

# LAMLASH PARISH CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER

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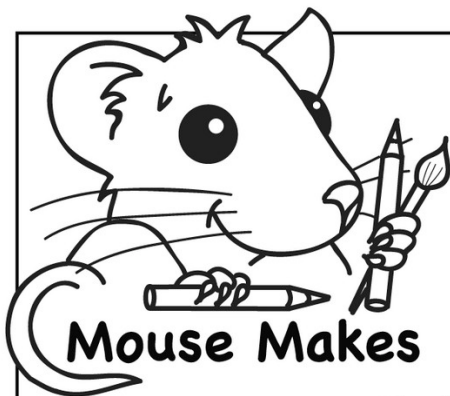
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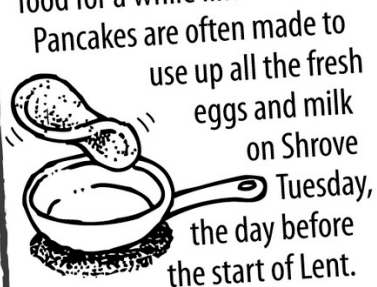
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### SHROVE TUESDAY

During **Lent** some Christians eat simple food or go without food for a while like Jesus did.



Pancakes are often made to use up all the fresh eggs and milk on Shrove Tuesday, the day before the start of Lent.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

The first day of **Lent** is called **Ash Wednesday**, it is a day for saying **sorry** to God for any wrong things you have **said** or **thought** or **done** and to ask for God's help to live in the right way.

In bible times people would cover themselves with ashes as a sign of repentance.

In some churches today on Ash Wednesday the minister will draw a cross shape on our foreheads with ash.

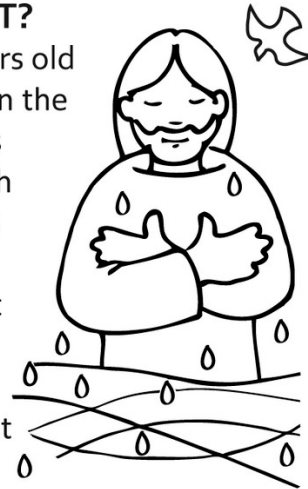


### WHAT IS LENT?

When Jesus was 30 years old he was baptised by John in the River Jordan. Before Jesus began to preach and teach and heal he went out into the wilderness alone.

For 40 days he did not eat but spent time praying and talking to God,

preparing himself for what God had sent him to do.



Remembering those days Jesus spent in the wilderness, the Christian Church set aside the 40 days before Easter as a time to pray, read the bible and learn more about God.

This time is called **LENT**



While Jesus was out in the wilderness he was tempted by the Devil *three* times.

**Look up the bible verses to see how Jesus replied.**



**1** The devil said, "If you are God's Son order this stone to turn to bread."

**Read** Jesus' reply in **Luke 4: 4** and **Deuteronomy 8: 3**

**2** The devil said, "I will give you power and wealth if you worship me."

**Read** Jesus' reply in **Luke 4: 7** and **Deuteronomy 6: 13**

**3** The devil said, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, the Scriptures say God will take care of you."

**Read** Jesus' reply in **Luke 4: 12** and **Deuteronomy 6: 1**



Dear Lord,  
Please forgive me for

Amen



## *A word from the Manse*

Dear Friends

How quickly time passes when we are enjoying ourselves! I can't believe I have been minister here for nearly two years already!

People said if we survived the winter we would stay! Well we have more than survived two winters and never thought once about giving up! Island living seems to suit us very well and we are both loving the work God has called us to here. It is great to see Graeme more fully involved in music outside of school – playing the organ, Music Matters, the Carol concert, helping young people develop their musical skills and he is now hoping to play an ENORMOUS tuba with Arran Brass!

As the snowdrops and spring flowers make their welcome appearance in the garden, a hymn has been running through my mind for several weeks:

‘In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a Spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.’



It is God's wonderful promise of the hidden potential in each of us. The Singing Group have been practising this hymn and it will feature as 'Hymn of the Month' when we will sing it every Sunday in March. This not only helps us learn new hymns but also helps us focus on the words as we learn.

Who knows what lies ahead for us as a congregation of God's people? His is the promise, ours the choice to follow where He leads. Working together we can fulfil our potential to be the beating heart of this community.

Development proposals are moving along, albeit slowly. We have had a very successful meeting with the General Trustees and CARTA (the Church of Scotland Committee on Art & Architecture) who have given us tremendous help in how we progress ideas. The Kirk Session have been updated and the next step is to have a look at how other churches have developed their sanctuary. We want to ensure the character of the building is retained while making changes that allow more flexible use throughout the week, rather than having our beautiful building used only on Sundays. The Christmas Carol Concert confirmed the absolute need for greater flexibility.

Of course, more important than anything is our commitment to serve.

‘This is our God, the Servant King.  
He calls us now to follow Him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.’

*As we journey towards Easter, may we know we are loved  
with the love that will not fail.*

***Romans 8:32-39 from The Message***

“So what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose? If God didn’t hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing Himself to the worst by sending His own Son, is there anything He wouldn’t gladly and freely do for us? ”

May we know the power of the Saviour’s love filling every step as we continue to journey on with Him.

Love and prayers from our home to yours, from our hearts to your hearts.

*Lily*



Elder Beverley Millar (2<sup>nd</sup> left) with Rev Lily McKinnon  
Being warmly welcomed by members of the Kirk Session  
In Lamlash Parish Church 12 February 2017

Hello, my name is Aileen Brookens and I'm joining the Lamash and Kilmory congregations for the next six months as a Reader in Training.

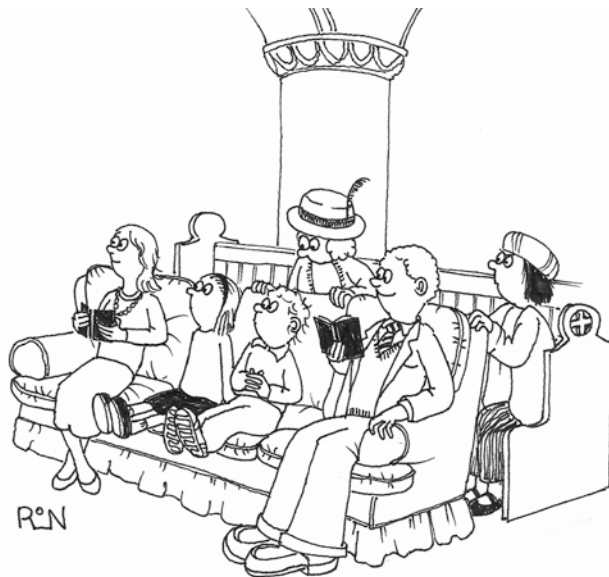
I've been on the island now for just over eight years having lived previously in East Kilbride, and before that, St. Andrews.

As well as having a husband and two grown up children, we have three cats who rule the roost. Over the next six months I'm really looking forward to getting involved in the various activities going on in the church and especially getting to know everyone.



A very warm welcome to Aileen! We hope you enjoy your stint with us in Lamash – Ed

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Regular worshippers were upgraded to first class



"To think we grumbled when the Church used unintelligible archaic language!"



## Our Church Family



### Deaths:

Please remember these families in your prayers

Dr Robert Buchanan

David McFarlane

Josephine Bell

Jean McNeish

Neither death nor life, nor angels... nor powers...nor any other creature can separate us from the love of God

Romans 8, 38 -39

### Footsteps in the Sand

“Lord, You said that once  
I decided to follow you, we would  
walk side by side through life. But  
when I need you most, I see  
only one set of footprint in the sand.”

The Lord replied. “I love you and I  
would never leave you. During  
your times of trial and suffering,  
when you see only one set of  
footprints, it was then that  
I carried you”



(Thank you to Morag for submitting this poem for inclusion. According to Google, the copyright of Footsteps in the Sand is under review. Credit is therefore being given to all 3 parties involved Mary Stevenson, Carolyn Joyce Carty and Margaret Fishback Powers – **Ed**)





Dr Robert Buchanan  
7 September 1924 - 10 December 2016

Ordained in 1955, Dr Robert Buchanan set an example few could match. Dedicated to the end, he attended as many Kirk Session meetings as he could.

He was faithful in being in worship every Sunday. He was determined at every

Communion to take his place at the Communion table, and he always pulled himself up for the hymns & the Benediction. Church mattered to Dr Robert and we have been blessed in this church to have had such a caring and steadfast Elder for so many years.

All of us think of Dr Robert, with great affection and admiration. He had a lasting impact on so many people down through the years. His Grandfather was a farmer and his father, James, a doctor - it is no surprise that

Robert followed in his father's footsteps. Robert studied medicine at Glasgow University. Dr Robert was extremely proud of his heritage - his father was Chairman of the Hospital Board, and was a well-respected GP and surgeon at the Arran War Memorial Hospital on the island.

Dr Robert always strived to do his best - to live up to the high esteem he had for his Dad. In those days, GPs worked very long hours and responded immediately to anyone in need. Apart from his duties as a GP, he was Anaesthetist at the hospital as well as working in Obstetrics.

Of course, this takes its toll on family life and his young family missed out sometimes when their Dad would be caring for others - whether in the adjacent surgery which went on until everyone was attended to, or hospital duties, or callouts.

Add to this Dr Robert's commitment as a founder member of the Mountain Rescue Team and we have to marvel at his dedication and energy.

Dr Robert never lost his great sense of fun. He thoroughly enjoyed being Grandpa and Great Grandpa and could be seen having fun kicking a football about with them - but, of course, ALWAYS wearing a jacket and tie!

His wonderful sense of humour also stayed with him right to the end! When Rev Lily visited him in hospital, he took off the oxygen mask, and smiled at her saying "I don't think I'll manage church on Sunday."

(Extracts from the tribute at Dr Robert's Funeral Service by Rev Lily McKinnon - Ed)

Nearly 50 years ago, our neighbour (Hugh Lamberton) had a heart attack and Dr Robert was informed by 'phone. Robert dashed along to Hugh's home expecting him to be there, but could not find him. Fortunately I saw Robert and was able to tell him that he was visiting our neighbour (Agnes Searle) on the other side of our house. Without hesitating, he ran along our garden path, at the end of which I had a 'squelchy' compost heap piled up against the wall. At full speed he put one foot on the compost and jumped over the wall to attend Hugh. Hugh survived, but I wondered what state Robert's shoe and lower trouser leg was in.

My sister Catherine was terminally ill (Hodgkin's Disease) and when she finally had to give up work she came to live with my mother and father in Bungalow Road. Robert was her doctor, and the care and attention he gave her was excellent and very much appreciated by Catherine and the family. I think he admired her spirit - from having been given 3 years to live, she actually lived 7 years. When she died she was cremated at Ayr. Robert asked me what was going to happen with

Catherine's ashes and I said I was going to scatter them near the top of the Brodick road, overlooking Lamlash Bay and Holy Island as requested by Catherine. Robert asked if he could come with me - the sort of kind gesture one never forgets.

**David Oakes**

I had the pleasure of interviewing Dr Robert for an article to include in our Church Newsletter (Winter 2014/15). He had celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and I was absolutely fascinated listening to his life story, with his sense of humour coming to the fore. I recall him telling me "I'm not ready for the underground yet" which became the title of the article! Dr Robert told me his favourite tune was "Highland Cathedral", how fitting this was played at his funeral, very moving. A dear gentleman, who will be sadly missed by his family, his church and his friends.

**Alison Page**

## Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Betty!



When I asked Betty Dick if I might interview her for an article for the Church Magazine she very politely declined.... or should I say, point blankly said “**No!**”.

That’s the thing I love about Betty, she will always tell you what she thinks in an honest and straightforward way – she’s an absolute darling with a heart of gold! ☺

I had the privilege of serving with Betty on the Nominating Committee and we both attend the Singing Group on Wednesday evenings.

Here is a photo I took of Betty last May on our way to the Preaching Cave – doesn’t she look fabulous? Unless you are looking at this on-line, you won’t see that her outfit is beautifully colour co-ordinated. I know I’ve been naughty including this but just couldn’t let this special occasion pass without a wee mention. Ed

**Sending our love to you and many happy returns of the day!**  
**Hope you enjoyed all your special celebrations on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February.**



God, teach me lessons for living  
so I can stay the course.

Give me insight so I can do what You  
tell me ----

my whole life one long, obedient response.

Guide me down the road of Your commandments;

I love travelling this freeway!

Give me a bent for Your words of wisdom,  
and not for piling up loot.

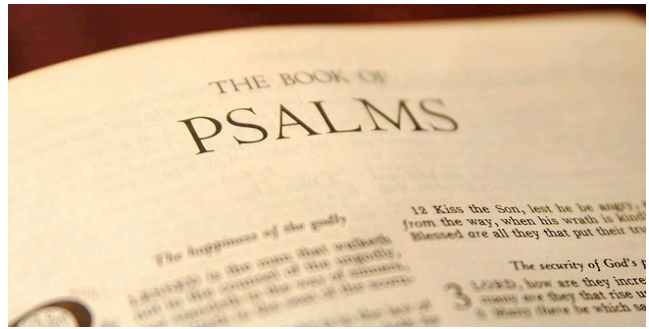
Divert my eyes from toys and trinkets,  
invigorate me on the pilgrim way.

Affirm Your promises to me---  
promises made to all who fear You.

Deflect the harsh words of my critics---  
but what You say is always so good.

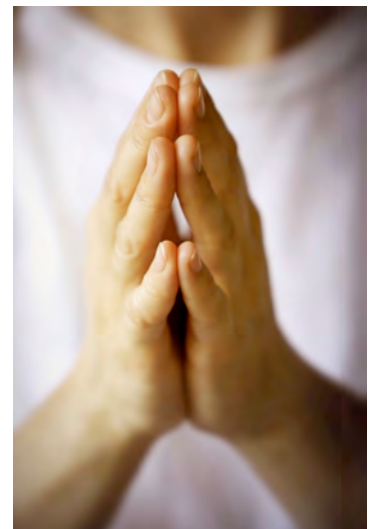
See how hungry I am for Your counsel;  
preserve my life through Your righteous ways!

Psalm 119, v.33-40. The Message



## Prayer

Almighty God,  
grant us the Spirit to think and do always  
those things that are right,  
that we who can do nothing good without You,  
may live according to Your holy will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns  
with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.      Amen





## Financial Report



Income for the past twelve months has fallen by approximately £3000.00

Expenses for the same period have increased by approximately £2000.00

This is due in part to the fact that there has been less given in the offering plate combined with extra maintenance of buildings and contributions to Church of Scotland.

I would urge everyone to take time to consider how we in Lamlash, can increase revenue, in order to meet the obligations of the church.

You may consider:-

- Gift Aiding your contributions to the Church
- Increasing the amount you contribute to the Church
- Leaving a legacy through your will to the Church

If you have any good fundraising ideas that may help, please let the Minister or your Elder know.

Robert K Marr  
Treasurer



## Door Duty

|          |                |                |
|----------|----------------|----------------|
| March 5  | Dorothy Boyle  | Anne Ferguson  |
| March 12 | David Oakes    | Alison Page    |
| March 19 | Joyce Walker   | Robert Marr    |
| March 26 | John Houston   | Ken Barclay    |
| April 2  | Mick Cannon    | Vivienne Haigh |
| April 9  | Mary Mackenzie | Peter McKay    |
| April 16 | Dorothy Boyle  | Anne Ferguson  |
| April 23 | David Oakes    | Alison Page    |
| April 30 | Joyce Walker   | Robert Marr    |
| May 7    | John Houston   | Ken Barclay    |
| May 14   | Mick Cannon    | Vivienne Haigh |
| May 21   | Mary Mackenzie | Peter McKay    |
| May 28   | Dorothy Boyle  | Anne Ferguson  |

## ROTA FOR BELLS

|          |               |          |               |
|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| 5 March  | Dorothy       | 23 April | Iain          |
| 12 March | Maureen       | 30 April | Alison & Rona |
| 19 March | Iain          | 7 May    | Jean          |
| 26 March | Alison & Rona | 14 May   | Dorothy       |
| 2 April  | Jean          | 21 May   | Maureen       |
| 9 April  | Dorothy       | 28 May   | Iain          |
| 16 April | Maureen       |          |               |

Rona Fulton & Dorothy Boyle





## The FAITH DEVELOPMENT GROUP

meet at the home of Pearl Forbes in  
Murray Crescent on alternate Tuesday afternoons  
from 2pm - approx. 3pm.

Recently Lily has been exploring the various names for God. There are many throughout the Old and New Testament.

We look at reference passages, learn from Lily and are open to discussion, finishing with a time of prayer, remembering members & friends of the church & community and families and friends known to us who are ill or facing difficulties in their lives.

The group is small in number and would welcome others to come along. Do not let the title name of the group put you off, we are very informal and friendly!

**Margaret Fowler**

## Flower Rota

|                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> March  | Mrs Pat Sillars      |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> March | Mrs Vivienne Haigh   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> March | Mrs Mary Mackenzie   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> March | Mrs Mary Chambers    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> April  | Mrs Nancy Cannon     |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> April  | Mrs Ravey Bulloch    |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> April | Mrs Alison Page      |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> April | Mrs Jessie Taylor    |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> April |                      |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> May    | Mrs Maureen Pattison |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> May   | Mrs Vivienne Haigh   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> May   | Mrs Maureen Oakes    |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> May   | Mrs Morag Campbell   |



There are spaces on the Flower Rota. Please contact our Church Flower Convenor Mary Mackenzie if you are willing to join the rota and/or if you could help with delivery after the church service

The latest edition of the WM magazine focuses on Fairtrade, an organization which supports small producers of food, and other products, in many countries, and we can all do our little bit by buying Fairtrade foods, which are available locally.

If anyone is interested I have catalogues of all their products and would willingly order anything when I make my own orders, saving on postage.

For anyone with a special interest in Malawi there is a Churches Forum day in Giffnock South Parish Church in Glasgow on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact me for registration details.

WM would welcome any prayers for the world you might have written, in order to share them with WM and others. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month they pray for Israel and Palestine and anyone can join them in prayer if not in person.

There is a Church of Scotland Pilgrimage to Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories on 29<sup>th</sup> April to 9<sup>th</sup> of May led by the Very Rev Dr Andrew McLellan. Further information about the trip, including costs, is available from Kenny Roger tel: 0131 225 5722 or e mail: [kroger@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:kroger@churchofscotland.org.uk)

We received a letter of thanks for the last stamps sent, I will be sending another batch soon. The project changes in April, more news in the next WM magazine at which time I'll up-date you. Thank you all for saving the stamps, please keep up the good work!

### Monica Tweeddale



Fairtrade Fortnight is 27 February – 12 March 2017

<http://shop.fairtrade.org.uk/fairtrade-fortnight-2017>

Also, we host a Fairtrade stall at our church Coffee Morning





We have had an enjoyable programme so far this year – appropriate since our Guild theme tells us to “Go forth in Joy”.

In November Aileen organised our trip to Shiskine where we watched the video of the Annual Guild Rally. The Moderator gave a very interesting and humorous speech. This was followed by Sally Magnusson speaking on the subject of living with dementia, how music helps and she advocated the use of iPads. Morag gave the vote of thanks to our hostesses for a most enjoyable lunch.

Jean Hunter’s talk on her South American holidays was another enjoyable afternoon with Jean reliving her adventures to an area not so commonly visited, including the Antarctic and the Falklands.

In December, the Guild Coffee Morning raised £283.81 for Guild funds.

Vivienne organised the Guild Christmas Party with our little grey cells going into overdrive battling with her Bible-based quizzes, the lucky winners (and it must have been luck!) rewarded with chocolates; followed by her special “Pass the Parcels”. Her Scripture based reading featured frequent ‘left’ or ‘rights’ which dictated the direction of travel of her parcels, engendering much confusion and hilarity and a bonus of keeping it for those holding a parcel at the end.

In January Mrs Elaine Jennings exhibited many of her cross stitch pictures demonstrating her expertise and also creativity in some original designs. She told us the interesting background to the well known “Praying Hands” which she had reproduced in fine cross stitch.

Heather Gough’s talk was a very well crafted exposition on the Guild theme of “Joy”, into which she had put a lot of thought. Heather certainly sent us home with a joy in our hearts

In February Jan McGregor explained the concept behind her project “Art in Mind”, how involvement in painting helped people with communication difficulty to overcome their problems. Jan then generously gave us each a ready designed silk rectangle. Each table of five had water, paint brushes and silk paints to create our own masterpieces. She even supplied aperture mounts

and envelopes. We saw how the magic of silk painting could succeed in “Art in Mind” groups.

A letter of thanks from Guild headquarters was read thanking us for the £250 sent for the projects.



### Diary dates

|             |                    |
|-------------|--------------------|
| 28 February | Rev. Lily McKinnon |
| 14 March    | Guild AGM          |
| 21 March    | Guild Lunch        |



**Morag Campbell**

## THE SINGING GROUP



The singing at the Lamlash services has improved significantly. Well done to everybody!

Clearly, introducing new, or new to us, hymns is a challenge.

“Hymn of the month” has been a good way of doing this. The Singing Group has been very influential in the singing improvement by learning new hymns and by working out what hymns will work. One of the most important issues is that hymns are pitched too high and we need to address this by transposing hymns to a pitch that people can comfortably sing. Along with fitting in words, this is a vital area for the Singing Group to establish.

Does this all sound too technical? Well, the group members just have to give it a go! We are not a choir but we enjoy an hour of singing together. We would love to welcome anyone who fancied singing with us, so do try and come along, at least every now and again. You would be most welcome and your support would be most appreciated. And did I mention the laughter?

We certainly enjoy the company and the general banter. The Singing Group now meets at **4pm on Wednesdays** in the church hall

**Graeme McKinnon**

### LOSING IT

I sometimes lose my hankies  
I can't think of where they go,  
I sometimes lose my glasses  
I had them once I know.  
My gloves and scarves desert me  
In ways beyond my ken,  
And when I find the crossword,  
I know I'll lose the pen.

I've often lost my bearing  
When muddled by the crowd  
I've even lost my patience  
Of which I'm far from proud.  
But one thing I'll endeavour  
To cling to till the end –  
You've guessed it right ....

**A FRIEND!!**

(Thanks Mary Chambers – Ed)



**Music Matters** meets on the last Thursday of every month in Lamlash Church Hall. It's a lovely relaxed afternoon open to people living with dementia, and their carers, on the Isle of Arran.

We start at 2pm with a cuppa, home-baking and a blether before enjoying a sing-along.



Artist: Jean Bowden

Please get in touch with Rev Lily McKinnon if you need a lift!  
We have funding to cover the cost of travel.



## Gardeners Hymn

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

But what we never mention, though gardeners know it's true,  
is when He made the goodies, He made the baddies too.

All things spray and swatable, disasters great and small.  
All things paraquatable, the Lord God made them all.

The green-fly on the roses, the maggots in the peas,  
manure that fills our noses, He also gave us these.

All things spray and swatable, etc.

The fungus on the goosegogs, the Club root on the greens,  
the slugs that eat the lettuce and chew the aubergines.

All things spray and swatable, etc.

The drought that kills the fuchsias, the frost that nips the buds,  
the rain that drowns the seedlings, the blight that hits the spuds.

All things spray and swatable, etc.

The midges and mosquitoes, the nettles and the weeds,  
the pigeons in the green stuff, the sparrows on the seeds.

All things spray and swatable, etc.

The fly that gets the carrots, the wasp that eats the plums,  
how black the gardener's outlook, though green may be their thumbs.

All things spray and swatable, etc.

But still we gardeners labour, midst veg'tables and flowers,  
and pray what hits our neighbour's, will somehow bypass ours.

by Barbara Robinson

## "My Favourite things" – Senior version



Maalox and nose drops and needles for  
knitting,  
Walkers and handrails and new dental  
fittings,  
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,  
These are a few of my favourite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts and hearing aids and glasses,  
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,  
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,  
These are a few of my favourite things.

When the pipes leak, When the bones creak,  
When the knees go bad,  
I simply remember my favourite things,  
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets, and corn pads for bunions,  
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,  
Bathrobes and heat pads and hot meals they bring,  
These are a few of my favourite things.

Back pains, confused brains, and no fear of sinnin',  
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',  
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,  
When we remember our favourite things.

When the joints ache, when the hips break,  
When the eyes grow dim,  
Then I remember the great life I've had,  
And then I don't feel so bad.

Unfortunately, the story of Julie Andrews singing this "Senior" version in Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall to commemorate her 69<sup>th</sup> birthday is a hoax, however, hopefully it will still raise a wee smile! ☺ Ed

## Mary's Meals

Across Arran our fundraising efforts for Mary's Meals go from strength to strength!



## Arran Skinnymalinks

Seek a Star - Five week Festive Focus

raised **£353.90**. The 6 week January New Year Resolution campaign is just finishing as we go to print with donations received of **£867.75** – absolutely amazing!! I also received loads of food and toiletry donations for the ACT Foodbank.

**Thank you** to my fab team of volunteers Joan, Shona and Faye at Shiskine, Corrie and Lochranza; also to Lamlash, Shiskine and Brodick Churches, Arran Active, The Isle of Arran Distillery and Breagha Holistic Beauty for use of their premises. Not forgetting **everyone** who participated, well done folks!



The amount raised from the sale of our cute wee Christmas puddings and remaining Mary's Meals blue mugs was... **£719.14 Wow!!!**

Our Easter campaign is just starting up with a lovely selection of patterns to choose from thanks to my dear neighbour, Myra Frost. Anyone is welcome to join our happy gang, please help us create some lovely knitted mindings to sell in aid of Mary's Meals on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April and in time for Easter. Some people prefer to work on their own, others like to gather together – you can do either or both, whatever suits you best!

Costs have increased but Mary's Meals is able to provide a meal for just 7p. The average cost to feed a starving child is £13.90 for a whole school year so all our efforts can and do make a real difference!

## SAVE THE DATE

Please join us to hear up-dates from Lucy and Fran from Mary's Meals UK Headquarters in Lamlash Church on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April at 11:30. This will be followed by a soup and bread lunch in the church hall with the sale of knitted goods from the Knit & Natter Group and Gaynor Harris.

**Alison**

# Coffee Morning

## Everyone Welcome



**WEDNESDAY 10:15 – 12 Noon**

**CHAT: COFFEE:CAKE**

Thanks to the valiant efforts of our remaining team leaders and, of course, our enthusiastic helpers and bakers, we have had a very worthwhile winter session.

We are also blessed with the faithful efforts of our stall holders --Ravey, Pearl and Rosemary--not forgetting George Welford's contribution of plants.

Financially, the winter session has so far compared favourably with last year.

We do, however, urgently need new TEAM LEADERS to help us to cope with 17 summer dates starting from the beginning of May.

If you feel you can gather a team of 4 AGILE and 3 SEDENTARY helpers, please contact me on 600 279.

Our last winter dates are **March 1st** and **April 5th**.

Do come along and bring your friends!

**Maureen Oakes**





**Are you standing at 'Wits' End Corner'  
Christian, with troubled brow?  
Are you thinking of what is before you  
And all you are bearing now?  
Does all the world seem against you,  
And you in battle alone?  
Remember – at Wits' End Corner  
Is just where God's power is shown.**



**Are you standing at Wits' End Corner,  
Blinded with wearying pain,  
Feeling you cannot endure it,  
You cannot bear the strain,  
Bruised through the constant suffering,  
Dizzy and dazed and dumb?  
Remember – to Wits' End Corner  
Is where Jesus loves to come.**

**Are you standing at Wits' End Corner,  
Your work before you spread,  
All lying, begun, unfinished  
And pressing on heart and head,  
Stretching out trembling hands?  
Remember – at Wits' End Corner  
The burden Bearer stands**

**Are you standing at Wits' End Corner  
Yearning for those you love,  
Longing and praying and watching,  
Pleading their cause above,  
Trying to lead them to Jesus,  
Won't ring if you've been true?  
He whispers – at Wits' End Corner  
I'll win them as I won you.**



**Are you standing at Wits' End  
Corner  
Then you're just in the very spot  
To learn the wondrous resources  
Of him who faileth not!  
No doubt to a brighter pathway  
Your footsteps will soon be moved,  
But only at Wits' End Corner  
Is the 'God Who is able' proved.**

**"Turning a corner"  
Original Painting by Pdraig McCaul**

## Scottish Christians Against Nuclear Arms



The 11<sup>th</sup> of February was a bitterly cold but dry afternoon. People of all faiths, and none, joined together in Brodick in support of an international call to abolish nuclear weapons.

*“Attempts to sustain peace through the threat of indiscriminate mass destruction could not be further from the peace to which Christ calls us.”*

**The Moderator of the Church of Scotland**



Life and Work, the Magazine of the Church of Scotland is well presented, in quite different format from many years ago, and is full of information about the Church, the country and the wider world. A real pity and loss if you don't read this.



You will also find World Mission, Bible Society and Crossreach amongst other publications issued regularly at the door on a Sunday. There is so much to learn, encourage and inspire, that can open our eyes to just so much that is going on, taking us out of any restricted and discouraging views we may have about the Church and all sorts of Christian activity and development.

How wonderful for us all, and not just office-bearers, to be informed and spread such information, 'Good News' to others, who may be equally discouraged.

If you would like to 'give it a shot', please contact Joyce Walker our Life & Work Convenor.

**Jack Paterson**



(Also available electronically at <http://www.lifeandwork.org> - Ed)

## THE FALLS OF CLYDE - A POSTSCRIPT

Thanks are due to Pearl Forbes and Jan Schofield for information provided to complement the article about the church's ship model.

Tracing the family of the model-maker Captain John McMillan was complicated by the fact that there are three variations of the surname in the official records of the time – McMillan, MacMillan and McMilan.

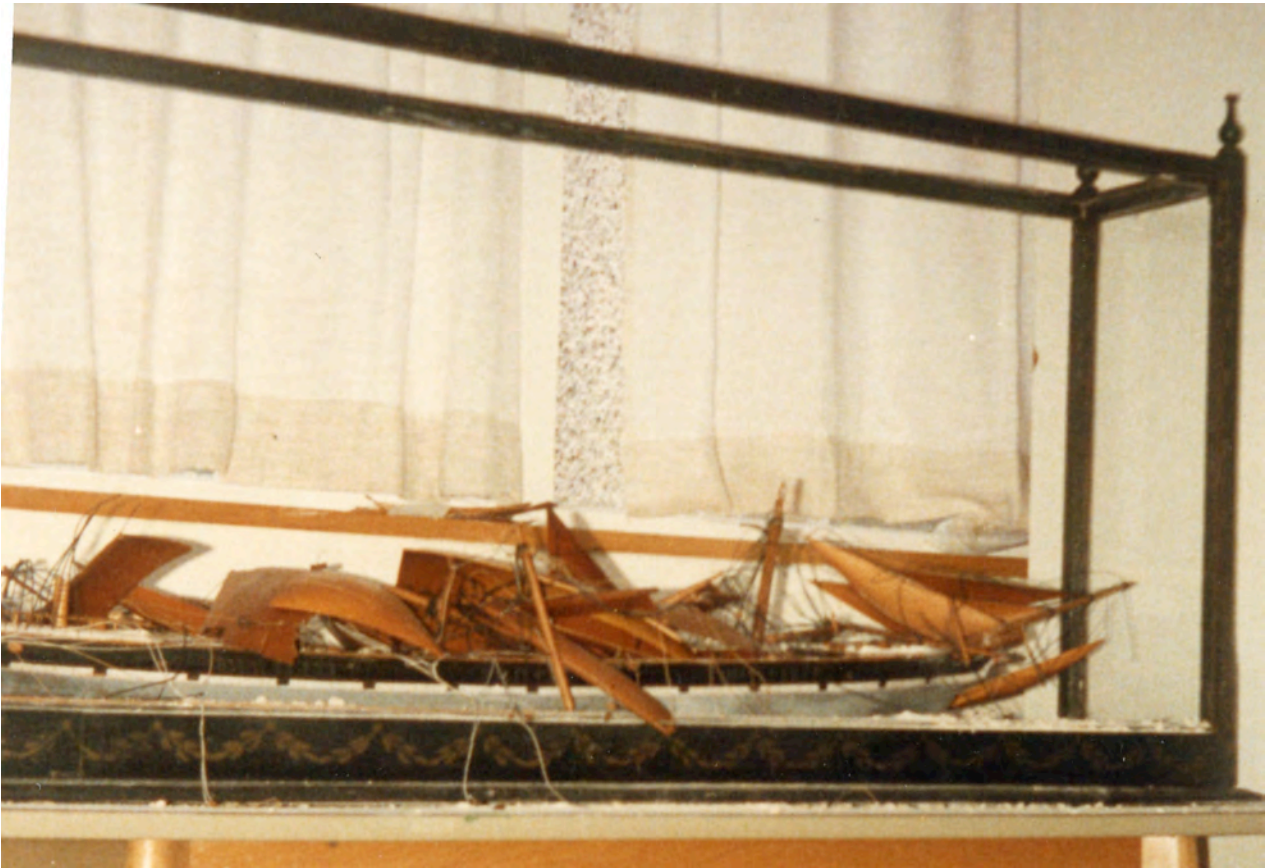
Although the brass plaque in the case mentions Cordon, which had been the McMillan family home, by the time the model was built he was living with his wife, Mary Ann Mathie, in Craighdu, along Shore Road towards Clauchlands. The house next door, New Lanark, was owned by Donald McKelvie – then described as 'Baker and Shopkeeper' – who, of course, became world-renowned for breeding famous potato varieties such as Arran Pilot, Victory, Chieftain and, (as we all know) Banner. The property in Cordon continued to be occupied by his spinster sisters – Mary and Elizabeth McMillan.

The house Craighdu belonged to John McMillan, but it was not until 1921 that he purchased the feu, meaning that he owned the ground instead of renting it, from – (believe it or not) – *'Captain The Most Honourable James Graham, commonly called the Marquess of Graham, C.B, C.V.O, R.N.V.R., and The Most Honourable Mary Louise, Marchioness of Graham, acting under the Trust Settlement of The Most Noble William Alexander Louis Stephen, Duke of Hamilton, Brandon and Chatelherault, K.T., now deceased.'* James Graham subsequently became 6<sup>th</sup> Duke of Montrose (1925-54). His wife, Mary Louise Douglas-Hamilton, through whom he acquired the Arran Estate, died as Dowager Duchess in 1957.

The document does not record the exact price paid by Captain McMillan – although it was less than £500 – but the effect was to transfer ownership of the ground, for which he had paid £35 per year in rent, in return for an annual feu duty of £7. Feu duties were eventually abolished by the Scottish Parliament in the year 2000, although the great majority had been redeemed before this date.

John McMillan died in 1931, and when his widow followed in 1943 the house was sold to James and Elizabeth Walker. Presumably they also inherited the ship model, because it was Mrs. Walker who persuaded Rev. Douglas Fulton to accept it as a donation to the church, where its stay was not to be without incident.

At some point, around 1990, a fall of plasterwork from the church roof destroyed the glass display case and caused serious damage to the Falls of Clyde.

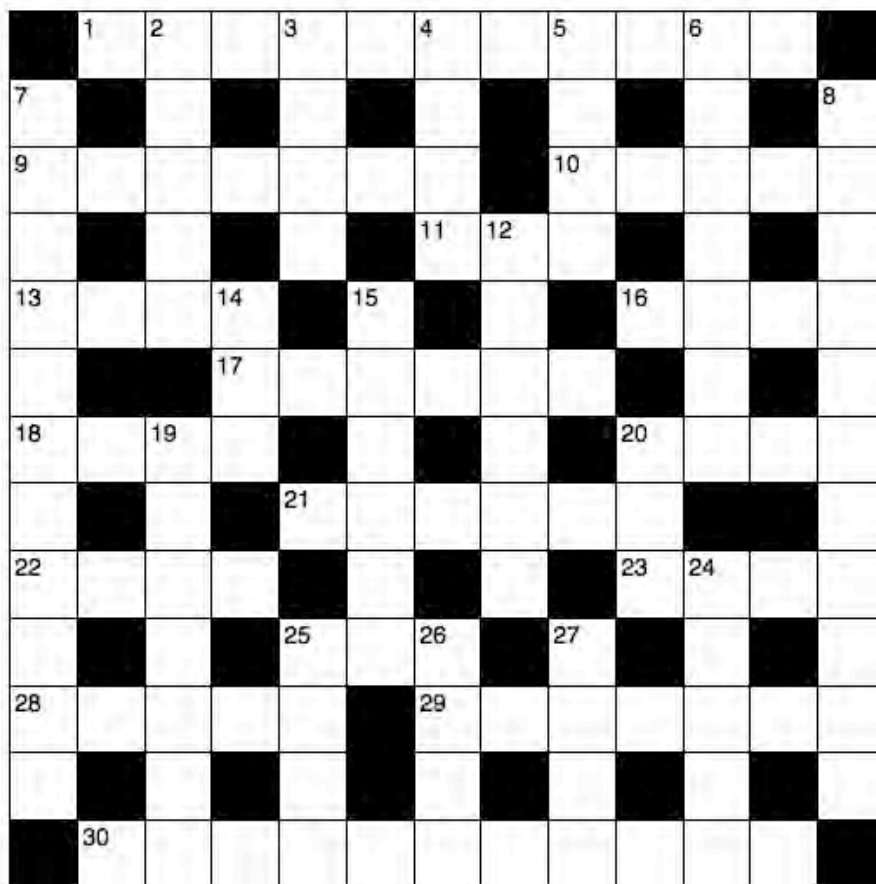


The task of repairing it was undertaken by John, the late husband of Pearl Forbes, who was a keen and skilful model-maker, and who managed to return it to its present immaculate condition. A new display case was provided by Dick Haydon, one of the Elders.

As far as the real Falls of Clyde is concerned, the Hawaii Harbour Authority still wishes her to be removed, but the Friends are hopeful that the vessel may yet be returned to her Scottish home. David O'Neill of the Old Gorbals Heritage organization is gathering support and resources, and Alison Thewliss, MP for Glasgow Central, has been reported as offering her backing to the repatriation campaign. We will keep you posted about further developments.

**Iain Auld**





### Crossword Clues Across (NIV Bible)

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
- 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
- 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
- 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
- 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

## Clues Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)  
 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4  
 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)  
 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)  
 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)  
 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)  
 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)  
 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)  
 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)  
 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)  
 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)  
 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)  
 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)  
 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)  
 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)  
 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

## Sudoku (Easy)

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# The Doctor and the Patient



JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS



BUT SOME WERE EXTRA SPECIAL. THESE WERE HIS 'DISCIPLES'.

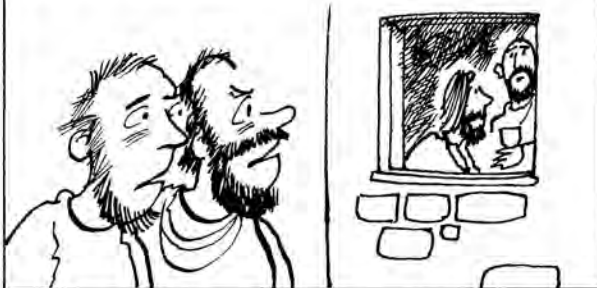
JESUS ONCE ASKED A TAX-COLLECTOR CALLED 'MATTHEW' TO BE ONE OF HIS TEAM



JESUS WENT TO HAVE A MEAL AT MATTHEW'S HOUSE



BUT MANY PEOPLE COMPLAINED ABOUT THIS. THEY THOUGHT MATTHEW WAS A BAD MAN - AND JESUS SHOULD IGNORE HIM.



JESUS' REPLY WAS VERY STRAIGHT FORWARD.

HE EXPLAINED THAT MATTHEW NEEDED HELP, NOT CRITICISM,



"IT'S NOT THE WELL THAT NEED A DOCTOR - BUT THE SICK!"  
see Luke 5:27-32

# Bible Bite

## A short story from the Bible

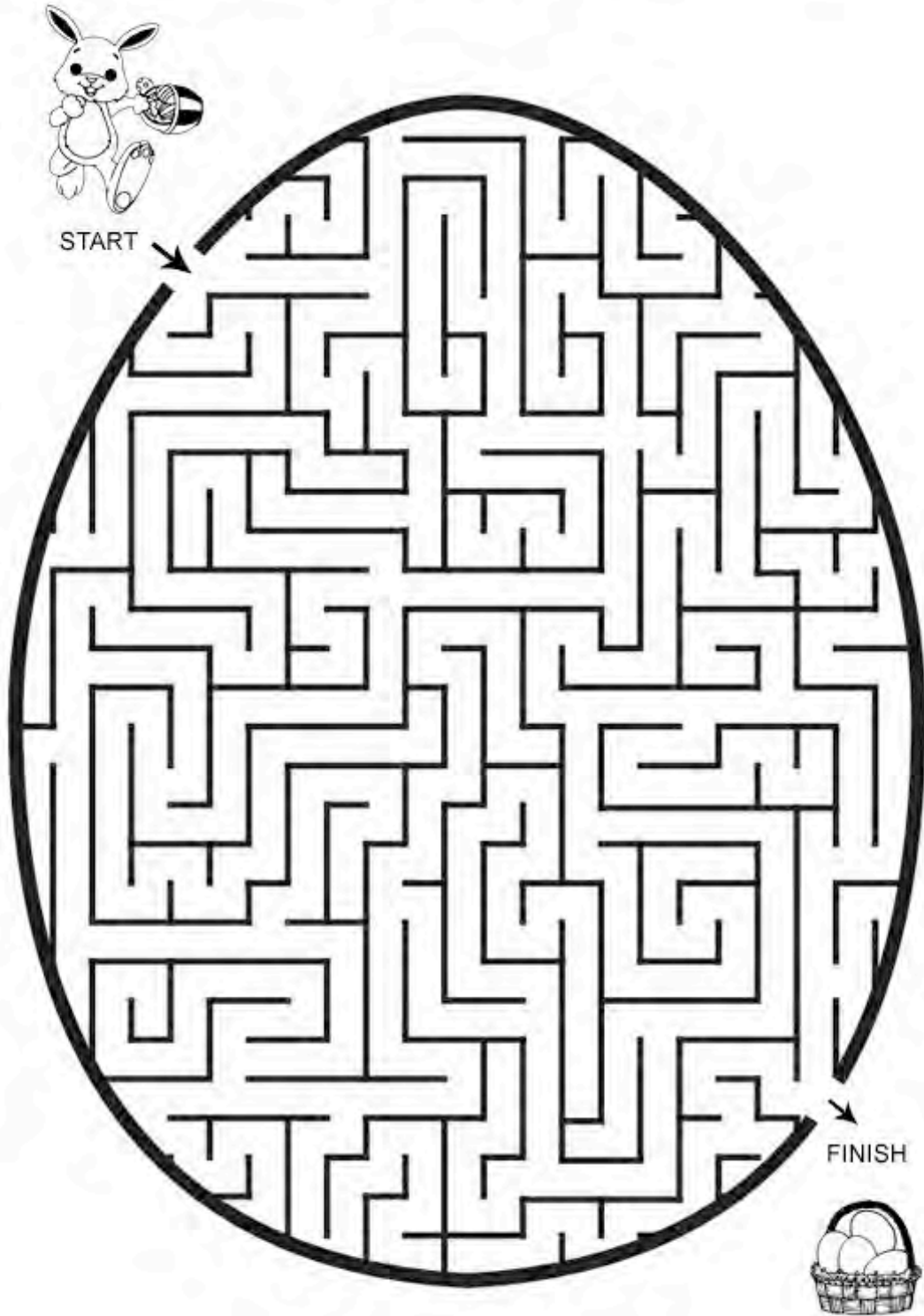
It can be read in the Bible in  
Jn 1:29-34, Mt 3:13-17, Lk 3:21-4:13, Mk 1:9-12

People came to John to be baptised-washed in the river Jordan- to say sorry for what they had done wrong. Then Jesus came...

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| <p>Please baptise me.</p>  <p>No, it should be the other way round.</p>                                                              | <p>No, this is the right way now to complete God's plan</p>  <p>So John baptised Jesus in the river Jordan.</p>                                         | <p>The Holy Spirit filled Jesus and God spoke..</p> <p>This is my precious son.</p>  |
| <p>Jesus then went into the desert for 40 days.</p>                                                                                 | <p>He didn't eat or drink, and at the end was very hungry</p>  <p>The Devil came to test him.</p>                                                      | <p>Show me you <u>are</u> God's Son by turning this stone into bread.</p>          |
| <p>The Bible says 'You need more than bread to keep you alive.'</p>                                                                | <p>The Devil took him to the highest roof of the temple in Jerusalem.</p>  <p>Why don't you jump? God would make sure His angels would catch you</p> | <p>The Bible says 'Don't try to manipulate God.'</p>                              |
| <p>The Devil took Jesus to where he could see the whole world.</p>  <p>I have power over all this, and I could give it to you.</p> | <p>Just worship me</p>  <p>Go away! Only God is to be worshipped!</p>                                                                                | <p>Then angels came to care for Jesus</p>                                         |



Help the Easter bunny find his way to his egg basket!



### Crossword Solutions

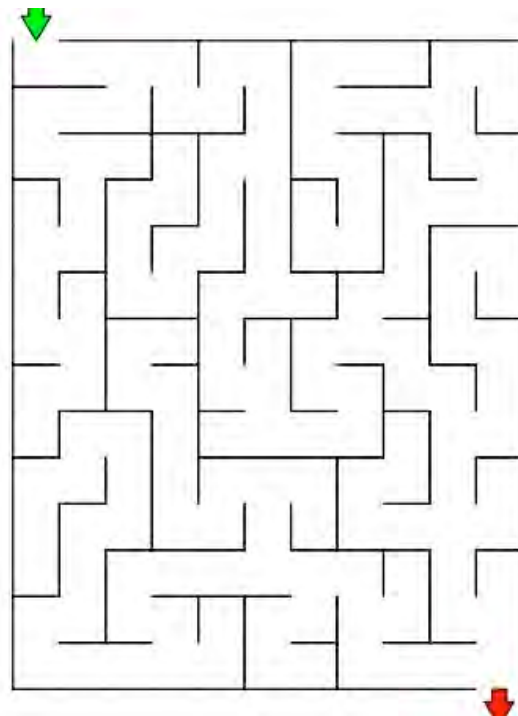
**ACROSS:** 1, Corinthians. 9, Abandon. 10, Eglon. 11, Spa. 13, Deem. 16, Hi-fi. 17, Abijah. 18, Ohad. 20, Myth. 21, Now see. 22, Knit. 23, Tide. 25, Arm. 28, Nahor. 29, All done. 30, Kind-hearted.

**DOWN:** 2, Of age. 3, ISDN. 4, Tens. 5, Idea. 6, Nullify. 7, Hardworking. 8, Enlightened. 12, Praise. 14, Mad. 15, Vigour. 19, Abishai. 20, Met. 24, Is one. 25, Arid. 26, Male. 27, Slur.

### Sudoku Solutions

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### Maze



## Editor's Note

As I type this, I can see the miniature daffodils poking through the soil... I just love the bright colours of Spring. Still a wee bit on the chilly side when I'm out walking Corrie my wee Westie though - so wearing lots of layers!



Way back in the Summer 2015 Newsletter we included an urgent appeal for people to help ring the Church bells - no pun intended. I am delighted to report we currently have a full team of bell ringers, all very ably organised by Maureen Pattison, our initial trainer and resident expert! Quite daunting having to climb the steep steps and pull those ropes from day 1 in full hearing of our community, but hey, it's all good fun! Dorothy and I double up so we can play more frequently to keep our skill level up, often joined by Rona Fulton who used to play when she was a young lass!

It's wonderful to have Beverley admitted as an Elder here in Lamblash... another 'youngster' – yay! ☺ A very moving service from Rev. Lily on the 12<sup>th</sup> of Feb, thank you! Our dearly loved and very hardworking minister will hopefully enjoy some mutual support whilst mentoring Aileen Brookens, who has recently joined us in Lamblash for her final placement whilst training as a Reader

I'm taking a wee break from weighing in my fabby 'Arran Skinnymalinks' to pick up my knitting pins for a while with the 'Knit & Natter' Group. Hope you can join us and please don't worry about your skill level... trust me, if I can manage - anyone can!! The knitting patterns are just small items which knit up quite quickly – unless you drop your stitches and then Myra, Jean or Mary come to the rescue. The voice of experience - you can tell, can't you?! ;-)



I'm sure everyone will enjoy the opportunity to view and hopefully purchase some of our finished Easter goodies on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April. We will have a stall selling goods at the Soup & Bread lunch following the service involving Lucy and Fran from Mary's Meals UK Headquarters.

A **huge** thank you to all contributors to this edition, it's much appreciated. A very special mention to Pdraig McCaul, an Irish Artist I stumbled upon via Google and who very kindly sent me a photo of his original painting for this magazine - how wonderful is that?! I'll need to start saving so I can purchase the original. Big thanks also to Ravey Bulloch and Jean Bowden for their original drawings – oh what talented folks we have!

Emotional contagion - if you see someone without a smile, remember to give them one of yours ☺ Easter Blessings,

*Alison*

**Copy deadline for contributions for the Summer Newsletter is Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May to allow for distribution around June Communion.**



**3<sup>rd</sup> March**

World Day of Prayer, Holy Cross Church 2pm

**7<sup>th</sup> April**

Palm Sunday (retiring collection for African Palms)

**13<sup>th</sup> April**

Maundy Thursday Service & Communion in Church

**14<sup>th</sup> April**

Good Friday Walk of Witness – Holy Cross Church



**20<sup>th</sup> March**

Decorating Pencil Cases with Crafts & Co

Lamlash Church Hall 1:30 – 3:30 pm

**2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Mary's Meals Service + Soup & Bread Lunch

Sale of Knit & Natter Easter bunnies, baskets and chicks in the hall to raise funds for Mary's Meals







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