



Kilbarchan Parish Church

Your local church magazine

Dear Friends,

As I write this we have just entered the season of Lent, the period from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

Many folks associate Lent with giving something up, usually chocolate or alcohol. The idea of giving something up is linked to the Biblical practice of fasting.

Of course it's great to stretch yourself and go without a luxury for 40 days and maybe feel better for it. We gain a personal benefit. We do it for ourselves. But if you look back to the Christian roots it suggests a different challenge. Instead of giving something up, think about giving something back.

Rather than focusing only on ourselves, focus on other people and our community.

Giving something back to the community.

Some people call this paying it forward.

Last year Pope Francis shared a Lenten message we could all benefit from.

1. Fast from Hurting Words and say Kind words.
2. Fast from Sadness and be filled with Gratitude.
3. Fast from Anger and be filled with Patience.
4. Fast from Pessimism and be filled with Hope.
5. Fast from Worries and Trust in God.
6. Fast from Complaints and contemplate Simplicity.
7. Fast from Pressures and be Prayerful.
8. Fast from Bitterness and fill your heart with Joy.
9. Fast from Selfishness and be Compassionate to others.
10. Fast from Grudges and be Reconciled.
11. Fast from Words and be Silent so you can listen.

Your friend

Stephen



Though I appear deep in thought, I'm actually writing this while looking out at our typical British weather. It is certainly varied! I would like to think that when you peruse this magazine that you find the same variation within the pages. As well as keeping you informed as to what is happening within Kilbarchan Parish

Church, we take a look at what is happening outwith Kilbarchan.

Your contributions are what ,hopefully, makes **YOUR MAGAZINE** an interesting read. Any items for the Summer Issue should reach me at alastair.mackinnon@ntlworld.com by Sunday 20th May at the latest.

Happy Reading!

Alastair MacKinnon – Editor



REFLECT WHAT EASTER IS ALL ABOUT!

As Easter approaches, it is time to reflect on how a young man took the sins of the world on *his* shoulders and died as a common Roman criminal, naked and exposed to the elements, hanging on a cross with only his friends and mother grieving at the foot of the cross, of course you know, he was Jesus Christ our Saviour. 'It was for us he hung and suffered there.'

IF ASKED, WOULD YOU HAVE TAKEN HIS PLACE?

Every time you visualise or think of the crucifixion, which was probably the most violent ever witnessed, He paid the penalty for all of us. That should bring tears to our eyes and gratitude in our hearts. By the cross He 'disarmed the powers and authorities, also making a public spectacle of them, in fact He triumphed over them.'

There is no way you can make comparisons about His death, it only shows that we in the church who claim to be His disciples have a lot of work to do, not simply grace to enjoy! God's intention is that, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms.

Our Lord brought about reconciliation through His sacrifice. We must follow in His footsteps.

DO WE?

KIRK SESSION REPORT

The former West Church and Hall have been marketed by the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland since October 2017. There has been interest in both buildings but neither as yet have been sold and will continue to be marketed.

Winchester College still intend to remove the organ and it is hoped that dismantling will start quickly after agreement has been reached with the contractor.

Work on the boiler house, the hall flat roof and cornicing will commence on 12/3/2018 and should last no more than two weeks. It is hoped that snagging work will start sooner and be completed within a similar timescale. We are grateful to Malcolm MacAskill and Ian Trushell for the considerable work that has been done by them on the works project.

A Welcome leaflet has now been produced and is available for anyone moving into the Parish.

11 members of Session attended safeguarding training in January. At these meetings it was brought to their attention that many Churches were unaware of who was on the safeguarding panel. Session was reminded that our panel members are Joan McKinnon, Janet Stevenson, Alan Vaughan and Elizabeth Dunn. A poster will be placed on the noticeboard to make the congregation aware of this.

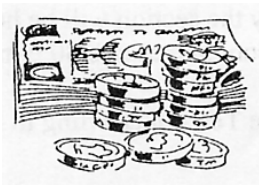
A risk assessment is required for all organisations using the hall. At present only the BB has risk assessments in place. The Board are reviewing Health and Safety and Risk Assessment.

We were saddened to hear of the sudden death of Betty Blair. Betty had been an Elder since 1990 and had recently moved up to Aberdeen to be nearer her son Matt. Our thoughts are with her family at this time.

Beadle Duties for the coming months

March	Myra Grant, Malcolm MacAskill, Jenifer Pitchers
April	Graham McKay, Margaret Wooler, Neil Chittick
May	Una Strachan, Alastair Mackinnon, Sandy Graham

Fulton Dunn



TREASURER'S REPORT

It is probably an understatement to say that the major works on the Church and Halls has not gone quite as smoothly as anticipated. This has had a knock on effect on my financial predictions. By this time I had fully expected all works to be completed –original date for completion was end of October 2017 – and all payment certificates settled apart from a small retention. I hope by the time you read this article more progress has been made and the end is in sight.

The result of this is that my earlier prediction of all our Restricted Reserves –to be used for fabric expenditure only and raised mainly from the net sale of Manses, Legacy and the Roof Appeal - being exhausted by this time has not materialised. The final cost of the work is expected to be well under the tender price and I would "predict" the Restricted Reserves will be circa £45,000 when all financial transactions have gone through.

Thanks are due to a dedicated few who attended many meetings, participated in a number of "lively" debates and generally held others to account.

The Unrestricted Reserves – to be used for the general good of the Church-have held up well during 2017. The offerings are almost at the same level as last year. Given the uncertainties of 2016 (first year of the Union) this is a reasonable position. Excluding the major Fabric expenditure routine expense including Ministry and Mission, insurances, printing and stationery were covered by offerings, fundraising etc. fuel but only by a relatively small amount. At the Stated Annual Meeting I shall go into much more detail with the figures and hopefully answer any questions.

Due to the financial turnover of the Church in 2017-circa £400,000 - the Charity Regulator (OSCR) has determined that we must prepare the Accounts on a different basis from prom last year. Please contact me if you wish more details. This has also meant that a different Examiner/Auditor has had to be engaged. I have "found" a qualified Accountant to do this work and at the moment-mid February- I am patiently waiting to hear the result of the Examination/Audit.

We have been given a wonderful opportunity to secure our Church for generations to come. There are many challenges ahead for the Church in Scotland including declining membership and a shortage of Ministers but we must face up to these challenges and ensure the Church thrives in Kilbarchan for our children, grandchildren and all who believe in God.

Please review your level of giving and, if possible, increase your offering. Although our Reserves are at a prudent level inflation is on the increase and we are only breaking even by a small margin.

Hope to see you at the Stated Annual Meeting on Sunday 25 March 2018.
Thank you for your continuing support.

Jim Moffat



THE CARPENTER'S CLOTH

'The cloth was folded up by itself, separated from the linen'

John 20 v7 (NIV)

In Jesus' day, when a carpenter completed a job, he would wash his hands and face and dry them on a linen cloth. Then he folded it neatly and left it on top of his work. The cloth was his trademark – Whoever inspected his work would know it was finished. On Easter Sunday after Mary Magdalene told Peter the grave was empty, he saw the burial cloth that had been round Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself. **'He saw and believed'** – John 20 v 8. Peter knew instantly that Jesus had risen. His work was finished.

Science says that infallible truth come from getting the same result from repeated experiments. Here are five experiments that prove Jesus rose from the dead. Mary Magdalene encountered him; the women at the grave saw him; the disciples talked with him; the apostles met him; five hundred people witnessed him.

'He also showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive' Acts 1 v3.

'He was raised on the third day and showed himself to Peter and then to the twelve. After that he appeared to more than five hundred' 1 Corinthians 15 v 4.

At an Easter service in Bangladesh, the congregation wept in disbelief as the crucifixion was depicted on film. Suddenly a little boy jumps up and said 'Don't be afraid! He gets up again. I saw it before.'

Today that cry gives all hope. Rejoice! It's Easter! He is risen – and we will rise too!

Youth Moderator - fear must be challenged to secure 'real peace'

International travel and engagement with people from different cultural and religious backgrounds broadens horizons, helps to overcome fear and deepen understanding of what it means to be human.

This maxim is certainly the case for Robin Downie, Moderator of the National Youth Assembly of the Church of Scotland, who has just returned from a trip to Israel, Palestine and Jordan.

He was part of a delegation led by the Moderator of the General Assembly, Right Rev Dr Derek Browning.

Writing in his own words, Mr Downie, 22, of Lochcarron in the Wester Ross area of the Highlands, provides a glimpse into an unforgettable trip.

"As National Youth Assembly (NYA) Moderator it has been a privilege to be on the Moderator of the General Assembly's recent visit to Israel, Palestine and Jordan. I was particularly interested in the situation of young people in the Middle East, and it has been great to talk about things that concern them, but more importantly, to talk directly with them.

In my year as NYA Moderator, interfaith is one of the themes chosen by the young people who make up the National Youth Assembly.

I was one of a team of ten (five young Christians, five young Muslims) who went on a visit to Rwanda in August 2017.

I have also been involved in several interfaith dialogues, including a dinner hosted by the Moderator that discussed Christian-Muslim relations.

During the visit to Israel, Palestine and Jordan, I have been able to explore opportunities for young people and the society that they live in.

It has been important to learn about the situations for Jewish, Christian and Muslim young people.

I met with Rabbi David Rosen and learned about some of his work with young Jewish people, and particularly about some of the organisations they are involved in.

I would be keen to meet young Jewish people in Scotland.

During a visit to the YWCA in Ramallah, I went to a centre that focused on providing work opportunities and education for girls and young women.

It tries to give equal opportunities to young women in their communities.

I was inspired when I heard about how they try to promote gender justice, and to get these young women involved in programmes run by the YWCA.

In other meetings, I was able to ask what kinds of opportunities all young people had, and many found it difficult to get good jobs despite having university degrees.

I met a group of young people my own age - 18 to 22 years old - and we covered a range of issues and ideas.

One of the things I asked them was whether they thought there would be an improvement for them for jobs and for a fairer society in the near future. There were thirty people in the group but only four of them raised their hands when I asked them if they were hopeful.

I found this depressing because we in Scotland have so many choices and opportunities.

I also got the chance to go to Gaza - it was an emotional experience.

We visited a psycho-social clinic that worked with girls to help them cope with issues relating to trauma in their young lives.

We met young men learning trades such as woodwork and metal work.

Many of them, despite learning a skill, will not be able to pick up work.

Gaza has an unemployment rate of 40% generally, but for young people under 25 we were told the figure is probably nearer 70%.

More than two million people live in Gaza, and the area is surrounded by a huge wall. Israel limits the power supply, which means electricity for six hours then 12 hours off. This also means there is no proper sewage control and it flows into the sea.

No one seems to want Gaza and there seems to be no hopeful future for those who feel trapped there.

Despite these bleak conditions we were met with smiles and a warm welcome.

In the evening I went to the YMCA where there was a group of boys playing football.

I enjoyed spending 10 minutes kicking a ball around with them.

They put me in goal and managed to get quite a few footballs passed me.

It felt so normal, but I wonder what kind of future they will have as they grow up. Later in the trip, I went to Jaffa, south of Tel Aviv, where the Church of Scotland Tabeetha school is located.

It was great to meet so many children from so many different backgrounds and faiths learning together.

I was shown round the school by two of the pupils who were happy to have visitors to learn about the school.

And we got a fun photo where we all pulled funny faces.

At the end of the trip we went to the Kingdom of Jordan where I met King Abdullah II, and spent some time with his cousin, Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad.

With the Prince I talked about the role of young people in the Church of Scotland and how the NYA encourages young people to use their voices and to get involved with the life of the church.

He seemed very interested in this, and there might be opportunities to develop this conversation later.

I think developing interfaith relationships with young people helps in a number of ways.

It helps build friendships and encourages a greater understanding of different faiths. It also helps overcome some of the fear and a suspicion that we see in our country and the wider world.

It's important we overcome misconceptions.

By coming together, we can also tackle bigger issues like poverty, climate change and the need to live together in peace.

Since taking up my role as NYA Moderator, it has been exciting and fascinating to bring people together to talk.

One of the great problems in our world has to do with fear.

I believe that if fear isn't challenged, there can never be real peace."



EASTER AS SEEN BY A VIOLET AND A DAFFODIL

Now that this long winter is nearly behind us, I'm sure many of us have seen the signs of Spring in the garden, in the fields and in the air? Once upon a time, so I have heard, down below the ground, a violet said to a daffodil, "It is said that there is a far happier place than this darkness. They say that there is a world which has sun, warmth and beauty". "Nonsense", replied the daffodil, "It has been proved that this is all there is to life, and to the world!" Then one day, they both grew through the ground, and opened out, giving off their beauty and colours. They both agreed, "It is a far, far better world than the one we thought was all the world there is!"

Many boys and girls, and men and women, can go through life, looking at the problems, the dark and dreary side to life. Easter gives all the opportunity to open our eyes and share all the goodness around us, freely given to us, by our Lord and Saviour. On Easter day, Jesus rose from the dead, and every Easter, in His memory, and for the sake of us seeing all the goodness in the world, and sharing in it, we must keep telling ourselves and others that just as the flowers of Spring rise into life after their long winter's sleep, so they who trust in the goodness of Christ, pass through the winter of death, and worry and unhappiness, into a far better world than we can ever imagine.

May we, grownups as well as boys and girls, open our eyes, our ears and our faith and see the truth of Easter, so that the days after Easter may be brighter for all whom we meet.



We are now in the middle of Fairtrade Fortnight which started on the 26th February and runs until 11th March. Bobbins once again hosted a very successful Fairtrade Curry night on Friday 2nd March and this year featured a prize draw for a Fairtrade hamper.

RAINBOW TURTLE STALL. On Sunday 11th March we will have a Rainbow Turtle stall after the church service with lots of Fairtrade items come along and buy your favourite chocolate .

If you're on Facebook or Twitter, please sign up to our Thunderclap to stand with the people who grow our food in some of the poorest countries in the world. Together we are closing the door on exploitation.

#FAIRTRADEFORTNIGHT

To help spread the message of Fairtrade, follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. In the run up to, and throughout Fairtrade Fortnight we'll be showing the impact Fairtrade can have and introducing you to some of the farmers and workers who grow our food. The more you share, the more you're helping to support the Fairtrade mission.

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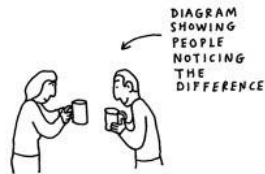
THAT MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE



IF YOU'RE A FAIRTRADE CHURCH SERVE TRAIDCRAFT COFFEE



USE TRAIDCRAFT GROCERIES EVERY DAY



SERVE TASTY REAL TRAIDCRAFT COFFEE TO GROUPS USING YOUR CHURCH



INVITE PEOPLE IN FOR A COFFEE MORNING OR 'BIG BREAKFAST'



SUPPORT YOUR 'FAIR TRADER' (BUY FROM THEM, NOT THE SUPERMARKET)



BE VOCAL, CAMPAIGN, AND PRAY FOR TRADE JUSTICE

ROME – THE ETERNAL CITY

As Head of Classics at Saint Aloysius' Jesuit College in Glasgow, I took a group of 21 pupils to Rome in February. The focus of the trip is a mixture of visiting the remains of the Classical sites pupils have seen and read about in their textbooks, and some of the churches at the centre of their Catholic faith.

Even just getting from A to B, Classical Rome is all around. As we took the bus to the centre of the city for dinner on the first evening, the pupils were excited to see their first glimpse of the Colosseum and the Roman Forum. After dinner, with the promise of ice cream, we walked to the Trevi fountain. The façade of the fountain had been covered for cleaning for a few years but it was worth the wait to see it again; as you emerge from any of the narrow streets approaching the Piazza di Trevi, the whiteness of the marble is dazzling, by day or by night.

A new excursion this year was a visit to Nero's Domus Aurea, or Golden House. Famous for his lavish lifestyle and mental instability, Nero all but bankrupted Rome in building this extravagant home. After his death, Romans stripped it of much of its decoration, but today, with the help of a virtual reality tour, visitors can begin to appreciate its scale and magnificence, including a 35 metre solid gold statue of Nero himself.

On Sunday evening we went to Mass at the Church of St Ignatius, the founder of the Society of Jesus. Here one of the chapels is dedicated to the Jesuit Saint Aloysius. This church is famous for its trompe l'oeil ceiling which gives the impression of it being domed, whereas it is merely vaulted. The story goes that money had run out for a dome.

During our visit to the Vatican City we descended beneath St Peter's Basilica. Here, archaeologists have uncovered a Roman necropolis, or city of the dead. Under Roman law, the dead could not be buried within the walls of a city, and two thousand years ago, Vatican hill was outwith the limits of Rome. Nearby was the Circus of Nero, where early Christian martyrs suffered horrible torture and death. Here we were fascinated to be walking along ancient Roman streets and houses while visitors to the Basilica were unknowingly walking over our heads. However, these houses were specifically built for people to bring the remains of their dead relatives, and they would come on feast days to remember their dead with flowers, food and wine. The archaeologist also pointed out to us, with the help of a torch, some remains which MAY be some of the bones of St Peter, which would help explain the location and positioning of the High Altar above.

From there, we emerged past the Tombs of the Popes which left us in an ideal position to begin our climb to the top of the dome. Don't be fooled – even getting the lift still leaves 321 steps to climb. However, it was worth it for the view.



St Peter's Square taken from the top of the dome of St Peter's basilica

Much like the river Clyde, the Tiber was too shallow for large trading ships, so the town of Ostia on the coast sprung up. On a visit there, we were able to walk along the original streets and see the grooves of the wagons' wheels in the flagstones. We also saw the many mosaics on the floors of shops, each mosaic showing a picture of what would have been sold there. Ostia had a large Jewish quarter, and as well as temples dedicated to the various Roman gods, we also saw the remains of a large synagogue.

On Shrove Tuesday we gave the pupils chocolate hearts and encouraged them to eat them that night, since this year St Valentine's Day fell on Ash Wednesday, a

day of fasting. You would think that it wouldn't be a problem in a city such as Rome to find a service for the distribution of ashes, but I had to do a bit of a trawl to find a service at a time which fitted our schedule.

On our final morning we toured the Colosseum, where we were able to imagine the drama of the gladiator fights. The main gladiator school in Rome was some way away from the Colosseum, and an underground tunnel led gladiators to their fate. Now, where the Emperor's box would have been, stands a large metal cross. This commemorates the Christian martyrs executed in the Colosseum. On Good Friday there is a procession - Via Crucis - The Way of the Cross, which ends here. In his younger years Pope John Paul II would carry a cross around the stages of the cross.



The Colosseum

One visit is never enough to the Eternal City, and hopefully the pupils have been inspired to return in the future; after all, they all threw a coin in the Trevi Fountain!

Ann McLeod

CHRISTIAN AID NEWS



All Change. After more than 40 years of tireless work, Christine Dale and Evelyn Campbell have stepped down from their roles as co-ordinators of Christian Aid Week activities in Kilbarchan and Brookfield. Their efforts have helped raise significant amounts of money for those in need in the Third World, as well as raising awareness in our local communities. We all have much cause to thank Christine and Evelyn for their efforts. Christine will continue as Treasurer for the wider local area and Alasdair Law now steps into the role as Christian Aid Week co-ordinator for Kilbarchan and Brookfield. We trust that he will continue to receive the strong support of the local communities in this valuable work.

Christian Aid Week this year starts on **Sunday 13th May**. As in previous years we shall be organising a door-to-door collection and hope to cover all homes in Kilbarchan and Brookfield. For this we need as many volunteers as possible to distribute envelopes and collect donations in one street or a group of houses. More than **£4,200** was raised last year, a truly wonderful sum, which will make a major difference to those in need throughout the world.

Please contact **Alasdair** on **0141 533 0389** or **0780 591 8509** if you would be willing to assist this year. If you volunteered last year, Alasdair will contact you directly to check your availability.

Alasdair Law



A simple line drawing of a sign on a stand. The sign has a decorative top and contains the text "HE IS RISEN!" in capital letters. There are radiating lines around the sign, suggesting light or importance.

Easter's Victory Message

Easter points to one great event—the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter was God's final stamp of approval on our Lord's life. Jesus had endured anguish, agony, and death in the belief that God would not remain silent in the face of such injustice. Everything Jesus had taught about the real meaning of life was

proven when God raised him from the dead.

The resurrection of Jesus speaks a victorious word to us today. Easter affirms the truth that God lives in us and we in him. May this Easter vision give us strength for victorious living as we proclaim the living Christ to others.

A simple line drawing of a cross standing on a small mound of earth. There are radiating lines behind the cross, suggesting light or glory.

A hand-drawn illustration featuring a palm frond at the top. Below it, the text "HE LIVED!" is written in a stylized, blocky font. Underneath that, "REJOICE IN THE RISEN LORD" is written in a similar, slightly more cursive font. The entire drawing is done in a simple, sketchy style.



'Groundbreaking' Campus in Erskine

CrossReach has announced ambitious plans to open a 'first class' education campus in Renfrewshire. The new development in Erskine will provide a high standard of education for around 30 looked after children, aged 8-16 years. The campus is being delivered by Portakabin Scotland and comprises of modular buildings, which will be built off-site and craned into position in April. CrossReach Chief Executive Viv Dickenson, who broke the ground at the site at Erskine Waterfront to formally start the building work said: "This is an exciting day for CrossReach as work commences on our new education campus. Our existing staff team and their pupils are looking forward to moving into bright, modern classrooms containing all the facilities they need to make it a first class learning environment. We have been delighted with the welcome already extended by the local community and look forward to building on the good relationships already in place as we develop the outdoor areas and explore ways of working together." CrossReach has been providing residential care and education for children, who for various reasons cannot live with their families, for more than 25 years. Over the last four years, there has been a move away from CrossReach's larger care and education provisions at Geilsland School in Beith and Ballikinrain School near Balfroun to a model of smaller community houses, which will be clustered round a central education hub. CrossReach is leasing the ground from Renfrewshire Council and expects to take possession of the campus at the end of May. The existing education team and pupils will move from their current base in Ballikinrain to the Erskine site in August for the start of the new school year.



Allander Jazz Band

in

Kilbarchan Parish Church Hall

Saturday, 12th May, 2018

£10.00 (incl Refreshments) 7.30pm

Easter Word Search

B M A L M H B B K N G R N R
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ROMANS
ROOSTER
SACRIFICE
SALVATION
SAVIOR
THORNS



1st Kilbarchan Boys' Brigade Company

Well! We have restarted after the Christmas break and have been very busy. On our first night of the new 2018 session we revived the Beetle Drive and all the boys and officers had a fabulous night learning how to do a Beetle Drive! We are going to do another one for friends and family on Friday 23 March in the hall. If anyone in the church would like to come along and join us then please let me know. Our boys and girls did really well in the 10 Pin Bowling Competition when our senior team came second in the competition. Our junior team also did very well scoring highly among the junior teams in the competition. We are entering 2 teams for the Recruit Games being held in Renfrew Parish Church Hall soon and this competition will involve P6, P7 and S1 children spanning both Junior and Company Sections.

Company Section members started their First Aid Training recently by learning CPR and enjoyed working with the training mannequin brought along by Shona. Over the next few weeks they will be learning about various First Aid applications and dealing with accidents and minor injuries. We are in the process of preparing for our Display taking place on Friday 11 May and hopefully it should match all the fun of last year. We have 6 boys and girls going to the Camp on Cumbrae which was a great success last year. The weather over the weekend was glorious and many new friendships were made with members of other BB Companies around Scotland. The Anchors have been busy doing craft work and enjoying various games. They loved learning to skip with the special long skipping rope purchased this year. It is amazing the number of parents who have wanted to join in having not done any skipping for years! The Anchors will be celebrating their 40th Birthday with a Fun Day at Gleniffer High School in March where lots of surprises are being planned for the afternoon's fun. A giant Birthday Cake will be distributed to all attending! P2 Anchors also attended a special afternoon at Martyrs Church Hall in Paisley all based around 'Senses' and identifying and remembering them. One of the popular features is a game of Blind Football using a ball which rings and lets the boys see how they would cope if they could not see.

Our Coffee Morning and Craft Fayre in February was a good fundraiser and at the last count raised £650 for the Company which will help to augment our funds as

they are low is low at the moment after our busy year last year. Many thanks to the local Masonic Lodge St Barchan who kindly gave the Company a donation of £100 towards our work with children in Kilbarchan.

The Company is working with LEAP on Saturday 24 March from 11 am to 2 pm with a Bike Swap which should be a great way to update your bicycle for use in the coming Spring and Summer months. So, if your Bike is too small, why not come along to the church hall and swap it for a bigger one. There will be many to choose from – all refurbished and maintained! There will also be classes on maintaining your Bicycle and getting it ready for the good weather.

May I take this opportunity to thank all members of Kilbarchan Parish Church for their continued support of our Boys' Brigade Company. I would especially like to express my gratitude to all our officers and helpers who always amaze me with their commitment and enthusiasm working with our boys and girls in the Company of 1st Kilbarchan Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association. If you think you could help by being an officer or helper in The Boys' Brigade – Please let me know as you will be made most welcome.

Robert Stevenson
Captain



THERE IS A QUIET LIGHT

There is a quiet light that shines in every heart.
It draws no attention to itself though it is always secretly there.
It is what illuminates our minds to see beauty,
our desire to seek possibility and our hearts to love life.
Without this subtle quickening our days would be empty
and wearisome, and no horizon would ever awaken our longing.
Our passion for life is quietly sustained from somewhere in us
that is wedded to the energy and excitement of life.
This shy inner light is what enables us to recognize and receive
our very presence here as blessing.

John O'Donohue, Benedictus

PRESBYTERY OF GREENOCK AND PAISLEY 14th November and 12th December within the Cornerstone, Bishopton.

EULOGY: to the late Rev Dr Ken Forrest given by the Moderator.

VACANCY PROCEDURE COMMITTEE: the report from the Vacancy Procedure Committee was presented and the following deliverances were approved: permission granted to the congregation of Erskine to call a minister on unrestricted tenure; and permission to the congregation of Gourock St John's to consider applications from candidates outwith the EEA and Switzerland, lists the congregation accordingly, advising the nominating committee to take cognizance of the Government's visa requirements and restrictions.

PRESENTATION TO STUDENTS & READERS: The Moderator presented Mr. William Boyle with a small grant from the Weddell Bursary Fund to assist in the purchase of books during his training for the Ministry. Rev Ann McCool, Convener of the Ministry Committee, presented the following Readers to the Moderator: Mary Jane Bird, Russell Banks, Jennifer Boag, Tom Campbell, Charles Davey, Jack Glenny, Eleanor Hood, Christine MacDonald, Elizabeth McFarlan, Jack McHugh, Leon Marshall, Margaret Maxwell, Geoff Orry, Kenneth Rankine and John Spooner. The Moderator thanked those present for all their work for Presbytery in the preceding year and asked God's blessing on them in their future work for the church.

CONFERENCE SESSION: Presbytery went into Conference Session to consider the remit handed down from the General Assembly's Council of Assembly calling all in the Church to "Pray that God will do fresh work amongst us as God's people".

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES – BUSINESS: requests were approved from Lochwinnoch to have a joint service with Calder Free, Kilmacolm Old Kirk and Kilmacolm St Columba Church, Barrhead: St Andrews will join Barrhead: Bourock to have a joint service of worship and Paisley: St Ninian's to attend an Inter-faith service at Paisley Wallneuk North Church; the congregation of Port Glasgow: St Andrew's will worship in the church hall to allow urgent repairs to the Sanctuary; Notice of Motion- at its February meeting the Business Committee will bring forward the following motion: 'Presbytery amends Standing Order 28 to 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; ministers are encouraged to write to Woodside Crematorium expressing their disappointment in the recent decision to no longer use an organist for funerals.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE: the following sums are to be awarded from the 5% Discretionary Allowance to reduce the 2018 Ministries and Mission contributions of the congregations concerned -Greenock St Margaret' £2,366, Greenock St Ninian's £4,000, Paisley Abbey £4,970 and Port Glasgow St Martin's £5,000; 2018 Ministries and Mission contributions for all congregations were approved.

PROPERTY: an application from the Greenock: Mount Kirk congregation for the installation of an upgraded audio-visual system at a cost of £4,475 plus £896 VAT to give a total of £5,571 and by the Bridge of Weir: Freeland congregation for the installation of a replacement and upgraded audio-visual system at an estimated cost of £14,500 plus £2,900 VAT to give a total of £17,400 were approved, CARTA has approved the installation; subject to the approval of the General Trustees, an application by the Howwood congregation to dispose of their present Manse and for Johnstone: St Paul's congregation to sell a small area of grassland within the curtilage of the St Paul's property to the adjoining proprietor for the purposes of a small garden extension were approved; the quinquennial inspections of Bridge Of Weir: Freeland and St Machars, Elderslie, Howwood, Lochwinnoch, and Paisley: St Ninians by Brown and Wallace LLP have been received and the foregoing congregations are to complete the items identified in the reports as urgent within the prescribed period of 1 year, and to report on progress to the December 2018 meeting of Presbytery; Paisley St Luke's received approval to let their manse during the vacancy and instructs the said congregation to liaise with the General Trustees; Paisley Abbey congregation gained permission for a programme of electrical remedial work to their manse and to the Lawn Street halls, at a cost of £18,639.42, a repair of a burst heating pipe in the Abbey and to remove the asbestos discovered around it, at a total estimated cost of £8,000 inclusive of VAT, funds are available; Mr. Ian Russell (Property Committee Convenor) attended the General Trustees Seminar "How to make your Church Buildings work for you".

MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP: Dates were provided for Safeguarding Training of Volunteers and Session Members; thanks were given to the prayer facilitators and organisers of the November Conference Prayer Evening; the position of Presbytery Safeguarding Trainer is still vacant and encourages anyone with the relevant skills and experience to consider applying; Kirk Sessions were reminded of the invitation to nominate a youth representative to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland 2018 in Edinburgh; Kirk Sessions should discuss reimbursing young people who attend Glasgow COSY; and to take up the pledge to be involved in the Year of Young People, tool kits are available for those Kirk Sessions.

MINISTRY: all Readers have submitted their annual Reader's Report; Auxiliary

Ministers and OLM's have undergone their annual review; a Worship Leaders Training Course will take place in the Cornerstone, Bishopton, over a 6 week period; Presbytery is reminded of the importance of having a written and signed Local Agreement for the services of an Auxiliary Minister or an OLM; who can submit legitimate expenses to the Treasurers of the churches in which they are serving.

TREASURER: Presbytery received the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2017 and budget for the year ended 30th June 2018; Annual Accounts of the Presbytery for the year ended 30 June 2017 were presented, subject to any amendments which may be required following the independent Examination which is currently being carried out; the Budget for 2017/2018 and the proposed Presbytery assessments for 2017/2018 were detailed and instructs congregations to make payment as soon as possible but no later than 31st May 2018; a designated fund in the sum of £5,000 was set up which could be used at the discretion of the Business Committee to meet committee one off events and expenses.

WORLD MISSION & ECUMENCIAL RELATIONS: commends to the prayers of Presbyters the church in Zimbabwe and the people of that country in this time of political change; Mrs. Anne Considine represented the Presbytery's WM&ER Committee at the recent Autumn Conference of the Church of Scotland and Action of Churches Together in Scotland on the theme 'Capturing the Vision: A vision for the church in 21st Century Scotland.'

LOCAL CHURCH REVIEW: reports of the Local Church Reviews at Paisley: Abbey, Paisley; Stow Brae and Paisley St Mark's Oldhall should be available in 2018; the committee's intention is to conduct Local Church Reviews in the congregations of Inchinnan, Johnstone St Andrew's Trinity and Paisley Martyrs Sandyford in the first half of 2018; all appropriate documents for the annual inspection of records must be produced for examination on Tuesday 13th February 2018 between 1.30pm and 2.30pm in Barrhead: Bourrock and Paisley: St Mark's Oldhall, for churches in the former Presbytery of Paisley.



Kirk Session Benevolent Fund.

Thanks to Alastair MacKinnon and his "brewing" and salesman skills the fund received £235 !

As Treasurer of the fund a big thank you for all his efforts, the money will be put to good use and we will all enjoy some excellent ginger wine!

Alan Fulton



THE GUILD

We are now half way through the second part of our Syllabus and have held our Guest Afternoon when over 60 members and friends from our own and other Guilds were entertained by the group 'A.G.M.' who led us in well known songs as well as introducing us to some humorous new ones.

Despite the weather we have had good attendances at our January meetings. Early on in January we had a representative from LEAP speak to us on energy savings and following his talk he answered many questions put to him at the meeting. Later on that month we had invited members to bring along a Family Treasure and tell us a little bit about it. Eight of our members accepted this challenge and delighted our members with their stories. At this meeting we also held a 'Martha's Table' where over £51.00 was raised for our Guild Project, "Care for the Family".

At the end of February we are having representatives from Glickman Sweets coming along to talk to us, hopefully with a few samples of their confectionary and the meeting on 13th March we are having Mr. Alistair Dinsmor from the Police Museum in Glasgow giving a talk with slides on the compelling and dramatic history of the Glasgow Police, which is the oldest police force in the United Kingdom.

We would be happy to welcome visitors to any of our Meetings.

Jan Howitt



Saturday 24th March, 10.00am – 12.00noon, £2.50/£1.00

CONFECTIONARY QUIZ - ANSWERS

1	High Class thoroughfare. (7, 6)	Quality Street
2	Money making royalty. (4, 9)	Mint Imperials
3	Dark occult. (5, 5)	Black Magic
4	Clever folk. (8)	Smarties
5	Put together in a makeshift way. (7)	Randoms
6	9,10,11,12...etc. (5, 6)	After Eights
7	Sounds like a sadistic nut. (6, 4)	Walnut Whip
8	Assorted girls. (5, 8)	Dolly Mixtures
9	Delivered from the dairy. (4, 7)	Milk Bottles
10	Dating agencies. (11)	Matchmakers
11	Wobbly infants. (5, 6)	Jelly Babies
12	Big bus. (6, 6)	Double Decker
13	Spin around. (5)	Twirl
14	Istanbul harem. (7, 7)	Turkish Delight
15	Up in the sky. (5, 3)	Milky Way
16	Tiny jewels. (6, 4)	Midget Gem
17	Where the king of the jungle drinks. (4, 3)	Lion Bar
18	Noisy insect. (6)	Humbug
19	Christmas & birthdays give rise to these. (12)	Celebrations
20	Al fresco cuisine. (6)	Picnic
21	Mediterranean Islanders. (9)	Maltesers
22	Single snowy deposit. (5)	Flake
23	Strange chaps. (10)	Oddfellows
24	Falling pot. (3,5)	Pan Drops
25	Talk quietly. (5)	Wispa

There were 23 correct entries and the sum of £148 was raised for church funds.
The two winners picked out by members of the Guild Committee were :-

Susan MacAskill and Roslyn Collins

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“God created the world out of nothing, and as long as we are nothing, he can make something out of us.”

Martin Luther

KILBARCHAN PARISH CHURCH
DRAMA GROUP
Presents

THE VICAR OF DIBLEY

Thursday 26th April
Friday 27th April
Saturday 28th April

JUNIOR CHURCH

Hi everyone, we have had a busy few months. We hope you all enjoyed our Nativity for 2017, The Little Soldier, in which all our children participated and the majority had lines which they had learned and delivered well on the day. I think Shona and I may have a few more grey hairs in the lead up to the actual performance, with a special thanks to Margaret Gibb, Christine Erwin and Moira Gray who helped with coaching the various groups in learning their parts. Also a huge thanks to the parents who acted as wardrobe mistresses on the day. In the end they all did brilliantly and it was really special to have the performance on Christmas Eve.

We also had a Junior Church Christmas Party, which was the first to be held for many a year, as we now have an ever growing group of children attending each week, which is fantastic. The children thoroughly enjoyed the games and snacks, however the highlight was Santa's arrival, and the fact that they all made the 'nice' list.

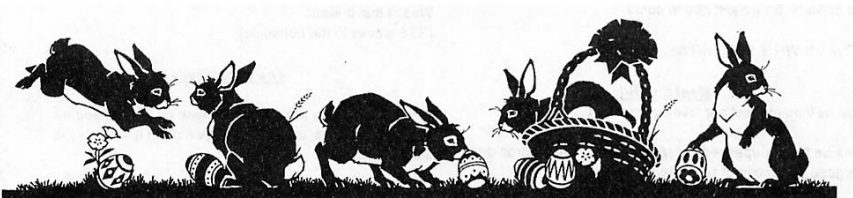
Over the last few weeks we have had a few different themes, starting with, no pun intended, creation, then the story of Adam & Eve, where we made paper chain serpents, which the children really enjoyed making. They have also learned about Abraham and we made a starry picture to show that God Keeps His Promises. We have also learnt that each one of us is special and unique and to represent this we made paper snowflakes and the older children also did A Recipe for Me which involved detailing what made them who they are.

As our numbers are growing we would again like to ask if anyone would like to join our group of volunteers to allow more concentrated support to the children, especially those with additional needs. Our helpers operate on a rotational basis therefore the more volunteers we have the less the frequency required. Shona and Ros would like to say a huge thank you to our current team of helpers as they're assistance is invaluable.

We look forward to the coming months and exploring new Bible stories and activities with the children. Please note that Junior Church will be in the small hall from now on.

Warm Regards,

Ros & Shona



STITCHING GROUP

The Stitching Group has been meeting in Bobbins recently. The group is now fairly small and some of us have had mobility problems which make craft work more difficult. Despite that, we still managed to raise the healthy total of £275 at the Christmas Fayre. However we could do with some help if this is to continue. We appeal to crafters in the congregation to give us some contributions for major fund raising events. We know that our meetings (now back to Tuesdays) are not possible for some people, but any donations to our sales table would be very welcome. We are busy making Easter gifts for the craft table at the Easter Eggstravaganza. Expect lots of chocolate.

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 McNicoll



PRESBYTERY PRAYTIME

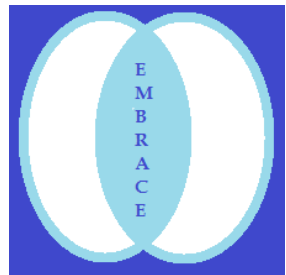


Let us show each other the same love and support that we all receive from God.

Eternal loving God,

Help us to grow in faith and love; help us to be resolute, and not to waver in times of doubt or crisis. Embrace us in your arms, as a mother does her children, so that we may feel cherished in your love, protected by your potent grace.

And in the same way, may we always support each other. Amen.



(from *Douglas Scott*, presbytery prayer coordinator)



AN "OSCAR"

On Sunday the 3rd December, 2017, the congregation saw a rare presentation in the church! An "Oscar" for dedication to Drama presented to Jenifer Pitchers .She was also presented with an inscribed piece of glass art as a memento of the occasion.

Jenifer was one of the original Drama group members founded 40years ago in 1977. There is no doubt that Jenifer is the driving force behind the group working hard on the stage and behind the scenes sourcing plays etc. Many items of her crockery, cushions and furniture have also graced the stage over the years.



Well done Jenifer!

Alan



TOTS' CLUB

The Christmas party was the usual great success on Monday 18th December when Santa paid us a welcome visit. We resumed on Monday 8th January at 9.15am until 26th March and resume on Monday 16th April after Easter.

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.

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



MESSY CHURCH

Since the last magazine we have had two very successful Messy Churches. In January the young people learnt all about Creation, how God made the world in seven days and how we should be looking after it. February saw us look at Love and God's love for us and our care for others. We thought this was an appropriate subject with Valentine's Day just past and Mother's Day coming up. Both meetings were well attended, especially the February one. So much so that we had to make a hurried visit to the Coop for more food once we counted the numbers! Pasta is still proving popular and we have now added hot dogs to our menu.

Our next meeting is on Saturday 17th March when we will look at the parable of the Lost Sheep through craft, story and song. Because of school holidays in April we won't meet but on Saturday 19th May we hope to have a picnic and games day- depending on the weather of course!

As this has been designated The Year of the Young People it is good to see so many young families coming to us either to the Tots Club, Messy Church or Junior Church.

My thanks to all the team at Messy Church who work so hard on the day and preparing beforehand.

Joan MacKinnon



Year of Young People 2018

Scotland's first ever Year of Young People is happening in 2018.

The Church of Scotland plans to be actively involved, through events and activities, celebrating church engagement with children and young people at local, presbytery and national levels.

We want children and young people to be at the heart of designing, developing and deciding what shape the year takes and how churches get involved. Here in Kilbarchan Parish Church we already engage with young people in many ways e.g. Tots Club, Junior Church, Junior Choir, Messy Church and Boys' Brigade.

We are looking at various ways to develop our youth and children's work. This will include a service led by young people and children and various events throughout the year.

More details will appear in announcements and intimations –watch this space!





HILL WALKING CLUB

We ended 2017 with a lovely walk on a great sunny December day when 14 of us went to Carleathern in the Gargunnoch Hills. The gentle climb was made even easier by the road which had been laid for the windmill farm.

Twenty of us gathered at the Church Hall to compile the 2018 syllabus, the first walk of which was the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. This was a superb walk of over 12 miles on great paths passing through the RSPB reserve where we stopped for a welcome coffee and Alastair's ginger wine and shortbread. The bird life was great and our superb bird watcher, Douglas, spotted 47 different species, including pin tail ducks, little egrets, a kingfisher and herons. We were lucky to get a dry day which, in January, was a rare phenomenon!

We changed the planned walk for February which should have been down to Broughton for the Donald of Chapelgill Hill, but the forecast for that area was wet, wild and windy. Instead nine of us climbed up to Loch Humphrey in the Kilpatrick Hills from where the girls continued to Duncolm Hill; seven carried on the forest track, from which Douglas and Jim climbed Doughnot Hill while the rest of us enjoyed a coffee break! It was an ideal choice for the day which cleared up about ten o'clock, and was short enough to be home to watch Ireland beating Italy in the rugby match!

The next walk is on March 10, when some will climb Garbh Bheinn above Loch Leven, while others will climb the Devil's Staircase from Glencoe. There is also a choice in April – either to Beinn Challum or Whitehope Law, and the May weekend has been arranged to the Braemar Hostel.

The syllabus for the year is attached to the Hillwalking Notice Board in the Hall of the Church.

Margaret Beattie



SENIOR CHOIR

Rehearsals are well underway for the Service on Maundy Thursday, 29th March, at 7pm, led by the choir. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will also be observed during the service.

FUND-RAISING

We have the annual Easter Extravaganza on Saturday 24th March in the halls with your donations of home-baking and an Easter Gift stall, along with a decorated egg and bonnet competition and an Easter egg hunt in the church grounds for the children. Entrance is £2:50, children £1, with hot-cross buns served with coffee/tea.



Following the success of the Big band Evening last year, we are delighted to be having an evening of Dixieland/ Jazz with the Allander Jazz band on Saturday 12th May. Please note the date in your diaries as it is anticipated that tickets will sell quickly. The contact for the band is Jean Young's brother-in-law. Tickets, including supper, are £10 and you should bring your own bottle-soft drinks only. Tickets will be available from the end of March in the hall each Sunday, from Susan MacAskill, Myra Grant, Margaret Allan, Una Strachan, Joan MacKinnon and Jenifer Pitchers or from Bobbins.

The Annual Pancake Morning is on Saturday 19th May from 10am-12 noon in the hall. At this stage, we are not sure if there will be a Plant Sale as the nursery owner in Stewarton is no longer able to supply us with plants. Hopefully Fulton will be able to source an alternative supplier but the pancake morning will continue, price £2:50, children £1.



Art Off The Square-dates for your diary-Thursday-Saturday 23-25 August.

Committee members: Jenifer Pitchers (Chairperson), Irene Moffat (Treasurer), Joan MacKinnon, 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.



A tourist visiting Italy came upon a construction site.

“What are you doing?” he asked the stonemasons.

“I’m cutting the stone,” answered the first.

“I’m cutting the stone for 80 euros a day,” the second said.

“I’m helping to build a cathedral,” said the third.



ONE SOLITARY LIFE



HERE IS A YOUNG MAN who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He worked in a carpenter's shop until he was thirty and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He did none of those things we normally associate with greatness. He had no credentials but himself.



WHILE HE WAS STILL A YOUNG MAN, the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, and that was his coat. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed tomb through the pity of a friend.



NINETEEN CENTURES HAVE COME AND GONE and, today he is the central figure of human race; and the leader of the colossal procession of armies that ever march, all the navies that ever sailed. All the principalities that ever sat, all the powers that ever were, have not done what he has done. He has done what no other man has done. He has done what no other man can do. He has done what no other man will do. He has done what no other man can understand.



===== ONE SOLITARY LIFE =====



DRAMA GROUP 2018.

It was unfortunate that the group was unable to entertain you in 2017, but we aim to put that right in 2018!

We are going to perform the TV comedy “**The Vicar of Dibley**” written by Richard Curtis and Paul Mayhew-Archer, Tiger Aspect Productions (the original production company) with the script adapted for the stage.



The script is based on a number of hilarious episodes starting at the point that the new Lady Vicar comes to Dibley.

The lady Vicars ebullient ways do not initially endear her to the stuffy old-fashioned head of the parish council, hilarity ensues as she tries to win him over along with the somewhat odd local farming members of the council. The stage play contains all the TV characters.

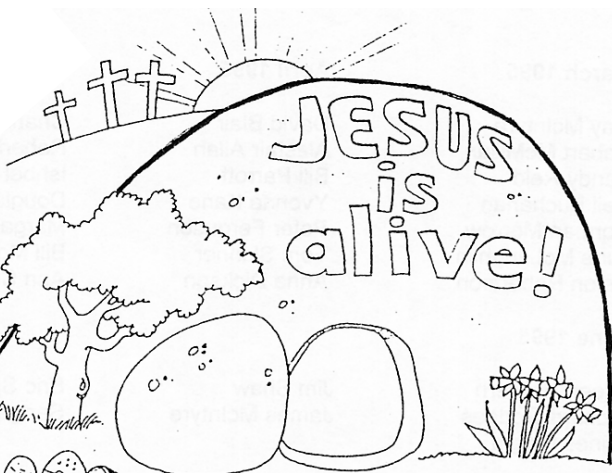
Rehearsals are well underway for the performances **on 26/27/28th April** so put the dates in your diary or on the calendar. Tickets will be available in the middle of March.

We are also planning to perform the radio play version of “**It’s a Wonderful Life**” **in November 2018**. This the Christmas favourite which featured James Stewart as George Bailey who was visited by an angel when he became suicidal, the angel let him see how his life has touched so many others, a very poignant story! This version of the story is set in a radio studio with the actors playing to a radio audience. Something not to be missed! The group are really looking forward to this as well as The Vicar of Dibley.

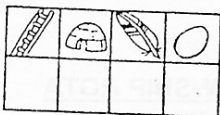
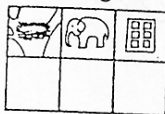
We hope we can have your support for both these events.

Alan Fulton

Kidz Korner



So we give each other as a sign of

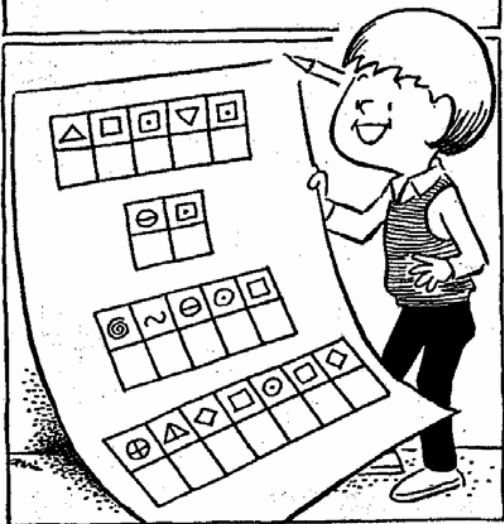
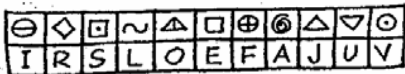


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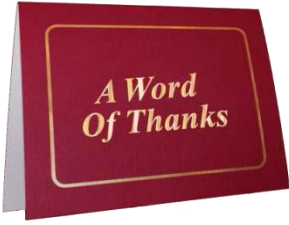
AN EASTER TRUTH!

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HAPPY EASTER





A newcomer's thanks

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your warm welcome into Kilbarchan Parish Church and for your open hospitality and friendship. I am enjoying our times of worship together on a Sunday morning and also joining in with activities during the week.

It's wonderful to see the Lord present within you - glimpses of Jesus - in your kindness and commitment to each other, in your service and faithfulness, in your spiritual insight and faith, and ultimately in your love. I think that sometimes we are so familiar with His presence that we don't always perceive it. Perhaps it takes a newcomer to notice, and to thank you for holding such treasure.

Jesus has fascinated me for most of my adult life. I was 18 before I had the chance to read the Bible and I remember being amazed by the Gospels – the personal accounts of people who had walked with Him and who knew Him as their friend. I'll never forget the wonder of holding, in my hands, the record of what Jesus said and did. Little did I know at the time that His words and His promises would change my heart and my life, and set me on a journey that would bring me here.

Every blessing,

June (June Burgess)

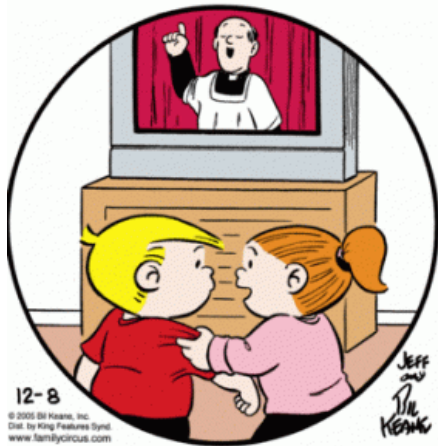


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HOUSE**

***SOUP &
SANDWICH
LUNCH***

**ELDESLIE KIRK
HALL**

**SATURDAY 17th
MARCH**



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**"Hear that? People in heaven have
ever-laughing life."**

THANK YOU



Thank You, May I take this opportunity to thank everyone for the Flowers, cards and gifts I received after my operation.
I feel blessed to have so many kind friends.
Thank you all.

Doreen Warner

I wish to thank the Kirk Session for the lovely plant I received for Christmas.
Best wishes for 2018.
Sincerely,

Walter Gardner



Karen & John Ravenscroft would like to thank the congregation for the many expressions of sympathy received following the death of Netta Givan, Karen's mum. Your kindness was very much appreciated at this sad time.

Karen Ravenscroft



PARISH REGISTER



MEMBERS JOINING KILBARCHAN PARISH CHURCH

By Profession of Faith :- 9

Mr. Brian Havlin,	(Dist. 18 – Elder, Neil Chittick)
Mrs. Lynsey Havlin,	(Dist. 18 – Elder, Neil Chittick)
Mrs. Joyce Spiers,	(Dist. 2 – Elder, Helen Robertson)
Mrs. Eilidh McLean,	(Dist. 1 – Elder, Willie Beattie)
Mr. Gordon Highet ,	(Dist. 20 – Elder, Willie Beattie)
Mrs. Catherine Highet ,	(Dist. 20 – Elder, Willie Beattie)
Mr. William Moore,	(Dist. 5 – Elder, Jenifer Pitchers)
Mrs.Murielle Moore,	(Dist. 5 – Elder, Jenifer Pitchers)
Miss Emma Vaughan ,	(Dist. 11 – Elder, Alan McCulloch)

By Resolution of the Kirk Session :- 1

Mr.Alex Munro,	(Dist. 24 – Elder, Graham McKay)
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DEATHS (* denotes member)

15/11/2017	Isabel Wallace	(Johnstone, St Pauls)
25/11/2017	Mr. William Bain	
08/12/2017	Mrs.Rena Watt *	
08/12/2017	Mrs.Netta Givan *	
10/12/2017	Mr. William Anderson *	
28/12/2017	Mrs Betty Blair *	
04/01/2018	Mr. William Inglis	
04/01/2018	Edith McLatchie	(Elderslie Parish)
14/01/2018	Mr John Gardner *	
19/01/2018	Mrs Mary Kennedy Campbell	

ROLL

The Roll of Kilbarchan Parish Church now stands at 428 and 19 Adherants.

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 4 th March	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 11 th March	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 18 th March	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 25 th March	11.00am	Morning Worship
Thursday 29 th March	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday 30 th March	7.00pm	Good Friday Service
Sunday 1 st April	8.30am	Early Service at Weavers Cottage
	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 8 th April	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 15 th April	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 22 nd April	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 29 th April	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 6 th May	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 13 th May	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 20 th May	11.00am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Eastern Star Annual Divine Service
Sunday 27 th May	11.00am	Morning Worship, Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday 3 rd June	11.00am	Morning Worship

