



# Kilbarchan Parish Church

## Your local church magazine

**Dear Friends**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018**

The weather has certainly improved recently. There are more dry days, the sky is blue and clear, it is warm in the sunshine, the grass needs cut again and the weeds have returned. In the West of Scotland some often joke, 'Ah summertime, last year it was a Wednesday in June I think!'

Summer is just around the corner. That makes me smile.

These past few weeks we have had much to smile about. The Royal wedding seemed to be a wonderful affair that at least for a moment gave many a sense of unity and wellbeing. The same day we had a fabulous Messy Church picnic in the church grounds which everyone seemed to enjoy. The church grounds are looking great. Thanks to all who help with their hard work.

As I write this the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland is taking place in Edinburgh. Today, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 the Church of Scotland celebrated the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women to the ministry of word and sacrament in the church. It was wonderful to see and hear the joy as hundreds of women and supporters walked up the Mound in Edinburgh into the Quad of New College singing 'We are marching in the light of God.' A short walk today, but for those women who over 50 years ago paved the way for the first women ministers it was a long and at times difficult walk. As a church we are the better for road travelled by those pioneering ministers such as the late Rev Mary Levison. As a church we celebrate the gifts of women and men.

At the General Assembly there is a growing recognition that the church will need to change radically and fairly quickly if it is to have a future. That too will be a painful journey but it is one that we will have to travel to ensure a church community for future generations.

Finally, some will be travelling or have friends and family travel to see us this summer, and so I leave you all with a travelling prayer I recently came across:

**I am grateful, Dear Lord, for the opportunity to travel. You have provided us with a lush and lavish world, full of wonder, and delightful in its diversity. Bless me as I embark on this journey.**

**As my travels unfold, I ask your blessing God, upon all those that I may encounter. Bless the people I am traveling with, the service workers along the way, the strangers, the new friends, and those that make my travel possible. Bless every vehicle that I am carried in; may it be safe and in good repair. May it be protected and enveloped in your secure light as I go on my way. Bless my baggage and my things; may they arrive safely with me everywhere I go. Bless every driver, pilot, maintenance worker, cook and those who work in hospitality – they serve me well. I am grateful for their attention and expertise.**

**Bless all my actions, keep me safe and alert. May I be fully aware and present everywhere I go. May I go in peace and walk in your heavenly Light, dear God. And may I return home happy, well, and with many memories of my journey. I rejoice in this opportunity and I go with the confidence of your loved and precious child. Amen.**

May God's joy be in your heart and God's love surround all your journeys.

Your friend, *Stephen*



**FROM THE EDITOR** What a wonderful spell of weather we have had this May. I only hope it carries on over the summer and we will be able to get out and enjoy a break from routine.

Holidays no doubt will be on your mind and wherever you go, either home or abroad, if you do happen to visit a church and especially if you take in a service, I would love to print your thoughts on your visit.

The Autumn Issue will be out on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and all items for inclusion should reach me at [alastair.mackinnon@ntlworld.com](mailto:alastair.mackinnon@ntlworld.com) by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August.

Have a great holiday

*Alastair*



## **BEADLE DUTIES**

June Bobby Stevenson, Richard Pitchers, Joyce Scott

July Ann MacLeod, Alasdair Law, Colin Campbell

August Cathy Millar, Elizabeth Dunn, Alan Vaughan

# **KIRK SESSION REPORT**

On Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> of March we were pleased to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Stephen's ordination. Stephen was ordained on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 1993 at Monifieth, St Rules Church. He was presented with a Celtic Cross from the congregation.

At the April meeting of Session it was agreed that Church open afternoons should not continue this year but we will participate in Renfrewshire Doors Open as usual. The popular Senior Members Outing will continue again this year. Details will follow when the date has been confirmed.

A closing date for offers for the former West Church and Hall was fixed by the Law Department of the Church of Scotland at the end of March. The Sub Committee met to discuss offers received and decided upon one offer. The Sub Committee's decision was then approved by a meeting of the General Trustees on 10<sup>th</sup>. April and the Law Department is now proceeding with the legal work with a view to concluding a contract.

Winchester School of Music is no longer interested in taking the former West Church organ. We have been in contact with Carta and Tom Ferguson to make them aware of the situation and to find out if anyone else may be interested.

There is an opportunity for members of the former West Church to acquire a pew before the sale of the building. For more information please contact Gwen Howden, Marjory Love or myself in the first instance.

New Data Protection regulations come into force at the end of May and they will require us to be more pro-active and deliberate in our handling of personal data. We are already using good data protection practices by ensuring that we keep only that information which is relevant and necessary, that all information (paper or electronic) is stored securely and safely and that only those people who require access to information have the right to do so. This means keeping information in locked filing cabinets, on password protected computers and encrypted flash drives.

The new regulations presume all that is currently taking place and will continue to take place. We will carry out a 'data audit' to confirm the information that we currently hold and to ensure that it is held securely. We will adopt the Church of Scotland data protection policy and post it in a prominent place within the church buildings and halls, and post it our website. This work is ongoing.

*Fulton Dunn*

# TREASURER'S REPORT



Offerings for the first few months of this year are slightly up on the same period last year. The Gift Aid claim to the Inland Revenue from the start of this year to the end of the 2018 tax year has also shown an increase. Fundraising events have been financially successful.

The final measurement for the contract covering the major works on the Church and Halls is still awaited. As at mid May there are still some snagging works to be completed by the Contractor and the Project Manager has still to finalise some negotiations with the Contractor on price reductions that we feel are justified. It is anticipated that the final measurement should be agreed by the end of May. I hope this is not wishful thinking as this was roughly a three month contract awarded last June and we are still waiting completion.

With the delay in settlement there have been no further payments to the contractor or Project Manager since the start of this financial year. Consequently the Church Reserves are virtually unchanged to what they were at the start of this financial year. When the final measurement is finally agreed the second half of the Project Manager's fee will be due and the release of retention etc will also be paid to the Contractor. Once these payments have been made the Church's Earmarked – fabric –Reserves will still be in a healthier position than forecast last year mainly due a significant reduction in the contract price.. Property Convenors have reported to the Congregational Board that fabric repairs, out with the contract, and have been held in abeyance pending completion of the major works. At least we are in a better financial position now than was forecast last year to meet these costs.

The examined Accounts for the year to 31 December 2018 are with Presbytery awaiting Attestation .Once this has been done a set of Accounts will be sent to the Charity Regulator -OSCR-and thereafter onto the Church website.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Jim Moffat*

# **PRESBYTERY OF GREENOCK AND PAISLEY**

13th February and 13th March 2018

**EULOGIES:** Tributes were paid to the life and doctrine of the late Rev John Whyte, the late Rev Effie Irvine and the late Rev Arthur Sherratt.

**WELCOME:** to the Rev Teri Peterson, elected minister of Gourrock: St. John's.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to the Rev Stephen Smith for 25 years as an ordained minister.

**ORDER OF THE DAY:** commissioners for the General Assembly were elected and approved.

**VACANCY PROCEDURE COMMITTEE:** Rev. Stephen Smith appointed as Interim Moderator at Elderslie with the Rev Donald Campbell as locum; Rev. David Stewart as Interim Moderator at Erskine and Mr. Duncan Ross as locum; Rev. Liz Geddes as Interim Moderator at Langbank l/w Port Glasgow: St. Andrew's, with support from the Rev David Stewart as she completes her training as an interim moderator; Rev. Teri C Peterson, minister of the Presbyterian Church USA, has preached and been elected to the vacant charge of Gourrock: St. John's; the congregation voted 176 For and 3 Against with 222 persons signing a call and as she is from outwith the EEA, presbytery calls her in terms of Act VII 2003 sect. 25A to the charge of Gourrock: St. John's, subject to the approval of the vacancy schedule by the Ministries Council; Rev. Phillip Wallace of Campbeltown called to be minister of Renfrew North; the VPC received a valid call to the Rev Robert Allison, Minister of Elderslie, from Cockenzie and Port Seton: Chalmers Memorial Church in the Presbytery of Lothian, and duly agreed to Rev Allison's translation to that charge.

**BUSINESS:** Standing Order 28 now will read 'The Ordinary Meetings shall be held at 7pm on the second Tuesday of September, November, December, February, March, May, and on the third Tuesday of June. There shall be no Ordinary Meetings in October, January, April, July and August'; on putting this to a vote there voted in favour 76 with no votes against therefore fulfilling the two thirds majority required to amend Standing Orders. Rev Dr Peter McEnhill has been nominated as the next Moderator for the Presbytery of Greenock & Paisley from September 2018, on the understanding that a Depute Clerk will need to be appointed at that time; Mrs. Anne Thomson and Mrs. Georgette Whitelaw have now retired from the position of Safeguarding trainers, the Clerk has been instructed to write thanking them for their service over previous years; Rev Owen Derrick of Greenock Lyle Kirk has been appointed as part-time chaplain at

Greenock HMP; Presbyters were reminded of the change to the regulations regarding the date by which Stated Annual Meetings of congregations need to be held, they now have to take place by the 30th June in the relevant year rather than as previously the 31st March, the date by which duly inspected annual accounts need to be formally received by Presbytery remains the 31st March; a special meeting of Presbytery will take place on the 17th April 2018 at 7.p.m. This meeting will consider the future of presbytery planning in the light of the expected future reduction in the number of ministries available to the Church; the congregations of Port Glasgow Hamilton Bardrainey and Port Glasgow St Martin's will exchange their current worship times from Sunday 8th April as per the provisions outlined in the basis of linking; the determination from the General Trustees regarding the sale of the manse at Howwood will proceed as directed by them; Due to heavy snowfall and treacherous driving and walking conditions in some parts of the bounds of Presbytery, many congregations took the decision to cancel worship on Sunday 4th March on grounds of Health & Safety or due to heating concerns, some holding worship in their halls.

**MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP:** the committee encourages Kirk Sessions to be involved in the Year of Young People; the committee is concerned that the Presbytery has no Safeguarding trainer and includes the Safeguarding dates offered by the Presbytery of Glasgow; Kirk Sessions were invited to nominate a youth representative to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland 2018, Wallneuk North has recommended a youth representative; Rev Hanneke Marshall will take over administration duties for COSY Facebook page for this Presbytery and encourages Sessions to make the COSY Facebook page known to the young people in their churches.

**MINISTRY:** Rev Alan Sorensen's application for Study Leave to attend the Leadership Programme for Senior Faith Leaders which is run by the Cambridge Interfaith Centre located within the Divinity Faculty of the University of Cambridge was accepted; Rev Maureen Leitch and Rev Yvonne Smith are facilitating the Worship Leaders Course the committee is encouraged by the positive response so far.

**PROPERTY:** subject to approval of the General Trustees and CARTA numerous applications were made for repairs, refurbishing and audio visual upgrades; congregations contemplating carrying out works during the summer, where Presbytery approval is required, should apply to Presbytery by the June meeting, at the latest.

**COMMUNITY INTERESTS:** the children's ward closure at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley has now happened and concern is expressed over

the affordability of transport for families of limited means travelling to the Royal Hospital for Children in Govan and instructs the Clerk to write to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; £3,500 is available to support community projects, with a deadline for applications set for 11th May.

**STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE:** the following sums were awarded from the 5% Discretionary Allowance to reduce the 2018 Ministries and Mission contributions of the congregations concerned:

Bridge of Weir St Machar's Ranfurly	£5,000
Kilbarchan	£2,000
Linwood	£1,000
Paisley St Mark's Oldhall	£7,500

**PRESBYTERY PLAN REVIEW:** the plan for Paisley Glenburn is suspended as per the provisions laid down in section 9 of Act 7 2003 (Appraisal and Adjustment); the committee will confer with local parties at Paisley Glenburn regarding an amendment to the Presbytery plan for that congregation; the intention to engage in a wider consultation with Paisley Southside churches with a view to bringing forward an amended plan for that area.

**SUPERINTENDENCE:** the annual Inspection of Records has taken place and the committee is satisfied as to the generally high level of record keeping; thanks all those who assisted in the Inspection of Records, and the congregations who made premises available for that purpose.



## **PRESBYTERY PRAYTIME**

*Here is a short prayer to express thanks and confidence in God's ways.*

Loving God,

You bring hope and relief to those who are afflicted and oppressed, who in our world suffer injustice. You bring them comfort and maybe even joy.

Make us ever more aware that we are one worldwide family, all your children. Together we belong to you. And you will make vanish all tears when we all meet in your presence and together in harmony sing in grateful celebration. Amen.

*Douglas Scott*, Presbytery Prayer Coordinator

## **REV. ARTHUR SHERRATT, B.D.**

Arthur Sherratt was born on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 1944 in Barshaw Hospital, Paisley one of three sons of Arthur and Jean Sherratt.

He attended both primary and secondary school in Paisley. On leaving school he became an apprentice engineer and for many years was employed in the Rolls Royce factory in Hillington.

Following the death of a close friend he decided to go in for the ministry and became a student at Glasgow University and graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity Degree. He underwent additional training under the tutelage of the Rev Lorna Hood and in 2013 was honoured to become one of her Chaplains when she was Moderator of the Church of Scotland.

Arthur came to Kilbarchan West Church in 1994 and breathed new life into the congregation as we had been vacant for some considerable time. He was Ordained and Inducted into Kilbarchan West on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 1994 and he conducted his first service which happened to be the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May.. After settling into the manse in Kilbarchan one of the first things he organised was to invite the congregation by Districts to the manse for afternoon tea and to see the modernisation there. He set up a Mid Week Fellowship on Wednesday mornings with tea/coffee and a short religious service, monthly informal communions, Pastoral Care and Fund Raising Committees with members of the congregation as well as the Elders and a Welcoming Team at the church door on Sunday mornings.

After a few years with the help of professional members of the congregation a scheme of renovation of the church took place with a new Vestry, Session House, Crèche and Office with printing facilities and produced our own church magazine. Disabled access was also provided as well as additional toilet facilities for the disabled. In all we had turned over a new leaf in the Church.

Arthur was a great Boys' Brigade man and was Chaplain to the 1<sup>st</sup> Kilbarchan Company as well as being Captain for a period. He was also Chaplain to Paisley and District Battalion of the Boys' Brigade. His Chaplaincy didn't finish there as he was also Kilbarchan Primary School Chaplain and served as a Chaplain to the Army Cadet Corps, the RAH and to local Hospices.



He served on various Presbytery Committees and became Moderator of the Presbytery in September 2008. During his Ministry he had several students attached doing their Readership training.

Arthur as well as being an excellent visitor, especially to the more elderly and housebound members, was also a devoted family man. He married his childhood sweetheart, Susan, and they had two daughters, Karen and Kim, Sons in Law Stuart and Crawford, Grandchildren, Sarah, Emma, Max and David. He could often be seen, along with his grandsons, watching his favourite team, St Mirren.

When Kilbarchan East became vacant, Presbytery decided to form a union of the two churches in the village and Arthur resigned as our minister to make this possible. He took up a post at Saltcoats St. Cuthbert's in 2014. Unfortunately poor health set in and he left there and retired back in Kilbarchan.

Sadly Arthur's health began to deteriorate and he spent the last 4 weeks of his life in the R.A.H. where he passed away on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018 aged 74 years, a relatively young age now. He will be missed by all who knew him in a wide sphere of activities.

However he is at peace now with his Heavenly Father.

*John Connell*

Session Clerk

Former Kilbarchan West Church



*The only ones among you who will be really happy  
are those who have sought and found to serve*

*Albert Schweitzer*

# CHRISTIAN AID



**“A mission to respond to Christ’s command to care for all in need”**

Christian Aid Week is over for another year, but it is worth reminding ourselves about the background to this organisation and the work in which it is involved.

Christian Aid is the international development agency for 41 sponsoring churches and its ground-breaking work began in 1945, when it was founded by British and Irish churches to help refugees following the Second World War. For more than 70 years, it has provided humanitarian relief and long-term development support for poor communities worldwide, while highlighting suffering, tackling injustice and championing people’s rights.

Major initiatives in recent years include :

## **Caring for our world**

Climate change can seem like an abstract idea, yet the impacts are felt by real people every day. Communities around the world, many of them already among the poorest (such as Haiti, Bolivia and the Philippines) have had to deal with the consequences of frequent and extreme storms, devastating droughts and floods

In the aftermath of such disasters, Christian Aid works in partnership with local agencies such as ICODE and KORAL, who speak to community groups and identify areas of greatest need. By running training sessions with local tradesmen they ensure that change is sustainable for the long-term.

Failure to tackle climate change will mean that extreme weather events become more frequent and severe.

But it doesn’t have to be this way. Christian Aid’s campaigning to ensure that Climate Change targets are met, coupled with practical, on-the-ground, support in providing disaster relief, can build a safer world in which all God’s people can thrive.

## **Caring for the dispossessed and homeless**

From the horrifying scenes on television, we are all made aware of the enormous flow of displaced people in areas of conflict throughout the world, not unlike the conditions which prompted the establishment of Christian Aid in 1945.

Two-thirds of people forced from home are still in their own country. Seeking safety, but unwilling or unable to leave, they are denied the official protection given to refugees and so remain hidden or ignored. Reasons for displacement include conflict, flooding, drought, fear. Torn from their homes, their families and their communities, displaced people are among the most vulnerable to poverty and exploitation in the world.

Christian Aid believes everyone deserves respect and care and that all people should be protected from harm and have a chance to rebuild their lives.

## **Fighting for Tax Justice**

It has been estimated that developing countries lose between \$100billion and \$300billion every year to tax dodging. These funds could be used to provide clean water, healthcare, education and many other essentials that we take for granted. In developing countries, these services can make the difference between **life and death**.

We all pay our taxes so that our government can invest in local services and infrastructure. But companies like Amazon, Google and Starbucks can get away without paying what they owe, often legally, by taking advantage of tax rules that are currently rigged in their favour. The secrecy in the international financial system is an added bonus for tax dodgers.

To achieve true tax justice, Christian Aid campaigns to:

1. remove the loopholes that allow tax dodging
2. create a transparent global financial system
3. lift the veil of secrecy of the international tax system.

## **Corporate tax dodging is unfair: it keeps people trapped in poverty.**

Jesus calls us to be light in dark places, exposing what the darkness hides – which is what Christian Aid and its partners are doing all over the world.

Grateful thanks go to all in Kilbarchan and Brookfield who have given so generously of their time and money during this Christian Aid Week.

*Alasdair Law*



## CASHMERE HILLS PRESBYTERY CHURCH

When I visit Christchurch, New Zealand I like to attend this beautiful little church, the Cashmere Hills Presbyterian Church. It is only minutes from my daughters home and I go as often as I can. That can be difficult as the service starts at 10am! It was built about 1927 in The Arts and Craft style. It holds about 200 members of the congregation, so it isn't large.

I have found the members very friendly and welcoming with lots of stories to tell me about their pioneering ancestors.

Being so lovely, it is a very popular place to be married in and the hall can cater for small receptions.

Like lot of churches nowadays it is also a venue for lots of clubs, such as Rotary, Crafts, children's clubs etc.

*Irene Collinson*

Cashmere Hills Presbyterian Church has high architectural and aesthetic significance and is typical for its Arts and Crafts Gothic Revival styling. It is a single storey stone church with steeply pitched slate gable roof. Two dormer windows are set upon the roof on each side of nave. The sanctuary and vestries have separate gable roofs. In 1960-61 the west end of the church was extended which allowed the castellated bell tower to be added.

The outer walls of random rubble construction are made of Port Hills basalt, randomly interspersed with various coloured rocks, including red tuff from Tal Tapu. The interior uses Timaru basalt, Mt Somers sandstone, and Oamaru stone.

The craftsmanship significance of the church is enhanced by the fine arts carving of the communion table and pulpit.

## JUNIOR CHURCH UPDATE:

Over the last few months Junior Church have covered many different bible stories and themes and undertaken a variety of different crafts to illustrate them. Examples are Abraham & Lot, Noah's Ark, Jacob's Ladder, Jonah & The Big Fish, Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego, Samson & Delilah as well as the Easter story and learning The Lord's Prayer. You may have seen some of the older children's work displayed in the small hall, they put together a collage to depict the story of Abraham & Lot, built an Ark out of cardboard which involved teamwork, imagination and creative skills, made origami whales and a paper bag puppet Raven. Other crafts enjoyed by all were the making of salt dough bowls, decorating Easter eggs and making scrolls with The Lord's Prayer on them.

In the couple of month's we have left until Sunday Summer Club recommences in July we have more exciting topics to discuss, such as making promises, friendship, our special talents to name a few.

The Junior Church prize giving and led service will take place on Sunday 17th June, with the last official Junior Church being held on the 24th June.

It's been great to see such a strong core of children attending each week and Shona and I would also like to take this opportunity of saying a BIG THANK YOU to all our helpers whose invaluable assistance is greatly appreciated.

If anyone else would like to offer their help either as a teacher or assistant with Junior Church please contact either Ros at [rosco5kl@gmail.com](mailto:rosco5kl@gmail.com) or Shona at [shona.malone@ntlworld.com](mailto:shona.malone@ntlworld.com), as new faces are always welcome. Similarly if anyone would like to be included in the Sunday Summer Club rota please let either Ros or Shona know.

Lastly a large thank you to all our children who make Junior Church such a pleasure and fun to be involved with.

*Ros & Shona*



*At a recent service we sang what my generation know as the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm – ‘The Lord’s my Shepherd.’ Having seen ‘2’ versions of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm I wonder if there are any more. If you know of another one then please submit it to me for future publication – Alastair MacKinnon, Editor.*

### The Twenty-third Psalm - For busy People

The Lord is my pace setter, I shall not rush.  
He makes me to stop and rest for quiet intervals.  
He provides me with images of stillness, which restores my serenity.  
He leads me in ways of efficiency, through calmness of mind.  
And His guidance is my peace.  
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day  
I will not fret, for His presence is here.  
His timelessness, His all-importance will keep me in balance.  
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity  
By anointing my mind with His oils of tranquillity.  
My cup of joyous energy overflows.  
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hour, For I shall walk  
in the pace of the Lord and dwell in His house forever.

*This 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm variation is most often attributed to Toki Miyashina, a Japanese woman, as a prayer for busy people, and for "Deliverance from the North-European Disease"*



## THE GUILD

Following a very successful session of interesting topics and enjoyable entertainment, the Guild members are now on their summer break. Despite the winter weather we had a good turnout of members and thanks to their generosity we have been able to increase our donations to the church and our chosen Guild Project 'Care for the Family'.



The Syllabus for next year is 'a work in progress' at the moment but some details will be published in the Autumn Magazine.

*Jan Howitt*

The Lord is my pilot, I shall not drift.  
He lighteth me across the dark waters.  
He steereth me in deep channels  
He Keepeth my log.  
He guideth me by the starsof holiness  
For his Name's sake.

Yea though I sail mid the thunders and  
Tempests of life, I will dread no danger,  
For Thou art with me,  
Thy love and Thy care shelter me.

Thou prepares a harbour before me  
In the homeland of eternity.  
Thou anointest the waves with oil,  
My ship rideth calmly.

Surely sunlight and starlight  
Shall favour me in the voyage I take,  
And I will rest in the port of my God

*By an anonymous Sea Captain, 1874*



## **GUILD PROJECTS 2015 -2018**

For each three year cycle of the Guild six projects are chosen for all Guilds to support. Our present three years is coming to an end and we are pleased tisay that all six projects have reached over £100,000. It is a remarkable total and all six projects are grateful to all who have made this possible.

Our own Guild supported three of the projects, Mission International, Feed the Minds and Care for the Family. Mission International supported a building project in Haiti, Feed the Minds dealt with the problem of Female Genital Mutilation in Kenya and Care for the Family helps promote strong family relationships and to help those who face family difficulties.

So far a grand total of £689,577 has been reached for all six projects.



# Stamp Appeal

**This year the World Mission Council's Stamp Appeal will support centres for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities in the Ukraine.**

These centers are supported by our partners the Ukrainian Reformed Church in Transcarpathia, and provide valuable support to children and young people who are living with disabilities. Thanks to the centers, young people are given the opportunity to thrive, to make friends, and to take part in a range of activities. Therapists who work at the center offer either individual or group therapies, which include educational activities (writing and reading), massages, games, music, craft work, walks and games. The families of the young people are also given support, and an opportunity to meet other parents who are caring for a child or young person with a disability.

There are three centers in total, with approximately 50 children and young people receiving support. The centers are open five days a week, although the fifth day is set aside for programme planning and support for parents. A special programme for teenagers is held once a week, providing opportunities to socialise and enjoy a range of activities.

Sadly, there is little support for people living with disabilities in the Ukraine. This means that many children and young people with disabilities do not have the facilities they need to reach their full potential. The Ukrainian Reformed Church is convinced that each of these children can participate fully in society, if they are given the care and education they need. Having access to these centres means that these young people are given the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Supporting this project is easy. All you have to do is collect the stamps you receive in the post, and bring them to the church. The money raised will go towards this project which helps children and young people with disabilities live life to the full.





## **(A Little Less) Strictly Come Dancing**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March proved to be a fantastic evening both for me and for The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice. As very many of you know, I was participating in (A Little Less) Strictly Come Dancing to help raise funds for the hospice and, from January, had been receiving a dance lesson twice a week, so that on the night I didn't give myself – or anyone else – a showing up. My teacher and dancing partner was Kevin Nicoll from Ralston, a former Scottish Ballroom Dancing Champion.

There were 8 couples taking part, and each contestant had been asked to raise a minimum of £3,000. I was the only one who was no longer in business and therefore was probably not expected to raise much beyond the minimum, however, thanks to all my family and friends – and in particular the church family – I am pleased to say that I raised a fantastic £7,142.

The whole evening was a resounding success with a record breaking £109,000 being raised to help the patients and families of The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice.

Everyone who was at the Hilton Hotel on the evening had a great night and I had an absolute ball dancing to the Syd Lawrence Orchestra and ultimately being judged by, among others, Giovanni and Oti from BBC's Strictly Come Dancing.

I can't thank everyone enough for all the support I received, it really was incredible. Please be assured that every penny that was raised will be put to very good use in the care of the hospice's patients and families. Thank you once again.



*Myra Grant*

# 1<sup>st</sup> KILBARCHAN BOYS' BRIGADE COMPANY



What a great night we had on our Display! As well as the usual marching we had comedy, drama, fun and Elvis! Sorry Elves – Startrekkin! Check us out on our [1stkilbarchanbb](#) Facebook page! Our Inspecting Officer was Joan MacKinnon accompanied by Alastair. Joan was taken around the boys by Mary Love and guided through the traditional Boys' Brigade Inspection process. Our chaplain, Rev Stephen Smith, provided our Christian message throughout the evening and also took part in some of the boys japes and jokes which was all in good fun.



We have had a successful session and recently received a certificate from BB Scotland congratulating 1<sup>st</sup> Kilbarchan Company boys and officers for growing the company over the last year. We really need to add leaders to strengthen our Company Section for the coming year, so if you think you can help please contact us either on our Facebook page or by speaking to one of our officers and we can get you signed up to help – it can be really rewarding – and keeps you young!

The following boys received recognition for their outstanding contribution to the company over the last year.

The following **Anchor boys** have been promoted to the Junior Section of the Boys' Brigade.

Ryan Smyth, Connor Ferguson, Hector Batin, Nicol Bilsland  
Ellis Parcell, Ryan McSloy, David Baird.

In the **Junior Section** Callum Milburn and Peter McKenzie received medals for their contribution to the work of the Junior Section over the past session.

In the **Company Section Awards** the **Best Squad** over the year was Squad 1 who all received medals. Squad 1 was comprised of

Ben Cunningham, Ross Carmichael, Kaden Lambie, Jack Sheridan and Alexs Malone. Other awards went to the following boys:

**Best Recruit** – James Wheeler **Best Drilled Recruit** – Jack Sheridan

**Best Drilled Boy** – Jacob Cunningham **Top Senior** – Ben Cunningham

The top award of the evening was the Boys' Brigade Queen's Badge which was awarded to Callum Carmichael who was presented with his badge by his Grandfather who gained his Queen's Badge in the Boys' Brigade in Clydebank in 1964. It was a very emotional experience for the whole family!

At the end of May, we have 5 boys and one officer attending the Boys' Brigade Camp on Cumbrae and hopefully the weather will stay fine for the weekend. The Camp on Cumbrae is organized by Boys' Brigade, Scotland and was very successful last year. The boys will be engaged in a number of activities involving hiking, watersports and BB's got Talent! Some of our comedians will do well in this!

Thanks to everyone who supported us over the year it has really been appreciated. Let's make 1<sup>st</sup> Kilbarchan stronger! We start back on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August with our Enrolment Night and start the following Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September with a fun night and barbecue.

C'mon the BB!

*Bobby Stevenson, Captain*



*Calum and his Grandfather  
displaying their  
Queen's Badges*

## FUND-RAISING NEWS



The Easter Extravaganza on 24<sup>th</sup> March made the excellent sum of £583. It was decided to postpone the Pancake Morning from 19<sup>th</sup> May until a date in September, yet to be decided. Further details in the September issue. However, the Jazz evening with the Allander Jazz band on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May was a great success, raising £609. Many thanks are due to a combined committee for organising and providing a lovely buffet supper-Margaret Allan, Elizabeth Anderson, Myra Grant, Susan MacAskill, Joan McKinnon, Rosemary Clark, Marjory Love & Jenifer Pitchers. Thanks also to Jean Young for contact with the band.

Our next event is the ever popular “Art Off the Square” on Thursday and Friday 23/24 August from 2-9pm and Saturday 25 from 10am-4pm in the halls. We hope you will support this lovely exhibition and sale of paintings, jewellery, sculpture, glassware and ceramics by coming along with family and friends and also by helping in the tearoom and donating the beautiful home baking for which the show has become well-known! Entrance is £3.

Thank you for your continued support even in small ways-e.g. collecting change, it's surprising how this mounts up.

Jenifer Pitchers-Chairperson, Irene Moffat-Treasurer, Margaret Allan, Elizabeth Anderson, Rosemary Clark, Margaret Gray, Marjory Love, Jemima McDermid, Joan McKinnon, Helen Miller, Una Strachan and Fulton Dunn.



The items most required by Food Bank at the moment are long life milk, diluting juice, tinned potatoes, tinned fish and strong carrier bags.

Thank you for your continuing support for this giving of food for families who are giving without.

*Jack Miller*





Our last Messy Church for this session was on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May and our plan, weather permitting, was to have a games day and a picnic. We knew we could always do it all in the hall if need be. Luckily the sun shone and although not as many children as sometimes came along, all that did thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We had an obstacle course, games with the parachute, throwing bean bags into rings and of course the potato and spoon race. Even the adults had a go at that! Then we all filled our bags with sandwiches, drink, crisps and fruit and went back outside to the rugs and chairs for our picnic. As a special treat we finished the afternoon with ice cream cones for everyone.



### *Food*



Many thanks to everyone who came along to help either with the crafts etc. or in the kitchen. It wouldn't happen without all these willing hands.

Our next Messy Church will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Enjoy the summer.

*Joan MacKinnon*

## TOTS' CLUB.

The club finishes on 25<sup>th</sup> June with the Summer party in the hall and-hopefully-grounds. Thanks to all the tots who have come along with an adult to make this session very enjoyable and our best wishes to those going on to nursery after the holidays. Although the cost is only £1 per adult, we shall be able to make a substantial donation to church funds. Our new session begins with toy cleaning on 27 August and the club resumes on 3 September at 9.15am.

Rosie and John Picken, Elizabeth and Fulton Dunn, Ian and Alison Keith, Janet and Bobby Stevenson, Christine Erwin, Cathy Miller, Margaret Allan, Myra Grant, Fiona Stewart, Malcolm MacAskill, Jenifer Pitchers.



## THE DEVIL

A few minutes before the church services started, the congregation was sitting in their pews and talking. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate.

Soon the church was empty except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew without moving, seemingly oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence.

So Satan walked up to the man and said, 'Do you know who I am?'

The man replied, 'Yep, sure do.'

Aren't you afraid of me?' Satan asked.

Nope, sure ain't.' said the man.

Don't you realise I can kill you with one word?' asked Satan.

Don't doubt it for a minute,' returned the old man, in an even tone.

Did you know that I can cause you profound, horrifying AGONY for all eternity?' persisted Satan.

Yep,' was the calm reply.

And you are still not afraid?' asked Satan.

Nope,' said the old man

More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, 'Why aren't you afraid of me?'

The man calmly replied,

Been married to your sister for 50 years. '

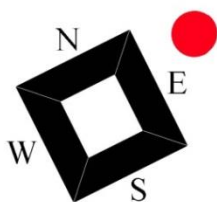
## STITCHING GROUP

Our wee group has had a very successful year. At the Christmas Fayre we raised £240, a lower figure than we usually manage. We missed Jemima who usually oversees our competition. However she was back for Easter and normal service was resumed. We also had a new venture in the shape of Janet's beautiful framed photographs. Thanks to these we exceeded our share of the total for the day to almost half the takings.

Throughout the summer we met in Bobbins on Tuesday afternoons. Anybody wanting a chat is welcome to join us. Enormous thanks to the people who cleared out the kitchen walk in cupboard and have done such a wonderful job. We know how daunting it can be, having done it ourselves on several occasions.

Best Wishes from the Stitching Group

*Alison Nicoll*



ART  
*off* the SQUARE

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THURSDAY 23rd AUGUST - 2pm until 9pm

FRIDAY 24th AUGUST - 2pm until 9pm

SATURDAY 25th AUGUST - 10am until 4pm



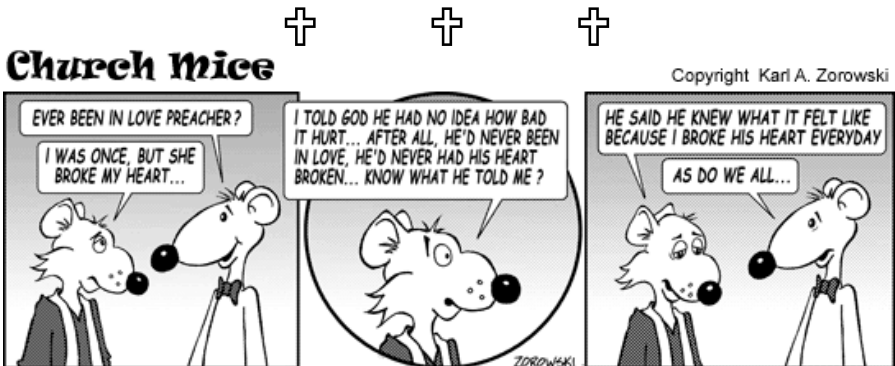
## DRAMA GROUP

Thanks to all who came along to support our latest performance of “The Vicar of Dibley”. The performances were all very well attended. A huge thank you to all our backstage helpers, tea ladies, and front of house team. It was nice not to have the usual November weather the week of the show!



We are hoping to perform “It’s a Wonderful Life” on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018. We hope you can join us as we help get you into the Christmas spirit.

*Fiona McKenzie*







## HILL WALKING CLUB

We have been rather stymied by the weather this year. March should have seen us going to Glencoe, but instead we finished up with an interesting walk from Neilston! Seven of us turned up at the Steeple but the rain was pouring down and the forecast was not much better, so we walked the Firenze Hills, past the golf course along to Killoch Glen where the waterfalls were spectacular. This turned out to be a most enjoyable walk, even though it was not such an ambitious one as planned!

April weather was not much better and no one (except Eilidh) wanted to climb Beinn Challum, so we all went to the Devil's Beeftub (near Moffat) to climb Whitehope Heights. We enjoyed a lovely hill walk there and although the ground was a bit squelchy, the rain stayed off until we were about 10 minutes from getting back to the car – then it was torrential rain the whole journey home.

For the May weekend, seven travelled to Braemar Hostel and were rewarded with the best weather of the year when they climbed magnificent Munros, glorious Grahams and captivating Corbetts. Well worth the journey.

The June weekend is booked for the Aultguish Bunkhouse (between Garve and Braemore Junction) where we are hoping for the same super weather; and July trip is taking us to Ballachullish to climb Beinn a'Bheithir or alternatively the Pap of Glencoe.

We have reviewed the times for the August Arran trip. If you are going to climb the Corbett of Beinn Tarsuinn (about an 8-9 hour trip), then there is nothing for it but to get up early enough to get the 7.00 am ferry from Ardrossan, - but if you plan to do the alternative walk from Brodick to Lamlash then the 9.45 am ferry will be time enough.

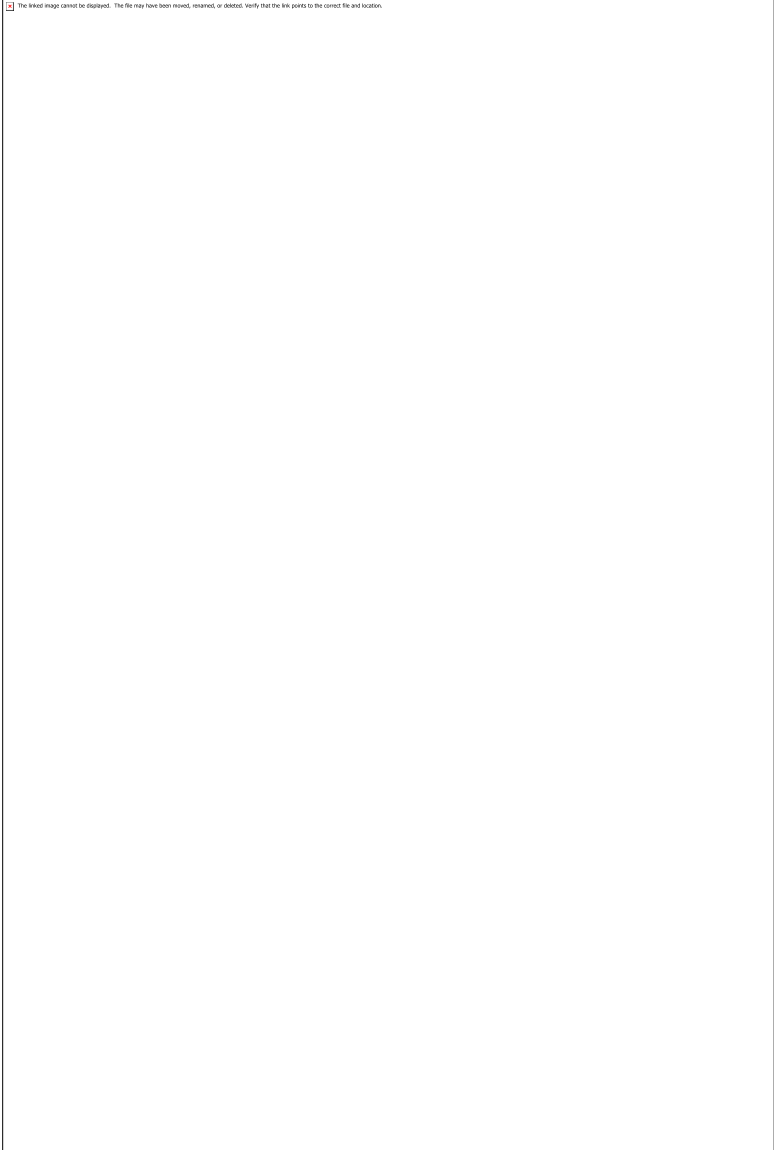
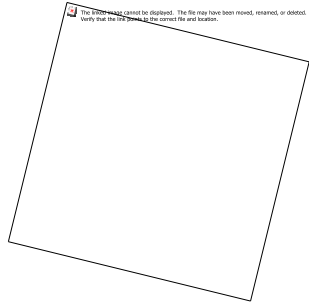
Further details of future walks can be had from the syllabus on the Hillwalking noticeboard in the Church Hall.

*Margaret Beattie*

*No one knows what  
he can do till he  
tries.*

*Publius Syrus*

# Kidz Korner



# PARISH REGISTER



## CERTIFICATES OF TRANSFERENCE

Mrs.Lorna McIntyre  
Mrs.Fiona Sinclair

## BAPTISMS

27/05/2018 Clara Rose Dever, daughter of Allana and Scott

## DEATHS

 (\* denotes member)

19/03/2018 Mr Norman McEwing \*

29/03/2018 Mrs Ella Emery

07/04/2018 Mrs Marlyn Blair \*

April 2018 Mrs Anne Winning \*

17/04/2018 Mr Ian Craig \*

05/05/2018 Mr John Anderson

20/05/2018 Mrs Margaret Jamieson \*

## ROLL

The Roll of Kilbarchan Parish Church now stands at 421 and 19 Adherants.



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# USEFUL CHURCH CONTACTS

**Minister** - Rev Stephen Smith

**Session Clerk** - Mr Fulton Dunn

**Ass. Session Clerk** - Miss Helen Robertson

**Ass. Session Clerk** - Mrs Christine Erwin

**Treasurer** - Mr James Moffat

**Clerk to Congregational Board** - Mrs Gwen Howden

## WORSHIP PROGRAMME

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	11am	Junior Church Prize Giving
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	11am	Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
	6.30pm	Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	11am	Mornin worship
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	11am	Morning worship

