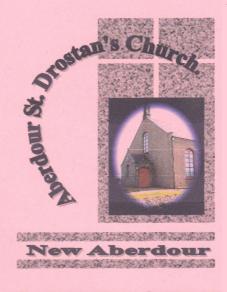
And Christmas **future**, a time when we will not be there, and we trust that the things we have done, will stand, will be the foundations on which our children could build.

Your Church is what roots you to Christmas past, Christmas present, and to Christmas future.

The security on which you stand, the familiar strength which we can grasp as we face change or stress; Can I encourage you to walk forward together and experience what God has for us in our new family life.

William B. Ross

On behalf of Maureen and myself can I thank you for the year behind us, and ask that the Lord would bless you in the year in front of us. Every Blessing Bill Maureen



CHRISTMAS TIME

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Once again Christmas is fast approaching and many folks thoughts will be turning to parties, presents and the seemingly endless Christmas shop. As most of you will know our Minister, Rev Bill Ross, suffered a heart attack in November but is now on the mend and back preaching with us again. No doubt your thoughts and prayers will be with him and Maureen at this time and any others in our congregation who are in need of our spiritual support.

Another busy year in the Church is nearing its end and I would like to thank you all for supporting us in the various events we have held throughout the year. Our Harvest Appeal once again has resulted in a number of boxes being filled. Various items, from toiletries, pencils, notebooks, hair accessories, balls and clothing, just to name a few, were donated and will be sent to Ekwendeni. A big thankyou to everyone who supported this worthwhile appeal.

We will be decorating the Church on Saturday 20 December at 10.00 am why not come along and help. There are to be the usual services again this year including the parade along High Street – we are still hoping to get a donkey to accompany us and the Salvation Army should also be with us.

Forthcoming Services:

Family Service: Sunday 21 December 2014 @ 10.00 am

Service in Pennan Church (Elder led) - Sunday 21 December 2014 @ 3.00 pm

Christmas Eve Parade & Service: Wednesday 24 December 2014 – Parade will start from the Car Park @ 6.00 pm followed by a Service in the Church at approximately 7.00 pm. The Salvation Army will provide the music for the singing of Carols throughout the parade. Tea/Coffee and mince pies available after the Service.

A warm welcome awaits anyone wishing to join us at any or all of the above Services. We also have a cup of tea/coffee at the end of the Service on the first Sunday of each month and at special services – please feel free to join us in fellowship at this time.

Note - our website address
www.aberdourstdrostans.org.uk

We hope you have a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year from the Board and Session of Aberdour Church