



# Kilbarchan Parish Church

## Your local church magazine

Dear Friends,

Summer is almost over. We have enjoyed our warmest and driest summer for a number of years. I hope you managed to have days of relaxation and renewal. September is normally the time when many of the church organisations begin again. I hope you are ready to enter into the life and rhythm of the church's life. Sometimes in life and in our church life and faith journey we can be too harsh on ourselves. Sometimes we can be our own harshest critic. Or believe we are really not as hardworking, or intelligent, or as caring or as good, or have as deep a faith as someone else. This is known as Imposter Syndrome.

Neil Gaiman, best selling fantasy author tells of the time some years ago when he was lucky enough to be invited to a gathering of great and good people: artists and scientists, writers and discoverers of things. And he felt that at any moment they would realise that he didn't qualify to be there, among these people who had really done things.

On his second or third night there, he was standing at the back of the hall while there was some musical entertainment. He started talking to a very nice, polite, elderly gentleman about several things, including the fact they shared a first name. Then the gentleman pointed to the room full of people, and said words to the effect of, 'I just look at all these people, and I think, what on earth am I doing here? They've made amazing things, I just went where I was sent!' Neil Gaiman said, 'Yes. But you were the first man on the moon. I think that counts for something.'

And he felt a bit better. Because if Neil Armstrong felt like an imposter, maybe everyone did. Maybe there weren't any grown-ups, only people who had worked hard and also got lucky and were slightly out of their depth, all of us doing the best job we could, which is all we can really hope for.'

Your friend,

*Stephen*



## FROM THE EDITOR

September is upon us and what a wonderful spell of weather we have had. Now we're back to the reality of everything starting up and I trust that after all the sunshine we are ready to support the organisations and groups within our Church.

2018 marks a hundred years since the end of the Great War and I'm sure that some of you will have visited Westminster Abbey and seen the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior. Further on in the magazine you'll be able to read how it came about.

We also have our 'Churches Visited' and 'the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm' series and I look to you to continue these. As I often say – IT IS YOUR MAGAZINE - and little in means little out, so over to you!

The Winter magazine is scheduled to go out on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and all articles should reach me by Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

*Alastair MacKinnon* - Editor

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## A SPECIAL HARVEST

The Lord blesses us abundantly when we plant this type of seed-- love our neighbours as ourselves and helping others who are in need...

Cultivate the soil and watch the crops grow,  
you shall reap a great harvest  
with the love and kindness you show...  
seasons come and go,  
but your crops shall never die,  
just have a little faith  
and give it a try!



# KIRK SESSION REPORT

No complaints about the weather this year what a wonderful spell of sunshine. I hope you had a good summer.

Presbytery Planning – Stephen gave a presentation to Session detailing the current level of Ministerial places in Presbytery and projections for the next 5 and 10 years. There are currently 11 vacancies within Presbytery. A number of options were put forward for discussion. A presentation will be made to the congregation at the start of the next session.

It was good to see Russell Banks back in Kilbarchan covering for Stephen when he was on holiday. He is very supportive of Kilbarchan Parish Church.

The Senior Members Outing will be going to Largs this year with High Tea being served in the Willowbank Hotel. We are grateful to Ann McLeod and Ken Dalglish for organising this event.

Work has now been completed by the builders and we have the buildings back after a year. The property committee will continue to ensure that the buildings are well maintained. Thanks to Malcolm MacAskill and Ian Trushell for overseeing the project.

The sale of the former West Church is progressing with the purchaser discussing their proposals with Renfrewshire Council. The likely timescale for obtaining planning and listed buildings consent will be 12 months. Thanks to Sandy Graham and Marjory Love for the time and effort spent dealing with enquiries regarding the West Church.

Following an advert on the Institute of British Organ Building web site, we have had interest in the former West Church organ from Poland, Germany and England. Tom Ferguson is arranging visits to the church for interested parties which will hopefully result in a positive outcome.

## **Beadle Duties for coming months**

September	Marie Alexander, Gwen Howden, Margaret Gibb
October	Mary Marrison, Christine Erwin, John Fleming
November	Willie Beattie, Ian Keith, Isabelle Robertson
December	Myra Grant, Malcolm MacAskill, Jenifer Pitchers

*Fulton Dunn*

# TREASURER'S REPORT



In terms of expenditure a further payment-mainly of retention- was made to Carander Construction Ltd of almost £8,490 .This sum includes VAT –most of which will be recovered. This leaves only the balance of retention to be paid to the contractor. Negotiations are still underway with the Project Manager, Hardies to settle their fees. There have been significant savings on this contract but it will be few weeks before the final figures are known including the proportion of VAT to be recovered.

## MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP



We meet each Wednesday commencing



## CHURCHES VISITED

### KENDAL & LIVERPOOL



When Joan and I were in the Lake District we attended worship at the United Reformed Church in Kendal as Rev Pam Noonan, who was an Elder in the former West Church, Reader and an OLM in this Presbytery was preaching. The order of service closely resembled that which we use in Kilbarchan.

The Kendal URC currently worship in a beautiful Zion Chapel, built in 1898, through an archway off the main street. It seats 389 downstairs and 268 in the three wrap-round galleries which have ornately carved fronts and supports. This building has now been sold and they will be moving into what is currently used as their hall which will be transformed into a modern worship space capable of seating 100.

From the Lake District we drove down to Liverpool for a couple of days and there we visited the Liverpool Cathedral (Anglican) and the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King (RC) both very prominent on the Liverpool skyline.

Firstly we visited the former, the foundation stone of which was laid in 1904 but was not completed and dedicated until 1978. It seemed to us to be a vast empty space not set out for a worshipping congregation. The Lady Chapel, a very beautiful space is set for worship. This part of the cathedral was completed in 1910. Round the walls is carved a well



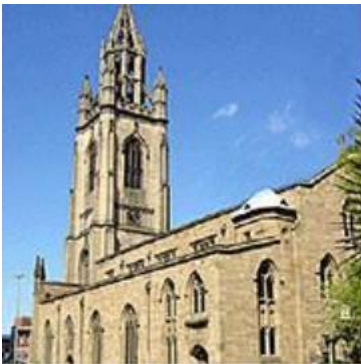
known Bible verse – St John 3:16 (look it up.) The western wall has portrait windows of noble women such as Kitty Wilkinson, Grace Darling and Elizabeth Fry. On our way out of the cathedral above the west doors and contrasting to the Great West Benedicite Window, written below it in pink neon writing by Tracey Emin – ‘I felt you and I know you loved me.’



We then proceeded up the aptly named ‘Hope Street’ to our next cathedral. The building on this site started in 1933 with the foundations and the Crypt. Work was interrupted by the outbreak of war and by 1958 only the crypt was completed. The cost of the proposed cathedral had escalated so much that it was abandoned and a new cathedral was begun in 1962 and consecrated in 1967. This, a new modern building, sometimes called ‘Paddy’s Wigwam,’ now graces the skyline.

Inside, you can’t help but be amazed by the vast circular space with seating for 2300 people. Round the wall are a number of small chapels which contain works of art and devotion by contemporary artists. The great concrete buttresses are adorned with a ‘Way of the Cross’ in manganese bronze.

The crypt is the only part of the original grand design and is very different in style from the modern cathedral. The crypt with its massive brick vaults and granite pillars is one of the biggest cathedral crypts in the world and comprises of four large spaces each holding between 300 – 500 people. One space, the Pontifical Hall has a ‘rolling stone gate’ entrance and this holds the cathedral’s museum and treasury.



Having visited both cathedrals, we went to a church near to our base – Liverpool Parish Church (our Lady & St Nicholas.) This church originally had a waterfront position and was the landfall for sailors arriving in Liverpool. The docks were later filled in to make way for the building of the Liver Buildings. St Nick’s took direct hits in WW2 and only the bell tower was left standing. The current church, unusually, was rebuilt facing the river with the sanctuary at the west end. There are two small chapels at either

side of the altar – St Peter’s Chapel where the burnt cross above the altar was made from charred timbers of St Nick’s the morning after the air raid which nearly destroyed the building. The other chapel – the Maritime Chapel was

consecrated in 1993 and reinforces the tradition of St Nick's as the Sailor's Church. There is a bronze statue depicting the Virgin Mary in the bow of a boat. This is reminiscent of the Chapel of St Mary del Quay, a votive chapel which stood on this site in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. The ensigns of the RN., M.N. and the R.F.A. and the bell of the last HMS Liverpool are here along with the MV Derbyshire Book of Remembrance, commemorating the loss of this merchant vessel which sank in 1980 with all on board losing their lives.

To sum up our visits – Kendal URC was like our own and I felt at ease there, Liverpool Cathedral, apart from the Lady Chapel and the west window it felt a big empty space which did nothing for me. The RC Cathedral was impressive. St Nick's was very welcoming and I was most impressed with it.

*Alastair MacKinnon*



KILBARCHAN PARISH CHURCH  
DRAMA GROUP  
Presents  
**IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE**  
Thursday 22 November  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Rehearsals will commence soon for our forthcoming production of "It's a Wonderful Life" in November 2018. Tickets will be available soon and we hope you will continue to support the drama group by coming along to support us and get in the Christmas spirit.

*Fiona McKenzie*

# THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR

One of the most important people to have travelled from the World War One battlefields is the Unknown Warrior. Who he was is known only to God. The Government had decided quite early in the 1914-18 campaign that the bodies of servicemen killed anywhere overseas would not be returned to Britain but buried in special military cemeteries near to the relevant battlefields. David Railton, the Vicar of St John the Baptist, Margate, had earlier contacted Sir Douglas Haig about the idea of an unknown soldier to be brought home and interred in Westminster Abbey, the parish church of the Empire, but had received no reply from Haig, so he contacted Herbert Ryle, Dean of Westminster asking if the idea could go ahead. The Dean liked the idea unlike Haig or indeed the British public's upper classes, who thought it had doubtful merit. Dean Ryle pushed the idea through to a successful conclusion.

By the second week of October 1920 Ryle had contacted King George V, David Lloyd George (who incidentally persuaded the somewhat reluctant King to accept the proposal) and the Chief of the Imperial General Staff and secured their support. It was decided to hold the ceremony alongside that of the unveiling of what was then the ne Cenotaph memorial on 11 November.

Elaborate precautions<sup>th</sup> were taken so that nobody knew the identity of the chosen person. The remains of four unidentified British soldiers were brought to a makeshift chapel of rest at the Army HQ of Saint-Pol-sur-Ternoise from four different parts of the Western Front: the Somme, Aisne, Arras and Ypres. At midnight of 7 November, Brigadier General Wyatt, GOC of the British Army in France and Flanders, chose the body in silence. The following day at noon after a joint Christian service it was taken in a motor ambulance (No. 63638) under a military escort to Boulogne. The three other bodies were unceremoniously reburied in a shell hole on the road to Albert. It is hoped that they were reburied in a nearby cemetery.

Meanwhile back in Britain a ceremonial outer casket had been prepared by John W H Sowerbutts, Secretary of the London Centre of the British Undertakers Association, designed by an architect of the Office of Works, consisting of two-inch-thick oak originating from Hampton Court Park, and a plaque inscribed, 'A British Warrior who fell in the Great War 1914-1918 for King and Country' in Gothic script. The construction was done by Messrs Ingall, Parsons and Clive & Co of 149 Euston Road, London, which was then the leading coffin supplier in the country. The Ironwork was by D J Williams & Son, who coincidentally were in the same constituency as David Lloyd George.

The casket was placed on the tomb's position in Westminster Abbey at 12:45pm on 7<sup>th</sup> November. It was removed at around 2.00pm and stored in the Jerusalem Chamber overnight. The next morning it was enclosed in a case and taken to Charing Cross and placed in what was almost certainly the Cavell Van for the 11.00am departure. The undertakers and the precious cargo then travelled to Boulogne via Maidstone East and Folkestone arriving at 9:10pm.

On 10 November the Unknown Warrior was placed in the coffin brought from London. After brief speeches at Boulogne harbour it was carried aboard the Royal Naval destroyer HMS Verdun— specially selected as a tribute to France—along with four wreaths that were so large that it took four soldiers to lift each one. The ship then sailed away



accompanied by a 19-gun salute normally only reserved for five-star Generals, Ambassadors and Prime Ministers. As she approached an escort of six destroyers of the Atlantic Fleet, they lowered their Union Jacks and ensigns to half mast, normally only reserved for the King. As the ships came into view another 19-gun salute was fired from Dover Castle and a band played the then quite new march *Land of Hope and Glory*.

At 3:30pm HMS Verdun finished her journey at Admiralty Pier. With six senior officers as pall bearers, the cortege moved off towards Marine Station. The coffin was placed in the Cavell Van and four sentries stood guard until departure. Had an original plan been followed it would have stood overnight and proceeded to London the following morning. However, there were concerns about the November fogs which London was notorious for until the late 1950s, and the need to reach Whitehall by 11.00am caused a rethink. Also the procession was originally intended to start from Charing Cross but because of the crowds that were expected to gather, the police insisted on a longer route, and so Victoria station was used instead.

Arriving at Victoria at 8:32pm on the then Chatham (Eastern side) station from which the Unknown Warrior's comrades had arrived and departed, the van had to be transferred to the then separate Brighton (LB&SCR) station for security until the following day's procession. The undertakers had now completed their task and handed over the keys to the Cavell Van. Incidentally the receipt for this transaction is the only known surviving written evidence of the use of the Cavell Van, and it is now in the Imperial War Museum, London.

At 9:20am on 11 November the bearer party of eight guardsmen of the No.3 Battalion Coldstream Guards entered the Cavell Van. The coffin was carried to a waiting gun carriage. As it was laid on the gun carriage another 19-gun salute was heard from Hyde Park. Ahead there lay the near 4,000 yards to the Cenotaph. At 9:40am the procession moved off in slow time to Chopin's Funeral March. As the procession reached each detachment of the 35,000 soldiers lining on the route, they reversed arms and lowered their heads. The route came along Grosvenor Gardens, Grosvenor Place, making an incredibly sharp turn towards Constitution Hill then on to the Mall, through the centre gates of Admiralty Arch into Trafalgar Square and on to Whitehall. After the usual ceremonies and the two minutes' silence at 11.00am the cortege, now followed by the King, members of the Royal Family and Ministers of State, proceeded to Westminster Abbey where the casket was taken to its final resting place flanked by a guard of honour of one hundred war heroes, most of these being recipients of the Victoria Cross. The guests of honour were a group of about 100 women, chosen because they had each lost their husband or in some cases all of their sons in the war. The coffin was interred in soil brought from Flanders and covered with a silk pall. By the end of the day more than 200,000 people had filed past the tomb and within five days more than a million had paid their respects, and the Cenotaph in Whitehall had been surrounded by at least 100,000 wreaths.

The grave was closed on 18 November. A large slab made from Tournai Marble was placed on top which bore the inscription: 'A British Warrior who fell in the Great War 1914-1918 for King and Country, Greater love hath no man than this.' The following year this slab was replaced by the more familiar one seen today with the words that Dean Ryle had composed and inscribed using the brass from melted down wartime shell cases. This tombstone remains the only one in the Abbey on which it is completely forbidden to walk.

# PRESBYTERY OF GREENOCK AND PAISLEY

## JUNE 2018

**Reports from the General Assembly:** Diligence by representatives by the Presbytery Clerk

On the Assembly Business by the Presbytery Clerk and finally by the Youth Representative Mr Shahrukh Gill.

**Thanks were given:** to Conveners retiring from committees - Alastair Shaw, Alan Birss and Ken Gray; Elders who are retiring from Presbytery - Mr Brown, Mrs Clerk and Mr Marshall.

**Leave taking:** of Rev Robbie McFarlane and Rev Ken Mayne prior to their retirement in August.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS - Business:** Approval was given to the new Roll of Presbytery from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018, the Presbytery committee membership for the coming and the Register of Ministries following the annual review; Jack McHugh has resigned as Interim Moderator and locum at Port Glasgow Hamilton Bardrainey linked with Port Glasgow St Martin's and thanks were given for his work there and Rev Francis Murphy was appointed as Interim Moderator; in light of the continuing difficulties in securing pulpit supply, congregations were encouraged to think about shared worship with neighbouring congregations over the summer months, if appropriate; the application from Bridge of Weir St Machar's Ranfurly to adopt the Unitary Constitution was approved; the determination from the General Trustees in relation to Johnstone St Paul's selling of land was approved.

**TREASURER:** the transfer was approved of £2,000 from the Bequest Fund to the Miss Lang Bequest Fund, and £800 from the Bequest Fund to the Eventide Homes Fund to enable the annual grants to Christian social projects and Adam's House to be made by 30 June 2018.

**COMMUNITY INTERESTS:** the allocation of the following grants: - from the Eventide Home Fund £800 to Adams House; from the Miss Lang Bequest Fund £825 to the Inverclyde Family Contact Centre, £75 to Paisley Stowbrae Students in Poverty, £500 to Railway Pastors, £200 to Renfrewshire Interfaith Group and £400 to J.A.M. (Jesus and Me, Prospects) leaving £700 from the remaining budget for further grants.

**MINISTRY:** the Worship Leaders Course planned for the Autumn is now full; a Leaflet containing general information for the Worship Leaders Course, one per congregation, was available; Ministers were reminded to send the names of all Worship Leaders validated in the past to Karen in the Presbytery Office and

Ministers, Locums, Interim Moderators who haven't already done so, to fill in and return the Worship Leaders Survey, even if it's a negative return.

**STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE:** the following sums were awarded from the 5% Discretionary Allowance to reduce the 2018 Ministries and Mission contributions of the congregations concerned - Barrhead St Andrew's £6,000, Bridge of Weir Freeland £5,000, Inverkip £5,000 and Kilmacolm Old £5,000; the final date for applying for assistance from the Discretionary Allowance of 5% in the 2018 financial year is 23 August 2018.

**MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP:** new Safeguarding Trainers for this Presbytery have commenced their own training for the role; the next deadline for receipt of grant applications is 12 noon on Friday 15 September 2018; Kirk Sessions are encouraged to nominate one of their young members (17- 25 years) to apply to become a representative at the National Youth Assembly 17-20 August; a notice of interest from Johnstone High Parish Church for a representative to attend the NYA as above; Kirk Sessions to maintain involvement in the Year of Young People; thanks Rev Teri Petersen for speaking at the Presbyter's Prayer Across Scotland for the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at Greenock Lyle Kirk;

**LOCAL CHURCH REVIEW :** the Kirk Session of Paisley Abbey are committed to and engaged in the ongoing work of review and development of the life, work, worship and witness of their congregation; the Presbytery encourages the Kirk Session and congregation in their vision of seeking to develop the Abbey as a place of welcome and sign of God's love for residents of and visitors to the town of Paisley; and in this Year of Young People , in their work with children and young people through music and in seeking to develop and strengthen relationships with schools , both primary and secondary.



## **TRANSPORT TO AND FROM CHURCH SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES**

If you, or anyone you know, would like help getting to the church please let your elder know at his/her next visit. We will be happy to help make suitable arrangements for you.

*Pastoral Care Committee*

# THE GUILD



Now that the summer is over we look forward to meeting up again on Tuesday, 25th September at 2.30 pm in the church hall, when we will have our Minister, Stephen Smith talking to us on this year's Guild Theme "Stepping Out". From suggestions put forward by the guild committee members, Joan and I have drawn up a hopefully interesting programme for the session, including Emma Vaughan giving us a talk entitled "Young People in the Church", Caro Ramsay, the popular crime writer from Elderslie, a talk on Volunteering at the Royal Alexandra Hospital and a speaker from the Free to Live Trust - Seema's Project talking on the work they do to ensure that the children of sex workers in Pune, India are cared for. As in all "red light districts" globally, the children are thrown out of the brothels on to the street where they are at risk from exploitation in all its forms. On a more light hearted note, Moira Grey and some members of Village Voices are coming along to entertain us at Christmas.

Once again we would welcome new members and visitors along to join our group of both men and women on the first and third Tuesdays throughout the session. Full details are on our Syllabus, a copy of which is on the Guild Notice Board in the Hall.

A reminder that our annual Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 8th September in the church hall from 10pm to 12noon. Tickets costing £3.00, children free, can be had from committee members and at the door. Please do come along.

*Jan Howitt*



## COUNTRY DANCING



The Country Dancing will start on Tuesday 18 September. The class starts at 7.30-9.30pm. We meet each week with a few exception when the hall is not available.

Everyone is welcome, if you are interested in Scottish Country Dancing please come and join us.

*Helen Miller*

# SO WHAT'S THE GUILD ALL ABOUT THEN?



## The 13 best bits!

- Having fun, fellowship.....and eating together!!
- Energising our 19,000 members in 850 groups from London to Unst and everywhere in between.
- Raising over £750,000 every 3 years for 6 projects at home and abroad.
- Bringing important issues like human trafficking and female genital mutilation to the heart of the church.
- Fostering positive relationships with Crossreach, World Mission, Faith in Older People, Alternativity, National Youth Assembly, and other Councils of the Church of Scotland.
- Nurturing faith in members and friends.
- Coming together in our thousands at major events to celebrate and showcase our fellowship
- Galvanising members to take action on local, national and international issues.
- Encouraging young and old to work together in the church and the community.
- Developing relationships with the Women's and Men's Guilds of the CCAP Synod of Livingstonia, Malawi
- Providing hospitality and welcome to new people and those on the margins of communities.
- Growing grass roots initiatives through practical and financial support.
- Supporting the wider church to get involved with The Guild

**REALLY! THE GUILD DOES ALL THAT?**

# 1st KILBARCHAN BOYS' BRIGADE COMPANY

Kilbarchan Boys' Brigade received congratulations from Boys' Brigade Scottish Headquarters for growing our Company over the past year! Hopefully we can continue to grow over our next session. Enrolment took place on

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August and young people wishing to join came along to the Church and complete a registration form in the Session House as the hall was being used for the Art Show. The following day the boys and parents went on our annual outing to Millport where some of us cycled around the island. In June some of our boys attended the Annual Camp on Cumbrae and had a great time taking part in all the activities laid on for the weekend – and the weather was great! On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August we started the Session with a Fun Night and many members took the chance to “Bring a Friend” along and let them see the kind of things we do in the BB – remember girls can join too. Our age groups are as follows:

Anchors – Primary 1, 2 and 3.

Juniors – Primary 4, 5 and 6.

Company – Primary 7, Secondary 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Seniors – Secondary 5 and 6.

We will have our Coffee Morning and Craft Fayre on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October from 10 am to 12 noon. As well as the Coffee and Home Baking we have managed to build up a number of friends over the years who provide Craft Stalls. So there will be plenty going on!

This year we have applied to take our Junior Section Boys for a Giant Sleepover at the Glasgow Science Centre. This is a very popular outing and hopefully we will be fortunate enough to take part.

Did you know you can support 1st Kilbarchan Boys' Brigade Company and not cost yourself a penny! If you buy anything from Amazon go to **smile.amazon.co.uk** and choose 1st Kilbarchan Boys' Brigade Company as the charity that you want to support and Amazon will pay a small percentage of the cost of your goods to our Boys' Brigade Company. The gift will be paid directly into our bank account and will help to support the work of the Company with our boys and girls. Please help us if you can.

Thanks to everyone who supports the work of The Boys' Brigade in Kilbarchan Parish Church. It is very much appreciated.



*Robert Stevenson - Captain*

## STITCHING GROUP

The Stitching Group will resume on Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup> in the small hall.

Throughout the summer, we have gathered in Bobbins on Tuesdays and often meet there during the rest of the year too, as most of our stitching activity takes place at home. For the next few months, we will be knitting, crocheting, sewing and doing any other craft we can think of, for the Christmas Fayre. As well as making Christmas gifts, some enterprising people buy their presents for the Gift Service from our stall.

We are a small group and would love to welcome new members, even if you don't do any craft work, everybody is welcome to come for company and a chat.

*Alison McNicoll*



Messy Church is back with us for a new session of fun and friendship on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September from 4.00pm – 6.00pm in the Church Halls. Our theme for September is the Parable of the Sower, tying in with the harvest season. We hope to bring this to life through crafts, games story and song ending with a time for sharing food together.

If you have been before we welcome you back and if you haven't been before why not come and see what it is all about. Just remember to bring an adult with you. They can join in the fun too!

*Joan MacKinnon*



## CHURCH CHOIR

September sees the resumption of choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm in the church and Sunday mornings at 10am. If you feel able to join the choir, please speak to Ian Trushell, Organist, or any choir member.



## FUND-RAISING NEWS

The committee decided to postpone the Pancake morning until next May as there are several events already booked for the hall and the village in September/October.



As I write this, “Art Off the Square” is still to take place and I am sure the show will be a great success, mainly thanks to Myra and George, also all the helpers for hanging the artwork, printing the catalogue and providing baking and serving refreshments.

Two years ago, we were delighted to welcome the Big Band from Glasgow, when we had a full hall and a great evening. We are hoping to repeat this soon but won't know until early September whether the band is available to play for us. There will be intimations on a Sunday with details if we are fortunate, otherwise hopefully we shall have the band at a later date.

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

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



## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2018

Our annual door-to-door collection in Brookfield and Kilbarchan raised the sum of £4,048.85.

This was a wonderful total, not least because a shortage of volunteer collectors meant we were unable to collect in all areas of the villages. Perhaps you might be able to assist next year ?

We are most grateful to all those who went out to deliver and collect envelopes (in excellent weather, for once) and to everyone who donated to this very worthwhile cause.

*Alasdair Law*



**1<sup>st</sup> KILBARCHAN BOYS'  
BRIGADE**

**COFFEE  
MORNING**

**Church Hall**

**Saturday 6 October  
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10.00am – 12.00 noon**

**KILBARCHAN PARISH  
CHURCH GUILD**

**COFFEE  
MORNING**

**Church Hall**

**Saturday 8 September  
th**

**10.00am – 12.00noon**

**JUNIOR CHURCH**

Junior Church will recommence on Sunday 9th September in the small hall. Also a BIG THANK YOU to all the lovely ladies who helped run Summer Sunday Club, your assistance is greatly appreciated.

*Ros and Shona*



**Psalm 23 Antithesis (author: anonymous)**

The clock is my dictator, I shall not rest.  
It makes me lie down only when exhausted.  
It leads me into deep depression.  
It hounds my soul.  
It leads me in circles of frenzy, for activities sake.  
Even though I run frantically from task to task,  
I will never get it all done,  
For my ideal is with me  
Deadlines and my need for approval, they drive me.  
They demand performance from me, beyond the limits of my schedule.  
They anoint my head with migraines  
My in-basket overflows.  
Surely fatigue and time pressures shall follow me  
All the days of my life.  
And I will dwell in the bonds of frustration forever.



## HILL WALKING CLUB

What a great weekend we had at the Aultguish Bunkhouse - between Garve and Ullapool. The weather was OK for walking; a bit misty on the tops and quite windy for those climbing Beinn Liath Mhor and Sgorr Ruadh, but as it was their second attempt to climb these hills, there was a bit of determination involved to reach the summits. The bunkhouse was quite luxurious (compared with hostels) and the food in the Inn was superb. For those who did their own cooking, the kitchen facilities were great and there was plenty room in the common room to socialise after walking. Among the other hills climbed on the Saturday were Munros the of eastern and western Fannaichs, the Corbett of Little Wyvis, the Graham of Meall Dubh in the Lael Forest; and on the Sunday an attempt on Beinn Faochagach but the river was just too deep to wade, which was a pity as it was the best day of the weekend.

We were so lucky with the weather for our trip to Glencoe. Rain had been forecast, but although it was dull most of the day it stayed dry and the visibility was good. Only two climbed the two big Munros of Sgorr Dhearg and Sgorr Dhonuill - the hills which face you as you cross the Ballachuillish Bridge from the north - while ten of us climbed the Pap of Glencoe. While scrambling up and over the rocks we met a lovely young Dutch couple who were a bit anxious as to whether they were on the correct route, so we encouraged them to join us and they were delighted to reach the top where they enjoyed some of the best views in Scotland.

On the first Saturday in August, six got the early ferry from Ardrossan to Brodick to climb the Corbett of Beinn Tarsuinn. Unfortunately up on the hills the weather was drizzly and misty and after a couple of hours three of them turned back. The others carried on and were joined by a lone climber who was struggling to navigate through the mist and they all made it to the top – albeit drenched! They came down through the mist to a lovely sunny day, but were very grateful to a real gentleman in Glenn Rosa who insisted in getting his car out to run them to the ferry.

The low-levellers that day were lucky to get on board the 9.45 am ferry as it was the Brodick Highland Games and the ferry was very busy. Over 100 people in the queue, including Ailsa and three friends, were stopped and had to wait for the next ferry which meant they lost over two hours of their day at the Highland Games. The walkers had a super walk in brilliant sunshine, despite the normal way being closed for forestry. They changed their route to join the Arran Coastal Path and were rewarded by sightings of seals, cormorants, butterflies, wild flowers and lovely gardens as they neared Lamlash!

The programme continues with Meall Corranaich and Meall a'Choire Leith on September 8, with the "low level" that day being Meall nan Taramachan; on October 6 the Corbett of Mam na Gualainn on the north side of Loch Leven is the A walk, while the Graham of Tom Meadhoin from Inchree is the lower walk, and on November 3 we are going to climb the Donalds of Scaw'd Law and Wedder Law in the Lowther Hills. The December walk is to Lewis Hill near Stirling on 8th, but before that on December 5 we have the AGM in the Church Hall at 7.30 pm when the programme for 2019 is compiled. Everyone interested is invited to come along to either the AGM or any of the walks mentioned.

*Margaret Beattie*



## **TOTS' CLUB**



We said "goodbye" to several of our group who were going to nursery, at the lovely summer party, when we were able to enjoy a "windmill hunt" in the grounds. Thanks to Margaret Allan for organising this, and to Rosie Picken for planting and keeping the Tots' Garden in order. We were pleased to be able to give £800 to church funds once again at the end of the session.

The club resumes on Monday 3 September from 9.15 - 11.30am in the hall. We hope to see many of last year's tots, along with some new babies and accompanying adults. The cost is still £1 per adult for refreshments, and there is always juice along with biscuits for the tots-especially the favourite pink ones!! We all really enjoy our Monday mornings and would be pleased to welcome anyone for coffee.

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

# PRESSED FLOWERS

I came across this poem recently by David Adam, one of the best-loved people in Celtic spirituality, and I wanted to share it with you. When I was younger, I used to press flowers and leaves between the pages of my larger books and, even today I still discover them unexpectedly.

*Pressed flowers are like words  
longing for an experience lost:  
seeking to retain what has been  
unable to be captured between pages.  
We can still touch them  
but where is the coolness of the stem  
and the heavy scent of summer,  
the joy of them dancing in the breeze?*

*Words cannot capture experience;  
life cannot be pressed into pages:  
words cannot hold the Almighty Word,  
God made flesh and living among us.  
Pressed flowers are like words,  
living flowers are an experience.*

The poem reminded me about how much I lose when I settle for a substitute. How easy it is to be content with just knowing about Jesus, his life and his teachings, instead of pressing on and seeking to know the living Jesus himself. How easy it is to settle with attending a church service or meeting, instead of making time for my own personal prayer and intimate worship in the gentle presence of the Holy Spirit.

After all, what can be compared with a vibrant, personal encounter with the living God? And yet, this is what Jesus has made possible for me, and for each one of us. His promise is still true today - if we seek him, we will find him.

*June Burgess*



## **BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL.**

Hopefully, we shall be able to participate in filling shoeboxes for Eastern Europe once again this November. Leaflets will be available at the end of September.

## THE WILD OLIVE TREE

Glasgow is full of cafes and other outlets where coffee (and other goodies) can be enjoyed.

How many of you are aware of The Wild Olive Tree café, which is located inside the St. George's Tron church in Nelson Mandela Place ?

Here you can enjoy excellent coffee/tea, fabulous scones and cakes, or some nourishing home-made soup in a calm, yet thought-provoking, location.

The café is a Social Enterprise, in partnership with Glasgow City Mission and the Bethany Christian Trust, which offers training placements to help people wishing to develop skills as a way into work. All profits from the café are shared between these partners, to support their ongoing work with some of Glasgow's most vulnerable people.

The café also has a "gifted soup/coffee" scheme whereby you can purchase an extra drink or bowl of soup which will be offered free to those who are unable to afford them.

After finishing your drink or soup, you may wish to look around the café and sanctuary where you will find artwork and other items which are designed to prompt reflection. One piece of artwork sure to draw your attention is "Our Last Supper" – a contemporary re-imagining of Da Vinci's "Last Supper" for which Ian Campbell, artist-in-residence, used some of the guests of Glasgow City Mission as models.

On leaving the church, it is worthwhile walking round Nelson Mandela Place to see another piece of artwork at the rear of the church. Here is a bench with a hooded figure stretched out on it – the marks of nails on the feet the only clue as to the true identity of the 'rough sleeper'.

In summary, here is a venue which provides valuable support for some of the most vulnerable people in the city and will also provide you with good food and drink and much more besides.

*Alasdair Law*



Many thanks to everyone who continues to support the Foodbank. As well as the usual basics we really need Jam, Tins of fish, Diluting juice, Potatoes (tinned or powdered), Tins of vegetables.

*Jack & Graham*

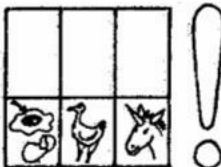
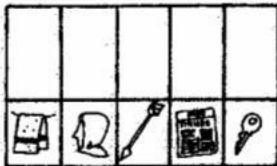
# Kidz Korner

when you bring  
your gift to  
God ...

and then  
remember you  
are angry with  
your brother ...

leave your  
gift at the  
altar ...

Harvest is a good  
time to say  
a great BIG:



go  
and  
make it  
up with  
your brother ...

and  
then come  
and offer  
your  
gift!

## EXODUS 23:16

"Celebrate the Feast of Harvest with the first fruits  
of the crops you sow in your field.

It's Harvest time, so see how many things you can find  
in the word search to do with this time of year!

(To help you out I think there are about 15)

W	X	Q	C	T	P	L	A	N	T
D	H	W	E	R	L	U	O	A	R
R	A	E	R	Y	O	I	P	S	A
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## MEMBERS JOINING KILBARCHAN PARISH CHURCH



### By Profession of Faith :-

Miss June Burgess (Dist. 29 – Elder, Margaret Wooler)

### MARRIAGES

*'What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder'*

14/08/2012 Ruth Young and Jacky Boswell (married in the Lynnhurst Hotel)

### BAPTISM

*'Suffer little children to come unto me'*

12/08/2018 Penelope Jane Gordon, daughter of Amy and Fraser

### DEATHS (\* denotes member)

*'In my Father's house there are many mansions'*

25/07/2018 Kenneth Dale \*

### ROLL

The Roll of Kilbarchan Parish Church now stands at 420 and 19 Adherants.



We would like to thank Stephen and members of the congregation for their support, cards and flowers after the death of Kenneth. Your kindness was much appreciated at this sad time.

*Christine Dale and Family*

# 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	11am	Morning Worship Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	11am	Morning Worship
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	11am	Morning Worship
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	11am	Morning worship Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	11am 2pm	Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	10am	Remembrance Service at War Memorial
Sunday 18 November	10.45am 11am	Remembrance Sunday Morning worship
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	11am	Morning worship

