



Kilbarchan Parish Church

Your local church magazine

Dear Friends

Summer, what Summer I hear you say, is almost over.

Autumn is in the air.

Autumn, according to Keats, ‘the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness’.

Autumn is a season of change. In all sorts of ways.

Change can sometimes feel unsettling and disturbing. It can make us unsure of our place in the scheme of things and even for some include a questioning of identity.

Yet change is all around, in the world, in society, in our country, in our church and in our life.

One change you will notice from October onwards is a new face in the ministry team of Kilbarchan Parish Church. Dorothy Wallace will be with us for fifteen months as a Probationer. This is the final period of training in Dorothy’s journey towards becoming ordained as a minister of word and sacrament within the Church of Scotland.

Dorothy will become involved in all aspects of the life, worship and ministry of our congregation. Elsewhere in this issue of the Church magazine Dorothy introduces herself.

Soon she will become a recognised and friendly face around our church and village. I know you will guarantee Dorothy and her family a warm welcome. I look forward to seeing you in worship and in the various organisations within the church that start up in September.

An exciting Autumn ahead.

Your friend

Stephen

HELLO KILBARCHAN

I am Dorothy Wallace and for fifteen months, beginning in October, I shall be on Probation at Kilbarchan Parish Church.

My previous placements as a student minister, have been in Gourrock, Rothesay (with Rev. Owain Jones, no less) and in Paisley, at Oakshaw Trinity. I studied at Highland Theological College and after graduation spent a short time as Locum for two churches in Dunoon.

I lived in Hunters Quay for nine years and as you read this, my husband and I will be in the process of moving to Kilbarchan. Alex and I have been married for 18 months and we are both looking forward to living in the village. I am especially looking forward to walking to church and school and to visit some of you also. It will be wonderful having far less travel as my previous placements all involved ferries and reasonably long car journeys. My children have both left home for university so it will just be Alex and myself moving to the village.

Before coming into ministry training, I was a classroom assistant and before that I was in hospitality where my late husband and I ran a hotel.

I am very much looking forward to this next chapter in my training and getting to know you all.

Best Wishes,

Dorothy Wallace



Words of Wisdom –

Sowing and Reaping

*“We sow our thoughts, and we reap our actions;
We sow our actions, and we reap our habits;
We sow our habits, and we reap our characters;
We sow our characters, and we reap our destiny.”*



FROM THE EDITOR

The schools are back and the nights are drawing in so it is time to use up some of our batteries that have been recharged over the summer. As you read through this there is quiet a variety. I trust you find the articles interesting and the 'funnies' funny and hopefully there is something for everyone in this issue but as I keep reminding you "it's YOUR magazine" so all contributions will be welcome and should appear in print at some stage.

All items for the Winter issue should reach me by Sunday 17th November at alastair.mackinnon@ntlworld.com and the Spring issue by Sunday 16th February. As always, early typed copy would be appreciated.

Alastair



HARVEST HYMNS

Harvest Hymns are Happy Hymns,
With grateful hearts we say
With special thanks for harvest time,
And all it means today.

The hard-work and the waiting time,
The sowing of the seed
And now the golden reaping time,
That God has blessed indeed.

It shows that if we have faith and trust,
And wait with patience too
We'll find our lives – like harvest time,
Will be enriched anew.

Elizabeth Conzey



KIRK SESSION REPORT

Probationer Minister

Dorothy Wallace, a probationer minister, will officially start her placement with us on 1st October, but will be arriving in Kilbarchan before then and members are likely to see her in church and around the village from mid-September. We look forward to getting to know Dorothy better over the coming months.

Seniors' Outing

After much discussion, it was decided to retain the existing format of the Seniors' Outing, as this seemed to be favoured by those who take part. This year we shall be going to the Marine Hotel, Troon on Saturday 14th September.

Anyone who wishes to take part, but has not yet let us know, should contact Ann McLeod or their elder. Similarly, if any member of the congregation is willing to act as a driver on the day, but has not yet advised us, please contact Ann.

In response to a suggestion that many in the congregation would be happy to contribute something to the costs of the Outing, it has been decided to hold a special Retiring Offering, on 1st September, for the Kirk Session Benevolent Fund with the proceeds going towards meeting the costs of the event. Your support will be much appreciated by all who take part.

June Communion

Numbers attending Communion in June were :

Morning. 109 members, 3 adherents, 6 visitors

Evening. 18 members, 1 adherent

In total – 127 members, which is 15 fewer than in June 2018

The offering for the Kirk Session Benevolent Fund raised £396.96, a record amount. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



Beadle Duties

September	Sandy Graham, Malcolm MacAskill, Jenifer Pitchers
October	Graham Mackay, Margaret Wooler, Neil Chittick
November	Una Strachan, Alastair MacKinnon, Joyce Scott

INTERIM TREASURER'S REPORT

The good news is that progress has been made in response to an appeal for a new Treasurer and/or a number of members to carry out the financial administration of our Church's affairs. This may be my last Report. Watch this space!

The offerings from all sources—freewill envelopes, bank, plate and envelopes on the pews—are holding up well in comparison with the same period last year. This is despite the fraud committed against the Church Bank Account early in February this year. Although the Bank immediately reimbursed the amount stolen the necessity to change the Church Bank Account and Sort Code caused significant disruption. After taking advice a sum of £250 in lieu of the disruption was accepted from the Bank and an apology. A number of members took the opportunity to increase their Standing Orders following the completion of new forms in February and this will assist in ensuring that this year's total offerings will be close to last year's offerings or may be marginally more.

Legacies and Bequests are an important part of the income of our Church and thanks are due to former members and families who have thought of our Church during very difficult and emotional times. Last year a sum of £10,000 was received and this year to date sums amounting to £9,500 has been received from four different families. Included in the above sum was £5,000 with a request that this be used to replace the curtains in the Hall. The Congregational Board agreed to this request and the new curtains should be in place in September. As part of the above £9,500 a sum of £3,000 was received from a member whose mother recently passed away in gratitude for the work carried out by Willie Beattie sending the Church Magazine to former members and friends, mostly housebound or in Care Homes, keeping them informed and up to date with what is happening in the Church. The Bequest is also to ensure the Church continues the excellent work in delivering cards and plants on special occasions. Thanks are due to all who assist in this work with special thanks to Willie.

In terms of expenditure, some £10,500 has been spent on the Church fabric including work in ensuring all “electrics” are up to standard and defective cornice work repaired. VAT of £2,170 was recovered on these two major items of expenditure.

Mainly due to the Legacies/Bequests received Reserves have increased by £8,500 from the start of the financial year. The Congregational Board will shortly be considering essential and urgent expenditure proposals that, if approved, will eat into these Reserves. It is important that we continue to review our level of giving to the Church and, if possible, increase it.

Thank you for your support.

Jim Moffat

General Assembly 18th - 25th May 2019

When I was given a place as a commissioner at the General Assembly, I had not quite appreciated how full-on it would be, and how tired you can get, just sitting listening all day every day! Nevertheless, I found it both interesting and fascinating, and hugely uplifting.

It was anticipated that this was possibly going to be the most significant Assembly since the 1920s.

During Saturday's opening ceremony, the Lord High Commissioner, the Duke of Buccleuch & Queensbury referred to how early holy men walking the St Cuthbert's Way from Melrose to Lindisfarne had contemplated ideas and talked about disagreeing without being disagreeable - a message to bring back to our parishes.

The theme of the Assembly was Follow Me. Mark 1 17-18 "Jesus said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately, they left their nets and followed him."

During each morning's worship, the unaccompanied singing of the body of over 600 commissioners was enriching and exhilarating, as was the sharing of communion on Monday.

The Moderator, Colin Sinclair set the tone for what may be a difficult week, encouraging kindness, dignity and compassion during debate.

Professor David Fergusson had been tasked last year with coming up with a plan to address the pressing issues facing the Church as a body, and congregations such as ours, up and down the country. We were told "Doing nothing and continuing as we are is not an option." Hence the title The Radical Action Plan. Amongst many proposals, I would highlight just one or two areas:

1 "The Action Plan is designed to: liberate the local church to be as effective as possible; build the capacity of the church at a regional level to support local churches; and to streamline the national structures of the church, fulfilling tasks and functions which cannot sensibly and reasonably be undertaken locally or regionally." 3.2.2

In his presentation of the plan, Professor Fergusson said "It is a programme of establishing a strong trustee body at the centre of the Church but also devolving power and resources to the regions and parishes.

On the Friday of the Assembly, 12 names were brought forward for approval as the new body of Trustees. The first task for this body is to appoint a Chief Officer who will have oversight of budgets and staff, and other office bearers will be appointed by the body which will articulate strategic priorities. The Trustees will be a more powerful body than the Council of Assembly, there will be greater transparency and accountability and it will answer to the General Assembly.

2 The number of presbyteries will potentially be reduced from 45 to 12 in the coming years and better resourced with decision making powers devolved to them. Greenock & Paisley presbytery was cited as one example of presbyteries who had asked to come together, and it is hoped more will follow their lead.

3 “To develop a deliberate focus on engaging with / supporting those aged 40 and under.” 3.4.8.

Much discussion was given to the importance nurturing a congregation where all age groups might play a crucial part in the development of the church community.

The Youth Assembly made valuable contributions to debates and spoke passionately about a wide variety of issues. However, we were alerted to the fact that the trust which finances the Youth Assembly was running out, and there was discussion around asking churches to contribute to running costs of the Youth Assembly. This highlights how crucial it is that we nurture the involvement of youth in the church.

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to attend the Assembly, and I would recommend the experience to anybody in the future.

Ann McLeod



At a Presbytery training evening for Elders one Elder asked his neighbour, who was from a neighbouring church, “And how far on are your Session with the Ten Commandments?” His neighbour replied, “Oh, we are trying to memorise them.” The other smiled in triumph as he said, “Oh, we are much further on than you. We are trying to keep them!”

PRESBYTERY OF GREENOCK AND PAISLEY

Tues.18th June 2019.

Congratulations were given to Rev Eileen Manson for celebrating 25 years in Ordained Ministry; Guest speaker – Mrs. Margaret Sinclair of Inverclyde Family Contact Centre; the Presbytery Clerk gave reports of due Diligence and summarized the business completed at the General Assembly; a Report was given by the General Assembly Youth Representative, Mr. Sharukh Gill and he was thanked for his attendance at the General Assembly; Thanks were given to retiring Conveners of committees - Jim Cowan, Alan Sorensen and Ken Gray and also the Elders who is retiring from Presbytery, Mr. Holmes; Leading Worship Certificates were presented; the Leave taking (retirement) of Rev Jim Cowan.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: the roll of presbytery, committee membership and register of ministers was approved for 20019/2020; Rev Dr Peter McEnhill submitted his pending resignation as Presbytery Clerk as he had preached as sole nominee at St Andrew's Church, Rome, and has since been appointed; Rev Ken Gray, Rev Alistair Shaw and Mrs. Alison Mackenzie will form an appointments committee to oversee the recruitment of a new Presbytery Clerk; Rev Ann McCool was appointed as Interim Moderator at Barrhead St Andrew's church; an ad hoc Strategic Review Group (SRG) has been formed to consider the implications for Presbytery of the Radical Action Plan; with Rev David Burt as Convener of the SRG along with Rev Gary Noonan, Rev Hanneke Marshall, Ms Mary Jane Bird and AN Other; the purpose and continuing function of the SRG will be reviewed annually by Presbytery at its June meeting.

TREASURER: a transfer of £1,700 from the Bequest Fund to the Miss Lang Bequest Fund, and £800 from the Bequest Fund to the Eventide Homes Fund to enable the annual grants to be made to Christian social projects and Adam's House these to be made by 30 June 2019.

MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP: one of the safeguarding trainers has resigned and Presbyters were encouraged to try and identify a suitable replacement; Training for volunteers dates as follows: Sunday 8th September 2019 in Paisley St Marks from 2pm until 4.30 pm, Sunday 6th October 2019 in Johnstone St Paul's from 2pm until 4.30pm; Callum MacMillan from Johnstone High Parish Church has applied to be a representative to the National Youth Assembly; thanks were given to the Revs Karen Harbison, Owen Derrick, Teri Peterson and David Burt for their Prayer Stations at this Presbytery's Prayer Across Scotland , for the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland at Greenock Lyle Kirk; Douglas Scott is standing down as Presbytery Prayer Co-ordinator and thanks were given for his work over the years; Mr. Ian Cowe was appointed as the new Prayer Co-ordinator.

COMMUNITY INTERESTS: the following grants were approved: Adams House £800, Paisley Street/Rail Pastors £250, Inverclyde Family Contact Centre £800, Inverclyde Starter Packs £400 and Glenburn Church School Chaplaincy Team £250.

MINISTRY: Afternoon Tea in the Cornerstone on Sunday 22nd September to be funded to a cost of £400; reminder that prospective Worship Leaders must fill in an Application Form and return to Rev Maureen Leitch ; a new resource is available on the Church of Scotland website enabling you to hear the tune of every hymn in the CH4 Hymnary found at <https://music.churchofscotland.org.uk/>.

PRESBYTERY PLAN REVIEW: affirms that the Presbytery plan for Paisley: St Mark's Oldhall is for a FTE Minister of Word and Sacrament on unrestricted tenure; the committee is to produce a basis of Guardianship for the congregations of Hamilton Bardrainney and Langbank, a basis of severance of the union of Martyrs Sandyford and to seek to establish two congregations from the current congregation; instructs the committee to enter into discussions with the churches in Greenock regarding the Presbytery Plan.

VACANCY PROCEDURE: the decision of the Vacancy procedure Committee to sustain the call of Elderslie Kirk to Rev Gray Fletcher of Carmunnock Parish Church and to set the date for his induction there as Wednesday 19th June 2019 at 7 p.m; the Presbytery Plan for Paisley: St Mark's Oldhall is for a FTE Minister of Word and Sacrament on unrestricted tenure; grants permission to St Mark's Oldhall to call a minister on unrestricted tenure all in terms of the provisions of Act 7 2003 (Appraisal and Adjustment).

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE: the following sums were awarded from the 5% Discretionary Allowance to reduce the 2019 Ministries and Mission contributions of the congregations concerned: Bridge of Weir Freeland £5000, Kilbarchan £2000, and Port Glasgow St Martin's £2500; an award of £5,000 to the congregation of Greenock St Margaret's towards the cost of repairs to their church roof was approved.

PROPERTY: the tender of £14,630 plus VAT from Graham and Sibbald for the 2019 quinquennial inspections was approved; Lylesland and Port Glasgow: St Martin's congregations were given permission to dispose of their Manses, proceeds of the sale to be held in the Consolidated Fabric Fund and are held as restricted funds for the sole purpose of purchasing a replacement the Elderslie Kirk manse was inspected on Monday 20th May and found to be ready for occupation; the Convener is empowered to authorise essential work over the summer months.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE & GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

> the adventure begins here



At the start of each new session we look forward to more young people joining us on Friday evenings. If you know of anyone who would like to join The Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association in Kilbarchan Parish Church, it would be great if you could encourage them to join us on a Friday evening between 7 pm and 10 pm. Here are our Section times:

Anchor Section	Primary 1, 2 and 3	Church Hall 7 pm to 8.30 pm
Junior Section	Primary 4 to Primary 6	Church Hall 7.30 pm to 9 pm
Company Section	Primary 7 to S6	Church Hall from 7.30 pm to 10 pm

By the time you read this in your church newsletter 1st Kilbarchan will have already had their family day out in Millport on the Isle of Cumbrae. Everyone enjoyed their day out watching the Scooter Rally held every year on the island and of course we finished our day out with fish and chips! Thanks to Shona and Joyce for organising this event for our BB Family. On 30th August we enrolled our new members in the Church Hall and hopefully we have increased the numbers taking part in all the activities we offer over the year. Our first full night was on 6th September when our young people were encouraged to bring along a friend to see the kind of things we get up to in our Company.

On Friday 20th September we have organised a Beetle Drive where we invite members of Kilbarchan Church to join with the boys' and girls' families for this very entertaining evening of old fashioned fun. The Anchors and Juniors love this event and have learned to play the game as well as the excitement of Beetlemania!

The Company will take our Junior Section to the Science Museum again for a Sleepover in November. They had a great adventure last year and are looking forward to participating again this year. All the Company are going to the Pantomime – “Alice in Pantoland” in Johnstone Town Hall again on 6th December and if you want to join us please let me or one of our leaders know as soon as possible so that we can get some extra tickets. Hopefully one of our boys will be in the cast this year!

Between now and December the Company will be involved in various competitions organised by Paisley and District Battalion. Coming up is The Christmas Card Competition for Anchors, Science Museum Sleepover for the Junior Section and the Company Section will be competing in Quiz, Basketball, Badminton and Christian Faith. 1st Kilbarchan won the Christian Faith Competition last year and hopefully we can do well again this year!

Thanks for all the great support from everyone in Kilbarchan Parish Church.

Robert Stevenson

Captain



FUND-RAISING NEWS

Dear Friends

By the time you receive this, our major fundraiser will be over—Art Off the Square-- and I'm sure it will have been a great success. Many thanks to Myra and George Grant for organising, and all the helpers-for hanging the paintings, donating baking and helping in the tearoom.

At the moment nothing else is planned but we always welcome suggestions from you and offers of help.

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 MacKinnon, Helen Miller, Una Strachan and Fulton Dunn, Myra Grant and Susan MacAskill.

Reflections on an Evangelical Lutheran Church Service

The Ratskirche St. Marien is a massive, brick-built, twin-towered, mid-thirteenth century, perpendicular church with a vaulted ceiling 40 metres high, which dominates the skyline of Lubeck, once the capital of the Hanseatic League, in the German province of Schleswig-Holstein, north of Hamburg. The town was effectively destroyed by RAE Bomber Command on Palm Sunday, 1942 in retaliation for the bombing of Coventry. It was a soft target of no strategic importance. I attended a normal Sunday morning service there recently in the rebuilt church and offer my reflections on that service.

The congregation of no more than 50 people assembled 10 minutes before the start of the service and comprised mainly middle-aged and elderly women. There was one child. On entering the church each person was handed a hymn book with an Order of Service inserted. They could uplift a woollen blanket to sit on the wooden pews. They sat in silence until a bell struck 10 o'clock and the Organist played a Bach 'Fantasie in C major' lasting about four minutes. The Pastor gave a welcome and the introduction to the first of five hymns was played unannounced. It was not the usual playing through of the verse, but a clever extemporisation of the melody. The hymn book had the melody printed for each hymn in addition to the words. There was no choir and the congregational singing was poor. It took until the third verse for them to get into their stride. There was surprisingly little variation in organ registration for each verse, but some ornamentation of the tune. No more than four verses were sung.* The congregation remained seated to sing the hymns and stood for the readings and prayers. Alternate verses of the Psalm were spoken by the Pastor and the congregation, and the Apostles Creed was recited from memory. Some prayers involved congregational responses. The sermon lasted 13 minutes.* The congregation went forward to receive communion where the elements were dispensed by the Pastor and lay assistants. Handshakes and greetings were exchanged between members of the congregation. After the final hymn the organist played a 'Postlude' by Boellmann whilst the congregation sat in silence until it ended. The music was listed in the Order of Service.

Some elements of the service were very similar to ours, but some were meaningfully different. The silences were powerful. There was no chatter, but, equally, no one greeted me, although I was an obvious visitor.

* N.B.



Messy Church in Kilbarchan
Church Halls, Steeple Square, Kilbarchan



- * games
- * crafts
- * fun
- * worship
- * food



Everyone is welcome

All children must
be accompanied

Entry is **FREE!!!**

4.00pm - 6.00pm

Saturdays 21st September, 19th October and 9th November
Further dates to follow

**KILBARCHAN PARISH CHURCH
DRAMA GROUP**
Presents

**AGATHA CRUSTY AND THE
MURDER MYSTERY DINNER**

Thursday 21st November
Friday 22nd November
Saturday 23rd November

REMOVAL OF STAINED GLASS FROM FORMER WEST CHURCH

Some time ago, it had been agreed that some stained glass panes/panels would be removed from the former West Church before the sale to Noah Developments was completed.

The stained glass panes/panels to be removed were the two heraldic shields in the former office and the upper panels of the doors to the former Session House and Vestry.

The shields were formerly the centre pieces of the two large windows to the left and right of the pulpit in the south wall of the former parish church (now the church hall). One shield is Cunninghames' of Craighends with the motto "So Fork Forward" and the other shield is that of the Milliken Napiers of Milliken Park, combining the Napiers' motto "Sans Tache" (without blemish) and the Millikens motto "Regardez Bien" (watch out).

The panels forming the upper half of the doors have the chief parts of the two stained glass windows moved from the former parish church in the early 20th. century and then to their present position in 1995.

With the sale to Noah Developments nearing completion, the two shields/panes and the panels from the doors were removed at the end of July and are currently being stored in crates in Kilbarchan Parish Church.

It is likely that the panes/panels will require some restoration work and it has not yet been decided where they will be placed in the Parish Church.

The next stage of the project, therefore, will be to obtain estimates for whatever restoration work is required and also proposals/recommendations for the best locations for the panes/panels in the Parish Church.

So far as the remainder of the stained glass pieces in the former West Church are concerned, Noah Developments intend to "responsibly source a new home, offering them to the community, the Church body or to an individual organisation willing to give them a new home". This was what they stated in their planning application to Renfrewshire Council and which has been approved by the Council.

Marjory Love

CHRISTIAN AID NEWS



Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week this year was one of fine, dry weather, making pleasant conditions for those undertaking the annual door-to-door collection in Kilbarchan and Brookfield.

This raised **£3,942.06**, very slightly down on 2018, but a terrific result nonetheless as we had insufficient volunteer collectors to cover all areas of the villages.

In Scotland as a whole, more than **£1.5 million** was raised during the week.

These funds will go towards projects which can transform the lives of some of the most vulnerable communities in the world.

Climate Change

The impact of Climate Change has been a consistent theme in Christian Aid's work - floods, droughts and other extreme weather affect the poorest first, as they are often least well equipped to cope. Christian Aid has regularly called on its supporters to petition government and other organisations to take actions which will combat Climate Change.

It was heartening, then, to learn that Roseanna Cunningham MSP, who is Scotland's Climate Change Minister, has acted to commit the Scottish Government to set a target of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045. This is more ambitious than most other countries and gives added impetus to the drive for a dramatic reduction in Scotland's emissions .

Response to Emergencies

More than 3 million people were affected by Cyclone Idai which struck Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe in March 2019. Christian Aid is a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) which co-ordinates the activities of 14 leading UK aid agencies to raise money at times of humanitarian crisis. The DEC appeal for Cyclone Idai raised £33 million, including some £4 million of matched funding.

Dr. Rowan Williams, chair of Christian Aid, said "It has never been more important for humanity to come together to support the most vulnerable. There is no better way of countering the rising climate of hatred and intolerance than a gesture of kindness to a stranger in need on the other side of the world. Let the response to the DEC Cyclone Idai appeal be a beacon of hope for all".

Thank you for your continuing support.

Alasdair Law

THE GUILD

By the time you get your copy of the Church Magazine autumn will be upon us and we will be looking forward to meeting up again on Tuesday, 24th September, 2019 at 2.30p.m. in the church hall when our Minister, Rev. Stephen Smith will be sharing his thoughts on this year's Guild Theme - 'Companions on the Road'. From suggestions put forward to the committee, Rosemary Clark and I have drawn up a programme which we hope will be of interest to our members. Our Guild Project for this session is The Sailors' Society and the Rev. Rebecca Haldane will be coming along to talk about the work they do for and with sailors from all over the world who are often away from home for months at a time. Other topics, range from a talk on Distinguished Women, Hill Walking in Scotland, to the history and work of the Johnstone Credit Union.



The Guild is open to both men and women and we would warmly welcome any new members or visitors. Full details are on our Syllabus which is on display on the Guild notice board in the main hall.

A reminder that our annual Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 7th September in the Church Hall from 10.00 am to 12 Noon. Tickets costing £3.00, children free, can be had from committee members and at the door. Please do come along and give us your support.

Jan Howitt



Kilbarchan Kirk Online

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Web: kilbarchan-kirk.btck.co.uk

Twitter: @KilbarchanKirk

Facebook: facebook.com/kilbarchankirk



MONDAY CLUB

The Monday Club, formerly The Men's Club, will begin the 2019/2020 session on Monday, 7 October, 2019, at 7.30pm, in the Church Hall. The club is open to ladies and gents who would like to try not too serious carpet bowls, so whether you have bowled before or not, you will be made very welcome. You can also enjoy a nice cup of tea and a blether.

Alex Baird, Secretary



MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP



Our new session begins on Wednesday 4th September. We meet in the small hall at 10.30am for tea, coffee and chat followed by a short act of worship at 11.00am.



The atmosphere is friendly and informal and we would encourage you to come along and join us any Wednesday.

Why not take some time out on a Wednesday.

You will be most welcome.



BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL



Once again we shall be participating in this very worthwhile appeal. Leaflets will be available at the end of September and the filled boxes should be returned by the 3rd of November. As usual, if you feel you wish to contribute but are unable to fill a box, Jenifer and Aileen will be happy to receive your donations of goods or money.



*Many people will walk in and out of your life,
But only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.*

CUPPA AT THE KIRK

A new coffee/ tea club for church members and the wider community will begin on Monday 7th October between 1.30 and 3pm in the church hall and continue on the first Monday of each month.

Anyone willing to help, either in the hall or by providing transport please get in touch with Cathy Millar , Elizabeth Dunn or any member of the Pastoral Care Committee.



Cathy



JUNIOR CHURCH

The Summer Sunday Club is finished now the holidays are over and we look forward to welcoming the children back to Junior Church on Sunday 1st September and to finding out what they all did during their holidays. This session is always an exciting one as we learn more about Jesus through song, stories and crafts..

We would also like to thank all who have volunteered to help on a rotational basis, as this is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to those who made the running of the Summer Sunday Club possible

Ros and Shona



DRAMA GROUP



The Drama Group will perform “Agatha Crusty and the Murder Mystery Dinner” by Derek Webb. We have previously performed a Derek Webb play “Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders” which has now become a popular choice for amateur dramatic club, recently having been performed for the 100th time.

The group are starting rehearsals and look forward to performing for you on Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd November at 7.30pm in the Hall. We hope that you will come along and support us as you always do!

Tickets will be available in the Autumn.

Fiona McKenzie



HILL WALKING CLUB

Fourteen members were lucky enough to spend a superb June weekend in Ratagan Hostel on the shores of Loch Duich. They had great success climbing some of the wonderful mountains in Kintail including A'Chralaig, Mullach Fraoch Choire, some of the Five Sisters and two also climbed Corbetts in the area. On the Sunday Eilidh and Philip went to scale the two remaining Skye Munros which Philip had still to climb. All in all, a very successful weekend.

Few people turned up to climb the Mamores, so instead one group of four went to Freuchie – a Corbett at Ballachullish from the top of which they enjoyed panoramic views with superb visibility of Mull, Ardgour Peninsula, Glencoe, The Nevis hills and the Mamores. The other two took themselves down the M74 and also had an enjoyable day climbing two of the Etrick Donalds and Tops.

In August we were extremely lucky to avoid the thunderstorms when three of us went to a hill above St Mary's Loch to add Clockmore to our "tick list", while Gus and Jim went to the Manor Valley in Peebleshire to climb the round of Black Cleuch Hill, Black Law, Consleuch Head and Deer Law. This meant that Jim has now completed all the Donalds and Donald Tops (twice), in addition to all the Munros, all the Corbetts and all the Grahams. Many congratulations and very well done!

The plan for September is to climb Buachaille Etive Beag with the low level being the Lairig Eilde; in October the main walk is the Corbett of Garbh Bheinn at Loch Leven while the low levellers are going to Broughton Heights and in November we are hoping to climb the Donalds of Scaw'd Law and Wedder Law in Lanarkshire.

Anyone wishing to join us will be made welcome.

Margaret Beattie



"You must scale the mountain if you would see the plain."

Chinese proverb

DISCUSSION GROUP

“As many opinions as there are folk” said Suetonius (I had to look up the internet to see who he was). And that is the way it is with the Discussion Group. After all, as Dr William Barclay said *“the conception of the possible does not stay steady; it varies from age to age”*. And we all accept that others have different points of view; in the spirit of something Voltaire said *“I may totally disagree with what you say, but will defend to the death your right to say it”*.

We have discussed among other things: is it faith or works that is important; predestination and free will; the work ethic. At least we started with them and then wandered on to all sorts of other subjects. It is fascinating to hear what other folk think.

We have been meeting every second Thursday from 7 till 9, and plan to recommence on September the 5th.

If you think that this might interest you speak to me after the service some Sunday, or give me a phone at 346118.

As you have probably realized, I have “got into” quotations. I have a little book, and have picked some up for myself. Here are a few more to ponder on: -

1. Francis Bacon – *“They are ill discoverers who think there is no land because they can see nothing but sea”*
2. Zeno of Citium – *“The reason that we have two ears and only one mouth, is that we may listen the more and talk the less”*
3. C S Lewis – *“You cannot make folk good by laws, but without good folk you cannot have a good society”*
4. The film “The African Queen” – *“Nature, Mr Allnutt, is what we are put into this world to rise above”*
5. Robert Burns – *“They never sought in vain, that sought that Lord aright”*
6. John Knox – *“No one else holds the place in the hearts of the world that Jesus holds. Other gods have been as devoutly worshipped; no other man has been as devoutly loved.”*
7. And good old Albert Einstein – *“Only two things are infinite. The universe and human stupidity, and I am not so sure about the former.”*

Alec Christine..



I can't quite believe that this coming session will be the fourth year of Messy Church. Although only once a month we have managed

to encompass quite a lot of the better known Bible stories in our crafts and stories and also shown God's hand in our wonderful world and how we can carry out his message in our day to day dealings with other people. Messy Church is a church in its own right and it provides something for families who may have no experience of church. Across the UK there are 3712 Messy Church groups. We have found over the three years that we have a mix of children and adults who do attend church and others for whom coming to our halls is their only experience of church.

Our dates for the next three months are 21st September, 19th October and the 9th November. Always on a Saturday and between 4 and 6pm. Children must have an adult with them and the session includes crafts, play, stories, songs and a meal together at the end.

The team have decided on a "Woodland Walk" as their theme for September. This is to incorporate a toadstool, provided by St Vincent's Hospice, which the children will decorate and then return to them where it will be used in their woodland walk. We will be sponsoring this toadstool and all our donations on this day will go towards it. The theme will be used to show God's wonderful world and how we can support the community.

Alongside this article are two photos of Joseph and his coloured coat. Joseph was made from donated clothes and rags and the children at Messy Church decorated him and he then took part in the Scarecrow competition on Lilies Day. Perhaps you saw him!

I have thoroughly enjoyed the last three years at Messy Church but as I now find I am unable to be there on the Saturdays I feel it is only right that I hand over to someone else. Margaret Gibb, who has been in charge in the kitchen, has agreed to take over while still helping in the kitchen. It has always been a team effort and I hope I can still lend a hand in the background. My heartfelt thanks to all the team who have been wonderful and to the congregation who have been most supportive of this new venture.

Joan MacKinnon

STITCHING GROUP

The Stitching has been on holiday for the summer, though I have no doubt that there is work being done throughout the break. If there is an item that you'd like to see on the Christmas Fayre stall then please tell us about it.

We hope to resume our meetings in September. We can be found in the small hall on Tuesday afternoons, followed by coffee in Bobbins.

As I have intimated in the past, we are a small group and would love to welcome new members, even if you don't do any craft work, everybody is welcome to come for company and a chat.

Alison McNicoll



COUNTRY DANCING



The new session for the Scottish Country Dancing Class starts on Tuesday 10th September weekly at 7.30pm. until 9.30pm.

Held in the Church hall. Please come along if you would like to join us, please bring your dancing shoes and your own cup.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Helen Miller



“God prefers bad verses recited with a pure heart to the finest verses chanted by the wicked.”

Voltaire

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Following our recruitment, earlier in the year, of volunteers to help with Junior Church we were delighted that we now have four new helpers. As the number and age range of children continues to grow this will have been a big help to the leaders. We would still welcome anyone who feels able to give some of their time on an occasional Sunday to help out.

Training for volunteers has been arranged for the following Sundays:- 8th September at Paisley St Marks from 2pm until 4.30pm.
6th October at Johnstone St Paul's from 2pm until 4.30 pm. As volunteers should attend training every 3-5 years if anyone is able to attend please speak to me and I can book a place for you.

Elizabeth Dunn (coordinator)

A festive Christmas Fayre poster with a red border. The text is centered on a white background. On the right side, there are illustrations of a reindeer wearing a Santa hat, a snowman wearing a Santa hat, and Santa Claus himself. The reindeer has large antlers with red and gold ornaments. The snowman has a red scarf and a red hat. Santa Claus has a white beard and a red hat with a white pom-pom. The background is decorated with green holly leaves and red berries.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE
SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER
in
Church Halls
10.00am – 12.00noon

TOTS' CLUB

We cleaned all the toys on Monday 26th August.

The club resumes on Monday 2nd September from 9.15-11.30 in the large hall. There will be the usual variety of toys and of course the ever popular bouncy castle. The cost remains £1 for adults and there is a plentiful supply of tea/ coffee/ juice and biscuits.

Please join us for coffee any morning.

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



**KILBARCHAN PARISH
CHURCH GUILD**

**COFFEE
MORNING**

Church Hall

Saturday 7th September

10.00am – 12.00noon



A long-winded country minister once informed a parishioner that he was going to preach the following Sunday on the milk of human kindness. "Well," said the farmer, "I hope you will give it to us in condensed form."

Mary Greig Bethune 1921 - 2019

We were saddened to learn of the death in July of Mary Greig Bethune.

Mary was born in Kilbarchan in “Oldhall” - her Grandmother’s house in Shuttle Street which is no longer there. She spent many of her childhood holidays in Kilbarchan before moving with her parents to London, where latterly she worked as a Civil Servant. After the Second World War she renewed her friendship with Murdo Bethune, a Kilbarchan man whose father was an elder in Kilbarchan East Church and owned the garage in Yard’s Head in the 1930’s and 40’s. They married in the 1950’s.

Murdo and Mary moved to Culbokie in the Black Isle and took on the running of the Post Office from Murdo’s uncle. They expanded the business and opened the adjoining shop which sold everything “from a needle to an anchor” while raising their two children Angus and Sue.

When they retired it was to Dingwall where they continued worshipping in Castle Street Church in which they were both very active members – Murdo being an elder and Mary who sang in the choir, was a member of the Guild, was on the Flower Committee, organised the Blytheswood Care shoe boxes appeal for the area, and knitted scarves and hats in addition to her embroidery work. Indeed in her nineties, she was part of the Strathpeffer Craft and Craic Group which produced Panel 101 for the Great Tapestry of Scotland! She was also very interested in the History of Dingwall and local area and worked in the Dingwall Museum as a Guide in her spare time!

As Stephen said in a recent sermon, “It’s how the time between birth and death is spent that’s important!” She was a wonderful Christian lady who lived life to the full and made great use of her 98 years.

Margaret Beattie



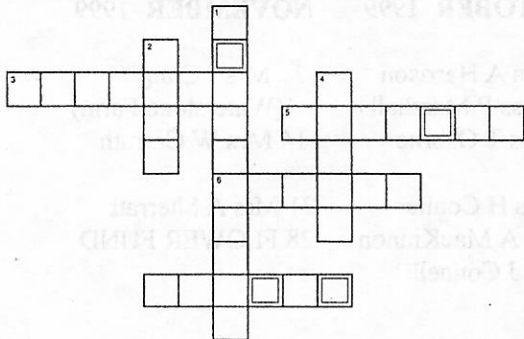
*The person who sows seeds of kindness will have a
perpetual harvest.*

*Don't expect to enjoy the cream of life if you keep your
milk of human kindness all bottled up.*

Kidz Korner



Rearrange the letters in the boxes to find out what Zechariah was told to call his son.
Find the answers in Luke 1:8-17

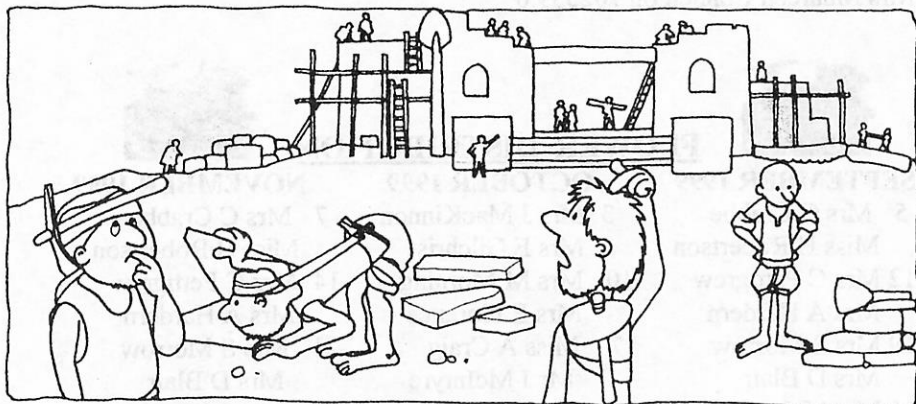


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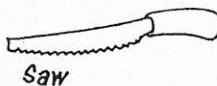
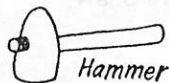
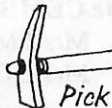
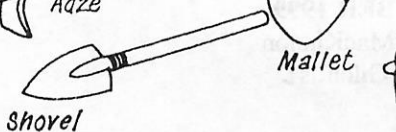
- 3 What was the angel's name?
- 5 What was Zechariah burning?
- 6 What was Zechariah's job?
- 7 Which prophet would Zechariah's son be like?

DOWN

- 1 What would Zechariah's son be filled with?
- 2 What would Zechariah's son not be allowed to drink?
- 4 What appeared to Zechariah?



Some of the workmen have lost their tools.
Can you find them?



PARISH REGISTER



DEATHS

22/05/2019 Bessie Herriot
30/05/2019 Catherine McCrae
31/05/2019 Susan Morrison McCallum
21/05/2019 Jenifer Chittick
02/06/2019 Jenny Ross
15/06/2019 Fiona MacAskill *
24/06/2019 Margaret Ewing
25/07/2019 Catherine Colquhoun *
09/08/2019 Caroline Clelland
09/08/2019 Ray Ferguson *
18/08/2019 Agnes Douglas *

ROLL

The Roll of Kilbarchan Parish Church now stands at 409 and 19 Adherants.



We wish to express our deep gratitude for the support, both emotional and practical, received from our Church family over the illness and death of our eldest daughter Fiona. The cards, flowers, plants and warm tributes have been a great comfort to us over the last several weeks. The collection, at Fiona's funeral on Wednesday, for the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Ward 61 Endowment Fund, raised the sum of £1500. This was personally delivered to the Ward on Monday 1st July. Our very sincere thanks once again.

Malcolm and Susan

We would like to express our sincere thanks for all the support and acts of kindness we received, and continue to receive, after the passing of our most beloved daughter Jennifer.

Neil, Maria and Lindsay Chittick

USEFUL CHURCH CONTACTS

Minister - Rev Stephen Smith

Joint Session Clerk - Mrs Christine Erwin

Joint Session Clerk - Mr Alasdair Law

Ass. Session Clerk - Miss Helen Robertson

Treasurer - Position Vacant

Clerk to Congregational Board - Mrs Gwen Howden

WORSHIP PROGRAMME

Sunday 1 st September	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 8 th September	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 15 th September	11am	Morning Worship
Sunday 22 nd September	11am	Morning Worship
Sunday 29 th September	11am	Morning Worship
Sunday 6 th October	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 13 th October	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 20 th October	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 27 th October	11am	Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
	2pm	Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Sunday 3 rd November	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 10 th November	10am	Remembrance Service at War Memorial
	10.45am	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 17 ^h November	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 24 th November	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 1 st December	11am	Morning worship

