



Kilbarchan Parish Church

Your local church magazine

Dear Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and in good heart.

It is such a strange world we live in. Thanks to the advances of technology our world can feel more connected than ever. Through WhatsApp and Skype, Facetime and Facebook Messenger we can communicate with people all over the world in an instant. Many people have hundreds if not thousands of Facebook friends.

Yet, The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared loneliness to be a pressing global health threat, with the US surgeon general saying that its mortality effects are equivalent to smoking 15 cigarettes a day.

A recent Guardian article stated, 'In older adults, loneliness is associated with a 50% increased risk of developing dementia and a 30% increased risk of incident coronary artery disease or stroke .But it also blights the lives of young people. Between 5% and 15% of adolescents are lonely, according to figures that are likely to be underestimates. In Africa, 12.7% adolescents experience loneliness compared to 5.3% in Europe.' It's a problem!

Since last September I have been part of a **table tennis** club in Dunlop. It has been wonderful to reconnect with a few old friends and make many new ones. The club meets several times a week and people of all ages and abilities get together to play table tennis.

Wiff waff, ping pong, table tennis – call it what you will, it brings people together.

Recently, Kilbarchan Parish received money from the former Lochwinnoch Parish Church. The only requirement was for it be used in outreach and youth work. So we bought three brand new, good quality table tennis tables, some basic bats and lots of balls. We are going to play some table tennis in our church halls. These sessions will be called '**Bat and Chat**'

The times of sessions and number of sessions have still to be worked out, but it is hoped that we can offer table tennis sessions several times a week, bringing together people from the church and the wider community, people of every age and varying ability.

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland 2024 has just commenced. The theme this year is **Building Together**.

My hope is that these table tennis sessions will strengthen the link between church and community, bringing people together for some **'Bat and Chat'**.

So watch this space, listen for pulpit announcements, check Facebook.

Wiff waff, ping pong, table tennis, Bat and Chat, is coming soon

See you soon

Your friend

Stephen



I wonder if you have been hearing the same noise as me lately, especially on a Saturday? The sound of lawn mowers in action. Yes, for those of you with grass to cut we are well into lawn mowing season. Now I am not a gardener by any stretch of the imagination, as my neighbours will testify(!) but I do find mowing the lawn quite therapeutic. Perhaps it's because we see instant results, the before and after is so different. In ministry and so many different worlds of work we rarely see the immediate result of our labour. Often, we are planting seeds, nurturing, building relationships. This takes time and patience. Or perhaps the appeal of mowing the lawn is simply that it looks so much better once cut. In fact, the whole garden is a burst of colour at the moment. We have had family visiting from the Netherlands recently and they remarked how beautiful the countryside is around us. Seeing things afresh through the eyes of visitors is quite revealing. I had a moment of appreciation leaving an evening service in the church recently. Standing outside the church gate looking across the Steeple Square to the tree line above the former West Church. It was truly stunning. I hope with warmer days and longer nights you too get to enjoy afresh the beauty of creation around us.

Aaron



FROM THE EDITOR

It is a lovely sunny evening and I am busy putting YOUR magazine together instead of relaxing as shown above. By the time you read this most groups will have stopped for a well earned Summer break. If you are going away for your Summer holiday then this is the publication where you can share them with us. It after all your magazine : - nothing in – nothing out!

The Autumn Issue will be out on Sunday 1st September and all items for inclusion should reach me at alastair.mackinnon@ntlworld.com by Sunday 18th August.

Have a great holiday – while I dream on!

Alastair



KIRK SESSION REPORT

At the most recent meeting of the Kirk Session, the trustees were pleased to agree to Myra Grant taking on responsibility for recording minutes of session and annual meetings.

A small group of elders met with representatives from Howwood Church at the end of March to discuss some of the practical issues surrounding the linkage of the congregations. Once the details have been finalised, our congregation will meet to vote on the proposals. It is anticipated this will happen in the next few months with an intimation with details of the proposals being given in due course.

On Maundy Thursday, our worship was enhanced by several pieces sung by the Choir. During the service we celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion and once the front of the Church had been cleared of communion elements and decoration, the congregation left the Church in silence.

We had a thoughtful service on the evening of Good Friday, then an early service at the Weavers' Cottage on Easter Sunday. Morning worship included an egg hunt for the children during the service with eggs being given out to the whole congregation after worship.

On the second Sunday in May, our morning worship took the form of a Songs of Praise when we sang some more of the congregation's favourite hymns. It was good to have the Praise Group, Church Choir and the Junior Choir take part in this service. Thanks to all those involved for their contributions to our worship through music.

In response to an invitation from Presbytery, the session was pleased to give approval to Dr Ian Trushell be a Commissioner at this year's General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. We look forward to hearing his report from the various debates he will attend.

We were also pleased that Ian Keith agreed to be our representative elder at Clyde Presbytery for the rest of this year. Five of our elders, along with the minister, attended a meeting of all the churches in our cluster when the Presbytery Clerk, along with the mission officer, the newly appointed buildings officer and the chairperson of the Implementation Plan all outlined the part they will play in implementing change as well as their hopes to make Presbytery more accessible and open in the next few years.

At the last Session meeting, it was agreed that as well as celebrating the Sacrament of Communion at the morning service on Sunday 30 June, we will also have an afternoon communion. This will be in the hall at 3.00pm and it is hoped that the time and venue will suit some folk who find the morning service in church difficult to access.

Since the last magazine, we have been saddened to know of the deaths of five of our members. There are now 343 names on our Church roll and we have 17 adherents.

It has, however, been good to see some new faces in the congregation and to welcome them to the hall for tea and coffee after the service.

Please let us know of anything which concerns you and tell us of illnesses or problems so that we can do our best to be supportive. Thanks to everyone involved in any way in the upkeep and maintenance of the Church and grounds – it is all very much appreciated.

Christine and Helen



People want the front of the bus, back of the church
and centre of attention



KILBARCHAN PARISH CHURCH ECO GROUP

It's been a busy few months for the Church Eco Group with lots more to come!

Many thanks are due to Suttons Seeds and Thompson and Morgan for donating free packets of wildflower seeds which we distributed to green fingered members of the congregation in March/April. In

addition, we were lucky enough to be gifted a number of Rowan Tree Saplings by Colin D Gray which have also been gratefully received by some of our gardeners. Both of these initiatives along with the early blooming of our Church Silver Birch Tree will help to enhance the green spaces of Kilbarchan and also help the environment. Any photographs of successful flowering would be most welcome.

On Saturday 27th April we were delighted to join with Kilbarchan Smile for our second village Litterpick . We are heartened to report that we had 37 willing volunteers including 12 children and several people from the village with no current church or Kilbarchan Smile connection. Together we collected 21 bags of litter and all enjoyed some well deserved tea, coffee and cake in the church hall along with the opportunity for informal chat. Many thanks to all those involved for their hard work. The next Litterpick is planned for the Autumn.

As the Church now has a film licence and a digital projector, we took the opportunity to show an environmental film "Legacy" which provided an informative and thought provoking picture of the dramatic way our world is changing with suggestions as to how we can make a difference. Those attending were certainly given much food for thought. The Mission Team intend showing a Christmas Family Film on the afternoon of Sunday 8th December-so a date for your diary-details to follow

The Eco Group will have a presence in the park at Lilies Day on Saturday 1st June and also have plans in place to hold a Coffee morning in the Church Hall to raise funds for the Wateraid Charity on Saturday 5th October. The Mission Team intend to host a Soup and sandwich lunch in the hall after the Harvest Service where there will be the opportunity to donate to "Mary's Meals"-details on both these events to follow.

As you can see from the foregoing, the Eco Group in Kilbarchan has been very active in recent times and in collaboration with our "Green Champions", we now feel we are ready to go forward with an application to Eco Congregation Scotland to be Assessed for a suitable Award. We intend to apply for a Bronze Award in the first instance with some hope that we might actually have done enough to gain Silver! Some members of the Group are currently working hard to pull together all the relevant information for our Application- we'll keep you posted.



Kilbarchan Parish Church



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RENFREWSHIRE FOODBANK UPDATE



Since the last edition of the magazine was distributed Renfrewshire Foodbank has relocated to larger premises on the Babcock Doosan site off Porterfield Road, Renfrew. This offers the Foodbank much greater warehousing capacity for storing the ever increasing quantities of items that are being requested by clients.

The continued support of Kilbarchan Parish Church is much appreciated and I'd like to add my personal thanks to those regular givers from within the congregation.

Elsewhere is a Wordsearch that highlights those common household items for which there is most demand. Good luck!

FUNDRAISING NEWS

The Easter Extravaganza was a very successful morning and raised over £600 for church funds,

Art off the Square will take place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 22-24 August. The exhibition and sale has become a very important part of our church calendar. As usual, we shall be looking for volunteers for the tearoom and donations of the delicious home -baking for which we have become renowned!! There will be lists on the hall notice board or you can contact Jenifer Pitchers, Margaret Gibb or Moira Smith to add your name. We hope to have a soup lunch in the near future, after the summer break. The lunches were very popular a few years ago, so it would be good to reinstate them.

It would be good to have some new ideas for Fundraising events so please speak to anyone on the committee.



LITTER PICKING OVER - For now!



ALL GATHERED IN



A WELL EARNED CUPPA

Presbytery Mission Conference: 'Making your Mark!'

2nd March 2024

Five Marks of Mission

General Assembly of October 2020 endorsed the Five Marks of Mission, agreeing that for the Church to be fit for purpose in the 21st Century, these five marks must be evidenced at local, regional and national levels. Originally developed by the Anglican Communion in the 1980s as a way to define Christian mission, they are:

- **Discipleship** To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- **Nurture** To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- **Service** To respond to human need by loving service
- **Working Together** To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- **Environment** To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

(<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about-us/the-faith-action-plan>)

Along with Prayer.

The picture below was created by Rev Stephen Ogston in 2022 and he did give previous permission for it to be used.



Format of Conference: 6 stations had been set up each based on one of the Five Marks of Mission along with Prayer.

Members from each Local Area Mission Group (LAMG) or Hub grouped together and visited each of the six stations for approx. 25mins and allowed 5 mins for 'moving time'.

3 Stations were attended before breaking for lunch (soup and bread) at 12noon. This was then followed by visits to the 3 other stations.

A short talk was given towards the end of lunchtime by Jamie Milliken on- '**Seeds for Growth**' This was followed by a Q&A session and an explanation about funding available from central offices, see the Church of Scotland website:

Stations: Discipleship

What is discipleship? THE WORD “DISCIPLE” occurs 269 times in the New Testament. “Christian” is found three times and was first introduced to refer precisely to disciples of Jesus—in a situation where it was no longer possible to regard them as a sect of the Jews (Acts 11:26).

‘This is Discipleship’ a video, (With permission.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQbmaKuT0Oo>

Nurture

To teach, baptise and nurture new believers . . .

In introducing the second mark of mission the word “NURTURE” was used both as the starting point and the basis for the presentation and ensuing discussion. A mind map was used to tease out what comes to people’s mind when they think about nurture and from that we looked at preparing, sowing (widely and wildly), feeding and growing – all important in the nurture of each other.

Service

Using the 5 T’s to help remember the marks of mission:

1 Tell; 2 Teach; 3 Tend; 4 Transform; 5 Treasure and spoke about how the 3rd mark is about tending / looking after people and to respond to human need by loving service.

Working Together

This was an informal group designed mainly to engender conversation. It started with a simple demonstration of how we can look at the same object from different angles yet can often individually fail to see the ‘bigger picture’, or the commonality we do share despite differences, as we tend to see only our own perspective. By speaking to each other, and working out what each of us could see, and whilst each view was slightly different, the commonality in what we before us was discovered.

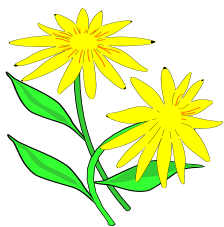
Environment

Discussion was around the following questions with a supporting PowerPoint presentation: What do we mean by “the life of the earth”? • Does that include us? • If it does include us then how do we establish the balance between our needs and those of the rest of the planet? • If it doesn’t then what are we doing here?

<https://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/materials/ideas-for-action/>

Prayer

Within the room set-up for Prayer there was a table for each of the ‘Marks’ with Bible Readings and Prayers printed out - although there was time to pray your own. After every 5mins people moved to a different table. There was a reflective quiet in this room and an appreciation for the space to pray within the conference/presbytery setting.



Church Flowers

Thanks to the members of the flower committee and support from members of the congregation, flowers are placed on the pedestals in the Chancel every week. This is possible due to the kindness of those who donate towards the cost, or provide and arrange the flowers. Flowers can be provided in memory of a loved one, in celebration or remembrance of an anniversary or birthday, or as part of your contribution to the work of our Church. They do not need to be expensive “formal” arrangements!

After the service these flowers are distributed to the housebound, the sick, those who have been bereaved or are in need of support, or in recognition of a special event. This gesture is always very much appreciated.

There are now several vacant weeks when money which has been given to the flower fund has to be used to buy the flowers.

If you would be interested in becoming involved you could either make a donation of any amount towards the cost of the flowers, provide and arrange the flowers yourself or help by distributing the flowers after the Sunday service.

Once again – thanks to all who are currently involved in any way.

For more information, please speak to Christine Erwin (01505 703056) or any of the welcome team.



JUNIOR CHURCH:

Well it's been a busy few months at Junior Church and for our lessons and activities we have covered three out of the four patron saints for the United Kingdom, St. David, St. Patrick and St. George, with accompanying crafts, a cheery daffodil, a Handprint Leprechaun and a dragon pencil pot. Also there was Mother's Day and we discussed and learnt about Mothers in the Bible, and made cards and a decorative box gift for Mum's and Grandma's.

For Easter, the children made Hosanna Wreaths and we also had a game of pin the tail on the donkey for Palm Sunday. On Easter Sunday we went through the whole Easter story including the resurrection and Easter baskets were made which were filled with yummy eggs.

More recently and as a follow on from Easter we made unleavened bread for a lesson with regards to Passover. Food related crafts are always a great hit with the children. We have also discussed the Book of Proverbs and the craft was making an Owl to represent wisdom.

In the coming weeks before Junior Church finishes for the summer break, we will explore the Bible in a fun way, discuss friendship and service.

Also a big thank you to Katy Thomson and June Burgess for volunteering to join the Junior Church team, and we look forward to working with you and exploring the fresh ideas you will bring for lessons and crafts.

Finally Junior Church prize-giving will be held on Sunday 16th June and this will be the last Junior Church till we reconvene in September.

Wishing parents, grandparents and all our children a lovely break over the summer.

Take Care!

Ros & Shona

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Abraham gave up city life and went wandering in the desert in obedience to God.

Jonah was prepared to look foolish for God.

Moses gave up his life as a prince to lead a tribe of runaway slaves.

Ruth left her home.

Jeremiah gave up his peace of mind and wept night and day for an unrepentable people.

Amos gave up a quiet life in the country to warn the people of the judgement of God.

Peter gave up a life he enjoyed to follow Jesus.

James and **John** gave up a profitable business - for their father owned many boats.

The widow at the temple gave all she had.

Joseph gave up his tomb - so that Jesus could have a decent burial.

Stephen gave his life for Jesus.

Barnabas gave his lands and estates to the church.

Thomas gave up his doubts.

Mary gave up her son.

Jesus gave up his life.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

FAITH

Faith is knocking at your door. Please open it with care.

She comes to you with love and hope within her heart, a prayer.

Faith will take you by the hand and lead you through life's way
along a path of verdant dreams, where cherished memories play.

Faith will share your troubled mind, your hopes, your joys, your fears.

She will whisper softer words and soothe away your tears.

Faith will greet you with a smile and comfort you in pain,
so you will walk among the kings, strong in spiritual gain.

Faith will clasp you in her arms and hold you to her heart,
and She will still the sands of time that we may never part.

TOTS CLUB

The club continues to be very successful and we have a long list of tots who enjoy a lot of fun. Our Summer Party is on Monday 24th June at 9.45am. If you would like to join our group of volunteers, please speak to us. Please feel free to drop in for coffee and a chat any Monday morning

Elizabeth and Fulton, Alison and Ian, Myra, Helen, Rosie, Rosemary, Christine, Margaret, Cathy, Fiona, Malcolm and Jenifer



PROPERTY REPORT

At its April meeting, Session approved the revised quotes for work to the hall gable and to the path at the side of the hall. It also approved works to fix the surface drain at the Session House. These works will start as soon as possible and disruption to access should be kept to a minimum.

The Church fire alarm system has been upgraded and a revised fire evacuation plan prepared. Works to upgrade wiring in the Session House will take place once the surface drain works have been completed.

The church heating is nearing the end of its working life (it is over 40 years old) and alternatives are being investigated. This is likely to be a costly exercise, but is essential.

The church model now has a protective perspex cover fitted

The proposals for the stained glass panels are almost completed and the panels will be transferred to the company in Ayrshire for restoration soon.

Malcolm MacAskill

Property Convener



KILBARCHAN PARISH CHURCH HILLWALKING CLUB REPORT

May 2024

The hillwalking club has been busy since the last newsletter, with four day trips and a weekend away.

February's walk started from Kilmacolm, with twelve of us walking a circular route around Glen Moss & The Knapps. It was a rather dreich day with atmospheric mist, tempered by good paths, excellent company (as always) and a stop for elevenses in an unexpected eucalyptus plantation. Afterwards we dried off with coffee and cake in the Cargill Centre.

In March, a stellar turnout of sixteen set off up Cairn Table, a Marilyn, from Muirkirk. We walked a circular route on mainly good paths (apart from an early section of quagmire). The summit cairn is a huge first World War memorial and our descent route passed a monument to John Loudon McAdam, adding historical interest. We finished our day with coffee and cake again, making a delicious run of four walks in a row to finish with a cafe.

April's plan was Blairdenon Hill, in the Ochils. Five walkers set off from Menstrie on a windy and showery morning, taking the well-engineered track which zigzags up the foothills. Continuing on a muddy path NE to gain the subsidiary top of Colson Hill, lunch was taken in the sheltered hollow beneath the cairn. With the wind gusting and rain threatening, the summit of Blairdenon seemed far away, prompting the group to abandon trying for the day's target. We turned around and descended the uphill route in reverse to face the wind and a short rainstorm.

May's day trip was to Meikle Bin, a Marilyn on the north side of the Campsie. Seven walkers gathered at Todholes car park to find it temporarily closed. We parked instead at the main Carron Reservoir car park, lengthening the walk by about six kilometres in total. Despite very wet weather at the Steeple that morning, we had no rain during the walk, only cloudy skies. The walk took us through the forest on good tracks which were reasonably well signposted and we reached the picnic bench, at the base of the summit cone, where lunch was declared. The relatively short but steep climb followed the worn path to the trig pillar. The rather long outward route, in reverse, was used to bring the group back to the cars.

Meanwhile, the Munro and Corbett baggers amongst us headed further north for a weekend in the Bearnaclach Lodge hostel near Drumnadrochit. On the Saturday, seven of us climbed the Munros Tom a' Chòinich & Toll Creagach from the famously beautiful Glen Affric. It was a bit misty but mostly dry and remarkably windless for the altitude. With those successfully bagged, long term club member Jim Dick only has 3 Munros left to climb. On the Sunday we divided to conquer our respective

targets, with two bagging the Munro Fionn Bheinn, one aiming for another Munro, Mam Sodhail, and three climbing a Corbett, Càrn a' Chuillin.

Our upcoming walks will be:

- 21st-23rd June: Ullapool weekend
- 22nd June: Tewsgill Hill
- 13th July: Beinn Dearg, Blair Atholl (Munro) or Dumfries House Country Park
- 10th August: Beinn nan Oighreag (Corbett) or Darn Road & Glen Road, Bridge of Allan to Dunblane circular
- 14th September: Glenrath Heights & Stob Law (Donalds)

For all Saturday walks we will meet at the Steeple at 8am. Any new members would be very welcome on these or any subsequent walks.

Eilidh Henderson, with thanks to Jim Henderson



FAIRTRADE-

I'm delighted to report Kilbarchan Parish have been successful with our bid to update our Place of

Worship Certificate. This is partly due to the good work of Cathy Miller and Moira Smith continuing to use Fairtrade coffee, tea and sugar on a Sunday morning, and also continued support from the Rainbow Turtle shop and Fairtrade Team. A big thankyou to all our Fairtrade supporters.

Moira Stark





MESSY CHURCH PICNIC and other news

On the 16th of March we welcomed the Kilbarchan Junior Choir with Moira and Pamela Gray, Rosie Picken, and Isla Gray. What a joy they brought to the 85 people in the hall who all thoroughly enjoyed

themselves. Our theme of Praise through Music was experienced through listening to the choir, singing and musical themed crafts. One of our best sessions yet thanks to the talents and enthusiasm of everyone involved.

Our next session was held on April 20th when the theme was Parable of the Sower. The children took part in various activities including planting seeds, making sunflowers on paper plates, decorating biscuits and were encouraged to think about the Good Seeds of Love, kindness, caring and sharing. Our new double act of Stephen and Aaron are proving to be a big hit.



MESSY BANNER - 2024

The last session before the summer break took place on the 18th of May when the sun shone and we had great fun taking part in outdoor games followed by a picnic. The games included a relay race, giant jenga, treasure hunt, table tennis, craft table and we painted a new MESSY sign with paint filled water pistols.

The Praise Band led us in some well known choruses and action songs and we are indebted to them for sharing their time and talents with us, it really is appreciated. We then enjoyed the picnic followed by an ice cream.

As we were leaving one of the parents said "you are an amazing bunch of people" and I couldn't put it better. The Messy Team are so generous with their time and expertise in so many ways, through technical skills, administration, musical talents, crafters and kitchen help. On behalf of the team, thank you for your continued interest and support for Messy Church.



PRAISE BAND LEADING ON A SING-ALONG



TIME TO WIND DOWN AND HAVE OUR PICNIC

PRAYER FOR TOURISTS

“Heavenly Father, look down upon us your humble tourist servants, who are doomed to travel this earth, taking photographs, mailing postcards, buying souvenirs and walking around in drip-dry underwear.

“We beseech you, oh Lord, to see that our plane is not hi-jacked, our luggage is not lost and our overweight baggage goes unnoticed. Protect us from surly, unscrupulous taxi drivers, avaricious porters and unlicensed English-speaking guides.

Give us this day divine guidance in the selection of our hotels, that we may find our reservations honoured, our rooms made up and the hot water running from the correct tap if at all. We pray that the telephone works, that the operator speaks our tongue and that there is no wanting from our children which would force us to cancel the rest of our trip.

Lead us, dear Lord, to good, inexpensive restaurants where the food is superb, the waiters friendly and the wine included in the price of the meal. Give us the wisdom to tip correctly in currencies we do not understand, forgive us for undertipping out of ignorance and over-tipping out of fear. Make the natives’ love of us for what we are and not for what they can screw out of us.

Grant us the strength to visit the museums, cathedrals, palaces and castles listed as “musts” in the guidebooks. And if per chance we skip a historic monument to take a nap after lunch, have mercy on us for our flesh is weak.”

For husbands only.

“Dear God, keep our wives from shopping sprees and protect them from bargains which they neither need or can afford, lead them not into temptation for they know not what they do.”

For wives only.

“Almighty Father, keep our husbands from looking at foreign women and comparing them with us, save them from making fools of themselves in cafes and nightclubs. Above all, please do not forgive them their trespasses for they know exactly what they do.”

Together.

“And when our voyage is over and we return to our loved ones, grant us the favour of finding a willing audience for our movies and a sympathetic ear for our stories so that our lives as tourists shall not have been in vain.

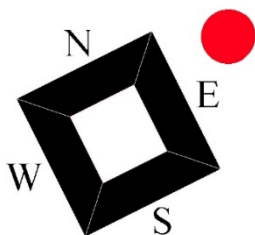
Amen.”

At the time of going to press, Christian Aid Week had just come to an end and we do not yet know how successful our fundraising has been. By the time you read this, the total will have been intimated in church and on social media.

What we do know is that every penny raised will help to support Christian Aid's work in some of the poorest communities in the world. These include those areas impacted by natural disasters, political and civil unrest and the consequences of climate change. Your support can help to change the lives of so many people.

Once again, our thanks go to the team of volunteers who distributed donation envelopes around Kilbarchan and Brookfield, without whom this fundraising would not be possible.

Alasdair



ART
off the SQUARE

Art off the Square is back again this year, with the exhibition and sale being open Thursday and Friday 22nd & 23rd August from 2pm until 9 pm. On Saturday 24th August we will be open from 10 am until 4 pm. As before, entry will be £3 per adult, and this means you can enjoy the tea/coffee and wonderful home baking which will be on offer in the small hall. Come along and view the amazing art work that will be on show.

SUMMER WORDSEARCH

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DEATH

What a wonderful way to explain it.

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, ‘Doctor I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side.’ Very quietly the doctor said, ‘I don’t know.’ ‘You don’t know? You’re a Christian man and don’t know what’s on the other side?’

The doctor was holding the handle of the door, on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient the doctor said, ‘Did you notice my dog? He’s never been in this room before. He didn’t know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened he sprang in without fear.

I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing . . . I know my Master is there and that is enough.’

TEN LITTLE CHURCHMEN

Ten little churchmen went to church when fine;
But it started raining, then there were nine.
Nine little churchmen stayed up late;
One overslept himself, then there were eight.
Eight little churchmen on the road to Heaven;
One joined a rambling club, then there were seven.
Seven little churchmen heard of Sunday flicks;
One thought he'd like to go, then there were six.
Six little churchmen kept the place alive;
One bought a video, then there were five.
Five little churchmen seemed loyal to the core;
The vicar upset one of them, then there were four.
Four little churchmen argued heatedly
Over all the changes; then there were three.
Three little churchmen sang the service through;
Got a hymn they didn't know, then there were two.
Two little churchmen disputed who should run
The next social evening; then there was one.
One faithful churchman knowing what to do,
Got a friend to come to church, then there were two.
Two sincere churchmen each brought in one more;
So their number doubled; then there were four.
Four steady churchmen simply couldn't wait
Till they found four others; and so they were eight.
Eight eager churchmen at Communion every week
Soon encouraged others, troubled souls to seek.
All the seats in church are filled, not a vacant pew!
O God, supply this grace and zeal in our District too!

(As seen in the church magazine of St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Halifax)

PARISH REGISTER



DEATHS

29/02/2024	Ella Meikle
04/03/2024	Charles Crabbe
08/03/2024	Rose Booth
20/03/2024	Norman Howitt
10/04/2024	Jimmy Gibson
08/04/2024	Margaret Lamb
09/04/2024	Hamish Thomson
26/04/2024	Andy Stark
29/04/2024	Pierre-Henri Brismail

ROLL

The Roll of Kilbarchan Parish Church now stands at 343 and 17 Adherents. Please remember to notify Fulton Dunn, the roll keeper, of any changes to address, phone number or email in order to maintain up to date information. Contact details phone 01505704502 or email KPC.rollkeeper@gmail.com



Please pass on our thanks to everyone who sent their good wishes on the occasion of our Golden Wedding Anniversary/. They were very much appreciated.

Bobby and Janet

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Joint Session Clerk - T.B.A.

Ass. Session Clerk - Miss Helen Robertson - 01505 325382

WORSHIP PROGRAMME

Sunday 2 nd June	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 9 th June	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 16 th June	11am	Morning worship Junior Church Prize Giving
Sunday 23 rd June	11am	Morning Worship
Sunday 30 th June	11am	Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
	3pm	Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Sunday 7 th July	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 14 th July	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 21 st July	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 28 th July	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 4 th August	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 11 th August	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 18 th August	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 25 th August	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 1 st September	11am	Morning worship

