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## General Conference of the New Church News



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### Seaburn Dene Get Creative

The Seaburn Dene Creative Christmas Activity Day on November 25th was a really different and enjoyable morning for those involved. The participants chose different coloured cards which decided their groups and starting activities. This allowed all age groups to mingle. The activities included decorating the church Christmas trees, baking mincemeat wheels, icing biscuits, card making and sewing decorations.



### What's Happening on the Council?

A report by David Haseler, Trustee, on behalf of the Council:

At our late-Autumn meeting, we were pleased to welcome two 'observers' to join us for the

## Kearsley News

Jeffrey Lomax has been taking services at Kearsley Church now for many years but the Remembrance Day service was his last. He will be getting married on the fifth of January and going to live in London. We wish him every happiness in his future life.

## Keighley News

On Sunday 9th December Keighley will be trying a new type of service, which is called 'Verses of Christmas'.

This will be a chance to enjoy the favourite verses of other Members of the church or congregation. These verses will have a theme related to Christmas, which may be biblical, poetic or from the verses of the carols and songs which have become part of our own traditions and rituals around this time of year.

Any children who attend will also have the opportunity to dress up to make a traditional Christmas tableaux.

## IT Corner

There are a lot of scam emails doing the rounds at the moment so please beware. If you are ever unsure about an email, always check the sender's email address. Please also note that companies such as HMRC and Banks would never contact you via email about important matters.

day. Following the appeal at Conference by the Chair, they had shown interest in joining the Council and we had invited them along so they could see how we worked and decide whether they would like to be nominated for election. We were pleased that they made some comments and asked questions.

Encouraging reports were received about Purley, now under the sole management of Rachel Gilsenan. She has continued the tradition of excellent catering and has initiated some events, such as afternoon teas, to attract people from the locality so they can learn a little about who we are and what we believe.

This is the first Council Report to appear in E-News, the on-line-only successor to Lifeline. We are grateful to Judith and Gemma McLean, our Technology Manager, for their work in setting this up. Please encourage your friends to sign up.

Lara Nicholls has taken over the job of planning the Conference programme and is making good progress. The programme will be similar to this year with more time for relaxation.

We learned that the New Christian Bible Study website ([check it out](#)) was developing quickly and asked the Council if we would support another appeal for donations at Conference. We were happy to support this and agreed that we would match donations up to a maximum of £5,000.

We were disappointed to learn that The Scottish Association had decided to close formally, but it was encouraging that they wanted to continue as an informal group to do some publishing. We wish them well.

Income from the living church continues to decline, reflecting the decrease in the number of churches, but fortunately our investments, money from the past church, continue to do well, though this could be affected by political problems ahead. Our operating deficit for the whole year is forecast to be about £30,000 by our Company Accountant, Sally Field.