



Kilbarchan Parish Church

Your local church magazine

Dear Friends,

Saturday 20th May will forever be etched in my memory.

I know its only football but Cowdenbeath somehow managed to survive dropping out of the Scottish Professional Football League by beating East Kilbride on penalties. It was a nailbiting finish to a poor season for the Blue Brazil. I didn't manage to be at Central Park to add my support. I was at Messy Church instead and apologise to those who thought I was being rude checking my phone every few minutes for updates from the game. I hope the smile that replaced my look of worry was worth it.

Still. It's only football.

Think how you are when something good happens. When you hear good news for yourself or someone else. How do you feel?

What is the thing that has made you smile most or made you feel happy this past week.

Sometimes we just want to tell others about it.

A smile can be infectious, it can spread. It is catching.

As the church, we are called to be an agent of good news. We are invited to spread the good news, the faith, the support and encouragement.

Spread the love, the care, the hope, the peace.

If you have good news – share it. You might just brighten up someone else's day.

Stephen



FROM THE EDITOR



The dream continues!

Summer is nearly upon us and all organisations and groups have or will be stopping for a well earned break. This will give you all a time to charge up your batteries for our return. As you will see in this issue I have started a bit where you are asked to share your experience if you visited a church when on holiday. This, after all is YOUR magazine and I look for your support by submitting articles.

The Autumn Issue will be out on Sunday 3rd September and all items for inclusion should reach me at alastair.mackinnon@ntlworld.com by Sunday 20th August.

Have a great holiday – while I dream on!

Alastair



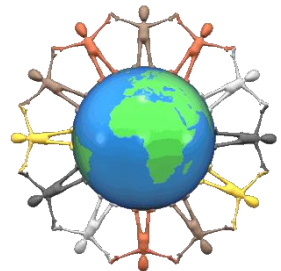
PRESBYTERY PRAYTIME



Here is a prayer for Christian solidarity and respect for our material world.

Lord, through Jesus' example you call all your peoples to unite in mutual respect and compassion. So fill all our hearts with enthusiasm to cherish one another.

And since you have entrusted to us the care for this planet and the exploitation of its resources and fruits for the benefit of all, endow us with the wisdom to maintain and sustain its fertile potential in reflection of and as witness to your all embracing love. Amen.



(from presbytery prayer coordinator)

YOUR MINISTER

*Your minister has many cares
The burden of his flock he shares
He needs your sympathy, your prayers.*

Encourage him.

*Your minister is human too.
He has his faults, the same as you
He makes mistakes, you make them too.*

Encourage him.

*If he has helped you to be true
His words have been God's voice to you
Then tell him as you ought to do.*

Encourage him.

*He's giving daily full and free
His love, his time, his sympathy
None needs more kindness shown than he*

Encourage him.

*Don't wait until he goes away
Some kindly words of praise to say
But say them now, begin today*

Encourage him



Church Mice

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KIRK SESSION REPORT

At the March meeting an update on the church roll was presented to the Kirk Session. So far from 723 letters sent out there have been 494 responses. From the responses 412 members (57%) of the number on the roll wished to remain on the roll with 26 (3.6%) wanting to be removed and 26 (3.6%) asking that a Certificate of Transference be sent. A number of letters (30) were returned by the Royal Mail as 'not known at this address'. Sadly 4 deaths had been recorded during this time. The good news is that 5 people have asked to join the church.

The forms are still being received and we intend to finalise the roll at the end of June. If you have not yet returned your form there is still plenty of time to do so.

Marjory Love has been involved with the Planning Application and reported Planning permission was almost complete. They are just awaiting Historic Scotland approval for the removal of the stained glass windows. Mr Archer, from Winchester School of Music, will arrange for the removal of the organ once planning permission is received. It will be removed for cleaning and restoration before being installed in Easter 2018. The meeting between the Planning Department, General Trustees and Historic Scotland came back with the possible use of the buildings as being residential or light commercial use.

The General Trustees are about to issue a remit to the Solicitor of the Church to get under way with the marketing and sale of the two properties.

Ann McLeod and Ken Dagleish have agreed to organise the Senior Members Outing this year which will be to Rosdhu Hotel in Rhu. Elders will be visiting to get names for the trip. The trip is paid for by both the Benevolent Fund and Church Funds. Additional collections at communion go to the Benevolent fund which in addition to the outing makes donations to local charities.

Ian Keith who has been Presbytery Elder for a number of years has agreed to continue this session. We would congratulate Emma Vaughan who has been selected to represent Presbytery at the General Assembly this year as their Youth Representative.

During a recent meeting of the Men's Club, Long Service Certificates were presented to three of their office bearers. Robert Cherry, Robert Gray and Alex Baird were thanked by Willie Beattie for the commitment to the club before being presented with Long Service Certificates for 30 years service by the Session Clerk.

We were saddened to hear of the sudden death of two Elders Agnes McQuarrie and Ron Irvine. Both had been Elders for a number of years. Our thoughts are with their families at this time.

Beadle Duties for the coming months

June	Isabelle Robertson, Myra Grant, Malcolm MacAskill
July	Jenifer Pitchers, Graham McKay, Neil Chittick
August	Una Strachan, Alastair MacKinnon, Sandy Graham

Fulton Dunn



Elizabeth (Bessie) Herriot

Sunday 23rd April saw one of our congregation, Bessie, celebrate her 100th birthday at Hunterhill Care Home with family, friends, staff and the Provost. The highlights were the cake and seeing her delight on opening her card from the Queen.

Elizabeth Herriot

Known as Bessie she was born on the 23rd April, 1917 at The Nurseries, Linwood and was the youngest of 3 sisters. She attended Linwood Primary School and left school aged 14 to work in the local Co-operative shop being promoted to the cash desk, a position she held until at the age of 31 until she married James Herriot on the 6th August, 1948.

They moved to Easwald Bank and then to Milliken Drive where after 20 years of married life her husband died.

Bessie worked part time with Wishart the Bakers in Johnstone until she retired.

Bessie has spent the last five years in Hunterhill Care home, Paisley.

Robert Hill



TREASURER'S REPORT

Over the past few weeks the Project Manager has updated costs for the approved programme of works on the Church and Halls .An Application will shortly be submitted to Presbytery and the General Trustees in Edinburgh for authority to start work on this much needed investment in our property. As approval in principle, has been already been given no delay to the start of the work is anticipated. With most of the hard work in terms of additional fundraising events earmarked for the essential repairs and the Roof Appeal carried out last year together with the Reserves from the net proceeds from the disposal and purchase of Manses in place we are in a position to meet the substantial costs involved while ensuring our Reserves are maintained at a level to meet any emergency. This should ensure that our Church will be fit for the purpose of serving Kilbarchan and Brookfield for generations to come.

Offerings from all sources to the end of April 2017 are holding up well compared to the same period in 2016. Last year, for the most part, we were operating with two bank accounts-former East and West Parish Churches. It is difficult to forecast the year end position in terms of offerings as, since November 2016 ,we have been operating with the Parish Church Bank Account alone. The good news is that many members of the former West Church have taken the trouble to change their Standing Order to the Parish Church. There may still be one or two who are aware that their Standing Order has been returned to them by their bank and are keen to continue to support the Church. Please contact me (703881) if you are in this position and I shall assist you in completing the necessary Form to change to the Parish Church Bank Account.

The Roof Appeal, earmarked to assist in financing the work shortly to commence, remains open and so far this year roughly £1,000 has been donated. This brings the total to nearer £25,000.

I am writing this Article shortly after another successful Plant and Pancake morning and before that the Easter Extravaganza once more was a most enjoyable event. Thanks are due to the Fundraising Committee led by Jenifer Pitchers for their hard work.

The Clydesdale Bank in Johnstone -the Church's Bank-closes mid June 2017. It has been agreed that the Church's Account will move to the Clydesdale Bank in Paisley. This will ensure that there is no need for any member to take any action in terms of changing their Standing Order details. The Church's Account Number and Sort Code will remain exactly the same. Lodging cheques and cash from fundraising event etc may involve myself or my successor in travelling to Paisley

The Post Office, in our case the Johnstone Post Office, in agreement with the Clydesdale Bank, have agreed to take the lodgements and ensure the deposits are credited timeously to the Church's Account. Hopefully this will save time!

Lastly a legacy of £1,000 was received from the Estate of the late Mrs Edith Moore. This was a very generous and kind action from a lady who loved her Church.

Thank you for your continued support.

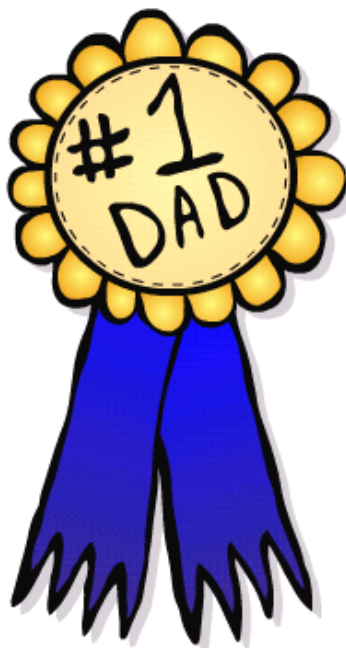
Jim Moffat



OUR DAD

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete,
And so, he called it

Dad



Reminder - Father's Day is on Sunday 18th June, 2017.

PRESBYTERY PATTTER

Snippets from recent meetings of Greenock and Paisley Presbytery

Due to the date of Presbytery falling during 'Holy Week' the decision was taken in March to cancel April's meeting.

SPEAKERS: Welcome given to Rev Hanneke Marshall minister of Bridge of Weir St Machar's Ranfurly Church, Presbytery was upstanding for the eulogy by the Rev. Stephen Smith on the life and calling of the late Rev Stan Palmer. Visiting speaker from Church of Scotland Guild a Mrs. Marion Berekis gave a presentation on the work of the Guild over this past session. Rev John Murning and Rev Eileen Ross gave a Multimedia presentation on 'Path of Renewal' to bring ministers and church members together to reflect on new approaches to church life.

BUSINESS: Greenock St Ninian's is to move to the Unitary Constitution; Mr. Jack McHugh was appointed as Interim Moderator at Port Glasgow Hamilton Bardrainney linked with St Martin's; Rev Karen Harbison was appointed as Interim Moderator at Greenock St Ninian's from 11th April 2017 ahead of the retirement of Rev Allan McIntyre; Paisley St Ninian's voted by 22 votes to 0 to adopt a basis of guardianship; the Rev Stuart Davidson has been appointed as Pioneer Minister for Paisley North End and will take up his position on 1st August 2017, We welcome this innovative appointment as only one of five Pioneer Ministry posts in the Church of Scotland; the Rev Dr Peter McEnhill has been appointed to Action for Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS) as an advisory Consultant on 'Ecumenical Ministerial Formation' for a three year project period; Rev Fiona Maxwell has been appointed as Deputy Lieutenant and was congratulated on this honour.

MINISTRY: Presbytery appointed Mrs. Eleanor Hood as locum at the charge of Port Glasgow: Hamilton Bardrainney linked with St Martin's and Mr. Russell Banks as locum at Paisley Glenburn from 1st May 2017; all members of Presbytery should be encouraged to consider the work of 'Tomorrow's Calling' and to explore ways of sharing this information with their congregations in the future. Rev Jonathan Fleming, Convener of the Ministry Committee, is also Vocations Champion for Greenock & Paisley and Glasgow Presbyteries and hopes to share some of the work undertaken by the Vocation Champions until present as well as highlight the Church of Scotland's 'Tomorrow's Calling' initiative as part of the Kirk's 'Decade for Ministry'.

WORLD MISSION & ECUMENICAL RELATIONS: the ‘Let us build a House’ appeal for Nepal has now raised over £300,000 and commends this project; the joint initiative between the World Mission Council and the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan in working together to provide and develop training in counselling, trauma healing, peace and reconciliation and commends to the prayers of all within the bounds of Presbytery this venture and the desperate situation in South Sudan.

PRESBYTERY PLAN REVIEW: after much discussion and debate the Presbytery Plan has been amended by deleting all reference to the appointment of Ordained Local Ministers (OLMs) to particular charges as appears impossible to reach a point at which we would have enough OLMs available to cover the numbers in the plan. Guidelines on appointment of OLMs being previously agreed by Presbytery at an earlier meeting.

PROPERTY: subject to approval by CARTA agreement was given to Inchinnan for the installation of a new audiovisual system at a cost of £12,349 and Bishopton congregation for the installation of a replacement heating system, powered by gas-fired condensing boilers with the gas supply is to be from an external LPG tank. The cost is £27,400.

MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP: National Prayer Weekend (29th Sept 2017 to Sunday 1st October 2017) the third year of this “weekend to make God’s love known to those around you. On your street, in your community, with your prayers. We believe that local people praying for their community can change lives: <http://www.national-prayer-weekend.com>; The Church of Scotland Learning Disability Working Group has produced a DVD to raise awareness in Kirk Sessions and congregations. Copies of the DVD or an electronic transfer can be ordered from LDWG learn@churchofscotland.org.uk The film can be viewed on youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fpo-V1NYg5A>; recipients of grants from the presbytery’s mission funds: Rev Pamela Gordon, Barrhead Bourock, gave a report on the work at the Lite Bite lunch time group at Cross Arthurlie Primary School, and also Ronnie Whitelaw, Chair of Barrhead St Andrews “Memory Lane” Club, stating that the grant will be used to enhance the group’s programme of events, which are provided for people with dementia, and their family members and carers; The National Youth Assembly is a platform for young adults to voice their opinions and actively participate in decision making within the Church of Scotland. Held annually the residential event is for young adults aged between 17 and 25 that have some connection with the Church of Scotland. NYA 2017 will take place at Gartmore House from 5pm on Friday, 21 July to 5pm on Monday, 24 July 2017.

With the Wimbledon season nearly upon us, we wonder whether Andy Murray will retain his Singles Title. He owns the Cromlix House Hotel which has its own chapel. I was given the following information from one of our congregation about it.



Cromlix Chapel

All the needlework in the Chapel, including the alter frontals and banners were made by Mary Hay Drummond, wife of Colonel Arthur Hay Drummond who owned the estate from 1901 until his death in 1953. The latter was responsible for the acquisition of the side drums one of which is Scots Guards and was given to him by a commanding officer of that regiment. The other six are from the Berkshire Regiment in which he served. He presented a set of drums to the regiment on condition that he should take them with him when he retired, when he gave them a new set. The silver mounted bagpipes, dressed in Drummond Tartan, were played regularly round the dinner table by the family piper until the Second World War. Of the family banners, two are Hay and two are Drummond; the Boar's head is the emblem of the Chisholm Family, and it was through the Chisholms that the estate came into ownership of the family in the 16th Century.

The communion plate is of some interest. The paten is modern, but of the two vessels used for Sacramental Wine the larger was not originally designed for that Sacrament. It is, in fact, a ciborium, the vessel used in the Roman Catholic Church for the Sacramental Bread; such vessels apparently came into general use early in the middle ages. The Cromlix one dates from around 1690 and was probably made in the Low Countries. The small chalice is German, made in Ulm, and dates from about 1650.

The organ was made by John R Miller of Dundee and dates from the first decade of this century. Modern organ techniques criticise it for being so designed that it attempts to simulate an entire orchestra. TO some other lovers of music therein lies its charm. The copper gilt ova plate enclosing a miniature of a female saint receiving a cross and martyrs crown from Christ and the Blessed Virgin is probably Spanish of the 19th Century.

Visitors will notice on the wall at the entrance to the Chapel, a tobacco pipe mounted together with emblems of a uniform. These belonged to a Russian Officer who, as he lay mortally wounded on the battlefield of the Crimea, was comforted by Robert Drummond, a member of the opposing army and then owner of Cram lix. The Russian entreated Robert to take his emblems as a measure of his gratitude; Robert himself was later wounded and died on board a hospital ship within sight of the English shore.

Yvonne Kane

If you are visiting any church during your summer holiday and would like to share your experience of it either as a visitor or perhaps having worshiped there then please send me your article for inclusion in a future magazine. Remember we would also like you to bring back Orders of Service, newsletters etc. Give them to Willie Beattie and these will be displayed at the rear of the church at Harvest time.



ART
off the SQUARE

2017

THURSDAY 24th AUGUST - 2pm until 9pm

FRIDAY 25th AUGUST - 2pm until 9pm

SATURDAY 26th AUGUST - 10am until 4pm



1st KILBARCHAN BOYS' BRIGADE

We finished up with our Hounds and Hares Game and the Sausage Sizzle, and had boys going to the Camp on Cumbrae over the May holiday weekend. This was a great adventure for the Company Section boys taking part. The boys, obviously, Cycled – it is Millport after All! They took part in sailing, canoeing and hill-walking as well as taking part in various competitions over what I'm sure was a busy and exciting weekend.



The Company also have eleven of our Company Section boys, Junior Section boys and our Anchor Section boys going to London for Trooping of the Colour on 17 June 2017. The boys will have a great time in London watching this event. The Boys' Brigade have their own special enclosure for viewing the spectacle of Trooping of the Colour. Boys and officers will be traveling by train on the Friday and will be staying in The Thurso Suite in Felden Lodge, the Boys' Brigade UK Headquarters. Thanks go to Shona Malone and Joyce Spiers for organising the trip.

BB Enrolment for the 2017-18 Session takes place in the Church Hall on Friday 25th August from 7 pm to 8.30 pm. The following day 1st Kilbarchan Boys' Brigade are having an Away Day to Millport for the family and boys of the Company. We will be traveling down by train to Largs and taking the ferry across to Cumbrae. On Friday 1st December 1st Kilbarchan will be going to the Pavilion Pantomime "The Wizard of Never Woz". If you would like to go then let us know! The following Friday, 8th December will be our Christmas Party.

Did you enjoy our Display? It was a little different but I think it was a great success!



Junior Section: Best Boys - Jack Sheridan and James Wheeler

Company Section:

Best Recruit – Alex Malone

Best Boy – David McNish

Best Senior – Ben Cunningham

Best Drilled Boy – Callum Carmichael

Best Squad – Squad 2

Christian Faith – David McNish

Bobby Stevenson





HILL WALKING CLUB

After abandoning the idea of walking in March, we were blessed with a lovely day in April. Twelve of us met at the Steeple and made our way through Moffat and on to Capplehill on the A708 where we started our walk to Under Saddle Yoke.

It was quite a steep climb up and when we reached the Donald, six decided to return while the other six were enticed by the superb weather to continue to the Graham of Hart Fell. Hart Fell Was at one time - according to legend - the home of Merlin the Magician who was able to turn himself into a hart. Another connection with royalty of the time is a hill known as Arthur's Seat where the king was supposed to have rested. We continued our walk along the cliff edge to Swatte Fell (another Donald) admiring the spectacular scenery on the way before making the very steep descent back to the cars at Capplehill.

As is the custom, the May and June outings are week-ends away. In May the group are going to Braemar Hostel where there is a great choice of mountains – Munros, and Corbets and Grahams. The June week-end is to Bearnock, a hostel convenient for climbing hills in Glen Affric and Glen Strathfarrar. All we need is for this lovely spell of weather to continue!

Margaret Beattie



DRAMA GROUP



The Drama Group are working hard to secure a play for our November production. We look forward to bringing you news of our selected play!

Fiona McKenzie



SENIOR CHOIR

Rehearsals have now finished for the summer and will resume in September, when new members will be made very welcome, speak to Ian Trushell any Sunday morning.



UNFOLDING THE ROSE

A young, new preacher was walking with an older, more seasoned preacher in the garden one day. Feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he was asking the older preacher for some advice. The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and handed the young preacher a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any petals.

The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the will of God for his life and ministry. But because of his great respect for the older preacher, he proceeded to try to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact.. It wasn't long before he realised how impossible this was to do. Noticing the younger preachers inability to unfold the rosebud without tearing it, the older preacher began to recite the following poem...



***It is only a tiny rosebud,
A flower of God's design;
But I cannot unfold the petals
With these clumsy hands of mine.
The secret of unfolding flowers
Is not known to such as I.
GOD opens this flower so sweetly,
Then in my hands they die.
If I cannot unfold a rosebud,
this flower of God's design,
Then how can I have the wisdom
To unfold this life of mine?***

***So I'll trust in Him for leading
Each moment of my day.
I will look to him for His guidance
Each step of the pilgrim way.
The pathway that lies before me,
Only my Heavenly Father knows.
I'll Trust Him to unfold the moments,
Just as He unfolds the rose.***

FUND-RAISING

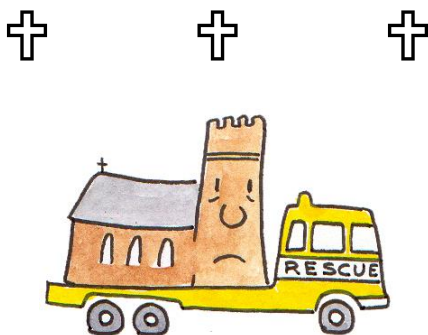
The Easter Extravaganza was a very busy, enjoyable morning, with lots of families, most of you probably saw the double page spread of photos in the Paisley Express and on the hall wall. The sum raised was in excess of £550, an excellent result.

The Plant Sale and Pancake Morning was also a great success, raising £1100. Thanks to Fulton for organising the plants and to Marie, Maria and Margaret for making the delicious pancakes.

“Art Off the Square” takes place on Thursday and Friday 24/25 August from 2-9pm and Saturday 26 from 10am-4pm, organised once again by Myra and George. As usual, we would ask for your help in the tearoom and for donations of home-baking, always an important part of the show. There will be a list on the hall notice board from July.

At the moment, we have no other events planned so if there are any suggestions, please speak to a committee member.

Committee members: Jenifer Pitchers (Chairperson), Irene Moffat (Treasurer), Joan McKinnon, Margaret Allan, Elizabeth Anderson, Rosemary Clark, Helen Miller, Marjory Love, Jemima McDermid, Margaret Gray, Una Strachan and Fulton Dunn. We would like some new members please, especially men.



CHURCH OPEN DAYS

The annual opening of the church to visitors during the summer months will not take place this year as the major work is scheduled from early July onwards. Thanks to all who had volunteered, we shall call upon your services next year!



Our final Messy Church for this session took place on Saturday 20th May when we had a games day and picnic. The weather forecast was much scrutinised the week before in the hope the sun would shine on us and we would be able to be outside. Despite heavy rain on the Friday night and a mixed morning of weather by the time 4.00pm came the sun was making an appearance and we managed to have the

Obstacle Course and Frisbee Golf outside. Inside we had Giant Janga, Octopus and the Parachute kept everyone busy. We finished outside with the 'potato and spoon' race with Mums, Dads and Grannies all taking part. Bobby had made up a song sheet and it was great to see everyone in the hall joining in with the actions. Although it was dry we decided we would have our picnic in the hall and as you can see from the picture, travelling rugs were laid on the floor of the small hall and everyone filled a brown bag with their sandwiches, juice and crisps. There was even cake at the end as Margaret had been busy baking. A great afternoon was had by all.



A big thank you from the team for the support and encouragement from Stephen and the congregation for this new venture.

Lastly but not least, my thanks to all the team who through their enthusiasm and commitment make this possible.

Our next Messy Church is on Saturday 16th September and the planning meeting is on Wednesday 30th August at 7.30pm in the small hall. If you would like to join the team, even just to help out occasionally, come along to the meeting or speak to me on a Sunday morning.

Joan

SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Palm Sunday the children learned that Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem as a King riding on a donkey and made palm branches and waved them shouting Hosanna. On Easter Sunday we retold the story of Jesus being raised from the dead and how Easter eggs represent the stone that was rolled away, we then made baskets which we filled with chocolate eggs and Easter cards. After Easter the theme was healing and we talked about Jesus healing the woman with the sore back and also the story of the ten lepers and the fact that only one man thanked him for taking away his disease. Currently the children are learning how God keeps his promises through the Old Testament stories about Abraham. In June we will learn more about Jesus, as a boy, his baptism and the choices he was given in the desert.

Sunday June 18th will be the Sunday School prize giving. During the summer we plan to have an informal summer Sunday School where the children can play games and do puzzles etc. We will send out a rota for this to our current volunteers, however if anyone else would like to offer their assistance please e-mail Ros at rosco5kl@gmail.com.

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who have helped us throughout the year for their invaluable assistance and as mentioned above additional volunteers are always welcome.

Ros & Shona



TEN COMMANDMENTS IN RHYME

1. Thou no gods shalt have but Me.
2. Before no idol bow the knee
3. Take not the name of God in vain.
4. Dare not the Sabbath Day profane.
5. Give to thy parents honour due.
6. Take heed that thou no murder do.
7. Abstain from words and deeds unclean.
8. Steal not, for thou by God art seen.
9. Tell no willful lie and love it.
10. What is thy neighbour's, do not covet.



FAIRTRADE

A big thankyou to everybody who supported our tasting session during Fairtrade Fortnight, especially Carole Seth for making lots of wee pancakes. Remember most of the foods tasted are available in the Rainbow Turtle shop in Gauze St in Paisley or from the Traidcraft web site. Watch out for the

Fairtrade float and stall on Liliias Day. Here is a statement from the Fairtrade web site .This is our five-year strategy in the UK – Fairtrade Can, I Can – sets out four goals to take us to 2020. It aims to offer more – more benefits for farmers and workers; more options for companies; more ways for individual members of the public and local communities to contribute to change; and more insight and ideas to take to governments and policymakers.

As we move forward, we invite all of you to reach out and walk with us on this next exciting stage of our Fairtrade journey. Watch out for more Fairtrade activities in the Village.

Moira Stark



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR THE 21st CENTURY SCOT

1. Gonnae mind there's only one Big Man.
2. Gonnae no pray to pictures.
3. Gonna no use God's name tae swear.
4. Gonna mind and go tae church on Sunday.
5. Gonna dae as yer Da an' Ma tell ye.
6. Gonna no batter him.
7. Gonna jist go wae wan burd.
8. Gonna no nick that.
9. Gonna no tell porkies.
10. Gonna no say "I want wan" a' the time.

THE GUILD

The Guild is now on its summer break and we had our annual outing; this year's destination being Antartex where we had lunch and then on to Lomond Shores. This gave the 'shopaholics' amongst us a chance to have a good look around shops you don't find in our immediate area, and for others a stroll around the loch side.



We had a very successful 2016/17 session with good turn outs and interesting and varied speakers. The Syllabus for the coming session is almost finalised, some details of which will be in the Autumn magazine and we do look forward to welcoming old and new members in September.

Jan Howitt.



GOD'S CAKE

Sometimes we wonder, "What did I do to deserve this?" or "Why did God have to do this to me?" Here is a wonderful explanation!

A daughter is telling her mother how everything is going wrong; she's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away. Meanwhile, her mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack. The daughter says, "Absolutely Mum, I love your cake".

"Here, have some cooking oil", her mother offers.

"Yuck" says her daughter.

"How about a couple of raw eggs?"

"Gross, Mum!"

"Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?"
To which the mother replies: "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves, but when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake."

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful! God is crazy about you. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk. He'll listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart

I hope your day is a "piece of cake"



TOTS' CLUB

This is the end of our 5th year as volunteers, we have so enjoyed seeing many children grow from tiny babies to nursery age and beyond. The club continues to welcome over 30 children and accompanying adults each Monday from 9.15-11.30am. There is a lovely atmosphere and it is as important for the mums, especially new ones, as for the tots. Our summer party, "Teddy Bears' Picnic", is on Monday 26th at 9.45am, and, weather permitting, we shall also enjoy being outside in the grounds. The Tots have a small garden just at the back of the hall, tended by Rosie, do have a look as you pass by, there is a plaque on the wall. Several children will be going on to nursery after the holidays and we wish them well. Please drop in for coffee any Monday morning and if you feel that you have a Monday morning to spare every few weeks, we would be delighted to welcome more volunteers. We usually now have 5 volunteers on duty each week as there is a lot to set out in the hall and we seem to have amassed quite a few new toys-putting them away in our cupboard is a work of art, some of us are better than others!!

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



CHANGE? - IT CAN BE BAD FOR YOU!

A middle-aged woman had a heart attack and was taken to hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience. Seeing God she asked, "Is my time up?"

God said, "No, you have another 40 years, 2 months and 8 days to live."

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair colour. Since she had so much more time to live, she thought she might as well make the most of it. After her last operation, she was released from hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was hit and killed by an ambulance.

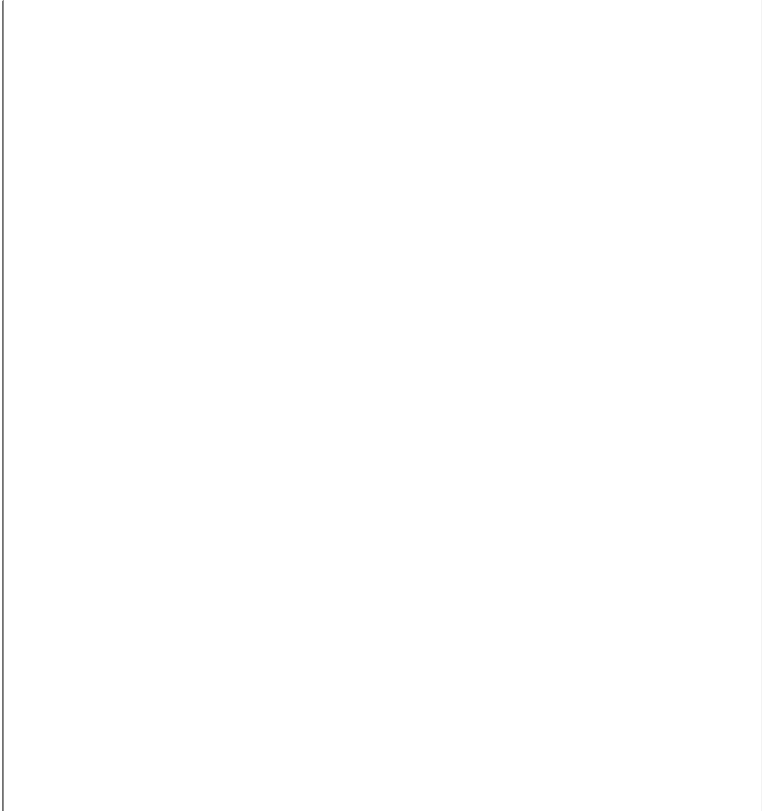


Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 40 years? Why didn't you pull me out of the path of the ambulance?"

God replied, "I didn't recognise you."

What am I?
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How can we work with God?
We can ~~5~~h | after 1 another,
+ give 1 another and ♥ 1 another.

Can you read this message?

PARISH REGISTER



DEATHS

(* denotes member)

22/02/2017 Ian Milne
23/02/2017 Nanette Duff *
28/02/2017 Agnes MacQuarrie *
19/03/2017 John Innes
31/03/2017 Fiona McEwan *
04/04/2017 Roy McLean
05/04/2017 Florence Stark
21/04/2017 Barbara Mitchell *
04/05/2017 Ron Irvine *
13/05/2017 Sammy Clements
22/05/2017 Bill Parrott *

BAPTISM

26/02/2017 Violet Margaret Gilchrist, daughter of Rebecca and Stuart



Iain and Alan MacQuarrie would like to express their thanks for all the cards and kind words received after Agnes's death. The sum raised for the RNLI at the service giving thanks for Agnes's life was almost £400.

Susan and Malcolm MacAskill would like to thank Stephen and members of the congregation for their support, cards and flowers after the death of Ian Milne, Susan's father. Your thoughtfulness was much appreciated at this sad time for the family.

Jacque and Alison join me in thanking all friends for their kind letters, cards and gifts of flowers received on Ron's passing.

God bless.

Doris Irvine

WORSHIP PROGRAMME

Sunday 28 th May	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 4 th June	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 11 th June	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 18 th June	11am	Morning worship Sunday School Prize Giving
Sunday 25 th June	11am 6.30pm	Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Sunday 2 nd July	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 9 th July	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 16 th July	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 23 rd July	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 30 th July	11am	Mornin worship
Sunday 6 th August	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 13 th August	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 20 th August	11am	Morning worship Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday 27 th August	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 3 rd September	11am	Morning worship

