

# *Lamlash Parish Church Newsletter*

*Summer 2017*




**Sunday Services 11:30am**

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## *A word from the manse*

***"The Spirit is the guarantee that we shall receive what God has promised His people."***

**Ephesians 1 v 14**

Dear Friends

Pentecost Sunday is June 4<sup>th</sup> and we will be celebrating that special day when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in such a spectacular demonstration of power. Pentecost brings the Spirit right into our lives in a way never experienced before.

June 4<sup>th</sup> is also when we share in the Sacrament of Communion. What a day it will be! A double celebration of God's power and presence among us!

Of course, the Spirit has been around long before the first Pentecost - right from the beginning of time and even before that!

***"In the beginning, God created ....and the Spirit of God was moving over the waters."*** Genesis 1 v 2

We remember too the Spirit descending like a dove when Jesus rises from the waters of baptism, and a voice comes from heaven saying,

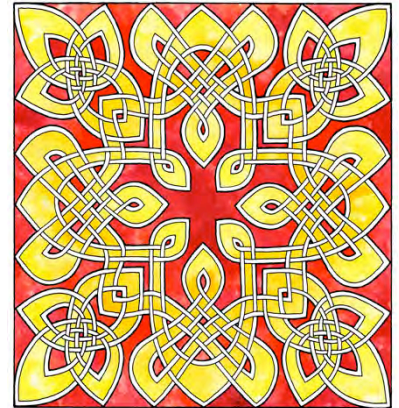
***"This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."***

Mark 1 v 11

It is the Spirit who drives Jesus into the desert immediately after this awesome moment – 40 days and 40 nights of testing straight after God acknowledges His Son. It doesn't seem fair, does it?! One moment blessed beyond belief and the next isolated and attacked by the Devil. However, Jesus emerges the winner from that harassing time, ready to begin His public ministry. After His baptism, after His times of trial in the wilderness, He is fit for purpose! God sent His Son into the world to show us His infinite love.

We know how that ended – Jesus betrayed by one of His own, handed over to the authorities, arrested, tried, whipped and mocked, sentenced to death, crucified, derided, pierced with a Roman spear, dead and entombed...for us... because God loves us so much. Then set free, raised to new life to show the power of that love. Jesus promised that when He left this world, He would send the Spirit to live in us and we would never be on our own again. We would have that same God-inspired power in our lives! Wow!! What a day Pentecost is! The celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit of God, promised to all who trust His dying, living love!

"O the love that drew salvation's plan!  
O the grace that brought it down to man!  
O the mighty gulf that God did span,  
At Calvary!"



Pentecost is Greek for 50 days. There are 50 days after Easter and the disciples seem to have forgotten already this life-changing promise of the Spirit.

Shut away indoors, scared, and probably bemoaning their lot at the seeming failure of Jesus to fulfil their expectations of Messiah King and Redeemer, there is an almighty rush of wind (and it is indeed Almighty!) Then come spectacular tongues of fire upon the head of everyone gathered there. Tongues of fire that loosen their tongue-tied mouths and anoint them with all they need to tell out the wonders of His Name.

I believe this spectacular gift of God's Spirit is not just for those disciples. The Spirit is God's gift to us and we are tasked with using this gift that others may know and experience God's love for themselves.

There is a lovely story of the evangelist D.L. Moody. When asked if He was filled with the Holy Spirit, he answered,

"Yes, but thank God, I leak!"

I hope we are all leaking everywhere we go! Don't ever plug the leak! Let God fill you up every single day. Let His Spirit flow into your life and flow out to those around you.

Sit thankfully at the Lord's table on June 4<sup>th</sup> and share His broken body, His poured out life. Be refreshed and filled and share His love with those around you. Communion is both an individual privilege and a unifying sharing in the crucified, risen Lord who loves us beyond anything we can imagine.

May we all prepare for our Pentecost Communion. We could begin by reading Ephesians 1 verses 13 – 23.

Come to church on June 4<sup>th</sup> ready to break bread together, ready and expecting God to touch YOUR life, and our life together, through the most amazing gift of His Holy Spirit.

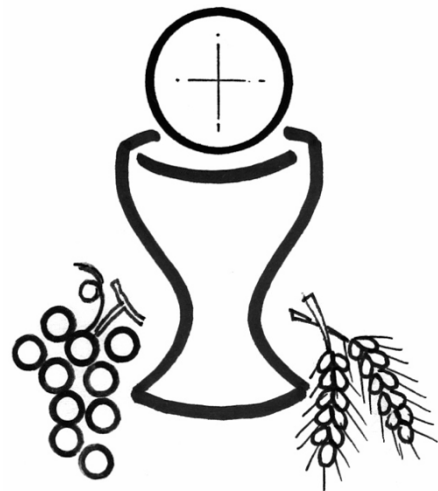
***"We thank God for you and pray for you always."***

1 Thessalonians 1 verse 2

Let's be the best we can be for God.

With a thankful heart and unceasing prayer for you and those you love,

*Lily*



## Reader in Training Update ~ Aileen Brookens

Since beginning Readership training with Lily on 5<sup>th</sup> February, I'm reminded of a rollercoaster ride, scary at times with plenty of ups and downs but a great experience over all which hasn't finished yet.

I think I've been involved in just about everything Lamlash Church has to offer, including the Guild, Faith Development Group, the Singing Group, Music Matters and of course the Coffee mornings. I haven't managed the Knit and Natter yet, but there's still time!

I've also been involved in school assemblies in Lamlash and Kilmory, pastoral visiting again in both parishes, Kirk Session meetings, a funeral, a Presbytery visit to Ardrossan, Support Group meeting and of course conducting worship on Sundays. Life has not been dull!

The Guild visit to Kilmarnock on the 24<sup>th</sup> April however is worth a mention. There were six of us that day who went over to join the ladies in the Kilmarnock Guild and after an enjoyable time there, set off back to the ferry, in plenty of time to catch the 4.40pm. However, on arriving we discovered that not only was the 4.40 cancelled but so also was the 6pm.

Of course as we were a group of mature ladies there was concern over medication which was required by some to be taken that night, as well as the next morning. However there was hope when it was finally announced that the ferry would come over and if it berthed would return at 7.20pm. We eventually arrived back at about 9pm, tired but glad to be home.

I now look forward to the final three months of this placement but even at this stage I've been encouraged greatly by the support I've received from the congregations in Lamlash and Kilmory and of course, Lily has been a great inspiration to me. *Aileen*

*We are all enjoying having you as part of our church family Aileen.  
The children just adore Penelope – as do the rest of the congregation of course! ☺*

Further information about training as a Reader are on the Church of Scotland webpages

[http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/5005/Readership\\_interview.pdf](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/5005/Readership_interview.pdf)

## Our Church Family



### Weddings

Christina Miggins & Ian Harris

*'And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.  
But the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13 v 13)*

### Deaths

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of  
Ian MacGregor  
Morag Gardner

*'For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord'  
(Romans 8 v 38-39)*

A short service of worship followed by tea and fellowship is held on the second Sunday in the month at 3pm in the resident's lounge at Trust Housing, McKelvie Road. Please come along!

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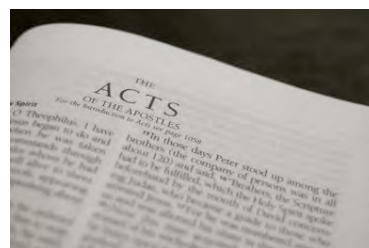




## WITNESS OF THE FAITHFUL

Lord, thank you for your servants through history,  
Our spiritual mothers and fathers  
Without whose witness we would not have faith today.  
Thank you for the faith they had,  
For the communities of faith they built,  
For the faithfulness they displayed,  
For the faith they grew in others.  
May we too be faithful.  
May we be a source of inspiration,  
An example,  
And an encouragement  
That the journey of faith will continue  
Into the future  
And generations yet unborn  
Will learn to worship you.

by Rev. *Jane Denniston, Campsie Parish Church*



### **ACTS 26: 15 - 17**

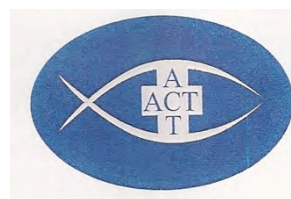
"Then [Saul] asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' the Lord replied. 'Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me. I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them.'

*Source: Sanctuary First with thanks to Rev. Jane Denniston for giving her kind permission.*

## Door Duty



June	4	David Oakes	Alison Page
	11	Beverley Millar	Robert Marr
	18	John Houston	Ken Barclay
	25	Mick Cannon	Vivienne Haigh
July	2	Mary Mackenzie	Peter MacKay
	9	Dorothy Boyle	Anne Ferguson
	16	David Oakes	Alison Page
	23	Beverley Millar	Robert Marr
	30	John Houston	Ken Barclay
August	6	Mick Cannon	Vivienne Haigh
	13	Mary Mackenzie	Peter Mackay
	20	Dorothy Boyle	Anne Ferguson
	27	David Oakes	Alison Page



## Arran Churches Together

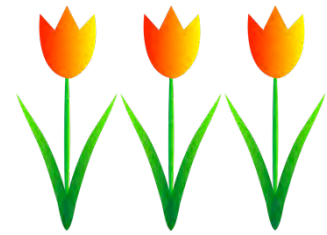
We are very pleased that Rev Benjamin Van Rensberg, Free Church of Scotland, has agreed to be Chairperson of Arran Churches Together. We welcome him to this post and wish him well.

**Songs of Praise** will take place on Lamlash Green on **Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of July at 3pm.**

Please come along and support this island worship which will move into Lamlash Church in the event of inclement weather.



## Flower Rota



June	4th	Guild
	11th	Mrs P Trewby
	18th	Mrs M Fowler
	25th	Mrs F MacGilchrist
July	2nd	Mrs L Sinclair
	9th	Mrs J McHarg
	16th	Mrs B Gordon
	23rd	Mrs B Cameron
	30th	Mrs J Mackay
August	6th	Mrs S Noteman
	13th	Mrs A Page
	20th	Mrs J Pellowe
	27th	Rev L McKinnon

Following our church service, the flowers are delivered to the sick, housebound and bereaved in the village. Please contact Mary Mackenzie if you would be willing to join the rota or can help deliver the flowers.

## Bell Rota

June	4th	Alison & Rona
	11th	Jean
	18th	Dorothy
	25th	Maureen
July	2nd	Iain
	9th	Alison & Rona
	16th	Jean
	23rd	Dorothy
	30th	Maureen
August	6th	Iain
	13th	Alison & Rona
	20th	Jean
	27th	Dorothy





Singing raises the spirit and our weekly Singing Group certainly does that! Apart from trying out hymns old and new, the banter would grace any comedy spot!

Everyone is welcome and everyone has their say so the hour passes very quickly. We do learn a thing or two along the way – Scotch Snap (a musical term) seems to feature more often than not! Pitch and rhythm are key issues raised and all in all we have a good time together. The fruit of our labour seems to be helping our Sunday worship as the Singing Group participants are scattered throughout the kirk. We hope hearing someone near you sing out encourages you to sing out too!

Sometimes things work and sometimes they don't but that is all part of the process. What matters is that we make a joyful noise to the Lord and sing. Hymns help us praise, give thanks, be reflective, be moved. Hymns can be sad, joyful, bring back memories, inspire us, encourage us, raise our spirit no matter what is happening in our lives. We hope the Singing Group helps all our congregation to be strengthened through the praise on Sundays.

The introduction of the Hymn of the Month has been well received and singing this each Sunday for a month helps us learn new hymns or sing known hymns better.

Why not join us on Wednesdays at 4pm – 5 pm in the church hall? The only requirement is that you enjoy singing (and don't mind a bit of hilarity along the way!). You can come and go as you please. We don't have any rules! We could do with a few more men!

Thank you to all who participate. Your contribution is greatly valued.

**Graeme**



## MUSIC MATTERS ARRAN

Music Matters is bursting at the seams and we will soon be running it twice a month – the last Thursday of the month continuing with community singing as well as our talented soloists who never fail to amaze. The second Thursday will enable others to attend and will be similar in format. We were unsuccessful in our application to the Scottish Co-op Community Awards for funding the purchase of percussion instruments which would provide another dimension for everyone to participate. We are currently trying to raise funds for this and we are very grateful to Brodick Co-op who are supporting us in this.

Thank you also for the kind donations given from people who attend and people who have heard about us. We recently received £100 of Co-op stamps from the Corrie Club who have tea and cakes in the Brodick supermarket on Mondays. These stamps help us with treats like buying chocolates and sweets or biscuits to supplement our yummy home baking. Lamlash Co-op provide us with free milk every month. We appreciate all the support.

Please know that your kindness brings joy not just to those living with Dementia but to their carers and family who, for that short time at Music Matters, glimpse again the person Dementia takes away.

Research shows that music is the one part of the brain Dementia cannot destroy. Music really does matter and we could not run this valued service without the support of our lovely volunteers, our bakers, the Kirk Session, our resident maestro, Graeme, and our regular soloists, Jean Bowden and Iain Auld.



We are also blessed in having some of our people who are living with Dementia delight us with solos. Coorie Doon, Montrose House and Stronach Day Care bring 'bus loads and we have carers and professionals bringing people from Lamlash, Whiting Bay, Brodick, Shiskine and all over the island.

I cannot stress how highly your support and prayers are valued in making a wonderful difference to so many lives.

If you know anyone who might enjoy Music Matters please bring them along or let Lily know and we can arrange to pick them up. Our award from NAC helps pay for taxis and Corrie Cabs are expert at picking up and dropping home those who would not manage along on their own. We meet at 2pm to around 3.30pm on the last Thursday of the month in Lamlash Church hall.

*Lily*





## GIFT AID – ANOTHER GOOD YEAR!



Having submitted Lamlash Church's Gift Aid claim for the 2016/17 year to HM Revenue & Customs, I am delighted to inform you that a refund of £6083.14 has just been deposited in our church bank account.

The extra income from the Gift Aid envelopes, which have been more obvious and readily available spread around the church, are being used by some of our visitors or non-regular locals who are UK taxpayers. By simply filling in the details on the donation envelope, I am able to claim back the tax at no extra cost to the individual.

Donations from Gift Aid envelopes alone totalled £402 in 2016, which is wonderful. HMRC has given us £100.50 on top of that.

Can I urge all members of the congregation to help encourage any visiting friends or relatives, who are taxpayers, to place their offering in a GiftAid envelope and complete their details.

The donation tin at the Church Coffee Mornings has also been very successful with £819.01 being collected between May 2016 – 5/4/17. Under the Small Donation Scheme the taxman has given us an extra 25% on top of that so it's well worth doing and is a valuable extra to the income the coffee morning already generates. **THANK YOU ALL!!!**

Please bear in mind, however, that the 'GASDS' small donation scheme has a ceiling limit of £8000 - and this includes donations received through the offering plate and donation tin in each financial year. As we are close to this limit, can I please encourage as many more people as possible who can make their donation a Gift Aid one to do so.

It just means we are guaranteed more money from HMRC.



May I appeal again to any of our congregation who are paying UK tax through their salary, pension or savings and wish to help their donation go 25% further **at no extra expense to themselves** to please complete a GiftAid form?

Speak to Robert or myself if you have any questions or require assistance, we will gladly help you find any answers you are seeking. You can set up a Standing Order through your bank for regular payments, write a cheque or use a Freewill offering envelope. Some people prefer to give quarterly or even once or twice a year, it is entirely your choice

**AS LONG AS I HAVE A COMPLETED GIFT AID FORM I CAN INCREASE THE AMOUNT BY 25%!**

**Lindsey Marr Gift Aid Convenor**

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## **Jesus Loves Me**

During our Praise Service on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, we sang a 'Seniors' version of the well-known hymn written by Anna Bartlett Warner 'Jesus Loves Me'. The words resonated with many of the people in our congregation that day and I had hoped to include them in this Newsletter.

Unfortunately, however, I have been unable to confirm the author and gain permission to include this for this edition.

I'll keep working on it! - Ed





## Guild Notes – Summer 2017

Be Bold, Be Strong!



Go in Joy

The Guild has had another busy and successful year using the current strategy BE BOLD, BE STRONG and our focus to GO IN JOY. Next year will see us tackle the final year as we endeavour to GO IN LOVE.

The Rev. Lily was our final speaker for the year and the topic of her choice was to be a surprise.

Which, of course, it was and we enjoyed another lively and "joyful" afternoon.

Unfortunately, Lily was unable to be present for the AGM but everything went smoothly and we were able to tell members that we would use the same format this year with committee members working in pairs to take responsibility for the meetings. The pairs had worked well and I would like to thank all committee members for their brilliant efforts in sharing the workload. The accounts were accepted by the members and everyone was thanked for their support throughout the year. Members contributed their "tangible texts" once more and non-contributors were given the task of judging. The traditional difficult quiz focussed the mind while tea was served by committee members. A pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all and the "sweetie" prizes were shared by all.

Our annual lunch at the Brodick Bar was another happy occasion with almost all members attending. Unfortunately, Lily was still not well enough to join us but Aileen (Brookens) was and I think, enjoyed herself getting to know a few more members.

Mary Mackenzie sent this report on the meeting with our link Guild in Kilmarnock.

"On 24/4/17 we were the guests of Kilmarnock Laigh Kirk, our Guild link. Unfortunately, a smaller number than previous were able to go, but nonetheless we were shown the usual friendly, warm hospitality, being picked up at Ardrossan with their minibus and welcomed by Rita Lindsay. After a lovely lunch, a trio of their talented "young" gentlemen!! entertained with a selection of familiar tunes, community singing and anyone fit enough could have a turn on the dance floor. Having had a lovely afternoon, we returned to Ardrossan to find the ferry "might not sail". Never mind, we got home none the worse, around 9 o'clock- and the world well and truly put to rights!"



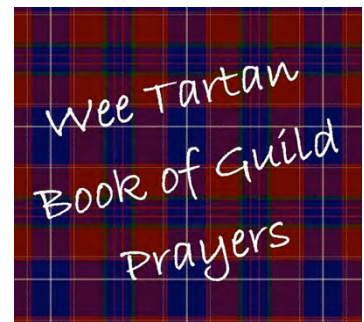
The committee have already got their notes for next year and suggestions for speakers to "GO IN LOVE" are being formulated into a syllabus.

The Spring Daffodil coffee morning proved to be a busy and enjoyable morning and the grand sum of £276.37 was made for Guild funds.

Congratulations are in order to Morag (Campbell) and Mary (Chambers) for their contributions of prayers to the "Wee Tartan Book of Guild Prayers", which will be included in the publication.

It has been good to have Aileen with us on many occasions this year and we look forward to her joining us next season.

As we bring our year to a close we are pleased that Lily is on the mend and back in action and we hope that she will soon be fully recovered and ready for the next Guild session!!



Wishing all members a pleasant and peaceful summer and we look forward to seeing you all in October – bring a friend along with you.

### **Dates for your diary:**

6 June (Tue)	Presbytery Rally at St.Molios, Shiskine
2 September (Sat)	The Annual Gathering, The Caird Hall, Dundee
19-26 November	Guild Week



**Vivienne Haigh**



## ORGAN NOTES

*HAIL : RAIN : SHINE : HEATWAVE : NORTHERLY DRIFTS*

**WHY** do weather changes affect our Organ?

**SURELY** it is snugly comfortable inside the church building!

**BUT** the church is only cosy and snug when the heating is ON!

**SO** our Organ is at the mercy of the extreme variations of weather for most of its life.

**WHY** should that matter? Just as humans thrive on moderate temperatures and humidity, so does our Organ!

**THE ORGAN MECHANISM** is called 'The Action' and is composed of hundreds of wooden parts; it enables the organist to press a key directing wind pressure (supplied by 'the Blower') to selected pipes and causing them to 'speak'.

The pipes you can see outside the big cabinets are metal and they sound the low notes. Inside the cabinets there are also metal pipes but many are made of wood.

Wood remains a very suitable material for these purposes but it does distort when subjected to extremes of temperature putting pipes "out of tune".

**SO**, electric convector heaters (thermostatically controlled) are fitted in each cabinet. (The piano has one as well and so does the organist- I'm glad to say!) **AND** a bucket of water is kept in each cabinet to prevent dehydration.

In spite of these precautions, extremes of temperature and humidity do occur so regular servicing is necessary.

## WHAT IS A PIPE ORGAN?

A Military Band makes a good comparison. Each has brass and woodwind instruments. The band may have 20 or 30+ instrumentalists all playing one note at a time.

The Organ has one organist playing hundreds of pipes and can play many notes at the same time using hands and feet.

It has several keyboards (2 for hands and 1 for feet).

Up to 4 manuals are common enabling good use to be made of the many pipes.

## TUNING

In a Band each player tunes his/her own instrument before a performance to ensure it is “in tune” with all the other instruments. An Organ is tuned by a specialist and assistant every 6 months - it would be impossible for one person to tune hundreds of pipes without total knowledge of the layout of every pipe and an assistant to hold down the correct note on the keyboard.

A notebook is kept on the console where any problems can be recorded in order to assist the tuner when he comes.

The TUNER will check all the ‘Action’ and pipes as routine, paying particular attention to the notebook records.

If tuning was not properly done the Congregation would become increasingly distressed by discords and tuning faults - And we can't have that! - can we?

Our Organ was built in 1934 and is good for another 85 years if well serviced!

**Sandy McDougall**



## A MINISTER'S LOT.....

**"It is questionable whether any equally small extent of country in Scotland has had an increase in the number of church buildings comparable to that of Arran. It is out of all due proportion to the size of the population of the island."**

These words were written in 1912 by the Rev. J Kennedy Cameron, Minister of the Free Church of Scotland in Brodick (1890-1906), and latterly Professor of Systematic Theology, Free Church College, Edinburgh.

In these more secular days, it is hard for us to appreciate that religious observance had such an overarching influence on the lives of the people of that era that no fewer than twenty-one Ministers – utilizing twenty-one purpose built churches – tended to an Arran flock of around five thousand residents in the years leading up to the First World War. Of course, the reason for the apparently disproportionate church provision in Arran lay in the disputatious nature of ministers and congregations which led to schisms and disruptions.

The first Kilbride minister to suffer as a result of such disputes was John Cunison, who was removed from his post in 1662. King Charles II, after his restoration, had determined that Bishops should be introduced to the Church of Scotland, and Cunison was one minister who rebelled. According to Cameron, he was succeeded by two *'subservient minions of the prelates'*.

One of them, Archibald Beith, is, as far as we know, the only Kilbride minister to have been convicted of murder. In 1671, a royal proclamation was issued authorizing the people to prevent the import of meal from Ireland. A boat with such a cargo put into Lamlash, but was detained by the zealous Beith, who, in a sense owed his living to Charles II. When it attempted to escape, Beith and his party pursued in a second boat, and fired on them, killing Allan Gardiner, a merchant of Irvine, and one of his crew. For this he was tried at the High Court in Edinburgh, and sentenced to be hanged at the Cross. He was pardoned by the King, but did not return to Arran, and is last recorded as requesting the Town Council of Rothesay to grant a beggar's licence. He was awarded £20 Scots, but no licence.

John Cunison was restored to his charge in 1690, although what he had been doing for the previous twenty-eight years is not recorded.

The other major issue which concerned the Church of Scotland throughout the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries was that of patronage – the right of heritors (landowners) to nominate ministers to vacant parishes.

In his most famous novel – ‘Annals of the Parish’ - John Galt (1779-1839) describes the reaction of the congregation on the installation of the Rev. Micah Balwhidder as Minister.

“The year 1760 was the occasion of my placing in the parish of Dalmailing. It was a great affair; for I was put in by the patron and the people know nothing whatsoever about me, and their hearts were stirred into strife on the occasion, and they did all within their power to keep me out, insomuch that there was a guard of soldiers to protect the presbytery. The people were really mad and vicious, and flung dirt upon us as we passed, and held out the finger of scorn at me; but I endured it with a resigned spirit. Poor old Mr Kilfuddy of the Braehill got such a clash of glaur on the side of his face that his eye was almost extinguished.

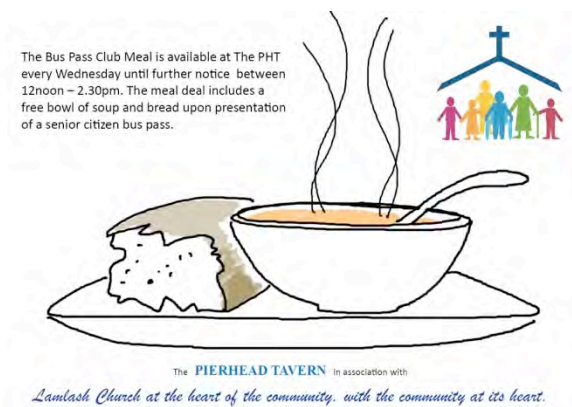
When we got to the church door, it was found to be nailed up, so as by no possibility to be opened. The sergeant of the soldiers wanted to break it in, but I was afraid that the heritors would grudge and complain of the expense of a new door. We were therefore obliged to go in through a window, and the crowd followed us, in a most irreverent manner, making the Lord’s house like an inn on a fair day, with their grievous jellyhooing.

During the time of the psalms and the sermon they behaved themselves better, but when the induction came on their clamour was dreadful. Thomas Thorl, the weaver, got up and protested, *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.”*

No such event occurred on Arran, but there was a notable protest when the patron – the Duke of Hamilton – appointed the Rev Dugald Crawford to Kilmory parish in 1815. The congregation reacted by deserting the parish church during his six years of tenure, continuing services in the great cave on the shore below Kilpatrick, where dissenting ministers came to administer baptisms and communion. The hapless Crawford drowned when his boat sank during a crossing to Arran in 1821, and the congregation returned to the church, having approved his successor.

*(to be continued)*

Iain Auld



## What is the Bus Pass Club?

It is an opportunity for residents to get out to a different venue to see old friends or acquaintances and meet new people. Loneliness should never happen in a small community and everyone is welcome at the PHT even if the only person you know is the staff, we will make you feel welcome.

## Who is it for?

It is for anyone who is eligible for a bus pass or carers of the elderly or disabled. There is a disabled ramp to the front right step and wheelchair access also through the rear of the building.

## What inspired the Bus Pass Club?

A lovely lady, who was a carer used to bring her clients in every week for a bowl of soup. Sadly, she passed away in tragic circumstances but it made Jane realise how important sharing is and we should never underestimate the needs that people have, the desire to be valued or cared about.

## Why is it in association with the church?

Owner, Jane Howe is a Christian and proud to share her faith whether through deeds or words and believes that whether in a public house or a Church, Christians have a role to share their faith and offer kindness.

## What do you get?

You are welcome to share a bowl of chef's soup of the day & homemade bread for free.

## How can you help?

If you know of anyone who doesn't get out much and might welcome some company, please invite them to come along. My Bus is available to book but if help with transport is needed, please contact Jane at The PHT (T: 600418) or Ian Watt our Session Clerk who will try to help facilitate arrangements.

**Pop in for a chat and bowl of soup at the Buss Pass Club any Wednesday between 12 noon and 2:30pm**



# Coffee Morning

*Everyone Welcome*



COFFEE, CAKES and a  
CHANCE for a CHAT

**Wednesday**  
**10:15 – 12 noon**

Eureka! We can do it!

**Every Wednesday during May, June, July and August** there will be a coffee morning in Lamlash Church Hall except for the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August (the date of the Agricultural Show).

A huge thank you to those of you who have volunteered to bake or help with serving, washing up, taking money, clearing etc. Without your help it would not be possible. Working together can be fun too. You should hear the blether in the kitchen at the men's coffee morning!

Once again, we are very grateful to our faithful stallholders, who enhance the coffee morning "experience" with their books, lovely jewellery, cards, knick-knacks, etc. Your efforts are much appreciated, ladies and so are your plants, George.

In recent years, coffee mornings have raised about £ 5000 a year for the church, plus contributions to deserving causes. Lindsey's recent introduction of Gift Aid has, of course, helped to increase funds.

Coffee mornings are not just about money, however. They give us a chance to meet up and get to know each other better. We welcome everyone from anywhere. We especially welcome people who live alone who welcome the opportunity to have a good blether.

Please come along to support our efforts to continue the coffee morning tradition. Remember ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE.

We look forward to seeing you.

CHEERS!

**Maureen Oakes & the GALLANT TEAM LEADERS**

*The baking is simply delicious!!! – well so I've heard, fellow Skinnymalinks ;-)* Ed



## Connecting with the World Church



The latest World Mission magazine focussed on Scottish Global Connections, and the importance of having personal contacts in order to be able to even begin to understand the lives and difficulties of people from countries with very different climates and cultures, and who are often also suffering from climate change, causing drought and famine – Malawi being one example.

Christian Aid works with other charities, to try to alleviate these problems in practical ways.

There is also a strong Scottish – Czech connection with several twinnings between congregations and presbyteries in the Church of Scotland and the Evangelical Church of the Czech Brethren.

The Glasgow Presbytery is working towards twinning with the Diocese of Hyderabad in Pakistan, yet another culture – and these are just a few examples of the exciting Global links.

The Stamp Appeal for 2017 is for the Giffen Institute of Theology of the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan, which trains most of the ministers working in this Church. South Sudan being another country with enormous problems due to hunger and refugees fleeing conflict. So please keep saving those used stamps for this worthy cause!

Monica Tweeddale



## Mary's Meals

Lots of activities have been happening across the whole of Arran in support of this wonderful grassroots charity. Check the 'Outreach' tab for photos and wee movies on the church webpages.

Our 'Knit & Natter Nutters' group met up in the residents lounge at Trust Homes, McKelvie Court each Friday morning for 6 weeks. It was lovely to involve new people and have a blether over a cuppa – oh and to knit! Some of the 'K&NN' gang knitted away at home and produced a fantastic number of Easter goodies to sell to family and friends, at our Mary's Meals Fundraiser in Lamlash Church on Sunday 2 April and at Brodick Library. I've sooo many people to thank for their involvement with the Easter knitting project with a few very special mentions to Myra Frost, Nina Hamilton, Dorothy Boyle, Brodick Co-op, Mary Wilkinson, Alison Armstrong, Trust Homes... the list is endless. All superstars!!!

mary's  
meals

a simple solution  
to world hunger  
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The sun shone brightly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April with Lucy and Fran from Mary's Meals UK Headquarters seeing the Isle of Arran at its best! The all-age Service led by 'the girls' in Lamlash Church was well attended and most enjoyable. Our simple bread and home-made soup lunch was supported by visitors plus members of Lamlash and other church congregations on Arran - there was such a happy feel to the whole day. Huge thanks to Robert and Lindsey Marr for their help with the lunch, to all our soup makers, servers and helpers. A fantastic team of people with all our efforts rewarded when we banked a whopping **£1023.93** from the donations for lunch and knitting sales... with some Gift Aid to add to that. WOW!!!

Our lovely 'Arran Skinnymalinks' continue with their weigh ins across the island which is another brilliant fundraiser. I simply couldn't continue this 'service' and money raising venture without the help of our churches plus Joan Stewart, Eileen Griffin, Faye Waterlow and Shona Dunsmuir. My grateful thanks for their cheerful involvement and to all those who stand on our scales and donate during the various campaigns. Our Summer weigh in has just started for anyone who would like to join us! Help us feed starving children in a place of education through Mary's Meals [www.marysmeals.org](http://www.marysmeals.org)

**Alison**



With thanks to Jean Strachan for sharing her notes from the Elderly Forum.

The speaker was from Trading Standards Fraud Section

Andy said he did not wish to scare us but I think most were shocked at the level of fraud and how clever the perpetrators were at avoiding prosecution. He stressed that the one person you need protection from is yourself, when you get that feeling of doubt then don't ignore it. If something seems too good to be true, then it is.

When you want a job done check with other people who have had it done and the price. If you have someone on your doorstep offering to do it cheaper – you are very unlikely to get a good and lasting job done. If you think that someone looks a bit shifty, look out for your neighbours and phone the Police. If several calls are taken at the police station, they will check it out. The perpetrators use bogus names, phones and signs on their vans. They look out for vulnerable people where there will be no witnesses.

As to nuisance telephone calls, BT. can supply call blockers. We were shocked to learn that BT. sell on numbers as it is a privately owned business. The same applies to Royal Mail. Someone in Africa or elsewhere can have mail sent onto them using a U.K. post box. If you are told you have won something and have to send money to release it- think! Have I done any competition? If not, then you have not won. There is a web site Action Fraud you can check out but again the perpetrators can pay Google to take their name off. Andy has worked 37 years and is saddened that nothing has changed and that he still cannot prosecute the offenders that he believes are guilty.

He said that at one point police could turn back workmen at the pier but with R.E.T and people's rights, that no longer happens. When asked how action can't be taken, he said that plenty of legislation has been passed but it is not enforced. The only real action is to look after ourselves and neighbours and remember scammers need secrecy to be successful.

## The Silent Loom

My life is but a weaving  
Between the Lord and me;  
I may not choose the colours  
He knows what they should be.

For He can view the pattern  
Upon the upper side  
While I can see it only  
On this, the under side.

Sometimes He weaves in sorrow,  
Which seems so strange to me;  
But I will trust His judgment  
And work on faithfully.

'Tis He who fills the shuttle,  
And He knows what is best;  
So I shall weave in earnest,  
And leave to Him the rest.

Not 'til the loom is silent  
And the shuttles cease to fly  
Shall God unroll the canvas  
And explain the reason why.

The dark threads are as needed  
In the Weaver's skilful hand  
As the threads of gold and silver  
In the pattern He has planned.

~~ Author Unknown ~~



Source: Sanctuary First Blog article  
'Like Harris Tweed Christians have a trademark' by Rev. Albert Bogle

Poem "From the Land Comes The Cloth" by Ian Lawson  
<http://www.sanctuaryfirst.org.uk/blog/article/like-harris-tweed-christians-have-a-trademark>

## THE FACTS OF LIFE

This is a story of four people, named  
Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure the Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

## IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE

How good is it that God above has never gone on strike  
Because He was not treated fair in things He didn't like.  
If only once, He'd sat down and said "That's it, I'm through,  
I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll do -  
I'll give my orders to the sun - Cut off the heat supply;  
And to the moon, Give no more light, And run the oceans dry."  
Then just to make things really tough, and put the pressure on,  
"Turn off the vital oxygen 'til every breath is gone."

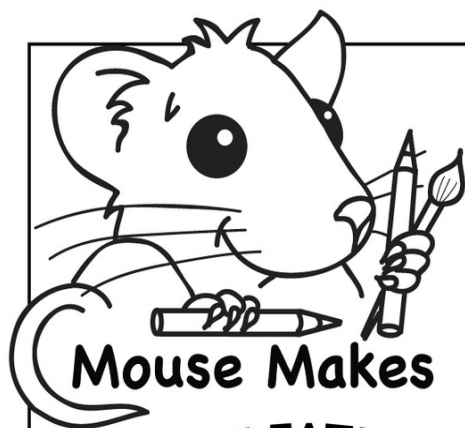
You know, He would be justified, if fairness was the game  
For no-one has been more abused or met with more disdain  
Than God, and yet He carries on, supplying you and me  
With all the favours of His grace, and everything for free!  
Men say they want a better deal, and so 'on strike' they go;  
But what a deal we've given God to Whom all things we owe,  
We don't care who we hurt or harm to gain the things WE like,  
BUT- what a mess we'd all be in **IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE.**

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A minister was visiting one of his church members and her 4 year old boy, and when the mother went to make a cup of tea, the wee lad kept looking at him, and then finally said "You're not good looking". When the Mother returned, the minister thought he would make a joke of it. "Your wee lad was telling me that I am not good looking". "Oh" said the Mother "You always get the truth from children, don't you?"

Thanks to Vivienne Haigh and Mary Chambers! ☺





"May the *grace* of  
the Lord **JESUS** Christ  
and the *love* of **GOD**  
and the *fellowship* of  
the **HOLY SPIRIT** be with you all."



2 Corinthians 13:13



**GOD - THE FATHER**

Can you find all the  
names of the Trinity  
in this 3 in 1  
word search?

**GOD - THE SON**


C R E A T O R  
J O N E L H O L Y  
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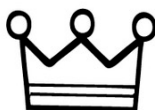
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LORD • GOD  
JEHOVAH • I AM  
YAHWEH •   
HOLY • ONE  
SAVIOUR • KING  
 ETERNAL  
ALMIGHTY  
CREATOR • JUDGE  
FATHER • ON HIGH



JESUS • CHRIST  
SAVIOUR • LORD  
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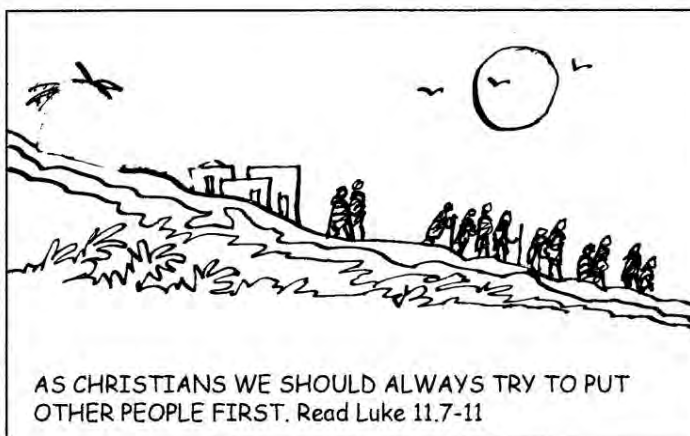
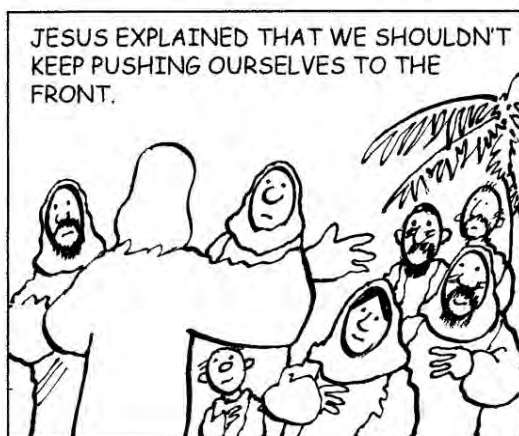
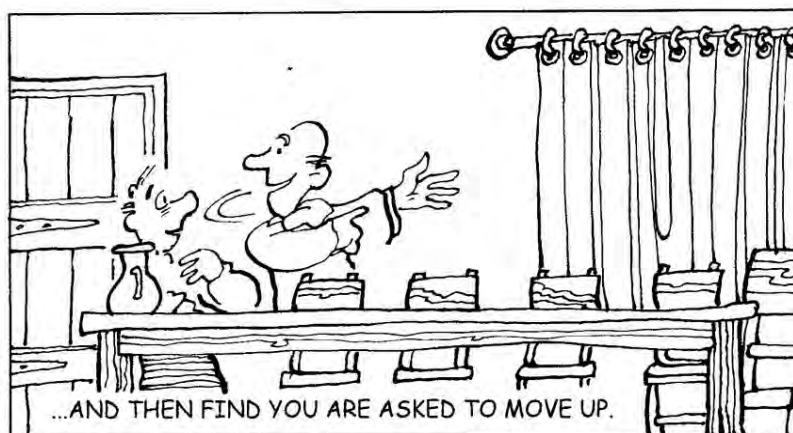


**GOD - THE SPIRIT**

HOLY • SPIRIT • COMFORTER • TEACHER • GUIDE  
HELPER • TRUTH • POWER • WISDOM • BREATH • ETERNAL



Hiding in one of the puzzles is the word 'TRINITY', can you find it?





## From the Editor

I really hope you enjoy reading our Summer Newsletter. The hugely positive feedback I receive is just so encouraging, thank you! A successor is still being sought to take over from Spring 2018 - so don't be shy in coming forward. The newsletter is always a

collective effort and I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to all our lovely contributors.

So glad to have Rev Lily back at the helm; of course we've managed but please be assured Lily, we've really missed you and hope you are **fully** recovered and firing on all cylinders once again!

The Church of Scotland has shared the very strict guidelines regarding copyright with every Parish in the land so I'd like to say at this point - I've tried to get this right for anything included in our quarterly magazine which is distributed in our community and beyond - free of charge. If I have inadvertently failed and breached copyright, I can only apologise and, of course, pray you decide not to sue me!

Iain Auld continues with his fascinating series of articles following his research into historical facts recorded about Arran and the clergy. Iain promises to continue with Rev Dugald Crawford's 'claim to fame' as an author and will make reference to comments made in 'The Book of Arran' by W M Mackenzie - so watch this space!

Thank you to my dear friend Jean Bowden for sharing her artistic talents and for loving my wee Westie *almost* as much as I do.

*Alison*



"Dear Lord,  
please make me the kind of person,  
my dog thinks I really am!"

Knock, Knock  
Who's there?  
Noah... Noah Who?  
Noah good place to get out of the rain?

Knock, Knock  
Who's there?  
Heaven.... Heaven who?  
Heaven we heard enough Knock, Knock Jokes?  
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Deadline for items for the Autumn Edition  
**13 Aug 2017** please!

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# LAMLASH CHURCH FÊTE

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2017

2pm 'til 4pm

*Lamlash church  
At the heart of the community  
With the community at its heart*

Teas & Coffees

Tombola

Outdoor games

Face-painting



Ice Cream

Bottle Stall

Treasure hunt

Home-baking