

Callander Kirk is currently in a vacancy and the Office Bearers, Elders and members are working hard to maintain the discipleship and fellowship which exist and to progress the congregation's vision for the future.

The Nominating Committee has a good balance of office bearers and members and is fully committed to its very important task.

Three initiatives have been found helpful.

**\*\***At every service, in the Kirk and in Trossachs Church, from the beginning of the year until someone is Inducted, we are lighting a Candle of Hope and Unity, intended to remind us of God's love for us and our need for His strength at this time.

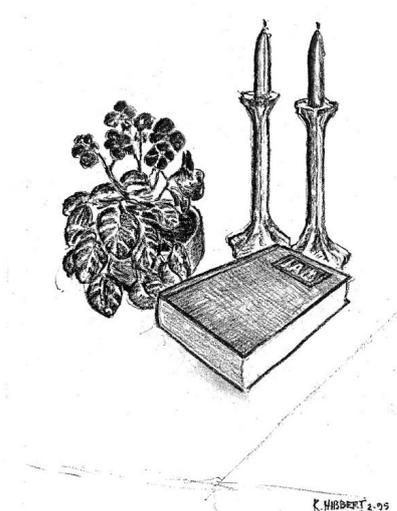
Each week a different person lights the candle and reads the accompanying verse.

*" Father, we light this candle  
as a symbol of Your love  
and light.*

*May Your love melt us,  
Mould us, touch us and  
empower us to serve You.*

*May we listen to You and  
to each other  
and may Your light guide us .*

*COME AS OUR LIGHT."*



**\*\*** A special prayer has been written asking for prayer and support for the work of all the members of the Nominating Committee. This has been printed on cards and is available to every member of the congregation for use at any time.

Callander Kirk  
A prayer for the nominating Committee



Loving and Gracious God

We ask Your blessing on the members of the Nominating Committee.

Give them courage, strength and commitment as they meet and discuss.

Give them patience, openness and understanding of each other's point of view.

Give them wisdom, vision and faith as they listen for Your voice.

Help them to know the presence of the Holy Spirit and to hear You when You call.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, we ask these things. Amen

\*\* Although the work of the Committee remains totally confidential we are attempting to inform the congregation of what is happening – *where it is possible to do so*. This is underlining the fact that we are working on behalf of the membership, from which we were elected, and in order that they too can play their part by prayer, patience and encouragement.

One way in which it is hoped they will do this is to seek the help of the Holy Spirit in alerting ministers around the country to the Call from Callander Kirk. *Samuel said, "Here I am, Lord. Send me"*

### **Membership of the Committee**

Joan Barrie Clerk  
Chris Gillespie\*  
Debbie Jones  
Dorothy Kinloch\* Convener  
Alex McClure  
May McGregor  
Margaret Milligan\*  
Sheila Morrison\*  
Douglas Pearson  
Ann Ross  
Rob Scott  
Ray Sly\*  
Margaret Warnock

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